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## A SORT OF SERMON

Dearly beloved, I take for my text today the words of the teacher-evangelist in the final paragraph of page 7 of this issue of "The Australian Christian": "We are so to plan and work under the illumination of the Holy Spirit that persons will not only know about Jesus Christ, they will be committed to him."

It is a good thing we got it in on page 7. It almost got left out altogether because of space problems, and it is far too important to be left out. It serves admirably as a text for a sermon on Christian Education: it deals with the workers in Christian education, the objectives of Christian education, and the subject of Christian education. Come to think of it, the text would do equally well for a sermon in a special issue on evangelism. We need witnesses for evangelism; those we teach are those we seek to win, and Christ is the goal for both Christian education and evangelism.

This is all true, but it is not very clear, and in order to get on with the sermon, my points are: US, THEM, HIM.

### US:

"We are so to plan and work."

The "we" involves everyone in the churches. Some may do the planning, some may work out those plans in life-building, but we are all required to have concern and give support for Christian education. No one can be spared from the team. Planning curricula, writing studies, making available activity resources, suggesting and testing programmes, obtaining equipment, providing buildings, training teachers and leaders, etc., require us all.

"US" is made up of you, and you, and you, and me.

### THEM:

"That persons will not only know about Jesus Christ."

Knowledge is not an end in itself. The real value of knowledge is what you do with what you know. Knowledge is for growing. Our text says that is not enough to know about Jesus, but it is still essential to know about him. Knowing about him can bring us to know him.

Knowledge is essential. That is why we teach "them." Christian education is concerned with imparting knowledge — facts about self, about the world, about God, about the relationship of the physical world with the spiritual. It also suggests purposes and ways of using the knowledge that is gained.

"Them" includes not only children in our Sunday Schools and clubs. It also means teenagers, young adults, young marrieds, parents, the established, and the aged. Many of these are beyond our reach, although we are more and more conscious of the necessity for communicating with those who are beyond the doors of the church. Those difficulties should make us all the more ready to use to the full the opportunity we have to teach the "them" we have in thousands in our churches.

### HIM:

"That persons will be committed to Him."

A spiritual response cannot be taught or communicated. It is personal. "We" can teach "them" about "Him," but "they" will have to know "Him" for themselves. We may teach them faithfully and even witness to our own experiences, but what they do with the knowledge they gain is up to them.

It is comforting to realise that we have the support of the Great Teacher himself as a part of our resources. Through his Holy Spirit he is a part of all that we seek to do. This does not make our own part unimportant. Our concern, service, materials and equipment are essential, but, because he works with us, we are enabled to get results beyond our earning.

### CONCLUSION:

You are invited to continue as partners in Christian education. Your offering in May will be used in your State to help Christ in the business of growing Christian men and women. An additional spur to your interest should be found in the fact that when "they" commit their lives to "Him," they become a part of "us."

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# PAGES WITH PURPOSE

A VENTURE IN PRINTED RESOURCES

BY V. C. STAFFORD



V. C. Stafford.

You will read in this issue something about the work of Departments of Christian Education in all States of Australia. The committees appointed by State Conferences, and their directors, are all committed to a vital and varied ministry.

This ministry extends beyond State boundaries. State Departments become Federal in intention and action. They share common tasks across the Commonwealth. They are pledged, among other things, to a venture in publications.

### Shared Concerns

Let me introduce this Federal team — Allan Male, Bruce Armstrong, Viney Longthorp, John Way, Keith Horne, Merle Peacock. Along with them are Fol Morgan, chairman; John Ayers, treasurer; the writer; Harold Gross and Marjorie Deane, associate editors; Geoff. Whiting, Les. Withers, Ron Hillier.

These persons form the Federal Board of Christian Education, constituted a department of Federal Conference in 1948.

This Board is the State Departments sharing their thinking, their planning, their problems, their programmes, their visions, their hopes, their joy in the service of Christ. They have been able to do significant tasks together. They join in annual conferences lasting several days, conferences which began 20 years ago.

### Tools for Learning

The church received from her Lord a commission to teach. The One who called her into mission is the One she is called to proclaim. "Him we proclaim, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man mature in Christ," said Paul.

In this task which belongs to the community of faith, the subject matter of Christian Education is "the living Word of God, which takes hold of and transforms man when man is willing and able to open himself to the Word."

Printed materials are designed to help persons understand the living Word, appropriate its meaning, discover its relevance for their contemporary situation, commit themselves to Jesus Christ, acknowledge his lordship over all of life.

Since 1948 the State Departments have planned and worked together to provide adequate and effective printed resources for teachers and pupils in Graded Lessons for our Bible Schools.

The present lesson courses were developed out of two national consultations. State directors, plus competent advisors from each State, met in Melbourne for a total period of two weeks. They planned syllabus outlines, selected Bible material, constructed lesson units, advised on lesson presentation, discussed principles and methods of teaching and the format of printed books and teaching aids. The editorial staff then went to work on the rough drafts, carrying work to the printing stage.

From time to time State committees on lesson evaluation have made suggestions for revision. These have been implemented wherever possible during cycle revisions in all grades from kindergarten to youth.

The Board is currently publishing 18 pieces of curriculum literature every quarter for use in 7 grades. It also co-operates with the Australian Baptist Board of Christian Edu-

cation and Publication in three grades, where a common syllabus has been arrived at. Weekly story papers for primary, junior and intermediate pupils are also joint productions of the two Boards.

Curriculum building is a project of no mean dimensions and every effort has been directed to ensure teaching materials which are theologically sound, educationally respectable and in line with our heritage and distinctive witness as a people.

Study and research continue with a view to revised courses and materials, which it is planned to make available in the future. Basic papers written by qualified persons are "The Nature of the Church," "Christian Education in the Church's Mission," "The Bible in Christian Education." These are three preparatory documents for future curriculum planning.

We must gratefully acknowledge the valuable partnership through the years of the Austral Printing and Publishing Company, who has given much needful help in many directions.

### Ministry to Youth

There has always been a steady flow of study booklets for young people during these 20 years. States share in this undertaking by providing writers and using the studies in camps and conferences. Many of these have been used outside our own brotherhood. In no small measure this study material has contributed to the Christian commitment and growth of many thousands of adolescents and young adults.

### Learn All Your Life

Convinced of the need for adult Christian education, State directors met in a special conference at Adelaide in 1963. The "Learning for Living" programme was the outcome of this joint study. Departments agreed to launch this programme simultaneously. Several writers co-operated to produce a series of nine folders under the above titles. These were offered to our churches throughout Australia as aids to setting up and maintaining adult study and action groups. A beginning was made by the Board to provide study materials and it is hoped that more will be available.

### Teachers Are Learners Too

Haydn Sargent's little book on "Teaching" was published recently, and is a helpful manual for teachers beginning their work.

All who teach, even though some may have more natural ability than others, need training, and States have frequently shared with each other in training plans and materials.

"Guide," a quarterly manual for Bible School workers, formerly a Victorian Department journal, is this year to become a Federal publication and to appear in a new form.

### Discipleship Kit

Prepared by Haydn Sargent, "Steps in Discipleship" has had a phenomenal sale throughout Australia and is a welcome timely manual for young people making Christian commitment.

Other publications include "Know Your Bible" memory certificates, pupil record cards, "Standards for Teachers and Teacher's Covenant."

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# THINGS ARE HAPPENING!

AUSTRALIA-WIDE VENTURES IN LEARNING  
THROUGH STATE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

## With Children . . .

Every State seeks to raise the standards of work amongst children by a programme to train Bible School Superintendents and their staffs.

During the past year S.A. and W.A. have done specialised work with Kindergarten and Primary teachers. Victoria is decentralising its training programme, and John Way is concentrating on individual schools (he has visited 50 of them in 12 months) helping them to assess their situation and improve their work.

In Tasmania, teacher training is being extended. Members of Queensland Department's Christian Education panel have visited many Sunday Schools to conduct full-day training programmes, and are preparing a series of Teacher Training notes issued monthly to form a complete manual for teachers.

Members of the Federal Board of Christian Education staff have done field work in S.A. and Vic. Printed materials such as "Guide" (soon to be a Federal publication) supplement personal and departmental effort.

Recruitment of scholars is not neglected. In W.A. local churches have been visited to alert them to scholar "drop-out." N.S.W. has conducted after-school "Adventure Times" as a recruiting medium, times of fun and learning when children are contacted, and a closer tie with the church sought. Members of local churches have been provided with special cards which report children not attending Bible Schools, for follow-up. One N.S.W. school has staggered its meeting hours to accommodate more scholars. S.A. conducts a "Mail Bag Sunday School" for isolated children. There is a growing use of Pupils' Enrolment cards, issued by the Federal Board of Christian Education, as a means of keeping efficient records concerning scholars. School efficiency and attendance campaigns have been part of State Department programmes.

Every State supplements its work on Sunday with a week-day club programme — Explorers, Good Companions, Girls' and Boys' Brigades (with their junior move-



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ments), Christian Endeavour Societies. These groups share in a number of service projects.

In addition to the regular weekly programme there are always the "special" extras, which nevertheless round out the total Christian Education picture with children. W.A. reports a "Children's Eisteddfod"; a Bible School Sports Day has become established as an annual event in S.A. In W.A., 400 youngsters took part in the Churches of Christ Basketball Competition in 1965. Queensland conducts annually a Swimming Carnival and a Sports Day.

## With Adults . . .

Throughout Australia there is still a tentativeness about our approach to Christian education with adults, but some worthwhile experiments are being undertaken.

Departments are taking a vigorous part in promoting the Church and Life Movement. In N.S.W., Bible Study Camps have been held, the programme including four hours of presentation of Bible material and four hours of discussion on the passages in question. Two suburban congregations in Victoria (Ivanhoe and Box Hill) have introduced a mid-week adult study programme based on the pattern which has operated successfully at Lane Cove (N.S.W.) for some time. A third, Glen Waverley (Vic.), reports that 97 persons have enrolled for a house-church programme. N.S.W. has initiated "Home Bible Study and Training Courses" for individuals or groups.

In Vic. and S.A., "Church Life Conferences" have helped churches to sort out their priorities as congregations. The Vic. Department has made itself available to train leaders for local discussion groups on Christian unity. The W.A. Committee has established closer ties with their Training Committee for a co-ordinated ministry to members and churches. Family camps are also part of the overall programme in the various States.

A new approach to this task with adults being tried in Victoria is a four-session seminar on child development, involving mothers of church school children. Subjects dealt with are "Discipline in the Home"; "Children's Fears"; "Aggression"; "Natural and Religious Development."

# WITH YOUTH . . .

## • Camping (Qld.).

A wide-ranging camping programme for "Tween-agers" (13-15), seniors (16 plus), young adults (19 plus) is conducted for the youth of the churches.

## • Youth Conference (N.S.W., Qld.).

The active N.S.W. Youth Conference, through its executive and two committees, conducted a major evangelistic crusade for youth of greater Sydney. 2,000 attended over five nights, with almost 40 decisions; 12 of these were for full-time service. Queensland's C.Y.F. bi-annual Convention was attended by 160 young people at Maryborough in January, and 130 at Caloundra Youth Centre in June.

## • Giving for Missions (W.A.-S.A.).

W.A.'s 1966 Youth Project has a target of \$2,000 for a baptistry in the chapel at the Carnarvon Christian Centre, and for laboratory equipment for Dhond (as a memorial to Dr. Michael). They will also assist financially with the new camp site at Point Peron, where a work camp was held over the Easter period.

S.A.'s "Project '65" was to give financial assistance for the Esperance Hostel (W.A.) for Aboriginal girls.

## • Camp Site (Tas.).

Much progress has taken place at the Bicheno site, where two large buildings are in use for camps, and holiday flats have been erected for private hire.

## • "Impact 66" (Vic.).

A brotherhood youth programme in which C.E. and C.Y.F. are co-operating, aimed at challenging young people about the issues the church faces in the 20th Century. Programme, conducted four times a year, is designed to help local groups develop depth in their study programmes.

## • "Teen and Twenty" (S.A.).

A large number of South Australian young people is expected to participate in this series of gatherings currently being held in Adelaide, with music and addresses specially planned for teen-agers, Haydn Sargent, of Queensland, being the guest speaker.

## • Music, Music, Music! (S.A.-Vic.).

The Youth Choir, now in its tenth year, is an important feature of the youth work in Adelaide. It provides a ministry in music and fine opportunities for fellowship. It raised \$570 in the last complete financial year for the Department.

The Campbell Singers, in Vic., have established themselves as a fine choral group.

## • Youth Has Its Say (N.S.W.-Qld.).

"Focus" — a new magazine for youth sponsored by the N.S.W. Department, has gained wide and favourable support. It features brotherhood news, programme ideas, special activities of local groups, Bible study material, interesting articles and humour.

In Queensland, "Link" has fulfilled a similar function.

## • The Thinkers (S.A.).

The Tertiary Student's Fellowship and the Perimeter Club provide opportunities for dedicated thinking youth to explore the dimensions of their faith.

## • New Guinea Work Camp (Vic.).

The C.E. and C.Y.F. are co-operating in a project designed to send six young people to N.G. in 1966, for the purpose of building the Hermann Memorial Hospital at Chungribu for the Churches of Christ mission, and to look at Territory administration at Port Moresby. Local groups will co-operate on this project.



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## • "Talenteers" (Qld.).

A talents scheme has gained enthusiastic support, and young people are being enlisted to use their gifts for the task for Christian education in the State through this "Talenteers" effort.

## • Adult Counsellors' Fellowship (Vic.).

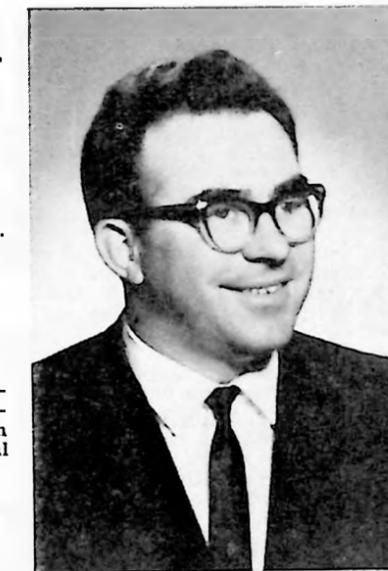
The quarterly meeting of C.Y.F. Adult Counsellors is designed to help them in leading young people. Programme for 1966 includes "War, Conscriptation and Teenagers," "Recent Trends in Youth Work," "Teenagers and the Drink Question."

## • Serving Youth (N.S.W.).

Youth teams have been arranged to lead gospel services. Through their own Youth Conference young people are being trained for conference-type leadership in the future.



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## ALL STATES

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

In January, 1966, a National Youth Consultation at Monbulk drew together representatives of all States in a consideration of youth strategy which will influence Departmental programmes for the future.

## NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION

Much local effort is being put into planning for the Third National C.Y.F. Convention in Perth, January 5-12, 1967.

# THROUGH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BY R. V. LONGTHORP  
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When two great church leaders met officially some years ago, it coincided with a time when the Western Nations were especially fearful of Russia's military intentions. A newspaper cartoon, commenting in this historic meeting, showed the two leaders shaking hands, and underneath the caption, "What Marx has joined together, let no man put asunder."

As usual, the cynics were wrong. The church was not acting under pressure from external events, the pressures were coming from within as the church became convicted of the need for reconciliation due to the transforming Spirit of Christ. And the Spirit of Christ continues to challenge the church, hence the ferment in all parts of the church today; hence the healthy and challenging questioning which is taking place—"What is the Church's mission today?", "What is the role of the Church in this secular age?", "How can the Church better become an agent of Christ's reconciliation?"

These questions are not flights of rhetoric. Because of this honest searching the issues are becoming clear; when we see clearly then we can give adequate answers and engage in relevant action. The task of the church is to be the servant people, as Christ was a servant. His mission is to be our mission. The church must work for the renewal of the world, no less, for this her Lord's continuing work.

In fulfilling these tasks today some changes in the church, as we know it, may be necessary. Harvey Cox, in his excellent little book, "God's Revolution and Man's Responsibility," gives us a glimpse of the possible shape of things to come. He says, "The Church of the future will be smaller, more mobile, more flexible, much more disciplined, much more various in the ways in which it celebrates. It will be much more joyful, less solemn than we are . . . it will be much less preacher orientated, much less cultic, much more open to discussion and give-and-take. This is the church we are moving toward . . ."

If this is the church's necessary response to the work which Christ has given us to do, we must ask, using Paul's language, "What kind of equipment do God's people need for work in his service?" (Eph. 4: 12, N.E.B.).

Whatever else we mean by Christian Education, it is nothing less than the church "equipping God's people for work in his service." Christian Education is the giving to all who would receive it in the body of Christ, the skills, the

insights and the practical means, so that the Master's work will get done.

## More Flexibility Required

We see a need for the church to be more flexible in her approach, so that she can respond with meaning to emerging needs and novel situations. It is true that we tend to be "locked up"



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as it were, in rigid institutional modes and structures, and so rendered irrelevant. Adult Christian Education can help us here. For when adults can meet in small groups and freely discuss important matters, when they learn to be sensitive to each other and responsible for each other — in these situations we find a great release of creative answers to much of our work.

If we do no more than give adults the opportunity of sharing together in a permissive and accepting atmosphere, we will discover a far greater depth of resource and ability to meet new situations with imagination, than we ever thought possible.

The experience of many churches confirms this, and the Church and Life Movement is largely based on this premise. But adults must be trained in the art and techniques of discussion if such discussion is to be productive. It does not just happen. Christian Education means the equipping of adult groups for this work.

## "A New Mind for a New Age"

When we criticise the existing "structures" of the local church, the Sunday School for example, it is really the "mental structure" which gets in the way of our being fully relevant. Whatever inadequacies our schools have at present stem largely from the content, the quality and presentation of the teaching. No matter when or where or how a school met, no matter what new "structures" it employed, unless the theological attitudes and personal equipment of the teacher were inadequate, the school would still possess serious problems.

Christian Education is training of persons to be better teachers of our children, to be enabled to express and present lesson materials in a more vital and joyous manner, to see more clearly the goals of the church for children and to participate more intelligently in achieving those goals. This is the way Christian Education "equips God's people for work."

## Return to Joy

Then, the church of the future will be more "joyous," says Cox. How we need this return to joy, especially for our teenagers! Joy that is, in its full Biblical sense, stemming from a sense of the adventure of living and the discovery of meaning in life. A recent experience with a group of young people brought home to me the phrase used by a social worker when he talked about "our haunted teenagers." The church, through its programme of Christian Education, must offer teenagers more challenge, more adventure, more dedicated and well-equipped leadership.

Without denying the need for recreation, the emphasis of our teenage work in the future must be on discipline, maturity, involvement in the needs of God's world, the finding of one's role in this secular age. If anyone wants a dangerous, demanding and self-denying job, let him apply for work with today's youth! And Christian Education has the task of equipping such brave ones, "in the doing of God's work."

Christian Education graduated long ago from being mere "kids stuff." The many ministries of Christian Education — to youth, to children and to adults, is nothing less than giving them the means of getting on with the task of being the church and of being a vital part of God's "new order." Those who are doing this work deserve the full support of the brotherhood.

# A TEACHER PRAYS



## . . . if I were a farmer

Father, if I were a farmer, I'd ask you to help measure my acre's yield of corn or cotton, wheat, or oats. With thanksgiving for labor well spent, I'd bring a portion of the harvest to your altar.

But I'm a teacher, Father. I can't measure the yield per youth. There is no harvest to be cut or counted. Most of my efforts seem to lie scattered like unclaimed, unsprouted seed. Conflicting loyalties choke the ideas and disciplines which do take root.

Yet I thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with youth, to cultivate the fertile ground of adolescence, to know the thrill of gradual growth.

Teach me to sink my roots deeper into your wise love as I try to meet the needs of youth.

Father, if I were a builder, I'd ask you to stand beside me and examine the walls I'd laid on brick. In gratitude for a job well done, I'd ask you to use the work of my hands for your dwelling.

But I'm a teacher of youth, God. I can't point with pride to unyielding foundations or sturdy beams. I can't guarantee my work against the stress and strain of current confusion.

Yet I thank you for entrusting me to build in the kingdom of the human heart.

Teach me to gain skilful co-ordination of heart, mind, and hand. And when my work gets out of plumb, give me patience to start anew following more faithfully the life design of the Master Builder. Amen.

MARTHA WILLIAMS

## PAGES OF PURPOSE (cont. from page 3)

### Through Pages to Life

In the church's task of Christian education, in its use of the Bible, in its use of curriculum materials and teaching methods, the purpose is not only the transmission of facts and information. We cannot think of the teacher-learning process simply in these terms. Christian education is the communication of the living Word, the Word made flesh. Christian learning takes place within the Christian fellowship. We must recognise our responsibility in teaching this sub-

ject matter we must realise that it is within our power to do this well. But we must also recognise that the real learning, the change in a person's life, is beyond our control. It is the work of God himself.

We are to so plan and work under the illumination of the Holy Spirit that persons will not only know about Jesus Christ, but will be committed to him as his followers, filled with his Spirit and led into the world to live for him and to make his name known among all men.

# WESTERN CONFERENCE

The 69th Annual Conference of the Western Australian churches was held from March 31 - April 7, followed by an Easter devotional service on Good Friday morning.

Attendances at the business sessions were above average, but those at the inspirational rallies, for some unknown reason, were a little smaller than usual. The theme of the Conference — "Agents of Love" — lent itself to some challenging thinking, there was a feast of good things. We were particularly pleased to have Principal E. L. Williams, M.A., as one of our guest speakers, after an absence of several years from this State.

## Conference Meetings

Conference included a review by the President, Geo. Smith, of his activities throughout the year. He visited almost every church, and attended hundreds of meetings. It has been a tremendous contribution from one who was also actively engaged as Welfare Director. Opportunity was taken to introduce the new Matron of the Christian Guest Home, Miss I. Rigg, and to recognise the outstanding 11½ years' service of the retiring Matron, Miss E. Youd. The address for the evening, "Agents of Love in a Divided World," was brought by E. L. Williams.

The missionary programme on Saturday night featured a magnificent rendition by the Choral Society of the cantata, "Let the Earth Hear His Voice," and an address, "Agents of Love in the Whole World," by the new secretary of the Federal Aborigines Board, D. G. Hammer.

E. L. Williams brought the Conference Sermon, "The Constraints of Love," to a large attendance on the Sunday afternoon. An offering for the Preachers' Provident Fund amounted to \$210. "Face to Face with Christ" was the title of an excellent programme produced by the Youth and Christian Education Committee on Monday night. This pageant included a message by Kevin Turner (Inglewood). During the evening, opportunity was also given for Rev. L. Staton, Secretary, W.A. Council of Churches, to speak about the Church and Life Movement.

Wednesday was Women's Day — the usual successful gathering, followed by a rally at night, when Mr. Smith acknowledged the generous contributions of

the women to brotherhood activities, and also brought the address.

The final night meeting was on Thursday, and commenced with the screening of the film, "Heritage to Destiny." In a Home Mission section, brief comments on their work were given by B. Stitt (Bridgetown) and E. B. Clapp (Midland). Recognition of Mrs. J. Pallot as President of Women's Conference, and G. Smith, as Conf. Pres., was made by the presentation of Bibles. An address, "See How They Love One Another," by the incoming President, Ray Vincent, B.A., Dip.Soc.Sci., brought a fine programme to a close.

The Good Friday morning service was well up to the high standard set over the years, and was a fitting climax to Conference. The address, "Behold What Manner of Love," was given by D. G. Hammer.

On Easter Monday, after an interval of several years, a brotherhood sports day was conducted by the Youth and Christian Education Committee. It was a successful day, although showery weather considerably affected the attendance.

## Business Sessions

These were better attended than usual. Debate was lively, but was well conducted, and admirably controlled by the President, who did particularly well in some difficult moments.

In addition to the presentation of Committee reports there were two important items for consideration. One concerned the future of the "Western Christian," which ceased publication in August, 1965. Because of the shortage of time, due to prolonged discussion on a motion concerning the Federal College of the Bible, the matter of the "Western Christian" was deferred to a later date.

A motion that Western Australia become a partner in a proposal to convert the Federal College into an interstate one was defeated by a small majority. An alternative motion from the Training Committee, suggested the formation of a Committee in W.A. to represent all three Colleges should the Federal Conference relinquish control of the Federal College. This motion attracted so much discussion and proposed amendments, that the issue became very confused. It was obvious that the motion,

in its presented form, was not acceptable to Conference as an alternative to the defeated motion, and by a large majority the whole matter was referred back to the Executive for a recommendation to next Conference, in the light of whatever discussion may be made by Federal Conference.

One important item of business was the admission of two new suburban churches, Dianella and Wembley Downs, to Conference. These are both in growing suburbs, and land is held in each. In the former case it was given some years ago by A. M. Bell, while at Wembley Downs, it has been purchased from the State Housing Commission. Both churches would seem to have bright prospects.

## Highlights

### 1. Executive Report.

● Aggregate membership declined by 19 to 5,437, but active membership increased by 78 to 3,411.

● Offerings for all purposes were a record of \$213,442 (£106,721).

● In addition to full-time organisers and Federal Aborigines Mission personnel, a record number of 35 ministers is serving the churches in 1966.

● Only one town with a church building is without a minister.

● Recent recommendations for ministers' salaries, etc., were approved by Conference as follows:

Margins over the State Basic Wage of \$32.38 per week are:— 1st year from College, \$12.50; 2nd year, \$13.50; 3rd year, \$14.50; 4th year, 15.50. Further \$2 per week increases are projected for 1967 and 1968.

● Christian Centre debt was reduced by approximately \$9,000 to under \$78,000.

● Outreach and Development Fund realised almost \$38,000 in 1965.

### 2. Home Missions.

● New church at Wembley Downs.

● Services planned for Hamilton Hill (near Fremantle).

● Possibility of minister at Albany in 1967.

### 3. Social Service.

● Welfare Holiday Home at Pt. Peron and Family Home for teenage girls at Melville, to be opened in April, 1966.

● Visit to North-West planned in co-operation with Home Missionary Committee.

### 4. Youth and Christian Education Committee.

● Development of Pt. Peron camp site.

● Miss B. Johnstone, of Subiaco, presented by National Fitness Council of Western Australia with "Leader of the Year" award.

### 5. Training Committee.

● Successful training classes conducted during year.

### 6. Aged Person's Homes Board.

● Commencement of 52 flat scheme at Scaddan.

● Plans for homes at Bunbury.

● Appointment of R. H. Davey as full-time Administrator.



THE "CHRISTIAN" GOES

TO . . .

# CONFERENCE

Although inevitably involved personally as a church member, freedom from the duties of a delegate enabled us to take a more objective view of the 69th Conference of our W.A. churches, which commenced on Thursday, March 31, and closed about noon on Good Friday. Observing Conference we noted

## THREE "P's"

1. **Preparedness.** There had been good publicity. An attractive folder gave an outline of the meetings and sessions, and the Year Book containing the full programme and reports was available in the churches well in advance of the opening date. Advice of important notices of motion had reached churches in duplicated form much earlier.

Despite what might have been going on behind the scenes in the nature of a last-minute rush, the delegates and general membership arriving for the first session found everything moving smoothly. President and other responsible officers gave evidence of personal and technical readiness. Delays did occur at certain places during the course of Conference, but this was not due to lack of preparation beforehand.

2. **Preaching.** We were treated to preaching of a high order. We were instructed, inspired, rebuked, challenged, entreated. It was satisfying to one who received his homiletical training in a generation long since gone, to note the survival of basic techniques. Excellent exegesis also pleased us. One was established in the conviction that good preaching by Spirit-filled men (and women) is still an instrument of God for reaching minds and hearts.

At the request of the Conference President, almost all the ministers of our W.A. churches were assembled on the platform on opening night. Now it is a universal principle that ministers, like fertiliser, do their best work when spread around the country, but comments after the meeting would indicate that those present were glad to be reminded of our ministerial strength by seeing it "en masse."

3. **Personalities.** We leave it to a more formal report of Conference to record names. What we want to say here is a word of thanks to God for the dedicated people who enrich our brotherhood by their leadership and service in specialised fields of wide variety. We are a democratic people, but we depend very greatly upon those who are willing to accept positions of responsibility. It is notable that many have been so conscious of a call from God to their particular ministry to be able to continue in lengthy service with seemingly perpetual freshness, and often despite the frustrations of criticism and the slowness of the main brotherhood body to accept and assimilate proposals for progress.

## THREE "T's"

1. **Tension.** The advance notice of two opposing motions on the one subject set the stage for a considerable amount of tension between the opposing points of view. It was not long before the tension was in evidence, particularly as one party had sought to win support by a distribution of duplicated sheets setting forth the virtues of its motion. During the course of business tensions arose at other points, and at times it was quite acute.

It must be realised that tension is part of the price we pay for progress and that in some respects is a sign of deep sincerity. Strong convictions become strongly vocal. I would think this was accepted by Conference as a whole, which fact helped towards "togetherness" after the final decision was reached. It was a sign of spiritual sanity that a matter was deferred when either of two alternatives would have left a very large section of the brotherhood dissatisfied.

Some of the tension at one point arose from the apparent inability of some delegates to understand what to do with the proposition, "That the motion be now put," despite the explanations of the president. This observer thinks there might have been some confused voting at this point.

One can, perhaps, understand the impatience of some delegates from country churches who had come a long way to be present, with the inability of Conference to reach a clear-cut decision and motions of business as they stood. They wanted to go back to their churches with everything having received its proper answer.

Some weeks ago we shared in a Group Leader Training Course in connection with the Church and Life Movement, and believe that the Group Dynamics taught there would considerably benefit all who take part in Conference debates.

We were impressed with the leadership of the Conference President in resolving the tensions.

2. **Tangents.** One speaker asked, under the stress of irritation, "Why don't people speak to the report?" He was echoing the thoughts of many. On many occasions the path of the business in hand was strewn with obstacles because of the tendency of speakers to fly off at tangents and introduce extraneous issues.

3. **Tolerance.** Genuine brotherly respect for each other prevented the emergence of odious personalities in speeches. Differing points of view were laid side by side with no apparent bridge being found to get across the gap, but no barriers were erected that broke basic brotherhood. Members were tolerant towards each other, seemingly recognising that the whole mind of a man cannot be expressed in a short speech from the floor of Conference.

# QUESTING

WITH

A. E. WHITE



Are Christian young people justified in purchasing property as an investment for the future?

Yes, they are. I would actively encourage young people to save and to invest for the future — not only in regard to money and property, of course, but in the investment of time and development of capacities also.

There is certainly nothing in the Bible that denies the right of the individual to invest in property, or that money or property in themselves are evil.

Both wealth and property have their dangers. The rich young ruler's wealth was a serious obstacle to him, as it is in the lives of many today. But money is not necessarily an obstacle. The reason for rich men finding it hard to enter the Kingdom of God is largely because of the poverty of their spirit, rather than the acres they own.

The basic need is to see that everything we possess is held in trust for God. We are God's stewards and we have every right, and sometimes obligation, to invest for the future. It is when property becomes an end in itself that it is soul-destroying.

It must also be stressed that as God's stewards we have no right to rob him today in order to pay him tomorrow. Whatever is the measure of our regular weekly giving to God, it would be robbing him if we decided to withhold our offerings in order to invest in our future, or even in God's future.

Some Christians have questioned the right to prepare for the future on the grounds that it shows a lack of trust. In one of my particularly foolish phases of the painful process of growing up, I allowed a small insurance policy to lapse. When approached by the agent I informed him that I had now become a Christian and that God was now my insurance for the future. It is some small help to my pride to know that others have also completely misunderstood the Christian responsibility for planning for the future.

Jesus did not say that we were not to think of tomorrow, he said that we were not to be anxious or worried about it. You need only to reflect on the stories Jesus told of farmers, shepherds and stewards — without one word to suggest that they were wrong — to realise that no one day, or week, or year can be lived to itself.

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### E. P. C. HOLLARD

(Adelaide, S.A.). It has been announced in South Australia that E. P. C. Hollard has resigned from the position of Secretary and Organiser for the Home Mission Department there. Mr. Hollard has served in this office for 15 years. His resignation will take effect from January, 1967.

### CHURCH CO-OPERATION

(Canberra, A.C.T.). Because of a slight stroke suffered by Rev. Allen Brooke, G. R. Stirling, R. Lawton and Bob Deane have been assisting Dickson Baptist services. A combined service was held in our building on Good Friday morning. . . . Good progress is being made on the manse at South Canberra. It is expected to be completed at the end of May. Tenders for the church building will be in by the middle of May. . . . Both ministers, together with E. W. Roffey of the Federal Conf. Executive, attended a two-day consultation of churches for Inter-Church co-operation in the new Canberra housing areas.

### S.A. MINISTERS' FRATERNAL

Next meeting will be held at Gawler Place, Adelaide, on Mon., May 2, at 10.30 a.m. Speaker, Rev. J. Bodycomb, Dept. Christian Educ., Congregational Union. Subject, "The Church and Life Movement."

### LOOK AND LISTEN

(Recommended Radio and T.V. Programmes):

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### "TEEN AND TWENTY" MISSION

(S.A.). Months of hard work and careful planning will climax on April 29 and 30, and May 1, when Haydn Sargent comes to Adelaide for the "Teen and Twenty Mission, 1966." The meetings will be held in the Thebarton Town Hall, the site of the 1962 National Convention. A report will be made to the brotherhood when the "mission" ends. We ask your prayerful and interested support for this special effort that will seek to win young people to Jesus Christ, and challenge them to a deeper commitment of life and talents. The programme is sponsored by the S.A. Dept. of Christian Education.

### MINISTRY EXTENDED

(Nth. Williamstown, Vic.). The minister, J. R. Welden, has accepted the unanimous invitation of the church to continue his ministry for a further year from Jan., 1967. . . . The Christian Men's Fellowship sponsored a family rally, at which the speakers were J. Birt (Essendon footballer), R. N. Gilmore, B.A., and G. K. Moyes, B.A. A capacity congregation enjoyed the evening. Assisting artists were Robert Gray and Jeff Cheal. Extensive house to house visitation preceded the event. . . . Harvest Thanksgiving produce was distributed amongst local families and C.O.B. married couples. . . . Three members have been welcomed by transfer and one young lady by faith and baptism.

### THIRTY BROADCASTS

(Nambour, Qld.). The minister has concluded his thirtieth daily broadcast in 12 months. These have gained new friends for the church. . . . C.W.F. have had special morning tea gathering as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Todd. Church held a special fellowship tea for the minister and his wife as they left for England. . . . Three of those who made recent decisions were baptized on April 17 and received into fellowship.

### MOVEMENTS

#### JIM LEWIS AT MAYLANDS

(S.A.). J. W. Lewis has commenced ministry here. The church and auxiliaries are appreciative of Mr. Lewis' capable and helpful leadership. . . . C.W.F. held Devonshire morning tea on March 29, resulting in \$225 for Wheat for India. . . . Proceeds of picture evening arranged by C.Y.F. were donated to fund for chapel for Longwood. . . . The introduction of Youth magazine entitled "Wipe Out," edited and published by teenagers, is proving a worthy adjunct to youth work, with challenging and thought-provoking articles.

#### RESIGNATION OF

#### A. C. THURROWGOOD

(Margaret-st., Toowoomba, Qld.). A special meeting on April 4 received, and adopted with regret, the resignation of A. C. Thurrowgood from the ministry of Margaret and Crown Streets. . . . Student minister, Phillip Jauncey, from Kenmore Christian College, has been assisting, mainly at Crown St., since February. . . . Sunday afternoon All-age Study Group has been formed to study and discuss Biblical subjects, led by R. Hill. . . . Funds for new hall at Margaret St. continue to build up, with help of auxiliaries, and new fund for future needs at Crown St. has been opened. Improvements have been carried out for expanding B.S. . . . At recent business meeting following were elected: deacons, W. A. Mortensen (sec.), A. W. Bade (treas.), K. R. Paton (Youth Counsellor), R. J. Hill, H. Hansen, C. Dunn; B.S. supt. (Margaret St.), M. Muller; (Crown St.), A. E. Thurrowgood.

#### MINISTER FOR SWAN HILL

(Vic.). Graeme A. Harrison, present minister at Applecross, W.A., has accepted a call to minister with the Swan Hill-Woorinen circuit. It is anticipated that his ministry will commence in mid-January, 1967. . . . 20 young people from Swan Hill and Woorinen churches took part in the Easter camp at Eppalock, when the minister, Deane Olafsen, was one of the leaders. . . . Morning service was broadcast by Radio 3SH on April 17.

### NATIONAL DIARY

MAY:

#### VICTORIA

Throughout this month, under auspices of Dept. of Christian Union, Congregational Study of Uniting Church of Australia proposals.  
1 —Annual Offering — Dept. of Christian Educ.  
7 —Explorers' Hike and Barbecue.  
11 —Quarterly Prayer Rallies — Dept. of H.M. and Evangelism.

#### NEW SOUTH WALES

April 29-May 1—Manning River District C.E. Convention — at Taree Church of Christ.  
8 —"Mothers' Day" in all our churches.  
13 —First D.C.E. Bible Study Camp for 1966.

#### QUEENSLAND

2 —Conference concludes.  
3-8 —"Tweenagers' Camp, Caloundra.  
7 —"Shindig" at Kenmore College.

### 1966 SPORTS DAY

(S.A.). April brought together schools from the Adelaide area in the 1966 Sports Day at the Harrier's Oval. A lovely day and keen competition resulted in the following teams taking out the pennants — Junior: Croydon, Edwardstown, Beulah Road. Senior: Croydon, Edwardstown, Hawthorne.

### PART-TIME AT ALDGATE

(Aldgate Valley, S.A.). Bill Bowden commenced a part-time ministry on Feb. 6. . . . Recent speakers have been A. J. Ingham, Lenswood, and John Wylie. Deacons elected at the first annual meeting since the new arrangement were: D. Ackland, R. Caudle (treas.), K. Dover, R. Harslett (sec.), H. Middleton, H. Smith (B.S. supt.). R. Knight is auditor. Deaconesses: Mrs. J. Caudle, K. Pfeiffer and I. Norris. Offerings averaged \$40 for February. Two young men made decisions and were baptized. . . . R. S. A. McLean, representing Overseas Missions, addressed the church on the needs of the Indian brethren. An appeal the week before brought a response of \$106, for wheat. The officers have decided to increase this to \$150. . . . There were five decisions

on March 27, a young married lady and four young people. On April 3, two B.S. boys made decisions. . . . Mrs. Bowden rendered a solo at the Good Friday service. Three more decisions were made on Easter Sunday.

### EASTER CAMPS IN S.A.

It is estimated that almost 300 young people attended camps over the Easter period in S.A. Three of these camps were sponsored by the D.C.E., and others arranged by local churches were held at Woolshed Flat, Redcliffs and Williamstown. The three Department camps were held at Longwood (85), Barmera (70), Balaklava (30), the first two were for young people 16 years and over, and the Balaklava camp was a Young Adults' Group. The S.A. Director had support of a team of leaders drawn from the churches. R. Clymer was supported at Longwood by T. Mason, I. Gates, S. Thomas and Carol Fooks. At Barmera, W. J. C. Maxted and R. Saunders shared the leadership with Jenny Ball, and K. D. H. went to Balaklava. The theme for the camps was "Evangelism," and the booklet by Ian Tanner, "Why Did Jesus Die?" was the basis of the Bible study.

### EASTER CONVENTION AT NORSEMAN

(W.A.). Some 300 people packed the R.S.L. Hall at Norseman for these meetings, planned and conducted by Bob Kingi (Maori Evangelist) and Sonny Graham, from the Norseman Mission. There was a good representation of white people, both from the town, and visitors, but most were of Aboriginal descent, travelling from far and near to share in the inspiration.

The Sunday morning communion service was conducted completely by Aboriginal folk, both in presiding and serving. Many commented on the inspiration of being served the Lord's Supper from the hands of some who had so recently come to a saving knowledge of Christ. On Easter Monday a baptismal service was conducted at a Railway dam, 20 miles south. Sonny Graham (representing our Aboriginal brethren) baptized a young lady who had been helping in the Norseman Mission, and a business man from the town of Norseman (both white folk).

The witness of these meetings was most impressive. Many who had known the previous lives of some of our Aboriginal brethren, and who now heard and saw the testimony of their words and lives, felt that this was a wonderful indication of the sacrificial work expended in developing our Aborigines Missions.

N.B.—Keith Stevenson, who was absent in Perth with an injured knee, is now back at Norseman Christian Centre, and getting on his feet again.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFERING

QUEENSLAND — MAY 29.

ALL OTHER STATES — MAY 1.

The annual offering being received in May is for the work of

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### VICTORIAN C.W.F.

(Melb.). C.W.F. Council Meeting will be held in the reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre on Friday, May 6, at 8 p.m. Please note change in time for this month. Special guests: Gen. Conf. Pres., A. Ross. Lloyd, and speaker, Rev. Lloyd Phillips, Director of Marriage Guidance Council of Vic.

### GUESTS AT FORESTVILLE

(S.A.). Various gifts were brought to Harvest Thanksgiving on March 26. I. J. Chivell was guest speaker. Perishable goods were given to Morialta Children's home. 30 tins of milk and \$38 given for India. In addition, \$45 given for grain for India. We are grateful for speakers who have helped during the illness of the minister, N. Gavros. In addition to A. E. Brown's interim ministry, E. P. C. Hollard spoke at Good Friday service, B. J. Whitford and D. Drilling on Easter Sunday. . . . Dorcas ladies had interesting March meeting. C.W.F. ladies visited Seaforth Girls' Home for birthday meeting in March. Y.P. activities include "scavenger hunt" and barbecue at home of Mrs. J. Phillips. . . . B.S. social and prizegiving on March 25. . . . A. E. Brown baptized B.S. scholar.

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# INTERSTATE NEWS

## UNIVERSITY STUDENTS MEET

Each year the S.A. Dept. of Christian Education arranges a buffet dinner in the Geo. Murray Lounge at the Adelaide University for the tertiary students of our brotherhood. This year over 70 young people were able to meet for dinner and hear an address by Miss Judith Fitzgerald, B.A. (Hons.), a last year graduate, who had recently returned from the New Zealand Ecumenical Youth Conference. C. H. J. Wright, B.A., honorary chaplain to the University, was introduced to the group, and K. D. Horne of the D.C.E., spoke on behalf of "mine host."

The purpose of the meeting? Firstly, to assure students entering University for the first time that the church was with them. Secondly, to urge our young people to link with the Christian groups already at work within the University, and thirdly, to introduce young people from our churches to each other.

All students are reminded of the fact that Mr. Wright is available to talk over any problems they might like to share with him. His phone number, 967478.

## 10,000 MILES OF SERVICE

(Belmore, N.S.W.). Colin E. Bowser has just completed a very successful year as Conference President, during which he travelled 10,000 miles on behalf of the brotherhood, making many new friends, and reporting that the State churches are undertaking a wonderful extension programme. The church was saddened by the recent home call of Ern Smith, who will be remembered by many. The project for buying land for Blaxland has nearly been achieved. Under the leadership of C. E. Bowser, the church cricket team won their division and were runners-up in the "C" grade final.

## TEACHING MISSION

(Ungarra, S.A.). Church has just completed a teaching mission, with W. N. Bartlett as missionary. Special items in song were a feature of the weeknight meetings, including the Tumby Bay Methodist choir. The circuit churches combined at Ungarra for Good Friday fellowship meetings. It was an edifying and successful mission. Two came into membership from other churches. Two Bible scholars made decisions.

## S.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The monthly Conference meeting was held at Grote St. on March 31. Attendance 171, including 139 delegates, two visitors — Mrs. Folland (Carnarvon, W.A.), Miss Dorothy Howden, missionary in New Guinea. Clovelly Park ladies led devotions, theme being "Newness of Life," a message of renewal in preparation for Easter. Greetings were brought by Mrs. Folland and Miss Howden. Delegates elected to National Council of Women—Miss E. Hammond, Mrs. J. Wright.

Conference books close on May 26, when the treasurer will be at Brotherhood Centre to receive money. Contributions to be sent to leaders of Depart-

## N.S.W. C.W.F. HOUSEPARTY

No report could do justice to the weekend the ladies of the N.S.W. C.W.F. spent at Gilbulla Conference Centre. The atmosphere of this lovely spacious home, with its surrounding expanse of lawns and gardens, was only surpassed by the fellowship and obvious presence of the Holy Spirit. Special guests were Mrs. A. M. Chambers, our Bible study leader, and Miss Win. Walker, of India. For many of us the focal point of the study in Philippians was chapter 2, under the heading, "The Graciousness of Christian Living."

Mrs. M. Elsmore gave an excellent opportunity for interchange of ideas in her "Doorways into C.W.F."

The concert was literally a "riot,"

## ABORIGINAL HARVEST

(Mandurah, W.A.). Harvest Festival goods were sent to the Aborigine Mission at Pinjarra. The annual meeting elected M. Livingstone, sec., Mrs. Eichner, recording sec., W. Doney, Slater, W. Date, Miss K. Wortman, treas., Mrs. Duke, J. Edwards. W.C.F. have commenced sewing for Roelands, Carnarvon and Norseman Missions. Mrs. Livingstone is pres., and Mrs. Weeks, treas. The B.S. is gaining members. W. Duke is supt. and Mrs. Weeks, sec. Mrs. Duke conducts children's weekly session. Mrs. J. Edwards, Mrs. Pearce, and Miss Weeks, have undergone surgery in Perth. Miss Weeks has returned to P.B.I. Mr. Duke will speak fortnightly. The church is grateful for those who have come from Perth in past years to conduct meetings. Mr. and Mrs. Eichner and John have moved to Jeelurup. We thank them for their services. An additional room is planned to cope with S.S. expansion.

ments, Affiliation Fees and Travelling Fund to be paid direct to treasurer.

Mid-year Conference will be held on May 5, commencing at 12.45 p.m. Questions for discussion have been circulated in newsletter. Northern District Women's Camp will be held at Crystal Brook, April 29-May 1. Registration forms are available.

Helpers are required to sell badges for Morialta Home on May 20 — volunteers will be rostered between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Helpers are also required for Morialta Sewing Guild, which meets 3rd Wednesday each month, at 10.30 a.m., Morialta office, Flinders-st., Adelaide. — M. Wright, Assist.-Sec.

complete with cow, antique car, and physical education. The whole programme was so greatly enjoyed that our President's (Mrs. G. Mackenzie) closing devotions on Prov. 17: 22, "A merry heart doeth good, like a medicine," could not have been more aptly chosen.

On Sunday morning, Miss Win. Walker brought a devotional written by one of our Indian pastors, and the communion service message and presidency was taken by C. Cole, Conf. Pres. The whole weekend was supported by prayer meetings prepared and led by Mrs. P. Rofe.

The organisers, especially Messrs. P. Henderson and R. Dickson, must feel a sense of real reward for their hard work, in the obvious enjoyment and blessing expressed by the 80 ladies present. — D. Bedwell.

## CHANGE IN TIME

(East Victoria Park, W.A.). From May 1, the Sunday evening services will commence at 7 p.m., throughout the winter months. The S.A. picnic was held at Peppermint Grove. The Prayer and Bible Study meeting commenced on March 30. W. Lake has alternated with the minister, I. Allsop, in taking services for the past three months. Mr. Patterson has offered to do this for the next quarter. Mr. Allsop preaches at Rivervale as well as here.

## MORNING BAPTISM

(Hamilton, N.S.W.). A baptismal service for Trevor Fraser was included with the meeting for communion on April 3. D. Brown, D. Ewers, T. Fraser and K. Shaw were re-elected to the Board at annual meeting. The minister, W. D. Howard, presided. A number of members attended the Easter holidays camp at the new site at South Swansea. A special Easter choral service was held on April 3. Anthems by church choir, and individual items by F. Barnier and K. Shaw were on the theme of Mr. Howard's message, "Why Christ was Crucified."

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# OBITUARY

## L. H. Walters.

The church at Stirling East, S.A., sustained a great loss in the sudden death of L. H. Walters. He suffered a severe heart attack on Easter Saturday, and died as the ambulance arrived to take him to hospital. Mr. Walters first served the church at Cottonville (now Hawthorn). He was B.S. supt., deacon and C.E. leader for many years. He was president of the Churches of Christ C.E. Dept. During the depression years he took up land at Echunga, in the early thirties, and eventually joined the Strathalbyn church. About ten years ago he united with the Stirling church, becoming a deacon and later an elder. Four years ago he moved to Verdun. Ira Durdin, assisted by Robt. Sidler, conducted a brief memorial service on Easter Sunday. He was buried at Strathalbyn Cemetery. Mr. Walters is survived by his wife, Anne, daughter Shirley (Mrs. L. Verrier) and four grandchildren.

## Ernst and Elva Hilbig.

On April 13, Ern and Elva Hilbig set out early on a holiday trip to Mildura. At about 7 a.m., near the 67-mile post south of Chewton, their car left the road and smashed into two trees. They were both dead on arrival at Castlemaine Hospital. At a service in the Hampton church on April 15, the building was crowded with mourners who gave the tribute of their presence to these two, and a mass of flowers spoke eloquently of the affection in which they were held by all who knew them. The funeral proceeded to the Springvale Crematorium.

Ern and Elva had very clearly understood all their lives what was essential in life, and they complemented each other in their gifts to family and friends. To have experienced the warmth of their love and interest was to have been drawn closer to reality. Ern had a strength which he did not need to display — he just was sure of his God and trusted that straightforwardness in life and word would build the kingdom of Christ. He was a craftsman, skilled, patient, delighting in a job done to the best of his ability. He happily played with children, sharing their spirit easily. In a number of church fellowships, latterly Brighton and Hampton, he made his contribution of life and something of the influence he had on others is known, but most of it is in the heart of Jesus Christ.

And that is all that Ern would have been concerned about. As a father he was without peer in the hearts of his children.

His partner of forty years, Elva, was of a different temperament. There were sources of energy deep in her which made her endlessly energetic in good works. How many people now have to reorganise themselves consciously to their loss of Elva's helpfulness and friendship! And the energy made her question deeply into herself and into the life of any church in which she lived. On many occasions her bluntness may have disturbed, and yet her life was so manifestly invested in the things of the faith that to ignore her insights would have been to miss something of the truth. Her loyalty once given was never open to question. In countless ways she sacrificed herself for her family and friends. The tally of influence and help given by her is known only to God.

To Graham and Pat Hilbig, Roma and Russell Price, and Lola and Howard Dunt, and all the grandchildren, there has come in this tragedy a testing which we can only partially share with them. And yet in all these experiences the faith in which they have been thoroughly grounded has stood the test and we pray that with the passing of time there will be only more vividly in all their hearts that sense of gratitude for such lives which ran deeply through the service on Friday.

On April 10, at the home of Roma and Russell, they very happily celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary, and scores of people were able to attend and express their good wishes, and many others were prevented. They were looking forward to Ern's retirement in a few months, and had planned a trip to Western Australia with friends. In death, as in life, they are united in Jesus Christ.—C.L.S.

## J. S. (Stan.) Morris.

After an extended period as an invalid, Stan Morris died on April 12, at the age of 70 years. A service was held in the Epping chapel and at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium.

He was born in Flemington, Vic., and the family moved to Sydney, settling first at Botany, and later at Petersham. Their home, named "Pendennis," was a byword in the brotherhood for Christian hospitality. He joined the church during a tent mission at Prince Alfred Park in 1908, conducted by an American preacher, Jno. T. Brown. He attended the City Temple. The names "Morris"

and "City Temple" were synonymous. He and his brothers and sister became well known and loved in the brotherhood — Gladstone, Norman, the twins Gordon and Campbell, and Kit. Stan served as sec. of the B.S.

He married Gladys Stimson, and he and his wife lived at Eastwood and shared in the recently formed church at Epping, when the church was meeting in the School of Arts. He was secretary of the B.S. there until as recently as 1955. He gave long and faithful service as a church officer and in the church's difficult years he was its secretary also.

He was a man of intense loyalty to his church and loved the New Testament message. His life was tested by keen disappointments, but his faith was unshaken. Those who knew him well appreciated his dour, delightful Scottish wit.

About ten years ago he was knocked down by a car outside the Epping church and sustained a most severe injury. Although he rallied for a time and even continued in employment until a couple of years ago, his health declined from this point.

The church expresses sincere Christian sympathy to Mrs. Morris and their children — Barbara, John (missionary in New Guinea), and Margaret (wife of Anglican minister, Rev. P. Watkins).

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and some other churches as announced locally.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, and Miss J. Brown, Glen Waverley to Hartwell, Vic.

Miss M. B. Black, Gardiner, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Kimber, Hawthorn, S.A. to Footscray, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Preedy, sen., Bassendean; Dr. and Mrs. Collins, Ascot Vale, S.A., to East Vic. Park, S.A.

E. Grieves, Gympic to Dalby, Qld.

## MARRIAGES

Juliet Leach to Darryl Scott; Wendy Mason to Keith Anderson, Swan Hill, Vic.

Margaret McGivern to Alec Moorby, Croydon, Vic.

## DEATHS

Robert Kenneth Hutchinson, North Essendon, Vic.

Jessie May Mandelkow, Mt. Walker, Qld.

J. S. Morris, Epping, N.S.W.

Mrs. H. A. Douglas, Telopea, N.S.W.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hilbig, Mrs. Symes, Hampton, Vic.

## IN MEMORIAM

GROSS. — In loving memory of my dear wife, Myrtle, who fell asleep on May 2, 1965. "Sadly missed." Love and devotion her reward — eternal peace.

—Loving husband, children and grandchildren.

HINRICHSEN. — In loving remembrance of our beloved parents who were called home — mother (Bessie Olive), April 25, 1963; father (Albert), Feb. 3, 1964. "Too dearly loved to be forgotten."

—Alf., May, Ivy, Lucy, Jessie, Ruby and Mona; daughter-in-law, sons-in-law and grandchildren.

## MORELAND (VIC.)

### 57th ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING

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11 a.m.—Harold Gross, B.A.  
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4 p.m.—Fellowship Hour.

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## BIRTHS

SMART. — To Wendy and Alex, a daughter — Nerida Jean.

NELSON. — To Des. and Bette (nee James), at Maryborough, Qld., on April 15, a son — Dean Philip, brother to Stephen and Haydn.

WING TANG (nee Mott). — To Margaret and Peter, a son — Simon Gregory, born April 14. A brother for Michael.

## APPROACHING MARRIAGE

TRICKEY - CRAWFORD. — The marriage of Lois Dorothy, only daughter of Mrs. D. Trickey, 13 Morris-st., North Balwyn, Vic., and the late Mr. W. T. Trickey, to David Ralston, only son of Mrs. M. Crawford, and Mr. H. C. Crawford, Balwyn, Vic., will be solemnized at Balwyn Church of Christ, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, April 30, 1966. L. F. Barker officiating.

## ENGAGEMENT

FURLER - PEDERSON. — Wing Commander and Mrs. D. M. Furler, Laverton, Vic., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their elder daughter, Jacquelyn Lois, to David Georges, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pederson, Sth. Plympton, Sth. Aust.

## DEATHS

HARGREAVES, Mary Ann Diana — 42 Fisher-st., East Malvern, Vic., on April 12, loved wife of the late James, loving mother of Myrtle (Mrs. Holland), Doris (Mrs. Hutchinson), Victor, Hazel (Mrs. Cunningham), Elsie (Mrs. Wilson), Olive (Mrs. Ferguson), Lily (dec.); fond grandma of 19 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren. In her 88th year. "In God's loving care."

HARGREAVES, Mary. — Passed away April 12, 1966, loving mother of Victor and Ruby, Kent-ave., Croydon; loved grandma of Valma (dec.), Colin (dec.), Glenys and Gerald Basterfield, May and Bevy Hargreaves; great-grandma of Venise and Tanya Basterfield. "At rest."

SYMES, Emily Beatrice — 19 Avondale-st., Hampton, Vic., on April 4 (suddenly), at Harcourt, beloved wife of Henry, loving mother of Edna (Mrs. Holroyd), Alice (Mrs. Lawson), Kenneth and Margaret (Mrs. Haliv). Late of Merbein and Ringwood.

CUTCHIE. — On April 11 (suddenly), at his home, 15 Lewis-st., Horsham, Vic., Albert Edward, dearly loved husband of Mary, loving father of Janice, Shirley and Barry; father-in-law of Harold and Gerald; dear grandpa of Grant, Lyndell, Joanne and Andrew. "Precious in the sight of the Lord, is the death of his saints."

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TRENWITH - LAWRENCE. — Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Trenwith, with thankfulness to God, announce the 50th anniversary of their wedding celebrated on April 29, 1916, at the Church of Christ, Kadina, S.A. Officiating minister, A. J. Wedd.

## IN MEMORIAM

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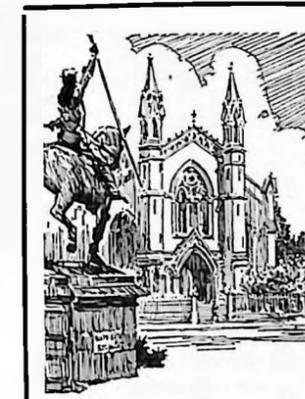
(South Melb., Vic.) Mr. and Mrs. E. Keating were welcomed when Mr. Keating commenced a ministry. At the end of 1965, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Cutt and family returned to W.A., because of the ill-health of Mr. Cutt. Bernard Duff, who had been assisting here, was presented with a suitable gift on leaving to serve at Middle Park . . . From May to August this year a 5 p.m. service will be held in lieu of the 7 p.m. meeting, to give families the opportunity of attending. A creche will cater for young children . . . Evening communion will be held only once a month . . . A committee was formed to plan for Centenary celebrations in June, 1967 . . . Miss Joye Donnelly is working at the Carnarvon Mission Station, W.A. . . . Roslyn Rawle made her decision on April 10 . . . The youth group is growing rapidly. Mr. Keating is leader.

## HARTWELL'S 45TH

(Vic.) A large number of former members were welcomed home for 45th anniversary services on 17th; three received by transfer and one by confession, also welcomed into fellowship. Over 250 sat down to a fellowship tea in the hall, presided over by the chairman of the Board, L. Seath, who welcomed Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd, Pres. of Vic.-Tas. Conf., brought greetings from the Executive and Dandenong church. Greetings also read from former Hartwell members in Tas. and other places. Chairman also gave a brief account of work since its inception in 1921. At night, a large congregation joined in a song service as a prelude to gospel service, at the close of which a young girl made her confession. The choir, under leadership of Mrs. Willing, gave special anthems at both services. Guest speakers for the day were J. E. Webb and H. J. Patterson, former ministers of the church.

## LOSS AT SHEPPARTON

(Vic.) The church was saddened at death of Miss A. E. Clydesdale. Sympathy is extended to her brother, our elder, R. A. Clydesdale, and other members of the family . . . C.W.E.F. journeyed to Seymour to meet with Nth. Essendon C.W.E.F. for a picnic outing. . . . The Missionary Aviation Fellowship visited Shepparton. The Ministers' Fraternal arranged an Inter-Church rally at the aerodrome. Ron. Robinson, of



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the M.A.F., occupied the pulpit at the worship service. Half-hourly services of devotion were held each night in the week prior to Easter. These were meditations on the last days of Christ . . . It was with sincere regret the church learned the secretary, I. A. N. McArthur, did not seek re-election, owing to ill-health. Neville Doyle, who was asst.-sec., was welcomed into the position. Mr. Farrar, of Numurkah, was elected an elder, along with former elders, R. A. Clydesdale and A. V. Taylor. Several members, including the minister, D. B. McIntosh, journeyed to Melb. to attend some Conference meetings. A resolution was passed at the annual congregational meeting to commence the evening gospel services at 5 p.m. for a trial period. . . . Church welcomed former minister, Mr. Hargreaves, to the worship service on April 17.

## N. S. MOORE TO CONTINUE

(Nth. Essendon, Vic.) Mr. Moore has accepted the invitation to continue for a further period of three years after the expiration of the present term of ministry, Feb., 1967 . . . At the annual business meeting, A. Rowlings was elected treasurer and D. Ploog, re-elected secretary . . . The B.S. Class Competition, resulting in interesting projects, new scholars, and an increase in attendances, continues to stimulate school. . . . 135 young people were present at a recent S.C.Y.F.-Y.A.F. coffee hour. . . . J. Lycett has been appointed chairman of the Board. R. Drayton is vice-chairman . . . Rev. Roberts, chaplain of Wesley College, was a recent speaker at S.C.Y.F. . . . The Young Adult Fellowship held a seminar at a Healesville guest house on April 15-17. The subject discussed was "Churches of Christ." On their return they conducted the evening service at Berry St. A feature was hymns sung to modern music, accompanied by a band. A. J. Lloyd was speaker, with Robert Gray, soloist.

## VICTORIAN PERSONAL

On going to press the death was announced of Mrs. E. M. Butler, mother of L. J. Butler, of the Hartwell church.

B. J. Combridge is a patient at the Prince Henry's Hospital, following surgery.

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## VISSER 'T HOOFT ON ROMAN CATHOLIC MARRIAGE INSTRUCTION

(Geneva). Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, issued the following statement here on March 30 on the recent Roman Catholic instruction on mixed marriages, matrimonii sacramentum:

"Although the Instruction represents a slight step forward, it does not come up to the expectations raised by the promulgation of the Declaration on Religious Liberty and the Decree on Ecumenism, and especially by the discussion of Mixed Marriages at the Vatican Council. The Instruction removes only the tiniest fraction of the difficulties which the present regulations present for non-Roman marriage partners.

(a) It draws no real distinction between marriage between two Christians of different confessions, and marriage between a Christian and a non-Christian. It does not bring out the things which are common to all Christians, even if they belong to separated churches.

(b) It still exacts a promise from the non-Roman partner to bring up the children as Roman Catholics, instead of leaving this decision to the parents. The fact that the promise can be given orally in certain cases hardly eases the situation.

(c) It still does not recognise the validity of a mixed marriage contracted outside the Roman Catholic Church (with

the exception of marriages contracted in the Orthodox Church, on which the Vatican Council has taken a decision in another context).

The Instruction makes provision for a non-Roman priest or pastor to pronounce a blessing, or something equivalent, after the Roman Catholic ceremony has been concluded. It is for the individual churches to say what they think about this possibility. It is improbable, however, that participation of this kind will be welcomed.—E.P.S.

### EMPHASIS . . .

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## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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## OPEN FORUM

### COLLEGE CO-OPERATION.

To the Editor,

In various consultations over the years between the Bible College, Woolwich, and the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, agreement has been reached concerning minimum standards, procedure and recognition of credits in the case of the transfer of a student from one College to another.

More recently the suggestion was made to Woolwich and Kenmore that a Federal Committee for Ministerial Training be established for purposes of consultation and promotion of minimum standards in all theological Colleges established by Churches of Christ in Australia.

It was further suggested that such a committee may consist of two or three representatives from the constituency of each College.

As previously, consultations between Woolwich and Glen Iris have taken place

### COLLEGE CO-OPERATION.

To the Editor,

Dr. J. H. Jauncey, in "A.C." April 16, states, "... You are doubtless aware that representations are, at present, being made to set up a Federal Committee to deal with inter-Theological College problems," and then proceeds to state why Kenmore will not co-operate.

Is this a correct statement of the position? The S.A. Conference was the first to pass this motion:

"That the Federal Conference establish a Federal Committee for Ministerial Training for purposes of consultation and promotion of minimum standards in all Theological Colleges established by Churches of Christ in Australia."

Surely the "purposes of consultation and promotion of minimum standards," is vastly different from "to deal with inter-Theological problems." Let us always be honest in stating the position we are seeking to establish or decry. Nothing is to be gained by half-statements of a position.

I am sure there are many people in our Australian brotherhood who would wish to see a Committee of responsible people set up to see that standards are maintained in our Colleges which are in keeping with the standards of education

during Federal Conference, it was thought that normally it would be possible for the proposed Federal Committee to hold its consultations during Federal Conference and so avoid extra costs.

For such a Federal Committee to be established it would be necessary for a notice of motion to be presented to Federal Conference, where the proposal would be discussed and voted upon.

Woolwich and Glen Iris have agreed on the suggestion to establish such a committee, and it was made perfectly clear that it should be for purposes of consultation and promotion of minimum standards. Such a Committee would not exercise any control or authority over the Colleges, but by consultation would seek to promote minimum standards.

The suggestion was initially made because it is believed that minimum standards are in the interests of our whole Australian brotherhood.

On behalf of the Board of Management, College of the Bible, Glen Iris,  
K. A. Jones, Sec.

in our society. It is difficult to know why a College would not wish to co-operate in such. It is a question of minimum standards, not maximum.

The people trained in these Colleges are acknowledged as ministers, missionaries, etc., of our brotherhood. Surely the brotherhood, through the only possible means, Federal Conference, should have something to say as to what will be the minimum standards of training.

—I. J. Chivell, S.A.

### "THE AGE" AND CHRISTOPHER.

From the Editor,

Several letters have been returned for amendment by the writers because they were based on the assumption that the Victorian Conference Executive was responsible in some way for a news item which appeared in the Melbourne "Age" on March 31.

Since the Conference Executive appointed no spokesman, granted no interview, and in no way influenced the item in question, it was considered unfair to accept letters based on the assumption that the Conference Executive was responsible.

Correspondence on the "Christopher" issue will conclude with the "A.C." for May 14  
—A.E.W.

### WORLD TOUR BY PROXY

(Ascot Park, S.A.). The men were invited to share in the C.W.F. meeting on April 14. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. C. Hollard showed slides of their trip to the World Convention. The president, Mrs. Outlaw, welcomed the visitors. Mrs. Hollard was presented with a posy and the ladies provided supper. On April 17, Christian Flix, and her sister, Mrs. Shirley Wheeler, were baptized... Brian Harris, a young man, made his decision. Mrs. Crowley was soloist.

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### • OVERSEAS MISSIONS

## Padwa—Hindu New Year Festival

By Mrs. VALERIE MAIN - Indapur.

Yesterday was Padwa, the Hindu festival of the New Year. It began for us with our next-door neighbour, Dilsharda, a girl of fourteen, at the window earlier than usual, asking if I were making "polya," a special type of cheparti, with a filling made from lentil flour.

I explained to her that we are Christians and do not observe the Hindu festivals. She found this a bit odd, as, although they are Moslem, they keep all the festivals. When we looked out over the town we saw long poles sprouting everywhere. On the end of the pole was tied a new sari and blouse piece, a lemon was stuck on the end, and over it a new brass vessel. Strings of sugar medallions were then draped over the lot.

During the preliminary Marathi course there was a lesson based on this festival, but we had never really seen it before. As a result we were far more interested because we understood what it was all about.

Just after lunch Dili and her friends came in to show us their new clothes and to give us some of their polya. We were hesitant about accepting them, knowing that the Hindus first offer them to the gods, but Dili assured us that they did nothing like that, and this was their way of saying "thank you" for giving them samples of European food from time to time. Later she turned up with a string of sugar medallions to put around Jenny's neck, but again we refused and explained why.

About four o'clock the town really livened up. The drums began to beat and the bands to play, and the streets were full of people, all in their new clothes. It wasn't long before we had a procession passing beneath us. First came the band, then a group of men dancers with special chains in their hands which clashed in time to their movements. Behind them a pair of gods, obviously prepared specially for Padwa. A pole was secured to a very heavy wooden trestle, on which were hung two big brass water pots. The water is supposed to be holy and have special powers. The pole was hung with a great many pieces of colored materials, there was a wig at the top, and again a lemon right on the tip. A piece of rope ran from the top of the pole to the back of the trestle and a triangular piece of material, like a sail, stretched between. At first each trestle was supported on the shoulders of two men, but as the procession moved on more and more men gave their support.

As this procession moved on up the street another came down the cross-street with another similar god. This group was much wilder, and the men were rushing back and forth making the god appear to dance. The two processions kept on going round the town with the people getting more and more worked up, until the two met at the crossroads about six o'clock. All this time the drums had been beating with the tempo gradually increasing, and now things really got wild, and there

appeared to be a fight between the gods. Eventually, amid much cheering, one god was pulled down. The dancers broke into a very fast dance and we looked on half scared, wondering what would happen next. The crowd was obviously highly worked up, and we had seen once before how such a crowd had turned nasty when things didn't go their way. However nothing happened. The procession of the triumphant god moved off along our street and the other one was put back in order and moved off in a different direction. The drums and processions are still going on when we went to bed, and I daresay continued most of the night.

I can't help wondering what satisfaction the people get from such a festival. There is the pleasure of wearing and showing off new clothes, of having a special meal. There is the excitement of the procession and the stirring up of the emotions. But this is basically a religious festival, and I see in it no satisfaction spiritually. To most keeping the festival would be a traditional ritual, but to some, and chief among them would be the women, it would be a time of sincere worship, invoking the blessing of the gods on the new year.

As we watched from our balcony, so near, yet remote, I was acutely aware of the deception of Satan. He has these people so completely in his grip. They may seek God, but Satan has ensured that, while following the ways of Hinduism, they will never find him. How immense is our task of reaching them, but how worthwhile when they find peace with God through Jesus Christ.

We are realising now the implications of living amongst the people. We are involved far more in their way of life and are understanding them more. People are beginning to invite us into their homes and are willing to come to ours, and we are building up friendly contacts, especially among the Brahmin business people.

The hot weather is really with us now. Although the temperatures during the day have been around the 100's, up till last night the nights were reasonably cool. The Indian people are all sleeping out now; our neighbours sleep on their roof under our bedroom windows. We found it a bit unnerving having people so close the first few nights, but it doesn't worry us now. It is fortunate they don't understand English, or we would have no privacy at all.

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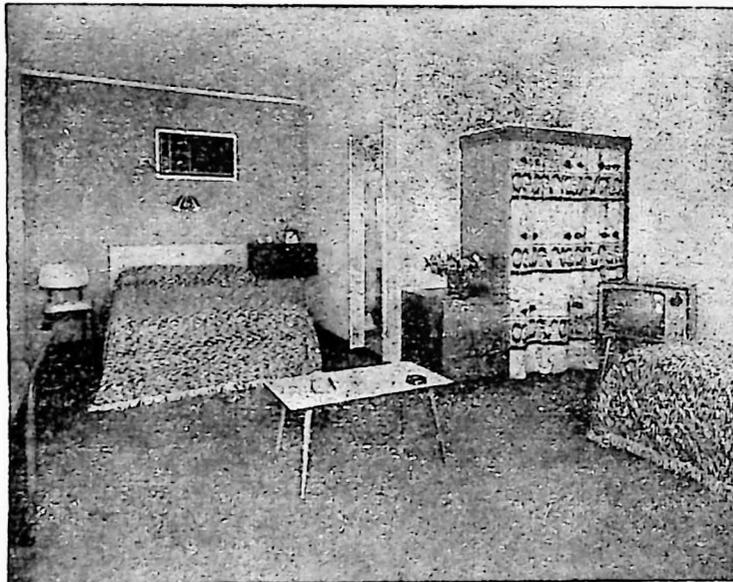
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Then shall the trees of the wood sing  
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—1 Chron. 16:33.

I look and see a white oak dreaming,  
White hyacinths in beauty nod.  
I feel deep prayer on still air stirring,  
I'm sure of God.

My heart may doubt amid world  
scheming.

Beat slowly when I watch men's ways,  
But my heart looks up and faith is  
strengthened,

When nature prays.



Though we speak with the tongues of  
men and of angels, and give our bodies  
to be burned, if we are irritable and  
hard to live with, it all counts for  
nothing.

—Margaret Widemer.



Someone has said, "To fail to plan  
is to plan to fail."



If there is anything you would sooner  
not have to do, then the sooner it is  
done the better.



Action without thought is like shoot-  
ing without aim.



When you're getting kicked in the  
rear it means you're in front.



The elderly, kindly, gentle minister  
was walking down the street. He saw  
a little boy on tiptoe reaching to punch  
a doorbell, but it was too high for him.  
So the minister smilingly walked up and  
punched it for him. "Thanks, mister!"  
the lad whispered. "I hear the lady  
coming now. Let's run!"