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GIRLS' HOSTEL, S.A.



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Social Service Number

A HOME IS A HOME

A home is a home is a home is a home . . .

Gertrude Stein used to write like that and folk thought it was smart! The style never appealed to me, but it seems appropriate for this Social Service number.

Have you noticed the number of Homes being conducted by our churches? Last Federal Conference reported five in Queensland, seven in New South Wales, five in Victoria, one in Tasmania, three in South Australia, and six in Western Australia. Most of these are homes for the aged, some are for youth in cities, and one is for children.

It puzzles some of us why we are not doing more in the field of children. Although some Victorian church members still have a general interest in the Burwood Boys' Home, Bethany Children's Home in Tasmania is the only home conducted by our Australian churches for children. In the rest of the Commonwealth, the troubled children of our church families are cared for by others, and we have made little contribution to the general care of the community's neglected children.

Our churches conduct no homes for delinquent children or unmarried mothers, or other problem groups, such as alcoholics, and we are still limping behind in services to other young people, such as youth in the city for study or work away from their homes. Girls' hostels in Brisbane and Adelaide, and a young men's hostel in Sydney, are our only response to an area where A. R. Jones says that we lose from the churches 80% of our young people. We need a spur to additional effort to provide accommodation in a Christian environment.

Accommodation in a Christian environment is more than accommodation. It is a home. It is in the area of the aged, however, that we have provided in quantity and quality more than could normally be expected of a small church like ours.

Our homes for the aged are of a very high standard. The senior citizens who come to our church homes are not treated like second-class citizens for whom any antiquated building and discarded furniture is good enough. Our homes are splendid buildings, tastefully furnished, and splendidly conducted. And there is that matter of the Christian environment in which everyone is treated like a real person.

Such homes are not places where aged folk go to die. They go there to live and they live long — finding that companionship which changes a place of accommodation into a home, and finding that Christian concern where even the aged can find continuing motivation for purposeful living. "Even the aged" may not be the best of phrases, for the truth is that every one of us needs a home that is a home.

Homelessness is both a cause of and a result of distress. Some children are homeless because they live in a house with parents who have fallen out of love. Some are homeless because they are in foster homes with foster "parents" who are interested in income rather than children. Some young people are homeless because they board with people who don't care, or rent a room which is no more than a community prison cell.

Homelessness can be a disease that can aggravate other diseases. For example, an alcoholic can go to a hospital or a church home and be straightened out. He then goes back into society with some determination and maybe false hopes that it will be easier this time. It is never easier, and as the alcoholic is usually a homeless man, he can never receive the genuine help that comes only from belonging to people. Howard J. Clinebell, Jr., in "Understanding and Counselling the Alcoholic," says that "the fundamental reason why mission-induced sobriety is often impermanent is that homeless alcoholics are difficult to help by any means.

This is not about alcoholics, but about the homeless. The point is being made that any person's position — whatever his age or circumstance — is made more difficult if he does not truly belong to someone in a real home. Much of this issue is about the homes we are providing. It is certain that Social Service Departments will provide more homes whenever we make it possible for them to do so. We need to remember that Christian concern for the homeless costs a great deal.

A home is a home is a home is a home where people care enough.

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EXPANDING THE HORIZONS OF LOVE

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E. W. Roffey.

The title suggested as a theme for this article is particularly apt. The motive of Christian service is love. The scope of the Social Service programme can never be circumscribed. The greater the love the more aware we are of the opportunities for its expression.

As Federal Secretary, I am currently preparing the report book of the 31st Federal Conference. It is a thrilling story to read of the service rendered to the community in the report of the Social Service Departments of Churches of Christ in Australia. In every State there are programmes undertaken that reveal the expanding horizons of love.

True, many of these undertakings are within our range only because of subsidies by Governments, and because of payments in some cases by people for services received.

But let there be no misunderstanding. Behind our Homes, Hospitals and Hostels there is a story of generous and sacrificial giving of time, skills and money. Those administratively involved are pouring out themselves far beyond normal working hours. And there are counsellors, chaplains, nursing, laundry, grounds and kitchen staff.

Problems in Finding Staff

We can well use people who, for the sake of Christ and the church, will train for service — especially as nurses and nurse-aides. Men who are already busy in the work of the Kingdom are carrying a constant burden of finding trained Christian sisters, nurses and nurse-aides who are willing to undertake the kinds of nursing to which our churches are committed in this service for Christ. "All for Jesus" is a cry that has been

used to remind us that there is a ministry of pots and pans no less sacred than a spoken word of encouragement.

Indeed James writes, in his challenge to practical religion — "Suppose a brother or a sister is in rags, with not enough food for the day, and one of you says, 'Good luck to you, keep yourselves warm, and have plenty to eat,' but does nothing to supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So with faith; if it does not lead to action, it is in itself a lifeless thing." (James 2: 15-17, N.E.B.).

A Great Variety of Services

is called for in our social needs today. In ten year's time a surprising large percentage of our young people will be performing duties not even known today. We are already too conscious of the demands made on us by the rapid social changes and the tempo of life from which we cannot escape.

The more complex our society the greater will be the demand for the Social Service Departments of our churches. Every community is necessarily committed to assessing and to relieving needs of all kinds. Especially must this be true of the church. Men and women in industry and commerce may be ministered to within these very settings. Patients in hospitals and people in prisons cannot — even if they wish to — attend church. And yet in these places they stand in need of ministry.

Specialised Social Services

Sociological research and service groups usually welcome church participation. It is often recognised that churches have

something to give in resources, experience, quickened consciousness of needs and the constraint of the love of Christ. But our Social Service departmental officers probably cannot undertake all the opportunities there are for representation on the committees open to them.

Someone reading this may have a skill, or an interest, as well as a desire to serve which could be offered to your State Social Service Department. Horizons of love can be expanded only by service. It seems in this work that there must always be a place for voluntary service, whether it be by people with specialised interests, or ready to give time in routine and unspectacular service.

Commending C.F.A.

Our ministers have sometimes been tremendously strengthened in their ministries because they have been able to say, "The church can enter into this situation. You do not have to see this through alone. We can relieve this immediate need by an interest free loan on terms you can manage when you are able to repay — and all done in a thoroughly confidential manner."

Because of a sharing in small monthly payments to the Christian Fellowship Association, hundreds of people in each State have been helped in this practical way to re-establish themselves from a situation in which they were at their wit's end.

Jesus' ministry and teaching leave us with an inescapable demand to be involved in Social Service programmes so that the church today can be identified as the Body of Christ. "Love one another as I have loved you," is still Jesus' new commandment.

SOCIAL SERVICE

WELFARE

Mrs. J. HOLLOWAY, W.A.

Love is a divine emotion which reveals itself in many ways. It is not limited in time or space, to color or creed; it cannot be bought or sold, commanded or denied. It reveals itself through kindness, compassion, identification, service, concern and unselfishness.

We know that Christ identified himself with the people because he was called "the friend of publicans and sinners." He did not condone the sin which leads men and women into lives of unhappiness, but accepted people in their troubled confusion, in their illness and need. He talked to them, he talked with them, he cared for their physical and spiritual needs . . . he gave his life for them.

This is the love which has led the church into the welfare work of our times. The horizons are expanding. It

is no longer sufficient to care for the aged, the sick and the orphan in established places, the church has heard the call to go out — to go into the lonely, cheerless rooms of the aged and sick in the packed tenements of our large cities, taking friendship, material and spiritual comfort.

To enter into the home situation of the underprivileged family taking food, clothing, and hope. To share the problems of the alcoholic and his family; the unwed mother, and the potential suicide, the widow and the deserted wife.

There is no human situation not encountered and helped through the Welfare Agencies of our churches. This is the identification with people which Jesus knew. These are the situations in which people live, this is where their

need must be recognised, supplied and aided.

Perhaps for too long we have looked only on the surface at people and their problems. We have been little concerned about the reasons for continued unemployment. We have made little allowance for the lack of mental capacity to deal with everyday living. We have condemned the alcoholic, the gambler, the unmarried parents, the sex offender, without trying to understand their problems.

We have been afraid to become too involved, we certainly did not want to become identified with the underprivileged . . . We have judged — judged in self-righteousness. This is now past. The church has accepted the challenge to show the love of Christ to all people.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION



W. T. ATKIN, F.A.S.A., Vic.

them, and brought the price of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet and distribution was made to every man according as he had need" (Acts 4: 34, 35).

With a desire to restore this practice of the early church, Christian Fellowship Association began in Victoria in 1935, and later in each State of the Commonwealth. Members were not asked to sell their land and houses, but to nominate a weekly amount which would be their response to the injunction, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

Although we live in an affluent society there are many who face real need and are bearing heavy burdens. This is evidenced by the fact that during the past two years, \$27,858 have been distributed in relief and interest-free loans in all States.

Just one illustration of the many that could be given. A man who has been

ill for some months, and has used all savings, is extremely worried because he is unable to support himself, wife and family. After seeking the guidance of God in his dilemma his thoughts turned to C.F.A. and the need is made known. His requirements are met over a period of several months until health is restored and he is able to work again.

Since C.F.A. began, \$213,574 have been distributed in all States. This is a remarkable achievement and indicates a continuing concern for those in need.

Members of C.F.A. may rejoice in the knowledge that by their united giving many persons have been and are being assisted. If you are not a member, would you expand your horizons of love by sharing with others through Christian Fellowship Association?

For information contact your agent in the local church or the secretary of your State Social Service Department.

ACROSS AUSTRALIA

COUNSELLING THE TROUBLED

E. T. HART, N.S.W.

It is sometimes worth remembering that when our Lord used the immortal phrase, "Let not your heart be troubled . . ." he was not in process of comforting some aged person who was the victim of the years as well as the circumstances.

Indeed, the very reverse is true. Actually he was speaking to a group of men in the full strength of their manhood. True enough they were soon to suffer a bereavement that was to leave them shattered completely, but the shattering of their hopes, as well as their dreams, was interwoven with all of this. They were going to be in desperate need of comfort that was to do more than dry their tears. It was their hopes that had been shattered, and so often in the counselling of the troubled this is still true.

Never has there been such need as

there is today for strong counselling in the name of the Lord. Never has there been so much trouble abroad in the world, and never has there been so much need for the ministry to be undergirded with prayer and yet fortified with the material aids that are so ready to his hand.

Trouble on every hand. Varied and almost too incredible to believe. Touching the life of the oldest and youngest. Bereavement, accident, broken homes, broken love, as well as the incidence of alcohol and drugs, taking toll of the lives of so many who were hitherto immune.

It is still wonderfully true that the touch of Christ in all of this can effect miracles. This is the very reason why the Christian church triumphs still over, the State Aid programme or the "do good" organisation. So often the help needed is beyond the reach of the mat-

erial benefit and even the skill of the psychiatrist; but when used in co-operation with these, Christian aid today is more potent than ever before.

It is right here that the Social Service Departments of our churches undergird the work of the minister in the local sphere. Indeed, each Department is simply the handmaid of the church in the modern world.

Because of its organisation it can make available the skilled help that previously was lacking. Because of its "know-how" it can marshal material aid that was previously not available. The ministry is strengthened and the compassion of Christ reaches out to myriad more in this troubled generation, and the setting up of these departments is a rich memorial to the Man of Nazareth who "went about doing good and healing . . ."

HOMES FOR AGED

S. CHALMERS, Qld.

The care of aged people is a major problem facing our community. People are living longer because of the advance in medicine, hygiene, and working conditions, but this advance cannot prevent the inevitable combination of age and chronic illness which has placed so many in desperate straights.

These people are lonely, often neglected, and need help most. It is natural that those who profess love and concern for the aged should seek to meet their need by providing care and comfort.

"Cast me not off in time of old age, forsake me not when my strength fall-

eth" is the challenge of the Social Service Departments throughout the Commonwealth as they have successfully tackled the problem of those facing "Life's Sunset Gate," and are proud of the accommodation provided.

In each State there are Homes where people find refreshment and Christian fellowship and are given every care under trained staff.

To imagine for a moment that one of our own loved ones should ever be left alone and in need of just such a haven of rest in old age should act as a spur to us and help "Expand the Horizons of Love."



HOMES FOR CHILDREN

L. G. COOKE, Tasmania

"Ah! Adjustment at last! At long last I've found an environment where order and dignity give me a chance to make good."

Well, that's what was in his mind, but these were hardly the words he would use. For he was only a boy of about six years, but it seemed a big heap of years he had lived already. 'Cause he had been tossed around plenty! In fact, the tossing around was far from done yet.

You see — "Mum and Dad" were words that seemed to mean a lot to some kids, but not to him! As far as he knew he didn't have a Mum or Dad — ever!

Oh. Yes! He'd been asked to call people Mum and Dad, for he was a child of poor foster homes — and he had other words to describe these people who asked to be called some "sweet" word like Mum or Dad.

He couldn't remember how many different homes he had lived in, but there's a big fat file on this boy — that would show you something of his "long" history.

For instance, it would show that one

of the foster homes "fell through," because Dad ran off with another Mum; and as there was no regular income, the home fell apart. Another foster home "passed him back" to Welfare, chiefly because he had a certain physical "weakness" that needed patience and treatment. That was a bit over the fence — and at any rate they had enough on their hands without that kind of fussing around.

So it went on! And so you could trace his steps from one unsatisfactory foster home to another. Not that all foster homes are a failure! But if only he'd been "lucky" enough to strike a decent one! However, at present he's feeling things could be on the turn for good. You never know, of course, but something makes him feel different here. He feels as though these people are interested in him — really interested.

You see, he's in one of those Homes run by the church and there's no talk of "If we keep you" — he seems to be just one of them. Yes! It's beaut!

It is beaut', too! Beaut' that the church meets fair and square a sound problem — sees the need — and does



something about it. For there are so many boys and girls who need that which a Christian home can give them — a chance to make good!

HOSTELS FOR YOUTH

A. R. JONES, A.U.A., Sth. Aust.

Over the years there has been an increasing trend for our young people in the country to move to the city for work and advanced education. Many of these young people have chosen the professions as their career, and must attend the Teacher's College or University. A few who cannot find employment in the country also come for work.

The problem of these young people and their parents is, where they shall live. Can they secure a private home who will take them? Will they find a place in a hostel? It's a real problem and a real concern, and parents find that they must make enquiries at least two years ahead if they wish to make sure that a place will be found.

The sad story of this migration of our youth to the city is that most of them become lost to the church. So the concern of their location should exercise

the mind of the church, as well as their parents. Parents have been known to take young people back home when suitable accommodation was not available.

And the need is likely to increase, as statistics reveal that there will be a 93 per cent increase in the 14-24-year age group in the next 15 years; and that whereas our Universities received only 12,000 students in 1939, and 50,000 in 1961, there will be 80,000 attending in 1980. Further figures reveal that at this stage there is an overall teenage loss from the churches of 80 per cent, and a further consideration is that many of our young people cannot afford the expense of living away from home.

In the light of these facts and figures, surely the church must feel responsible — not only to provide accommodation, but the right kind of accommodation.

The need is to provide a Christian

home away from home where young people will be encouraged in their faith and helped to maintain their membership with the church. The need is to have a home under the management of a Christian couple, to whom young people can turn with their troubles and difficulties. The Hostel is, in fact, their home, and in so far as we are able, we should provide for them the same Christian environment, where they will find it easy to maintain Christian faith.

The need the churches should meet is the provision of a Christian Youth Hostel that provides the environment in which faith is nurtured and Christian living encouraged. Here is an area in which the horizons of our love should expand in a ministry which will hold our young people for Christ and help them in their Christian faith at a most crucial time in their lives.

EXPANDING THE HORIZONS OF LOVE

Where did this motto come from? Jesus started it. When he first came on the earthly scene the limited application for love from the Old Testament was the easy, natural and popularly accepted one — "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But our Lord was not satisfied with this limitation to love, and taught us to EXPAND THE HORIZONS OF LOVE so that even our enemies should be included.

If we descend a mine shaft, our horizon is limited to the size of the shaft opening above our heads. But if we climb to the top of a mountain our horizon is expanded immeasurably, even as love's horizon will be expanded if we reach the heights of the thinking of Christ.

But our illustration is not colossal enough, so we make another attempt.

The spaceman, from his satellite rocket, sees half the earth and much of the universe at a glance — and all of the other half of the earth only a matter of minutes later. And the Christian should have this heavenly outlook, even while still an earthman, keeping all humanity in the vision of his love.

We commend to our people the Social Service Departments as they try to express love through service to as many needy people as their capacities allow. It will require tremendous discipline to love a known and active enemy. Loving the unknown person may be even more difficult. It is hard to warm up to the unknown person. He is hazy and intangible to us. But the needy person who is unknown to us may be very well known to our Social Service Department. So this Department will be the carrier of our love in action to the degree of our support.



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NEW SOUTH WALES

HALF-YEARLY CONFERENCE

The N.S.W. Half-Yearly Conference will be held August 19, 20, 21, at Mayfield, in the Newcastle district. Conf. Pres., C. Cole, will be in the chair, and State Departmental representatives will present reports and running commentaries on the development of their work.

David Mansell will be the guest speaker for the occasion. Friday night, Aug. 19, is of special interest to the youth of the churches, with a programme planned by Youth Director, Bruce Armstrong, while part of Saturday's programme will include an inspection of Lake Macquarie Camp Site.

C.B.A. REACHING OUT

(N.S.W.). Our own churches in N.S.W. have good reason to be grateful for the steady advance in Christian broadcasting in this State in recent years through the valuable pioneering work of the Christian Broadcasting Association (C.B.A.) now situated in splendidly-equipped modern premises in Five Dock, Sydney.

Rev. Vernon Turner, the genial Director, has done much for Christian broadcasting in N.S.W., and in fact, throughout Australia. A recent new development of the C.B.A. studios has been the inauguration of a publication called "Radio Times," which has a definite Christian emphasis and gives regular information concerning the programming of gospel broadcasts.

Some of our own churches in N.S.W. participated in the annual Day of Prayer for Worldwide Gospel Broadcasting, on June 12.

PRESIDENTIAL VISITS

N.S.W. Conf. Pres., Charles Cole, is busily engaged in leading representative "teams" in "Brotherhood Activity Week-ends," in which churches and districts, particularly those in country areas, are being informed and strengthened in regard to the widespread work of the State Conf. Departments. Recently a very helpful weekend was conducted at Tamworth, where Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hawkins are still engaged in an interim ministry, in the task of consolidation following the special effort led by Doug. Willis.

HOSPITAL APPEAL

(N.S.W.). Spokesmen for the N.S.W. Social Service Dept. report enthusiastically at the splendid response, so far, to the special "Hospital" Appeal. Already more than \$4,000 has been raised, and it is generally understood that there is a ready sympathy and interest among our churches for this new venture in providing nursing facilities for the aged folk in our Social Service Homes.

TEACHING MISSION

(North Parramatta, N.S.W.). On July 16, the very fine additions to the chapel at North Parramatta were officially opened. At the same gathering, the recently acquired "manse" adjoining the church property was also "set apart" for the work of the Lord in the future plans of the church.

In the evening, F. L. Ewers, minister of the Burwood church, commenced a brief "Teaching Mission," which continued throughout the week. We congratulate the folk at North Parramatta on their vision and venture. Woolwich College student-minister, Dean Sander, and his wife, are serving in this field.

DR. ELLIOTT AT THE 59th

(Kingsford, N.S.W.). The church celebrated its 59th anniversary on June 26, with Dr. A. G. Elliott as guest speaker. . . . On July 10 we welcomed former member, Mrs. Win Leane, and her two small sons, on holiday from S.A. . . . Evening service was conducted by Y.P. This is now a monthly event, and is preceded by a youth tea . . . A deacon of the church, R. Murray, whose hand was injured in an accident with a power saw, is making good recovery.

MANSE COMPLETED

(Liverpool West, N.S.W.). The manse is now completed and Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Norling are transferring residence from Campbelltown. Bob Whan completes his student ministry and, with Miss Rhonda Mudford, will be farewelled by the church at a special gathering, July 30. This couple will be greatly missed, as they have become loved by all during their two years with us. The "circuit" thus comes to an end, with Mr. Norling concentrating on the quickly-growing Liverpool area, and Mr. Whan filling a student ministry at Campbelltown, under the oversight of Austral church.

PROGRESS OF MERGER

(Wiley Park - Bankstown, N.S.W.). Following first joint services in February, the Bankstown property was disposed of and progress is being made. The annual meeting discussed the Greenacre property and the general future of the church and S.S. . . . Mrs. K. Schaefer and Miss D. Fishburn have been appointed to the Board as deaconesses. A fellowship tea followed the business, and then a film of Great Britain was screened . . . The building committee considered plans for the new church and hall . . . Marrickville Intermediate C.E. led the Youth Fellowship meeting on June 26 . . . On July 2, the church picnic was held at National Park . . . The Girls' Brigade took part in a drill competition at Punchbowl Baptist Church and gained a pennant for third place in senior marching. . . . The S.S. is developing under the leadership of D. Morris.

BIBLE STUDY CAMP

(N.S.W.). Prayer was the subject under study at the recent Bible Study Camp at Camp Greenhalgh. From Friday night to midday Sunday there were four study presentations of 45 minutes, with discussion groups following, and an early morning communion service. Harry Davies (Auburn) was guest lecturer. He dealt with two sessions on the mechanics of prayer, and two on model prayers; the prayer Jesus taught his disciples and the prayer of Paul in Ephesians 2. Group leaders, Denby Holmes, Roger Brown, Alan Purdom and John Dickins made a valuable contribution. This camp is the first of three, the next being on the type teaching of the Tabernacle today, with Harold Long, Epping, August 5-7.

SECOND BUS

(Loftus Park, N.S.W.). The church has just purchased its second eight-passenger bus, and both are being used to almost full capacity in bringing children and adults to various meetings . . . We have begun a Personal Evangelism Programme, the nature of which is new to the N.S.W. brotherhood, with almost every church member becoming a home missionary . . . 52 of our children sat for the State B.S. examination . . . Our minister, E. J. Plenderleith has preached an inspiring series of addresses on Prayer . . . There have been six decisions so far this month.

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INTERSTATE NEWS

WERE YOU THERE IN 1906?

It was stated in an editorial in this journal recently that the first Federal Conference to be reported in these pages was the third, which was held in Melbourne in 1906. This information prompted a correspondent to write the secretary of the 1966 Federal Conference Arrangements Committee indicating that he had been present at the 1906 Conference.

He suggested that if there were others who had attended the 1906 Conference and were planning to be present at the 31st Federal Conference in Melbourne, October 12-18, 1966, it would be a delightful occasion for all such to get together in a special function during Conference.

To this end the Arrangements Committee secretary would be glad to hear from Conference 1906 attenders who will be in Melbourne for Conference 1966. Please address letters to W.W. Saunders, Churches of Christ Centre, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne, Victoria.

FROM CARNARVON

(W.A.). Attendances for Sunday services is over 250 . . . Interest is keen in Christian Endeavour groups . . . Mr. and Mrs. Fitch have returned from Esperance . . . Bible Society representatives spoke on July 10 . . . Missionary Aviation Fellowship film screened . . . Lance Fisher and Bob Williams commenced trip South and Inland in "Land-Rover" on July 13.

ENGADINE OPENING

(N.S.W.). On July 9, a very large gathering shared in the Opening Services in connection with the new building at Engadine. The N.S.W. Conf. Pres., Charles Cole, presided. He introduced F. A. Elliott, B.A., who, as minister at the Caringbah church is assisting in pastoral oversight in the Engadine area, and also R. Kallmier, student minister from Woolwich College. Greetings were conveyed by Alderman W. Harrison (representing the local Municipal Council), Rev. R. Buchanan (local Ministers' Fraternal), F. L. Ewers, B.A. (Churches of Christ Ministers' Fraternal), and John Morris (Chairman, N.S.W. Dept. of Christian Educ.).

K. E. Crawford, N.S.W. Director of Home Missions and Evangelism, brought greetings from the Dept. that has supported the people of Engadine in their initial efforts to develop the work, and also delivered an appropriate message.

Following a buffet tea and the screening of a challenging film, a Youth Rally was held, which attracted a capacity crowd, David Mansell, minister at Wollongong, being the speaker.

Crusade Meetings.

In an effort to further consolidate the work in this new and promising district, a Teaching Crusade was conducted by Dr. A. G. Elliott, of Woolwich, from July 10-17. Contacts are being made in the district and the Bible School is growing.

• FEDERAL BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PEOPLE AND PLANS

Miss Shirley Hall, office secretary since August, 1964, will conclude her service next September. Her wedding to John Wise, present minister of Queenstown, S.A., church, takes place on Oct. 8.

Harold F. Gross, who commenced work as an associate editor in July, 1962, will terminate his ministry at the end of this year. His present intention is to engage in a ministry overseas. Dr. G. A. Whiting succeeds Mr. Gross in Feb., 1967.

The Board annual conference will be held at Macrae, Vic., October 5-11, preceding Federal Conference. All states will be represented at the annual meeting.

John Way, nominated by the National Youth Council of Australia, as one of four persons to represent this country at the 6th General Assembly of World Assembly of Youth in Tokyo, August 10-21, is unable to accept the invitation as funds are not available for the costs involved.

John Lloyd and Jim Haines are our National representatives on the Australian Christian Youth Council.

R. W. Lawton attended a seminar on "Youth and International Affairs" held in Canberra last May. The seminar was arranged by the N.Y.C.A. and Mr. Lawton was delegate for Australian Churches of Christ.

QUESTING



WITH
A. E. WHITE

A boy made his decision at church, but his parents have not agreed to his baptism. What should be done?

He should not be encouraged to disregard his parents' wishes. He is their son, and if he disobeys them he may become an obstacle in their potential discipleship, as well as making his life more difficult in his home.

If he accepts this restriction there is every chance that he will win them over in a short time — once they are convinced that he is sincere.

The boy's own spiritual development is unlikely to be harmed in any way if he delays baptism for such a reason. The minister should make it his business to try to understand the parents' view while presenting that of the church.

The parents may be nominal members of a church which practises infant baptism, and the boy himself may have been baptized as a child. If so, the parents may feel that their boy's second baptism is an act of disloyalty to their church.

It is possible that the whole situation has been aggravated by neglect of the family. It does sometimes happen that a boy grows up through our Sunday School and, in the way that is normal for us, makes his decision. When he tells his parents, they are offended, they had not known that this could happen, they do not understand it, and they may suspect that the church has taken advantage of their son. This could move them to react against any further steps in discipleship.

A wise church will seek to avoid decisions made in a way that will shock the parents. One church conducted a series of discipleship classes for the intermediate scholars. The minister visited every home involved, and left with the parents a copy of the material being presented to the scholars. The parents were also told that it was hoped that their child would make his decision, but that he was unlikely to become an effective church member without their positive encouragement. There were many decisions from non-church homes, but in no case was there any adverse reaction.

It is possible, of course, that your church did make adequate parent contact before the decision was made. It is also possible that the boy made his decision quite apart from the educational programme of the church — the Holy Spirit is not restricted by our methods!

However, when I hear of parental opposition, my first thought is that very probably the church has not been doing its home-work.



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SPOTLIGHT ON A.C.T. . . .

FROM THE CAPITAL

The Canberra church has taken a leading part in the Church and Life Movement. Almost 100 members have been group members, leaders or hosts. Nine Church of Christ homes have been used, and eleven leaders have functioned. Several of our members have been active in training leaders.

Ray Stephens and Don Burdett served on the central executive, and in the district organisation. David Fopp has managed the overall publicity. 1,400 people have been in groups in 120 homes throughout Canberra. Large numbers have been non-attenders of churches, and in some cases, non-Christians.

Mr. Stirling organised six half-hour TV shows in connection with Church and Life, plus twenty-eight short slots, as well as twenty five-minute radio sessions. Rev. Edwin Robertson appeared in eight locally

originated TV sessions and eleven radio sessions.

The Church and Life Movement has captured wide attention and much favorable comment has come concerning the church's willingness to sit down and listen and talk to all sorts of people about all sorts of pressing and relevant issues.

Tenders were received for the new church building in Lyons. The lowest tender was \$16,000 above what we are able to pay. Negotiations are continuing with the architect. It is hoped to be able to make an announcement soon. The whole church is irked by the delay, but the necessity of staying inside a rigid financial limit is helping them to be patient in the face of the inevitable. Meanwhile valuable opportunities are being lost in a rapidly expanding area.

—G.R.S.

NEW MINISTRY

(Chinchilla, Qld.). The new minister, D. Schofield, has settled in. The monthly meeting at Miles and Dulacca is still holding interest. Weekly prayer meeting and Bible study for winter are in form of cottage meetings. Recent visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Waldron and family and Raymond Heath, Roma, and Mrs. Arnold, Summeret Dam. . . . Film screened at fellowship tea on American Bible Society in Korea . . . J.C.E. members have increased to 17.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

(Dalby, Qld.). A "Forward in Faith" Stewardship campaign, under leadership of A. Surtees, commenced with a fellowship dinner. C.Y.F. led gospel service on 10th, with Steve Miller as speaker, and John Kane, from Brisbane, as guest soloist. The C.Y.F. are taking part in the monthly gospel services at Tara. . . . Members are attending counselling classes run by the C.B.M.C. These are a repeat of the Billy Graham counselling lectures.

JUBILEE PLANNED

(Mt. Compass, S.A.). The jubilee celebrations of this church are planned for Oct. 30. The chapel is being extensively renovated in preparation for this occasion. All who have been with the church during the last 50 years are cordially invited to meet with us on this day. A history of the church since its formation is being compiled, and if anybody has any information that would assist us, L. H. Jacobs, of Mt. Compass would be pleased to receive it. . . . H. E. Greenwood, of Berri church, has accepted call to minister at Goolwa-Mt. Compass, commencing January, 1967.

MINISTER INVITED

(Victor Harbour, S.A.). At the annual meeting the church unanimously agreed to ask Trevor Laurie to succeed Graham Lord, as from Feb., 1967. . . . Ken Sinton was re-elected as church sec. John Carter is now the church treas. The church accepted the recommendation of D. Schultz as S.S. Supt, and expressed its appreciation of the years given by K. Collins in this capacity. . . . We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Simons, from Barmera church.

CHANGE TO GIRLS' BRIGADE

(Unley, S.A.). The Girls' Club is changing to Girls' Brigade, with Stella Harding, of Dulwich church, in charge. A presentation was made to Margot Brown, in appreciation of club leadership. She and her fiancé, Hugh McLachlan, who at present is Church School supt., will be greatly missed when they marry and move from the district early next year. . . . All three C.W.F. groups are active. All shared in provision of goods for Aborigines, Rest Home and local and brotherhood Social Service. Kitchen Fund is also being well supported. . . . Choir has been invited to assist in annual Legacy service again, following appreciated visit last year. . . . Overseas Mission offering is over \$500.00.

EIGHT MORE BAPTISMS

(Grote-st., S.A.). On July 17, eight members of the discipleship class were baptized. A. R. Jones was speaker in morning. . . . On July 10, the morning service was broadcast over 5KA. The choir was augmented with members from Edwardstown. . . . Miss E. Baker is seriously ill in hospital. . . . Mr. and Mrs.

Emes entertained members at a record evening at their home. The offering of \$6.80 was for Food for India. . . . The Temperance Fair, at the home of Mrs. L. Hughes, raised \$23 for the Temperance Alliance. . . . The visitation minister, W. A. Russell, and his wife, are enjoying a one-week holiday from duties. . . . C.Y.F. recently shared an evening with the young people at "Tanderra." C.Y.F. donations include \$10 each to Overseas Missions, Dept. of Christian Educ., and Temperance Alliance. The group has 20 members.

TWO BAPTISMS

(Hampstead Gardens, S.A.). Gospel service on July 3 was attended by over 100 people, when Janet Page and Elizabeth Stephens were baptized.

PRESIDENT AT ANNIVERSARY

(Croydon, S.A.). M. T. Lawrie, Conf. Pres., spoke at the church anniversary on July 10, at 11 a.m. Many shared in a tea and fellowship in the afternoon. The minister, W. N. Bartlett, spoke at night. The choir was led by Mrs. A. Simpson. Duets were sung by Elaine Lees and Julie Angove, Mrs. O. Skewes and R. Pearce. . . . All retiring elders and deacons were returned. New deaconesses are Mrs. J. Neuling, Mrs. L. Brooks, Mrs. L. Aird. Mrs. H. Bates did not seek re-election, because of ill-health. . . . The church congratulates W. J. Pearce, an elder for 40 years, on attaining the age of 90, and being re-elected for a further term. He is the father of Mrs. John Turner, of Melbourne.

MISSION VISIT

(Taree, N.S.W.). The visit of Robert Story, of the U.F.M., on July 7, was memorable. He brought an interesting account of work in many mission fields. . . . On July 17, the church welcomed two members into fellowship. . . . The messages of P. E. Thomas are of much spiritual benefit.

IN N.S.W. SOCIAL SERVICE



E. T. Hart.

After a successful ministry at Bexley North, Eric T. Hart entered upon full-time duties in May, 1966, as Associate-Director of the Social Service Department of our churches in N.S.W. He will concentrate particularly on public relations with churches and external bodies, chaplaincy services and welfare activities.

FOR TOOWOOMBA

(Geelong, Vic.). Although invited to undertake an extension of ministry at Latrobe Terrace, Geelong, Dr. Arnold C. Caldicott will terminate an eight-year ministry next January. He has accepted the invitation of the Margaret-st. church, Toowoomba, Qld., to minister there as from February, 1967. . . . Members have just completed a series of studies on the Uniting Church Movement, and considerable interest is being shown in a new series on Prophecy. . . . Barry Sydenham confessed Christ and was baptized. Conf. Pres., A. Ross. Lloyd, delivered the evening sermon on July 17.

90th BIRTHDAY

(Merredin, W.A.). Mrs. Bray celebrated her 90th birthday on July 10, and after evening service many friends gathered at the Bray home to congratulate her. . . . The church has had to say another farewell, this time to Miss Dixie Heyhoe, a school teacher, who has been transferred to Exmouth Gulf. . . . In conjunction with Scripture Union Week, a combined basket tea was held in our church on July 17, after which the film, "Head in the Sands" was screened. Mr. Lindsey spoke on behalf of the Scripture Union, and young people from other churches joined with us. . . . W. E. Hoffman is minister.

MINISTRY EXTENSION

(Bruce Rock, W.A.). We were pleased to hear that Bryce Wells, minister of Narembeen and Bruce Rock circuit, has accepted the invitation to serve another two years. . . . The S.S. children of Kindergarten and Primary classes gave delightful items of song and prose at the evening service on June 26. . . . C.W.F. members are busy preparing for the Woman to Woman evangelistic campaign at Bruce Rock, Aug. 27. Visitors are expected from Narembeen and Corrigin. Our prayers are centred around this venture. . . . A course of four meetings have been held in Church and Life Movement. Numbers were small.

LIGHTNING CARNIVAL

(W.A.). A very successful Lightning Carnival, arranged by the Churches of Christ Girls' Basketball Association, was held on July 9, at the Perry Lakes Stadium. 630 people attended the Carnival, and games were played continually on three courts from 7 to 10.45 p.m. A feature of the programme was a game, half-way through the evening between a representative Churches of Christ team and representative Roman Catholic team. The Catholic girls carried off the honors, in a very good game. At the conclusion of play, trophies were presented to the winning teams in each grade.

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These were won by Fremantle (A grade), Shenton Park (B grade) and South Perth (C grade).

YOUNG MEN RECEIVED

(Ascot Park, S.A.). On July 17, three young men, baptized on 10th, were received into fellowship. C. G. Dredge preached morning and evening. . . . The C.W.F. held their annual meeting on July 13, with election of officers. Pres., Mrs. Ursula Wright; vice-pres., Mrs. Wilkinson; sec., Mrs. Pettet; treas., Mrs. M. McDonald; catering convener, Mrs. Outlaw; pianiste, Mrs. Simpson; asst. sec., Mrs. J. Watson; Mrs. Chinnick, birthday recorder.

VISITORS TO KENSINGTON PK.

(S.A.). E. P. C. Hollard, H.M. Organiser, recently spoke at a communion service. . . . During winter months services are being held at 4.30 p.m. . . . To mark the beginning of Church and Life Movement, Rev. H. Ellison, from Magill Methodist Church, occupied the pulpit at our church, whilst our minister, K. Parry, spoke at Kensington Gardens Congregational Church. Four group meetings are being held each week in private homes. . . . A family service was held at 10 a.m. on July 3, in lieu of S.S. Youth Director, K. D. Horne, addressed the church at the communion service, the S.S. teachers at 2.30 and again spoke at the 4.30 service. Solos by Bob Angrove were greatly enjoyed. This service was followed by a family tea. After tea, Mr. Horne's theme was "Adult Confrontation" . . . Ladies from the church enjoyed a record afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Raymond. Proceeds in aid of records for the Chamberlain family in New Guinea.

82nd ANNIVERSARY

(Beverly, S.A.). Bright services marked the occasion, with C. E. Curtis as guest speaker. Musical items were presented by the young ladies' choir for the evening service. Thankoffering was received at the after-church fellowship, to mark the close of another year of work and witness. . . . Young people provided the music and singing for an inspirational youth service on July 3. . . . The Women's Fellowship celebrated its birthday at the Black Forest Christian Rest Home, sharing their programme and party with the elderly folk of the Home. . . . "Adventure Hours," held after school, resulted in a few new scholars for the B.S., and gave an added interest in the school activities. Keith Horne was organiser, and the meetings were both enjoyable and inspirational.

LOSS AT SUNNYBANK

(Qld.). The church has been saddened at death of Jeanette, aged 15, daughter of Bob and Jean Malcolm. Jeanette suffered from a tumour. Bob Malcolm, formerly of Victoria, is secretary of the Qld. Overseas Missions Committee.

AUGUST YOUTH-MEET

(W.A.). A special Youth-Meet programme is being planned by the Christian Endeavour Council for Sat., Aug. 13. Country young people are being invited to come to the city for this weekend, and they will be billeted by city-ites. Anyone requiring accommodation, or willing to offer hospitality for this weekend, is asked to contact Miss Marlene Spiken, c/o 142 Beaufort-st., Perth, as soon as

possible. . . . George Wood, recently returned from overseas, will be the speaker on Aug. 13, and the Baptist Youth Choir will share in the programme.

BAPTISMS AT WANGARATTA

(Vic.). Two baptized on July 10 were received into fellowship on 17th. Two others made the decision, Arvind Waghmode (son of Hariba) and Roger Guley. Two other Y.P. came forward in re-dedication. This being the conclusion of W. J. Thomson's interim ministry, a fellowship supper was held in which the acting sec., B. Benson, and M. McDonough expressed thanks and good wishes for his and Mrs. Thomson's holiday in W.A. . . . C.Y.F. have organised a working bee for cleaning the church hall. This group has half-hour Bible studies on the Life of Christ at its meetings. . . . A. Jackel organised an appeal for the C.E. Camp at Chesnut. Mrs. Zawila and Mr. Fleet are still in hospital. Church looks forward to interim ministry by K. J. Clinton.

ALEXANDRA FELLOWSHIP

(Vic.). The Fellowship is commencing its fourth year. It was decided at the last business meeting to support a boy at the Baramati Home, India. \$200 given also to Overseas Missions for nurses' quarters, New Guinea, and support continued for Aborigines Missions and U.F.M. A new family has been welcomed to the services.

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VICTORIA

EVANGELISM LAUNCHED

(Warracknabeal - Brim, Vic.). Two launching meetings were held for the Evangelism Programme. K. J. Harvey, the director, outlined the programme at Brim and Warracknabeal. Friendship visitors were selected to invite people to the "guest services" to be held during July, August and Sept. Commissioning services have been held for those who will visit. Both churches have adopted budgets following the recent Planned Giving Programme, in which offerings were almost doubled. Speaking of doubling, with the two latest Warracknabeal additions by transfer, the church membership has doubled since the commencement of the present ministry. Both W'beal and Brim are enjoying excellent morning attendances. The Church and Life Movement leaders held a dedication service at W'beal chapel prior to commencing their group programme. They represented W'beal, Brim East and Beulah districts. B. C. Snoxall conducted the service, together with Rev. H. Abbey (Methodist) and H. Lane (Pres.).

BAPTISM AT MT. EVELYN

(Vic.). Robin Greig was recently baptized. Attendances are growing, in spite of many family removals. Work amongst the young people is most encouraging. 38 youth met for a social hour at the home of J. Allen. C.W.F. functions in a steady way. Woman to Woman Evangelism was represented by two sisters from Clayton. Mr. Knowles died following the death of his wife a few months previously.

DIALOGUE SERMONS

(North Essendon, Vic.). 155 attended the evening service on July 10, led by members of the Women's Evening Fellowship. A dialogue-sermon was presented by Mr. and Mrs. N.S. Moore. Now that the new buildings are in sight, the Bible School has begun to raise money for new equipment. A competition has been introduced — boys versus girls — when amounts will be brought weekly to buy bricks, windows, etc., for a model church. The Board of Officers will staff the school on July 31, when teachers and staff will attend a Teachers' Seminar. A panel, comprising three church leaders, answered questions and provoked discussion at Y.A.F. recently. Rev. John Hannon, rector of Niddrie All Saints Church of England exchanged pulpits with Mr. Moore on July 10. 25 members are sharing in the Church and Life Movement.

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BACK TO SEVEN

(South Melbourne, Vic.). The church has experimented with late afternoon services during the winter, but so far the experiment has not proved successful, and will soon be reverting to 7 p.m. On July 12, a children's service was held, followed by a S.S. tea. B. Jenkins was speaker. Miss J. Donnelly, who recently returned from a working holiday at the Carnarvon Mission, showed slides of the Mission on June 19. Closer co-operation between the Middle Park and South Melbourne churches is being encouraged. The fortnightly paper is a joint effort, the ministers of both churches exchange pulpits monthly, and youth activities are organised to involve both churches. \$15 was raised by the ladies and teenagers of the church to assist the Freedom from Hunger campaign. The church Bible study group has been discussing the relationships of Churches of Christ and the proposed United Church of Australia.

EVANGELISM PROGRAMME

(Malvern, Vic.). The church is entering enthusiastically into campaign of Evangelism. At a family service on July 16, there were 96 present, including many parents of scholars. Speakers were Harry Pfeifer and A. B. Clark. Lyle Williams, Lyn Westwood and John Tilley, and Joyce Brown, have assisted in the ministry of song. At C.M.F. on July 10, Duncan Crockett spoke on "Computers." The C.W.F. have sanded and plastic covered the floor of the Kindergarten and provided two rugs for the Kinders. Temple Day this year is to pay off the debt on the manse. A progressive dinner, on July 17, had over 50 taking part. R. Geyer spoke on July 17 on behalf of B. and F. B. S.

CONFERENCE AT CHELTENHAM

(Vic.). Teacher training conference was held on Saturday afternoon and night in Christian Education Centre. 100 teachers from district attended, with 10 experts from Dept. of Christian Educ. leading the conference. Planned Giving review programme is being conducted by A. Avery. 71 young people heard Mr. Fowler, a High School Principal, speak on effective study methods at after-church fellowship. 90 ladies attended a fur parade compered by L. McClean, many thousands of dollars of fur coats, stoles and hats were modelled. On July 17, 25 young peo-

PARCEL TO INDIA

(Castlemaine, Vic.). The C.W.F. have sent a parcel of groceries to Mr. and Mrs. John Main in India. They also profited by \$52 at a produce street stall. The men cleaned up the grounds of the manse and removed trees. H. Cattermole has cleaned up the church grounds. The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Flowers. She was formerly of Echuca. The minister, C. J. Jackel, assisted by N. Hall and E. Peeler, paid 48 visits in Castlemaine and Campbell's Creek. The officers are making a survey of all Y.P. clubs in S.A. with a view to improvements and increased attendance. Don Smith spoke to the officers in connection with Planned Giving. The local newspaper gives much space to church notes and news. The revised church roll shows 62 active members, with as many on reserve roll. The minister's chart addresses are stirring interest.

DECISIONS AT ANNIVERSARY

(Doncaster, Vic.). The Church School conducted a very successful anniversary. H. Plummer led the singing, and the speakers were Jack Kenley (Box Hill) and the minister, J. G. Shaw. There were three decisions at night. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Evans, from Perth, were welcomed as Christians in fellowship. Recently the Fact and Faith film, "The Stones Cry Out," was screened. Kevin Harvey, from Dept. of Home Missions, has been talking to the officers about plans of evangelism conducted by the Dept. Ralph Amos led the Men's Society in a very interesting discussion concerning ways of improving worship services generally. The Overseas Missions offering reached \$435.

ple from Red Hill church were guests at evening service, following their week-end camp. Special youth service was conducted by young people on June 19. New C.Y.F. executive were dedicated and installed into office. North Essendon C.Y.F. were visitors and shared in coffee lounge after church. Two baptismal services were conducted during month. Missionary fair on June 25, raised \$162. 40 Explorer-boys attended church parade, at which their leaders took part. 180 Good Companions met on June 24 at a district worship service. G. Moyes spoke.

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WOMEN

N.S.W. WOMEN

The theme for the July C.W.F. meeting was: "I can BEGIN AGAIN through Christ which strengtheneth me." The Burwood Fellowship led the devotional session. Mrs. Millar brought thoughts on how Paul had begun again. Mrs. Wilson told of Peter beginning again after failure. The leader, Mrs. F. L. Ewers, brought us the thought from 1 John 1: 9. If we confess our sin, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Mrs. Mackenzie welcomed Colonel Allitt, from the Salvation Army, who ministers among unmarried mothers and deserted wives. Her message was illustrated with incidents of people, who had to begin again, and who showed much courage and fortitude. Her apt poems were very much enjoyed.—D. A. Elliott.

VICTORIAN C.W.F. COUNCIL MEETING

Members of the Federal Women's Council attended the July Council meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship, the devotions being given by the Vice-President, Mrs. Sterling. Mrs. Strack, Federal President, informed delegates of Conference arrangements and asked for help in various ways. Those who could offer accommodation for visitors were urged to do so, and all women were asked to register for Conference.

The President, Mrs. Eard, congratulated Mrs. Stafford on her recent appointment as President of the Women's Interchurch Council, and in reply Mrs. Stafford asked for prayerful support and for support of local meetings of Fellowship Day.

Prayers are requested for Mrs. Strack during her visit to W.A.

Mrs. Williams (Overseas Mission Dept.) reported that Miss Hazel Skuce would be in Victoria during August, and asked that groups note the itinerary and attend local meetings.

Mrs. Lowrey, catering convener, appealed for help during Federal Conference week.

The Intercessory Prayer especially remembered the friends and relatives of Mrs. Chapman.

58 churches were represented by 155 delegates. Mrs. Smith was a visitor from Mildura.—F. Morris.

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S.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

175, including 142 delegates, attended Conference meeting on July 7. Welcome was extended to Miss Hazel Skuce, who brought greetings from Shantabai and from C.W.F. in India. Devotions were led by Croydon ladies, several taking part, including meditation by Mrs. Dearing. Mrs. R. Holmes led in Obituary prayer.

Reports were received from Aborigine, Home Missions and Social Service Depts. It is requested that all gifts for the Rest Homes be marked with name of donor. Monetary gifts must be clearly

marked "For Christian Rest Home." Next meeting is the Aborigines Department Rally, when parcels of clothing will be received.

Any business or Notices of Motion must be handed to the Secretary five weeks prior to Conference. Luncheon tickets for Women's Day at Conference will be on sale at August meeting.

President's thought for the month: "In him who strengthens me I am able for anything" (Philippians 4: 13, Moffatt). —M. Wright.

WOMEN OBSERVE ABORIGINES DAY

(Launceston, Tas.). To celebrate National Aborigines Day, the Launceston National Council of Women organised a "Study Day" on July 6, which was attended by 200 women, representing many organisations. The Mayor of Launceston (Alderman C. Pryor) opened the function and said many Australians were fond of pointing to the racial strife in other countries and passing judgment on them.

But Australia also had a racial problem which was posing great difficulties. The nature of the problem had changed over the years.

At one time it was largely a matter of providing aid for the Aborigines in their remote environments, but now it involved assimilating them into the white community.

"This is a much more difficult thing to achieve, and it here that our racial

problem comes home to us," Mr. Pryor said.

"We are making great efforts to assimilate new Australians into our community and we must do the same with our Aborigines."

A highlight of the day was the address by an Aboriginal princess, Princess Lilardia, now Mrs. Tucker of Victoria.

The Director of the Queen Victoria Museum (Frank Ellis), gave a lecture and supervised a display of articles made and used by the Aborigines. The Rev. L. E. Shirley (formerly of Alice Springs) also lectured.

The Margaret Street Church of Christ C.W.F. were specially invited to exhibit the sewing and knitting done this year for our Missions at Carnarvon and Norseman. A display of models of buildings on our stations, and the artist's impressions of the Christian Centre at Carnarvon created much interest.—P. Harrison.

C.W.F. WORKSHOP, N.S.W.

Our six weeks' workshop has concluded. It has proved a most exhilarating experience. The six lectures on Prayer, led by R. B. Ewers, have challenged all to a regular daily quiet time. They have given us a desire to practise the presence of God. We have learnt to relax, to pray more simply and to breathe in the love of God and to let it flow to others in prayer.

Each week the Prayer session has been followed by a session on Business Procedure and General Conduct of Meetings, including hints on speaking. There was participation by those who have never before spoken or led a meeting.

Two afternoon sessions were devoted to Department — breathing and reading. Voices were enlarged and meaning

put into passages read. The tone of our meetings should benefit greatly. These sessions were conducted by E. T. Hart.

From the two sessions on Programme Planning, taken by Mrs. Elsmore, we gained many practical ideas for local groups — one session being on ways to use the Federal Handbook.

The other two sessions, taken by K. Crawford, were on Personal Evangelism, and we have now no excuse for not approaching our friends and neighbours.

We are greatly indebted to those who led each session.

The thoughts of all can be summed up in the remarks of one: "It was well worthwhile. I enjoyed it very much. I hope I can apply all I have learnt."—D. A. Elliott.

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DEATH

ASHLEY. — On July 17, at home (suddenly), Arthur Stanley, of Wattle Park, Vic., friend of all, father of Peter and Dianne, husband of late Mildred. (See notice elsewhere re special service).

IN MEMORIAM

WEBB, Muriel. — Loving memories of our dear daughter and sister, mother of Allan, and mother-in-law of Val (Camp Hill), and dear grandmother of their children, called Home July 30, 1964. "The Lord's my Shepherd."

—Inserted by her parents, E. and C. House.

SILVER WEDDING

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VICTORIAN MINISTERS

(Melb.). The Victorian Ministers' Association will meet on Mon., Aug. 1, at 2 p.m., at the Brotherhood Centre. The speaker will be K. J. Clinton. Ministers are invited to meet for lunch at 1 p.m.

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The minister of the church, the Rev. Merlyn Holly, will conduct the service, and the Director of the Council for Christian Education in Schools, the Rev. A. V. Maddick, will give the address.

Chaplains from High and Technical

BERWICK CELEBRATES

(Vic.). Good attendances at 97th church anniversary, when Don. Smith was speaker. Temple Day offering was \$98.90. A duet was given by Miss D. Meyer and Mrs. Edebohls. Mr. Len. Reid, M.L.A., speaker at P.S.A., gave experiences in India, re food situation. \$38 was given towards Food for India appeal. Artists for afternoon were Mrs. Merbis, who gave recitations, and Mrs. Edebohls, soloist.

YOUTH HALL EXTENSION

(Boronia, Vic.). Work is expected to start this month on extensions to the Youth Hall — a room, 18 x 36 (6½ squares) will be added. . . Neil Sercombe is leaving shortly to take up an appointment as manager to the E.S.A. Bank Ltd., Garfield. Meanwhile Norm. White is enjoying himself working in the National Bank Ltd. at Rainbow. . . Several of our young people had a great day in the snow at Mt. Buller, on July 16 — they took part in an E.D.C.Y.F. bus trip. . . Doug. Bird, a National serviceman, likes the army, but still looks forward to coming home each weekend. He may be going to Qld. soon to continue his training — one way of seeing the country! . . . The C.W.F.'s sewing day resulted in most of the clothing for their little girl at Norseman Mission being finished.

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FEDERAL PRES. AT NORTHCOTE

(Northcote, Vic.). S. Russell Baker, Federal Pres. of Churches of Christ in Aust., and Secretary of the B. and F. B. S., was speaker on July 10. . . The minister is A. B. Withers. . . On July 17, a presentation was made to Mrs. I. Bangsund and Ruth, who are going to New Zealand to live with married daughter. . . B.S. has commenced third year of Plan of Development. . . Sympathy of the church goes to P. Clark, and family, in the loss of a wife and a mother.

BAPTISMS AT ORMOND

(Vic.). The church was delighted with three baptisms following discipleship classes, held by R. McKenzie, the minister. They are all from church homes. . . Ladies of C.W.F. have completed a parcel for an Aboriginal girl. . . Basketball girls held a family social, when \$21.15 was raised towards trophies. . . Ladies of E.C.W.F. earned \$60 from a street cake stall. . . The annual meeting budgeted a further five per cent for outside purposes, making a total of 25 per cent of income being given to outside purposes. A. J. Knee again elected secretary, and D. Cole, treasurer. . . Youth auxiliaries are very active. Explorers have purchased new mats. Good Companions took part in the Girls' Sunday service. . . Some members are attending Church and Life study discussions. . . Mr. McKenzie has concluded five years' ministry with church and agreed to stay a further three years. . . All arrangements finalised for Woman to Woman Evangelism campaign in September. . . Help of student assistant, Ian Mullin, is much appreciated.

MINISTER'S WIFE WELCOMED

(Chelsea, Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. Augustine, and Mr. and Mrs. Goudie, represented the church at the wedding of the minister, C. G. Thomas and Miss Win. Walker, in Launceston. On June 26, at an after-church fellowship, the church expressed its welcome to Mrs. Thomas, and a presentation of a room-heater was made on behalf of the members. . . 170 sat down for a family dinner for Chelsea's Forward Move programme, with A. A. Avery as director. Mr. Augustine, church sec., was chairman, and speakers told of Chelsea's 42 years of history, her present needs and her future plans. Subsequent visitation has indicated that members and friends have promised support for the church to the extent of nearly \$26,000 over the next three years.



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OPEN FORUM

(see also page 18)

OUR PLEA IS STILL PERTINENT.

To the Editor,

Recent experience confirms to me the rightness of our plea for unity on the basis of the restoration of New Testament Christianity.

Adventuring in fellowship we invited the local Methodist minister, and then the local Presbyterian minister, to our midweek group.

The Methodist man readily admitted that there is no basis in Scripture for infant sprinkling. He practises it because his church teaches it. His position, he agreed, would be parallel to Roman Catholicism in placing the traditions of the church before the Scriptures. He has since said to me, concerning infant sprinkling, "It's a ploy we're stuck with it, but because we are, we have to make the best of it."

The Presbyterian man made some interesting comments on the Uniting Church of Australia. He wished Churches of Christ and Baptists had been officially consulted on church government, etc. He believes the promotion of an episcopal form of government will rule us out. Furthermore, he commented that if ever the Uniting Church of Australia becomes a reality there will be FOUR churches and not ONE as is hoped. There would be the Continuing Presbyterian, Continuing Methodist, Continuing Congregational, plus the United Church.

It is interesting to note that core members of at least two of the churches concerned in our area have said they will look for another spiritual home if the Uniting Church comes to anything. In fact, we have some of them regularly attending our services now!

—Maurie Pieper, Qld.

VIETNAM.

To the Editor,

In reply to T. Lane, "A.C." July 16, I hate war, but suggest Australia is rightly in Vietnam because of —

Murders — by V. Cong; 400 a week before U.S.A. took action and used by them still whenever "necessary."

Tibet — "swallowed" by China whose refusal to accept peace talks, at last shows her control of V. C. and Hanoi.

Brainwashing — the frightening tool of Communism. (See pp. 144-155, "Battle for the Mind," by William Sargent).

Dehumanisation of ordinary folk — by threats, fear, suppression of freedom and of worship, by enslavement.

China's declared world domination aims. In 1939 we fought these evils — it should have been 1933 as far as 6,000,000 Jews were concerned — and we rightly fight them now, even if in a foreign land. "Yankee, go home," means "let us continue our murders and enslavements in Laos, Cambodia, etc."

Should we not overcome evil nations as God did when Israel took Canaan? What of Moses (Num. 31: 7), David, and the heroes of Feb. 11: 32-34? — all after the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill" was given. (Isn't "murder" more correct than "kill"?)

God used conscription, and Peter the ballot system — these are fair methods when everyone can't be involved.

Let us not fall for the Communist's (and Satan's) trap of feeling guilty because killing and suffering are necessary to stop evil. After peace — when N. Vietnam pulls out surely — then show truly the forgiving, healing restoring Christ.

Look at Japan and West Germany today and let us learn from history.

—Dave Allison, Vic.

CHURCHILL.

To the Editor,

The article on "Churchill" by W. W. Saunders, in "A.C." July 9, shows how illogical trained men can be. Here is a new centre and four denominations (the associated Churches of Christ have assumed the denominational title) have banded together for the holding of church services under the leadership of an Anglican minister.

It is pointed out that each communion will remain as such, and denominational affiliations will be preserved. Each communion will be free to have its own minister to carry out ordinances according to its traditions.

It seems clear that the Bible takes second place to church traditions and creeds. This association of four denominations lacks sincerity, and is obviously a temporary arrangement until the new town grows sufficiently for each

sect to support its own church and minister.

In the meantime great damage is being done by neglecting to preach the pure gospel. I had the experience of preaching in a church built by the community for public worship. Occasionally I was reprimanded because my preaching might offend some.

Union of denominations will never be the true church. There is one Body founded on the day of Pentecost with its inspired conditions of membership.

—C. K. Milne, Vic.

[Ed. Since "denomination" is generally used to mean a distinctive religious group — which we are — it is difficult to avoid sounding arrogant when we apply it to others and reject it for ourselves.]

It is not at all clear "that the Bible takes second place to church traditions and creeds," or that the association "lacks sincerity." Both of these comments seem unwarranted reflections on the motives of all concerned.

There is danger of reading into the Churchill experiment more than is actually there. It is not a union of denominations. It is a fellowship of Christians which permits us an opportunity to make our witness in a place where we would otherwise not be represented at all, which is what has happened in hundreds of other towns.]

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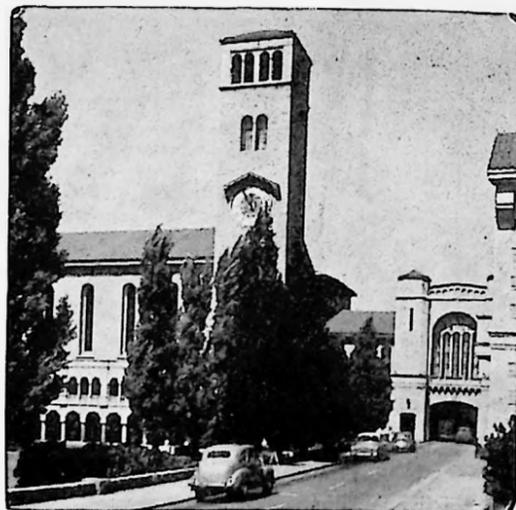
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Crowd at Collingwood. Last Sunday there were 212 present at the Sunday School, and the offering amounted to 15/1.

Preachers' Fraternal. Correspondent writes, "What is a Preachers' Fraternal? Is 'fraternal' not an adjective, to be followed by a noun, as 'society,' 'association' or such like? Do let us avoid the vile corruptions of the beauty of our English language, which have become current in the vulgarised speech of our American cousins."

War Profit. The National Bible Society of Scotland reported that a "Conscientious Objector" had sent in a donation of £250, being war profits he could not conscientiously use.

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OPEN FORUM

(see also page 16)

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS.

To the Editor,

I support Terry Lane in his concern for war. In these days, when so many conform to the popular view it is most encouraging to hear a courageous young non-conformist.

However, I am quite unable to share his admiration of those who burn draft cards, fail to register, etc. Australian law has made provision for young men with conscientious objection. Total exemption to National Service is possible where the appropriate objection is proved. In other cases men are directed to service in medical units in the army. To reject this provision of the law is unwise and a bad witness.

In World War II many of us found satisfaction of conscience in serving as stretcher bearers with paratroops, sharing the dangers of combat. We were able to save life and make a witness which was not suspect. Many paid the supreme sacrifice with their combatant comrades.

Young men having conscientious objections, would be well advised to first place their names on a register kept by our Social Service Dept., and secondly, to take advantage of the provision which the law has made for them.

If this is still unacceptable to young men, perhaps it is time the Australian Council of Churches took up the matter, and formed a Field Ambulance unit or medical team for service in Vietnam. By all means let us object to war, but let our objections be positive.

—Ernest Baxter, Vic.

OFFENSIVE PROGRAMMES.

To the Editor,

I am impatient with people who find the contents of a newspaper, or the alleged entertainment of a TV programme offensive, but expect others to do something about it. Why not organise a boycott among friends of the publication concerned, or the TV Station, and the advertising sponsor of the particular programme in question.

A further refinement of this old Chinese custom would be to send a "round robin" with as many signatures as possible to the authors of the offence.

A noted American Jewish comedian recently in Sydney was asked by an interviewer what difference there was in techniques between vaudeville and television. The answer was that the latter must be cleaner. This has been exemplified by his appearance as a member of a

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .

DOWN WITH THE POPE!

TO THE EDITOR.

My wife says I have no culture. She says that all I borrow from the library is rubbish from the fiction shelves. When I confided this to the librarian she said, "Why don't you read 'The Representative,' the controversial play everyone is talking about?" So I took it home. My wife had the sort of grin that said eloquently that I'd be lucky to get past the first page. But I did. I couldn't leave the thing alone.

It tells the story of Gerstein, a Christian who planted himself in the Gestapo, and Riccardo, a high-born Jesuit priest, trying to get high Roman church authorities to bring pressure to bear on Pope Pius XII to denounce Hitler for the mass murder of Jews in gas ovens. In the end, Riccardo gets to the Pope himself. But the Pope is treading the razor edge of an uneasy neutrality, in order to protect the Holy See from the German occupying forces. The Pope refuses to say anything, except in vague generalities. This is, of course, historically true.

It was a powerful play, and my Orange blood was rising up inside me, and I was feeling mighty glad I was a protestant. But right at the end of the play the author, Rolf Hochhuth, speaks. He says, "Pius XII is a symbol of all men who are passive when their brothers are dying."

Why is it that when I am happy picking a splinter out of someone's eye I suddenly find a plank in my own?

Excuse me, Mr. Editor, is that a mote I see in your eye?

TERTIUS.

FIRE AT RANWADI SCHOOL, NEW HEBRIDES

A cable from Jack Edwards, in the New Hebrides, advised that a fire destroyed a school kitchen and contents, and a twenty-bed dormitory made of local material. No one was injured, but some of the girls' clothing was burnt.

group of writers of jokes on a long-running TV programme.

There is no lewdness or ridicule of religion. It can be done — decency and good humour do go together. As for the M.B. programme (I wouldn't grace it with the full name) — if some of the cast came out under the assisted migrant scheme, the Commonwealth should, on the basis of moral turpitude, demand the balance of the fare or ship them back.

—Percy C. Williams, Qld.

CURRENT AFFAIRS.

To the Editor,

Dr. A. G. Elliott, in his "Current Affairs — a Christian View," vis-a-vis, "the problem of Communist infiltration and aggravation in S.-E. Asia" ("A.C." 9/7/66) says that the maintenance of missionary access to Asia justifies the Vietnam war "to curb the spread of Communism."

That missionary access to Asia is a good end would hardly be denied from the Christian viewpoint. But the use of murderous force as a means to that end is not a good means, and can never be justified from the Christian viewpoint which surely judges the morality of any

action in the light of the life and death and teachings of Jesus Christ.

To say that we must use, or condone the use of, a bad means for a good end is a denial of all that our Lord stands for.

Before Constantine Christians overwhelmingly rejected the use of murderous violence. Though they suffered and died, they still won the victory of love over their enemies. Their missionary activity was without privilege or status. They were at a social disadvantage in a society which hindered their missionary activities and persecuted them. To spread the Good News was their end. Their means to that end was love — certainly not violence. My imagination balks at the thought of the early Christians supporting any State policy of violence because it would give them opportunity to evangelise.

Of course this pacifist stand of the early church was politically naive and too idealistic. It had to be modified if ever the church was to escape the awful Cross on which its idealistic Founder died.

—Phillip Perry, Vic.

MOUNT COMPASS.

To the Editor,

We are most grateful to whoever compiles the "50 Years Ago" column, because you solved a long-standing controversy by printing the account of the opening of the Mount Compass church. The actual records had been lost, the faithful of those days have passed on, and no one was sure of date, then "out of the blue" your little piece appeared.

We would be glad if someone could find time to give us any gleanings from our early history as it appeared in the "Christian." Dorothy H. Jacobs, S.A.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

IT'S GOOD TO BE USEFUL

By Sister Marjorie Barton.

It is just five weeks since I arrived here at Aoba, and in some ways it seems like yesterday, the time seems to have flown so fast, yet at other times I feel I have been here for years, I have been made to feel so much at home, both by the Mission staff and by the people.

It has taken me some time to pick up the hospital routine, and will take me a little longer to learn out-patients' procedures. There were no opportunities at home to extract teeth or suture lacerations, nor to do any prescribing of drugs stronger than Codine. However, the others have been very patient with me and I have learned a great deal from them.

The Girls' Brigade had a camp at Devil Rock, July 1-3. Although I'm not a Brigadier, I was invited to assist. It was a good camp, of about 30 girls. Ann Coulter and Kay Williams were the leaders, and the Company was divided into five work groups. Jeanette, Hannah, Nellie, Annie and Eva were the leaders. Eva is an outstanding personality. She seems to be a natural leader, and supervised most of the cooking and food preparations.

We had the usual sort of camp activities, Quiet Time before breakfast, Saturday morning the girls wrote and decorated a text in the sand, and swam in

(Sister M. Barton is serving as a Voluntary Worker in the New Hebrides).

the afternoon. Saturday night was camp concert, and the five different groups sang songs to an audience of people from the nearby village, who quietly gathered in the shadows as soon as the camp fire was lit on the beach. The three leaders also entertained them with a little skit which had them laughing before we had hardly started.

Sunday morning Keith Ludgater took the communion service on the beach, or at least we started on the beach, but a sudden shower shifted us into the shelter of an iron roof that had been used for the girls' dormitory.

The shower was really quite welcome, because we are very short of rain water, however it didn't extend very far along the coast and did not reach Ndui Ndui at all, so we are still praying for some rain to supplement the rapidly diminishing supply.

Perhaps the first and deepest impression made was that of the sincere Christian atmosphere of the hospital. Such a refreshing change from the atmosphere at some of the Australian hospitals in which I have worked. The singing in the church congregation also has made quite an impression, the harmony is wonderful.

I love it here, even though I've spent the last three weeks recuperating from chicken pox. It is good to be useful.



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of wisdom.
Take time to pray; It is the greatest
power on earth.
Take time to love and be loved; It is
a God-given privilege.
Take time to laugh; It is the music
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Cordell Hull was an extremely cautious
speaker, striving always for scientific
accuracy. One day on a train, a friend
pointed to a fine flock of sheep grazing
in a field. "Look, those sheep have just
been sheared," he said.
Hull studied the flock. "Sheared on
this side, anyway," he admitted.