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## KILL THE UMPIRE!

The umpire in this case is the International Court of Justice which has just brought down its judgment about South-West Africa. The judgment was greeted with howls of rage by every African country controlled by Africans, and with relief by the governments of South Africa, Portugal and Rhodesia.

It is not only that these three unpopular nations have had a reprieve. Even a villain is entitled to justice. If we are to live under law in this world, we must respect the judgments of law. The thing that provoked anger was that no judgment was given. Neither side won; it was not even a draw — the game should never have been played! That is what the judges said.

For months, foreign correspondents and world commentators have been whetting our appetite for the momentous decision. "The Court will decide whether South Africa has violated what has been described as a sacred trust of civilisation by virtually annexing South-West Africa, mandated to it by the League of Nations in 1920."

South Africa claimed that the mandate lapsed with the collapse of the League and that it is not answerable to the United Nations. The Court was to rule on whether the mandate still exists and if South Africa is obliged to account for it to the U.N. as successor to the League.

The Court sat for six years (repeat, six years!) and heard masses of evidence. Then, after all of the expensive court procedure, the decision was: Liberia and Ethiopia, who initiated the case "had no legal right or interest" and therefore were not eligible for a judgment.

If this is the just verdict, and the Court is a Court of Justice and not a court of morality, why did it take six years for the Court to discover that it could not give a ruling?

It is no wonder that there is anger. In the explosive situation of the African continent this alleged "retreat behind a technicality" could be a provocation to a violent answer to the problem of South-West Africa.

We are not in a position to question the Court's judgment, but we are able to say that the world has been ill-served by the Court's tardy abdication of jurisdiction.

## GUIDELINES (8)

## Confession

In the Restoration Movement, the practice developed of calling for decisions to accept Christ as Saviour and to express that decision in a declaration called the "Good Confession." The form of the Confession is usually based on Matt. 16: 16 where Peter declared that Jesus was "the Christ, the Son of the living God." Commonly, preachers borrow a bit from Philip and ask the new convert, "Do you believe with all your heart that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God?" For the purposes of the evening service we are satisfied when the convert replies, "Yes."

It is not necessarily within the situation of the evening service that faith comes. Usually that is only the place where it is acknowledged publicly. Faith can and often does grow in the life for many months or years before it is expressed in this way. Also, it is important to remember that confession of faith is not only related to a verbal response. To say that we "confessed our faith at a certain time in a certain place" would not have impressed the early church. Their confession was a dangerous daily witness in a hostile world.

Like every public witness to Christ — including baptism and the Lord's Supper — confession is a symbol. It points to the mighty acts of God performed in and through the life of Christ.

Indeed, the very phrase of which we are fond, the "Good Confession," was used by Paul about Jesus before Pontius Pilate. He was silent for most of the time, and when he did speak he did not put into words his divinity and lordship. But, looking back, we see that he never more clearly expressed his divinity and lordship than in the events of his betrayal, trial, and crucifixion.

His eloquence was not in words, but in his submission to the will of his Father on behalf of mankind. The significance of our confession of faith is not in the words we use but in our loyalty to our Lord and in our service in the church and the world.

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### COVER PICTURE:

The MTGG's, as a singing group, photographed in front of the Stephen Cheek Memorial Baptistery, in our oldest Queensland chapel, at Zillmere.

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Brisbane "Telegraph."

From left to right: Greg. Kubler, 19;  
Gail Slaughter, 18; Tom Sketcher-  
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19.

# World News of the Church

◦ World Convention Award . . .

## PRESIDENT JOHNSON RECEIVES CITATION

(Washington, D.C.). At a recent ceremony in the White House, President Lyndon B. Johnson was presented the Citation of the World Convention of Churches of Christ awarded to him at the Seventh Assembly in Puerto Rico last August. His pastor, Dr. George R. Davis, of the National City Christian Church in Washington, made the presentation in behalf of the World Convention.

Five Citations were awarded at the Puerto Rico World Convention. Others were: Dr. Stephen J. England, President of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ in the U.S.A. and Canada; Dr. Martin Niemoller of Germany,

a President of the World Council of Churches; Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, founder and editor for many years of the "Christian Century," a leading interdenominational church publication in the U.S.A. (Dr. Morrison has died since receiving the award); and, posthumously, Dr. Jesse M. Bader, first President and General Secretary of the World Convention of Churches of Christ for 33 years until his death in 1963. Mrs. Bader received the Citation in Puerto Rico.

Rules for the awarding of Citations allow for only five to be given at each five-year Assembly of the World Convention to outstanding churchmen of the world.—World Convention Release.

## THE FIGHT FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

(Swanwick, England). The churches may soon have to form an international force to carry out co-operatively their fight for ensuring social and economic justice for the under-privileged, a World Council of Churches official told representatives of Christian relief organisations from all parts of the world.

Dr. Leslie E. Cooke, Director of the W.C.C.'s Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee, and World Service, said he thought that the largest issue for Christian aid in the next decade will be to take a step beyond development aid, as many analyses show that such programmes, both governmental and inter-governmental, are falling to bridge the gap between the richer and poorer nations.

"It is estimated," Dr. Cooke said, "that in 20 years, five-sixths of the world's wealth will be in the hands of Western — and mostly white — peoples, the minority of the world's population. Others say that by 1980 there will be world famine, of which the present situation in India is a harbinger."

He thought it was possible to anaesthetise Christians by engaging in great aid programmes and thus dull their sensitivity to questions of social and economic justice.

"May it not be," he asked, "that some

development aid programmes, including those in which the churches have joined as partners, are calculated to help maintain unchallenged the economic "status quo" of the nations which engage in them? How much are these programmes calculated to buy off, or stave off, the claims of the developing nations to economic and social justice? To what extent are the Western churches co-operating with, and benefiting from an economic imperialism as they once co-operated with and benefited from a political imperialism?

"Social and economic planning is a feature of the developing countries. What is the churches' responsibility towards this? At what points must they conform? At what points must they challenge?"—E.P.S.

## UGANDA WELCOMES CHURCH CO-OPERATION

Uganda's Prime Minister, Apollo Milton Obote, has assured Anglican Archbishop Erica Sabiti, that Uganda welcomes enthusiastically all co-operation of the church in the work of the nation. He said the great problems facing the country could only be solved by the co-operation of all.—E.P.S.

## HUNGARY CRACKS DOWN ON FOREIGN CHURCH VISITORS

(Vienna). Hungarian authorities have passed new and more stringent entry regulations for foreign pastors, missionaries, and other church workers.

According to reports received here they will no longer be granted entry visas or transit visas for private visits or as tourists. The only exceptions will be for visitors invited to the country by Hungarian church officials, or given special permission by the governmental Department for Church Affairs in Budapest.—E.P.S.

## THE PURGE IN CHINA

(Rome). "Fides," the international Roman Catholic news agency, reports that "the long-prepared purge is now taking place among leaders, and especially among the intellectuals of the Communist Party in China," but states that it has "no specifically religious character."

The service declared that: "Christians and members of other religions are not specifically affected by it, though, like everyone else, they are expected to examine their consciences to see whether they too have perverse intentions deep down . . . It seems more likely that the supreme authorities have enough to do without worrying the Buddhists, Moslems, and Christians, who do not form the slightest danger to the regime."—E.P.S.

## DROP IN CANDIDATES FOR MINISTRY

(London). Churches in England are faced with major declines in the number of candidates recommended for ordination to the ministry, according to a report to be presented to the Church of England Assembly later this month.

The report showed that the Church of England suffered a drop of 30 per cent last year, as compared with 1964, and that the figure was the lowest average since the period 1958-62.

A similar situation, the report said, exists in other churches. Only 54 candidates were accepted by the Methodist Church last year as against the previous low of 84. The Roman Catholic Church had 18, six per cent fewer men were in training last year than the average over the previous four years.—E.P.S.

# Sunnybank Extensions

Vic. Parker was born in Sunnybank, Qld., and grew up in this area. On July 9, he welcomed guests of honour and visitors to the opening of the New Church Hall at Station Street, Sunnybank. As minister of the church, the "local boy" was overjoyed to see the crowd gathered to share in this occasion.

In brilliant sunshine, with the crowd praising God in the new chapel, a few doors away the famous "Oasis" was practically deserted. This seemed a parable in the making. Here was Christ's Kingdom set amidst all that the world could provide for leisure and pleasure. The Master Plan on display in the foyer envisaging an octagonal chapel set right on the corner of the block continued the symbolism.

The old chapel will be used as a hall until the plan is completed. Here again the parable of the old being used in a different way to present the same age-old message. The Queensland brotherhood rejoices with Sunnybank in this move to be more effective in this community.

The Conf. Pres., Keith Burkhead, spoke of the "Mighty Moment" this event was in the life of the church. Using a thought gleaned from the "Apostle of Alliteration," Ralph Amos, of Victoria, Mr. Burkhead said, "Let us use the Mighty Moments of the Past to inspire us to Mighty Moments of the Future."

For the Ministers' Fraternal Assoc. of South Brisbane, and on behalf of the Methodist congregation, Rev. Moore said, "Gone are the days of vicious competition between communions. We rejoice with your congregation on this day."

Mr. Woff, officially opening the church, said he hoped that the day would be soon in coming when he would have the privilege of turning the key in the new chapel. There is a spirit of enthusiasm prevailing in this congregation under the leadership of Vic. Parker.

The young people have accepted the challenge to pay for the communion table and platform chairs. A new elec-

tronic organ has been installed, the new building is brightly painted, carpeted, and contains a cry room. Their slogan for the opening day and continuing mission with H. Sargent, minister of Annerley, is "A New Clear Start in a Nuclear Age."

Dr. Jauncey, Principal of Kenmore Christian College, spoke on the passage of Joshua 1, and used the theme, "A New Clear Start," to present the charge to the church in its ongoing programme of witness.

The first Sunday services saw the chapel packed to capacity, with Rex Ellis, lecturer at Kenmore, as guest speaker.

Visitors to Brisbane from interstate who may be camping in the many caravan parks in this suburb are reminded of the church's presence in this community and urged to attend when holidaying in this area.

A section of the Act of Dedication, led by the minister, is a fitting tribute to the singleness of purpose of this congregation: "For the furtherance of the world-wide programme of Jesus, for the encouragement of missionary endeavour at home and abroad, for Christian evangelism and education, for the promotion of social righteousness and the building of human brotherhood."

**People:** "We dedicate this church."

"For the promotion of that Christian unity which sees beneath all formal differences a bond of fellowship and endeavours to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

**People:** "We dedicate this church."

"That this may be for all people a House of Prayer, that men may be conscious that God is in this place, that it may be to them none other than the House of God, the Gate of Heaven."

This was followed by the Prayer of Dedication which was led by Keith Burkhead. The Annerley Male Voice Choir gave items.—(A.C.M.).

## H. SARGENT AT KEDRON

(Qld.). S.S. Anniversary, on July 17, had Hayden Sargent, minister at Annerley, as guest speaker. Senior school participated in evening service . . . Proceeds of morning tea at home of Val Plane, went to E.W.F. Carpet Fund . . . Boys' Brigade, under leadership of Lawrie Thomas, has been commenced . . . Classes are being held for presidents and readers . . . Mrs. Kollmar is sick in hospital, and the sympathy of the church was extended to Mrs. Basile and family, on the loss of her mother. Several young people have been baptized at recent services.

## MINISTRY EXTENDED

(Mackay, Qld.). Our minister, K. J. Jenner, has accepted an invitation to extend his ministry by one year, to Dec., 1967 . . . Guest speaker for 29th anniversary services was G. J. Eopson, Boonah church. He challenged the church to present what we have to God, so that he may perform a miracle akin to that of the feeding of the multitude when only five loaves and two fish were available . . . After the family tea on Saturday night, a variety programme was presented, and the film, "Preacher's Kid" was screened . . . The temperature of 40 degrees, recorded last week, was the second lowest on record — an indication of a near ideal climate!

# World Congress on Evangelism

In Berlin, from October 26 to November 4, 1,200 Christians from more than 90 countries will meet in the World Congress on Evangelism.

The Congress is sponsored by the Christian magazine, "Christianity Today," which has a world-wide standing among evangelical churchmen of many denominations. The Editor, Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, is Chairman of the Congress. Dr. Billy Graham is Honorary Chairman.

Dr. Henry writes of the Congress:—

"The decline of evangelistic compassion is the most crucial matter facing Christendom today. The torchbearers are vanishing. Our churches contain millions of professing believers, only a minority of whom are witnessing Christians."

"The overwhelming majority go through all the motions of church work, yet they go for years without ever leading a single soul to Christ.

"The World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin will bring from the ends of the earth evangelists and churchmen, increasingly eager to reach our generation with the gospel of Christ.

"It aims to bring to view a prospect of peace and power, of joy and hope in which men and women of all races and nations can fully share."

Specifically, the Congress has a seven-fold purpose:—

1. To define and clarify Biblical Evangelism for our day.
2. To establish beyond any doubt its relevance to the modern world.
3. To underline its urgency in the present situation.
4. To explore new forms of witness now in use throughout the world and new ways of reaching contemporary man.
5. To deal frankly with problems of resistance to the gospel.
6. To challenge the church to renew its own life through an intensified proclamation of the historic faith, and
7. To show the world in a fresh and dramatic way that God is in truth Lord of all, and that he saves men through his Son.

Evangelicals of more than 30 countries in Africa will be represented at the Congress, and 20 countries in Latin America will send representatives.

There will be delegates from Australia and New Zealand, Europe, Korea, Japan and other Asian countries, the Middle East, and Great Britain, as well as the U.S.A. and Canada.

World church leaders on the Sponsoring Committee of the Congress include the Rt. Rev. Otto Dibelius, Lutheran Bishop from Berlin, the Rt. Rev. Timothy Dzaio, Independent Church of Japan, the Rt. Rev. Goodwin Hudson, Anglican Bishop from London, the Rt. Rev. Chandu Ray, Anglican Bishop from Pakistan, the Rev. Gordon Powell, Presbyterian, from Melbourne, and the Rev. Clyde Taylor, Baptist, of Washington.

Christians throughout the world are urged to pray for the Congress, and for those who attend it.

# WHO'S KILLING THE CHURCH?

BY ALAN MATHESON

Some say, in answer, that the villain is the secular world with its apathy and sin; others say the church is being killed by irrelevant and archaic structures. Still others say that the church is being led toward crucifixion by God himself, in order that she may possess new life.

"Who's Killing the Church?" is a collection of articles that have been published in "Renewal," over the past three years. This magazine is published jointly by the Chicago City Missionary Society and the New York City Missionary Society, and edited by Stephen Rose.

At the end of 1965, this magazine culminated a three-year period of an analysis of the weakness of the American Protestant Church in its present form. Now the time has come to develop a positive renewal movement throughout the church. With this aim in mind they have endeavoured to develop a manifesto for the grass roots church.

## 1. Denominationalism

"We believe that denominationalism is obsolete, both theologically and in terms of the capacity of denominations to organise the church in the most effective and obedient manner! Further, it is stated that if we are to be active, willing and involved participants in any renewal movement, then there must be a real desire to forsake denominational loyalty at every point where such loyalty is a barrier to the ecumenical witness of the church.

There is little hope in any renewal movement which is aimed at restoring the life of individual denominations. This is particularly relevant to us in Australia, where we are endeavouring to discover our particular attitude to Christian union in isolation from the rest of the Christian community. While we are content to gather separately we will continue to talk only to ourselves.

## 2. The Three Functions of the Church

a. **Chaplaincy** — i.e., "the proclamation of the Biblical insight into the human situation."

It refers in particular to the priestly, liturgical and pastoral ministry of the church.

b. **Teaching** — i.e., "the integration of this Biblical insight with the realities of the contemporary world."

Despite massive investments of time and money, teaching is still to be recognised by the denominationally organised church. "The church in its present structure offers virtually no training to

adults. And the moribund quality of the instruction given to youth is partially attested to by the vast numbers of young persons who become disenchanted with the church when they leave home."

c. **Abandonment** — i.e., "the self giving of the church to the world."

"This function embraces specialised ministries aimed at making urban life more human, involvement of Christians in the social struggle, and the style of life that ought to become the distinguishing mark of individual Christians and the church as an institution."

A congregation is both theologically and structurally irrelevant, if it cannot maintain the ministries of chaplaincy, teaching and abandonment.

## 3. Goals of the Renewal Movement

The theological rationale for the renewal movement is to be found in Paul's missionary methods, particularly as they are outlined in 1 Cor. 12 and 13. Here, Paul declares that the church is the Body of Christ, and as such is made up of many parts, each one playing a specific function. Specialisation, defined as, "the division of responsibilities so that each function of the church can be implemented," is essential to a healthy body.

However, in today's structures we have the absurd position where we have dumped nearly every one of the tasks that Paul outlines, into the job description of the modern minister. Is it any wonder that there is a questioning of the traditional role of the ordained ministry?

The effect of all this is seen in the ever increasing numbers of men seeking theological teaching positions, chaplaincy appointments and administrative tasks, rather than the "normal" parish ministry.

There can be little doubt that, for Paul, the primary expression of the Body of

Christ was the local church. But if it is not properly equipped, then it becomes irrelevant and incomprehensible.

The manifesto goes on to outline some specific courses of action. It is possible for us to examine only one such specific proposal. As virtually no single congregation can support all three of these ministries — chaplaincy, teaching and abandonment — it is suggested that local churches band together to form co-operative ministries.

"Within a given co-operative ministry a single facility would be used for the ministry of chaplaincy . . . one would be adapted for the teaching ministry of the restructured church. In particular, every neighborhood would have a full-time facility for the training of laymen. The remaining buildings would be sold unless they could be adapted to the ministries of abandonment, i.e., direct service to specific unmet needs in the community. In no case should church ministries of abandonment repeat what the secular world is already doing. Each neighbourhood would have a full-time centre for pastoral counselling.

## 4. Conclusion

This manifesto is to be amplified not only within the book, but also in future issues of the magazine, "Renewal." (Subscription 3 dollars: "Renewal" Magazine, 19 S. La Salle St., Chicago, Illinois, 60603, U.S.A.).

The editors conclude in their initial article, "that the ecumenical movement must be local; the Body of Christ must incorporate specifically defined functions; and the renewed church must be faithful to the Biblical reality that brings it into being, as to the world that calls it into service.

Above all, let us begin to substitute concrete, positive proposals for the carping and backbiting that characterises our existence in the outmoded denominational church structure."

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**GEO. WOOD RETURNS**

(South Perth, W.A.). The church assembled for an after-church fellowship in honour of Geo. Smith, who has been assisting at Sth. Perth whilst Geo. Wood was on world tour. Mr. Wood's return was celebrated with a supper after the meeting on June 23. Unfortunately, a week later he contracted a virus infection and had to spend a week in bed. Every Thursday night, as part of the service, he gives an illustrated talk of what he has seen and done. On June 29, the Ladies' Fellowship held a "bring a guest luncheon." Mr. Wood was the speaker and two ladies made the good confession. His many friends will be pleased to know that Roy Raymond has not lost his old fire, and at a moment's notice gave a very fine address on June 3. Miss Joan Harris was farewelled on July 17, prior to her departure for New Guinea, where she is to serve with the Wycliffe Bible Translators. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Schmitt have left South Perth for an extended holiday with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Scott. Ted is a student at Kenmore and ministers to the church at Warwick, Qld. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wood, have returned to Victoria.

**TARGET \$1000**

(Scarborough, W.A.). The missionary project is \$1000, a portion of which is for support of our "living link," Miss Beth Clapp, missionary teacher at Ranwadi, Pentecost Is., New Hebrides. An emphasis on prayer is our aim as we approach the planned September mission, "Operation Go." R. Vincent, Conf. Pres., was guest speaker at the 10th anniversary of the church on July 3. A number of past members were present, and were later entertained to lunch in various church homes. C.W.F. held an evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Saxby. D. Hawke spoke on "Mental Health." A new Yamaha electric organ has been purchased and dedicated to the memory of the late Allen Christie.

**DECISION AT NORTHAM**

(W.A.). Another member of the youth group has confessed his faith in Christ. Ray Vincent, Conf. Pres. for W.A., showed slides to the church on July 23 of his recent tour of America. On 24th, he preached at both services. The after-church "coffee shop" is proving popular. The Kluge family has been

farewelled on moving to Cunderdin. Presentations from the C.W.F., S.S. and church were made to this family, which will be greatly missed. 10 rugs have been completed by C.W.F. ladies and forwarded to the Christian Centre. 16 of these ladies held their meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boase, at Goomalling. Mrs. Streeter led the meeting and gave the address.

**INGLEWOOD'S LOSS**

(W.A.). Mrs. Roffey has moved to Victoria. Colin and Diane Jarvis are in Bonn, Germany; John and Val Elsbury have been transferred to Boulder. We are sorry to lose these members, and wish them well. We are happy to have meeting with us six ladies from the new flats in Mt. Lawley. Several of our members plan to attend Federal Conference. The young Teen Group has raised over \$50 for the church hall. Midweek prayer and Bible study cancelled during Church and Life meetings.

**MINISTRY TO CONTINUE**

(Christies Beach, S.A.) The annual business meeting asked the minister, A. J. Griffiths, to serve for a further two years. The Board Chairman is W. Hunting; sec., G. A. Matthews; treas., G. A. Mullen. Miss D. Galliford is leader of C.W.F., with Mrs. W. Hunting as vice-chairman. A recent speaker was Mrs. Lawton, Pres. of the World C.W.F. A. Long is supt. of B.S. Mrs. A. J. Griffiths is making steady recovery from her serious heart trouble. Working bees have been held at the chapel, which is situated on Beach Road, between the Police Court buildings and the new High School. John Halbert, captain of Sturt Football Club, spoke to a youth tea on July 24, and later gave the gospel message. The church received 19 members by transfer out of a total increase of 32 members.

**GRANDFATHER AT BAPTISM**

(Goolwa, S.A.). When Goolwa's minister, Ron. Saunders, baptized Peter Bowey, Peter's grandfather, Arthur Neighbor, assisted in the service. E. P. C. Hollar visited the church and showed slides of his visit to the Holy Land and Indian Mission Fields. The annual meeting appointed W. J. Burgar as sec., R. J. Spencer as treas., and four deacons. Miss G. Read is organiste, with Mrs. G. Burgar and Mrs. B. Tuckwell assisting. The Church and Life Movement, in its fifth week, is proving very helpful to

all taking part in discussions. Foundations for the new manse are laid and building will commence immediately. The resignation of the B.S. supt., Gerald Burgar, was received with great regret. His many years of service in this office have been appreciated. Brian Skewes was elected in his stead.

**VISIT TO PT. PIRIE**

(S.A.). Miss Hazel Skuce, of India, was a recent visitor. She addressed the gospel service, and spoke at G.L.B. meeting. Slides were shown at both meetings. Mr. Carslake, pres. of Northern Dist. Conf., recently addressed the church. David Hammer, Sonny Graham and Alan Bonney were here on July 26, and spoke on Aborigines Missions. This meeting was an inspiration to all who attended. Mr. Hammer showed slides on the work being done, and his talk was informative and helpful to all.

**LEPROSY TALK**

(Lenswood, S.A.). Rev. Chatfield, from the Leprosy Mission, gave a talk and showed slides which were enjoyed by all present. The Women's Auxiliary had visitors from the Women's Committee of Christian Educ. Dept., who spoke at the meeting on Christian Education. Mr. and Mrs. G. Filmer, and sons, were visiting speakers on July 17.

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**N.S.W. NEWS**

**CHRISTIAN LIFE CRUSADE**

(N.S.W.). Reports continue to come in from many quarters relating to the interest and enthusiasm developed as a result of the planning, in local churches and in local house-groups, in connection with the "Christian Life Crusade." Discussion themes have been helpfully presented. Groups in homes have been organised for the benefit of Christian Women's Fellowships, Men's Fellowships, and also for Youth Groups, and there are many indications that the Bible studies, as well as the prepared materials on aspects of "Unity" and "Restoration," have proved of considerable value to all who have shared in these studies.

**SPECIAL CHATSWOOD SERVICES**

(N.S.W.). Special series of services drew increased attendances, though sickness has affected recent meetings. Four of our church homes were used as centres for Church and Life Movement studies. C.Y.F. Playnights raised \$130 for Banmatmat Bible College. Dr. and Mrs. John Saxby, and Miss J. Holt, are overseas; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodward are welcomed home after extended stay abroad. Mr. and Mrs. D. Bamford and family (formerly of Brisbane) have been welcomed to services. Mrs. R. Dickson is new C.W.F. pres., with Mrs. F. Stephenson, sec., and Mrs. L. Wilson, church caterer. Successful visitation tea and visits organised by Evangelism Com., July 19. E. Hart (Social Service) spoke on proposed Nursing Hospital, 24th. C. G. Taylor, minister, is giving general oversight and fortnightly Sunday morning preaching help to North Turramurra until December.

**FILLING IN**

(Cardiff, N.S.W.). Since the close of D. Schofield's ministry in May, the church has appreciated the services of visiting speakers, including Robert Taylor, of Woolwich Bible College, and Mr. Jackson, of the S.I.M. 60 young people attended monthly Youth night service on July 17. A fellowship tea for Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade and B.S. junior members, preceded the service. D. Wade, from Georgetown church, was guest speaker. The church has been saddened by the death of our oldest church member, Mrs. Bertha Louis, who died on July 17. She was the mother of Mrs. V. Smallman, who was the first supt. of Cardiff church B.S., and the present church organist. Mrs. Ailsa Maxwell (nee Smallman) late of Carnarvon Mission, and Mrs. Hazel Westbrook (nee Louis), of Cundelee, W.A., are grand-daughters of Mrs. Louis.

**J.E.W. LEADER IN TAMWORTH**

(N.S.W.). The church at Tamworth, N.S.W., was happy to share, with J. Hunting, Australian Director of Jewish Evangelistic Witness, who has been conducting a brief series of "Faith-Building Prophetic Meetings" in the town. Doug. Willis also shared in special visitation during this period.

**THREE BAPTISMS**

(Epping, N.S.W.). On Aug. 21, three young people were baptized. Mrs. C. W. Ritchie, wife of Methodist minister, was in charge of the evening as

**CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING**

(N.S.W.). Churches of Christ, in company with most of the other evangelically-minded communions in N.S.W., are extremely fortunate in being able to share in the facilities available to the broadcasting of the gospel. Churches in the Sydney metropolitan area have participated in the regular daily devotional broadcasts presented through the organisation of the N.S.W. Council of Churches over Station 2CH. We have also regularly accepted responsibility for the relaying of Sunday church services, as well as special Conference sessions and Youth programmes devised by our N.S.W. Dept. of Christian Educ. Our country churches also have excellent opportunities of broadcasting in their local districts.

In addition, for a number of years, the Conference Executive and the Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism, have

combined to present specific "Churches of Christ" sessions on the air, with the assistance of the Christian Broadcasting Association, and from time to time, our own men, such as Ross Beadle, Dr. Elliott, and Principal Stephenson, have been used in this field. Rev. Vernon Turner, of C.B.A., has also been very co-operative in arranging for feature broadcasts of the activities of Woolwich College on the "Sunshine Hour," extending to a network of 111 stations throughout Australia.

N.S.W. Churches of Christ are also involved to a lesser degree in the Christian Television Association, and in this area of publicity, as well as in broadcasting, we as a people are enabled to play a distinctive part in the preaching and propagation of the Word through modern media.

special guest at C.W.F. evening group. C. E. Bowser was speaker at Boys' Brigade parade. For Brigade Week, the boys invited the men to a tea, after which there was enjoyable evening entertainment. N. Blake, of Scripture Union, was a recent speaker. H.M. Long is minister.

**N.S.W. BROADCASTS - AUGUST**

During the month of August, Churches of Christ in N.S.W. will conduct broadcasts over Station 2CH, Sydney, as follows:—

Daily Devotional Sessions — Tues., Aug. 9, 8.45 a.m. Roy M. Wilson, B.A., Dip. P.A., Kingsford Church of Christ. Sat., Aug. 20, 8.45 a.m. D. W. Smallbone, Austral Church of Christ.

**N.S.W. PRAYER LIST**

Let us continue in daily prayer that God will use and bless us as we commit and commend to him the following aspects of our task:—

1. Home Missions and Evangelism — under the direction of Kevin E. Crawford, that the Dept. may be given wisdom in planning at Engadine, West Liverpool and other new fields.

2. Woolwich College Extension Lectures — that lecturers and students be encouraged and given guidance and understanding as the courses proceed — that many more may be equipped for service.

3. Social Services and Homes Dept. — in all efforts to better social conditions, and in the more recent challenge to establish a fund to provide for a Hospital-Nursing Home.

4. Personal Evangelism Campaigns — being fostered and effectively carried out under consecrated leadership in many local churches in N.S.W.

5. N.S.W. "Christian Life Crusade" — in local churches, in "house-meetings," in "Discussion-groups," in "All-Age Christian Education" sessions — and especially in the projected plans for "follow-up" in various centres.

6. "Crusade '66" - N.S.W. — at Enmore Tabernacle, August 23, 24, 25, 26, 27. Missioner: Des. Nelson. Songleader: Bruce Armstrong.

**SOCIAL SERVICES - N.S.W.**

The Appeal of the N.S.W. Social Service Dept. for the necessary funds to go ahead with the proposed "Nursing Hospital" is meeting with increasing interest and enthusiasm. It has long been felt that our churches in N.S.W., having already made their mark in the important fields of Homes for Aged Folk and for Children, should now complete our cycle of geriatric care by making available nursing facilities for the elderly people in our brotherhood Homes.

The Appeal will close on the last Sunday in December, and the following ways of giving have been suggested: 1. A donation in cash. 2. A promise of a set amount to be given regularly during the last half of this present year. 3. A local church project directing funds towards the Nursing Hospital. 4. An interest-free or interest-bearing loan, on the terms of our Brotherhood Deposit Fund.

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# OVERSIGHT BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

THE NEW TESTAMENT EVIDENCE

No. 15

BY H. J. PATTERSON, M.A., Vic.

Could we promote or even tolerate an episcopacy? I believe that today ultra-congregationalism is dying. It never was, nor could it be, a workable form of government for the whole church. It is now losing its appeal for the majority of people who have the total welfare of the church at heart. It has allowed division and/or a local papacy, and does not help the church.

Some still cling to the "autonomy of the local congregation," which is not the church, but a fragmented part of it. The one church is not the collection of separate churches, but the separate churches are the expression of the one church in different localities. The word "ecclesia" appears to be first used of the one church, and is later applied to the local church or an outcrop of the one church in that locality, whether it be a city church, or house church or the church of an area" (Dr. W. Robinson).

The New Testament clearly shows that there were bishops or elders appointed and there were those who had the rule over others and were to be obeyed (Hebrews 13). So it is in any democracy, for only those whom the community elects and authorises have the right to rule. Only the elected has the right to call for obedience.

This makes commonsense, and doubtless, in the early church, the "bishop" or "bishops," appointed by the Holy Spirit acting through the churches, were

democratically elected in that they had the vote or voice of the members of the church or churches within a city (Titus 1: 5).

It is generally conceded that within the New Testament church there are signs of "episcopacy," "presbyterianism" and "congregationalism." Jesus never gave direction in relation to these things.

Alexander Campbell wrote much at different times in relation to the eldership, and it is evident that he did not favor an ultra-congregationalism. To quote: "We have yet to learn that the two extremes of all sorts of government are absolute tyranny and fierce democracy." And his hypothetical case of the island of Guernsey shows that he favored a gathering of all the elders of all the churches in the island.

In the light of what has been said so far, and our experience of the lack of good government, the question arises as to whether our people would give unprejudiced consideration to a democratically elected episcopate, democratically controlled, if its function, like that in the New Testament, was mainly pastoral and administrative. Why not? Being democratically controlled, it is within the power of the congregation or congregations. A delegated authority over a wider field than that of a house church or local church would certainly make for better order and government within the church. We ought, at least, to be prepared to give consideration to it.

## GOSPEL MOVEMENT FOR INDONESIA

(Bandung). The response of a number of Indonesian Christians to political turmoil and revolution of recent months has been the formulation of a new organisation to preach the gospel.

The movement, organised in January, is called GERAPI — the Movement for the Proclamation of the Gospel.

First major event sponsored by GERAPI was a week-long evangelistic meeting held here in the week preceding Pentecost, a time which coincides with an Indonesian national holiday.—E.P.S.

## HROMADKA RETIRES

Professor Josef L. Hromadka, 77, the well-known Czech theologian, who has been Dean of the Protestant Faculty of Theology in Prague for 46 years, has just retired. His successor is Professor Josef B. Soucek, Professor of New Testament Theology.—E.P.S.



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# "MANGGA"

BY D. G. HAMMER, Jnr.

At Chungribu there are two spheres of witnessing — that done by the missionary through his own consecrated life and work among the people, and also that by the indigenous Christians themselves.

I'm thinking particularly of the life and witness of one such Christian called Mangga. He was converted to the Lutheran faith while a doctor boy for the government, but since retiring several years ago returned to his village near Chungribu. He desired to join the church here and he and his wife were acquainted with the stand of the Churches of Christ and were baptized. Since that time his sincere Christian faith has been a witness not only to indigenous Christians, but also to any missionaries who have come in contact with him. His concern for the welfare of Christians and heathens alike puts most Christians in our churches today to shame.

On his Sunday to preach in some village he is up at dawn and off along the track to his service. Nothing will stop him. During the recent floods, while everyone remained in their houses, he would slosh his way, knee-deep in water, to church. He loves his Lord dearly and, in his limited knowledge, passes on this love that others too might love him.

Each Friday he comes to a school for pastors held here at Chungribu. As he grapples with the scripture portions, and tries to apply them to his own situation, my heart goes out to him that I might

somehow be able to enlighten his mind. His concern for others is most evident at these times, and as we try together to learn something more of Paul's letter to the Philippians, I cannot but see this man's life echoing the words of Paul: "For God is my record how greatly I long after you all in (with) the bowels (the innermost being, the very heart and affection) of Jesus Christ."

At a recent annual business meeting of the church here at Chungribu the members honoured him by electing him to the position of elder, and a more fitting shepherd they couldn't have found. His whole life is a witness to the transforming power of Christ, and as Christians and non-Christians alike are involved in cargo cults and spirit worship, this beacon shines telling one and all that the Christian life is more than attending church, it is the indwelling of the abiding Christ.

Remember him in your prayers that he will continue to stand firm for the Lord Jesus Christ.

## CAN MASS EVANGELISM DO HARM?

(Swanwick, England). To what kind of community should the church ask men to belong? was the question put to the consultation, held here last week, called by the World Council of Churches' Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee, and World Service, to consider its work during the next ten years.

It was asked in a paper read by Dr. Robert S. Bilheimer, Executive Director, International Affairs Commission of the National Council of Churches, U.S.A.

"It is folly," he said, "to seek to answer man's need for community with an individualistic interpretation of salvation. Much of the mass 'evangelism' now being carried on appeals to people in these terms and is, therefore, likely to do more harm than good.

"Failing to offer a form of community that seeks to be adequate to our time, this 'evangelism' offers instead a stone and a serpent, not a loaf and a fish. Furthermore, it is sheer disobedience to offer a merely traditional idea of Christian community to people who are searching for community in the societies of our time.

"When our evangelism, whether in a 'mass' form or in a less spectacular manner, offers an individualistic salvation which then is to be worked out within a community designed according to an archaic pattern, the disobedience is compounded.

"Nevertheless, our efforts to change the forms of church life must be carried on with the greatest delicacy lest the refuge that people need be destroyed with nothing put in its place. It is irresponsible to experiment blindly, just as it is irresponsible to cling uncritically to traditional forms of community."—E.P.S.

# QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

The other week we had young people leading the evening service for the third time this year. I think this is a bit much. They haven't the maturity to lead the whole service. What do you think?

From the way you framed your question, what I think is probably miles away from your opinion.

You don't say how young they are. One of my favorite books reminds us that: John Wesley was a student at Oxford when he formed the Holy Club. John Calvin, in his early twenties, was already proclaiming his distinctive doctrines. Geo. Whitfield, at 21, was moving England. Jeremy Taylor, at 18, was holding men spellbound in St. Paul's, London. D. L. Moody, in his twenties, was doing marvellous work as an evangelist. Chas. H. Spurgeon, at 20, was preaching in the great London Tabernacle. Francis Clark founded Christian Endeavour, and Geo. Williams, the Y.M.C.A. in their twenties.

You might answer that your young people are not Moodys, Spurgeons, or Taylors, and my response would be that you will never have effective leaders unless they have a chance to try themselves out.

Perhaps your youth are younger than these gifted people. Some churches use even junior and intermediate youngsters in leading services. I think that you are very fortunate if you have them to use. In church groups and in youth camps we are often amazed at the insights and honesty in the thinking and prayers of youth. It is often a most refreshing experience to have such young people leading the whole church in worship.

Sometimes, the young people are immature and inadequate, but I guess that you have heard grown-ups who are immature in spite of their years, and inadequate in spite of their experience.

Sometimes, young people are flashy and exhibitionist. But you can find these vices in older people, too.

Leading worship does require experience and the development of techniques and our standards for all who lead should be a great deal higher than they are. But dedication is also a requisite. When our young people possess this we should seek to develop their capacities for leadership.

When young people join the church I think that it is good for them to have a fairly early opportunity to take part in the worship of the church. It does the congregation good to hear young voices reading God's Word and to hear them express themselves in prayer and message. It is good also for young people to learn early that they have more than a listening role in the worship of the church.

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• SPOTLIGHT ON QUEENSLAND

# Youth in Action



A. C. Male.

The "Talents" Drive conducted by the Youth and Christian Education Dept. in Churches of Christ throughout Queensland uncovered many talents that were put to work for Christ and his church.

A presentation packet was distributed containing three "dud" dollars just before the introduction of decimal currency in Australia. One was kept by the recipient as a symbol of commitment to the drive, and the other two were to be given to two other people to enlist their co-operation. A Talents Hints listed various ideas and a devotional on the painting of Albrecht Durer's famous "Praying Hands" was included.

The idea caught on! Young people walked to work and saved their tram and bus fares. One lass ironed police cadets' uniforms; another worked in a can factory for a day. There were the various parties held, scrap metal sold,

dolls' clothes made, coconuts sold to southern visitors, as the scheme was used from Townsville to Roma.

It was not all youth, however. Mrs Lars Larsen, widow of the late Lars Larsen, well loved Qld. preacher, made a carton of jam and pickles to assist the cause. Another, over 80 years young, sold some jam for the Talents Drive.

The Drive officially finished at the Youth Dept's annual offering, but some groups are still working for the effort. On July 9, two events were held for the Department. A garden party at Marburg, and a folk rhythm night at Zillmere.

No official tally has been arrived at, but the amount to hand is in the vicinity of \$1800. Whatever the amount, great has been the fellowship of sharing and working together. Talenteers for the Master in Queensland!—A. C. Male.

## BRIGADES AT CHURCH

(Devonport, Tas.). The Boys' Brigade paraded and took part in a recent service. The Girls' Brigade shared in a service on July 3. One girl made her confession of faith . . . A married man has joined the church by faith and baptism . . . D. Dick, of W.E.C., showed slides of mission work in Chad, and I. Bowden, also of W.E.C., addressed the church . . . On July 17, a group of singers delighted the church with a number of lovely hymns . . . The Married Couples' Fellowship is very popular . . . The new extensions to the hall are a great asset.

## PROJECTOR TO N.H. TEACHER

(Mile End, S.A.). Children of the B.S. have forwarded a projector, with films, to a New Hebrides native teacher for use in his school. Some of the children have begun correspondence with the school children, and other projects are in hand by the scholars to assist this school and other children's work . . . The whole of the interior of the church building has been redecorated in pastel tones . . . B.S. choir sang at special youth service on July 3, when many of the scholars had tea in teachers' homes. B.S. staff, and many interested friends, are conducting a canvass of the district to obtain names of children not attending any S.S.

## S.A. ENGAGED COUPLES

Twenty-two young people enrolled in the June course and received the benefit of the five lectures on different aspects of married life. Films and discussions with lecturers, and between themselves, made the course both interesting and helpful.

We are now receiving applications for the October course, which begins on Oct. 12, and will be grateful if church papers will publicise the date and ministers will forward names of young people planning to be married after October.

## BEATITUDE SERIES

(Balaklava, S.A.). The minister, Colin Smith, is presenting a challenging series of sermons on the Beatitudes . . . Gordon Shepherd was baptized and received into fellowship. A young lady made her decision on 10th . . . Dorcas Society is clothing a boy at Norseman Mission. Clothes for him, and numerous other garments for the Mission, were on display at last meeting. At the close, Mr. Smith conducted an initiation service for new C.W.F. officers . . . Mr. Archbald, of the S.U.M., showed slides and spoke to C.E. meeting . . . C.M.F. joined with other societies of Adelaide at a tea in Flinders Park Church of Christ. Mr. Scales, a magistrate of the Juvenile Court, was guest speaker . . . Jack Clark is in hospital after bad accident.

## MINISTERS

### V. C. STAFFORD HONORED

The director of the Federal Board of Christian Education, V. C. Stafford, was recently appointed President of the Australian Council of Christian Education. This Council, representing major church bodies across the Commonwealth, seeks to promote important aspects of Christian Education. Dr. C. J. Wright, the present President, will take up duties as Executive Secretary for the Council next January, and Mr. Stafford will serve as President from that date until the Biennial Conference.

Miss Moya McCrackett, a member of our Footscray church, is the newly appointed Administrative Secretary of the Council.

### D. G. NELSON TO MOVE

(Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay, Qld.). The minister has indicated to the church he will terminate his ministry at the end of 1967. By then he will have completed seven years with this church . . . Two men and one young lady committed their lives to Christ on July 3 . . . "Fairhaven" Home will be completed this week. The furniture is expected to arrive then, with guests entering by mid-August. This will allow Home to function for about one month before the Official Opening on Sept. 24. . . . 25 young people travelled to Brisbane, July 30-31, to fellowship with Hawthorn church, in exchange Hawthorn youth will return visit later . . . Bob Story, representing U.F.M., spoke to C.Y.F. on July 26 . . . Ladies of C.W.F. held a Milk for India afternoon on July 28. Rita Wingrove was guest speaker.

### CHANGE OF MINISTRY

(East Kew, Vic.). H. K. Christensen, present minister at Lismore, N.S.W., has accepted an invitation to a ministry at East Kew, Vic., from May, 1967. B. F. Goldsteen will serve an interim at East Kew on completion of A. W. C. Candy's ministry there in October.

### R. TIPPETT TO WILLIAMSTOWN

(S.A.). R. Tippett, at present minister of Kadina church, has accepted a call to the ministry with the Williamstown-Kersbrook Circuit.

## NATIONAL DIARY

- AUGUST: VICTORIA
- 6 —Explorers' Midget Sports.
  - 10 —Quarterly Prayer Rallies — Dept. of H.M. and Evangelism.
  - 11 —C.W.F. Missionary Rally.
  - 13 —Christian Endeavour — Intermediate/Y.P. function.
- NEW SOUTH WALES
- 5 —State C.W.F. Monthly Meeting, at City Temple, Sydney.
  - 5-7 —2nd "Bible Study Camp," organised by the N.S.W. Dept. of Christian Educ.
  - 12 —Inverell 'Aerosphere' Crusade begins. Evangelist: Doug. Willis.
- WESTERN AUSTRALIA
- 13 —"Youth Meet," organised by the C.E. Council, Christian Centre.

### L. E. WYLIE TO TAREE

(N.S.W.). The secretary, D. E. Billingham, announced to the church that the unanimous invitation presented by the congregation to L. E. Wylie, now ministering at Gardiner, Vic., had been accepted. The church looks forward with keen anticipation to the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Wylie early in 1967. In the meantime the ministry and messages of P. E. Thomas, B.A., are of great help and encouragement. The congregation deeply appreciate the sacrifice of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, who were prepared to leave their Sydney home and give a ministry covering a total period of nine months . . . The annual Missionary

Display evening of the Ladies' Evening Fellowship was held on July 21. Mrs. M. Solomon, Pres., welcomed guests, and Mrs. M. Taylor, of Sydney, who gave an appreciated message. Many garments on display were later packed for missionary fields in New Hebrides and New Guinea, and also for Federal Aboriginal work . . . The ladies welcomed Mrs. C. J. McKenzie, Pres. of N.S.W. Women's Conf., at a luncheon on July 26. Mrs. C. A. Norling, Pres. of the Ladies' Afternoon Fellowship, chaired proceedings and extended the welcome. Mrs. McKenzie's talk was informative and helpful. The church greatly appreciates the visit of the two lady visitors, who journeyed over 200 miles for the special occasions.

Burwood Boy's Home were guests at members' homes for tea, and then attended the gospel service, the speaker being F. Combridge (Social Service Dept.). . . . Goods were distributed to the Social Service Homes, College of the Bible and Burwood Boys' Home . . . The Primary Dept. has conducted an appeal for Powdered Milk for India . . . C.W.F. members are sending food parcels to our missionaries in India . . . A mother and daughter tea was held on Girls' Sunday. Following the tea, the girls from the Good Companions' Club assisted in the service. The speaker was Mrs. Hillier (Glen Waverley) . . . There have been three decisions.

### MISSION SEWING

(Southport, Qld.). C.W.F. members held a mission night to display their mission sewing, Mrs. Malcolm being guest speaker. . . . Preparation is well in hand for the mission, with K. Christensen, of Lismore, to commence on Aug. 22. Mrs. Christensen will be organist, with Rob. Holt, of Marburg, as songleader . . . A sub-com. of the Social Service has been formed to carry out preparatory work for the Aged Peoples' Home, to be built in Ridgeway Avenue . . . The C.Y.F. spent an enjoyable day at Springbrook. . . . Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Ruby Smith in the loss of her husband.

### MAYLANDS-WEMBLEY DOWNS

(Maylands, W.A.). A combined gospel service was held with Wembley Downs. This is a young church meeting in a private home. They had a candidate for baptism, who requested that the service be held at Maylands, where he had been married a few years earlier. Two other candidates from Maylands were baptized. 133 were present. Instead of the usual sermon there was a discussion on "New Immorality," with Ray Smith (Maylands), Al. Walkington (Wembley Downs), and George Powell (Maylands) taking part, with a summing up by Mr. Fowell . . . The usual monthly "Mocha Tavern" was held in the Youth Hall, with 90 young people enjoying guest singers the "Folksmiths," and a message from Geo. Wood, who had just returned from a six-months' tour with the Billy Graham team in America and Canada.

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### DEATH OF G. D. BRIMACOMBE

(Melb). The Director of Church Extension for the Methodist Church in Victoria, the Rev. G. Douglas Brimacombe, died suddenly at his home in Box Hill, on July 18.

Although Mr. Brimacombe gave full, strong and splendid leadership to his own church, he was also in close co-operation with his brethren in other communions and shared with them in many aspects of Christian service, including the Victorian Council for Christian Education in Schools, the Victorian Council of Churches and "Australian Frontier."

His too early death is a loss to all the churches.

### FIRST FULL-TIME MINISTER

(North Turrumurra, N.S.W.). After eleven months in existence, the church has called its first full-time minister. Graham Warne, final year student at Woolwich Bible College, will commence a ministry in November, following graduation and his marriage to Miss Jeanette Bullock, Matron of Croydon Aged People's Home. Mr. Warne is at present serving the church as student minister. There is no manse, but the whole project at North Turrumurra has been a venture into the realm of the impossible, and it is confidently expected that a house will be available when the time comes . . . A Girls' Brigade is being commenced shortly and there is a promise of a large response.

### KILBURN MINISTRY

(S.A.). It is expected that the new ministry here, with Bill Compston, will commence on Jan. 22, 1967. In preparation it has been arranged to build a minister's study at the church. Building will commence in October, for completion before Christmas. The church will suitably furnish the study. The manse, which has been occupied by a member, will be vacated in October to allow ample time for renovations and painting.

### MINISTRY TO TERMINATE

(Red Hill, Vic.). The minister, M. D. Keatch, intimated that he will not be seeking reappointment at end of his present term in Dec., 1967 . . . The annual business meeting re-elected: sec., S. Prossor; treas., B. Prossor; B.S. Supt., J. Kirby; deacon, T. Smith. Good Comp. leaders: Mrs. A. Andrew and Miss Thelma Prossor. Kevin Torney resigned as Explorers' leader. H. Holmes will lead tillers' permanent appointment made.

. . . 24 Y.P., including three from The Patch in camp at Salvation Army Youth Centre, Parkdale, July 17-24 . . . Mrs. Cousin received into fellowship after faith and baptism . . . Good Companions entertained parents and friends at tea, following 5 p.m. service on July 31. . . . Mrs. Johnson has recovered from successful ear operation. A. Smith returned after several weeks' serious illness.

### DEPT. TO LOSE DIRECTOR

#### Viney Longthorp to Resign

(Melb.). The Dept. of Christian Education in Vic.-Tas. announce, with regret, that its Director, R. V. Longthorp, will relinquish his work with the Dept. as from Jan. 31, 1968.

### "IN MEMORIAM" SERVICE

(Hawthorn, Vic.). In the obituary columns in this issue a tribute is paid to the late Arthur Smith, who was in membership with the Hawthorn church at the time of his unexpected death. He was formerly in membership with the Yarrowonga and West Preston churches, and had a wide circle of friends throughout the brotherhood.

The Hawthorn church announces that an "In Memoriam" service to Mr. Smith will be held in their chapel on Sunday, Aug. 14, 1966, at 7 p.m., conducted by C. K. Milne and W. W. Saunders. Many friends of the family will desire to share in this service.

### FOR 94 YEARS

(Dunolly, Vic.). The 94th anniversary of work and witness was celebrated with special services on July 17 . . . The Bet Bet church shared with Dunolly, morning and night. Guest speaker at all services was V. C. Stafford, who was minister at Dunolly in 1926. 72 attended the P.S.A., at which Mr. and Mrs. Stafford spoke on "Family Sense." Guest artists were John Tilley and Lyn. Westwood, gospel singers, from Cheltenham, who also sang at the evening service. Fellowship tea was served to more than 80 folk. Gospel service closed a day of inspiration and encouragement.

### MINISTER IN HOSPITAL

(Oakleigh, Vic.). The minister, E. J. Miles, has been in the Repatriation Hospital since early July, and is at present recovering from surgery. Recent speakers have been H. Miller, F. Mathieson, B. Donnan, J. Clarke, and assistant minister, D. Skewes. On the occasion of our Harvest Thanksgiving, boys from the

# CHURCH YOUTH BAND

A modern music group with a difference . . . that's the Zillmere Church of Christ Youth Group's band, The MTGG's

(see cover and page two)

They're using their musical talents not to fill their own pockets, but to boost the Churches of Christ Talent Drive.

The talent drive is being directed by the churches' Youth Department to encourage young people to put their talents to work for charitable purposes.

The MTGG's are four young people who formed a folk-rhythm group two months ago, and their last engagement was to provide the music for a modern music service at the Zillmere Church of Christ, Qld.

And after the service they played at a candle-light coffee bar in the church hall.

The members of the group are Tom Sketcher-Baker, 19, a clerk, of Zillmere,

Greg Kubler, 19, an apprentice electrician, of Geebung, Gail Slaughter, 18, a trainee teacher, of Aspley, and Marjorie McAllister, 19, who runs a babywear shop, of Aspley.

Tom plays the tea chest bass, Marjorie and Greg, Spanish guitars, and Gail is vocalist.

The group's unusual name is derived from the first letter in each of their Christian names.

And they even have their own uniform. For the boys, it's dark brown slacks, copper-colored sweaters with a white stripe around the sleeve, white shirts and black ties. The girls wear dark brown skirts, white blouses and the same style sweaters as the boys.

According to Tom, The MTGG's play folk and modern music with a message, with such popular songs as "Do What You Do Do Well," negro spirituals, and Peter, Paul and Mary songs forming a great part of their repertoire.

—Brisbane "Telegraph."

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On July 3, 145 packed the church for a parade of Life Boys (Zillmere has the largest Life Boy team in Queensland) led by Carla van Laar, Wayne Rees and Neva Albury.

The new electronic organ was played by Ian Albury, and the MTGG's gave items and sang gospel folk songs. The "Candlelight Coffee Bar" was held in the modern youth hall at the back of the historic old Zillmere church. The MTGG's again sang, assisted by Alison Kedda, soprano, and Keith Albury, harmonicas.

The MTGG's have trained a group of 12-year-olds called "The Inkspots." This group also sang.

Since the modern music group has been in action, evening services have increased in attendance, and community interest has been arranged in all ages. Ron Holt is minister.

• CHURCH AND LIFE . . .

BY R. V. LONGTHORP

## AND AFTERWARDS?

The seven weeks' discussion programme which is the "hard core" of the Church and Life Movement, ends early in August. No complete evaluation of Church and Life will be possible until some weeks after its conclusion, but reports to hand from all States are very encouraging and point to many excellent results. In particular the leadership of Dr. Edwin Robertson has been an inspiration to many — "the best thing that's happened to us for years," said one enthusiastic group leader.

It is certainly not too early to ask, "What happens afterwards?" A listing of some of the positive results already to hand gives us a clear lead.

● In our churches and others, literally hundreds of adults have experienced a face to face discussion group. They have never done this before. Further, many others have had some training (admittedly very incomplete) in group discussion leadership. Never before have so many adults had the opportunity of sharing their faith in such a manner.

● Many "outsiders" have been involved in these groups. The exact proportion will not be known for some time, but over-all it may be one person in every five. Again many churches have, for the first time, talked productively together about the deep issues of life.

● There is evidence of a new awareness by Christians of the church — world relationship. The study material alone would ensure this. Some groups are already setting up organisations to deal with community problems and making plans to become more active in community affairs.

● Alongside this there is a deep questioning of the relevance of much of the life of the local congregation. Pressures for positive changes are evident; there

are signs of a growing impatience with the many trivialities which pass for "church life."

● Last, but not least, these group discussions have deepened inter-church friendships. Churches have become the more used to working with each other, understanding and appreciating each other better. Many are now clearly seeing that the only way to get on with the church's mission, is to work on an ecumenical basis.

These are the kind of things which the Church and Life Movement hoped would happen. But we must wait for the complete story.

However, the above trends already give us a big measure of challenge and opportunities. Churches should be alert to the possibilities of commencing adult groups; of helping their congregation to share more creatively in the life of the community; setting about doing much of their work in full partnership with other churches; of examining the effectiveness of present structures of congregational life.

Those church agencies who have helped organise this Movement — State Councils of Churches, State Councils and Denominational Departments of Christian Education, and others, are planning to give continued leadership to the local congregation.

When we join together in the Service of Thanksgiving which marks the conclusion of the seven weeks' programme, let's regard it, not as "closing benediction," but rather "an opening hymn of praise" — when we ask our Heavenly Father, "What's next?"

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# MISSION WITH A DIFFERENCE

BY L. G. CRISP

Twenty-seven Added to the Church at Thornbury.

## Adventure

The church at Thornbury, Vic., has had an exciting adventure. This church has always had a strong preaching tradition since the foundations were laid some 45 years ago by the late Harry Swain. Its strong congregations were matched by the largest Bible School the Churches of Christ have produced in Australia. But like so many other suburbs, Thornbury faced the reality of being built-out so that new couples being married had to move farther afield, leaving behind an older congregation and New Australians of other persuasions buying up the old houses.

The gospel service has for years been over the century, but the congregations were made up of friends and adherents who worshipped with us, yet who were unwilling to accept the responsibility of church membership. A list prepared revealed 134 church members and 236 faithful adherents. In this situation we conferred with the Home Missions Department, and Kevin Harvey came to plan with us a Programme of Planned Evangelism.

## Planning

The project was planned over a period of twelve months and was due to climax in a fortnight's intense activity in the middle of a Melbourne winter. Guest services were arranged and these were packed. Friendship visitors were commissioned at a special service, whose task it was to get the people to the services planned. They did their work very well.

Then came the first Sunday in the final fortnight. Mr. Harvey led out in a Men's Breakfast, and won our hearts right at the start. Then followed several Coffee Hours and Informal Evenings, in which the members of the church mixed freely with guests in the delightful settings of homes. Folk were introduced who had been attending the same church for many years, but who sat on the other side of the building. One man had identified a lady by a hat, but when she changed her hat he had lost his contact.

The young people of the church were especially catered for in a Teenage Jamboree, compered by Allan Rowe, and the Hall decorated by Hugh Hince and the Christian Endeavourers, resembled Mt. Dandenong.

At all these gatherings Mr. Harvey spoke simply and sincerely of our relationship to Christ and the Church. It was not a preaching effort, but a sharing together in a relaxed atmosphere.

## Prayer

At 7 a.m. each day Prayer Sessions were arranged in the attractive church

centre, warmed in the first place by the oil heating unit, and then by the fellowship of those who gathered. This was a miracle, for in hours when it was still dark, upwards of 35 gathered daily for a fortnight to learn how to pray together as Mr. Harvey led us in many methods of meditation. These sessions concluded with a Communion Service on the final day, and we knew God had something very special for us all to receive.

In the last week a smaller group of Commitment Visitors, trained by Mr. Harvey, went to homes of those whose interest had been maintained throughout the project to talk simply about commitment of their lives to the Saviour. All went with fear and trembling, for too long has the image been understood by the people that the minister is the professional evangelist.

The commitment visitors were prepared by a letter from the minister inviting the people to receive the visitors as guests. This they did magnificently, and the last Thursday night was set aside as the report night. All visitors reported successfully that several had indicated their intention to confess their faith, and to be baptized and accept membership, and that they were prepared to witness their decision publicly on the final Sunday evening.

## Response

On each of the three Sundays, Mr. Harvey had been preaching faithfully the gospel for decision. The last evening, July 17, was no different except that the weather had set all over the State in a deep freeze. But the normal expectant congregation gathered early as usual for prayer and then for praise. The gospel invitation was presented, and the minister was invited to lead the church in an act of commitment. No pressure was placed on those present. We

all knew the work had been faithfully done, and during the invitation, twenty-seven responded and came forward to witness their commitment, fifteen in first decision, and twelve baptized believers, several who had been with us for years were quietly received into the fellowship of the church.

The congregation moved as a unit into the School Hall for a Thanksgiving Supper, when a presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey and family. The Official Board wishes to place on record its gratitude to the Department of Home Missions for their vision in Programmes of Planned Evangelism, and to Kevin Harvey in his complete dedication to a work which provides a fitting parallel to Programmes of Planned Giving.

After a quarter of a century of preaching, I want simply to commend to those dispirited preachers who have tried every gimmick to draw crowds to the evening service, to try preaching the gospel for decision. It has built up my congregations in every pastorate I have held. Thornbury is no exception. There is something splendid about the statement of Mark, when he says Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God. Surely in this is our precedent.

## FULL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY URGED FOR SPAIN

(Barcelona). Six Spanish Protestant leaders and an R.C. priest have sent a joint letter to the Spanish Government Commission drafting a bill on non-Catholic religions, urging that it contain legal provisions guaranteeing full religious liberty for all persons.

The letter was drafted following meetings held at the Ecumenical Centre here. The letter said the signers were convinced "that national unity would be promoted by religious freedom."

Protestant signatories were representatives of the Evangelical Church, the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, the Federation of Independent Evangelical Churches of Spain, the Evangelical Baptist Union of Spain, the Reformed Episcopal Church, and the Society of Friends. —E.P.S.

## AUSTRALIAN GIVING

Australian churches have contributed more than \$94,000 for famine relief in India this year, the A.C.C. Inter-Church Aid Division announced.—E.P.S.



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## MARRIAGES

Judy Don to Arthur Jose; (Mrs.) Ruth Sanders to Colin Johnston, Bayswater, Vic.

Dorothy Ann Bullen to Ian George O'Kane; Glenys Jean Osland to Terrence Frank Colin Brain; Violet Annie Westwood to Frederick Thomas Cann, Thornbury, Vic.

## DEATHS

Charles Latimer, Moreland, Vic.

Mrs. Watson, at Will H. Clay Nursing Home, Red Hill, Vic.

Mrs. M. Neal, Mrs. Hayes, Oakleigh, Vic.

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## APPRECIATION

Mrs. Lillian MURRAY, and Warwick, Taree, Judith and Fred Love, Telopea, and other near relatives, wish to thank all kind friends for messages of sympathy in the loss of their dearly loved Berice. The loving prayers of so many have greatly helped during this sad time. Please accept this as their personal thanks.

## KALGOORLIE (W.A.)

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## BIRTHS

CONOLE (Hill). — To Jan and Ron, July 23, at W.B.H., a son — Brett Peter; brother for Shayne and Tracee. Thanks to Dr. Walpole and 1st Floor Staff.

DOWSETT. — On July 26, at Morwell Hospital, to Margaret and Brian, a son — Sean Geoffrey. Both well.

MATTHEWS (Nettlebeck). — To Colin and Carlyn, at Port Moresby General Hospital, on July 27, 1966, a girl — Sally Carolyn. Sister for Amanda and Jeanette.

BAXTER (Robson). — To Bob and Joy, on July 27, at the Wimmera Base Hospital, a daughter — Catherine Joy. Sister for Sally.

## SILVER WEDDINGS

HILL - KEMP. — Congratulations, Mum and Dad, on your 25th wedding anniversary celebrated at Church of Christ, Horsham, Vic., July 19, 1941, by C. W. Jackel. Love, Janice, Ron, Robert, Graham (R.A.N.), Marlene, Leslie, grandchildren: Shayne, Tracie, Brett.

SEARLE - MORRELL. — On Aug. 2, 1941, at Berril Church of Christ, South Australia, Mavis to Jack. Congratulations Mother and Dad. — Love Pat and Bruce.

## DEATHS

BURNS, Blanche Gertrude. — On July 9, at Will H. Clay Nursing Home, loved sister of David, N.Z. (dec.), and Jim, sister-in-law of Dulcie.

CAIRNCROSS. — On July 23 (suddenly) at his home, 186 Beach-rd., Mor-dialloc, Alfred, dearly loved husband of Violet, and loving father of Cliff, Cyril, Gwen (Mrs. K. Sturgess) and Noel. "In God's house for evermore."

## IN MEMORIAM

FARRAR. — In ever loving memory of my dear husband, John, who was called home Aug. 6, 1956. "Always remembered."  
—Inserted by Ada Farrar.

GRIFFITH. — In memory of our beloved husband and father, passed away July 30, 1960. "Fond memories."  
—Inserted by Mrs. Griffith and family.

LAUNDER. — Treasured memories of our dear son, Graham, passed away Aug. 6, 1957. "When Christ shall come what joy will fill our hearts."  
—Father, Mother, Malcolm and Joy.

McINNES. — In loving memory of my dear wife, Florrie, who was called home Aug. 7, 1951. Loving mother of Horrie (Manly), Pearl (Mrs. Alcorn, Sunshine), Bette (Mrs. Francis, Noble Park). "Till we meet again." —Wal.

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## CHILD CARE WEEK

(Melb.). Child Care Week will be observed in Victoria, Aug. 7-13. The theme is "Early Childhood: Period of Promise and Peril." His Excellency, the Governor of Victoria, Sir Rohan Delacombe, will open Child Care Week at Isabel Younger Ross Hall, Carlton, on Aug. 7, at 2.45 p.m. The Wattle Day Appeal will be made on Fri., Aug. 12. On the same day there will be a Fair and Children's Book Display at the Melb. Town Hall.

## \$50,000 NEW BUILDING

(Doncaster, Vic.). The Pres. of Conf., A. Ross. Lloyd, opened the new Christian Education Centre on July 24. An overflow attendance, representing Conference brotherhood depts., and visitors from the brotherhood congregations at the thanksgiving service . . . The Chairman of the Board, R. J. Tully, thanked the Properties' Corp., the architect, Ray Drayton (Drayton and Coleman), the builder, Ralph Beer, and the members of the Building Committee, headed by Bruce Genat, for helping to bring the plans to successful fruition. The ladies of the church accommodated guests and friends with afternoon tea from the new modern kitchen.

## CAIRNMILLAR APPEAL

(Melb.). J. C. Mackillop has been appointed executive assistant to conduct a campaign to raise funds for a substantial new building programme, and an extension of community services at the Cairnmillar Institute. The Institute, in Cromwell-rd., South Yarra, provides a service to resolve personal and group problems, such as marital differences, suicidal tendencies and youth difficulties.

## MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

(Ararat, Vic.). The annual business meeting was told that the active membership during the past year had increased by 23 to 83. Since the introduction of Planned Giving, local offerings have doubled, and "For Others" giving has increased five-fold . . . After a period of 15 years without elders, A. F. Gason and R. J. Johnson were elected to this office to assist the ministry. R. Johnson was elected secretary for the fifth year. Appreciation was expressed for the service of I. S. Reid, as treasurer for the past 11 years. H. Coleman succeeds him . . . 24 C.Y.F.'ers spent a weekend as guests of Cheltenham church, and a return visit was made to Ararat.

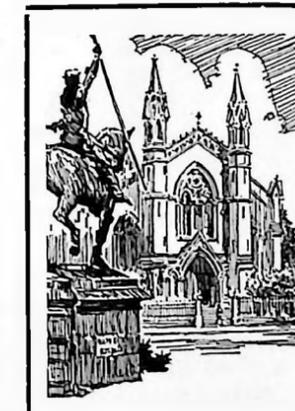
## PLANNED EVANGELISM

(Hartwell, Vic.). On July 24, 35 men met for breakfast in church hall at 7.30, as a commencement of two weeks' intensive Planned Evangelism. Morning worship service was addressed by Kevin Harvey, Director of Evangelistic Programme. Evening service was held at 5 p.m., followed by Y.P. fellowship tea, and later a gathering of Y.P. led by Mr. Harvey. Prayer workshops for last week commenced at 7 a.m., with thoughts on "The Quietness of Prayer." Coffee hours for ladies, and evening house parties for families are being held. The Director will attend and participate . . . A number of members also involved in Church and Life Movement.

## SOCIAL GROUP FORMED

(North Williamstown, Vic.). A Wednesday evening social group has been formed for all ages, when badminton, darts, table tennis and other games are enjoyed . . . Christian Men's Fellowship appreciated the added attendance at their monthly tea, when Dave Kellond told of his hobby of orchid growing . . . C.Y.F. held a "Mum, Pop and You" night . . . C.W.F. visited T.A.A. and were shown slides of New Zealand . . . Girls' Sunday was celebrated by Evelyn Clark and Glenda Bryant reading the scripture lessons in morning service, and Mother and Daughter tea at night, followed by church parade. Congratulations to Good Companions club on winning two pennants at the Sports and Arts and Crafts competition on July 18. . . . A lady from Newport Baptist has been welcomed into fellowship . . . The church has been greatly enhanced by recent concreting.

The C.Y.F. held a successful annual revue to raise \$100 for the new organ fund. The C.W.F. held a concert and raised \$23 for cutlery for the kitchen . . . 20 members are engaged in the Church and Life Movement in five study groups . . . After morning service on July 24, members shared in fellowship luncheon prepared by C.W.F. Catering Com. Later, 35 members discussed Believers' Baptism and Communion in relation to the Uniting Church of Australia. The film, "A Letter to Nancy," was screened at night. . . . There have been two recent baptisms and three transferred into membership from other churches . . . J. E. Paver, the new minister is giving splendid service.



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## OBITUARY

W. H. E. Linsdell.

The sympathy of the Bundaberg church, Qld., is extended to relatives, and to Mrs. W. H. E. Linsdell, whose husband died on June 18, sequel to an accident some time ago. One of Bundaberg's early members, Will, with his wife, elder daughter of the late J. E. Asmus (recognised father of the Bundaberg church), stood firm for obedience to the commandments of the Lord, regularly attending church services and standing behind every aspect of the Lord's work. The church and graveside services were conducted by the minister, S. W. Vanham.—John W. Wissmann.

George Brough.

George Brough was born 85 years ago at Cheltenham, Vic., and has given a lifetime of service to Christ. He was baptized at Cheltenham as a young man and for many years held office in the church there. For the past 17 years he has enriched the life of the church at Dandenong with his constant presence and full support, and many acts of service including, until a few weeks ago, the care of the garden, lawn and nature strips around the church building. Mr. and Mrs. Brough were married in 1907 at Cheltenham by the late A. W. Connor, and had 57 years of happiness together before she died just over two years ago. Mr. Brough was keenly interested in and a strong supporter of the whole range of brotherhood work. He built strong ties in church and family life. His character was marked by graciousness, humility, a strong love, a keen and constant desire to serve rather than to be served, and a cheerful spirit. All this was the obvious mark of his strong and steady faith in Jesus Christ, his atonement and resurrection and his gift of glorious and eternal life. The funeral services were conducted at the Church of Christ, Dandenong, and Springvale Lawn Cemetery, on July 11, by N. Gilmore and the writer. Christian sympathy goes to his remaining brother and sister, his son Clarrie (an elder at Dandenong), his daughter (Mrs. Dot Rookes), six grandchildren, five great-grandchild-

ren, and other relatives. One son, the late Eric Brough, had been secretary of our Warragul church.—A. Ross. Lloyd.

Mrs. Lindsay Chapman.

On June 10, at the Sandringham Hospital, Vic., Mrs. Chapman underwent major surgery and, despite the severity of the operation and the critical nature of her condition, she maintained her hold on life with "incredible fortitude" until early on June 17. Since about the age of 11 years she had been a member of the church family at Hampton, Vic., and to that fellowship she gave a loyalty which was plain in devoted service and attendance. From her home she had learned a way of life which centred in Jesus Christ. In due course she found her life partner within the fellowship and Ronis and Lindsay Chapman together created another home which was an extension of the church fellowship. There was always a close intertwining of life between their home and the church. Their children, Graham and Lesley, elected to join this church and share its life in the ways open to them. She delighted in her home and family, and her care and love can be read there. In the church she was the moving spirit in much that was done. At her death she was president of the Afternoon Women's Fellowship. Within the wider community she was mindful of duties and in the local High School, and in such work as hospital visitation and "Meals on Wheels" she was a valued worker. Among her neighbours she was unusually well loved, with friends everywhere. In ministries which she shared with Lindsay at Red Hill and Carnegie, in recent years, she delighted in new acquaintances and opportunities of service. To Lindsay and Graham and Lesley, to Mrs. Dinwoodie and Miss Sharp, and all the family, we offer our sympathy, and as we share their grief we pray that we may all share her faith.—C.L.S.

Elizabeth Jane Flower.

On June 24, at Gingell-st., Castle-maine, Vic., Mrs. Flower died at the age of 85 years. Her husband pre-deceased her in 1961. She had been a member of the church for about 50 years, having spent most of this time with Echuca church, where she was an active member. She could recall the time when

loyal women kept the doors of the church open. For her the course is finished, she has kept the faith, the heavenly reward is hers. She always remembered her favorite reading, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." A large number assembled at the church in Echuca, and also at the graveside in the Echuca Cemetery. Mrs. Marr sang, by special request, "There's a land that is fairer than day." Sincere sympathy is expressed to all who are bereaved in the passing of this loved one.—A.C.M.

Arthur Smith.

The church at Hawthorn, Vic., has lost one of its officers, in the person of Arthur Smith. He was very gracious and will be sadly missed. He used to take his turn at presiding at the Lord's Table and reading. When not at the Table, he was at the porch to welcome members and visitors. Mr. Smith was baptized at Yarrowonga during a mission held by Messrs. Hinrichsen and Pratt. For a number of years he was the secretary of Yarrowonga church and taught in the Bible School at Mulwala. To his widow we express our sympathy and commend her to God. The writer conducted a service at the church and the Fawcner Crematorium.—H. A. Hunt.

Mrs. Mary Bradford Neal.

Mrs. Neal died on July 15, at the age of 94. She originally linked with our churches at St. Kilda, Vic., and then worshipped at Ormond. She was a foundation member of the Bentleigh church, with other members of her family. In latter years she has been in fellowship at Oakleigh. In the absence of E. J. Miles, the writer conducted funeral services in the Ormond chapel and at the Melbourne General Cemetery. Her children, grandchildren and relatives can be comforted by these words from one of her favorite hymns, "I'll cherish the Old Rugged Cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged Cross and exchange it someday for a crown." —R. McKenzie.

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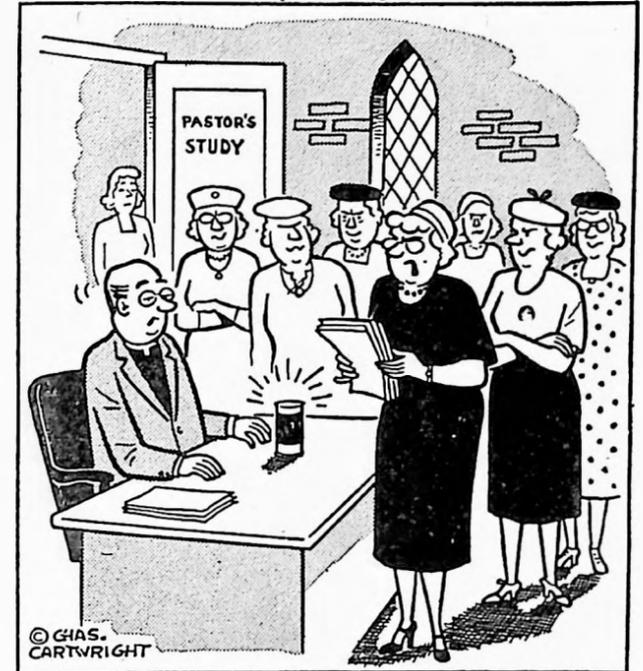
**Ten Commandments Revision.** The proposal of some Protestant Episcopal bishops in America to revise the Decalogue, reminded the "Christian Standard," of Washington Irving's story of the piously devout and the devoutly pious Knickerbockers, who settled in New York shortly after landing, and, being in a great rush to build houses and clear fields, hastily called an assembly and passed this resolution: "We will take the laws of God for our governance and guidance until we shall find time to frame a better."

**Two Years of War.** It seems almost incredible that the terrific and lamentable struggle in which nearly all of the most civilised and refined nations of the world are engaged in has been raging with bitter fury for two years. . . . Estimates set down the total casualties as 16,000,000, of whom 3,330,000 have been killed.

**The Chancellor.** A. McKenzie Meldrum, who was previously a preacher at Swanston St. church, Melbourne, was appointed Chancellor of the Spokane University, Spokane, Washington, U.S.A.

**Gilbert Chandler.** During Mr. Chandler's ministry at Geelong, 200 members have been added. 55 of our boys have gone to the front. One only has been killed.

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**CURRENT AFFAIRS.**

To the Editor,  
Dr. Elliott's comments on the 1954 Geneva Conference ("A.C." 9/7/66) misrepresents the situation. Therefore the following should be pointed out:

1. The hostilities terminated by the Conference were between the Vietnamese and the French. It was a war of independence to rid Vietnam of foreign domination.

2. It was impossible for South Vietnam to participate in the Conference. South Vietnam did not exist, and as far as the 1954 Conference is concerned, still does not exist. The 17th parallel was a temporary dividing line never intended to create a STATE of North or South Vietnam. The French were to conduct their withdrawal from the South, while the Nationals (Vietminh) were grouped in the North. This was specifically a temporary arrangement.

3. Britain and Russia participated in the Conference simply as arbitrators.

To say that America or South Vietnam had no direct obligations in regarding the Geneva decisions is, in the light of circumstances, quite meaningless. Of course, we could always say that we have no direct obligations to the Sermon on the Mount — we were not there — we did not agree to it.

Your contributor completely bypasses the real issue of elections in Vietnam. Of course, the Vietnamese would vote for their national hero, Ho Chi Minh, whatever his politics. The American intervention in Vietnam is to prevent free elections until the Communist cannot win an election.

Your contributor says the problem of Communist infiltration and aggravation in South East Asia (Communist Subversion) is of vital importance to Australian Christians. I can't help thinking that through Asian eyes (or African for that matter) missionary activity must appear to be the subversive tactics of the West. "They send in their missionaries to convert us to their way of life and thinking — we are easier to exploit that way."

How anyone can say that it is morally right, to batter people into submission, to enable missionaries to take the gospel to them is beyond my comprehension as a follower of Jesus Christ.

—Peter Downard, Vic.

[Ed. You managed to do a bit of misrepresentation yourself. You misrepresented the American attitude to free elections in your third last paragraph, and you misrepresented Dr. Elliott's position in your last sentence.]

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .

**SQUARE EYES**

TO THE EDITOR.

*The minister has been chatting me about being away from church on Sunday nights. He had the nerve to suggest that I stayed home to watch TV. The plain fact is that by Sunday night I'm exhausted. It shows how little these sheltered parsons know about the stress of the working world!*

*After a hard day's work I come home exhausted, only to be exposed to worrying world events and problems in the TV News Service. It is tiring to have to watch all the children's programmes to supervise what my kids are having dished up to them. It is sheer nerve-wracking to watch the telly and at the same time discipline the children, and help them with their home work, and listen while the wife tells me what has been going on all day. Another thing that wears me out is the way the wife nags about the garden and the odd jobs when I sit down on Saturday for a minute's relaxation to watch the footy. No wonder I'm tired on Sunday nights . . . the telly never stops until midnight all the week.*

*Of course, I could send it back to the hirers, but one has to have some relaxation after a hard day's work.*

*I'm frankly just too tired to go out on Sunday nights. I just couldn't sit the service through. And I like to be fresh for work on Mondays. That's good stewardship of time. Of course, as I'm home on Sunday nights I watch telly. After all, I'm not tired enough to go to bed!*

*Could there be such a thing as a square-eyed editor?*

TERTIUS.

**NATIONAL SERVICE.**

To the Editor,

As a Christian who recently registered for National Service, I wish to examine some of Terry Lane's statements in "A.C." July 16, and to speak for the sake of young Christians who are deeply disappointed with the public example of a minister of the gospel.

Mr. Lane states the "conscription laws are unjust" and that "a just law . . . squares with . . . the law of God." Rather a contradiction, really, to what we read in Numbers, chapter 1, where "conscription" was by direct command of the Lord. If it is suggested that this was under the Old Covenant, then let us compare it with Romans 13, remembering that the latter was written, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to Christians living under a government which was antagonistic towards the Christian gospel and its implications. Before embarking on any campaigns we need particularly to consider the seriousness of verses 2 and 5.

Secondly, it is a sad distortion of history which aligns an encourager of draft-card burners with the faithful, Bible-based witness of Peter and John, not to mention "Shadrach and Co.," whose public example, incidentally, resulted in a nation-wide reverence for the Lord.

I suggest that Mr. Lane interview, with an open mind, some mature Christians who served in the two World Wars, and who never found it necessary to

compromise their Christian faith. Indeed, among the trials of Army life, I know of many who, instead of carrying a chip on their shoulder, regarded it as their mission station, and won some of their comrades for Christ by their consistent witness.

—Bruce Gaunson, Vic.

**HOW TO PROTEST.**

To the Editor,

Recent letters and articles in "A.C." have helped guide my consideration of press, radio and TV reports on the "progress" of the war in Vietnam. The result — severe dissatisfaction with our Government's Defence Policy, particularly with respect to conscription of young men and military involvement in Vietnam.

I am not inclined to protest by marching with the increasingly active groups whose views I generally accept. Yet, as a Christian, I feel compelled to act. I could protest by letter, but to whom should I write to make my protest effective?

—Alex. Smart, Vic.

W. T. Atkin, secretary of the Federal Social Questions and Services Board, suggests that those interested should write to: 1. The Rt. Hon. H. E. Holt, Prime Minister, Parliament House, Canberra. 2. The Hon. J. M. Fraser, Minister for the Army, Canberra. 3. The local Member of Parliament.

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• DEATH OF SLAVIC PREACHER . . .

**JOHN WLADYSUIK**

BY DR. A. C. CALDICOTT

Sixteen years ago the Slavic Church of Christ first met in Geelong, Vic., with John Wladysuik as minister. He was born on July 23, 1904, in Kobryn, Poland. At the age of 20 he was wonderfully converted to the Christian faith. Previously he had no religious convictions, and made a habit of going from church to church, Roman Catholic and the Orthodox Churches, listening to what they had to say, and often as not the last visit of the evening was the local dance hall.

However, a friend of his suggested they change the regular pattern of visiting the well known churches and visit the out of the ordinary. As a result, one Sunday evening, in the summer, he went to the Orthodox Catholic service of worship and then that of the Church of Christ. Owing to the challenge he received at the latter service, John Wladysuik faced the issue of God's existence as he had not done so previously. In his room he challenged God with the prayer, "God, if thou art, let me know of thy existence," and before he fell asleep his room was filled with the presence of the Lord, and he was told, in no uncertain manner, "Read the Acts of the Apostles, and that will suffice thee." Early next morning he immediately commenced reading the Acts of the Apostles.

From that day on he was a student of the Scriptures and frequented the services. By the autumn of that year he was baptized into Christ in the River Muchawiec. Barely twelve months after his conversion he began to be active in the Church of Christ, spreading the gospel and taking part in the services, as well as going to the villages around his home town preaching the news of Christ's grace. At 21, he was called into the army for National Service, but being a strict believer in pacifism he was imprisoned. In prison, he studied thoroughly the Bible. Impaired vision caused him to be released from further obligation to the Armed Services.

In 1928, John Wladysuik married Zena,

and was ordained into the ministry of the Churches of Christ. His first appointment was pastor-evangelist to a congregation of 12, of whom only one was a man. He served for eight years, leaving it with a membership of 150 members. Three other congregations had grown in the surrounding district.

In 1935, he was sent as a delegate to the World Convention in Leicester, England. From that year to the beginning of the war he was a director of youth work, and also undertook an evangelistic ministry in the most eastern part of Poland, conducting in co-operation with others, Bible study courses and courses for potential choir leaders, these lasting from six weeks in some places to three months in others.

From 1929 to 1939, John Wladysuik was a member of the Conference Executive. His activities were curtailed by the Russian occupation in 1939, when the chapel was closed by the authorities and the members were dispersed. Several of his Bibles were confiscated and his faith was strongly tested in many ways.

From 1941 to 1944 John exercised a part-time ministry in Kobryn. In 1944 he was given one hour by the Germans to collect his goods and chattels and was taken with his family to Germany to a labor camp. In Germany the amount of nourishment was little, and the strain of twelve hours' daily labor was great. When the Allies bombed Germany the family of John Wladysuik would gather in the nearby woods for prayer and Bible reading. Sometimes outsiders wanted to be with his family, because of the sense of peace filling their hearts when waiting on God for strength.

With the American liberation in 1945, John Wladysuik was allowed to take his family to Belgium as a refugee. Once again he became active in his preaching ministry. He established a Church of Christ in Belgium and labored as a pastor-evangelist until 1949. As a displaced person he came to Australia in 1950, first coming into contact with Churches of Christ in Australia at Wagga Wagga.

where Wilkie J. Thomson ministered, and proved of great assistance to the newcomers.

From N.S.W. the family came to Victoria and settled in Geelong, living at first in a shed on a vacant allotment, and later in their fine home built by all members of the family with their own hands. It wasn't long before church services were being conducted in the Slavic tongue. The minister of the Latrobe Terrace Church of Christ, R. J. Anderson, gave ready help, and as a result the Slavic Church of Christ was built up. It meets regularly in the Latrobe Terrace Chapel at Geelong each Sunday afternoon. Since the arrival of the Wladysuiks three small congregations of the Slavic people now meet in Australia, these being formed according to various circumstances. George Wladysuik, after training at Woolwich, has since been minister of the Slavic Church of Christ in Sydney.

With the exception of the African Continent, John Wladysuik has to his credit converts in every Continent.

He died on July 9, in the presence of his children. Services were conducted by John Wladysuik's son, George, with brothers Ben and Boguslaw sharing the meeting in Latrobe Terrace chapel. Apart from an eulogy by the writer, the services were in the Slavic tongue. Those present will always remember the unaccompanied, deeply moving hymns sung in the chapel and at the graveside. We commend Mrs. Wladysuik, Ellie, and the three sons to the gracious care of our Heavenly Father who is the God of all comfort.

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There is never much of a crowd at  
the narrow gate.

—Dean Inge.



... oh, and the surgeon who did it  
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