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In one sense, every Sunday is Bible Sunday as every congregation confirms its faith and finds its inspiration for witness and service through God's word, but on the first Sunday in September we think of the Bible not only in the local church but in the whole world.

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The church of the Lord Jesus at home and abroad is dependent upon the availability of the printed word. We must keep the Bible Society strong for its continuing ministry.

"THE ALTAR OF LOVE"

The seventh edition of any book is a splendid compliment to the author and a testimony to its continuing worth. The seventh edition of "The Altar of Love" by Will. R. Hibburt is a reminder of our long indebtedness to him and an opportunity to express our gratitude for his pen which says so easily and significantly the things we would like to say to young people who come to the altar of love.

This is a splendid book of marriage guidance and a fascinating souvenir of the wedding day. Brides and bridegrooms treasure the book, which begins with a record of the names of the guests of the wedding and then provides recipes for growing together in a partnership of radiant living.

Will. Hibburt has gathered a lot of wisdom through his rich and varied ministries in the local church and as youth leader, and he shares his insights with a freshness of style and the inimitable Hibburt accent.

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THE BEATLES AND RELIGION

Anything about the Beatles is news, and their views on religion are certain to reach the world's headlines.

The latest comment by the group on religion came from John Lennon, who said that the Beatles are more popular than Jesus. This view received much more publicity and provoked a much more violent reaction.

It is not clear whether Lennon was referring to the worship being offered to the Beatles or whether he was blasphemously suggesting that the Beatles were more significant than Christ. It is a fact that many thousands, if not millions, of young people throughout the world give more adulation to the Beatles than they do to Jesus. If this is what Lennon said, then he was only telling us a truth, however unpleasant it may be. If Lennon was really suggesting that the Beatles are a more significant force in the world than Christ, then it was a very stupid remark, but it did not merit the angry words in the pulpit and the press, or the cancellation of programmes, or the banning of records by radio stations.

We may be sure that those in charge of the Beatles' public relations will see that nothing like this happens again — because it could cost money — but the thing that must disturb us most is that the church feels so insecure the criticism makes it angry.

It is unbelievable that the huffing and the puffing of the Beatles should be allowed to disturb the foundations of the church which Jesus declared to be unshakeable. Are we so weak that we seek the comfort of a tolerant word from a world idol?

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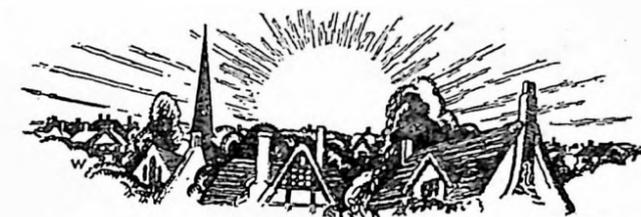
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RURAL CHURCHES



It is a historical fact that Churches of Christ were, in the main, a rural movement. In the United States of America, the Campbells and their followers, the Stone Movement, and others which finally constituted the Restoration Movement, followed the frontiers. As the new world moved westward, so the pioneers became involved with the developing rural pattern which was the outcome of the frontier.

In Australia much the same pattern followed. From England and Scotland came the pioneers of the country, and as the States developed and the boundaries became clarified, so the church became part of the outback.

In South Australia this was clearly evident. Families from Great Britain settled around Owen, Point Sturt, Milang, Lochiel, Dalkeith, and from these developed strong family churches, and strong families in the church.

Thus, around the turn of the century, the Churches of Christ were almost as strong in country areas as they were in the city of Adelaide.

The Changing Scene

The last 50 years have seen an Australia-wide change as far as the churches and community are concerned. Many of these changes have taken place at the country scene, others have reached out to impact the country.

With a strictly limited population by 1966, Australia has seen the unfortunate concentration of population in five or six great cities. This has tended to draw young people to the city.

The development of larger holdings has swept the population from the land, and as it had to go somewhere it went to the city. Even so, not all young people from the country are willing to remain there. Modern means of mobility tends to bring the country to the edge of town. From this the young farmer potential has found itself desiring a professional life.

BY

E. P. C. HOLLARD

Access to schools, education and the upgrading of toilers of the soil in the social sphere has thrust the young person from the country into a position where no door can be closed to him. We are told that only 21 per cent of the population is beyond city limits.

Churchwise, we find a multitude of struggling small causes, many of them trying to maintain structures belonging to yesterday.

Problems of Rural Churches

Much research has been undertaken in recent years regarding the rural church and its problems. Some of the results can be construed as unjust criticism of the pattern of rural life, and yet, even those involved in country church life are convinced that the truth is really covered by the findings.

It is said that the rural church can become divorced from the life of the community at large, and frequently isn't organised to be community-centred. The comment is made, "when a man does take responsibility in community life he does not have the prayerful support of the Christian fellowship and rarely sees his communal tasks as part of his Christian commitment. If he does, then he often sees his role as merely promoting the values of his church-social, sub-group, rather than making responsible decisions as a Christian amidst the pressures of this new situation."

Smallness of church services can be frustrating and discouraging. And if the rural churchman is concerned about his fellows, as distinct from the social intercourse of an after-church chat about the crops then he faces disturbing situations. Where does it all go and where will it end? Therefore, the rural church will need to look honestly at the possibility of united services with other Christians, at least on Sunday nights.

Owen, in S.A., is a striking example of the wisdom of this move. Methodist and Church of Christ bodies simply make Sunday night and through the week activities a joint affair. In a small community a united front can bind a people together.

Every country church faces the possibility that the community hears more about the local church squabble, the inter-family problems within the church, than it does about the fact that Jesus Christ makes people whole. It is easy to take a bowling green argument into church than to drop it at the end of the green. In the community, where people are drawn strangely together, the church can only come out with a red face.

Though possibly incidental to deeper issues, rural churches face the demands

of service times simply because it has always been done like that. The hot Australian sun beating upon the saints at 3 p.m. (and it is also hot at 11 a.m.) is a deterrent for the sinners to join them! Thus worship within the community can be out of step with the real worth of possibility.

Church programming in the rural church need not be a slavish copy of what happens in the city. Within the framework of an industrial society, which is about all a city is, the church has to work out its corporate living. This means that programmes in the city have meaning only in the city.

In the country church there is need for a similar approach. The very acts of worship may need some re-structuring where people, living closer to God's good earth, can see as much in a blade of grass as a city dweller can see in a 10-story building. The nature of this structuring is not always easy to set out in simple terms, but need and deed are not foreigners to one another.

Circuits have always been a part of some church ministries. Our people have not always been willing to accept them, particularly where a country town seems to show a demand for one man in a church as minister.

In the United States some ministers are being trained simply to be "rural ministers," and their curriculum stresses subjects which have little relationship to city ministries.

This has not been thought of in Australia, for the country church has too often been a kind of "apprenticeship," or a rung on the ladder of "promotion" to the city pulpit. Naturally, the country church suffers greatly, as it too often becomes a training ground for ministers. Most churches and ministers are aware of this, and many are disturbed over it.

Trends in Churches of Christ

In early days Churches of Christ had something of a passion for their New Testament position, and as this was mostly of a Restoration pattern, they were prone to find themselves at variance with religious neighbours, and often with the community generally.

Even so, one of the major outcomes of their militancy was the growth of great families within the Churches of Christ body. And from them came great preachers and leaders. First and second generation families constituted our rural strength. With the passage of time, the third and latter generations inherited a lessened passion, emphasis of plea, and so within social stratas found themselves linked with other bodies.

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IT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

BY W. R. HIBBURT

IF ONE ENCOUNTERS TRAFFIC JAMS

Highways, freeways, clearways and speedways are words now current in today's vocabulary. The increasing number of power driven vehicles is accounting for traffic congestion on roadways. If the rhythm of the traffic is interrupted, a traffic-jam occurs, with resultant delays. The prevention of traffic-jams is the serious concern of those in authority. Ignorance, indifference and disobedience to traffic rules by motorists are contributory causes.

A modern traffic-jam is an apt parable of mental processes when the flesh interests of life will not give way to the cultural and higher spiritual interests. Today the traffic of the whole world passes the doorway of our minds. Caution is needed to safeguard the mind against moral and spiritual traffic-jams.

If one is overtaken in such a jam, prayer is able to give deliverance. When Jesus taught men to pray, "Lead us not into temptation," it was a safeguarding prayer lest one become involved in a traffic-jam beyond one's ability to cope with it. To so pray is asking God to keep one out of the clutch of circumstances beyond one's control. The burden of the prayer is, "Make me wise enough not to environ myself with evil, not to become involved in worldly traffic-jams."

There are occasions when mental highways encounter the traffic congestion of popular thinking, ill-matured ideas and pressurised public opinion. Over-attention to oneself, trivial chatter, discouragement, depression and frustration are listed as perils in congesting the Highways of the Spirit. Of all people, Christ's followers should have the foresight to avoid mental and spiritual traffic-jams. Christians of the first century were known as people of "The Way." They were at home on highways uncluttered by social patterns and prejudices. They used the clearways of the One who said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Christian insight and foresight alert the mind to traffic signals that God has placed on life's highways. The "I ought" signal is obvious, but often-times impatience causes one to respond to the "I want" signal. God has left us with the responsibility of obeying the right signal at the right time. Travelers are liable to give the quick response to the "I want" signal and delayed action to the "I ought" impulse. In modern traffic terms these impulses create mental, moral and spiritual traffic-jams.

Modern as I am, O Lord, teach me to respect the ancient wisdom of the traveller's guide book, the Bible, that makes plain the clearways to the will of God.

RURAL CHURCHES

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This is not unexpected, nor are there laws against such things. But we point it out to emphasise that, that which constituted much of our strength is largely a contributor to our weakness rural-wise.

The move from the rural to the city area of life has left small communities with several churches of varying persuasions, and these, in the main, are languishing. With the upsurge of the ecumenical wing of Christian expression, Churches of Christ have moved into the unity considerations and climate, and have relied mainly upon family increases (or decreases) to determine their membership and their future. So, the Browns are strictly a "Church of Christ family."

An Honest Look

The position is not encouraging, and observations and ideas of a practical nature are needed.

The rarity of the rural ministry should be placed squarely before our young men, and more mature ministers should likewise be concerned. As already suggested, the country church should never be a place to go simply because it is a stepping stone to city work. A country

minister has privileges which city life cannot offer. Closeness to people, a place in the whole life of the community, are rare gems of experience. Here the theology of interpreting life at close levels is amazingly rewarding.

There ought to be a greater budgeting for rural work. The drain from the country to the city surely places a responsibility upon city churches to turn something back into the area from whence some of their best workers came. A city church adopting a country church is no mean effort.

If many of the city churches set out to determine how many of their people had roots in the country they might be surprised. Therefore, a greater appreciation of the country church by the urban church is long overdue. Surely this is the strategy of Home Missions in every State.

In our ministry appointments more concern should be given that rural areas receive some of the ablest preachers and thinkers. "Success" in the ministry is not determined by the number of urban churches one may have served.

Among a multitude of annual "days" another could well be added. "Rural Life Sunday" is not without merit. An emphasis upon the factual call and place of the rural minister, and the place of the church in the community needs an emphasis, which could never be met by pilgrimages back to the old home church or extra curricula feeding on that special day.

It is becoming increasingly evident that Churches of Christ as a whole give little or no concern for the church outside city limits. It is too easy to select a committee to be concerned, and then entrust them with the task of wheeling money out of the urban church to do something in the country which the urbanite is simply not worried about. Obviously, something is not being taken seriously.

Admitting that we cannot keep them down on the farm like we did once upon a time, it is still true that the country church needs to look at itself again as the community centre. Now the bowling green, the social club and like has a greater claim upon loyalty and allegiance, and mostly because it is offering something to the citizens.

What is the rural church really offering aside from preaching, to the life of its community? Honest appraisals here might be revealing. The church dare not admit to being a tight little community within the community, for this is tantamount to a state of tension where more harm can be added to harm.

It is too easy to think that our evangelism and church programmes are valid only where there are large populations. This simply overlooks the truth that we may let our country churches die out slowly, or eke out an existence based on expressions and ideas which went out with the horse and buggy. When we propose ideas for churches, let the rural church be as much in mind as any other group of Christians.

Any article on the rural church must close with a salute to the great families and work done through several generations. Through decline and rise, through poverty and prosperity, they have never lost the vision, nor the inner drive to uphold their witness to Christ and his Kingdom. And as their children and their children have spread into the cities, they have brought a virility and conservative spirit which has been an asset and a guide.



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S. Russell Baker.

All of the churches are finding the 1960's to be years of crisis, and our own movement is no exception. To preside over Federal Conference at such a time will require wisdom, grace, experience, conviction, and courage. It is fortunate, therefore, that our President is S. Russell Baker, for he possesses all of these attributes in full measure.

Russell Baker (not even his close friends know what the "S" stands for) is a Victorian in origin, an Australian by conviction, and a world citizen in outlook.

Born at Wedderburn, he entered the College of the Bible at Glen Iris as a lad of 17. His room-mates were also destined for great Christian witness. They were A. L. Haddon (later Principal Dr. Haddon, of Glen Leith, N.Z.), and Will Waterman, who gave his life for Christ in China.

Mr. Baker still remembers with gratitude his college days, with a faculty led by Principal A. R. Main, and the tough but enriching practical experience of the student church. To help with the Sunday School at South Yarra, he had to walk to and from Glen Iris, but he was brought into contact with Dr. Will Hinrichsen, and the boy from Wedderburn was deeply influenced by this man whom he still numbers among the greatest of preachers. While at Red Hill, Russell had to rise at 3.30 on Monday morning to return to College by catching the "fish coach" to the Mornington railhead, but the people of Red Hill also helped to build a man for Christ.

On graduation he had several ministries, all in Victoria: Maryborough, 4 years; Ormond, 7 years; Shepparton, 3 years, and Lygon St., 7 years. He was twice preacher of the Victorian Conference Sermon. Always interested and involved in brotherhood affairs, he has served Home Missions interests for many years.

In 1943 he was called to the position of General Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Victoria, an office he has filled with distinction ever since.

Deep sorrow touched his life in 1964 when he lost his life partner. She was Clara May Beer, of the church at Echuca.

In 1959 he was invited by the parent committee of the B. and F. B. S. to visit the United Kingdom, and in 1965, before attending the World Convention at Puerto Rico, he followed the Bible trail through the countries of Latin America.

This latter expedition proved to be the most stimulating and significant experience of his life. The need of the rapidly growing population (at 220,000,000, it is already greater than that of North America, and is growing at a faster rate), and the obviously open door for God's Word led him to write and speak on their behalf. There is now no more fervent voice raised in behalf of the twenty-two countries of the great South American continent.

In his homeland, and within his own brotherhood, Russell Baker sees the need to strengthen what he calls our Federal Front. He urges us to think first as Australians, and to be strong in our local spheres of service so that our Federal work may become even stronger. He would like to see our nation-wide work strengthened by ensuring that the President and Secretary of each State Conference meet regularly as part of the Federal Executive.

Although he is realistic about our internal dissensions and the external threat of our materialistic society, he has also found many things in his presidential term to make him optimistic. He is impressed with our potential. We have

400 churches with 325 full-time ministers, and we number, counting isolated members, nearly 100,000.

He is also impressed with the tremendous respect in which our ministers are held, not only in their own churches, but with other church bodies and in the general community. Their all-round ability, their sound Bible training, their friendliness, and their willingness to co-operate with others for Christ's sake, are all sources of strength.

The vital work of the Christian Women's Fellowship has been inspiring. There is splendid leadership from women of commitment and ability. Not only do they have a broad knowledge of the brotherhood and its ventures, but they have a generous concern for all of the Christian mission.

A further encouraging feature is the leadership being given by our people to the cause of unity, not only in the local churches, but among the divided churches where the Holy Spirit is convicting us of the sin of division. Mr. Baker's work with the Bible Society on behalf of all of the churches makes him very conscious of our call to oneness.

But Russell Baker's work with the Bible Society is more than a job. It is a commitment to the Word of God and it will be to God's Word to which he will call us when we assemble under his leadership for the 31st Federal Conference.

(A.E.W.)

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ALCOHOL — ALCOHOLISM — ALCOHOL

BY ALICE M. EVANS

What is alcohol? It is pure or highly rectified spirit obtained by distillation from the product of the vinous fermentation of sugar and from fruit and vegetable juices. It consists of hydrogen, carbon and oxygen, the chemical formula of common or ethyl alcohol being C₂H₅OH. It is highly volatile, inflammable, colorless, and is a powerful stimulant and antiseptic. Alcohol is extensively used in the arts and medicine as a general solvent.

What does alcoholism mean to you and me? Alcoholism is no respecter of persons — men, women, skilled mechanics, business and industrial executives, physicians, lawyers, ministers, priests, the gifted, the ignorant, the college graduate — all are included among its victims.

70 per cent of alcoholics started drinking as teenagers. 6 per cent of industrial employees are alcoholics. Alcoholism is today the fourth greatest public health problem confronting our nation.

Alcoholism may be prevented, or its victims may be restored to normal, if the person refrains from the use of alcohol. Prevention is simple if the individual remains or becomes an abstainer. Alcoholism in any of its forms, if it is a disease, is a self-inflicted one.

So far there is no way of determining in advance which individual drinker will become an alcoholic. The 300,000 alcoholics in Australia each adversely affect ten other persons, making 3,000,000 subject to the problem of alcoholism.

D. B. Hills asks, "Where are you taking me?"

"I Alcohol, take people to the mental institutions." Alcohol is a major cause of insanity, and poisoning from it causes more deaths than from all of our most infectious diseases. (Dr. Parran).

"I, Alcohol, take people to alcoholism." It is estimated that Victoria has a population of 40,000 to 50,000 alcoholics, made up of males and females of all ages.

"I, Alcohol, take people to road accidents." Speed is not the major killer, says the Australian Road Safety Journal. More than half the fatal accidents happen at speeds below 40 m.p.h. It is obvious that politicians, newspaper writers, safety experts, and many others know that liquor is one of the major factors — but they are always looking for some other elusive reason as the cause.

"I, Alcohol, take people to a life of crime, and to death row." Dr. McGeorge, Government Psychiatrist, says that of the 5,000 criminals he has dealt with 65 per cent had alcohol as a major factor of their problem.

"I, Alcohol, take people to premature graves." On the average, drinking reduces life expectancy. (Dr. Hunter).

These are serious charges against alcohol, but as Abraham Lincoln declared, "Liquor has many defenders but no defence. Alcohol is taking many people for a ride. They are going places, but not the kind of places they want to go."

Australians last year spent \$530,000,000 on liquor. It works out at \$56 per man, woman and child. Australians last year spent \$1,474,000,000 on gambling, almost the same amount as Australia spends on defence, foreign aid, education, health, public welfare, and repatriation combined.

Despite the brilliant production of science, technology and industry, we live in a sick, sick world. We stumble along from bad to worse, ignoring the cause, trying to treat the effect.

One in ten of our "educated" population is a mental case. Jails and prisons are overfilled, with perhaps most of the criminal element still running loose. Divorces are rapidly increasing, and juvenile delinquency is at an all-time high. The colleges and universities, with rare exception, are not interested in students' morals or character. Paul Calvin Payne said, "If you want to change a whole civilisation, start with the children; if you want to plant a conviction indelibly into society, plant it into the hearts of children."

Parents should set the example, not just by an easy going refraining from beverage alcohol, but by conscientious and persistent total abstinence. Parents must recognise and adhere to their Christian responsibility to give the older growing child definite facts of a physical and moral nature as to the dangers of beverage alcohol in personal and social life.

Let all Christians refrain from the personal use of beverage alcohol in any form and not able to withstand its attraction. (1 Cor. 8: 1-13).

Let all Christians avoid active participation in the various processes involved in production, distribution and sale of the

various forms of beverage alcohol, and further refrain from sharing in the profits derived from the beverage alcohol trade so often marked with the "blood of drunkards."

Abstinence is a Christian virtue. It is one of the most important virtues to be taught to children and youth. They must be prepared to decline the first drink, which can start them on the tragic road of mental, moral and spiritual debauchery.

It is impossible for one to be sure he can control his drinking when alcohol decontrols that part of the brain on which he depends for control. The first drink is, in effect, the main step from the freedom of the abstainer to the slavery of the drinker.

Youth needs to be shown that alcohol is unsafe and unfit for human consumption, that it is a deadly narcotic poison, harmful even in small doses.

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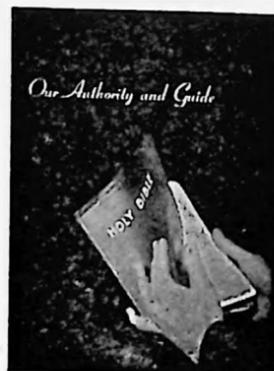
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(N.S.W.). To celebrate 25 years amongst the Aborigines, all Convention churches were represented. 160 at evening service, and over 100 at basket tea. Eight students from the Singleton A.I.M. Bible College were present, five being our own students from Esperance in W.A. The "Night with the Wongi" was highlighted with singing, items (including the playing of the digeridoo by a Northern Territory student), testimonies given by students, followed by a stirring message from Ray Roberts, formerly of the "Fairhaven" Hostel, but now the Supt. at the Newcastle City Mission. Between tea and evening meeting, slides depicting "After 25 Years" were shown. The chapel walls were appropriately decorated with Aboriginal curios and photos of the work at Esperance.

Special greetings came from the Glass family of Houston, Texas, Ron McLean, of the Overseas Missions, the Reeson family, now of Halifax Park, Nelson's Bay; Dawn Wilton (studying at Tahlee Bible College), and Mr. and Mrs. Will Fraser, holidaying in W.A. The Singleton students responded with an item.

FIVE DECISIONS

(Lane Cove, N.S.W.). At the August "Youth Rally - Sugar Shack," five young people made decisions. The minister, R. B. Elbourne, gave the address on "Life with a capital 'L.'" 190 came for coffee to the one hour "Sugar-Shack," and were thrilled with a tremendous testimony given by "Nancy" on the power of the Lord to change her life from ex-underworld queen to a Christian worker helping "teens" in the inner city area. Country and Western guitar, flute, electric guitar group, modern music with gospel words, were followed by a short talk by the minister . . . The J.C.E. won the District Union Efficiency Cup for the 7th time . . . A.C.E., on Wed. night, is now in its 6th year, starting at 6 p.m., with dinner. Recent study series has been Bible Personalities. Average attendance 75 . . . The men of the church have just completed a training course — "College for Christians" — designed to help those who participate in our services.

EDUCATION WEEK - N.S.W.

"Education Week" was especially significant this year, and was marked by displays of children's work and activities in all the city and suburban schools in Sydney, from Aug. 7-14. On "Education Sunday" appropriate services were conducted in most of our churches, while some 300,000 children and 12,000 teachers from State and independent schools took part in united church services. On Sunday afternoon school children marched through the city to Pitt Street Congregational Church, where the Headmaster of King's School, Parramatta, Rev. S. W. Kurrie, addressed a very large gathering.

WINGHAM IS 88

(N.S.W.). Members from Macksville came to Wingham by special invitation to share in the 88th anniversary services of our church. On Aug. 20, a fellowship tea was held, with representatives from the Wingham, Macksville and Comboyne churches . . . After tea the film, "Centerville Awakening," was screened by C. A. Norling, from Taree church . . . On Aug. 21, in Wingham chapel, John and Colin Bale, from Nambucca, were baptized. Afterwards, Mr. Paddon presented them with New Testaments . . . The communion service was led by members of the Macksville church. The address was presented by Mr. Bell on the subject of "The Challenge of the Future." The fellowship of these services was an inspiration.

LIFE-LINE CONVENTION

(N.S.W.). Many our own young people, together with representatives of the Dept. of Christian Educ., and of the Churches of Christ Ministers' Fraternal, were involved in the First International Life-Line Convention, held at Wesley Centre, Sydney, Aug. 19-23. Among the panel of speakers were Dr. Howard Clinebell (U.S.A.), Dr. D. O. Williams (N.Z.), Dr. W. L. Carrington (Vic.), and Dr. Bruce Stephen (Sydney).

EVANGELIST AT WOOLWICH

(N.S.W.). During his stay in Sydney as special evangelist for "Crusade '66", Des. Nelson, of the church at Maryborough, Qld., visited Woolwich College, on Aug. 24 and 25, when he lunched with the students and spoke to them on various aspects of his work in Qld., and discussed matters of general interest in relevant evangelistic outreach.

Final-year students at Woolwich have recently been engaged in a short external course of Pastoral Counselling and

Care of the Sick at various Sydney Hospitals and Institutions for Medical and Psychiatric Care.

N.S.W. BROADCASTS

Daily Devotional Sessions over 2CH Sydney by Churches of Christ: Thurs., Sept. 1, 8.45 a.m., H. C. Wheat, Dip.R.E. (Padstow). Mon., Sept. 12, 8.45 a.m., R. W. Vautier (Mosman). Fri., Sept. 23, 8.45 a.m., F. A. Elliott, B.A. (Caringbah). Sun., Sept. 25, 11 a.m., Communion Service from Epping church. Preacher: H. M. Long.

WOOLWICH PASTORAL CONCERN

(N.S.W.). As part of a course for Third and Fourth year students at Woolwich Bible College, recent tutorial classes have centred around tape-recordings of actual experiences of ministers in the field. Recordings based on the ministry of R. Greenhalgh, of Adelaide, (City ministry, N. Flint (Country ministry), M. J. Bedwell (Industrial-chaplain ministry), and R. B. Ewers (Pioneering ministry in New Housing Areas), are proving extremely beneficial in stimulating discussion and giving insights and assistance of a practical nature to men who will shortly be entering into the full-time ministry.

FELLOWSHIP RENEWED

(Taree, N.S.W.). The church renewed fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. R. Greenhalgh, of Grote-st., Adelaide, on vacation. Mr. Greenhalgh gave appreciated messages on Aug. 7 and 14 . . . Mrs. V. Wedlock, a member of 76 years' standing, died on Aug. 19. Her father, the late Geo. Saxby, was one of the pioneers of the church, established in 1863. P. E. Thomas conducted the funeral service.

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INTERSTATE NEWS

TEACHING IN SCHOOLS

(Shepparton, Vic.). Mrs. Parry, who has transferred to us from Echuca, is assisting with Christian Education in the Shepparton schools. Three of our members are at present engaged in the work. The Chaplain of the Shepparton High School is an ordained Anglican minister. In the absence of Mr. McIntosh recently, he preached and assisted at the Lord's Table. . . . Attendance at the 5 p.m. services, whilst better than when we met at 7 p.m., are not as good as when we commenced at this hour. . . . The B.S. has a boy versus girls competition to see how many pennies (old currency) they can bring. Proceeds are for the new building. . . . C.W.A.F. members have commenced monthly visitation to elderly or shut-in members. This is rewarding work to those who participate. . . . Building is progressing on the Church Family Centre. The official opening is scheduled for Oct. 22. Although the hall is not yet finished, services are to be held there for the next few weeks, whilst renovations are effected to the present chapel. At a well manned working bee, all furniture and fittings were removed from the present building to the new-unfinished hall. The only stained glass window we have had been moved from the old porch and is now in position in the new entrance foyer. . . . A combined meeting of the Church and Life groups, in Wesley Hall, heard 53 recommendations from the various groups. These are to be collated and another meeting called. Many groups expressed the desire to continue the studies.

SIR JOHN NORTHCOTT

(N.S.W.). Sydney recently mourned the passing of a distinguished Christian gentleman, Sir John Northcott, who died on Aug. 2. Sir John was Governor of N.S.W., 1946-1957, the first Australian-born governor of the State. He had a notable career in World War II, and was the Australian Commander-in-chief of the occupation forces in Japan. The Northcott School for Crippled Children, Parramatta, perpetuates his interest in community life, while his active part in the affairs of the B. and F. B. S., and the religious life of Sydney was well known.

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C.W.F.'s MEET

N.S.W.

Mrs. McKenzie was in the chair, and opened the meeting with the prayer thought for the day. The devotional theme was "I can love through Christ which strengtheneth me."

This session was taken by the Caringbah Fellowship, and led by their President, Mrs. J. Cooke. The hymn of love (1 Cor. 13) was read by Mrs. Jackson, and Mrs. Bent read 1 John 4: 6-21, the passage on which Mrs. Franklyn Elliott based her message, leaving us with this thought, "Further my love into practical intent, lest it evaporate into sentiment." The Caringbah ladies' choir sang "The Love of God" and "Only One Life."

The theme was Ministering Overseas. Letters were read from Miss Dorothy Holstein, in India, and Miss Rosalie Rofe, in New Guinea. Mrs. Saxby, who visited the New Hebrides last year, told of many interesting experiences, including the women's meeting, bringing out the thought that those labouring on our Mission fields were truly demonstrating that they "could love through Christ."

The clothing for Overseas boxes was brought in and packed ready for despatch. 33 churches were represented by the 118 who attended.—D. A. Elliott, sec.

40th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

(Nth. Essendon, Vic.). The 40th church anniversary was celebrated in a beautiful setting, as renovations and new buildings costing \$25,000 were completed for the occasion. A spacious foyer, with its wide expanse of plate glass, giving an unbroken view of the interior, rich blue carpeting, lowered ceiling, panelled walls behind the reading desks, and an open baptistry, have transformed the chapel. Subtly concealed doors lead into "The Lounge," which separates the kitchen, Memorial Youth Hall, Kindergarten and Primary rooms from the chapel. Drayton and Coleman were the architects. Appreciation was expressed to R. L. Drayton when a Bible was presented to him.

There were 265 present at the morning service when N. S. Moore presided, and former ministers, A. E. White and L. A. Trezise, read the Scriptures. Guest speaker for the day was A. R. Jones (S.A.), another former minister.

At 4.30 p.m., 200 shared in a fellowship tea, organised by Mrs. Linda Lycett. Reminiscences were brought by A. R. Jones, A. E. White, S. R. Robottom and

VICTORIA

150 delegates from 55 churches attended the evening August Council meeting. Mrs. Buckmaster, from the Gardiner Evening Fellowship, led devotions. Mrs. Barnett focused attention on all aspects of the Aborigine work, with some excellent slides. The intercessory prayer was led by Mrs. Bryant.

Reports were brought by Committee superintendents. Mrs. St. Aubyn gave details of plans for camps and the October Rally for the Evening Fellowship. Mrs. Ward appealed for button sellers for Oct. 14, to help hospital finance. Mrs. Haden thanked groups for 2,000 garments received by Dorcas during the month, and reminded delegates of "Bring and Buy" day at Sept. Council.

Mrs. Milligan, for the Hospital Visitation Committee, thanked Gardiner Evening Fellowship, and Mr. Watt, for help in giving a most successful party to the "Yooralla" children.

Mrs. Newham notified delegates of the study series to be run by the Christian Education Committee in November.

The President welcomed visitors from Wollongong and Wedderburn, and also Mrs. Strack, on her return from W.A. Mrs. Strack, as Federal President, again reminded delegates to register for Federal Conference, and to keep the week free from local activities.—F. Morris.

Mrs. D. Dugay, Laurie Butterley, on behalf of Senior C.Y.F., formally presented an electronic organ to the church.

R. H. Conning and R. L. Drayton, two of the key leaders at North Essendon, assisted at the crowded evening service. A Youth Choir and Miss Jean Milne provided musical contributions. After the service, Miss Milne, and former members, J. W. Burns, M. McNicol and W. Compton, formed a panel to answer questions at Senior C.Y.F. It was a great day of reunion and dedication.

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A MONASTERY



I went at the invitation of the Senior Monk, along with other members of our local Minister's Fraternal. We took our wives. We went as Christians and came away better Christians. The men of the party were conducted over the monastery, whilst the women of the group were escorted over the grounds, kitchen and Retreat House by very courteous young men of the order. They impressed us as very dedicated men, radiant and deeply devoted to their faith and their work.

The men in the group were taken through the various Chapels, private rooms, and the magnificent library, which would make any preacher envious — no, the books were not all Roman Catholic either, far from it. The various orders, habits, daily routine and disciplines were explained in full detail from their prayer habits (2 a.m. and 6 a.m. and four-hourly intervals) to their various vestments and symbols.

These men had taken the vow of poverty, not even the shoes they wore were their own. Their rooms were very bare of modern comforts. They were radiant, jovial and delightful to talk with. After some questions I became assured that they had a better appreciation of the beliefs and differences between denominational groups than perhaps

many of us have of our own. They were anxious to learn, as one remarked, "The Holy Spirit is still at work in God's world and how tragic is the situation in which we find ourselves — claiming to know all and acting as though we alone have all the truth."

One of their number had recently visited a country town where our brotherhood has recently completed a new chapel. Whilst there he "was privileged to see through that beautiful house of prayer." He had never before seen an open baptistry, and these were his words, "How beautifully significant is the situation of that baptistry, set above the 'altar' as an everlasting testimony. As one looks down from that symbol of new life one is reminded of the one who gave new life and of the price he paid." He went on to say, "You, my friends, have something very beautiful in your observance of this holy rite."

We were all entertained at a most delightful afternoon tea prepared by the "brothers" who have also taken the vow of poverty. We felt a new challenge to more devoted service to our Lord because we had been there, and left with an invitation to share in several days of retreat with these men in the future.

—J. W. Lewis.

SIGNIFICANT ACTION TAKEN BY REALTY FIRM

(Chicago.). An unprecedented action occurred here recently when a major realty-management firm signed a contract with a tenants' union to improve living conditions. The signing occurred at a ceremony at the First Church of the Brethren, centrally located in the area of dispute.

The union, which is sponsored by Martin Luther King's war on slums, had made the realty firm of Condon and Costalis the target of 24-hour picketing and rent-withholding tactics. Involved were some 20 to 30 West Side buildings housing 1,500 residents.

In signing the contract the realty management firm promised to bring all its buildings up to municipal-code standards, exterminate vermin, provide daily janitorial service, include a rent freeze for six months on unfurnished apartments, to allow reasonable inspection by the union, to recognise it as exclusive bargaining agent for tenants, and to drop a law suit against the union group for "terrorising" its business.

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QUESTING

WITH

A. E. WHITE



My daughter has started going out with her first boy friend. What can I say to her to help her to keep her friendship wholesome?

This question reminds me of the Cartwright cartoon some time ago, where a lady, following the sermon, asked her minister, "How did you come to be such an authority of sin?" If I answered your question too competently, my wife may ask how I got to be an authority on dating, going steady, or whatever is the current way of describing boy and girl friendships.

Well, I am not an authority, but I shall do the best I can, because it is an important question. I am afraid, however, that if you have not already provided some sort of an answer you have left it very late.

By this I mean that it is our responsibility as parents to prepare our children for the inevitable pairing-off — and we have lost too many valuable years if we wait until they are going steady. Also, the longer you leave it, the more difficult it is, and the more embarrassing.

Our sons and daughters should be given the facts of life by their parents and we cannot start too early. If we start unfolding God's plan for love and life when they are little children, by the time they are teenagers they will not only have the knowledge they need, but they should also have the attitudes that are essential. If we have neglected education for life and are suddenly aware that, at 16, Bert and Betty are going out together, we are likely to panic, rush around buying books, or expect the church to make up the ground we have lost.

A boy-girl friendship does not necessarily mean love, but love always starts as friendship, and the wrong kind of love can easily develop from an innocent friendship.

Love is many-sided, as well as many-splendoured. It has physical, mental, moral and spiritual aspects.

In our society the emphasis upon physical relationships between boys and girls is so strong that we fall in our responsibility if we do not prepare in advance for the pleasures and dangers of friendships. This means that we shall start early to build an awareness of what is wholesome. We do this by sharing mental attitudes, moral purposes, and spiritual values with our children — for the whole of life and living.

Next week I shall try to suggest some guides for conduct.



INNER SUBURBAN APPOINTMENT

(Vic.). Appointment of Philip Andrews to form a dual team ministry centred on Richmond congregation, has just been announced by the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism, and the Richmond church. Mr. Andrews, who currently serves as minister at Ashburton, will commence duties in February, 1967, and join David Andrews, the present minister at Richmond.

This move culminates long range planning and experimental work with a student ministry from the College of the

Bible. The programme will be basically regarded as experimental in an endeavour to grapple with problems facing inner suburban churches and other congregations which may well face similar situations in the future. It is regarded as unique in Australian Churches of Christ, and represents an aggressive move by the Richmond church and the Home Missions Dept. to enable a local congregation to more effectively fulfil its evangelistic responsibility to the community.

MISSION DECORATIONS

(Launceston, Tas.). The C.W.F. (Evening group) prepared the 11th birthday programme of the W.C.W.F., to which all ladies of our Launceston churches were invited. The Worship Centre featured a large globe of the world, with dressed dolls of many countries surrounding an open Bible. A feature was a display table of basketware from our New Hebrides Mission, and some of the gifts that will be sent in Christmas parcels to New Guinea and New Hebrides. . . . The evening was led by Mrs. G. Green (Evening Pres.) who showed the W.C.W.F. filmstrip and slides of World Convention, generously loaned (with a script) by Mrs. N. Holland, of Hobart. These were helpful in understanding the world-wide fellowship to which the women belong. . . . The worship service, prepared by the Pres. of W.C.W.F. (Mrs. Lawton, of Adelaide), was presented by Mrs. M. Wilson, to conclude an interesting and helpful meeting.

DECISION AT BERRI

(S.A.). C.W.F. members conducted the evening service on Aug. 14, as an act of thanksgiving to God for guidance during the past year. The minister, H. Greenwood, preached, and a young girl from the B.S. made her decision. . . . The anniversary of the Berri B.S. was held on Aug. 21. There was bright singing by the school, and items from Kindergarten and Primary children. Guest speaker was Rev. Ian Anderson, from Berri Methodist. The speaker at the evening service was M. T. Lawrie, Conf. Pres. Mr. Greenwood presented the prizes.

ASCOT PARK OFFICERS

(S.A.). The following deacons were elected: Dr. K. Crowley, D. Fenn, R. Dufty, B. Watson, R. Wilkinson. Don McDonald resigned from office as he will be leaving for England in Dec. . . . The young people were guests at a coffee hour at Brighton Gardens.

BIG DAY FOR WAMPOONY

(S.A.). July 31 brought the Conf. Pres., M. T. Lawrie, together with D. G. Hammer, Alan Bonney and Sonny Graham, to our church. Mr. Hammer told of the Aboriginal work; Alan and Sonny sang and played on gum leaves. Mr. Lawrie spoke at night. . . . The annual meeting, preceded by a hot luncheon, discussed continuation of Planned Giving and pledges, and a proposal to build a crying room and creche for small children. Elders are R. E. Hunt and D. H. Dinning. Deacons are J. G. Hunt, G. D. Scown, Tom Hamilton; G. I. Brown, sec.; S. D. Dinning, treas.; I. Murch, asst. sec. Deaconesses are Mrs. E. Scown and Mrs. D. H. Dinning.

MOVEMENT

BAYSWATER MINISTRY

(Vic.). M. D. Keatch, of Red Hill, has accepted an invitation to a full-time ministry, commencing Feb. '68. Bert Coleman, C.O.B., will minister in a part-time capacity next year, living at the manse with his family. . . . Mrs. Alice Bullen occupied pulpit during Education Week, sharing her experiences and joy in her work of Religious Educ. in schools. . . . C.W.F. had two members of Red Cross demonstrate mouth to mouth resuscitation. . . . The Babirra Players presented "The Pirates of Penzance," by Gilbert and Sullivan, proceeds for new piano fund.

CALL TO ANN ST.

The Officers' Board at Springvale, Vic., have released Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Armstrong from their present ministry with the church. Mr. Armstrong has accepted a call from the Ann Street, Brisbane, church, and will commence there in February, 1967. A new manse is to be acquired for them. L. G. Read's ministry with the church terminates at the end of December. . . . Church families transferred to the new church at Kenmore were farewelled recently. N. Watson is now church sec. at Ann St.

NATIONAL DIARY

SEPTEMBER:

VICTORIA

5-10—Explorers' Intermediate Camp — Monbulk.
Good Companions' Camp — Hall's Gap.
12—Explorers — Worship activities commence.
16—Christian Youth Fellowship "Impact."

NEW SOUTH WALES

4—"Bible Society Sunday" in Churches of Christ.
9—N.S.W. B.S. Workers' Fellowship Dinner, Auburn.
12—N.S.W. Dept. of Men's Work ANNUAL DINNER at Belmore.
15—State C.W.F. "CONVENTION DAY" at Wollongong.
17—Dept. of Christian Educ. "Field Day", St. Luke's Oval, Concord.
25—"STEWARDSHIP" Sunday in N.S.W. Churches (sponsored by F.C.C.).
30-Oct. 3 — BIBLE STUDY CONVENTION — Camp Greenhalgh, Lake Illawarra. Theme: "The N.T. Preaching of the Cross." Lecturers: Dr. A. G. Elliott, Rex Ellis, B.A.

QUEENSLAND

5—Ministers' Fraternal — Brotherhood Centre, 1.30 p.m. Study Leader: Rex Ellis, B.A.
10—Sports Day at Kedron Oval (Y. & C.E. Dept.).

S.A. CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 5 - 11, 1966

Theme: "Jesus Christ . . . that in everything he might be pre-eminent."

(Adelaide, S.A.). For Conference this year, the President's Reception will be combined with the Conference tea, and will be on the first day of Conference, instead of the last. There will be only three Departmental rallies. All Departments will report to Conference as usual, and there will be more time for business. Conference will conclude with the Conference Sermon at the Thebarton Town Hall, where S. E. M. Riches will be inducted as the new President.

The President, M. T. Lawrie, will preside at all sessions.

Mon., Sept. 5, Adelaide Town Hall.

6.15 p.m.—President's Reception and Conference Tea.

8 p.m.—Inspiration meeting. President's Address. Combined Choir.

Tues., Sept. 6, Grote Street.

2 p.m.—Pioneer Afternoon.

HARIBA COMES BACK!

(Melb.). Hariba Waghmode returned to Melbourne on the "Arcadia" on Aug. 24. He graduated from the College of the Bible in 1949, and one of the features of the day of his return was an informal welcome at the College. Among those who were present were members of the Overseas Committee and other brotherhood Departments, present students, and the students who shared College life with him. Earlier, Mr. and Mrs. Waghmode were guests at tea at Ludbrook House.

Mr. Waghmode is accompanied by his wife, Phalina, and their youngest son. Two other children have been staying for some months with Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Jackel, at Wangaratta, where they attend school.

Our Indian visitor will be one of the main speakers at Federal Conference. He will also address the South Australian Conference. Later on he will engage in deputation work on behalf of the Overseas Missions Department. The Waghmodes will return to India in May, 1967.

MISSIONARY FOR NEW HEBRIDES

Miss Ruth Edgell, from Kalgoorlie, W.A., has been appointed to missionary service in the New Hebrides. Miss Edgell graduated from the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, in 1950, and has served as a teacher with the Education Dept. in W.A. for 14 years.

She is well prepared to serve as a missionary teacher and will be stationed at Nasawa on Maewo Island.

Miss Edgell has been invited to serve for one term (approx. three years) with the mission in the New Hebrides. Please pray for her as she goes forward to the islands.

Travel arrangements
Arrive Adelaide from Kalgoorlie, Sept. 17.
Arrive Melbourne, Sept. 20.
Depart Melb., Ansett-A.N.A., Sept. 23.
Depart Sydney for Noumea, Sept. 23.

7.45 p.m.—Social Service Rally. Speaker: C. E. Watson. Hostel Choir. Christian Union Dept. Focus.

Wed., Sept. 7, Grote Street.

1 p.m.—Ministers' Wives' Luncheon.

2.30 p.m.—Ministers' Fraternal Annual Meeting. Speaker: Hariba Waghmode, B.A., B.T., M.Ed.

5 p.m.—Ministers' Tea.

7.15 p.m.—Overseas Rally. Speaker: Hariba Waghmode. Discussion Panel: Miss H. Skuce, G. Sonsie, A. G. Mathieson. Aborigines Mission Department Focus.

Thurs., Sept. 8, Grote Street.

10 a.m., 2 p.m., 7.15 p.m. — Women's Conference.

Fri., Sept. 9, Grote Street.

9 a.m.—12.30 p.m., 1.45-5 p.m., 7-9.30 p.m. — General Conference Business.

Saturday, Sept. 10.

9 a.m.—12.30 p.m. — General Business at Grote Street.

1.45-5 p.m. — General Business at Grote Street.

7 p.m. — Flinders St. Baptist Church. Home Mission Rally. Speaker: Gordon Stirling, B.A. Youth Choir. Department of Christian Educ. Focus.

Sunday, Sept. 11, Thebarton Town Hall.

2.30 p.m. — Conference Sermon. Preacher: C. H. J. Wright, B.A. Induction of Conference President. Men's Choir.

FAMILY FILM NIGHTS

(Toowoomba, Qld.). Family Film Nights, held monthly, are well supported. Visiting speakers have included A. Male (Youth Director), R. Ellis (Kenmore Christian College), S. Chalmers (Social Services), J. Fowler (B. and F. B. S.). The film, "Indonesia Today," was shown at fellowship tea on Aug. 14, with Y.P. choir singing at evening service. P. Jauncey (Kenmore) is ably continuing as assistant minister at Crown St., and helping at Margaret St. . . . The church sec., W. A. Mortensen, spoke highly of Margaret St. B.S. children's effort in collecting information and material from missionaries on our fields. Letters, photographs and articles will form valuable reference matter for the future. Slides of fields were shown during July and August, and interest of scholars was keen. . . . Crown-St. B.S. continues under

MINISTER ON MIGRANT SHIP

(Bassendean, W.A.). D. McNeilsh, G. Smith, K. Petersen, L. Hammer and Miss Monica Farrell filled in pulpit while our minister, E. J. Sewell, was Chaplain on a migrant ship from Perth to Sydney. . . . On Aug. 7, the young people met for their monthly youth tea, with Stan Drew as speaker. He has a radio and TV programme in this State and all young people were thrilled with his message. . . . On July 29, Bassendean Y.P.C.E. invited Scarborough Y.P.C.E. to fellowship with us. Mr. Ryles was speaker. . . . The Intermediate C.E. group met with Manning. . . . Syd Holman has just returned after attending a conference in Sydney for the Life Boys.

FROM BROOKLYN PARK

(S.A.). The B.S. annual meeting re-elected Peter Paschke as supt. Teachers met for lunch to plan programme for year. . . . The annual meeting elected as officers: M. Bear, R. Kain, E. Miller, R. Peacock and S. Sherriff. Deaconesses are Mrs. C. Skinner, Mrs. C. Lewis and Mrs. M. Lampshire. . . . An inspirational rally at Brooklyn Park hall, on July 29, had D. G. Hammer showing slides on Aboriginal Mission work. Sonny Graham spoke and Alan Bonney provided musical items. . . . Speakers at the B.S. anniversary were Miss Dawn Chivell, W. Philp, Ian Gates and John Halbert. Hymns were sung to modern folk tunes.

CONCERT TO AID BOY

(East Victoria Park, W.A.). The church held a concert to help with the clothing of the Aboriginal boy for whom the ladies are sewing. . . . The prayer group has been using the Church and Life Movement studies. . . . The church and auxiliaries have shared in the Rivervale mission. . . . The C.W. Fellowship have started visiting St. Ives, a local hospital for the Aged, with Mrs. Hatton as their leader. . . . Church services start at 7.30 p.m. from first Sunday in Sept.

leadership of A. E. Thurrowgood, and visitation of contacts in area is planned. Need for more teaching space may be met by enclosing space under building. Special extension fund is to meet this need. . . . Religious Instruction at State Schools is being carried out by Mrs. W. A. Mortensen and Mrs. K. Yesberg. H. Finger, of Harlaxton, is also assisting. . . . Book table at church has attracted much interest and deacons have placed Dr. Jauncey's books in local Municipal Library. . . . Of great interest was talk given at C.M.S. meeting by Mr. Blakey, ex-Jewish rabbi, on Passover Feast and Lord's Supper, over 100 men attending. . . . Prayer meeting is held in members' homes each Wed. Sunday afternoon Bible study group has recently concluded studies and discussion on Prayer in the Bible, with a closing session on Praying in Public, at which members constructively examined prayers placed on tape.

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Word Studies in the New Testament

No. 34 — LIBERTY ::: BY RANDALL T. PITTMAN

The English word "liberty" is derived from the Latin *libertas*, which primarily meant freedom from captivity, imprisonment, slavery or despotic control. In the Scriptures it is used mainly of moral and spiritual liberty, especially of the freedom from bondage of sin and the law, obtained by accepting the truth as it is in Jesus (John 8: 32).

In the Authorised Version "liberty" is a translation of

(1) *anesis* in Acts 24: 23. In other passages where this word appears it is translated "eased" in 2 Cor. 8: 13; "rest" in 2 Cor. 2: 13; 7: 5; 2 Thess. 1: 7. In Acts 24: 23, *anesis* seems to be used in a sense found in Herodotus 5: 28 and in the Septuagint, relaxation. Hence the Revised Version rendering "indulgence" and the Revised Standard Version "some liberty."

(2) *aphesis* in Luke 4: 18. This is the only place in the Gospels where the English noun "liberty" is found. The Revised Version gives "release." It is in a quotation from Isaiah 61: 1. In other passages the word is translated "deliverance," "forgiveness," "remission." Related to the verb *aphiemi*, which literally means "send away," the word is used of sending away or remission of sin. See Word Study "FORGIVE."

(3) *eleutheria* in Rom. 8: 21; 1 Cor. 10: 29; 2 Cor. 3: 17; Gal. 2: 4; 5: 1, 13 (twice); Jas. 1: 25; 2: 12; 1 Pet. 2: 16; 2 Pet. 2: 19. Other translations use the rendering "freedom" in some passages.

These Scriptures mostly deal with the liberty enjoyed by the Christian, who has been freed from the bondage of the law and the tyranny of sin. Freed from the law, the Chris-

tian becomes a bondservant of Jesus Christ, "whose service is perfect freedom." See George Matheson's hymn, "Make me a captive, Lord," and the hymn by Handley Carr Glynn Moule, "My glorious Victor, Prince divine."

One reaction to Paul's teaching about freedom from the law was experienced in the early church. Some argued that Christians, being freed from the law, need exercise no restraint. Several passages, such as Rom. 6, were written to correct this error. James (1: 25; 2: 12) speaks of a "law of liberty." Jesus himself said, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6: 46). Peter specially warns against letting liberty degenerate into license.

(4) *exousia* in 1 Cor. 8: 9. This much used word is elsewhere translated "authority," "jurisdiction," "power," "right" "strength." The meaning of the whole phrase in 1 Cor. 8: 9 can be expressed, "This right which you assert."

It may be added that the "Libertines" referred to in Acts 6: 9 were "probably descendants of the Jews taken to Rome by Pompeius, who had there gained their freedom, and perhaps also proselytes of the freedman class" (Page).

The noun "freedom" is used only once in the Authorised Version of the New Testament (Acts 22: 28). The Greek word is *politeta*, meaning "citizenship." A secondary meaning of this word appears in Eph. 2: 12, where the Authorised Version translates "commonwealth." "Freeman" in 1 Cor. 7: 22 is a rendering of *apeleutheros*, compounded from *apo-*, from; *eleutheros*, free. "Freewoman" (Gal. 4: 22, 23, 30) is a translation of *eleutheros*.

WILL CHURCHES RESPOND?

(Swanwick, England). In a speech summarising the work done by the week-long consultation called here by the World Council of Churches' Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee, and World Service, Dr. Leslie E. Cooke, the Director, pointed to the price that the churches may have to pay as they take part in the fight for social and economic justice.

The consultation, which has been considering the probable pattern of the next ten years, has brought together nearly 300 representatives of church service agencies from all parts of the world.

"We shall have to face a great deal of misunderstanding in the churches," Dr. Cooke pointed out. "There will be many who have been generous in their giving for relief who will become hesitant, if not resistant, when they realise that our aim is to change the status quo. They will think the churches have gone leftist, socialist, or communist."

"I cannot escape the conviction that in the next decade the churches, their service agencies, and their missionary agencies will have to face again and again the awful dilemma of whether to say "no" to vast resources which might meet the needs of multitudes to save compromise with policies which are calculated to stave off the social and economic revolution. We had better have in the forefront of our minds that no government will act out of altruism."

Dr. Cooke said that in the next decade we have to move from our conception of service to the world to involvement with, or service in, the world."

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VICTORIA

PLANNED GIVING REVIEW

(Cheltenham, Vic.). 250 attended the church family dinner on July 27, for a Planned Giving Review Programme. Homes were visited by teams of men and a special thanksgiving service concluded a successful programme . . . The Senior team from Explorer boys won Beach Zone indoor sports and came 2nd in State finals; Junior team came 2nd in Beach Zone—Senior "A" grade basketball team won premiership. On Aug. 21, basketball club met at 6.30 p.m. for trophy presentation and church parade. Junior "A" grade were beaten in grand final. B4 tennis team won premiership . . . Graham Dunning rededicated his life to Christ . . . 10 young adults attended a "Teach-in" with eight other churches at Hampton Congregational Church. from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Aug. 14. Cheltenham ladies catered for evening meal . . . C.Y.F. programme has included a visit to "Temple Beth Israel," Jewish Synagogue, competitive Olympics with visiting clubs, and a combined "Snow Trip" to Mt. Donna Buang.

225 AT ANNIVERSARY

(Thomson, Vic.). The B.S. anniversary, on Aug. 14, heard fine singing under leadership of P. Simper, supt. Les. Stewart was guest speaker. There were 225 at afternoon meeting . . . There were visitors from other churches to help the Ladies' Evening Fellowship celebrate its first birthday. There were 70 present . . . The youth clubs, 9 years and over, visited the Coca Cola factory and 75 young people and leaders were entertained.

CHURCH PARADES

(Warragul, Vic.). More than 40 members of the Loyal Orange Institution of Vic. attended a recent church parade. The Badminton club paraded on July 17. All grades are represented in the grand final matches . . . C.W.E.F. packed more than 100 articles for C. Young to dis-

tribute in Children's Hospitals . . . Good Companions took part in service on July 24 . . . The church officers welcomed members of the church as visitors and observers at the last three officers' meetings. Members have gained valuable knowledge of the church's needs from their attendance . . . The Church School Talent Quest and Elsteddfod, on Aug. 7, was an outstanding success. More than 70 entries were received; art work, musical and elocutionary items were of a high standard . . . Church's fortnightly prayer fellowship meetings have resumed after break for Church and Life participation. . . A. R. Lloyd, State Conf. Pres., visited church on Aug. 14. C.W.A.F. has clothed 13-year-old boy for Aboriginal Mission effort.

CHURCH SCHOOL COMPLIMENTED

(Nth. Williamstown, Vic.). C.S.S.M. worker, John Lane, led a children's mission, July 31-Aug. 10. Mr. Lane's sister Val, ably assisted at the piano. This after-school mission was planned to challenge children to Christian living. Attendances ranged from 70 to 148 at the peak. Many parents attended Family Night at the close. Programmes were varied and interesting, and contacts were made with 40 or more children with no B.S. affiliation. Teachers are following up with visitation work. In the two Sundays since mission concluded, attendances jumped from 113 to 134, with prospects of a greater attendance. Four new teachers were added to the staff.

PRINCIPAL AT ECHUCA

(Vic.). Principal and Mrs. E. L. Williams visited Echuca on July 24. Mr. Williams was the morning speaker, and again at a special meeting at 2.30 p.m. His subject was "Unity" . . . Recently the S.S. scholars attended church parade. The Junior and Senior Good Companions also took part in the evening service . . . The church was represented by members attending the Northern Dist. Conf. at Kyneton . . . All clubs are very active. The C.Y.F. are holding discussion groups at the manse fortnightly and also once a fortnight go to the Cummeragunga Aboriginal Mission Station. There they have hymn and chorus singing, prayer and Bible stories for the

children as well as the adults. Attendances of 54 have been reached . . . Mr. and Mrs. Westmore, and their son John, were recently welcomed into fellowship of the church . . . The service on Aug. 14, 7 p.m., was taken by the C.Y.F. Elaine Comte and Marilyn Wills presided, the readings were by Gerry Thomas and David Rosendale. The addresses on "Faith, Hope and Love," were given by Peter Rosendale, Julie Horner and Brian Kirchofer. The choir sang two numbers. Brian Wills presided at the communion table.

UNION SEMINAR

(Morwell, Vic.). Members from Warragul and Traralgon joined with local members on Aug. 6 in a seminar on Christian Union. Leaders from Dept. of Christian Union were Col. Smith, Vic. Ryall and Max Hurren . . . Congratulations were offered to Good Companions on winning their inter-zone indoor sports and also conducting evening service on Girls' Sunday . . . At annual meeting, Don Wakefield was elected an elder. Two new members on Official Board are Mrs. J. Rattin and Brian King . . . Guest speakers at the S.S. anniversary services on Aug. 14 were Miss Ogden, of Morwell, and E. Keating, of South Melb.



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ENGAGEMENTS

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McKIRDY-CAULTON. — The engagement is announced of Janice Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McKirdy, of 52 Johnson-st., Mascot, N.S.W., to Kevin Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Caulton, of 49 McCaust-st., Lakemba, N.S.W.

DEATHS

BAKER, John Frederick. — Passed away Aug. 24, at Repatriation Hospital, Vic., loving husband of Flo., loving father of John, loved father-in-law of Gwenyth; grandpa of Moira, Helen, Fiona and Phillip.

CLENCIE. — On Aug. 24, at his residence, 65 Ninth-ave., Rosebud, Vic., William Albert, beloved husband of Elsie May, loving father of Alan, Keith and Raymond; late 7th Batt., 1st A.I.F. "Underneath are the everlasting arms."

CLENCIE. — On Aug. 24, William Albert, beloved husband of Elsie, loved father of Alan, Keith and Raymond; father-in-law of Betty, Lorraine, Noel and loving Pa of 10 grandchildren. "In Heavenly love abiding."

SMITH. — Passed away Aug. 22, at Adelaide, S.A., Wanda, dearly loved wife of Bern., loving mother of Thelma (Mrs. Oswald), Norman, Thora and Rona. "Forever with the Lord."

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OFFICERS' DEDICATION

(Croydon, S.A.). An Officers' dedication service was held on July 17 . . . The film, "Conversion Plus," was screened on Aug. 7 . . . Two young ladies were received into fellowship by transfer from Kilburn . . . A successful concert by the auxiliaries of the church was staged Aug. 19-20. The proceeds are for a toilet block at the Youth Activities Centre. . . . The senior boys' basketball team won premiership . . . All local groups of Church and Life Movement met on Aug. 19 to discuss results. E. P. C. Holland addressed the meeting . . . Questions submitted by worshippers were answered by W. N. Bartlett on Aug. 21.

BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

(Hartwell, Vic.). Ladies had a successful birthday luncheon, which was attended by C.W.F. members and some from other church groups. Address was given by David Cox, a Social Worker with Migrants . . . A large company of Good Companions met for church parade on Aug. 21 . . . Mrs. Frecker welcomed home after visit to

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YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

(East Bentleigh, Vic.). On Aug. 14, 23 young adults from five churches met at Hampton Congregational Church for a day of fellowship, worship and study.

Commencing at 1 p.m., with lunch, catered for by Hampton ladies, the programme continued through the afternoon until tea-time. The evening meal was provided by the Cheltenham ladies. After adjourning to the Hampton church for the evening service, the final study was held and the day finished with supper about 9.30 p.m.

Those present agreed that the time spent had been profitable, and are looking forward to the opportunity to meet together in similar circumstances.

The programme was organised by the ministers of Ormond and East Bentleigh, R. C. McKenzie and T. T. Robinson, assisted by the ministers of Cheltenham and Hampton, G. K. Moyes and C. L. Smith. Churches represented were Bentleigh, East Bentleigh, Cheltenham, Hampton and Ormond. Keith Bishop, as director for the day, rendered valuable service.

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THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST

BY REX ELLIS

(A study of Luke 5: 1-11, with Mark 1: 16-20 and Matthew 4: 18-22).

What was it that enabled the early Christians—ordinary people like you and me—to stand before a Roman magistrate, who had all the might and authority of the Empire behind him, and say, "I am a Christian!", knowing very well that this would mean their death? The source of their strength lay in their experience of a greater authority in the person of the Lord Jesus.

He is the Lord Who Calls

Matthew records those simple yet challenging words, "Follow me" (4: 19).

To those who heard then, and to us who hear today, this involves at least three things.

The cost must be counted. Jesus made this very clear in Luke 14: 25-33. The point of the two stories that Jesus told, is that the loss is found in going it alone. The bankruptcy of human effort must be seen in its true light, and submission to Jesus as the only way out of the dilemma.

Seeing the foolishness of carrying on on one's own, must result in leaving everything for the Lord who calls, "They forsook all and followed him."

All of this adds up to bearing the cross. This is too often thought of as putting up with some infirmity like asthma, or a bad temper, or a mother-in-law, when what Jesus was talking about was complete self-renunciation. This is what he did for us.

He is the Lord Who Commands

Again the hopelessness of human effort is emphasised in Luke 5: 4-8. No fish after working all night! These men were professional fishermen, yet a carpenter from an inland town told them where and how to catch fish. We must recognise the personal authority of Jesus even in that area of life where we consider that we are experts.

Notice how Peter answered for them all in explaining their situation ("we have toiled all night, we have caught nothing") but when it came to obedience to the Lord who commands, it was a personal issue. "At thy word I will let down the nets." But Peter's obedience to the Lord, and its result, brought him to a recognition of his personal sin. He saw himself in contrast to Jesus. Even sin is under the dominion of the Lord.

The nets began to break! The ships began to sink! Obedience results in a shattering of our earthenware selves so that the light of the knowledge of the glory of God might be seen in us. It is destructive of self to be filled with all the fulness of God.

He is the Lord Who Commissions

Luke 6: 46 is relevant here. "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" If we acknowledge his authority over us, we must place ourselves completely at his disposal. This does not mean to get busy doing good and mighty and wonderful things. The one, over-all expression of his will is in the commission to win others.

To Peter he said, "From henceforth thou shalt catch men." It was Peter who said, "I will . . . I am a sinful man." So it was to Peter that Christ gave this commission. The word "catch" is interesting. It means "to capture alive" in contrast to killing in the battle or hunt. Significantly it is used in only one other place in the N.T. In 2 Tim. 2: 26, it describes how the world of mankind is caught alive by Satan "for his pleasure," when all along man was created "on account of God's pleasure" (Rev. 4: 11).

The Lord commissions us to catch people alive for him, so that in their new sphere of life they may grow in Him.

The awesome responsibility of the one so commissioned is pictured in Luke 12: 42-48. "The servant who knew his master's wishes, yet made no attempt to carry them out, will be flogged severely."

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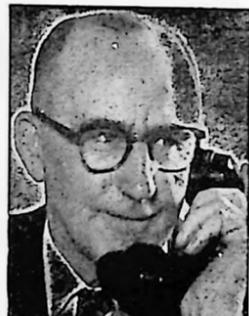
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"THE FOOLISHNESS OF PREACHING."

To the Editor,

The R.V. marginal note on the above quotation, which is part of 1 Cor. 1: 21, makes it clear that the "foolishness" refers to the substance of the preaching and not to the act or occupation of preaching.

This is borne out by the context and also supported by the many translations published in later times.

It is important that the true meaning of scripture is established even if it means surrendering a point in a discourse.

Dr. A. G. Elliott used the quotation and argument in his article published in "A.C." Aug. 20 (page 3).

—T. Orr, Tas.

KENMORE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.

To the Editor,

In view of recent discussions through the "A.C." concerning College standards, the Kenmore College Board desires to make the following statement on standards at Kenmore Christian College.

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PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

TO THE EDITOR.

The motto of the freeworld, borrowed from the U.S.A., is "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." I'm not too sure of the last bit. I've been chasing happiness all my life and haven't found it yet. As a young fellow I chased it at 80 miles an hour on a B.S.A., but still didn't catch up with it. Two years and fifty narrow squeaks later I traded it for a wife. I got married and hoped to live happily ever after. I found then that you had to have other things besides a wife to make you happy, such as furniture, food, a car, children, a home, and so on. Most of this we got on time payment. But I can't say that even now it is all paid off it has made us happy. I've worked for happiness all my life, but I've never found it yet!

But sometimes happiness has found me. For instance, one day I was in my old clothes, covered with grease, and under the car. My wife walked past and looked under and said gratuitously (that means she wasn't after something!), "I think you're wonderful!" Heaven broke out under that old bomb at that moment.

Another time I walked barefooted with my children through shallow water along the path of the setting sun. They squealed with glee. Happiness had found me.

The other day the minister caught me with my defences down and "conned" me into driving a widow and her children to relatives in the country, for a holiday. I wouldn't have grizzled so much to the wife about having to do it if I had known that once again happiness would find me. It's lasted all the week.

It's no use editors pursuing happiness. They are too busy trying to keep all their readers happy at the same time.

TERTIUS.

WHAT JESUS SAYS.

To the Editor,

Bruce Gaunson's attack on the courageous Mr. Lane, and the draft card business, "A.C." Aug. 6, is amazing in view of the Biblical cases he cites as examples of the virtue of Conscription.

Paul, the author of Romans 13, Peter, etc., disobeyed the higher powers, by preaching the gospel.

The early Christians were burnt alive, torn asunder by wild beasts, because they obeyed not the higher powers, and refused to undertake military service, spoke against the corruption and cruelties of civil life and spoilt the profits of the idol makers.

The martyrs understood that Romans 13 puts God first.

In the 3rd and 4th centuries, when the church compromised with the notorious Constantine, it became his obedient friend, and then military service was ordained by the church.

Mr. Gaunson advises us to interview mature soldier Christians. But why not interview the Head of the church? The teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, Matt. 6: 30-48, show no room for brutalities, the bestialities of war.

—Mrs. Jessie Coake, Vic.

VICTORIAN MINISTERS

(Melb.). There will be no meeting of the Vic. ministers in Sept. and Oct., but ministers are reminded of the minister's programme for Federal Conference.

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Newsletter From Banmatmat

BY DAVID EAGLING

The tenth week of lectures finished today. The college has expanded more than 100 per cent on 1965, with the addition of 11 new students for this year, giving a total of 29 in training. This is a wonderful response to the call of the Lord by these dedicated young men.

Australia is a distant land again. We enjoyed our furlough with our relatives and friends. It was wonderful to have fellowship with so many.

Modern transport is truly amazing. We left Sydney on a Thursday morning at 11.30 a.m., in a 707 jet. We landed in New Caledonia 2½ hours after leaving Mascot. We stayed in Noumea Thursday night, and early Friday morning left Tontouta airport (40 miles from Noumea), in a piston-engined D.C.4 belonging to the French airline. We flew direct to Santo, the large island in the Northern New Hebrides.

At the airport our luggage and passports were checked by the British police, and we immediately left the Customs building and loaded our luggage and ourselves into a waiting Dornier aircraft. It was quite a squeeze. Half an hour later we touched down on the small airstrip at South Pentecost—less than 24 hours. The trip from Santo usually takes 12 hours on a sea that is rarely calm, in a trading vessel that always leaves much to be desired in the way of comfort.

The building programme continues. We have erected a large building near the kitchen to accommodate everyone at meal times. With students, wives and children, we top the 60 mark, a sizable village by New Hebridean standards. Three new dormitories have been erected, and excavation carried out on land above our house, to provide a site for building of a schoolroom. Marcia is very busy teaching Donna correspondence lessons, and teaching the Oxford English graded lessons, which are standard for these islands, to the married students' children. All this is done on our front verandah, hence the need to have a special building.

Ranwash is a village on the other side of this island. It is in an isolated position, accessible only by an arduous walk of 4 hours. Recently all the students, with Marcia, Donna, Andrew, Timothy and self, walked to Ranwash and spent the weekend in the village. It was an

historic occasion, as we reopened an old path through the jungle direct from Banmatmat to meet up with the existing path in the middle of the island. We visited the heathen village, Bonlap, which is only half an hour's walk from Ranwash. Bong, the heathen chief, invited us back for a talk. This was a good indication of his friendliness. There were women and children everywhere in the village. They live in a primitive way. Bong stated that there were 170 people under his direct control. These people do not know Christ. Pray earnestly for them.

Lonboi is another village living in "darkness." It is situated on the side of a mountain, two to three hours' walk from Bonlap. The students are daily praying for these villages, and monthly visits are being made to make friends and to establish strong contact.

Last weekend one group of students went to Ranwash, and another to the villages of Rantin and Lonmoss, further north. It was a back-breaking climb over the mountain range to reach these small villages. The journey was, for the most part, in the clouds and pouring rain. After a time of fellowship and witness we returned down the side of one mountain, sliding from top to bottom through the thick mud, and back to Banmatmat in our small boat through a rough sea. Everyone was footsore and weary and glad to be home.

Study of the word this term has been a real blessing to all. In the N.T. we are studying Acts. We rejoice to see the students feasting on the Word. The Lord can work mightily when his Word is trusted. What great things could be accomplished for the Lord if more had the boldness of the early apostles (Acts 4: 13) and Christians, by their witness, were regarded as those who have been, and are continuing to be, with Jesus.

DECISIONS AT BALLADORAN

(N.S.W.). The members of the N.S.W. Aborigines Mission Committee rejoice with the folk at the Balladoran Mission and the church at Gilgandra in the evident blessing of God. Recently a fellowship meeting held at Balladoran was crowded and there were two decisions for Christ.

ANGLICANS AND DIVORCE

New Grounds for Divorce Proposed by Anglican Committee.

(London). The breakdown of a marriage — not a "matrimonial offence" — should be the sole grounds for divorce, according to a divorce law committee appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The report, prepared by leading members of the clergy and laity after two and a half years of study, noted that if their recommendations were adopted, adultery would no longer be sufficient grounds for divorce. The committee also said the divorce court should inquire into the condition or state of a marriage rather than decide the guilt or innocence of the principals.

The study stressed that "unless the marriage-breakdown principle completely replaces the present divorce law, it would be better to keep the law as it is, rather than to introduce the marriage-breakdown as an extra ground for divorce.

"Any attempt to combine the two doctrines into one divorce law would throw into relief the worst points of both."

The group pointed out that Christians must recognise that they are a minority in a pluralistic society, and that their belief in "the lifelong obligation of the marriage covenant" is a part of a faith the majority does not share.

The committee said that under England's present law, divorce becomes a reward for one partner and a penalty for the other. It said divorce should be recognised as "a defeat for both."—E.P.S.

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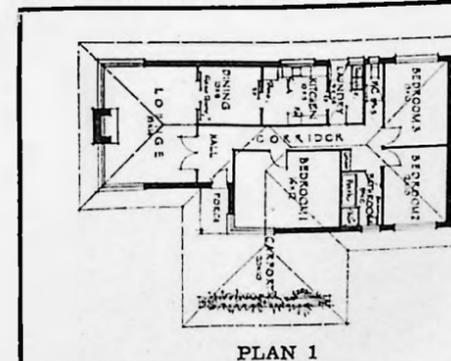
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