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THE "TWILIGHT PEOPLE"

Mission work by our churches among the Aborigines is still very young compared with our Indian and New Hebridean fields. A great deal has been accomplished in a short time and exciting expansion is certain in the next few years if the churches give the expected and required support.

The story of the Australian Aborigine is the story of a people who would not die. For 150 years they were exploited without mercy, and then they became a burden on the conscience of the new land. It was not thought to be a permanent problem, however. From an estimated 300,000 at the coming of the First Fleet, by 1900 they were down to 70,000, with the aid of disease, poison, bullets and disintegration. They were not expected to last out the 20th century.

Then, unaccountably, in the 1940's they started to increase, and there are now about 100,000. This is a surprising increase of 40 per cent on the 1900 figure, and there is no doubt that Christian missions helped greatly in arresting the statistics of doom.

As the Aborigines would not oblige us by dying out, the Aboriginal policy, or lack of it, was due for review. A new policy, that of "assimilation," was introduced. The legal, social and economic barriers between whites and blacks were to be broken down gradually and the Aborigines absorbed into the general population. This policy was supported by many genuine friends of the Aborigine.

Unfortunately, the policy of assimilation was found to have fatal defects and was doomed to failure. While offering equality, in reality it suggested that the Aborigine was inferior and that he could not become a real person until he thought and acted like a white man. Assimilation meant ultimate complete absorption of the Aborigine into the white community. Instead of dying out, he would simply disappear. Like the first dreadful expectation, assimilation looked to the end of the Aborigines as a people.

Even if whites were prepared to do their part by accepting the Aborigine, the policy of assimilation would have failed, as it failed in the U.S.A. with the Indian, and in New Zealand with the Maori. It failed for the reason assimilation would fail in respect to the Chinese and Greeks, and other minority groups in our land. We are a multi-racial people now and we are at last ready to recognise the right of the Aborigines to be themselves.

The new policy that is taking shape is that of "integration." It realises that the Aborigines will continue to form their own social groups. There are about 100,000 of them and they are rapidly increasing. At present they are hopelessly caught between two cultures. They are not permitted to follow their own, and they are not able to accept that of the white people who have dominated them for two centuries and made them completely dependent. That is why a writer in the "Sydney Morning Herald" recently called them the "Twilight People." They belong to neither their past nor our present.

On paper the policy of integration looks good. It envisages the Aborigines retaining their own identity, in many cases owning their own land, forming their own co-operative projects, and sharing the management of their own affairs. But no policy can succeed without a general acceptance of the Aborigines—as real people who belong to us.

Our Federal Aborigines Mission Board is concerned with a few of the 100,000 degraded and poverty-stricken people. Through our missionaries to the "Twilight People" we are part of the answer, a very real part, because we start with the Christian advantage of knowing them as God's children.

We can be proud of our missions, but only because they have done so much with so little. With greater resources, the achievements would have been even greater. The Board appeals to us again for concern and commitment. Read carefully their story in the following pages, give generously to an urgent and great opportunity, and keep yourself informed about your investment for God's "Twilight People."

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COVER

"I DON'T KNOW MY A.B.C., BUT I
KNOW THE LORD."

So says Bob Williams of Carnarvon. He conveys the Christian message to his people by the use of "word-less charts." He is shown here using a roll of charts.

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The Stirring Challenge

OF AN UNFOLDING PATTERN

By A. MASTON BELL, Chairman, Federal Aborigines Mission Board.

It is a profound spiritual experience for Christians in their co-operative work to discover an unfolding pattern, obviously framed by a higher mind than their own. Who will dispute this is happening in our work among Aboriginal people?

Desperate circumstances of a neglected and exploited race earlier impelled our major attention to rescuing children. I suppose no one would now question the wisdom of this effort. To us close up, on the inner circle, there is nothing more inspiring to see stabilised, educated young men and women taking their proper place in our communities; creditably conducting their homes and families on high Christian principles; serving faithfully in employment; and frequently witnessing boldly to their faith in Jesus Christ.

With succeeding generations it is increasingly difficult to find a pocket where Aboriginal, or part-Aboriginal children fail to commend themselves at least as well, and mostly better, than counter-part white children at school and community functions. So this is a stirring achievement of our work among children.

Of course there are those who have fallen by the way-side, frequently from the white man's aiding, abetting and encouraging through alcohol and gambling. Some of these have been re-rescued through the spiritual foundations laid in their earlier years. Parents and adults have been strongly influenced by the example of those among whom we have expended so much brotherhood effort over the last 20 years or so. Then new things happened.

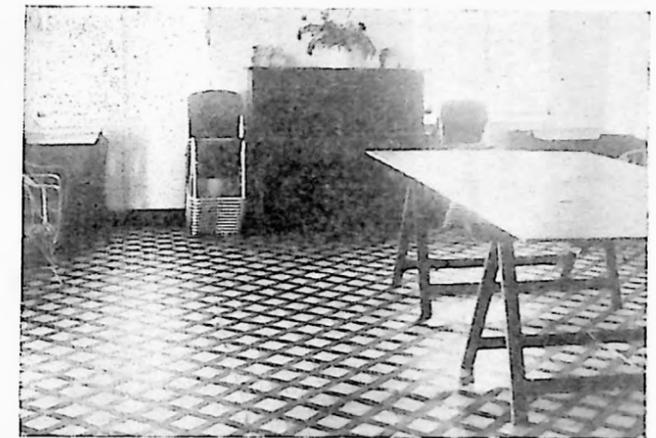
Our Norseman leadership first envisaged the value of Christian Centre Fellowship amongst the adult people. Young people — many of them our own young people — needed assistance, negotiation and protection in employment. Men and women in the grip of Satanic vice needed identification with them in their hopeless circumstances. Our missionaries were prepared to share their troubles with them — in the courts and in the jails, during their fights and their depressions, countering their exploitation — shared so often at great personal cost to our representatives.

Unbelievable results have confirmed that we were on God's side. Derelict lives in chains have been released, happy



CUTTING SCHOOL LUNCHES, CARNARVON—120 each day.

1965



INTERIOR NORSEMAN CHRISTIAN CENTRE.

This room is used for a variety of purposes, including church services.

family life has been restored, community usefulness has emerged, church fellowship and service have been established. These things have happened at both Norseman and Carnarvon.

The unfolding pattern at Esperance has to be seen to be realised. Native Welfare Department consider this area so important that they are re-siting their district office from Kalgoorlie to Esperance. There are multiplied opportunities for employment coming. Land allotment to the first part-Aboriginal young man has been made. He is to be married to one of our Carnarvon girls, a trophy of grace through the children's work.

Acquisition of the splendid "Fairhaven" property, at the low cost of £8,750, is most timely. Its opening is planned for February 13, 1965. Twenty-four selected young women are to take up residence and post-school training. It will have its Christian Centre counselling office, its chapel, its fellowship lounge and it will be a base for spiritual influence over a 20,000 square mile area.

A similar base and centre for spiritual influence is imminent at Carnarvon township. Buildings are due to be commenced early this year. Here again only faith can envisage the extent of the unfolding pattern. Noel Blythe, of long missionary experience, affirms that never before have the people over this area had the gospel so effectively brought to them as is now happening through the evangelistic zeal of their own white-haired elder, Bob Williams. One could prophesy many centres emerging where the Faith of our Fathers will be more simply presented, more easily understood, more readily accepted and more self-propagating than in many areas of our normal church life.

Eastern States areas, too, are revealing an unfolding pattern. Moorooopna is progressing with building additions necessary for Bible School, Fitzroy is still a centre for helpful ministry, and there are promises of openings at Eidsvold in Queensland. The question for the brotherhood is, "Shall we prove ourselves big enough and zealous enough to share worthily in these movements our God is indisputably promoting?"

The Australian Christian.

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OUTBACK WITH CHRIST

By LANCE FISHER



Lance Fisher and Bob Williams ready to start on a missionary journey.

With the provision of a Land Rover by the South Perth church, the missionary journeys commenced in August, 1964.

It had been believed for many months that Bob Williams, a full-blood leader of some Aboriginal people, was being prepared by God to reach the tribal adults, as his witness to the saving power of the Lord Jesus was known in the Carnarvon area.

The first trip to Onslow, Roebourne, Port Hedland, Marble Bar, Nullagine and Jigalong proved this to be so, as Bob was accepted in all places, although they were not his districts.

From this visit he was being asked to become their leader too and unite them as a people.

The second journey, to Meekatharra, Wiluna, Leonora, Laverton and Cosmo Newbery, was also a similar experience

with the people asking him to remain with them for a longer time and invitations to "come back soon."

The return visit to Onslow and Roebourne revealed their eagerness and confirmed the impression which was made during the few days spent with them previously.

Bob Williams is being used to unite these separate tribes, as each group visited have asked that they be brought together under his leadership. Many have come to know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and churches are growing up.

This year, 1965, will be a busy one as in all this vast area they, and also others, are awaiting visits of longer duration.

We can but give God all the praise for this opening up, as in it all we can see his hand.



Witch Doctor - Norseman District.

EVIL POWERS

This man is a witch doctor in the Norseman area. His power over great numbers of Aboriginal people is very real. Through the Christian witnessing of missionaries and Aboriginal Christians during recent months many have found Christ able to break the power of the witch doctor and bring them into the liberty that is in Christ.

CHRISTIAN NURSE

Miss Dawn Noble was sent to Carnarvon Mission by her mother so that she might go to school. She was then aged six. She is now a trainee nurse in an Adelaide Hospital, and a radiant Christian. In examinations, near the close of 1964, she came second in the group of nurses doing the same course.



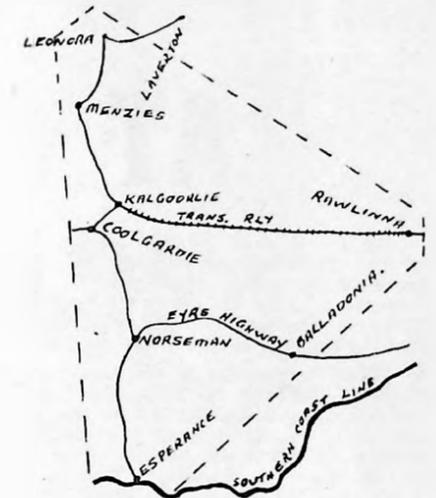
Nurse Dawn Noble.

SPHERES OF INFLUENCE

Our Aborigines Mission Fields at Carnarvon and Norseman extend far beyond our Children's Homes. These are no longer called the "Missions," but are simply the Children's Homes of the Missions. The maps shown here, which are to scale, show the extent of the influence exerted by each of our Missions. The work centreing round the two town areas are the respective springboards for the outreach into far-distant places.

Scattered throughout the areas are pockets of Aboriginal people who are being contacted by our missionary outreach. Many of these had never heard the gospel until our representatives reached them, and now there are numbers who have accepted Christ as Saviour. Many of these people are in dire need, physically and socially, as well as spiritually.

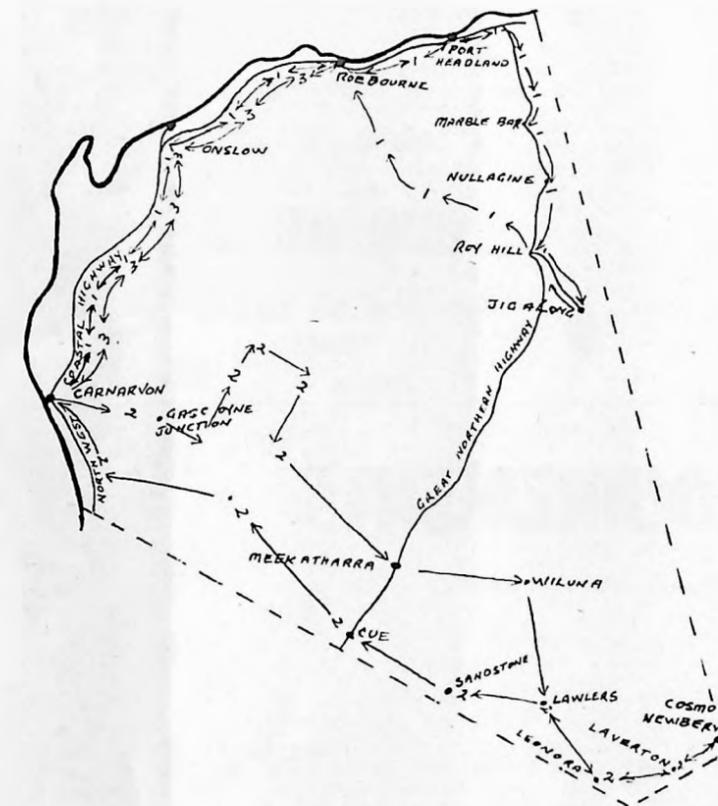
NORSEMAN AREA



They are our concern, our responsibility. To reach them men, money and vehicles are necessary, plus equipment. Surely we, who have so much, can provide for them, who have so little!

In the Carnarvon map are shown the three exploratory journeys undertaken by Lance Fisher and Bob Williams. The numbers indicate journeys 1, 2 and 3. The first journey was of 2,060 miles and occupied 13 days; the second was 1,970 miles and took 14 days; the third was 1,020 miles taking 6 days.

This is pioneering work of significant proportions. The fields are "white unto harvest." We must enter now — soon it may be too late.



CARNARVON AREA

"SIT DOWN A LONG TIME"

During a recent missionary journey of 1,970 miles from Carnarvon to Meekatharra, Wiluna and Leonora, Lance Fisher and Bob Williams, accompanied by Bob Kingi (Maori evangelist from New Zealand) and Allan Bonney, of Norseman, made contact with numerous small groups of Aboriginal people, culminating in the crowds gathered in Meekatharra for the race meetings. Personal testimony and meetings brought many to accept Christ as Saviour. The stay at each place was necessarily brief, as this was the second of two journeys which were only of an exploratory nature. One group of Aboriginal leaders was very regretful that Bob Williams, in particular, could stay only a short time, and were insistent with their invitation to come and talk with them again concerning this new way in Christ, but to be sure to "sit down a long time," as there was so much they wanted to hear.

WHAT ARE WE DOING

AT "FAIRHAVEN?"

To put it in a nutshell, we are training Aboriginal girls for life. Selected girls will be admitted to full-time residence. Some of these will already be in employment, others will undergo a 12-month course of training without employment. Those in employment will also receive training in many of the basic things a girl needs to know.

The Headmistress at the Esperance High School, and the Superintendent of the Wongutha Training Farm have promised generous co-operation. At the High School two periods per week will be available for each of Dressmaking, Type-writing and Domestic Science. One half-day each week will be available at Wongutha Training Farm (15 miles from Esperance) for Farm Management. Two full days each week will be devoted at "Fairhaven" itself to Cooking, House Cleaning, Washing, Ironing, Mending Clothes, Bed-making, Entertaining, including supper preparation and duties of a hostess. Cooking includes main dinner dishes, sweets and cakes.

There will also be instruction concerning Home Budgeting, practical use of money, and how to dress for various occasions, First Aid. Provision will be made for recreation and social activities. Behind it all there will be the emphasis on the importance of spiritual matters. At "Fairhaven" there will be a chapel for worship.

It is natural and right that young people should look forward to marriage under the right conditions and with God's blessing, and much of the training at "Fairhaven" has in mind fitting girls for suitable marriages, though also training them to earn their living in the meantime.

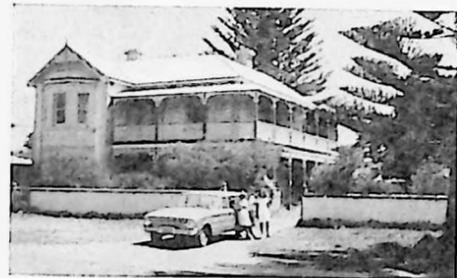
But there is also a wider ministry, for "Fairhaven" will become a hub for a spreading Christian work in the area. It has been proven over and over again during the past two years that a real Christian witness among our Aboriginal

people overflows into the white community, and has resulted in numbers of white people finding the Saviour. Furthermore, the influence of "Fairhaven" will extend in to the Aboriginal community over a wide area, particularly to the relatives of the girls.

This is one of the most significant projects yet attempted in our Aborigines Mission work, and calls for increased prayer support and generous giving on the part of our whole Australian brotherhood.



ONE OF OUR GIRLS CAME FROM THIS HOME.



"FAIRHAVEN" AT ESPERANCE.

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BACK TO THIS

OUR GIRLS

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OR ON TO THIS?

STAFF REQUIREMENTS

LANCE FISHER Assesses the Needs.

We praise God that our staffing is good at present, but with a large and growing work the need is constant.

The work is so varied that all qualifications are required at different times —

Cottage parents.
Cooks.
Gardeners.
Tradesmen.

Farmers.
Youth workers.
Preachers.

Your qualifications could be used.

Essential qualification — Luke 10:27. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself."

WEALTH OF THE GOLDFIELDS

An Assessment by RAY ROBERTS of Norseman.

Possibly the wealth of the Western Australian Goldfields has never been fully assessed. Over many years millions of tons of ore have been crushed to win a fabulous store of refined gold, and many lives have been sacrificed to satisfy the hunger for fame and fortune.

OUR FIRST FIELD

Gold is not the only precious wealth obtained from this world-renowned area, for over the past 25 years many faithful servants of God have labored to find and refine human gold. The "mine" was the Norseman area, and the place of refining has been our Children's Home for Aboriginal Children, known as our Mission.

The list of those who may be counted as refined gold won from the mass of ore is too long to record here, so we mention only a few, such as Sonny Graham, who, after completing his course in the College of the Bible now ministers among his own people as secretary of the native church and leader of Youth activities, while supporting himself by working on the railways; Valma Bonney, having passed her Junior University examination is now a missionary, along with her husband; Maureen Rule, a most capable cook and now ministering to the children in the dining room; Katie Ray, doing a good work in the native boys' hostel at Esperance; Jock and Grace Barton and their family, Jock a deacon in the native church; Vina Sambo, just completed her first year at Gnowangerup Bible Training Institute. Many of our ex-Mission girls and boys are in steady employment, and also continuing in the things of the Lord. Victor Beasley, Ron St. Clair, Albert Nudding, Roderick Beasley are all respected lads in the Esperance area. We praise God for the harvest of the years.

NEW FIELDS

In the gold industry many other precious metals have been thrown aside in the search for quick wealth through gold. So that we do not miss the human wealth in the areas outside our Children's Home the Lord has called us to move into wider fields and win more treasures for his glory.

Our Mission is the evangelisation of the Aborigines as a race. So we were led to establish the Christian Centre in Norseman town. There were those who thought the venture would be a failure, but now, after three short years of operation the building has become inadequate. We own the adjoining block of land and need a hall to seat at least 200 people. Finance is available for it.

A church has now been established in the Centre. It is about 35 strong, conducts its Sunday services, Bible School, Prayer and Bible study meetings, C.Y.F. (35 members), Men's Fellowships, Women's Fellowship. This church, and the activities at the Centre, have made a real impact upon the

white community, as well as the native. Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bonney are in charge of this work.

There is not one drinker or gambler living permanently on the Norseman Native Reserve. Any trouble due to these causes comes from people from other places. How well we can remember the time when, night after night was spent on the Reserve because of drunken brawls and wicked happenings. There are those on the Mission staff who have had their shirts more than once ripped from the backs. They have had to stand and insist that the police remove drunken offenders, those who have many times caused grievous bodily harm, even to their own flesh and blood. For months on end it meant almost daily appearance in Court, sometimes to stand against the lawlessness that existed. It has meant being threatened by local Council men in the presence of Native Welfare Officers for our stand for Christ.

PENSIONS GRANTED

There has been the need to press for the recognition of the claims of our native people for the aged and invalid pension. Many pensions have been granted through the work of our Christian centre. The people have then been taught and helped to handle their pensions wisely.

So successful has the work of the Centre been that the Police, Native Welfare Officers, including the Commissioner and his staff, openly admit to the changes evident in the lives of so many of these dear people. Those we have opposed in Court are now brothers and sisters in Christ. Two outstanding cases are Jack Ridley, one who has come from almost hell itself and today is preparing to enter Gnowangerup Bible College, and Reg. Wicker, who is also preparing to take this step of faith. We have stood against these two in a Court of Law. We have visited them in gaol and in hospital. One found Christ in his prison cell, the other on a hospital bed, both hundreds of miles from Norseman. This is the Lord's doing.

60,000 MILES A YEAR!

But the work of the Centre goes even further. The itinerant work has involved the travelling of over 177,000 miles in the past three years. Pause a moment to consider the cost — the wear and tear of vehicles, tyres, petrol, time and energy. Yet the battle is only beginning. If we are to maintain this work, if we are to move forward, we will need much equipment, such as tape recorders, Bible teaching aids, motor vehicles and the equipment for them. We will need missionaries prepared and equipped as teachers of the Word, able to communicate the message to a people whose knowledge of English is very meagre. We will be dealing with

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social outcasts, drunken derelicts, men and women whom it will take years to rehabilitate.

We desperately need the prayers of God's people. Frankly and openly I believe the Lord is calling us to humble ourselves and pray, to seek his face and forsake our wicked ways and claim his promise in the healing of our land. God is raising up unlearned and ignorant men, such as Bob Williams from Carnarvon, Mulga Joe of Leonora, Wringer Wright from Mount Margaret, Pluto Hicks from Menzies, Bill Wesley of Coolgardie — men who do not know their A.B.C., but know from personal experience the person of the blessed Holy Spirit. At the same time I believe he is calling us,

as a brotherhood, to put into practice our faith as New Testament believers.

In Acts we read that the baptized believers not only remembered the cup of cold water, but actually sold their possessions and goods and distributed to all as they had need. So it is necessary that we show our faith by our works in order that the native people may become conscious of our sincerity in the gospel we preach.

May we all find in our hearts the earnest desire to be obedient to our Lord, accept his will, and then stand back and see together the salvation of our Lord.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE, NORSEMAN

Peter and Eileen Flynn had lived together for years, but they had never been married, principally because they had never been taught any proper conception of marriage. They were introduced to Christ, and in course of time conscience was awakened and higher ideals accepted, and they came to the Superintendent of the Mission asking to be "properly married." So the wedding took place and a great joy is in their hearts.



Eileen and Peter Flynn.

OLD AND YOUNG NEED THE GOSPEL

This group on the Native Reserve at Roebourne is typical of the desperate need of our Aboriginal people.

DISCIPLESHIP AT CARNARVON

Harvest time has come for the Aborigines Missions in Western Australia. Over the years there have been many who have become members of the Christian church. The names of twenty new disciples at CARNARVON have been received. They are listed on page 14 of this issue in the "DISCIPLESHIP" column.

They are a direct result of the investment of our resources in the mission fields within our own lands. An even greater harvest is waiting.

OTHER NEWS FROM CARNARVON.

A collection of about 6,400 used postage stamps were sold for our Missions by Christian Endeavourers in a competition . . . Items presented by the C.W.F. at their break-up were presented again at the Native Reserve . . . The church is in good heart and is encouraged by response from outreach work over a large area.

February 14, 1965

ABORIGINES' SUNDAY

A SPECIAL OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED IN MANY CHURCHES.

Churches operating on a single-offering Budget System are invited to consider greater giving for greater service.

GOD SPECIALIZES

THINGS THOUGHT IMPOSSIBLE

By LANCE FISHER, Carnarvon.

Twenty years ago it was but a thought that work among the Aborigine people at Carnarvon should commence.

This the brotherhood undertook, and with pioneers Mr. and Mrs. David Hammer, and young family, the work commenced . . .

- Feeding soup to undernourished children.
- Commencing the care of children, housed in tents.
- Purchase of 70 acres of land.
- Erection of small buildings from war disposal materials.
- Erection by voluntary labor of cottages and 5 large dormitory buildings.
- Water pumping scheme from river 1 1/4 miles away.
- Building of storage tanks.
- Installation of electrical plant.
- School building on property, as the children were not allowed to attend town school.
- Planting of citrus orchard and gardens.
- Building of fowl pens, milking sheds and barns.
- Purchased school bus when children accepted into town school.
- Teens cottage to be completed for use in 1965.

Just 20 years? Yes, some 300 children have spent years

of their lives here and have had an up-building affect upon the community.

Because of this foundation, and through children's lives, we have been able to bring the message of Christ to adults.

Three and a half years ago, God raised a drunken, debauched and helpless 62-year-old full-blood tribal man to be his key to this perplexed people. Through Bob Williams . . .

A church was born at Carnarvon Reserve.

A church was born at Onslow Reserve.

Many added at Roebourne.

Many added at Leonora.

And through missionary journeys others scattered about have been added.

God is using him to break down tribal barriers and unite his people.

God is raising up others in separate areas to tell the message.

This is but the beginning after 20 years, where will be the end?

"God specializes in things thought impossible," and we look forward to the "impossibilities."

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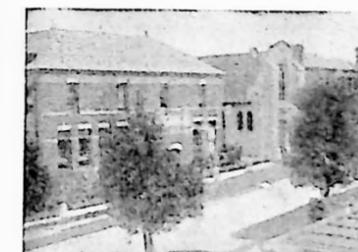
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been the spread of total abstinence and the limitations of the drink trade . . . By a stroke of his pen the Czar of Russia has entirely and permanently prohibited the sale of intoxicants.

Correspondence. "Twelve months ago the church (at Charters Towers, Qld.) circularised every church in the Commonwealth and New Zealand for monetary assistance to buy a picked site in the main street for our chapel. We received only £25, chiefly from small causes. While we were waiting for the Lord to open the hearts of our brethren, someone else stepped in and is erecting a dental establishment on the allotment. It was the chance of a century and the cause here will never have such an opportunity again."

Here and There. On Boxing Day, the members of the Berri district met in the Berri Institute for conference. In the evening a Temperance meeting was held.

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QUEENSLAND

INDUCTION TO MINISTRY

(Qld.). R. Acland (Conf. Pres.) conducted an induction service at Roma on Jan. 3, when A. Weedon commenced his ministry with the church. Successful Christmas tree was conducted by B.S., when older scholars gave presents which were sent to Brisbane City Mission . . . R. Holt concluded a happy interim ministry on Dec. 20 . . . Combined service held with Baptist church on Christmas morning. Offering was handed to B.C.M.

NEW ORGAN PURCHASED

(Roma, Qld.). B.S. Christmas Tree was preceded by fellowship tea and screening of strip films. C.W.F. final meeting was held at the manse. New electronic organ has been purchased and installed, total cost, less a couple of pounds, being covered in donations. It has proved a great asset in services. Combined Christmas Day service in Salvation Army Hall well supported. Many members away on vacation and their places have been taken by visitors. Sisters L. Cox and G. Tripp, and R. Ball, are progressing after hospitalisation. B. M. Nowitzke is minister.

INTERIM MINISTRY

(E. Ipswich - Leichhardt, Qld.). Until Bruce Roberts commences his ministry in February, Mr. Frost is conducting an interim ministry . . . After ten months' absence through illness, Mrs. E. Smith was able to attend the C.W.F. break-up. Some C.W.F. members visited the Lauriston and C.W.A. Homes for the Aged to give items and sing Christmas carols.

MEMORIAL GIFTS DEDICATED

(Qld.). 36th anniversary celebrations at Rockhampton - Moongan, Qld., where V. G. Boettcher ministers, were most successful. Concert and film, "In His Steps," drew an audience of 350. Church services also well attended. R. Acland

(Conf. Pres.) and Mrs. Acland were guests for the occasion. Messages of Mr. Acland were challenging to all. Thankoffering was £85. Mrs. H. Watson (foundation member) cut the cake at Sat. evening function . . . Attendance of 110 present on Sunday night of Dr. Jauncey's visit. Mayor and Aldermen of City attended. 40 were present at Moongan on Dec. 10, when C.Y.F. paid a visit . . . Annual meeting disclosed nett total increase of 15 for year. A.M. attendance (combined) average 69; p.m. also 69 . . . Gifts of communion plates and palmstands to William-st. were acknowledged by minister on Dec. 20. Service of dedication of communion dais, two lecterns and Bibles, in memory of late David Jones, was held on Dec. 27. All were donated by members of the family. Christmas Day service at 7 a.m. well attended; offering of over £21 given to Christmas Bowl offering. All departments of work in good heart.



NEW SOUTH WALES

HORNSBY HIGHLIGHTS

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). During church Christmas party opportunity was taken to recognise A. L. Morton's contribution in the erection of the extension to the hall. R. Hilford conducted Christmas Day service at 8 a.m. This year's "My Christmas Gift to the Lord" offering was £36/16/-, this being set aside for the Christmas Bowl of Remembrance appeal. Mr. Glazier was soloist at Christmas service . . . On Dec. 28, members enjoyed a church picnic at Cattai Park . . . Church congratulates David Bentley, B.Ec., upon successfully completing the Economics course at Sydney University . . . All auxiliaries are in recess over the holiday period after another good year of service and growth.

MISSIONARIES TRANSFER

(N.S.W.). Dr. John and Loreen Stanhope have transferred their membership from Lane Cove to the new church at Chungribu, New Guinea . . . "Naamaroo" (Congregational Centre) in Lane Cove National Park, was the centre of

two happy events recently conducted by Lane Cove church - a weekend camp (so enjoyable that the same site has already been booked for 1965); and a youth concert, under direction of Robyn Davies and Ian Borham (attendance approx. 180). £40 was raised towards proposed new A.C.E. building in our church grounds . . . R. B. Elbourne ministers at Lane Cove.



TASMANIA

NEWS FROM DEVONPORT

(Tas.). At gospel service, Mrs. Bruton showed slides and gave commentary on Federal Conference . . . Sympathy of church is extended to Mrs. T. Harman and Mrs. B. Bannon in the Home call of a loved mother . . . Mr. Davidson (W.E.C.) gave illustrated talk on Thailand, Java and Sumatra . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bridges spoke to church and showed slides of work being done by A.I.M. . . . Guest speakers during absence of minister at Y.P. Camp were C. Burt, R. Edmunds and W. Ratcliffe. B. Burt was guest speaker at morning service on Jan. 3.



A.C.T.

VATICAN REPORT

(Canberra, A.C.T.). In December, Dr. Blakemore reported on the Vatican Council, to a packed hall. Many representatives from other churches were present. The ladies entertained Mrs. Blakemore at Afternoon tea at the manse . . . The Christian family luncheon was held after the morning service on Dec. 20, about 200 people attending and a church calendar was presented to each family . . . Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Stirling, and Campbell, have been visiting from Melbourne.

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OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Setback at Bunapas

NEW GUINEA

There has been a setback in the erection of the hospital at Bunapas, in New Guinea, as it is necessary to change the site of the hospital buildings. The following extract, in a report from Mr. Bolton, provides the reason:

"When the station was purchased it was covered with heavy timber to the water's edge. Much of this had been cleared away by early 1963 and more has been cleared since. In the ensuing years two major factors have taken place. The most important of these is the washing away of the bank of the bend in the river directly above us. The second is the rotting away of the roots of the trees that were cut down

"During the wet season we had high floods and the river changed by the washing away of the bend above us and this has caused the change in the currents. This change has caused the currents to hit direct on the station, and the main current runs closer to the shore line for the length of the station site. As a result the river cut our banks away to about 110 ft. from the Bulk Store.

"The effect of the roots of the trees rotting was that there were no roots to hold the ground together as the Ramu cut into it. With the heavy rains the seepage of water through the ground has made it soft, and with nothing to bind it, it has washed away easily.

"When the banks were being washed away during the wet season's floods it left a vertical wall of ground along the front of the station. At the end of

the wet season a section of the river frontage near the Bulk Store subsided, this going back for about 20 feet. This was noted, but its danger not realised. On Nov. 16 and 17, 1964, we had very heavy rains and also a rise in the river level.

"Early morning on the 18th, I went down to the shore and noticed that a further subsiding had occurred during the night. This extended to within 40 feet of the Bulk Store. I went away and returned 15 minutes later to find it had subsided a further six inches. On checking the full river frontage I found that the collapse that night had extended the full length."

As it would be unwise to continue to build on the present site a new location has been chosen at a greater distance from the river banks. Three 80 ft. x 30 ft. buildings must be erected this year and steel frames for these are being ordered. If voluntary workers are able to go forward and assist with the erection of these it would be most encouraging.

The Maylands church in South Australia, in addition to their normal giving is raising £500 to send two men to the New Hebrides for a brief period. Mr. Heath, a plumber, and Mr. Atwell, a handyman, leave on March 8. Other churches may feel challenged to do the same and send out in co-operation with the Federal Overseas Mission Board, men to assist in the erection of the Pater-noster Memorial Hospital in New Guinea.

World News

COMMUNISTS DROP BAN

(Belgrade). The Eighth Congress of the Yugoslav Communist Party has rescinded a long-standing rule that Party members must not practise religion, reliable sources report here.

The Congress voted on a motion submitted by Lazar Kolisevski, a member of the Party's Executive Committee, to delete a paragraph from the rules which held that membership was "incompatible with the practice of religion."

Mr. Kelisevski, in submitting the motion, told delegates that "the omission of the reference to religious worship by Party members in no way signifies that our attitude to religion has changed. On the contrary, Party organisations must pursue a most active line for the scientific world outlook and the superseding of religion in social activity, but they must not limit their attention solely to the specific acts a Party member may happen to perform."

The rescinding action is regarded as a liberalisation of policy in the sense that members will no longer be subject to disciplinary action for association with the Church.—E.P.S.

DENIED ENTRY TO ANGOLA

(Toronto). Visas for visits to Angola in Portuguese Africa have been refused the Rev. Ernest E. Long, secretary of the United Church of Canada, and the Rev. Floyd Honey, secretary of the denomination's Board of World Missions.

The ministers had planned a brief visit to United Church missionaries still in Angola during January.

There are 22 United Church missionaries in Angola, about half the number assigned there in 1962. When missionaries come out on leave they usually are not allowed to return, denomination officials said.—E.P.S.

VATICAN COUNCIL CRITICISM

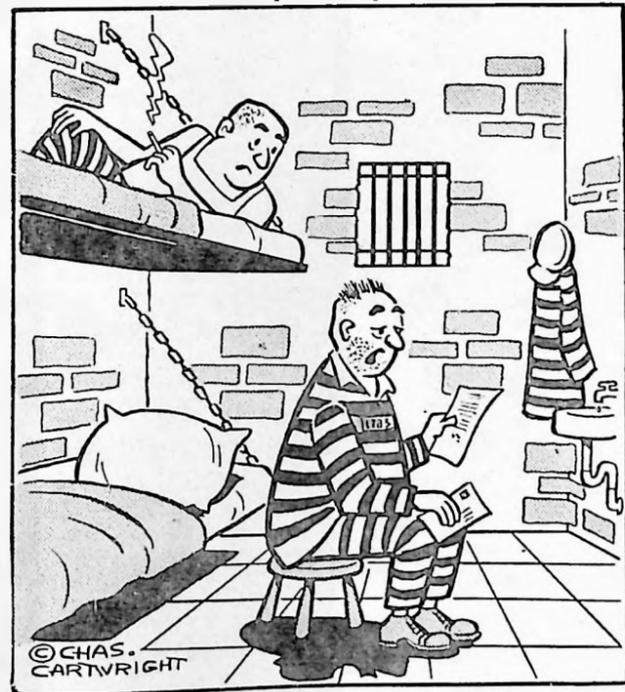
(Berlin). While Vatican Council deliberations have caused "revolutionary" changes within the Roman Catholic Church, they have had little influence on the rest of Christendom, a noted German theologian said here.

Addressing the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany (E.K.I.D.), Professor Edmund Schlink, who has been the church's observer at all three Council sessions, attributed its lack of influence on other churches to the fact that deliberations "lagged beyond present theological insights and the requirements of ecumenism."

He was particularly critical of the Council's concept of the Church because "it still identifies the Roman Catholic Church with Christ and his one Church in a way unacceptable to other churches."

None of the resolutions accepted thus far by the Council, he said, have "revoked, modified, or even satisfactorily re-interpreted any of the dogmas which divide Christendom."—E.P.S.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MINISTRY TO CONCLUDE

(S.A.). The church at Beulah Road held an after-church fellowship following the Christmas choral service, to say farewell, and make a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. R. Clymer, and family, who terminate their ministry with the church after their holidays. During their six-year period at Beulah Road they endeared themselves to members and friends in the district. . . . A B.S. lad was baptized on Dec. 27. . . . Christmas morning service was attended by 120. Collection for Bowl of Remembrance and contributions from B.S. amounted to £100. Quarterly paper drives have been held to augment church funds. . . . Choir and Y.P. sang carols to isolated members and friends on Dec. 23.

MILE END INVADED

(S.A.). Mile End was invaded by ministers graduated from Woolwich, and students in training, during December. A. Weedon and P. Saxby were here, with their wives, en route to their first full-time appointments. Students from Woolwich included local member Roger Brown, also D. Nutt and Miss P. Coulton. B. Benz and A. Leane, who left Mile End a few years to go to Woolwich, and remained in N.S.W., were home, with their wives. The reason for the invasion centred around the wedding of recent graduate from Woolwich (Stephen Thomas) and Glenys Averay, organist of Mile End church, who will soon be taking up their appointment at Port Pirie, S.A. Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones and family came from Melbourne for the wedding. Including the bridegroom, there were eight ministers at the wedding. The interstate visitors took some part in the services at Mile End in Dec., presiding, speaking at youth groups, etc. It was a grand time of renewing friendships and exchanging greetings.

POPULAR CHRISTMAS PLAY

(S.A.). Young people of Nailsworth church presented a Christmas play, "The Glory of His Coming" in the Prospect City Gardens, twice in the church hall and once each at Northfield Hospital and Yatala Gaol. . . . Attendances at services gratifying, 156 present on Christmas Day. Many interstate visitors on Dec. 27. . . . Five decisions in recent weeks, under ministry of C. E. Watson.

CONTINUANCE OF MINISTRY

(S.A.). J. A. Luff has accepted the invitation of Mile End church to continue his ministry for a further three years from January, 1966.

OTHER S.A. CHURCH NEWS

BERRI. Christmas Day service was conducted by minister (H. Greenwood). I.C.E. staged a Christmas play. £31 was given to the Christmas Bowl appeal. Berri and Winkie Bible Schools held successful break-up parties. C.W.F. donated biscuits for Rest Home, and cake and biscuits as Christmas Cheer for prisoners at Cadell Prison. **BOR-**

DETTOWN. C.W.F. and missionary meetings well supported, and interest encouraging. Ladies recently catered for wedding, also held Talent Quest for two months, when much work and progress was made. Total amount raised approx. £300 towards carpets for new chapel. Ladies supporting N.G. lass — also parcels sent to all missionary fields from time to time. A tape-recording and slides prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Rex Chamberlain were highlight of missionary meeting. B.S. anniversary services held Dec. 13. Bible Class assisted in morning service. Mr. Mason spoke at both afternoon and evening services and also distributed prizes to scholars. Combined Men's and Women's Fellowships held social evening to bring to a close an active year of service. A fine variety of items rendered by Fellowships' members, and the film, "Christmas in Hong-kong" made a very enjoyable evening. D. R. Oakes is present minister. **PT. LINCOLN.** Christmas social activities gave way to devotion and worship as Christmas Day dawned. Church joined with Baptist at 7 a.m. in a deeply satisfying communion service, following an inspiring Christmas message. Two men and a young woman were baptized into Christ by Mr. Stora at gospel service. C.S.S.M. team is active during holiday period. **BEVERLEY.** Features of Dec. meetings were a children's Christmas service, in which members of the B.S. and youth groups participated, and a special Christmas service on Dec. 20, when special singing was rendered by the choir and a male quartet. Attendances were very gratifying. Meetings were led by the minister, M. T. Lawrie. Substantial parcel of groceries was donated by members of church and C.W.F., to be forwarded to the Indian Mission Field. A good response was also gained for contributions for the Christmas Bowl appeal. **GOOLWA** (R. W. Saunders). Evening of interesting slides and pictures of new building opening raised £11 for local C.E. and B. & F. B. S. Christmas tree for Y.P. who placed their gifts on the tree for Bowl of Remembrance appeal. Combined carol service was held in Town Hall. Choir was conducted by Mrs. W. Bartlett, and

speaker was Inter-Church Aid rep., M. C. Trenorden. Speakers at church services have included K. D. Horne (Y.P. Director), Mr. Braille (King's College) and Robert Bell. There have been two baptisms. Splendid attendance of visitors at services and B.S. is encouraging. New blinds have been donated by a generous donor. **LENSWOOD.** The Bible School Christmas social resulted in £9/5/- being forwarded to "Morialta" Protestant Children's Home. Home Mission offering was £51. Christmas service was well attended. Special items in song were given by B.S. and teachers. A. J. Ingham shared with the church his experiences and highlights of Federal Conference in a film evening.

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VICTORIA

FAREWELL

(Surrey Hills, Vic.). On Dec. 6, after evening service, a farewell was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ryall, missionaries-elect for India. There were speakers from the Inter-Church Council and church auxiliaries. The women presented Mrs. Ryall with a watch. A cheque was handed to Mr. Ryall. The Mayor and Mayoress of Camberwell, Cr. and Mrs. W. Fordham, were present.

ROAD ACCIDENT

(Hamilton, Vic.). Milos (Mike) Karovic was killed in a road accident on the Horsham Road. The funeral services were conducted by the minister, A. V. Page. . . . David and Lenyce Westaway have been farewelled, and appreciation has been expressed for the years of service given by F. Kennetts to the Sunday School. . . . Mr. and Mrs. S. Wilham have been appointed deacon and deaconess respectively.

YOUTH ACTIVE

(Peel-st., Ballarat, Vic.). The girls' and boys' clubs have been very active. A concert in the Youth Centre was a feature of interest. Prize distribution and a Christmas tree brought the B.S. year to a successful conclusion. A generous donation from Stan Farquhar made possible a presentation to all children. Interest is growing in the Willersdorf-Nixon Ballarat Youth Crusade for this year. . . . J. Lacy and T. Farquhar are recovering from prolonged illnesses.

YOUNG PEOPLE DECIDE

(Vic.). The Boort church, where C. G. Henderson is minister, witnessed two young people coming forward, one to rededicate his life, the other confessing her faith in Christ. She followed her Lord in baptism on Dec. 13. . . . C.W.F. members forwarded Mission parcels to Mr. and Mrs. Beale and Dr. and Mrs. Stanhope. . . . Year's activities were celebrated at Christmas treat, at which B.S. scholars helped to entertain.

STUDENT MINISTRY

(Vic.). Geoff. Welden (final year C.O.B. student) has been appointed to North Williamstown church for 1965, and the manse will be occupied by first year student, Ron Cook, from Kalgoorlie, W.A., Mrs. Cook and family. Melbourne City Mission's appeal for under-privileged children benefited by £9 from concert given by Williamstown City Band, and from large assortment of toys given by public at a decorated Christmas tree placed in church grounds for week prior to Christmas. Mrs. Dorgan arranged roster of voluntary helpers. United service on Christmas morning was well attended. Number of visitors welcomed to services.

MINISTERIAL SUCCESSES

Two ministers serving Home Mission churches in Victoria — B. White (Nornalane) and A. Male (Portland) are congratulated on successfully completing the Dip.R.E. (Diploma Religious Education) examinations.

YOUTH COUNCIL

(Dandenong, Vic.). The initial meeting of the church Youth Council involved all auxiliary leaders in presenting a comprehensive three months' programme. . . . The C.Y.F. concluded the year's activities with a hayride and a barbecue at C. Brough's farm. . . . The Y.P.S.C.E. provided a car outing for ladies from Emmaus Home and senior church members. . . . The C.M.S. debated with the women the subject, "That women should take a greater part in the worship and government of the church." It was won by the ladies, who took the negative side! . . . At the Christmas parties, Sunday School scholars brought gifts of money to assist the Christmas Bowl of Remembrance appeal.

"MORE BLESSED TO GIVE . . ."

(Gardiner, Vic.). Instead of receiving gifts at their Christmas party the Primary Dept. children found much happiness in bringing gifts for the Aboriginal children at Carnarvon. . . . At the evening service on Dec. 21 a lady was baptized, and a Christmas play, "They Came With Haste," was enacted by a group of young people, with Graeme Williams as producer.

PLANE FATALITY

In the issue of Jan. 9, which was printed prior to the Christmas close down, we reported that R. J. Duckett had been critically injured in a plane crash. The injuries led to Mr. Duckett's death on Dec. 24. Sympathy of the brotherhood is extended to Mrs. Duckett and family and the church at Lygon-st., Carlton, where Mr. Duckett ministered. It is anticipated an obituary will be received for publication.

NATIVITY SCENE

(Moreland, Vic.). Platform arrangements for the Christmas services included a Manger scene, with special lighting

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MARRIAGES

Janice Bage to Robin Burt, Dev-onport, Tas.

Glenys Averay to Stephen Thomas, Mile End, S.A.

Jeannine Marchant to Adrian Dean, Hamilton, Vic.

Marlene Clarke to Maurice Berlin, E. Ipswich - Leichhardt, Qld.

DEATHS

Mrs. Kelly, Nailsworth, S.A.
R. J. Duckett, Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic.

Mrs. M. Cook, Mildura, Vic.

M. Wright, Red Hill, Vic.

Earle Wilson, Beulah-rd., S.A.

Arthur Guest, Mile End, S.A.
Robert W. Brown, Rockhampton, Qld.

Elijah (Andy) Beard, Bordertown, S.A.

Mrs. M. Wilson, North Fitzroy Vic.

Mrs. L. J. Dickson, Surrey Hills, Vic.

DEATHS

KINGSTON — Cissie Constance, dearly loved wife of the late Hubert Lenore Kingston, and loving mother of Selby (Mrs. F. McQueeny, Hobart), Beryl (Mrs. Tom Street, Narrogin, W.A.), Lyla (Mrs. H. W. Street, Ballarat, Vic.), Elvina (dec.), Cyril (Wagga, N.S.W.), Myra (Mrs. G. I. Ashton, Hobart) and Kath-leen (Mrs. R. J. Boxhall, Hobart), and loved "Nanny" of her many grand-children and great grandchildren, on Dec. 22, 1964, at Vaucluse Hospital, Hobart, aged 85 years. For many years a faithful member of the Church of Christ at Hobart, Tas. "Safe in the everlasting arms."

LAWRIE — On Dec. 28, at the Tumbay Hospital, S.A., Alfred Dodds, dearly loved husband of Mary Winifred, loving father of Thelma and Marjorie, father-in-law of Bernie and John, loving grandpa of Lorraine, Robyn, Christine, Peter, David and Janine. Aged 75 years. "Underneath are the everlasting arms."

IN MEMORIAM

GIBB, James McLaren. — In loving memory of my dear husband, who was called Home Dec. 29, 1963. "Forever with the Lord."
—Inserted by his loving wife.

KINGSTON. — In fond memory of my dear brother, who was suddenly called Home on Jan. 12, 1964. "Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten."
—Inserted by sister Anne and family.

SILVER WEDDING

FISHER - BRIGGS (Audrey - Norm.). Congratulations, Mum and Dad, on your 25th wedding anniversary, Jan. 20, 1940, at Preston Church of Christ, Vic., C. J. Robinson officiating. Love from Judith, Ron, Ross, Margaret and Anita.

RUBY WEDDING

HOGBEN - BAKER. — Congratulations, Mum and Dad, on your 40th wed-ding anniversary celebrated at Black-wood, S.A. Church of Christ, on Dec. 27, 1924. Love from all the family. Pres-ent address: 213 Harbourne-st., Wem-bley, W.A.

GOLDEN WEDDING

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COBURG (Vic.)

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"DIG THIS BIT ABOUT MILDNESS!"

BY RON HOLT

Had to buy some tobacco for my uncle this morning . . . mild tobacco, and it struck me that "mildness" is far from the quality of our Lord. My mind flashed way back to an antique verse I once was taught . . .

"Gentle Jesus, meek and mild,
Look upon a little child."

Jesus Christ is no more "mild" than tobacco is "mild." I agree somewhat with J. B. Phillips, who says that "For sure Jesus was meek, selfless, and hum-ble, but not 'mild'!"

You see, this word "mild" conveys a "softie-type" picture to our minds, and maybe it's because of all these gentle little paraphrases we learn as kinds, that it's so hard for the minister to win some of us as Disciples '64. We get the idea that religious life is all tenderised, sentimental, and soft.

Mr. Holt is minister, Boondall-Zillmere Circuit, Queensland.

AFRICAN PRAISES CHURCHES

(New York). The Church has not failed in Africa, the Nigerian ambassa-dor to the United Nations told 200 Pro-testant and Orthodox Christians here.

Chief S. O. Adeboto told the Friends of the World Council of Churches, a U.S.A. organisation, that many African leaders, especially in Nigeria and other parts of West Africa, were products of the church. He praised the church in Nigeria for training indigenous leadership before the country attained independence.

Great credit goes to missionaries for training Africans for leadership in edu-cation, medicine, and social service as well as the church, the African leader asserted. But he added that missionaries were not "all angels. There were bad ones and very good ones. In Nigeria we were fortunate in having very good ones." He said Nigeria now has 10 to 20 per cent Christian population.

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MINISTER RESIGNS

(Mississippi). — In Belzoni, Mississippi, the minister of a Baptist church has resigned his pastorate of 21 years in a dispute with his congregation over race relations.

The Rev. Chester A. Molpus said he resigned because he wished "to prevent any hurt which might come to the church by the taking of a vote on the recommendation to oust me."

The church endorsed the practice of racial segregation in its worship services more than a year ago. It also declared then that there should be "no teach-ing or preaching advocating integration of the races in any of its services."

In a church bulletin, Pastor Molpus issued the following statement:

"I, for my part, will not deny a Negro who desires it the privilege of worshipping in the same church build-ing with me. I cannot for the life of me imagine Jesus standing on the church steps and turning a man away because of the color of his skin."
—E.P.S.

BIBLE IN JAPAN

Figures just released in Tokyo show 1964 distribution of Bibles and portions of the Bible totalled four million cop-ies, an all-time high, in a nation in which the number of Christians is less than three per cent of the popula-tion.—E.P.S.

SMUT RACKET PROTEST

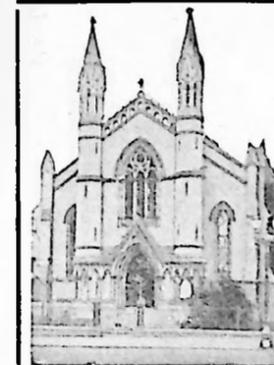
President Johnson has been asked by a group of Christian and Jewish leaders to appoint a special commission of ex-perts to study the traffic in pornography among American children and recom-mend a "swift and permanent solution" to the problem.

They also called for an investigation by the F.B.I. to find the sources of pornography production and urged that the "facts be made public so that the American people will know who is re-sponsible for this corruption."

On the question of polygamy, Chief Adeboto remarked that while the practice among some Christians is to have several wives simultaneously, elsewhere "Chris-tian people seem to delight in having one after another."—E.P.S.

LAYMAN MODERATOR

(Perth, W.A.). — A layman has been named for the first time as moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Western Australia. He is Mr. Ronald D. Wilson, a lawyer, who is Crown Counsel for Western Australia. He has been an elder of the church since 1949 and active in Student Christian Movement work. —E.P.S.



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OTHER VIC. CHURCH NEWS

BOX HILL (L. S. Dewberry). Senior Good Companions visited Ancient Times House for illustrated talk on Bible Archaeology. C.Y.F. had a house party and C.W.A.F. held annual thanksgiving meeting. Church social, Dec. 12. Film, "A Boy and His Bible," was screened on 13th, during gospel service. On 16th, Y.P. visited local hospital with flowers and sweets. C.Y.F. held a beach party at Mordialloc. Special singing by the choir assisted by colored slides and narrative on Dec. 20. Auxiliary functions included barbecue and progressive supper. There have been a number of decisions and baptisms. **CARLTON**, 1964 missionary appeal closed with almost £2,000 in hand. Norma Corrie, Leonie Monaghan and Thelma Roberts, graduates from M.B.I., have left for their respective appointments. Marj. Perry and Frances Hocking are attending the School of Linguistics, Qld. C.W.F. break-up for year, with 50 present, was happy occasion to close a very successful year's work. Deacons for ensuing year are J. Atkinson, G. Berry, D. Berry, R. Cook, C. Crabtree, R. Duckett, jr., H. Faull, E. McLean, L. McLean, H. McKean. Deepest regret and loving Christian sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Duckett and family in the death of beloved minister, R. J. Duckett, in recent plane crash. Dennis Berry, the pilot, is now in a satisfactory condition and making progress towards recovery. K. A. Macnaughtan is conducting an interim ministry. **MALVERN** (A. B. Clark). Carlton of gifts was received at B.S. Christmas service for Aborigines at Norseman. Visitors have included Mrs. Mary Stephens, of Black Nativity Theatrical Company, and South Australian churches tennis players. Soloists at evening services have been Anita Galbraith and Kevin Smith. Y.P. are assisting in pulpit arrangements at St. Kilda and South Melbourne churches. £72 was received for Bowl of Remembrance, including £44 at combined Christmas Day service. Average attendances for Dec. were a.m. 76, p.m. 57. **MILDURA** (A. F. Cant, B.Ed.). Many visitors present at well attended New Year services. Miss Allison Jenkins was farewelled as she leaves to begin nursing career in Melb. A Junior Camp is being held for four days at District Camp Centre. **NORLANE** (B. F. White). P.m. service on Dec. 6 was conducted as a broadcast. Y.P. arranged and conducted programme under leadership of minister. This was most effective. On Christmas Sunday, Senior G.L.B. presented the Christmas Story in drama. This was well received by all present. Y.P. enjoyed "backyard Olympics" and open-air tea at manse. Activities are in recess after a successful year in service. **NORTH FITZROY** (J. Turner, B.A.). Kinder. Christmas party held on Dec. 12. Church family Christmas social on 19th. Besides receiving a gift from Christmas tree, each one was asked to bring gifts of soap, toothpaste, etc., for our Aboriginal Missions. Combined after-church carol service on 20th, with C. of E. and Methodists. Christmas Day service was held. Church offers sympathy to M. Wilson and family in the passing of

(continued at foot of next col.)

The Board of Carlton church, Vic., has opened a fund for Mrs. Duckett and family. Donations may be sent to J. Atkinson, 49 Webb-st., Coburg, Vic.

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Mrs. Wilson. **PYRAMID HILL** (C. G. Henderson). 70 present at B.S. and Junior Youth Club Christmas tree break-up. Combined carol singing service was held in chapel on Dec. 20, at which Methodist and C. of E. were present. Film screened for "Freedom from Hunger" campaign. K. Pitt has been assisting in preaching at services. **RED HILL** (M. D. Keatch). — C.Y.F. visited Oakleigh Guest Home and gave items. Church combined with others in carol singing at Consolidated School Hall, Dec. 13. M. D. Keatch brought Christmas message. Story of "Other Wise Man" was told in narrative and film strip at evening service of 20th. C.Y.F. toured district Christmas Eve singing carols. Church saddened at Home call of Max Wright, deacon and treasurer for a number of years.

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Faith Is For Living . . .

By F. L. EWERS.

There is the familiar real-life story, told by Dr. N. V. Peale, of the man who confessed that he was in town to handle the most important business deal of his life. "If I succeed," he said, "it means everything to me. If I fail, I'm done for." He needed Dr. Peale's help.

He advised him, in essence, to repeat the words of a text over and over again to himself before he went to bed, as soon as he awoke in the morning, on his way to the appointment — and to do it with an attitude of faith. The text was: "I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me" (Phil. 4:13.) Well, it worked. He reported that this simple formula "did wonders" for him, and added, "It seems incredible that a few words from the Bible could do so much for a person."

We may be tempted to ask such questions as: "Was it Christian faith which the man had?" "Was it faith in himself or faith in God that resulted from the interview?" "Was the man a Christian at that point anyway?" The answers to these questions we do not know.

But we do know that his faith was effective. It worked.

FAITH IS FOR LIVING EFFECTIVELY

No matter what else we may say, faith gets things done. We are familiar with the words of Jesus that faith moves mountains, works miracles, and heals the sick. If we believe the Bible in general, then we believe this in particular.

But the faith that moves mountains is not basically different from the faith which we use every moment of our lives. From the moment we first trust the feel of our mother to the moment when as a scientist one trusts a formula which proves workable, we use faith. We trust the chair we sit on. We do not feel it necessary to supervise personally every revolution of a motor car engine as we cruise along.

We live by faith. Faith holds the secret of life that is worth capturing. An dif we are to live superlatively it will be by superlative faith. It is faith which is the answer to life's problems and the secret of life's victories.

It is so universally important that it is the one fact worth our study, and understanding.

FAITH IS FOR LIVING ETERNALLY

Another important factor is the direction of Faith. What is it we have faith in? Notice the different directions of faith in the following verses: "Cursed is he that trusteth in man." "Put not your trust in princes." "Because thou hast relied on the King of Syria, and not relied on the Lord thy God . . ." "Without faith it is impossible to please God." The faculty of faith is the same in each case, but the direction is different.

Faith in a lie may sustain one for a couple of hours: faith in a man may hold good for a few years: faith in

1965

World News

CHANGE IN CHURCH NAMES URGED

(London). — An Anglican leader suggests in a new booklet issued here that the words "catholic", "orthodox", and "protestant" are incorrect to describe segments of Christendom and "very often are the catchwords of old controversies and the dangerous epitomes of dated half-truths and understatements."

Canon Bernard C. Pawley, in a booklet entitled "Anglican Roman Relations", said that "to speak of any baptized Christians as 'non-catholic' is inadmissible; to speak of the Greek and Slavonic churches as 'orthodox', in the sense in which that term cannot be applied to any other churches, is misleading, and to describe as 'protestant' a whole group of churches is to suggest that their whole reason for being is rooted in the controversies of the 16th century . . ."

"Every church always and everywhere, if it is to be worthy of the name of Christ, must at least aspire to be at once catholic, orthodox, protestant, against error, and evangelical," he declared. —E.P.S.

REFUGEES

A total of 1,334 refugees were resettled by the W.C.C. Service to Refugees in the month of November. The figure brings to a total of 12,900 the number aided by the Service in the first eleven months of 1964. The largest number (7,192) went from Greece to other countries. Australia received the greatest number of immigrants (9,041), followed by the U.S.A. with 2,743.—E.P.S.

FEWER, MORE FAITHFUL

(Berlin). A report by the Synod of the Evangelical Church of Anhalt, East Germany, shows that while membership fell sharply in the last ten years, those who remained loyal increased their attendance and contributions.

In the years between 1954 and 1963, the report said, attendances dropped from 700,000 to 350,000, and membership from 423,000 to 260,000.

But loyal church members increased attendance, especially at Holy Communion services.—E.P.S.

OTHER S.A. CHURCH NEWS

HAMPSTEAD GARDENS. There were good attendances on Dec. 20, with messages by K. B. Marriott in keeping with festive season. A young man was baptized at evening service. A choir in action for the first time, sang an Australian carol. On Christmas morning church combined with Hampstead Baptists for communion service. Baptist minister, Mr. Hisscock, presided and K. B. Marriott gave address. M. Coombs spoke at morning service of 27th, minister being indisposed.

BIRTH

THOMAS. — On Dec. 3, at Dhond, India, to Edda and Thornley, a daughter — Joanne Edda. A sister for Virginia.

F. L. Ewers, B.A., is minister of the Burwood Church of Christ, N.S.W.

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OPEN FORUM

CHURCH SIGNS.

To the Editor,
On alighting at a suburban railway station I noticed two signs by churches of other major denominations, advertising their local church and its programme. Doubtless the "artists" were sincere and dedicated Christians, but they certainly were not signwriters. Too often we make do with shoddy materials and a do it on the cheap attitude. Certainly these two churches had taken the cheap way out, with a result in stark contrast to other signs in similarly rented spaces.

At this time of the year numerous ministerial changes take place. Some churches take months to repaint their notice board if they do it at all. How about taking the old board down now and surprising everyone by having the new one up at the commencement of the new ministry. Or better still get a completely fresh design from a competent advisor.

—D. H. Smith, Victoria.

LIES AT CHRISTMAS.

To the Editor,
What a golden opportunity we miss at Christmas time. We have our little children with their open minds trustingly believing all their parents tell them. And we tell them lies. It is a lie to say that Santa Claus comes down the chimney and leaves presents. We have to embellish this story with more lies if the child is reasonably intelligent.

Why not tell him the truth? God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, as a gift to show men how to live. Because of this wonderful gift of love, we give gifts to those we love. We also give to help someone in need.

I have explained this to my five-year-old son, and he has readily and happily accepted this as being a logical reason for Christmas. Santa Claus is now a happy make-believe game. Jesus Christ is the glorious truth.

—Mrs. Lorraine Watson, Vic.

LEGION OF THE LOST

To the Editor,
A thoroughly prepared Religious Affiliation Survey was launched by all churches in Gawler. It brought the following results for our church:

Fifty adults claimed Church of Christ membership who are not attending and are not on the roll. They are permanent residents who joined our church at some other place previously and never sought membership here.

Twenty-eight adults and parents, non-members, whose children attend Bible School, stated that they and their children were "Church of Christ."

It is clear from the Survey that our transfers are most inadequately dealt with; and that our teaching as to what constitutes membership is not clear.

Gawler has a population of 7,000. The nominal 50 members came to Gawler

over a number of years. The Survey covered every home and is recommended for old and new areas. We now have the opportunity to contact the professing 50, although they may not like to come "home," especially as they were never missed.

Church members surely know of movements and could advise their minister accordingly. It is obvious that records are deplorable and love and concern is at zero. Gawler now has 86 active, 30 inactive, 50 professing adherents. Total, 166.

—G. Setsman, Gawler, S.A.

THE ANONYMOUS CHRIST.

To the Editor,
A splendid paper, the "A.C." much appreciated and helpful. I did not see the "face" (Nov. 24) on the outside, but a former minister's wife showed me. I could not understand how I missed it, as it is quite distinct. Wonderful picture of the snow on the earth, the face of our Saviour in it.

—Miss A. Jarvis, S.A.

"THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN."

To the Editor,
M. A. G. Hall's letter on "The Christmas Bowl" (9/1/65) concluded most unfortunately, and without warrant, with the suggestion that his letter may not be published. Moreover it conveyed the threat that he had alerted several people to see if it would be printed. The implication was that this twisting of the Editor's arm would bring results.

Mr. Editor, this letter is not really to you, but to all readers and to Mr. Hall, good friend of mine. "The Australian Christian" is subject to Federal Conference. It is the brotherhood's journal and represents the brotherhood. I have never known the "Open Forum" column to be censored to present a particular point of view. Sub-editors in all States are encouraged to keep articles and reports flowing in to keep this paper federal in scope.

At a time when "The Australian Christian" is still being established as our own national weekly, and when we urgently need another 1,000 subscribers to make it self-supporting, I must plead for the support of all of our ministers in commending our paper. If we diligently encourage its entrance each week into our church homes, we shall be instruments used to create faith in our Lord and strengthen the rich ties of brotherhood.

—E. W. Roffey, Fed. Executive Sec.

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My guilt was old fashioned,
God's love was old fashioned I know;
And the way I was saved
Was the old fashioned way,
Through the Blood that makes whiter
than snow."

And no one, even with another score of modern versions, can find a new way.

—W. A. Boys, Avonsleigh, Vic.

VERWOERD CONDEMNS BRITISH CHURCHES

(Petersburg). The South African Prime Minister, Dr. Verwoerd, has entered the controversy concerning a recent statement of the British Council of Churches denouncing apartheid with the words: "In plain language, I condemn them."

Speaking at a Nationalist Party rally here, Dr. Verwoerd said the recent actions of the British Council of Churches "are attempts to soften us up."

In his address, Dr. Verwoerd also advised Afrikaans clergymen not to accept invitations from the Presbyterian Church to visit Britain.

The Prime Minister said the British Council's attitude was not new. South Africa, throughout her history, had had trouble with churchmen from Britain.

"Referring to the report of the B.C.C.'s working party on South Africa, Dr. Verwoerd said:

"The damage done by the British churches cannot be undone even through explanations by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

"The British Churches have declared political war on South Africa."

—E.P.S.

TITLES OF MINISTERS

The Rio Grande Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church of Canada has decided that the title "Reverend" should be used only of GOD and not by ministers.

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PROFILE NO. 34

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Although the little town (population 3,000) seems to hibernate during the winter months, it slowly comes to life with the summer, and the streets swarm with visitors. This influx is felt and appreciated by the local church, whose meetings during the busiest weeks resemble a Conference gathering, with visitors from all over the State, and interstate, far outnumbering the local congregation.

The cause was commenced in April, 1929, with two services each Sunday in the Masonic Hall. In 1930, Goolwa and Victor Harbour formed a circuit, and with Home Mission subsidy, engaged Garfield Rootes as a full-time minister, residing in "Victor." In 1934, B. W. Manning began a ten year ministry, and very soon it was decided to concentrate more attention on Victor Harbour, the circuit connection with Goolwa was severed and the H.M. Department continued to heavily subsidise the work.

Easter, 1939, saw another major milestone in the church's life when, after sacrificial giving by the local members and a magnificent response to an Australia-wide appeal by the extraordinarily enthusiastic minister, a large and lovely chapel was opened free of debt.

The work continued to flourish until

the early forties, when the church suffered severe setbacks with the removal of many prominent families from the area. So serious did this problem become that it was feared by some that the church would have to eventually close. However, with ministers F. Collins, C. Cartmell, A. C. Thurrowgood, S. J. Patching, F. B. Burt and G. J. Lord, being faithfully supported by a consecrated membership, with a slow but sure increase by faith and baptism and solid members of our churches moving into the district, the cause has gradually grown to a present active membership of about seventy.

Another building project was commenced early in 1962, and for twelve months exactly the men of the church labored in their "leisure" hours to add magnificent additions in the shape of two halls, foyer, and toilet facilities for the cost of a little over £3,000. This was a magnificent team effort which has paid handsome dividends in the youth work and Sunday School.

Still another major step forward was taken in 1963, when the church voluntarily surrendered its Home Mission subsidy, and for the first time in thirty-four years became self-supporting. Although at present the church's budget is not being met, it is hoped that Victor Harbour will not be obliged again to seek a subsidy.

The present ministry commenced in December, 1961, and will continue for a further two years. The church at Victor Harbour is a happy family of concerned Christians, whose loyalty and faithfulness make them a group of whom one can be justly proud.

—Written by Graham J. Lord.

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TO AID DISTRESSED

(Indianapolis). — Congregations of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in the United States are being asked to help resettle individuals and families from distressed areas of the U.S.A. in much the same way they helped resettle European and Cuban refugees.

Twenty-five pastors, whose churches are in areas of unemployment such as Appalachia, have been notified that help is available to families in their community.

Congregations in high employment potential areas have been asked to sponsor families who wish to move, find them employment, housing, and basic furnishings, and assist them financially until the first pay-check is received.

—E.P.S.

SPANISH-SPEAKING PERSONS IN U.S.A. TO GET DISCIPLES' AID

(Indianapolis). — Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S.A. have undertaken a new project to encourage local congregations to become aware of the presence of Spanish-speaking people in their neighborhoods, to become personally acquainted with them, and to help them achieve better lives.

Sharing religious faith with these neighbours — Spanish Americans, Mexican immigrants, Braceros, Puerto Ricans, and refugees from Cuba — is "missionary work in its purest sense," a spokesman said.

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—E.P.S.

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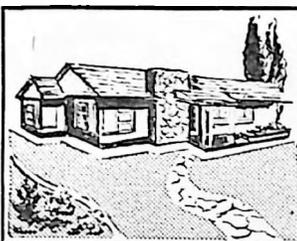
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And makes me see lest I die
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A love less than real,
And only a man who cannot feel.

Oh, hungering humanity
Lift up my heart and sing,
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And to be kind on Monday.

Definition.

Pessimist: Anybody who has been liv-
ing with an optimist.

. . . one of those far away, friendly
villages where you chat five minutes on
the 'phone even after getting the wrong
number.

Oh, and one word of advice . . .
don't give it.

Doctor: What is that patient com-
plaining about?

Nurse: He says he got well before the
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