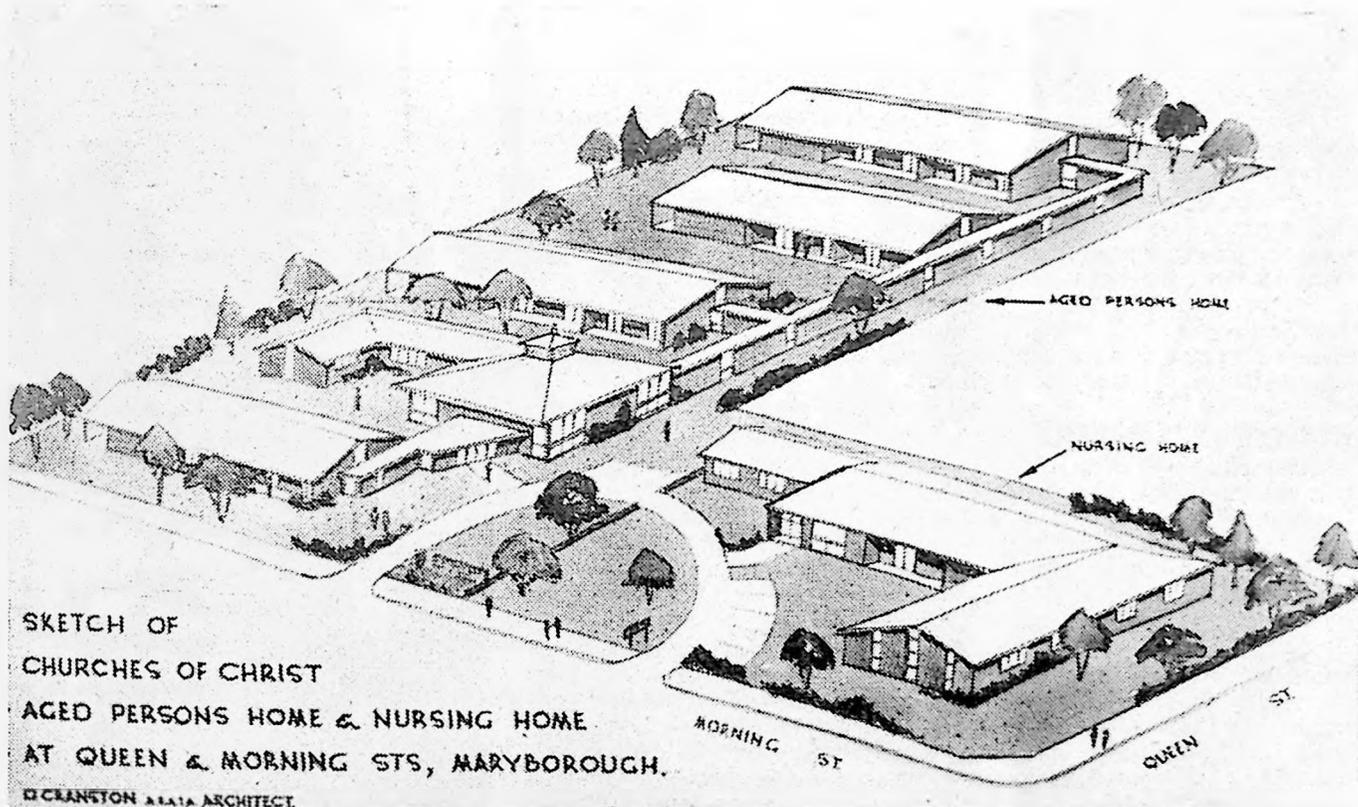


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## TELEMACHUS WILSON

Telemachus was the Christian who, in 403 A.D., climbed down into the arena at Rome's Colosseum, made his way between the fighting gladiators, and called on them to stop killing in the name of Christ Jesus. Telemachus was brushed aside, but he again forced himself between the fighters. This angered the crowd of eighty thousand and voices were heard calling for the spoil-sport's death. The prefect in charge of the games gave the appropriate signal, a sword rose and fell, and Telemachus had given his life to stop the senseless killing of others.

Suddenly shocked into an awareness that they were responsible for the death of this good man, the crowd fell silent. In a moment of truth they saw the utter stupidity of killing for fun. The death of Telemachus spelled the end of Rome's gladiatorial contests.

The parallel with Mr. Harold Wilson may not appeal to everyone, but it could mean that Wilson's political life is endangered by his efforts on behalf of peace as he seeks to mediate in Vietnam's arena.

As we go to press, it has been suggested that the mission may be called off for lack of participants willing to talk instead of fight.

We hope that it does go on. It may fail, but it will have been a good try. Failure is likely to lead to a weakening of Wilson's leadership at home and his prestige abroad.

Of course, there are some who have questioned his motives. It was suggested that Wilson dreamed up the whole thing in order to bolster his government's waning power. But there are always cynics who are ready to think the worst of anyone. We expect that there were some who accused Telemachus of engaging in cheap exhibitionism. Well, Telemachus gained his objective when he lost his life. Whoever leads the mission for peace, it is not likely to succeed until we are ready in humility and sacrifice to pay the price of peace.

## BLOOD AND FIRE

The nineteenth century was a great missionary era. Robert Moffatt said that on a clear morning in Africa he could see the smoke from a thousand villages where the name of Christ had never been heard. In that same century William Booth felt the call of a thousand London streets that had denied the name of Christ. In the century when David Livingstone searched for souls in darkest Africa, William Booth wrote a book called "In Darkest England and the Way Out."

William Booth was the missionary who began in London in 1864 the movement now celebrating one hundred years of devotion to the outcasts of society. Driven by a hatred of dirt, squalor, and vice, he raised the banner of "The Christian Mission" in one of the worst areas of the city's slums. In 1878 his mission became the Salvation Army and it demanded a discipline and standard of service as rigorous as any Branch of Britain's armed forces. But its uniforms, military titles, and flags, were dedicated in love to those whom the rest of society found most unlovable.

At first the Army was greeted with hostility by those it sought to save, and with derision by the "respectable" churches. Gradually, however, it won its way by the spiritual quality of its Christian devotion.

Around the world today the Christian churches are joining to pay tribute to a century of splendid witness, and we add our sincere appreciation. But the Army is probably quite indifferent to praise; it will be busy getting on with its war against vice and need. The only trophies that it will cherish are those of souls saved and lives changed.

Our own poet, Vachel Lindsay, caught something of the spirit of Booth and his Army when he pictured the General entering heaven. The old soldier was banging his big bass drum and leading as weird a band of Christians as could be imagined. They were the riff-raff for whom Booth was prepared to die, and for whom his Master did die:

*"Walking lepers followed, rank on rank,  
Lurching bravos from the ditches dank,  
Drabs from the alleyways and drug fiends pale—  
Minds still passion-ridden, soul powers frail:—  
Vermin-eaten saints with mouldy breath,  
Unwashed legions with the ways of death—  
Every slum had sent its half-a-score  
The round world over. (Booth had groaned for more.)"*

The Army is still seeking more.

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# Facing the Second Century

BY D. H. SMITH

### The Present

This Conference is an historic occasion for us, with one hundred years behind us. We now stand in a period of the rapid secularisation of society. Man progressively lives without the hypothesis of an Almighty God. He questions and distrusts religious feelings. Churches seem unsure of themselves. They are marked by timidity and fear.

### Congregational Strength.

You can make statistics prove most things, but I trust I am objective enough in my judgment to make some comments. This is what I see—

20 per cent of our congregations are in the inner city or areas of transition.

22 per cent of our congregations are small country churches under 70.

14 per cent of our congregations are in new areas, without effective ministerial leadership.

These add up to 56 per cent. 44 per cent carry the main burden, but I believe it is less than 40 per cent of our churches which show any real strength or by another standard have over 100 members.

As strongly as I can I affirm the underdeveloped local congregation to be one of the most significant problems we have. In the State with the largest membership, we have this tremendous problem. Here we have a small congregation trying to perform a multiplicity of tasks, spreading itself thinly, with inadequate finance for a basic programme. Often lacking leadership. A membership about 100 or less. Certainly for the future we need a base membership expectancy of at least 200.

Our actions reveal that we have been trying to ignore this fact, to escape the primary responsibility of a local congregation. What is the primary responsibility of a local congregation? Surely the answer is obvious. We have witnessed the continued nursing in our midst of institutional structures. They are ever needing more resources. True our work beyond the local congregation is an expression of the total mission of the church, but there seems no end.

One day the chicken we have been hatching may emerge and consume us all. This brotherhood, Australia wide, continues to promote institutional work with seemingly little rationale or planning.

Mr. Smith is Director of Home Missions and Evangelism of Vic. and Tas. This is part of an address given to the Centenary Conference, 1965.

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I travelled too widely last year not to see the needs of men, but if the local congregation is to be our basic structure for mission, and I believe it will be for many years to come, do not let us neglect to pour the foundations better than we have been.

### Ministry.

What days we are living through! We feel the increasing complexities of our task, the specialisation we need. We have left behind dogma of the past, we face a fair amount of theological diffusion. The ministry has passed through great periods of self-criticism and theological change before — the controversies of the 19th century, the fashions peculiar to the decades of this century. In some ways there are similarities, but in a real sense I believe we do face experiences unknown before.

We all face a rapidly changing ecumenical situation — a Uniting Church. I well recall, as a younger man in South Australian Conference, hearing an address on the Uniting Church and related issues. As a younger man I looked to my seniors for an answer as to what will happen to us in this new situation.

I sense a restiveness in our ranks. I recall talking to theological students in the U.S.A. and sensing a restlessness which surprised me. In reflection, I could say then — thank goodness we do not have this at home, but I see now, what I did not see then. There is a concern among us about the local congregation, its role in mission and its ability to fulfil that mission — a concern about the possible need for changing structures. And in a changing world the like of which we know, small wonder.

I do not presume to speak to my older brethren, and perhaps I presume too much to speak to my own generation, but let us temper experiment, concern or disappointment with patience and inextinguishable joy. There is not one of us, pastor, teacher, Department leader, who does not feel the winds of change in his face — we have a great treasure, a heritage in our hands at the moment — our churches, our people. Our steadiness, our convictions, will set the course as we move into the future.

### The Future

#### Australian Brotherhood.

Historically the States have competed politically and economically, revealing all sorts of complexes toward each other. Religious life reflects this also. Our own brotherhood manifests wide diversity. Relationships are not always easy. The future calls for great statesmanship.



### The Ecumenical Situation.

The tide of denominational co-operation and union is running deeply in our midst. I see ourselves in the "Wilderness" not unlike Israel of old. But ours is also a pilgrimage of faith. There are two exciting frontier ventures in our midst.

At Hazelwood, Anglicans, Methodists, Presbyterians, and the Churches of Christ are jointly planning a new church which is unique in Australia. Scoresby Road is a new area, where folk from other churches link with us in the local congregation's task, whilst retaining their own identity with their own group if they choose. They are Christians in fellowship.

### The Local Congregation.

Recent thought has examined the congregation's role in mission. New structures must be encouraged to reach areas of life untouched by the residential congregation. But the local congregation will continue to be the basis for mission. We must use the means at hand to renew our congregational life. Beyond methods, we need motivation. We settle comfortably and forget the loss of man outside of Christ. Money will be well spent on experiment and specialised leadership.

Many deplore slow numerical growth. We may well face more losses and frustrations and feel the darkness of our mission about us. The ministry evidences concern for changing patterns in theology, church structure and church union. There are few who do not feel the winds of change.

Great challenges face us, but in Christ we have the guarantee that however long the struggle the victory is sure.

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## VICTORY IN LIFE MEETINGS

(Kalgoorlie, W.A.). A week of special meetings was conducted by Conf. Pres., George Smith, with song leader J. Stewart, in the Kalgoorlie church from May 30-June 6.

The mission with a difference proved what it claimed, with a new slant of appeal. The new man in Christ was given a Bible guide to face his moral responsibilities. The practicable implications of the Gospel's standards were presented to face life today.

Efforts to reach post-war migrants were highlighted on the first Sunday, using Mr. Smith's recent chaplaincy experience. The crippling effect of alcohol was openly exposed. The road toll of broken lives, the prison of selfishness, the problem of escapism were disclosed. Teenagers entangled with conflicting loyalties were given solid guidance from Christ's teaching. A home-centred service reminded all of God-given responsibilities. The dynamic of God's power to give us the victory in life was positively presented.

Brotherhood projects and development were highlighted through slides, night by night. Statistics never reveal the depth of the Spirit's work, but there was an average attendance of 81 and 5 decisions were recorded. The local radio and press coverage was excellent.

## "FAIRHAVEN" MARYBOROUGH

(Qld.). Continuing the policy of providing Homes in Country Areas to enable our Aged friends to be cared for, close to friends and loved ones, the Queensland Social Service Committee are commencing a project at Maryborough, costing £90,000. Plans for the first phase, costing approximately £30,000, have been completed by our architect, D. Cranston, and tenders will be called when approved by the Maryborough Council.

The ground on which the Home is being erected was donated by a Maryborough family. The Federal Government are providing a subsidy of £2 to £1 towards the capital cost, and the

State Government will completely furnish the Home free.

The property overlooks the Mary River, is three miles from the centre of Maryborough, and five minutes' walk from the Baddow church. The name of the Home, "Fairhaven," was selected by popular vote of Maryborough members.

When the overall project is completed accommodation will be provided for 70 elderly members, some of whom will be given round the clock supervision by trained staff. To meet the costs, opportunity is given to friends to provide memorials to loved ones by endowment or special gifts.

## "THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN" 50 YEARS AGO 1915

and enemies of his church! Come on, you bull-necked, beetle-browed hog-jowled, peanut-brained, weazel-eyed fourflushers, false alarms, and excess baggage! In the name of Almighty God I challenge and defy you! I'm here for the next nine weeks. Come on, and I'll deliver the goods, express prepaid! It would be a great mistake to judge this notable evangelist merely by his vulgarity. The apparent fact is that he is a mighty power for righteousness. **The Drought Breaks.** Over all the States of the Commonwealth the rain has fallen, and just when most wanted it. If this rain is followed by seasonable weather, it may mean many millions of money. Indeed, it is not rain, but gold, that has fallen on our farms. **Here and There.** A Vic. church guaranteed the sum necessary to enable a student to graduate in medicine with a view to service as a medical missionary. . . . Over a period of ten weeks there were 51 confessions of faith at Geelong, Vic.

## BIBLE COLLEGE - N.S.W. HONORS LIST - FIRST TERM, 1965

New Testament: B. Hill, K. Farmer, E. Holt, D. C. Nutt, Miss J. Smith, G. J. Warne, R. B. Whan. Fourteen others passed.

Advanced New Testament: Four passed. Christian Doctrine: Miss P. Coulton, R. Craig, F. Elliott, A. Gordon, B. Hill, Z. Meilens, D. C. Nutt, G. T. Warne. Six others passed.

Old Testament: Miss P. Coulton, R. Kallmier, R. B. Whan, K. Farmer. Thirteen others passed.

Church History II.: R. Craig, F. Elliott, D. C. Nutt, G. J. Warne. Five others passed.

Church History III.: Miss P. Coulton, R. Craig, F. Elliott, D. C. Nutt, Miss G. T. Warne. Seven others passed.

Ancient History: R. Kallmier, R. Taylor. Advanced English: K. Farmer. Seven others passed.

Biblical Theology: F. Elliott, D. C. Nutt, G. J. Warne. Seven others passed.

Homiletics I.: E. Holt, R. Kallmier, R. Taylor. Five others passed.

Homiletics II.: J. R. Bacik, K. Farmer. Five others passed.

Homiletics III.: R. Brown, D. C. Nutt. Five others passed.

Comparative Religion: J. R. Bacik, Miss P. Coulton, R. A. Kallmier, R. B.

Whan, K. Farmer. Eleven others passed. Christian Education: R. A. Kallmier, A. D. Sander, R. B. Whan, K. Farmer. Eleven others passed.

Christian Education II.: R. Craig, A. Gordon, D. C. Nutt, G. J. Warne. Four others passed.

Psychology: K. Farmer. Five others passed.

Research Essays: Miss P. Coulton, R. Craig, F. A. Elliott, A. Gordon, Miss D. Holstein, Z. Meilens.

### COLLEGE NOTES.

Students maintained a high standard of work during the first term. Some are also studying at the University of Sydney, others are preparing for the London B.D. Course, still others are studying a Tropical Medicine Course at Sydney University.

The College tennis team has gained second place in Inter-College matches. The football team is enjoying a run of success this year.

The College Magazine is being prepared for publication. We look to College friends to support the sale of this publication.

Reports of students' work in the churches is very encouraging.

—A. W. Stephenson, Principal.

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## 21st BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

# W.A.'s Radio Sunday School

One of the most popular Radio innovations of Churches of Christ over many years was the commencement of Radio Sunday School, which first went on the air over Stations 6PM-AM on July 9, 1944. On July 11, this year, Radio Sunday School celebrates its 21st Birthday. It has maintained great popularity throughout its history.

The first "Uncle" and "Aunty" were Uncle Mac (A. A. McRoberts) minister of the Maylands Church of Christ, W.A., and Auntie Ruth (Mrs. Digwood), also of Maylands. By the end of the first year there were 525 registered members, and a large listening public. At the end of the first ten years it had 3,433 members, was issuing 241 lesson books quarterly and 500 children's magazines.

Early in its history, Radio Sunday School conducted its own seaside camps for country members, which were held at Waterman's Bay.

After ten years of service, Uncle Mac relinquished the task, which was eventually taken up for seven years by L. G. Cook (Uncle Lloyd), and over the past three years by Geo. Smith (Uncle George).

Today it has a birthday list of 1,300 members, scattered as far north as Geraldton, east to Mukinbudin, and south to Bridgetown. The listening audience, however, possibly totals many thousands.

The session is designed to bring Sunday School into the homes of country and city children, but it has maintained a strong popularity with adults, especially the older generation.

The session is conducted from 8.15 to

8.45 a.m. each Sunday, and consists of a session for juniors, and for intermediates, together with birthday calls and news time, interspersed by favorite hymns, where possible sung by local choirs, or children's groups. Occasionally, visiting missionaries, or special guest speakers, are invited to bring a message.

Successors to the task of "Aunty" have been many. Currently, Mrs. Peter Maiden (Aunty Margaret), of Scarborough, is fulfilling this task admirably.

Although this session is conducted by Churches of Christ, it has a wide acceptance amongst Christians of all denominations in its ministry. The Radio and Television Committee, under whose auspices the session is conducted, is appreciative of the many letters of thanks and gratitude which have come in during recent weeks preceding the 21st Birthday Celebrations.

The session is maintained by the contributions of members of the church, together with donations sent in by listeners. The approximate cost of running the session each year is in the vicinity of £500.

Attempts will be made to widen the ministry of Radio Sunday School by extensive letter writing in helping the spiritual growth of young and old, and in answering the problems of the people. This ministry will entail the part-time employment of a typist, and any additional contributions from interested friends would be gratefully received. Mailing address for letters or gifts is, either care of the Christian Centre, 142 Beaufort-st., Perth, W.A., or Radio Sunday School, Box S1567, G.P.O., Perth.

## FIELD OFFICER AT LAUNCESTON

(Tas.). The church at Margaret-st., Launceston, appreciated the one week visit of Kevin J. Harvey, of the Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism, to deepen the faith of the members and stimulate interest in the Year of Evangelism programme.

Features were: Youth Rally for the youth of the three Launceston churches. This showed that Mr. Harvey understood the problems of youth in relation to prayer and did much to overcome their difficulties. Men's Prayer Breakfast. At 8 a.m. on a cold Launceston Sunday morning, 52 men sat down to a hot breakfast prepared by some of the ladies. Later the men moved to the Chapel for a "Spiritual Check-up" by Mr. Harvey. A questionnaire was distributed and in recording their responses to questions on prayer, they discovered that their difficulties were shared by others. Hostess Meetings. Four were held in different homes to consider mutual concern and faith problems, to stimulate interest in prayer and evangelism, and to give practical suggestions for spiritual growth. Another meeting was held in Invermay chapel. Sixty ladies were contacted in the five groups. Mr. Harvey gave inspiring leadership in every case. Prayer Sessions. From 5.30 to 6 p.m. every evening, the Margaret-st. chapel was open and Mr. Harvey, and the minister, C. J. Robinson, were present for every session. Difficulties in prayer life were again discussed.

In addition to these activities, Mr. Harvey preached at Margaret-st. and Invermay and met the members of the two Boards and the Committee for the Year of Evangelism.

The Dept. is to be congratulated in placing men in the field who can be of such vital help to the average church member.—J. H. Harrison.

## First Impressions — New Guinea

BY Sister N. MOBBS

But above all the Word of God says that "the gospel is the power of God unto salvation," and the proof is here,

As I compare the scenes that are before me here, with those with which I have been so familiar at home, it almost seems that I am part of a different world — and yet what God says in his Word tells me that it is not.

As I walked through the Tung village with Aileen Draney, one of the men approached her, asking if she would purchase for him a pressure lantern as he had saved the money with which to buy it. This has been one of so many similar requests that almost every household now has one. Yet how many of these people have as great a desire for the Light shed by Christ as they have for this light of civilisation?

On two occasions I have attended the women's meetings here and have realised how disheartening this aspect of the work can be. True, the attendance is quite good, and yet there are more interested in making, in the sewing class, the clothes for their bodies, than being clothed with the righteousness of Christ.

No, it is not a different world, for Jesus' words concerning the way leading to destruction being broad, and the gate to life being narrow, are true here.

## Settling into a New Country BY BETTY RYALL

Now we know what a migrant feels like arriving in a new land! So many new impressions press in upon and around you — new faces, new sights and smells, new money currency and languages, new customs and new food.

It is my important job to keep my family in good health. This isn't easy in a land where there is so much sickness. In most places drinking water must be boiled, fruit soaked in pot. permang., and care taken in the preparation of food. I don't look forward to "bargaining" with the "wallers" who call at the door selling their wares. They enjoy bargaining. There is no comparison between Australian shopping centres and the bazaar streets here. One could hardly call them clean! Then there is

right before our eyes. It has been a tremendous thrill to meet these young Christians here and to see and hear of evidence of the Holy Spirit working within their lives.

New Guinea is certainly part of that world to which God sent his only Son, and yet there are many more here to whom this good news has not been taken.

the different variety of foods. New currency and different weights and measures don't make shopping any easier.

Language is a big hurdle. We couldn't understand what was said in the Sunday communion service at Dhond, even though we could follow the order of the service. So the need to learn Marathi is urgent. For the present, our "silent witness" is important — especially when even our manner of dressing leaves an impression on the people, for their customs are so different from ours.

These circumstances don't discourage us; rather they present a challenge. We have come to this land to share the "Good News" of God's love which is able to make "new creatures" in Christ.



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### STH. EASTERN DISTRICT WOMEN

(Mt. Gambier, S.A.). The 5th Annual South Eastern District Women's Conference was held at Mt. Gambier, with 53 present, some from as far as Keith and Bordertown. The guest speaker, Dr. Beryl Bowering, of Adelaide, was unable to complete her journey owing to car trouble, but the speaker's time was taken up in group discussions of three questions submitted by the ladies. This proved very helpful. Combined Mt. Gambier churches' ladies' choir rendered two items, and solos were presented by Mrs. Dinning, of Naracoorte, and Mrs. Verco, of Bordertown. Morning devotions were led by the President, Mrs. Stevens, of Naracoorte. Mrs. Buckley, of Bordertown, led the afternoon devotions.

The "direct giving" project for 1964 realised £206 towards equipment for the Ndui Ndui Hospital. It was decided that our 1965 project would be towards a new motor vehicle for India.

Mrs. Verco, of Bordertown, is the incoming President, and other Officers elected were: Pres.-elect, Mrs. Brown; vice-pres., Mrs. Gerecke; sec., Mrs. Fisher; asst. sec., Mrs. Thomas; treas., Mrs. Dinning.—E. Mason, sec.

### JOINT BIBLE MEETING

(Strathalbyn, S.A.). On June 6, the church combined for a B. & F. B. S. meeting in the Presbyterian church, with D. Williams as speaker. He also addressed a fellowship tea . . . The Women's Auxiliary held its annual meeting. Speakers have been E. P. Verco, K. Turvey, W. Bowey and an A.B.I. student . . . M. A. K. Crosby was guest speaker at the Circuit Men's Fellowship on June 10 . . . Sympathy is extended to the McMurtrie and Dinning families in their bereavements.

### PROJECT 65

(Kadina, S.A.). Project 65, to culminate at the 65th anniversary of the church, has a target of £650. The total now stands at £450 . . . The church participated in week of prayer for Christian Union and attended combined service of Kadina churches . . . A. R. Jones, Social Service Director, was speaker on May 23 . . . Ladies' Guild celebrated birthday and anniversary on May 30. Guest speakers were Mrs. Greenshields and Mrs. Parkinson. . . . Book display was a feature of Christian Literature Week . . . The church is saddened by the death of Mrs. Cornelious.

### SEATING PROJECT SAVES £450

(Cheltenham, S.A.). Men of the church, under skilled tradesmen of our membership, have almost completed making the pews for our new chapel for £300 (factory price is £750). The new chapel opening is planned for August 8 . . . 20 of our members are engaged in visitation (commitment, friendship and lapsed members) . . . Five of our young men and women shared in recent preaching and others assisted with choral items. . . . Lance Austin continues to minister to Queenstown-Cheltenham circuit effectively.

### NINE IN FELLOWSHIP

(Nailsworth, S.A.). The anniversary and Temple Day were celebrated on June 6, when the church was thrilled to receive nine people into fellowship. This year's Temple Day offering is to provide seating for the new school at Maewo, New Hebrides . . . Women's Fellowship had highly successful programme with a Journey Through the Holy Land.

### EYRE PENINSULA CONFERENCE

(Whyalla, S.A.). The conference was held over Queen's Birthday weekend with delegations from Wudinna, Pt. Lincoln, Tumby Bay, Ungarra, Mt. Hill and Adelaide. M. Coombs, Direc. of Christian Television Assoc., was guest speaker. There was a tour of the new steel site on the Monday . . . The young people

are raising money at working bees and car washing for organ fund . . . C.W.F. ladies are clothing an Aboriginal girl. . . . Sympathy of church is extended to the Tregloan family in the death of W. Tregloan's father at Newcastle, N.S.W.

### WELCOMED AT LAST

(Goolwa, S.A.). Mr. and Mrs. Ross Graham were warmly welcomed at the communion service on June 13. They had planned to have a part in the opening services of our new church building in Oct., 1964. Because of serious illness of Mr. Graham, the opportunity to meet with us was delayed for nine months . . . Also, on June 13, the minister, R. W. Saunders, dedicated the superintendent and teachers of the B.S.

### £750 FOR TEMPLE DAY

(Prospect, S.A.). Reg. Bradshaw, a previous elder, now at Lane Cove, N.S.W., presided at the Temple Day communion service on June 20. The Churches of Christ Choral Assoc. gave items at the F.S.A. The deaconesses arranged a fellowship tea. The offering aim was £750 and it is expected to be reached . . . A fellowship social on June 12 was organised by Year of Concern Committee.

**VICTOR HARBOUR.** All organisations reported great progress at the annual meeting . . . Dr. Salter, of Hillcrest Hospital, addressed a men's fellowship tea, which included 30 men from other churches in Victor Harbour.

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## N.S.W. NEWS

### SYDNEY CITY MISSION — ANNUAL RALLY

(Sydney). Churches of Christ in N.S.W. have always shown keen interest in the work of the Sydney City Mission. The Annual Rally of the Mission was held on June 17, guest speakers being the Dean of Sydney, Bishop F. Hulme-Moir, and Sir Kenneth Coles. The President of the Mission Council, H. Swanton, presided over the gathering, and the 103rd Annual Report was presented by the Superintendent, Rev. F. Reeve.

The Sydney City Mission is undenominational and works in 13 sectors of the city, in addition to an Open-Air Mission and a Youth Dept.

Other important features of the work includes the City Night Refuge, and "Missionholme," a £170,000 Home for Aged persons at Redfern.

### HORNSBY ADDITIONS

(N.S.W.). At the Brigades' monthly parade there were four decisions . . . The Conf. Pres., C. E. Bowser, addressed the church on June 20. That night there was a baptismal service conducted by Ron Bartholomew, with Mr. Fennell preaching the gospel.

### NEW OVERSEAS CHAIRMAN

(Sydney). After many years as Chairman of N.S.W. Overseas Mission Committee, C. R. M. Graham, of Chatswood, has decided to retire from the position. It is with regret that the Committee makes this announcement, as he has been outstanding in his service to missionary work, and this has been much appreciated. C. G. Taylor is the new Chairman of this Committee.

### BROADCASTS IN N.S.W.

For the benefit of any who are able to receive Station 2CH Sydney, Churches of Christ Broadcasts are listed, as follows:  
Daily Devotional Sessions, at 8.45 am. (E.S.T.).

Wed., July 7 — R. Baxter, Narrabeena.  
Mon., July 19 — H. Davies, Auburn.  
Fri., July 30 — R. Elbourne, Lane Cove.  
Church Services:  
Sun., July 11, 7.15 p.m. (E.S.T.).  
Belmore Church of Christ.  
Preacher: R. B. Ewers.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The Management Committee of the new church being formed at North Turramurra, N.S.W., would be pleased to receive the names of people living in the Sydney North Shore area who might appreciate receiving an invitation to attend services at the new church. In particular, the Committee desires to contact members of our churches who have moved, or who are contemplating moving, to this area of Sydney where our brotherhood is not strongly represented. Please communicate with:

Mr. H. E. Hayward, 54 Warragul-rd., Turramurra, N.S.W.

## QUEENSLAND

### YOUTH HALL OPENS AT REDCLIFFE

(Qld.). One hundred and thirty attended the opening of the new Youth Hall for the Church of Christ at Arthur St., Woody Point, Redcliffe. Mr. Plint presented the building report and referred to donations of money and materials by members and friends. The hall, costing about £500, was opened free of debt. It is brightly painted, with fluorescent lighting, has theatre-type chairs, folding tables, and kindergarten tables and chairs as part of the equipment. The kitchen has a stainless steel sink and built-in cupboards with panelyte tops. A refrigerator and an electric stove have been donated.

Roy Acland, Past Pres. of Conf., presided, and the Open Air Campaigners later provided a programme of music and song. Speakers included L. G. Read, second Vice-Pres. of Conf., Mrs. Ruby Haigh, Pres. Women's Conf., Rob. Holt, representing the Youth Dept., E. Neumann, of the Build. and Adv. Com., and Don Risson, Pres. S.Q.C.C.

John Christensen, of Rosevale, delivered the dedicatory address and officially opened the hall. R. Frost gave the dedicatory prayer. Mrs. Plint, S.S. Supt., expressed thanks to all. Bruce Roberts is minister.

### YOUTH STUDY

(Hurstville, N.S.W.). 12 young people went to Camp Greenhalm for Bible Study weekend on subject of "The Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ" . . . Mrs. Faith Turner, from radio station H.C.J.B., South America, spoke at our "guest night" . . . The Bible School held a Family Night on June 5 to honor Mrs. Toomey, who was a teacher in the B.S. and later Kinder. supt.

### BUILDINGS PROGRESSING

(Auburn, N.S.W.). The new church buildings are keeping up to schedule while the church uses temporary accommodation . . . On Youth Sunday, R. Menteith, R. McFadyen and L. Kallmier shared in gospel service . . . Sgt. F. Kitto, of the Vice Squad, and a member of the Police Christian Fellowship Assoc., spoke to the C.W.F. . . . E. Oswald and W. McFadyen have been elected elders . . . The B.S. held a pet and goll show, to aid new building.

### 17 YEARS' FAITHFUL SERVICE

(N.S.W.). Ken Hunter, of Mosman, has found it necessary to retire as treasurer of the Property Trust of the New South Wales Conference, after a term of 17 years. Expressions of appreciation of Mr. Hunter's valued service to the brotherhood have come spontaneously from many quarters.

### KINGSFORD ADDITIONS

(N.S.W.). Three young ladies confessed their faith on June 6 . . . The church congratulates Judith Brown, Beverley Condon, Jeanette Doust and Lynette Overton on their success in passing the N.S.W. State Nursing Finals.

### SHUT-IN SUNDAY

(Redcliffe, Qld.). June 6 was "shut-in" Sunday at Redcliffe, and Burdeu House was visited by the church. Mr. Frost conducted the communion service. Later an instrumental and vocal programme was given. The Women's Fellowship handed gifts to each guest . . . A man and wife and two children declared their faith on June 20 . . . The Kindergarten and Primary Depts. are meeting in the new church hall . . . Mr. Plint and Mr. Frost have donated Elim chorus books.

### MINISTER IN RESIDENCE

(Albion, Qld.). The minister, Dr. Jauncey, and family, have taken up residence in the new Principal's residence at the Kenmore Christian College, and the student minister, E. Watson, and family, have moved into the church manse next to the chapel . . . "Afterglow" being held after evening service to encourage increased fellowship among young people . . . Dr. Jauncey has been in a week's successful mission at Wollongong, N.S.W., and a special weekend convention for the Gympie church . . . Church is sharing in a district United Evangelistic Tent Mission . . . E. J. Simmonds is local agent for newly launched Brotherhood Advancement Fund, to which about 50 are already contributing to enable the Restoration Movement to be presented more effectively throughout Queensland.

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# A FRESH LOOK AT EVANGELISM

BY A. McK. SURTEES

(Director, Home Missions Committee Churches of Christ in Queensland).

Few words seem to be more open to abuse than the word "evangelism." We talk about it glibly. The word is applied to all kinds of activities. We refer to a "growing spirit of evangelism" and it sounds good!

But what is evangelism, really?

The words from the New Testament giving us the basis for this expression carry only one thought: the good news of the gospel and the telling of that good news through the spoken word.

So when we talk about an "evangelistic" church we ought to mean a church that is actively spreading the gospel by word-of-mouth contact with people. Yet I'm not at all sure that is exactly what we do mean. So often, I think it would be truer to say that a church is "gospel-minded" than to say that it is "gospel-spreading." In other words, evangelism is not an attitude, but an action!

Let's ask ourselves the question: What is my church actually doing in the way of evangelism?

At first, we might be tempted to consider all kinds of activities as qualifying under this heading. For example, we have perhaps a men's society which seeks to reach out and to bring "men from outside" within the influence of the church. Maybe we conduct some kind of social programme — bowls seem to be a popular choice — and as a result we are able to gain the presence and interest of quite a number of non-members.

So we say that our society is "evangelistic." But is it? What really do we do to bring the actual message of the gospel to those we have managed to interest? Some brief "devotional" now and again? But how "evangelistic" is that devotional?

At the annual Preachers' Camp conducted at the end of April for the preachers of our Queensland churches, a session on evangelism was presented

by the visiting Director of Evangelism in Queensland of the Baptist Union (Mr. Reg. Jarrett). Among other penetrating statements, he said he thought we ought to distinguish between being "evangelical" and "evangelistic." The first, he said, represented "the truth — on ice"; the second, "the truth — on fire!" Think about it for a moment.

He also stated that he had undertaken some recent research for a paper on evangelism. This had involved a close and detailed study of the Book of Acts. His conclusion? The church in the present day could hardly be less like the church of the New Testament in the matter of evangelism!

This is a startling indictment. Yet I can't escape its truth. Having myself come from a fresh look at the Book of Acts, with our churches in mind, I'm forced to agree.

Let's get back to our assessment of our church programme. In how many ways and to what extent is my church telling the people the good news of the gospel?

When it comes to actual activities, let's ask to what extent is each particular activity designed to bring the gospel message directly to those it touches? This men's society, for example — how long could a stranger attend without being aware of the claims of Christ upon his life, and understanding the way of salvation? I venture to suggest that in many an "evangelistic" church a man might be a regular visitor to such a society for up to five years and still be largely ignorant of the gospel!

Don't misunderstand me. I know very well that we need to cultivate people. We need to reach out and capture the interest of the man in the street. But isn't it true that most times we just never get beyond the cultivation stage? Is it not a fact that much which passes for evangelism in our church programming is really no more than cultivation? Oh, it's true we have the need of the unsaved in our minds. We are even honestly concerned about them. But we go on being "gospel-minded" without quite getting to be "gospel-spreaders."

Let's try one more test. Turn to the Book of Acts and search it thoroughly. Then take a piece of paper (a small piece will do!) and list on it every kind of evangelism you can find in that Book which is still to be found in your local church today. The result could be most surprising.

Whether we like it or not, the fact remains that sects like the Mormons, and the Jehovah's Witnesses, are far closer to the evangelistic pattern of the Book of Acts (practically, of course, not doctrinally) than we are!

So perhaps we might take a fresh look at this matter of evangelism. We might question our claim to be seeking a restoration of the New Testament pattern of the church and actually get down to the practical demands of getting the gospel to people — more and more people by more and more means.

Until we do, we shall continue to remain in the static position which our membership figures from decade to decade show. When we do, we shall see some astonishing things happening.

And above all, don't let us make the mistake of thinking that this is a challenge to the other fellow. It is a challenge for every one of us — whether we be preacher, elder, deacon, auxiliary leader, Bible School teacher, or simply a church member.

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# Among Boys, Teenagers, Young Men

By Mrs. DOREEN FROST, N.S.W.

As you, my readers, consider the heading of this article, you are no doubt remembering some personal experience with these young folk, especially in their day and age. We are not able to sidestep the issue, for every day the press has something to print; are they a problem to our community, or are they making an effort to find an adjustment in society?

What are we doing as a brotherhood about these boys, teenagers, and young men? Is our attitude one of criticism, or are we endeavoring to help in this "growing up period" in the lives of these young folk?

Some 30 years ago, the Conference in N.S.W. were concerned about the neglect of young children by parents and guardians, and so a committee was formed to find a suitable home for young boys, and a boys' Home was established, first at Tempe, then Dundas, and finally at "Dunmore," Pendle Hill.

The oversight of this work has been in the hands of a Boys' Home Committee. Over the years this work has developed, with many problems which have seemed insurmountable at times; but with God's help and some wonderful women who undertook their care as Matrons, these confused and unwanted lads have received love and understanding.

There has been one great problem. When the lads were ready to face the world, schooling finished, the question was — Where do they go from here? What was their future? This was a burden on our hearts for years; they

(Mrs. Frost is the Supervisor of the Young Men's Hostel, Marrickville, N.S.W.)

couldn't remain at Dunmore, and it was difficult to find Christian folk able to take these lads into their homes, and as time went by the situation became desperate.

So in 1962 we decided on a forward move. A Young Men's Hostel was our aim; but through the wonderful leading of God, a place was offered and the Committee accepted the challenge with much faith and very little finance.

Now here we are in 1965 with eleven young men. Some come in need of a home, and we endeavor to make a real home in every sense of the word, lads from all walks of life, students, apprentices, and the lad ready to do his best at whatever employment he has.

You may ask, is this work difficult? In one sense of the word, yes. Have you had nine teenagers in your home with transistors, radios, tape-recorders? It becomes quite a racket! Do we have problem boys? Yes, we have had. Some we have been able to have the joy of seeing develop into Christian young men taking their place in the work of the church.

It is a thrill when these young men come to us with their problems, their joys, and the events of their day at work. It is at these times we feel that an achievement has been made as we try to take the place of mother in their lives.

It is with a humble heart that I thank God for having chosen me to this service for him, and I pray that many young men will thank God for the Churches of Christ Young Men's Hostel. So we look forward to a future full of promise in fulfilment.

# QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

Our new minister has changed our order of service. It suited us all right the way it was. Do ministers have the right to change things around?

You don't say how much of the service was changed. Your question suggests that you are considerably upset, so I guess that the order of service was also considerably upset.

I always counsel student ministers not to make changes too soon or too drastically, if changes are needed. Any change that is made is surely designed to improve the atmosphere of worship. It certainly does not aid worship if half the congregation is irritated by, what seems to them, unnecessary changes.

Now it is possible that some changes are desirable. The order of service used in many of our churches was established over a hundred years ago and handed on to us as though there was something official about it.

There just isn't any scriptural command governing orders of service. Paul tells us that we should do things decently and in order, but whether we have 3, 4 or 5 hymns, whether the offering comes early or late, whether we have one or two Bible readings, and if we have two, whether or not they come together, whether the office of president is given to the minister only, restricted to the elders, or open to anyone — these and a host of other matters are not laid down by any authority.

When the service in its present form was introduced, it no doubt seemed right and proper to those concerned, but that in itself is no good reason why it should remain unaltered. Indeed, there is no strong argument for any fixed, unalterable order in which we express the various essential elements of worship.

The objective in a worship service is to offer ourselves to God in response to his coming to us. That is, to make God real and relevant. If our services are not doing this, then a change in the order of service may help. But if the leaders are uncommitted or incompetent, and if the would-be worshippers are flat and unresponsive, it is not the order of service that needs changing, it's the people!

It may help if your church appoints a worship committee to assist your minister, first to study the meaning of worship, then to make it as meaningful and significant as possible for all who come to God's house.

Almost certainly you will find that no one static order of service will ever satisfy your needs again. But, whatever you do, do in love and concern for all.

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SPOTLIGHT ON W.A. . . .

# WESTERN ROUND-UP

## Girls' Tea

With an eye to the future the Women's Auxiliary invited all girls of our churches, 17 years of age and over, and young married women to the age of 25, to a tea in the Christian Centre dining room. The motive was to acquaint the guests with the work of the Women's Auxiliary. This is wise planning for the leadership of the future. The Women's President, Mrs. J. Pallot, has set as a motto for the year, "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed," and this was made the theme of the approach to the young women.

## Baptist Youth Group Visits Christian Centre

A Baptist young people's group was conducted over the Christian Centre, Perth, on May 23. The tour of inspection covered the main auditorium, dining halls and smaller halls, the various offices, the public address and tape-recording studios, the bookshop, and the City Church Sanctuary, which, though part of the Christian Centre property, is under the control of the City Church, not the brotherhood. A special feature was the explanation by the Centre superintendent (W. Calladine) of the worship patterns of Churches of Christ. A display of books in the foyer which had been set up in association with the Bookshop for Literature Week attracted considerable interest.

## Outreach

There's an urge in our brotherhood for expansion. It is pushing out the walls. A small group meeting in the Dianella State School is now a constituted church, and is making plans for a big building programme. Four adjoining blocks of land were donated, and an architect is to be engaged to draw up a master plan. The site is opposite the Dianella School, and in the centre of a new housing area.

Fremantle church is sponsoring an expansion into Hamilton Hill, a Fremantle suburb. Land has been pur-

chased just behind a large new shopping area. Over 70 scholars are transported each Sunday from this area to Fremantle Sunday School, and a nucleus of church members live there. Mr. Rees, Fremantle minister, has visions of a large new cause being set up here.

Nollamara, with a Church School that crowds out its building, is seeking permission to commence Bible School in the new Balga Primary School, two miles from Nollamara church building.

Several churches have held or will hold, in the near future, short-term evangelistic efforts. They are not all called "Missions," and they do not all follow a similar pattern, but all are sincere efforts to reach the many so near who need the gospel.

## Outreach and Development Fund

Some time ago churches pledged themselves to specific contributions over a period of two years towards a fund for outreach and development. From April, 1964, to May 20, 1965, £4,949 has been received from this source, £3,700 of which has been used for Christian Centre debt reduction, and £500 for land purchase. In addition, churches have contributed £3,159 to the Christian Centre Fund, £5,101 to Infirmary and Guest Homes, £149 to Camp sites and £158 to land purchase.

## Circular Chapel

The Swan Cottage Homes Inc. has built a "retirement village" for Aged People at Bentley, a Perth suburb. New contracts have been let amounting to £182,776, to complete the Homes and will include a circular chapel. There will be no altar, and no formal services will be held in the chapel. It is intended for meditation and for discussion of religious matters with ministers of the respective churches. In addition to the chapel the contractors will build 78 more living units for the aged, and a residence, with therapy clinic attached, for a nursing sister.—J. K. Robinson.

## MEN AT BREAKFAST

(Nth. Essendon - Milleara, Vic.). Thirty men met for breakfast on June 6 to hear the minister, N. S. Moore, present a "Man to Man" plan for action . . . 200 attended church on June 20, when the Primary Dept. of the B.S., and many parents, shared in worship. The children formed a delightful choir. Mrs. Vickers is supt. . . Mrs. Ashley, of Red Cross, was the speaker at the C.W.A.F.

birthday; 80 ladies attended. £35 was raised by a street stall . . . John Lowrey, of the College of the Bible, was guest speaker at C.W.E.F. The ladies sent a good supply of groceries to the College.

## MISSION DEFERRED

(Maryborough Circuit, Qld.). Plans for a two weeks' mission with a lead-in programme for Baddow have been deferred until November . . . There has been a decision and a reconsecration.

## National Diary

### NEW SOUTH WALES

- JULY—
- 10 —Pondle Hill, N.S.W. — Youth Rally.
- 17 —Pre-Crusade '65 Barbecue — Lane Cove, National Park, N.S.W.
- 18 —State Scripture Examination.
- 24-26—State Home Mission Directors' Conference, Sydney, N.S.W. Directors from all States in Sydney.
- 24-28—Federal Board of Christian Education Annual Conference, Gilbulla, N.S.W.
- 28 —Ministers' Fraternal Visit to Wollongong.

### VICTORIA

- JULY—
- 1-10 —Explorer Indoor Sports (Zone Finals).
- 9-10 —Cool Companions' Leaders' Camp — Monbulk.
- 10 —Youth United — D.C.E.
- 11 —Aborigines Mission Department — National Aborigines Day.
- 17 —Explorer Regional Sports (Midgata).
- 18 —Girls' Sunday — D.C.E.
- 23 —C.Y.F. Creative Arts Night.
- 23 —Social Service Women's Committee Luncheon — Lower Town Hall, 12.30 p.m.
- 31 —Explorer Indoor Sports Final.

## MOVEMENTS

### V. G. BOETTCHER RESIGNATION

(Rockhampton and Nth. R'kham, Qld.). The minister's resignation, to take effect from Oct. 31, 1965, has been received with deep regret. Mr. Boettcher will then complete a three-year term. Appreciation is recorded of a faithful and successful ministry . . . "Rendezvous for Youth" had 22 delegates from Townsville, in north, to Ipswich, in south. 200 were present at Youtharama, when the film, "Face the Music," was screened on June 12 . . . The C.W.F. wished Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey "bon voyage" as they left for overseas . . . Recent visitors have included Mrs. Geizendanner, Women's Conf. Pres.; S. Chalmers, of Soc. Service; P. Woolford, Youth Director, and Athol Rosenberg, of Wycliffe Bible Translators . . . A street stall by C.W.F. realised £40 . . . Monthly communion services have been inaugurated at Moongan.

### TO CONTINUE

(Vic.). J. R. Welden, final year C.O.B. Student ministering at North Williamstown, Vic., has accepted the church's invitation to continue his ministry in a full-time capacity from the beginning of 1966.

### FOR DARETON

(Melb.). The Victorian - Tasmanian Department of Home Missions an Evangelism, and Dareton church, have announced the appointment of J. W. Lowrey, an exit student from the College of the Bible, to Dareton, N.S.W. Mildura church is sharing with the Department in assisting Dareton, and J. W. Lowrey will work in close association with A. F. Cant, minister at Mildura.

### J. W. LEWIS FOR MAYLANDS

(S.A.). On June 20, the minister, D. G. Hammer (who has accepted the position of Organising Secretary for the Aborigines Mission Board at end of this year, announced that J. W. Lewis, for the past seven years minister at Brooklyn Park, had accepted an invitation to commence a ministry at Maylands in February, 1966.

## WHAT EVERY WOMAN NEEDS

It is anticipated that every woman in Churches of Christ throughout Australia will want to purchase the Federal Women's Handbook, to be available in November, 1965. Although priced very moderately, the book will contain a two year's supply of studies, devotional material and services for special occasions, prepared by a representative group of women. There will be a variety of additional material, designed to be useful to all types of women's groups and to individual women. Orders should be placed with State C.W.F. Secretaries as soon as possible.

## WAYFARERS' BADGE

(Devonport, Tas.). Members of the Boys' Brigade tackled a long hike in order to gain the wayfarers' Badge . . . Les. Moore, Tas. Dist. Conf. President, addressed the church on June 13 . . . A married lady was recently baptized . . . Miss N. Drew, of Kashmir, India, led a missionary rally on June 20 . . . Sympathy of the church is offered to S. Bruton in the loss of his mother.

## FRATERNAL EXCHANGE

(Epping, N.S.W.). The Ministers' Fraternal arranged an exchange of pulpits. Rev. W. N. Rook spoke at the Church of Christ. Our minister, H. M. Long, preached at the Church of England . . . Bruce Armstrong, Dir. of Christian Educ., was guest lecturer at young people's house party . . . The 13th Northside Boys' Brigade held an official enrolment on June 6, preceded by a march through Epping. Max Gray, from Burwood, spoke . . . The C.M.S. held a picnic outing at Lane Cove National Park.

## GIFT FOR FIJI

The National Council of Churches of New Zealand has sent £300 to Fiji in response to an urgent appeal from Anglican leaders there for funds to aid victims of recent floods.—E.P.S.

## CRY FOR HELP

(N.S.W.). Wanted urgently, 60 sheets of Masonite to line Balladoran Aborigine Chapel. £2 will purchase a sheet. Here is an opportunity for a C.E. Society, Club, Fellowship, Bible School or church member to help the work amongst our dark people. It's necessary, for it is really cold at Balladoran. Please contact C. T. Garrett, 24 Forest Glen-eres, Belrose, New South Wales.

## YUYUYUYUYU

For all Churches of Christ Young People and their Friends (up from the country — in from the suburbs) . . .

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(Vic.). The Church of Christ known as the Patch, in the Dandenong Ranges, has just embarked upon an interesting adventure. "Eventide Cottages" are being erected in a splendid location close to the church, shopping and transport. The contract for the building of the first six units in The Patch Road, Kallista, has already been let to the firm of Lockwood, of Croydon, and will be ready for occupancy in December of this year.

A number of folk living in the area are elderly or retired, and are scattered from one another. Some are remote from the church and other facilities. Transport is often difficult.

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## BOYS' BRIGADE ENROLMENT

(Epping, N.S.W.). The Boys' Brigade "enrolment service" on June 6 attracted a very large congregation, with many visitors from neighbouring B.B. Companies . . . A church outing was held at Lane Cove National Park on June 14. The B.S. picnic was held at Lane Cove.

## EDWARDSTOWN TO OPEN HALL

(S.A.). July 11 has been set for the opening of the new hall. This will coincide with the 25th anniversary of the church. R. E. Pittman, Pres. of Conf., will conduct the opening ceremony, and M. A. Coombs, direc. of Christian Television Assoc., will give the address of dedication. The hall comprises a stage, class rooms, kitchen and toilet block, and will fill a long felt, need. The Sunday School of 340 has outgrown the former building and has been utilising the Toc H Hall and a private home to accommodate the children . . . The church has been giving regular broadcasts this year over Station 5DN every six weeks.

## FAMILY CAMP

(Gympie, Qld.). The Gympie-Monkland church held its annual "Family Camp," June 11-14, at Pialba, with 80 members. Dr. J. H. Jauncey was the main speaker. Others were G. Spall, of Jewish Evan. Witness, and A. Clark, of O.M.S. Members from Maryborough, Pialba, Hervey Bay and other centres joined in the camp.

## TO ASSIST WINDSOR GARDENS

(Maylands, S.A.). At Maylands annual meeting, the Officers were instructed to see what could be done to help the church at Windsor Gardens. As a result of a conference with the Home Mission Dept. secretary, and the minister, A. Norris, secretary and treasurer of that church, it was resolved that Maylands should immediately pay off Windsor Garden's debt of £165. It was further decided to ask the church to accept as a "project" the subsidising of Windsor Gardens to the extent of £5 per week for the next year, after which the position would be reviewed.

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# Looking at Church Buildings

## MANSE SITE PURCHASED

(Burwood, Vic.). The church has purchased, for £2,000, an ideal manse site within 300 yards of the chapel. This is well below cost of comparable blocks in the district, and the purchase was made possible by the increase of the offering to £80 a week following the stewardship campaign . . . H. Weedon and G. Beard led a successful boys' camp at the Queen's Birthday weekend . . . Working bees completed concrete paths and a driveway to make the church more accessible . . . Monthly church parades by various auxiliaries are proving worthwhile.

## MANSE READINESS

(Newmarket - Ascot Vale, Vic.). There were working bees at the manse to paint the interior in readiness for the new management. The minister, and A. J. Matheson and Miss Barbara Williams were married at Kaniva in June . . . John Goss, of Newmarket, has been accepted as a member of the Vic. Police Force . . . The asst. minister, G. Smith, conducted a mission in Tasmania during the vacation . . . Afternoon meetings for July and August, at 4 p.m., will be held at Newmarket, commencing July 4. . . The men's basketball team won the premiership . . . Thornbury provided three men to assist at the Lord's Table on June 20.

## EIGHT ADDITIONS

(Cheltenham, Vic.). Visitation Evangelism has been conducted over five nights in June following dinner at the church. Eight young people and two married ladies have made good confession during month . . . The film, "Does Christ Live in Your Home?" was screened on May 30 . . . The ladies catered for a Planned Giving dinner at Hampton church on June 4.

## MORE DECISIONS

(Dandenong, Vic.). Two more young people came forward to publicly confess their faith. On June 20, R. H. Patterson, minister, Frankston church, exchanged pulpits with A. R. Lloyd . . . Mrs. K. Nicholas has been appointed to our Church Officers' Board to fill the unexpired period of the late Mrs. F. Rookes' office.

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Our time?

Our talents?

Does it reflect our enthusiasm for the work of God?

Does it reflect our apathy towards the work of God?

Let's look at our Church home.

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## NO EVENING SERVICE

(The Patch, Vic.). The quarterly social evening at the home of A. Weiland was very much enjoyed . . . The C.W.F. held their 9th birthday afternoon, with about 80 ladies present. Extra seats and chairs had to be brought in for seating . . . Evening services will not be held from now to September . . . The church is producing a weekly paper entitled "The Friendly Messenger."

## 311 AT COMMUNION

(Bambra-rd., Caulfield, Vic.). 311 broke bread at church anniversary service, and there were 250 at night. Guest speakers were Charles Dow, Capt. Tony Lake (Ansett-A.N.A.) and Fred. A. Youens. Val Woff and Miss Winifred Lee were visiting artists. The fellowship tea was handled efficiently by the ladies of the church, 180 being present.

## MINISTRY EXTENDED

(Noble Park, Vic.). A. B. Titter has been retained as minister for a further 18 months . . . C.W.E.F. held a family night on June 11, when G. Cann, of Mission to Lepers, brought a film and slides of the work in New Guinea and India.

## TERM EXTENDED

(Brunswick, Vic.). The church extended to the preacher, R. Burns, an invitation to serve for a further three years from Jan., 1966. Church appreciates the services of Mrs. E. Whiteside and D. Baker at the organ . . . At the annual meeting the following were elected: sec., A. Marsh; treas., F. Lowery; Church Board: R. Gray, Miss B. Mariner and K. Marsh; deaconesses, Mrs. A. Marsh, Mrs. Andrew and Ruth Pattison. Report showed that Planned Giving had been a success.

## OTHER VIC. CHURCH NEWS

(Bentleigh, Vic.). Mr. Preston, senior, brought a greeting from the church at Morwell and Traralgon on June 13 . . . The services were conducted by the Youth for Christ team at a recent evening service . . . The church was saddened by the Home call of Harold Andersen . . . Miss Beverley Clark and Miss Beverley Keneley have left for Canada.

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## THREE NURSES FOR MISSIONS

(Taree, N.S.W.). The church is thrilled that three of its members, all highly qualified nurses, have offered themselves for missionary service overseas. Two have already been accepted.

Miss Margaret Luhrs, at present at Glen Iris College, has been appointed to India, and will probably sail on the "Himalaya" from Sydney in January, 1966.

Miss Valerie Crowte, at present nursing at McBride Hospital, Adelaide, has been appointed as a missionary to the New Hebrides and will be leaving Sydney on September 6.

A third, Miss Dorothy Holstein, is studying at Woolwich, Sydney, and on completion of her College course and pending satisfactory medical reports, will be appointed as a missionary.

This will make five people from the Taree church serving in overseas work when the whole plans are finalised . . . A. G. Leane is minister.

## CITY TEMPLE SLAVIC CHURCH

(N.S.W.). The Sydney Church of Christ Slavic congregation meets every Sunday afternoon at City Temple, and serves faithfully as a witnessing fellowship under the helpful guidance of the pastor, George Wladysuik. Miss Neska Kiner was recently baptized and contacts have been made with a number of folk from the Polish, Yugo-Slav and Russian communities in Sydney. All readers are urged to pray for this work.

## N.S.W. "PRAYER LIST"

We seek your co-operation in prayer for:—

1. The N.S.W. Director of Christian Education, Bruce Armstrong.

2. Senior citizens in our N.S.W. Social Service Homes —

At the Will Roffey Community Centre, Pendle Hill.

At Bingley Hall, Hornsby.

At the Aged Peoples' Christian Guest Home Croydon.

3. Aborigines on the settlement at Balladoran, N.S.W.

4. The growing Home Mission field at Campbelltown.

5. Isolated members in country areas of N.S.W.

6. "Crusade '65" in Youth Evangelism, with George Wood, August 24-28.

## BLAXLAND DEVELOPMENT

(Penrith, N.S.W.). Interest is increasing in the new cause soon to be undertaken in the Blaxland district of the Blue Mountains. Belmore and Burwood churches are both co-operating with the Home Mission Department in financial assistance for the new field at Blaxland. . . . The minister, A. Webb, was the visiting preacher at Belmore church anniversary. Dr. A. G. Elliott, Vice-Principal of Woolwich College, was guest speaker at services on June 6.

## BIBLE STUDY CAMP —

The second of a planned series of "Bible Study" Camps was conducted by the N.S.W. Dept. of Christian Education at the Youth Centre, Lake Illawarra, over the weekend, June 4-6. 40 young people were in attendance, the organisation was in the hands of Bruce Armstrong, and the studies, on "The Second Coming of Christ," were led by Harry Davies, minister at Auburn. The "Camp" divided into three main groups, led by D. Holmes, S. Mielens and R. Craig, and very valuable discussions resulted.

## PREACHER RE-VISITS HORSHAM

H. M. Long, of Epping, N.S.W., and a former minister of Horsham church, Vic., returned to that city over the Queen's Birthday weekend, June 11-14, to conduct special services in connection with a "Challenge to Youth" Campaign. Important features of this series of gatherings included the notable meetings in the Horsham Town Hall, on the Saturday evening, and also a combined after-church rally on Sunday night.

## HELP AT BALLADORAN

(Gilgandra, N.S.W.). Misses J. and B. Mudford, and Miss Simpson, go out to the Balladoran Aborigine settlement to lead the girls' club. This is proving a good means of making contact with the native folk . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. Hilford have settled in here in their retirement. . . . 26 young people went to Warrumbungle Mts. for the long weekend holiday. The minister, N. Flint, was leader, assisted by Laurie Wallace, of the O.A.C. . . . The church expressed sympathy with Miss J. Simpson in the loss of her mother.

## NEW YOUTH "FOCUS"

(N.S.W.). Under the direction of the N.S.W. Dept. of Christian Education a new venture, to replace the former Youth Magazine, is being published bi-monthly with the title, "Focus." Cliff Powell, B.A., Dip.Ed., is the Editor, with Bruce Armstrong, Consulting Editor. Alan Purdom is in charge of lay-out and design, and Steve Clifton serving as technical adviser. The first issue came off the press the first week in June.

## OBITUARY

Gladys Mary Stimson.

Mrs. Stimson died on May 31, after a long illness. Born at Balmain, N.S.W., in 1890, the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Christopherson, she moved with the family to Canley Vale. With her sister, Marjorie, and her brother, Ernest, she became one of the first members of the Canley Vale Sunday School, and gave her life to Christ, in her late teens, through the preaching of the late Thomas Hagger. In 1914, she married Victor Stimson, and their home in Clifford-ave. was always open to visiting preachers and students. Fifty years of happy married life and service together was highlighted with a golden wedding celebration held at her daughter's home. The sympathy of the church is with the husband, daughter Marjorie (Mrs. Ken Kemple) and son Bert, and all the family.

Joseph Tanner.

The Church of Christ at Dandenong, Vic., lost a faithful member in the death of J. Tanner, on June 15, 1965. He was using a motor mower on his lawn that day when he collapsed and died immediately. He was born at Callignee, a few miles south of Traralgon, and celebrated his 71st birthday on the Saturday before his death. He married Myrtle Evelyn Morris at the Methodist Church, Newport, 37 years ago and took his bride to Callignee. Later on they lived at Hampton Park for eight years and then moved right into Dandenong in 1946. Our brother was baptized at Dandenong by W. Marshall and was received into the membership of the church. Full of goodwill towards all, always pleasant and with a ready smile, he was much loved and respected. He shared with us the rich Christian hope of the resurrection to the eternal glory of God through Jesus Christ. The service at the church was conducted by the writer, and A. A. Avery assisted at the Springvale Lawn Cemetery. The church expresses its loving sympathy to his widow, of 30 Wedge-st., Dandenong, and the two sons, Walter and Morris and their households.—A. Ross Lloyd.

Mrs. Eliza Gertrude Archibald.

Mrs. Archibald, a gracious and sincere Christian lady, died suddenly on May 20, aged 76. It was a disappointment to her when sickness kept her from services and women's meetings. A daughter of Robert Johnston, she was born at Cosgrove, and joined the Church of Christ, Swans-ton-st., in 1911. She married James Henry Archibald and moved to Yackandandah and later to Swan Hill. Returning to Melbourne with her husband in later life, she transferred to Parkdale in 1955 and became endeared to all who knew her for her gentle, gracious spirit. At the time of her death she was actively planning to share in the opening services of the new chapel. The day after its dedication the chapel provided a fit setting for the funeral service, conducted by the writer. Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to Mr. Archibald, two sons and their families in their time of sadness.—B.H. Crowden.

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Kay White, Jan Harris, Lyn. Kitchingman, Geoffrey White, Alan Teather, Nth. Essendon, Vic.  
Cheryl Lawton, Balwyn, Vic.  
Barry, Kevin, Graeme, Ray and Dennis Hurstfield, Ararat, Vic.  
Graham Stewart, Edwardstown, S.A.

## MEMBERSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. G. Frecker, Newcastle, N.S.W.  
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N. White, East Preston to Northcote, Vic.  
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Horace Cave (minister, Loxton church, S.A.), 17 Acacia-ave., Loxton, Sth. Aust. Phone 7688.

## BIRTHS

**BISHOP** (Barrenger). — On June 8, to Gwen and Keith, of 63 Alice-st., Clayton, a son — Winston Bruce.  
**GRAHAM** (Mudford). — On June 22, at Stanistreet House, Bendigo, to Rennice and Alan, a son — Craig James. Both well.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**FISHER - DARBY**. — Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Fisher, 143 Ivanhoe-pde., Ivanhoe, Vic, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their second daughter, Margaret Rae, to Robert Maxwell, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Darby, 8 Morang-ave., Lower Templestowe, Vic.  
**McGREGOR - GERRAND**. — Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McGregor, 30 Roslyn-st., Burwood, Vic., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter, Janet Vevina, to John Keith, the younger son of Mr. R. K. Gerrand and the late Mrs. V. A. Gerrand, and stepson of Mrs. M. L. Gerrand, 13 Welfare-pde., Ashburton, Vic.

**STERLING - MALCOLM**. — Mr. and Mrs. B. Sterling, 61 Frances-st., Ascot Vale, Vic., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter, Elizabeth Joy, to Leigh Andrew, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Malcolm, 99 Roseberry-st., Ascot Vale, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tattersall, Bentleigh to Drumcondra, Vic.  
Mrs. Hethrington, to Victor Harbour, S.A.  
Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis, Hampstead Gardens; Miss Robyn Wells, Pt. Pirie; Mrs. R. Tonkin, Mr. Sim Neoh, Prospect — to Nailsworth, S.A.  
Don. Jefferies, Stafford to Albion, Qld.

## MARRIAGES

Mary Hogan to Colin McGowan, Kingsford, N.S.W.  
Judith Abernethy to Gavin Patchett; Judith Paterson to Alan Nash, Blackburn, Vic.  
Helen Holland, Clovelly Park, to Trevor Hemer, Brooklyn Park, S.A.

## DEATHS

Mrs. H. Woodman, Victor Harbour, S.A.  
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## DEATHS

**BRUTON**, Olive May. — On June 2, loving wife of Thomas Henry (dec.), dearly loved mother of Thomas, Rosa (Mrs. Rainey), Minnie (Mrs. Mock), Robert George (dec.), Stanley, Allan, Daisy (Mrs. Shelden), Bernard (dec.), Bessie (Mrs. Drummond), Percy and Harold (dec.), loved mother-in-law of Sarah, Ern, Fred, Nell, Freda, Audrey, Rosa, Ted, Fred, Doreen.

"Loved by all."

**KEMP**. — On June 17, at Private Hospital, Malvern, Ethel May, loved daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Kemp, and sister of Ernest, Margaret (Mrs. H. Ritchie), Lena, Fred, Ben, George (all deceased) and Tom (Brisbane), dear aunt of Ethel Ritchie and Helen (Mrs. Aurisch). Aged 86 years.

"Peacefully sleeping."

**NASH**, Frederick Henry. — On May 27, at Toowoomba General Hospital, Queensland (result of fall), loved father of Eileen and Ted Grenfell (Meringandan), dear pa of Beverley and Margaret Grenfell (Meringandan), Kathleen and Allan Male (Portland, Vic.) and loving great grandpa of Linda, Merryn and Coralie Male. "Our loved ones re-united above."

**HILLBRICK**. — On June 28, at Royal Melbourne Hospital, Harold Herbert, dearly loved husband of Mary Adeline, and father of Neil and Joy (Mrs. M. Fiedler). "In God's care."

**HILLBRICK**, Harold.—A loving tribute to a Christian gentleman whose life has been an inspiration to us. We sincerely regret his passing. His wife, Adeline, has lost a loving husband; Neil and Joy, a devoted father; Glad. and Wal. Mason, a kindly and sincere friend. "One of nature's gentlemen."

## IN MEMORIAM

**THOMSEN**. — In loving memory of my dear husband, Chris, who was called home June 29, 1954. "Down the lane of memory the lights are never dim."

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## GIVING SUSTAINED

(Hampton, Vic.). A family dinner was held to mark the first year of the planned giving programme. The ladies from Cheltenham earned the gratitude of the church for catering . . . Giving has been well maintained over the year. . . . There was one confession on June 20.

## WITH METHODISTS AND ANGLICANS

(Preston, Vic.). We joined with the Methodist Church and Church of England in a week-day prayer for unity. Sessions concluded with combined service in Preston City Hall on June 6.

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## BALLARAT EASTER CAMP REUNION

(Vic.). Since 1933 there has been a regular Easter camping activity in Ballarat churches. A reunion of past campers was held at Dawson-st. on June 19. 120 attended the tea and following programme. Some of the first campers were present. Harold Feary gave entertaining sidelights of the first camps at Learmonth, Daylesford and Hall's Gap. W.W. Saunders, the first camp leader, recalled "primitive camping." Slides and movies of old camps were shown. G. Jackel brought greetings from old campers who have entered the ministry and from the three mission fields.

The contribution of former camp leaders and helpers was recognised, with a special word of thanks to F. C. Hunting, leader for the past 17 camps at Hall's Gap. Pictures of the girls' dormitory were shown and an offering taken to meet outstanding debts on this.

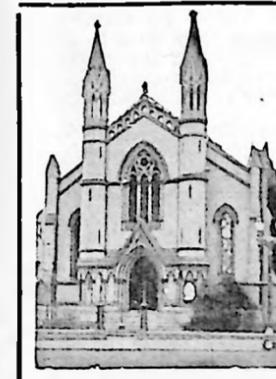
At the inspirational meeting that followed, items were given by the Gospellers, with a message of challenge by Brian White, or Norlane.

## 250 AT RALLY

(Warracknabeal Circuit, Vic.). The circuit rally combined with the Brim monthly P.S.E. Members attended tea and then transferred to the Brim Memorial Hall. There were guest artists and the speaker was Doug. Nicholls. 200 attended . . . The Bible study sessions have been extended to Brim, where meetings will be held once a quarter, as is also done at Minyip . . . A young people's musical group is being formed under the leadership of Martin Suter, who is choirmaster of W'beal High School.

## BAPTISM AND DECISIONS

(Drumcondra, Vic.). Following the decision of a teenage girl on June 13, there was a baptismal service with seven further decisions on June 20. These included both parents of two families of young people . . . The stewardship campaign concluded successfully on June 20 . . . The C.W.E.F. visited Coburg for their 15th birthday. Mrs. Bennett was elected pres., and Mrs. Douglas, sec. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Cross, of Roelands Mission, W.A., showed slides to the church at a gospel service.



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## SUPPORT FOR LONDUA

(Maidstone, Vic.). A film night arranged by the Boys' Explorers was to aid the building fund for Londua, New Hebrides . . . A feature of the church anniversary was an afternoon tea for 80 persons, catered for by the ladies . . . K. A. Macnaughtan spoke to the church on the work of the B. & F. B. S. . . . The C.Y.F. enjoyed a cookery night. . . . 20 cars took part in a car rally on Queen's Birthday.

## FOURTH DECISION

(Balwyn, Vic.). The church announces a further decision, making four young people recently . . . The youth camp at Yarra Junction was effectively led by Mr. and Mrs. Carr and Mr. and Mrs. Barker, as leaders. Frank Evans was organiser . . . The C.W.E.F. entertained Canterbury Elderly Citizens and also helps with ironing and works for Emmaus.

**BLACKBURN**. M. Wakefield is new leader of C.Y.P., relieving D. Nelson, who has served faithfully in this capacity over past few years. . . . Baseball club held church parade at gospel service on June 6 . . . J. Turner (I.T.L.M.) was guest speaker on June 20.

## OBITUARY

Mrs. Matilda Grenness.

Mrs. Matilda Grenness died on June 5, aged 72. Her grandparents were pioneers of the Croydon (Vic.) district. At an early age she attended the Croydon Bible School and joined the church in her early teens. At 13, she was Bible School organist and also became a teacher. Over the years she taught in the Croydon, Ringwood, Mitcham and Mont Albert Sunday Schools. She was united in marriage to C. H. Grenness in 1917 by the late T. Hagger. She gave much time to youth work and for some years was supt. of the Junior Rechabite Lodge. She was an Hon. Guardian of the Education Dept. and for 23 years served faithfully in the care of children. Many of the older preachers will recall the hospitality of the home. She leaves a husband and two sons, Charles and George, the latter in membership at Croydon, with his wife and two daughters. To her brothers, G. and D. Parker, and to all sorrowing ones, very deepest sympathy is extended.—Wilkie J. Thomson.

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Thirty others lined up to the benches with me (perhaps they had received a footnote on their letters too!). We were detailed off into three parties, under the direction of a foreman, and assigned our allotted task.

Party No. 1 was assigned the job of considering "the Aims of an Effective Worship Service." Party No. 2 was required to "Make an Assessment of Our Present Worship Services," whilst Party No. 3 was required to list "Aids to Effective Worship Services."

There is an old proverb that "The workman who is always looking at the clock will always remain one of the hands." This was not true of our 30 workmen because time has never flown so fast.

#### "FRONTIER" RECEIVES GIFT

The chairman of "Australian Frontier," Dr. J. R. Darling, has announced that anonymous donors had offered to finance, in full, a worthy building at Canberra, A.C.T., to house its activities. The cost was expected to be £250,000. The building will house "Frontier's" administrative staff and provide residential accommodation for training and study courses.

The objectives of "Frontier" are the promotion of "effective contact, communication and relationships among people that they and the churches may better undertake their responsibility in society." The Director is Peter Matthews, at Canberra, and regional advisory panels have been set up in Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, Sydney, Newcastle, Parramatta and Bordertown.

In Party No. 1, it was a real experience to listen to each person express his or her views on the real aims of a worship service. It was a challenge to grapple with this in one's mind, to strip off the veneer which rightly lends beauty to worship, and to analyse the basic aims of a worship service.

Without suggesting that we found the right answers or all the answers, we arrived at the conclusions that the aims of an effective worship service are to bring people to know God, to share experiences of God, to acknowledge God and to challenge us to more victorious living. We considered that by coming to know God through worship, we come to know ourselves and to dedicate ourselves. We also thought that an effective worship service should aim to make us aware of our fellowship with our brother and his needs.

Perhaps it would not be fair to acquaint readers with the views of our Party No. 2 in its assessment of our present worship services or the views of Party 3 regarding the aids to effective worship services.

The assessment showed up some weaknesses in our present worship services and we hope to rectify these. Some excellent suggestions were given for aids to make our services meet their true aim. It was noteworthy that prayer and preparation were high on the list.

This programme was designed as part of our "Year of Evangelism," and I feel sure that this honest appraisal, properly followed up, will contribute greatly to a really successful year of witness and advancement.

I can thoroughly recommend to your church a "Workshop on Worship." You may surprise one another with the quality of your own "bench work."

(Don't forget your Knee Drill!).

—R.J.B.

#### MINISTERIAL STUDENTS WITHDRAW

(Sydney). The New South Wales Presbyterian Assembly has decided to establish a committee to study the disquieting withdrawal of students from courses at Sydney University's Theological Hall.

Several speakers at the annual meeting of the Assembly expressed concern at the drift of students from the ministry. The Rev. James Mullan said many brilliant students withdrew from courses because they saw themselves in a dead-end job in a Christian ghetto.

It was reported that for the first time in its 95-year history no candidate for the ministry is resident in St. Andrew's College, the Presbyterian seminary here. —E.P.S.

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(Sydney). First steps in a programme to train 10,000 Australians for leadership roles in the Church and Life Movement during 1966 have been announced by the Australian Council of Churches.

The A.C.C.'s newly appointed Secretary for Lay Training, the Rev. Gordon Beatty, said that training courses would start in Queensland in July and later be held in all States.

The Church and Life Movement is an inter-church programme of training and group meetings designed to equip people for their daily life as Christians — for their work, leisure, community and home life. Its climax will be a programme involving 100,000 Australians in consideration of their responsibilities in community and nation, scheduled June 19-21, 1966.—E.P.S.

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(Havana). Two American Southern Baptist ministers have been sentenced by the Havana revolutionary tribunal to ten and six years in prison.

The Rev. Herbert Caudill, 61, superintendent of the Cuba Mission of his church's Home Mission Board, received the 10-year sentence. He had been charged with espionage, counter revolutionary activities, and illegal foreign currency traffic. His son-in-law, the Rev. James David Fite, 31, was sentenced for illegal currency negotiations.

The two Baptist leaders were tried with 32 Cubans, most of them also Baptist ministers, also on charges of subversion. At least one Cuban pastor was sentenced to 30 years in jail, it was learned. All the defendants had denied the charges.—E.P.S.

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### AUSTRALIAN CHURCH AID TO VIETNAM REFUGEES

The Australian Council of Churches has announced that it was giving £3,000 on behalf of Australian churches to aid refugees in Vietnam.

The Secretary of the Council's Inter-Church Aid Division (the Rev. Harvey L. Perkins) said that an emergency appeal for assistance had been made to churches throughout Asia by the East Asia Christian Conference.

The appeal, initially for a minimum of £10,000, would allow the Protestant Church in Vietnam to undertake strategic services in pockets of acute suffering beyond the reach of government relief programmes.

Mr. Perkins said that churches in some Asian countries, which still have relations with North Vietnam, would be able to help the churches in that part of Vietnam to serve their congregations rendered helpless by the war. Australian contributions would serve the same purpose in aiding the churches in South Vietnam.

He said that despite the political divisions of the country, the Protestant Church in Vietnam, both north and south, was still organised as one church.

The Vietnam emergency appeal was the third responded to by the Council in the last fortnight. The others were for the cyclone disaster in East Pakistan and the rebuilding of a farm training school in Ceylon.—A.C.C.

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## OPEN FORUM

### CHRISTIANITY TODAY.

To the Editor,

In answer to Brian Davison ("A.C." 19/6/65), I do not think the philosophy of Christianity is a farce, but we have failed to see its relevance to the world's need. Our Lord's savage attack on economic injustice and oppression in Matthew 23 shows his concern that Christians should fight these evils now, and if this is to be done on a world scale it means political commitment, not the artificial separation of church and State which has divorced the church from ordinary life and brought it into contempt.

Mr. Davison asks is there any way of stopping Communism? Perhaps not while we debate whether to support the Christmas Bowl and leave the job of providing basic food for the hungry to the Communists. "Man does not live by bread alone," but until we are prepared to realise that he does need bread, we should help, not hinder the Communists. Instead, we talk emptily of freedom and raise no voice against our government's readiness to use conscripted voteless youths as cannon fodder for freedom in Vietnam (as if freedom mattered while millions there starve?). We are so busy fighting Communism, despite the economic benefit it has brought to the descendants of nineteenth century Chinese who were bled white by capitalists, that we have no time even to notice the greater evil of capitalism.

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in order to achieve that end thousands must live in wretched inner suburbs on less than £20 per week? Our lack of concern makes it small wonder that the working class will not have a bar of us.

The church provides splendid homes for the aged, but has nothing to say about increasing income tax to provide adequate pensions for the vast majority that our homes can never reach. Either these people don't matter, or we expect the government to produce the money out of thin air.

I can see why those I work with see the church as a bit of a joke. When will we see the great demands and the greatness of our faith besides which Communism is as nothing?

—Allen Crisp, Vic.

### UNITY OR UNION?

To the Editor,

I wish to draw attention to two recent statements in the "A.C." The first was: ". . . I am . . . a member of the invisible church, the body of Christ" (Open Forum, June 12). The second was: "Christian Unity rather than Church Union, however, much more nearly expresses the consistent aim of Churches of Christ over the last hundred years or so. Christ prayed for the 'Unity' of all Christians, 'That they all might be one.'" (June 19 - "Christian Unity in N.S.W.").

May I suggest that the above statements consist of a spiritualising of what, in both cases, in the New Testament is expressed in organic terms. The New Testament knows nothing of a spiritual church apart from the followers of Christ, both faithful and unfaithful, who make up the Church of God, save, of course, the dead in Christ.

For this reason the Apostle Paul is deeply concerned about the physical makeup of the several congregations that he founded. "Because there is one loaf, we, many as we are, are one body, for it is the one loaf of which we all partake," was written to preserve the union of Corinthian church (maybe several congregations).

The historic position of the Churches of Christ on both points is clearly put by the late Principal W. Robinson, in "The Shattered Cross" (page 82). "For them the Church was an objective visible society. For them the Church was one, undivided, and universal, without division of sect, nation, race, or class. They argued that schism was sin, and that all Christians should be

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united in one body. Thus they pleaded not for federation, but for organic union."

And the words of Thomas Campbell, in his "Declaration and Address" of 1809: ". . . has the Captain of Salvation sounded a desist from pursuing, or proclaimed a truce with, this deadly enemy that is mangling his mystical body into pieces?" and, ". . . what should deter us from the heavenly enterprise, or render hopeless the attempt of accomplishing in due time, an entire union of all the churches in faith and practice, according to the word of God?", and again, "Instead of her catholic, constitutional unity and purity, what does the Church present us with, at this day, but a catalogue of sects and sectarian systems?" Campbell on that historic occasion, used union and unity interchangeably. He certainly meant denominational union.

—D. B. McIntosh.

### LOVE THAT SMOKER.

To the Editor,

I think most of us would agree that if we are lacking in anything in our churches today — it is not money; it is not people; it is not knowledge — but love: a true compassion for the people of the world, whether they be drinkers, smokers, gamblers or partakers in in any other vice that some people think is so wrong.

Bigotry and love are opposites — perhaps the people who have been writing so vigorously against smoking and drinking will get my point — let us not forever be finding fault with our fellow-Christians, but be occupied in cleaning up our own backyard, and then we will begin to love one another.

—Donald Jefferies, Qld.

### TAX DEDUCTIONS.

To the Editor,

We hear and read of new chapels being built and called Peace Memorials, or other similar names, in order that those helping financially can receive tax deduction. This may be right according to the laws of the land, but is it right in the eyes of the Lord? If a chapel is a memorial to any one it should be to our Lord Jesus Christ. What would the taxation department ruling be on this? If the answer is "no" have we any right to evade tax by using other names?

—A. G. Wegner, Qld.

### DID YOU NOTICE?

How long Ballarat has been camping? (p. 15).

The problem of under-developed churches? (p. 3).

The saving in seats? (p. 6).

How much Qld.'s "Fairhaven" will cost? (p. 4).

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## Moments

## of Worship



Thursday, July 8. Romans 6: 1-4. Are we to continue in sin that mercy may be magnified? (v. 1, Schonfield).

Here is someone's bright idea! The gospel said that where there is the most sin, there is the most grace. Well, someone actually suggested that we should go on sinning so that we could receive more and more grace! Paul was horrified. Such a thought could only come from someone who was wholly ignorant of the nature of sin. He reminds such people of their baptism. Through this act of obedience they have become associated with Christ. We share in both his death and his life. Therefore, our conduct should be in keeping with our relationship with him.

Dear God, we know that the price of sin was the death of Christ. We thank you that the result of his death is life. May we live in loyalty. Amen.

Friday, July 9. Romans 6: 5-8. A death like his . . . a resurrection like his (v. 5).

It isn't always that those who share the hardships also share the rewards. History has page after black page where peasants, miners and factory-workers have toiled for less than a living so that an absent unknown owner could live in wasteful luxury. One great feast would literally cost the lives of hundreds. Jesus is not like that. He does call on us to share the loads of life, to carry the cross, to share in a death like his. But he also promises us that we shall have a share in his victory. We shall be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Dear Lord, even without the promises we would still seek to share the cross with you. Amen.

Saturday, July 10. Romans 6: 9-11. Death has no further power (v. 9, Schonfield).

This was the source of the remarkable witness of people from every walk of life when they suffered for the sake of Christ. Young men and girls, old men and gentle ladies, faced lions in the arena and burning at the stake, with a

calm that shamed their executioners. For so long death has been regarded as the ultimate punishment. Now Christians of every generation have looked beyond death. Christ had risen from the dead! The resurrection was not just a preaching point, it was a living experience.

O God, we thank you that the boundaries of this world are not the limits of our living. Amen.

Sunday, July 11. Romans 6: 12-14. Put yourselves at the disposal of God (v. 13, N.E.B.).

God is seeking men to do the right. Sin is seeking men to do the wrong. Paul suggests that both God and sin are looking for instruments or weapons that can be used to achieve one purpose or the other. But the instruments are not passive things, they are active persons. In this war the weapons have no choice in saying on which side they will fight.

Heavenly Father, we have to fight, and willingly we choose the cause of Christ. Amen.

Monday, July 12. Romans 6: 15-16. You are servants of the master you obey (v. 16, Moffatt).

When a man surrendered himself to a master, he was no longer free to serve anyone else. If he tried to do so he would soon find trouble as the two masters clashed in demands for his time and service. Paul often spoke of Christians as willing slaves of Christ. As such they were bound to serve the master they had chosen. The alternatives for mastery are clearly set out: either we shall be slaves of sin with death as the end, or slaves of obedience with right as our destiny.

Dear God, we choose to obey Christ. Amen.

Tuesday, July 13. Romans 6: 17-19. Though you were slaves of sin, you have since obeyed from the heart (v. 17, Schonfield).

The newspapers recently carried the story of thousands of Koreans who went to Japan as conscripted labour when Korea was a Japanese colony. They were

then recognised as Japanese citizens. Now that Korea has been freed, these people have suddenly found themselves to be aliens. They were Japanese, now they are Koreans. Paul says that the Roman Christians were slaves of sin, but now their citizenship is changed.

O God, we are Christian by choice, and we recognise as brothers all who are Christ's. Amen.

Wednesday, July 14. Romans 6: 20-23. What return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? (v. 21).

The past cannot be recalled but it can be measured. In every life there are things of shame. When we evaluate the things we did in rebellion against God, we do feel ashamed. We may well ask what we got out of it. The wages of our rebellion are not paid by him. His gift is eternal life. Spiritual death is what we earn when we reject his free gift.

Master, we would have your gift because it means being with you. Amen.

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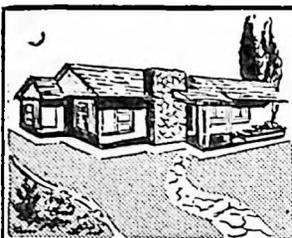
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O Lord, convert the world, and begin  
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Many men have too much will power.  
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The new minister was a bachelor, and  
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for the third time he looked across the  
table at the hostess' small daughter.  
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