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ELECTION FEVER

Last week the U.S.A. had it, next week it will be our turn. The results in both countries will probably be about the same: the governing party to remain in power with a warning to watch out.

Although the party system reduces the emphasis upon the individuals contesting the seats, individuals cannot be disregarded. Personal and personality factors are likely to have a strong influence upon marginal seats, although it must be conceded that most electors do not see or hear their candidates. It is the party leaders' speaking image that comes through. Mr. Calwell, of course, will not suffer so much by comparison with Mr. Holt as he did when he shared our living rooms with Sir Robert Menzies, but Mr. Holt probably has the advantage of being younger.

All parties are offering bigger and better carrots than ever before. State aid to independent schools figured prominently in election promises, but this is not now so likely to draw electors across party barriers, since all parties are committed to give more and more State aid to church schools. The Labor Party changed its policy in this regard only three months ago but Mr. Calwell offered more than the Prime Minister. Of course, the party out of office always offers more. No matter how much a party may desire to shape its policies according to their merit in meeting the present and future needs of the whole nation, it is forced to yield to pressures to get votes by offering bribes. The politicians' low view of human nature has doubtless been justified by electoral experience.

Mr. Calwell, who has announced that he will retire from the leadership of the A.L.P. if his party does not win the election, is almost certainly going to the polls for the last time. But he is not acting like a tired old man. He is fighting fit and going strong.

His party sees the Vietnam conflict as the main issue, especially in relation to the conscription of twenty-year-olds. Unfortunately, there are too many other factors involved for this election to give any measure of the dissent from government policy on defence issues at home and abroad.

Mr. McEwen, the leader of the Country Party, is another who may be offering himself to the electors for the last time. As head of the minority party in the coalition, he has had no chance of reaching the highest office, but he has filled the second position with integrity and distinction. Mr. C. F. Adermann, Minister for Primary Industry, and a member of our church at Kingaroy in Qld., has also given splendid service to his country. It has been suggested that he also may retire at the close of the next Parliament.

The D.L.P., with no chance of becoming the responsible government, therefore engaged in the most irresponsible bribes for attention. It will, however, almost certainly continue to keep the Liberal-Country Party coalition in office for a further term.

The Liberal Reform Group is contesting some of the Liberal-held electorates. It is not given a chance of winning any seat, but in the event of a slide towards Labor, the L.R.G. could syphon away enough votes to upset a few Ministers.

There is a record number of electors and a record number of nominations. Some of the House of Representatives voting slips will cause a lot of confusion for interested but puzzled voters. There are nine candidates for Mitchell, N.S.W., eight for Nth. Sydney, N.S.W., seven for Lalor, Vic., and for A.C.T., and six for Bruce, Vic.

It is a good time to be reminded that, when we vote, we vote not only for a candidate and for ourselves. Our vote will also affect the little fellow on the floor of the polling booth on our front cover.

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FEDERAL CONFERENCE PULPIT

CHRIST, THE REDEEMER

BY GEORGE WOOD

The Christian church is constantly being reminded of what is called "a communication problem." The criticism is not only that the man who doesn't normally go to church cannot understand the terminology used by Christians, but that even when the terms are explained he considers the message to be irrelevant to his modern life. This problem arises immediately we announce our subject, "Christ, the Redeemer." What does the terminology mean? Granted that we are able to understand the meaning of the terms, is there a relevant message for the modern Australian? The terminology is explained by Paul, who says that redemption and the forgiveness of sins means the same thing. A clear and simple commentary is given by the writer of an old hymn:

He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by his precious blood.

The meaning of the words is clear to all, but some may feel that the message is sentimental, and has no part or relevance in our hard world; that this sort of theology is only touching the outer edges of human experience and not getting to the heart of the major problems in the world.

Redemption, forgiveness of sins, and the death of Christ on the cross, are all linked together in Scripture. What cost the blood of the Son of God must be a mighty desirable thing — and surely more than sentiment! The mission of Jesus Christ was to reconcile man to God by the forgiveness of man's sin, and in this way to pave the way for man to be reconciled to his neighbour.

He Redeems from Personal Sin

As there are today, so there were in his day, those who thought that the role of the Son of God should be different from that of a personal redeemer. The two disciples on the Emmaus road were sure that he ought to "redeem Israel." The Romans had invaded the land and had made the people little better than serfs who were called upon

This sermon was preached by Geo. Wood, of South Perth, W.A., at the Combined Witness Service at Federal Conference, Melb.

to pay dearly for the "protection" provided by the aggressor. Surely the Son of God, who came to "his own," would do something to throw off the Roman yoke and bring political and social freedom to an under-privileged people!

They were disappointed when Jesus didn't lead a revolution, or even head a protest march, and they considered that his life was a failure when it appeared to end in a shameful death. It was this same Jesus who, having burst out of the tomb, now reminded them of his mission as he expounded the message of the prophets concerning his suffering.

The great statement of Isaiah comes to mind immediately, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." This was his mission.

Others in his day saw him as a social reformer who would answer the cry of justice in a society where the processes of law proved to be inadequate. The man who asked the Lord to urge that justice be done for him found that the response from Jesus was a warning about the danger of personal sin in his own life! "Who made me a judge or a divider over you?" asked Jesus. The man had misunderstood the mission of the Redeemer. "Take heed and beware of covetousness" — this was the concern of Christ for this man. Is not his mission wider than this? What about the great issues of the world? Has Christ no answer to the world sin which causes hatred, war and starvation?

What of the World?

Helmut Thielicke said, "The gospel contains no prescription for a valid world order, but rather a medicine for hearts." Through the human heart the creation was corrupted, and therefore the cure must begin in human hearts. Jesus said, "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, thefts, lies, greedy desire for wealth, pride, foolishness . . ." So much of the suffering of the world stems from the evil that comes from within man himself, and until this is dealt with we are only putting potions on outward symptoms.

Many economists claim that the starvation in the world is more a problem of distribution than production. Civil and international wars have their roots in man's greed and lust for power and possessions. Racial conflict is caused by pride and hatred, and is fanned by foolishness. Broken homes, broken hearts, social upheaval amongst young people can be traced to a break-down in our moral structure. All these things, says Jesus, come from the heart of man, and unless there is a medicine for man's heart there is no hope for the future.

This medicine is the good news of the love of God expressed in the conflict of the cross, when the sinless Son of God became sin for us, that we might be redeemed, forgiven, saved from the sickness which would otherwise finally destroy us. Is God then not concerned with the world? Of course he is. His love is not only for the Christian, the moral person, the religious seeker — the love of God is for all men in every situation.

The medicine of God, however, is not sprinkled like magic powder over masses of people, it must be taken into the hearts of individuals by faith. We should not ignore "the world" of John 3: 16, nor should we forget the "whosoever" of the same passage. Some of the suffering and hardship of the people in Jericho was relieved when one greedy sinner was converted to Christ. God loves the world, and he deals with it through individuals whose lives are changed by the application of the medicine of the gospel.

The Way of the Redeemer

The process by which the medicine is applied varies in detail with each individual, but the broad principles remain constant. In human experience we often think that forgiveness is accomplished by glossing over sin. We try to forget the sin, or pretend that it never existed, or minimise its seriousness. In this way we may be able to forget, and for us forgiveness is bound up with forgetting. Not so with Jesus.

Sin is never treated as trivial, never brushed aside as unimportant. The woman in John's eighth chapter stood before Jesus, and her sin was known to all! The men who accused her be-

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A VISIT TO THE . . .

BOYS' HOME AND YOUNG MEN'S HOSTEL N.S.W.

BY JUNE MAXWELL

Will you come with me on a visit to "Dunmore House?" A stately home, built high on a hill over 100 years ago. Yes, it is a lovely place, strong and sturdy, which in itself is symbolic of the strength and security it offers to weak and insecure young lives for "Dunmore House," Pendle Hill, accommodates at the moment 22 boys aged 7-15 years, whose needs are many and varied.

We turn into the driveway, which we find lined on both sides with flowering shrubs, donated by the Sunday Schools of N.S.W. This not only beautifies the approach to the Home, but typifies the interest shown by all age groups of the brotherhood of the State.

As we continue up the winding driveway, around the circular rose garden and come to a halt at the front door, we see in the stained glass some words in Latin. Translated, they read: "Succour the Needy." For over 30 years "Dunmore House," its staff and committee has done just this.

I would like you to meet Arthur Dalton, Manager of "Dunmore" for almost 15 years. Here we have a Christian man of unusually high calibre — a father to scores of boys and loved by them all. One young man said recently, "Mr. Dalton has been to me the only Father I have really known. I learnt to love and respect him very greatly, mainly because of his fairness and his demands for discipline, and this very discipline has stood me in good stead to face life."

Mr. Dalton is off now to cut some of the grass — with about 20 acres this is a never-ending task; but he can turn his hand to anything — cutting grass, cutting the boys' hair, mending shoes or the hot-water service, cutting lunches, or serving 24 main meals — it's all in a day's work — a very hard day's work; but also a task of love!

Let us see if we can find Matron Wylliams — mother to our boys. She could be up in the sewing-room, with its dozens of shelves with every boys' clothing neatly marked and placed on its shelf with the boys' names above it, for Matron spends a good deal of her time here in order that our boys may go to school, Sunday School and church neatly dressed, and they are a credit to

Mrs. Maxwell is a member of Marrickville church, N.S.W., and Publicity Officer for the Boys' Home, Pendle Hill, N.S.W.

us soon to go to their parents. What a pity! They come from a family of 12 children, whose mother is mentally ill and has to have frequent treatment. The father has a back injury and is unable to work for any length of time. It is more than obvious that these parents are not capable of properly caring for the children, no matter how much they want to, and that these two would be better off by far in "Dunmore"; but, unfortunately, the law does not control such a situation and if the parents come to take them out of the Home, we are powerless to stop them, even though we know the outcome.

The boy coming toward us now will not hear when we speak to him — he is deaf. He lip-reads and hears very slightly with the help of a hearing-aid. His deafness has made him very backward with his schooling. He was doing very well while he was in a school for deaf children and receiving specialised training. Unfortunately his mother had to leave home because of the father's cruelty. She left the boy in the school, as a boarder, with the understanding that the father would take him to school on Monday mornings and home again on Friday nights. The distance between home and the school was 50 miles.

After a short time, father grew tired of this arrangement and finally kept the boy at home. The mother had done this travelling for six years, and when she found out that the boy was not receiving the special teaching she brought him to us; but too much time had lapsed, and it was too late to do very much to educate Chris.; however, he is happy and otherwise well. What a tragedy when a parent doesn't care!

Dean has never known a father — his mother was deserted before he was born, and he was brought up by his mother and grandmother. Because of this entirely feminine atmosphere, he got out of hand. Since he has been at "Dunmore" though, Dean has been a different boy and the day will come when he, too, will be glad of some discipline.

Some boys are in "Dunmore" because of broken homes; some are orphans, some because they are neglected; some because of illness of one or both parents. All are being cared for by loving Christians, dedicated to helping boys develop spiritually and physically.

You may wonder what will become of these boys when they leave school. If their parents are still unable to care for them they will go to the Young Men's Hostel. Would you like to visit this Hostel, which is an extension of the work at "Dunmore"? It is situated at Marrickville, close to one of our old established churches, and about five miles from the city. Here we accommodate 14 young men under the supervision of Mrs. Frost.

The first aim of the Hostel is to care for boys from "Dunmore" who are working or studying. Then there are always young men from country areas, or other States, who are working or training in Sydney and needing accommodation. Our Hostel is full with seven "OLD" "Dunmore" boys, and seven young men

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EIGHT DAYS . . . ON TOUR

No Federal Conference is complete without the fine fellowship before, during and after the actual Conference sessions. Many friendships have been deepened, views exchanged, impressions confirmed and plans made on organised tours, as well as in homes offering hospitality in churches visited.

Quite a proportion of those 260 who shared the magnificent ten-day rail tour to Cairns following "Brisbane '64" — with its memories of coral reefs and canefields — felt that this had set a standard very difficult to surpass or even to equal.

The Melbourne Arrangements Committee, however, believed that Victoria had something worthwhile to offer, and therefore, under the leadership of Alan Fergus (tours convener) arranged a series of day and half-day tours, together with an eight-day tour embracing many of Victoria's finest tourist areas. The prospect was so enticing that almost 100 — from every State, as well as New Zealand — shared the experience from October 20 to 27. Three coaches were needed, and to simplify accommodation problems, Nos. 1 and 2 travelled clockwise (via Western District) and the third anti-clockwise (via Gippsland).

In the former case, the first day brought the magnificence of the Ocean Road and Otway Forest areas, both at their best; the second, the mountain grandeur, wildflowers and waterfalls of The Grampians. On the third, none noted without amazement and delight, the startling change from wheatfields and broad open pastures to the intensely rich fruit-producing irrigation lands of Sunraysia.

Day four, temporarily overstepping the Murray into New South Wales, and very

largely in river-lands, finished at Swan Hill. The next day was a very long one, with plenty of variety, through Echuca, Shepparton and Wangaratta to the mountain village of Bright. Here two nights were spent, the intervening day being crammed with interest — winding mountain roads, Mount Buffalo, Bogong Village, Mount Beauty, and the snows of Falls Creek Ski Village. Day seven was "over the top" at the snow patches (and snow-fights) of Hotham Heights, with steep down grades, rich valleys and old mining centres through Omeo to Lakes Entrance. Following an evening launch on Gippsland Lakes, the eighth and final day brought many views of the Lakes, then the hills of South Gippsland and the long run "home" to the starting point at the Exhibition Building.

Churches en route provided generous hospitality at the meal table and enjoyed the experience — the tourists left no doubt that they did! There were at all points happy reunions between travellers and former ministers or old friends. One greeting referring to a "restful" tour was kindly and well intentioned — but grossly uninformed! Meals were superior, and churches of Geelong and district, Portland, Hamilton, Horsham, Warracknabeal, Mildura (and district homes), Swan Hill, Robinvale, Echuca, Shepparton, Wangaratta and Warragul, shared in this splendid co-operation.

Swan Hill, in ministering to all three coachloads converging from morning services at Mildura and Shepparton on Oct. 23, and Shepparton itself, following the big gatherings in connection with the opening of new buildings, had both undertaken heavy tasks and acquitted themselves magnificently. At least four

churches organised short but informative tours of their own local areas.

Interstate participants were amazed that such a comprehensive and varied tour was available in the smallest mainland State. Travellers might well have felt that "England's green and pleasant land" could do no better than the Victoria of October 1966 which they saw, and that the psalmist's "green pastures" were never so green as the hundreds of miles of highland, valley and plain they passed through. Many had their first impression of the meaning of "as white as snow."

Once again, all could have emphasised "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren" (and sisters — for these were more numerous) "to dwell together in unity." This was particularly demonstrated when some of the minor problems inseparable from sending 100 people 1,660 miles were solved with grace and Christian generosity.—F.J.F.

BOYS' HOME AND YOUNG MEN'S HOSTEL IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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from country areas and interstate. All 14 are strong, healthy Christian young men, taking their place in the work of the church.

Mrs. Frost is doing a wonderful work as Supervisor at the Hostel. It is not easy caring for 14 young men. Her main task is keeping the home clean and tidy and cooking for these 14 every day. We will probably find her now peeling some 35 potatoes and three pounds of beans, or preparing the 28 chops or six pounds of sausages for dinner. It is quite an education to go to the warehouse with Mrs. Frost and see the huge quantities of food purchased for consumption by these healthy, hungry young men.

What a joy, though, to see these happy, healthy boys and young men growing into normal manhood. How true that it is better to make a man than mend a man!

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Christmas Cheer

Churches are reminded of the Annual Christmas Cheer Appeal. The Social Service Dept. will again require food, cakes, small toys and other gifts suitable to give to families and aged people who are in necessitous circumstances. Christmas stockings are being packed by a number of women's groups and are ready for distribution. Food parcels will be packed by the women's Social Service Committee, and these, with toys and stockings, etc., will be available after the first week in December.

To be assured of an adequate number of parcels, stockings, etc., ministers or church secretaries should order immediately, giving number required, and age

of children in each family. Christmas Cheer is provided for families where the father is unemployed, sick, in prison, has deserted, or is deceased — and also for the aged, sick and needy folk.

"We make our own Christmas happy by giving such happiness to others." We would also ask you to remember the Annual Christmas Bowl Appeal, and in the Remembrance Bowl placed on your Christmas dinner table, place the price of your Christmas dinner, so that some refugee family overseas will know a little of the comfort and joy we enjoy in our own homes.

Christmas time is giving time — give that others might live!

LOSS OF MRS. FAX

(Albert Park, S.A.). The church was saddened with the sudden death of Mrs. E. Fax, in whose home the church at Albert Park was first constituted 13 years ago. Her presence and her energetic willingness to serve her Lord will be greatly missed. . . . A family tea was held, at which delegates to our State Conf. gave informal reports. K. D. Horne also outlined what a Church Life Conference could mean. . . . A newsletter is being published bi-monthly and being distributed personally to the parents of children attending S.S. The main purpose is to inform parents of church activities. . . . Payment has been completed on the sports court, after a period of eight years, in which \$1600 has been raised. . . . Two senior and three junior tennis teams have been entered in the Churches of Christ Tennis Assoc. . . . The Girls' Brigade held their annual display, which included the precision marching for which they received high praise during competitions for the Davies Shield. . . . 30 Endeavourers enjoyed a recent Sunday barbecue luncheon.

COUNSELLING CENTRE OPENS

(Unley, S.A.). The church has opened a Counselling Centre, staffed one day each week by a receptionist and the minister, with counselling at other times by appointment. A series of articles on "The Art of Living" is being printed in the local weekly paper and arousing considerable interest in the district. . . . 84th church anniversary was celebrated on Oct. 30. A. M. Norris, B.A., minister at Windsor Gardens, and son of H. G. Norris, a past preacher at Unley, addressed the morning service. Three teenage girls were baptized in the evening.

TEMPLE DAY

(Berri, S.A.). Temple Day offering was \$91. . . . On Oct 16, a High School student accepted Christ. . . . Service for Oct. 30 was taped for broadcast. . . . The church was closed at night to allow members to attend Winkie S.S. anniversary. . . . Ladies of the church have had the floor of the church kitchen tiled. . . . Mr. Greenwood brought back a tape of Fed. Conf. messages for use in auxiliaries.

FOR INDIA

(Barmera, S.A.). Church raised \$68 for Wheat for India. . . . K. D. Horne, Youth Director, and Miss Dawn Chivell, conducted three sessions of a Teacher Training course over a period of three months. . . . Successful S.S. anniversary held, Oct. 23. R. Weeks, of Children's Mission, was guest speaker. On 30th, at 11 a.m., teacher dedication service was held. Teachers sat with classes, parents and friends were present, and the minister, T. Lawrie, gave an illustrated talk especially for the children. Mrs. Lawrie has been the leader of Cadets this term.

BRIDAL PARADE

(Kensington Park, S.A.). C.W.F. had a bridal parade and morning tea to augment their funds. 17 bridal gowns from 100 years ago to present day were worn. They also had a visit and programme from Aborigines Com. . . . A social afternoon was held for elderly folk in the district. Items were rendered by members of T.P.I. Choir, community singing compered by R. Clymer, and travel slides shown by W. Crowhurst. . . . Girls' and boys' basketball clubs completed the season with a dinner and social evening. . . . Recent speakers have been Mr. Clark, B. and F. B. S., S. Gower, Y.M.C.A., I. Hull, Koongarra Park, and G. Braddock at youth service.

GARDEN PARTY

(Bordertown, S.A.). The Women's Fellowship held a garden party on the church lawns. There were stalls and a rose and flowers show. Devonshire afternoon tea was served at small tables on the lawn. \$185 was received for College of the Bible amenities. . . . The church offers sympathy to Mrs. Chris. Mathers in the loss of her husband, Vic. His popularity was shown in the large crowd that packed the building to capacity for the funeral service. Sympathy is also extended to Mrs. Mavis Faul and family in death of their husband and father, George Faul. There was special sadness in that he was buried on the day that his daughter, Lynette, was to have been

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NEW SOUTH WALES

FEDERAL PRESIDENT

In many places in our N.S.W. brotherhood, members of churches and well-wishers have offered congratulations to Principal A. W. Stephenson, M.A., as he assumes the office of President of the Fed. Conf. of Churches of Christ for the next two years. Teaching staff and student body at Woolwich College joined with others in wishing the Principal every blessing of God in the task to which he has been called, as all Australia looks toward the next Federal Conference, Sydney, 1968.

MISSIONARY RALLY

(Hamilton, N.S.W.). A missionary rally on Oct. 6 was addressed by Miss Hazel Skuce, on furlough from India. . . . N. Berlin, of Jewish Evang. Miss., spoke on Oct. 9. . . . Guest speakers at the S.S. anniversary services were D. Holloway, of Georgetown, and Mr. Merrilees. . . . A most successful Spring Fair was conducted by the C.W.F. on Oct. 22. The official opening was performed by Mrs. A. Menson.

N.S.W. PRAYER LIST

"Pray without ceasing" was the insistent challenge of Paul, and we would invite you to share with us in these vital matters that concern our churches, our people and our vision of what we may all be used in doing for Christ throughout our States and Australia-wide by the power of his Spirit. Please pray for—

1. All those who have returned from Fed. Conf. — as they renew their activities in their local churches.
2. N.S.W. Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism — in its specific effort in organising the Men's Camps — at "Namaroo," Lane Cove — and at Newcastle.

3. Woolwich Bible College — especially the Graduation Service on Nov. 18 — and the young men and women who go out to their full-time ministries.

4. The N.S.W. Social Service Department's Aged Folks' Homes — at Pendle Hill, Bingley Hall, Croydon and Thirroul — that the influence of Christ may be felt and known.

5. That fellow-Christians in every State will join us in prayer for all our Overseas missionaries, serving in India, New Guinea, and the New Hebrides.

N.S.W. BROADCAST TRAINING

The Broadcasting Committee of the N.S.W. Council of Churches has recently made an approach to all of the theological colleges of its constituent communions to consider the possibility of making special provision in the curricula for courses of training in Broadcasting Techniques.

The Council is concerned to encourage this move on as wide a scale as possible, having in view the increasing influence of Television and Radio on the community, and also the tremendous opportunities opening up for the effective presentation of the Christian message by adequately trained and sympathetic people.

It was further pointed out in the meeting of the Council, and also in the literature subsequently distributed, that our own Woolwich Bible College, through the splendid help and co-operation of Rev. Vernon Turner, and the Christian Broadcasting Assoc. of Sydney, has been one of the theological colleges that has pioneered in this vital field of Training in Broadcasting.

YOUTH "FIELD DAY"

(N.S.W.). Many teams representing metropolitan churches shared in this interesting and colorful day at St. Luke's Park, Concord. Competition was keen in both individual and team events, and the chief point-scorers in track and field were: Granville, 139½; Doonside, 114; Telopea, 82½; Wollongong, 78. Miss Jennifer Beaumont, of Burwood, gained the highest individual score, J. Watts, of Doonside, being second.

CHRISTIAN UNITY IN N.S.W.

The C.U. Committee held its October meeting at the home of the secretary, C. E. Bowser, when reports of Fed. Conf., Melb., which related to matters of Unity were discussed. Members who attended the C.U. Sectional Conference reported on the growth of understanding between the various State C.U. Committees.

Gratification was expressed at the splendid response by the churches to the publication, "Finding Purpose Today." In addition to increasing sales of the booklet among N.S.W. churches, further demands for supplies have come from every State in the Commonwealth.

Plans were considered for future action regarding the Educational Programme among our churches in the specific witness of our Movement, and a sub-committee was formed to prepare outlines for a series of programmes representative of the doctrinal position of Churches of Christ which would be suitable for radio broadcasting.

MEN'S WORK

(N.S.W.). The N.S.W. Dept. of Men's Work, in addition to promoting other avenues of fellowship for the men of the churches, endeavours to foster a very popular Bowls Competition. In the current competition, which has reached an interesting stage, three teams, Belmore "B," Beverly Hills "A," and Beverly Hills "C," with 10 points each, are all level at the top of the table.

HAPPY HOURS

(Wagga Wagga, N.S.W.). Minister conducted one week of "Happy Hours" meetings for children at Koorngal, when 10 returned to indicate decision for Christ. . . . Annual business meeting elected A. Powell and W. J. Casperson, elders; and F. Butler, H. Renison, W. Snowden, J. Rhodes, N. Mowsar, J. Poole, J. Morrison and C. Willis as deacons. . . . E.W.F. invited ladies of other Wagga churches to meeting to hear Mrs. Clarnette, of Wycheproof, Vic., Methodist circuit. . . . Visit by Conf. Pres. C. Cole, and E. Hart, was appreciated.

SERIOUS OPERATION

(Kingsford, N.S.W.). The church is offering prayers on behalf of Miss Nell Thistlethwaite, Kindergarten Supt., who has undergone a serious operation. . . . At S.S. anniversary, Laurie Larcombe was guest speaker at Kinder prizegiving and two excellent films were shown at the Upper School prizegiving night, at conclusion of which one young scholar made her decision. . . . Principal A. W. Stephenson, Fed. Conf. Pres., spoke on Nov. 13.

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CONFERENCES AND CAMPS

Recently we had an inter-island Conference of our churches. This is the first to be held since I've been here, but they are going to be held annually from now on. It is planned that eventually this Conference will become the same as the Conferences in Australia, with the people taking over the running of the church here.

It was a busy time, with meetings morning, afternoon and night for four

By KAY WILLIAMS, New Hebrides.

days. The people joined together and discussed such things as "What Is Wrong With Our Churches?" and "What Can We Do to Fix These Things?"

As well as this, the people of our three islands have decided to send a teacher and a pastor as missionaries to New Guinea. This is a great step forward, and we're hoping that the two men will be able to leave early in the New Year.

There is much to be done yet, though. The people are aiming at raising \$2000 to send the two men for one year. They hope that they will be able to meet all the costs and wages themselves. We ask that you will pray for them and this venture.

Towards the end of last term, a flu epidemic began, and for a fortnight we had between 70 and 90 children away from school each day. With the holidays over, most of the children seem to be back, but there is still a bit of flu about. Fortunately most of the missionaries missed it.

Not long ago the men called me over to their meeting. They presented me with \$1000 for the school. We praise the Lord that the people are so willing to give in this way, as money is not very easy to obtain here. The people want to see their children receiving a good education, and are ready to help in any way they can.

The term holidays were well filled for me. We had a Girls' Brigade camp for the first week. This was attended by Presbyterian girls from the islands of Malekula and Lamena, and Churches of Christ girls from our schools

at Ranwadi, Pentecost, and from here. The camp was held at Londua, and we used the boy's dormitory there while the boys were on holidays. About 60 girls attended the camp, some of the nurses only being able to attend when they were off duty from the hospital. All enjoyed themselves and learnt much more about Brigade, as well as about Jesus Christ. We had daily Bible studies and devotional times. At the final service two girls re-dedicated their lives to Christ. For this, and the unseen work of the Spirit, we praise God.

In the second week of our holidays I set off, with Marjory Barton, a Sister

with us for six months, on a medical patrol to Longana and Lombaha, at the other end of the island. I have been to these places twice before, and it was lovely to see the familiar faces of the people. The flu epidemic was raging in these places, too, and we quickly sold all the cough medicine that we had taken with us.

As we walked across the island I rejoiced in the fact that we were walking on firm ground. The other times I have been there have been in the Christmas holidays, the middle of the wet season, and at such times the path is a long mud scramble, with mud ankle-deep in places. The scenery in those parts is beautiful, not that you can see much through the dense bush, but the bush itself has so many flowers and ferns in it that their beauty is a constant reminder of the greatness and love of our Lord.

COMMENCEMENT OF TREATMENTS AT BUNAPAS

I've never seen Sister Hunting so excited as she was Saturday morning. Just as proud as anyone with a new car, she was really thrilled with the job done by John Bolton and all the workmen, and all those who have come and gone in the building programme. The out-patients, dispensary, and sterilizing room are all completed, and the X-ray room and doctor boy's lecture room are fitted out as wards.

There were about 140 people there for the commencement. They came from quite a different number of villages. The service consisted of hymns and prayers, with speeches emphasising that this was a commencement for treatments only, with special urgings to folk to come for treatment and to make the road passable. (The road goes about 10 miles inland at present, connecting four villages with the hospital site. The road will be right through this dry season, in the sense that it will be possible to drive from Bunapas through to Bogia when weather conditions suit. The road continues to be very much a dry weather one, as some stretches have grades that are just about one in one and a half, and these are impassable after rain. We had some rain yesterday and last night, and a man who needs attention, who lives at Tung, was not able to be helped with the Land-rover because the roads were closed because of the rain.)

The people here, when having a "sing-sing," have a small preliminary "number one sing-sing" first, and then the next day, or later, have the big "number two sing-sing." So we draw the parallel with this to the opening and this commencement. The folk all are

BY REX CHAMBERLAIN,
Field Chairman, New Guinea.

looking forward to the big opening, when they will really put on a big feast (or I'm wondering whether they think we will put it on!).

After the service all the folk inspected the new buildings and the sections that are finished, clicking their tongues with approval as they went. Especially the beds, they were thought to be "number one" (very good). The work boys would like to shift up into them.

Then began the first treatments in the new facilities. Sister Hunting sat down at a desk, inspecting the sores as they came through, noting down details of the patient and directing the doctor boys in treatments necessary. The only lack of the day was that no one had to be admitted.

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WOMEN OF THE WEST

Mrs. C. B. Reid, Pres., welcomed 94 ladies and 10 visitors to the Nov. Auxiliary meeting. Special welcome was extended to Mrs. G. A. Ewers and Mrs. Roy Thompson, recently returned from overseas tours, and Mrs. James Gordon, after extended visit to Tasmania.

Morning meditation soloist was Mrs. Ruth Johnston. The leader was Past-Pres., Mrs. Jessie Bridge. The theme, "Walking in the Path of God's Guidance," was developed from Psalm 23.

Financial Statement showed balance in hand, \$1,780.87; Budget, \$968.95.

Mrs. Ladner, Overseas Supt., encouraged ladies to purchase the latest Missionaries' Portrait Sheets — one for every church notice board; cost 50 cents. 60 attended the welcome morning tea for Mr. and Mrs. R. Veal, Miss D. Geyer and Miss Inez Groves, when they passed through Fremantle en route to the Eastern States from our Indian Mission Field.

Guest speaker was Mrs. Brian Stitt, of Bridgetown. Her practical helps of approach, presentation and publicity for "Personal Evangelism" were greatly appreciated.

Prayer and Praise Points:

For the young Aboriginal students from our Missions making final preparation for the Junior Examination.

For the staff of our Aborigine Mission Stations in their personal lives and in corporate living.

TASMANIA C.W.F.

Fifty ladies from Margaret-st., Sandhill, Invermay, Devonport and Caveside met at Caveside on Nov. 3, for what has unofficially become the C.W.F. North-corn Conf.

Caveside ladies served the travellers with morning tea before the first session, which was led by Mrs. J. Harrison, and included the W.C.W.F. birthday programme and film strip, together with World Convention slides.

Following lunch in the School Hall, the afternoon session was presided over by Mrs. C. J. Robinson, and began with the devotional conducted by Mrs. E. V. Lawton at an afternoon session of the recent Fed. Conf. The tape-recording was particularly clear, and greatly appreciated by everyone. Those who had attended Fed. Conf. had much to say about their experiences there, while several others spoke of the Women's Camp held at Kelso last month.

The necessity of rapidly developing our own camp site at Bicheno was stressed, in view of the amount paid out in rental of other camp sites for our purposes. It is hoped the women will take an active part next year in providing furnishings for our buildings.

In moving a vote of thanks to the Caveside ladies for their wonderful hospitality (not to mention the luscious afternoon tea!), Mrs. S. C. Robertson also thanked Mrs. Robinson, who was the instigator, five years ago, of this annual function.

The President of Caveside C.W.F. Mrs. Byard, thanked the visitors for the sessions.—P. Harrison.

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For the new disciples in New Guinea.

For the health of Mrs. May Michael and Mrs. Isaac.

For the development plans for the work at Albany.

For the girls from "Karingal" who have recently claimed Christ as Saviour. Reminders for December meeting:

Christmas Cheer for New Hebrides, Social Welfare, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Wooroloo, and Aborigine Missions.

Blessing Bag offerings will be received.

Fellowship was enjoyed around the lunch table when Fed. Conf. impressions were given. Mrs. G. A. Ewers brought greetings from many overseas friends, including Shantabai Choudri. Offering was received for the Budget. Mrs. Ruth Johnstone sang the Fed. Conf. theme song, "Our Redeeming Lord."—Dora Gordon, Sec.

S.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Mrs. Lawton presided over the November meeting on the 3rd, with 173 present, including 131 delegates.

Before Mrs. O. Wright brought the Obituary report, and Mrs. Greenhalgh, the prayer, special mention was made of the passing of Mrs. Mau, and her work as a member of the Hospital Committee, and also the sadness to Alan and Margaret Fletcher in the loss of their baby.

Interested Fellowship groups have submitted constructive ideas for improving our Conference meetings, and these, along with other ideas, will be considered at a special Executive meeting on Nov. 29.

With the apt title, "The Finest Things in Life Are Free," and N.T. selections under the heading of "Christian Service," Mrs. Wharton led the devotions that opened the Social Service Rally. She was assisted by Mrs. Cunningham, who sang two solos. Albert R. Jones spoke on his work as Prison Chaplain, particularly touching on the rehabilitation of discharged prisoners.

Mrs. Lawton's closing thought, prior to the benediction, coincided with a portion of the Bible readings used in devotions, and was a fitting close to the rally. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me."—Alma Eagles, Asst. Sec.

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OLD. HALF-YEARLY CONFERENCE

(Bundaberg, Qld.). The Conference theme was "The Power of God," using Rom. 1: 16 as the basis. Speakers were Mr. Vanham, who was minister of the church until last weekend, brought the devotions. Ron Sansome, Rockhampton, Rex Ellis, Kenmore College, Allan Male, D.C.E., all referred to the Power of God in the Life of Paul, and the practical implications of his words for life today. Conf. Pres., Keith Burkhead, chaired the meetings. As Mr. and Mrs. Vanham move to another ministry at Hervey Bay, near Maryborough, the opportunity was taken by Keith Burkhead to pay tribute to Mr. Vanham's work

and witness for the brotherhood over many years.

Well said at Bundaberg:—

"Would you have chosen an 80-year-old self-exiled man, smelling of his contact with his father-in-law's sheep on the plains of Midian, to be your Public Relations Officer to negotiate with Pharaoh? Of course you would not have — but God did!"

"Sometimes the cause for reaping can be seen as far back as 10 years before — in friendly contacts made."

"The gospel is needed by all, intended for all, and must be carried by all."

CLAYTON MINISTRY

(Vic.). The church announces that Roy Roberts, who has been for some years in the work of the World-wide Evangelization Crusade, has accepted the invitation of the church to be its minister. Mr. Roberts was at the College of the Bible from 1945 to '49, and after ministries shifted to Perth, where he has been now for some time. He will succeed J. L. Reid.

MINISTER FOR NORLANE

(Vic.). The Norlane church and the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism, announce that M. J. Drake will commence a ministry early in 1967.

ROMA'S NEW MINISTER

(Qld.). The 78th anniversary of the church coincided with the induction of the new minister, D. H. Paddon, his wife and family, Ruth and Paul. The anniversary and welcome tea was held in the Youth Hall, after which the induction service was conducted by David Schofield, minister at Chinchilla-Hopelands churches, who was the guest speaker for the weekend. A S.S. concert was conducted on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Paddon spoke at gospel service, Sunday night, to conclude a rich weekend in the life of the church. Two electric fans have been installed in the church. Seven young people are going to Perth for National Youth Convention.

MINISTRY COMMENCES

(Reservoir, Vic.). A. W. C. Candy was inducted in morning worship on Nov. 6, W. W. Saunders officiating. An auxiliary tea was held at 5.15 p.m., when Mr. and Mrs. Candy and family were introduced to leaders and friends. Evening worship followed, with young people taking part and Mr. Candy giving his first address. An informal social evening was held on Nov. 4 to enable Mr. and Mrs. Candy to meet church members. Recent services prior to welcoming new minister were taken by W. Hart, West Preston, and Miss Bowden, Ramabai Mukti Mission, India . . . Prayer fellowship group have sent a gift to Reg. Combridge, in New Hebrides, for mission equipment.

NATIONAL DIARY

NOVEMBER:

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
25—Aborigines' Christmas Tree and presentation of the 1966 Youth Project money.

NEW SOUTH WALES
18—Woolwich College Graduation Service — Enmore Tabernacle.
26—N.S.W. Youth Conference "Outing."

QUEENSLAND
20—Decency Sunday.

VICTORIA
Throughout this month Good Companions conduct thanksgiving parties.
26—Eastern Suburban Dist. Conf. — Quarterly Meeting and Ladies' Temple Day.
27—Annual Offering — Department of Home Missions and Evangelism.
27—Home Mission Offering.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA
27—C. E. Curtis completes 11 years at Glenelg Home Mission Offering.

AFTERNOON BIRTHDAY

(Murray Bridge, S.A.). Women's Afternoon Group 52nd birthday, on Nov. 9, welcomed a group of ladies from Adelaide, who took part in the afternoon's entertainment, to a capacity attendance. Mrs. G. Bywaters chaired the meeting. Mrs. K. Pitt led in the devotions around the theme, "Flight 1-9-6-7." Mrs. S. Cawte, Mayoress of Murray Bridge, cut the beautifully iced cake. The special trading table realised \$140 . . . W.G. Carpenter told of his overseas tour to the Men's Fellowship on Oct. 11 . . . "Treasures and Music" was the theme of the W.E.F. on Oct. 26. Community singing, talks on treasured objects, were fittingly climaxed by a devotional talk from Mrs. M. Thompson, and a duet by Mrs. R. Watts and Mrs. I. Roberts. . . . C.Y.F. film rally, on Oct. 21, was attended by 50 Y.P. and their leaders from the Salvation Army, Strathalbyn and Milang C.E. Societies and local C.Y.F. group. A Billy Graham film, "World's Fair Encounter," was shown. The C.Y.F. held a "hot dog evening" in the manse, on Oct. 28, with a series of games, items and stunts, followed by a hot dog supper . . . Prayer meetings are now held in various members' homes. . . . The W.C.T.U., Murray Bridge, sponsored a film evening and fruit drink demonstration.

CHATSWOOD KNOCKS

(N.S.W.). Men of the church participated in Refugee Doorknock Appeal on Nov. 6, acting as collectors in Chatswood area . . . Well earned congratulations to Vicki Ireland on gaining Dux of School prize at recent B.S. anniversary. . . . Men's golf day proved a most enjoyable experiment in fellowship. Board chairman, B. Perkins, was best all-round player for the day . . . Church delighted that three members have been appointed to office in Fed. Conf. over next two years. Mesdames Bloore and Dickson, C.W.F. President and Vice-President respectively, and Neil McCann is Secretary Fed. Arrangements Comm. . . . Frank Woodward showed slides and told of his travels in Europe to an interested audience at Men's Soc. tea . . . Several C.W.F. women shared the fellowship of Inter-Church Community Day, which was held at Lindfield.

FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP MISSION

(York-st., Ballarat, Vic.). Adventures in Faith and Friendship Mission had Brian White, of Norlane, Vic., as missionary. Fellowship hour followed final service when the church thanked Mr. White for his faithful ministry . . . Ladies of the Guild held their special day for the year when Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Ferguson, Melb., were guests for the day, and showed slides of the work of our different committees. 16 ladies attended a luncheon in their honour, and we had as our special guest, Mrs. Ray Veal, home from India . . . Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Sherriff and family in the sudden loss of their husband and father. The esteem in which our late brother was held was shown by a packed congregation when a memorial service was held on Oct. 31.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .

PRECIOUS SOULS

To the Editor,

Connie was farewelled by our church the other night. She's going as a missionary to the islands. She made a neat little speech asking us to pray for her as she went out to save precious souls. I was very moved, and I am sure we will pray for her and the precious souls in the islands.

But I couldn't help thinking that I hope that she likes the precious souls out there better than she liked the precious souls in her own home church. She held herself aloof from all but a small group of like-minded people. She avoided some people because they were "worldly". She criticised the young people because they were not consecrated. Maybe they are only precious souls when they are on the mission field.

She made a good little speech, though; only I wish she wouldn't call the island people heathen.

Mr. Editor, you are a precious soul, even if some people don't like you.

TERTIUS.

MINISTRY EXTENDED

(Liverpool West, N.S.W.). Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Norling have accepted further term of ministry. Their devoted service is appreciated . . . The Hiron family have been received into fellowship on transfer from Narraweena . . . Members are being encouraged to engage in family worship at home each day. The Women's Fellowship held sale of work at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reid on Nov. 12 . . . The men of the church, led by W. Carlyon, have erected large garage beside the manse. This will be utilised on Sunday mornings for S.S. use.

EVANGELISM ON TAPE

(Melb.). Two public meetings were held in the Swanston St. Church of Christ to "Look at Evangelism." Addresses were given by Principal E. L. Williams, Dr. L. E. Jones, K. J. Clinton, G. H. Gilmour, Dr. K. R. Bowes and A. E. White.

Tape recordings were made of the addresses, and the tapes are available for use in churches. Enquiries should be made to the Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melb. That Department sponsored the meetings in conjunction with the College of the Bible and Dept. of Christian Educ.

SEWING ACTIVITY

(Bruce Rock, W.A.). During this year, since the formation of our Dorcas afternoon, C.W.F. have made numerous articles for missions. 30 pairs of pants (boys), 14 girls' skirts were sent to New Guinea to our living link, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher. Patchwork quilts have been made for missions, a native girl at Carnarvon has been almost fitted for a full wardrobe . . . As the church has not an organ, we have started a fund for this object . . . Some members attended Mukinbudin for the 5th Sunday.

SUPT. IN ACCIDENT

(Chadstone, Vic.). B.S. anniversary services featured a pageant, supported by background singing. Another excellent performance . . . Kinder anniversary postponed, due to superintendent's accident . . . Mrs. Horner is recovering. Mrs. Millen is to lead the kinder till the end of the year . . . Minister's brother-in-law, Neville Cooper, from the Voice of Deliverance Mission, spoke at recent morning service . . . Hariba Waghmode spoke at informal afternoon gathering on Oct. 30 . . . Women's group shared in morning coffee hour as a climax to visitation . . . Evening Women's Group celebrated birthday, Oct. 31.

TWO DECISIONS

(Fremantle, W.A.). On Nov. 6, two decisions for Christ climaxed the church's 74th anniversary services. George Smith was the guest speaker, and Mrs. Coombe, soloist. The choir and the Male Quartette also assisted. Mr. Smith's messages emphasised the need to progress in love, faith and obedience to Christ as the Redeeming, Risen and Reigning Lord. A musical hour P.S.A. was presented by the Floreat S.A. Songsters and Brass Ensemble, and other visiting artists . . . Combined B.S. attendance reached record of 285. Staff was particularly encouraged by growth in the Hilton section — from 50 to 121 in the eight months of its existence. On Oct. 29, the B.S., with parents and friends, had picnic at the Zoo.

YOUTH RALLY AT GYMPIE

(Qld.). The Dept. of Christian Educ. sponsored a rally at Gympie. 33 guests from Maryborough, Ann-st., Hawthorne, Rosewood and Albion represented other churches. A Bible quiz was conducted by Louis van Laar, student minister at Hawthorne; the Rosewood group brought several musical items, and Jenny James, of Albion, was the feature soloist. One young man made his decision for Christ at the conclusion of an address by the Director. On the Sunday, A. C. Male took the services at Monkland and Gympie. At Nambour, a fellowship tea was arranged and 36 young people were present. After the service a coffee hour was held, and Salvation Army and Baptist young people attended. Musical items and the preaching was conducted by the visitors. Dennis Usher is student minister of the Nambour church, which is establishing itself very well under his leadership.

FORCED TO OPEN AIR

(Copping - Highcroft - Nubeena, Tas.). The Southern Districts Convention was held at Highcroft on Nov. 5 and 6. The help of Nubeena church was much appreciated. There were visitors from Ulverstone, Launceston, Dover, Hobart, Copping. 140 attended the communion service, with about 100 breaking bread. This service, and the Sunday afternoon service were held in the open air because the chapel could not accommodate all who came. The State Pres. of C.W.F.,

HELP FOR VIETNAM

(Mackay, Qld.). The C.W.F. recently conducted a successful afternoon tea, to raise funds for the supply of a Mid-wifery Kit for Vietnam . . . A recent speaker at the Youth Fellowship was S. P. Walker, the Nth. Qld. representative of the B. and F. B. S. He told how the reading of the Scriptures had led a young Buddhist student in Townsville to commit herself to Christ. Christmas cards to the value of \$13 have been bought from the Bible Soc. by Mackay members . . . Proceeds of concert and film night on Nov. 26 will go towards Youth Centre on Magnetic Island.

QUEENSLAND DECENT-READING SUNDAY, NOV. 20

Representatives of all denominations, Roman Catholic, Anglican and Protestant, have agreed to make Nov. 20 the Sunday on which special attention will be drawn to the need for morality and decency in Literature, Advertisement, Stage, Film and Television productions. Under the President, Dr. Clive Uhr, C.B.E., the League is requesting support through membership on Individual, Denominational, Junior or Family subscriptions. Churches of Christ in Qld. are urged to support this move by contacting the Dept. of Christian Educ. Letters setting out this League's objects and application for membership have been sent to each Church of Christ minister. The Ecumenical aspect of this project is heart-warming — all congregations referring to a common theme on a single Sunday — an experience of real significance. The Hebrew congregation will emphasise this theme on Sat. 19th.

Mrs. A. W. Gilbertson, was speaker at the ladies' meeting. One was heard to say afterwards, "It was worth it all just for the ladies' meeting." Convention speakers were L. G. Cooke, minister of Collins-st., Hobart, R. Boxhall, C. Neville and L. Moore, all of Collins-st. church. Devotional times were led by K. Mundy, Dover, N. Jacobsen, Copping, and L. Mundy, Nubeena . . . Maston Bell, of Perth, W.A., spoke on Aborigines Missions work and showed slides to a combined meeting at Nubeena on Oct. 21, and at Copping on 24th.



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WHO CARES ABOUT CONSERVATION?

BY ALLAN A. AVERY

What would you do with fifty-two new members?

I have just been handed a list of fifty-two names of people who made response in a Programme of Evangelism at the Mitcham church, Vic.

Many of these came for primary commitment to Christ, some to reaffirm their faith in Christ, while others (19) have accepted transfer into the church. But in every case each person must be helped by the church to find their feet in the faith and in their new surroundings, and at the same time be trained for effective Christian witness in the world.

Conservation Chairman

In planning this Programme of Evangelism some months ago with the church, those on the committee saw the wisdom in appointing a conservation chairman. Little did he, or they, realise the immensity of the task. Seeing that the present membership of the church is only 118, here is a group of people which numbers almost half the size of the present congregation, added overnight.

The result is very thrilling to me as the Director of the Programme, and also to those who worked so hard during the programme, but it carries with it an enormous responsibility.

Losses and Gains

We are all conscious of the fact that as a State brotherhood we are receiving into our membership about 500 to 600 persons each year, but at the same time we are losing the same number each year. If we retained only half the number we are receiving into our membership, we would undoubtedly be the fastest growing religious movement in Australia, but such is not the case.

It has been suggested that "it would be a good thing if we went straight to heaven as soon as we were saved." In one way this would be alright, but, of course, in another way it would rob us of the opportunity of living for Christ in these challenging days.

Before the programme closed I outlined some practical suggestions as to what the church could do to help the new member take his place in the life of the congregation. These are the kind of things that the Mitcham church will use to prevent that drastic roll revision that often takes place not too many years after such an ingathering.

Mr. Avery is Field Officer with the Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism for Victoria and Tasmania.

Groups

1. The new members have been formed into three age groups — younger teenage, older teenage, and adult.

2. These groups are meeting in different homes on a regular basis to discuss more fully the implications of their decision for Christ. It is interesting to note that some of these who are more mature in the faith are also attending these "schools for Christian living." These sessions are of an informal nature and are basically a sharing experience and preparation for Christian action in the world.

For the new convert instruction will be given regarding baptism. All will share together in understanding the meaning of the Lord's Supper, how to read the Bible, what loyalty to the church means, how to witness more effectively, how to pray, and all will be challenged with their stewardship responsibilities.

Other matters that will also receive attention include: The History of Churches of Christ, our World Missionary Programme, the Australian Brotherhood, our State Conference, the local church and auxiliary participation. This kind of contact over a period of at least ten weeks will greatly strengthen the ties of Christian fellowship between the new and the old member.

3. The minister and the leaders of the church are going to maintain regular contact through the mail with each person.

4. Six Sundays of preaching on the great doctrines of the church, with personal invitations to each person to attend each session, have been held.

5. Certain families are to be selected to sponsor each new member.

It is suggested that various leaders give the instruction so that more and more of the members come into a more meaningful personal contact with those being built into the fellowship.

It is also suggested that each new family be supplied with a free 12 months subscription of "The Australian Christian."

Recognition Services

After the baptismal services, opportunity has been given for the church to meet with those baptized in a fellowship gathering. When all those making primary decision have been baptized, a Membership Recognition Service will be held in which the new members will be welcomed in, presented with a New Member Kit, and the service will be followed by a church luncheon. Every effort and opportunity must be taken to help these new members feel that they are wanted and really belong.

After the first year a Twelve Months Recognition Service should be held, in which these people are honoured and reminded of the importance of their decision for Jesus Christ.

In one country church where 30 decisions were received, the minister went even further than the suggestions mentioned here, and reports a 98 per cent success in building these new converts into the life of the church.

One of the most important steps a church can take is to implement a continuing programme of evangelism. Some churches have risen to the suggestion of doing what they did in the initial programme about every three months. That is, holding a guest service, sending out a team of visitors, including some of the new members, with special assignments. Some callers would be seeking commitment, others would be inviting associates of the church to come to the special service, whilst others would be calling on those who have not been active in the life of the church.

Other churches have preferred to involve themselves in an Undershepherd Plan, such as is outlined in "Design for Development," appointing shepherd families to be responsible for other families in a given area. These Undershepherds would hold a report meeting every month and share with each other their progress or otherwise.

There is no question that we must do a lot more than we are doing. There is no short cut. There is no easy method. It is sheer hard work, but we must do something. All the effort and all the money that we are spending on the present strategy of evangelism is almost wasted if we don't move forward in this field.

Word Studies in the New Testament

No. 36 — LIGHT :: RANDALL T. PITTMAN

This word, so closely associated with LIFE in the New Testament, is the Authorised Version of a translation of

(1) **lampas** in the plural in Acts 20: 8. Elsewhere this word is translated "lamp" or "lamps" (Matt. 25: 1, 3, 4, 7, 8; Rev. 4: 5; 8: 10; "torches" (John 18: 3). It is related to the verb **lampo**, shine, and in Classical Greek was used of a torch or beacon. A torch-race was known as **lampadromia**. The word was used metaphorically of life. In the New Testament **lampas** means (1) torch; (2) lamp, a vessel with oil and wick. Lamps were in use in very early times, and many specimens have been preserved in museums.

(2) **lukhnos** in Matt. 6: 22; Luke 11: 34; 12: 35; John 5: 35; 2 Pet. 1: 19; Rev. 21: 23. Elsewhere this word is translated "candle" (Matt. 5: 15; Mark 4: 21; Luke 8: 16; 11: 33, 36; 15: 8; Rev. 18: 23; 22: 5). The term was applied literally to a portable lamp, and metaphorically to the eye as the lamp of the body. In the Old Testament the term was used of the lamps in the tabernacle and the temple, and it was applied to David as the light or lamp of Israel (2 Sam. 21: 7). This passage may be compared with John 5: 35, where John the Baptist is said to be a lamp (**lukhnos**). It is denied that he was the light (**phos**), but he was a witness to it (John 1: 8). His was but a secondary light.

(3) **pheggos** in Matt. 24: 29; Mark 13: 24; Luke 11: 33. This word is used only in these passages in the New Testament. Some Texts have **phos** in Luke 11: 33. It was used specially of the radiance which emanates from the heavenly bodies. Thayer wrote: "Akin to **phaino**, shine."

(4) **phos** in numerous passages. This word is translated "fire" in Mark 14: 54; Luke 22: 56. Contracted from **phaos**, **phos** was used of the natural light as opposed to darkness. Metaphorically it was used of God (1 John 1: 5); of Christ (John 1, etc.); of Christians as "children of light" (Ephes. 5: 8, etc.). Jesus said to his disciples, "Ye are the light of the world" (Matt. 5: 14). They derive their light from him who is the Light. On the much discussed passage, John 1: 5, it is interesting to note that C. K. Barrett expresses the opinion that John is "playing on the two meanings." The darkness neither understood nor quenched the light. Happiness and joy, righteousness and truth, knowledge and reason, wisdom and spiritual purity, are associated with light, culminating in salvation and eternal life.

(5) **phoster** in Phil 2: 15; Rev. 21: 11. These are the only instances of the word in the New Testament. In the Septuagint it is used in the creation narrative (Gen. 1: 14, 16) of the luminaries. The Vulgate has **luminaria**. Commenting on Phil. 2: 15, H. C. G. Moule wrote: "The saints, in the beautiful light of holiness, rise star-like on the night of surrounding sin . . . He who is 'the Light of the world' . . . can make his servants reflect and in that sense repeat himself."

(6) **photismos** in 2 Cor. 4: 4, 6. This word is used only here in the New Testament. It is in Job 3: 9 and in several passages in the Psalms. The word means (1) illumination; (2) revealing.

FEWER MISSIONARIES

Foreign Christian missionaries registered with the Indian Government number 4,214, representing a decrease of just over 300 in four years. These figures exclude missionaries from countries of the British Commonwealth. This was disclosed in the national parliament by Jaisukh Lal Hathi, Minister of State for Home Affairs.—E.P.S.

CATHOLIC WOMEN PRIESTS?

(Geneva). The ordination of women to the Catholic priesthood has been discussed in three different quarters in recent weeks.

In London, 60 women assembled for the 23rd council meeting of St. Joan's International Alliance. They adopted a resolution asking revision of canon 968, which states that only a baptized man is eligible for the priesthood.

Archbishop Iginio Cardinale, addressing the group, told them not to let up in their agitation for equal rights in the church. He said no one in Rome would think them impertinent for seeking fuller participation.

In Milwaukee, Wisconsin (U.S.A.), Jesuit Father Joseph H. Fichter, of the Harvard Divinity School, told the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors that the Catholic Church should consider ordaining women and married men to overcome a shortage of priests.

In New York, the first woman dean of an undergraduate college of Fordham University, Dr. Patricia R. Plante, expressed the view that it is more of a "cultural" than a theological question. When everyone gets around to treating both men and women "as human beings," she said, more ecclesiastical doors will be opened to women.—E.P.S.

NEGRO CHILDREN BEATEN

(Grenada, Mississippi). More than half the 500 worshippers at the Methodist Church here — in response to a call from the minister — came before the altar to kneel and pray forgiveness for the beating of Negro school children by white mobs.

In his sermon the Rev. C. B. Burt had lashed out at the "bestiality" of white adults who had beaten Negro children with axe handles, chains and metal pipes when they sought to enter the newly desegregated school.

The minister said he did not suspect that any members of his congregation had taken part in the violence. But he wanted them to ask themselves whether they had done enough to forestall the "brutality" of the previous week.

In the congregation were the Grenada City Manager, J. E. McEachin, who has resigned under fire from extremist elements for his moderate stand on civil rights, and the prosecuting attorney,

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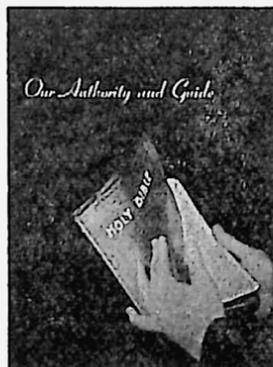
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DEATH

CROUCH. — On Oct. 30, Archie, loved husband of Jean, loved father of Gordon and Keith, father-in-law of Elva and Win., dear papa of Beth, Naida, Margaret, Robyn, Jennifer and Ruth. Aged 80 years. "The long day closes, Until we meet again."

COMING EVENTS

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At later intervals through the year, other distinguished overseas guests will visit Australia for further jubilee celebrations, for which plans are being prepared.

INFORMAL TALKS WITH PENTECOSTALS CENTRE ON CHURCH RENEWAL

(Geneva). Pastors of Pentecostal congregations in eight European countries met with representatives of the World Council of Churches at Gunten, Switzerland, Oct. 23-24.

The consultation was unofficial and informal in nature, was called by Dr. Walter J. Hollenweger, secretary of the W.C.C. Dept. of Evangelism.

Pentecostal preachers came from Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Germany, Switzerland, Great Britain, Denmark and Sweden.

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(Vic.). Congregations of Protestant churches combined for United Church Service at the Athenaeum Hall, Doncaster, on Oct. 30. Rev. T. F. Keyte, formerly supt. of the Baptist Union, was the speaker, and a combined choir from Holy Trinity and Doncaster Church of Christ assisted in the worship . . . The church mourns the passing of two of its loved elderly members in the late Edith Tully and Arch Crouch . . . At the recent annual meeting the following were re-elected to the Board: M. McNicol, R. P. Miller, R. Rogerson and B. Genat. Ralph Lee was elected to fill the vacancy caused by resignation of V. Curtis . . . \$120 was sent as a donation to Hospital and Charities Lord Mayor's Appeal, and \$25 to Bethany Boys' Home, Tasmania.

INDIANS AT SPRINGVALE

(Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. Hariba Waghmode visited gospel service on Oct. 30. . . . At the annual meeting an inscribed family Bible was presented to Allan Daff in recognition of 24 years' service as treasurer and elder. New elders are R. Goudie and M. Munyard . . . The S.S. anniversary singing was led by I. Goudie. Special speakers were featured and the senior girls sang a cantata . . . There were good representations at Fed. Conf. where Dalle Ambrens made her decision. . . . Three young women were baptized on Oct. 23, and Lynda Anstis declared her faith.

CITY VISITORS

(Ararat, Vic.). Over the weekend of Oct. 8-9, 21 members of the Bambra-rd., Caulfield, C.Y.F., were guests of the local C.Y.F., engaging in a full weekend's programme — rabbit spotlighting, viewing local and Grampian scenery; barn social and barbecue; special Bible study in Y.M.C.A. bldgs. . . . J. Paver, K. Selwood, Mrs. H. Coleman and Misses B. and M. Foster, attended Fed. Conf. meetings. . . . House church meetings being held fortnightly . . . Young man rededicated his life, and young teenage girl has been baptized . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. Owen have moved to a farm at Mt. Kedron, via Ararat. A. Harmer has been appointed manager of local Disposal store. . . . Andrew Harmer underwent operation in Ballarat and now progressing well. Mrs. A. Hamond and Carol both requir-

ing medical treatment . . . Methodist young people challenged C.Y.F. to relay race to Warrak (14 miles) on Oct. 19. First mile ran by Mr. (Porky) Paver and Rev. (Knobby) Knox. C.Y.F. were the winners and received the trophy of an egg cup (the losers received a packet of Epsom Salts). Social followed, with 60 in attendance . . . C.W.F. elected: pres., Mrs. Coleman; vice-pres., Mrs. Paver; sec., Mrs. Selwood; asst. sec., Mrs. L. Gason; treas., Mrs. Hurstfield.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

(Croydon, Vic.). The Bible Class presented a short play, with the above title, to close the B.S. anniversary. A senior girl made her decision. Anniversary speakers on Oct. 23 and 30 were E. Keating, T. Lane, and the minister, A. J. Lloyd. An inter-church tea, on 23rd, concert on 29th, and a scholars' and parents' tea on 30th, were also features. A teachers' dedication service was held on 30th. The S.S. elected F. Archer, supt.; R. Leach, sec.; S. Lacey, treas. . . . The church annual meeting elected deacons: F. Archer, R. Elliott, jr., S. Lacey, W. McGregor, R. Prince (treas.), A. Rackeman, R. Robinson, F. Sterling (sec.), N. Thomas . . . Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Hargreaves on the sudden death of her husband.

DECISIONS AT MAIDSTONE

(Vic.). Good anniversary services, Oct. 23 and 30, were climaxed with a packed final Sunday. More than 70 prizes were distributed. One mother and four of the scholars made their decisions. School choir was led by Bill Keenan. Seven are receiving instruction in preparation for baptism . . . Graduation day was held on Nov. 6 . . . Mrs. Hounsell, kinder supt., is home from hospital after surgery. Mr. Geake, asst. sec. of church, has been in Fairfield Hospital.

ADDITIONAL TERM

(Parkdale, Vic.). B. Crowder has accepted the church's invitation to extend his appointment for a further three years . . . The church enjoyed visit of Dr. Jauncey, on Oct. 16 . . . Young Worshipers' League anniversary was on Oct. 23. C.Y.F. conducted gospel service on 30th, and Leigh Bullock was the speaker . . . Boys' Sunday was observed on Nov. 6, with a tea. Film, "Son of Man," was shown. Explorer Boys took part in the service.

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ADDITIONS AT MORWELL

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BIBLE NOTES SUPPLIED

(Dunolly, Vic.). To encourage regular, systematic Bible reading, the Officers' Board have provided S.U. Daily Notes for all interested people. Mr. Pfeifer was guest speaker at the United Church S.S. anniversary on Oct. 2 . . . The C.Y.F. assisted at youth service on Oct. 9. Two Y.P. spoke on "Life's Challenges" and a girls' trio sang . . . C.W.F. have supported the Golden Bag project; made food covers for the Aborigines Dept.; and provided tea for the Midlands Dist. Conf. on Oct. 22 . . . The C.Y.F. were hosts to representatives of Balwyn church F.C., Oct. 29-30. A successful mystery moonlight hike and barbecue was held on the Sat. On Sunday, the visiting Y.P. assisted in services at Bet Bet and Dunolly . . . The chapel floor has been sanded and polished . . . Winter average attendance has been 37.

TWO MORNING SERVICES

(Cheltenham, Vic.). There were two morning services on Oct. 16, 9.30 and 11. Luncheon was served in Christian Educ. Centre for Conference delegates. Morning service was broadcast over 3AR on Oct. 9; film, "Vietnam Profile," was screened at night . . . S.S. anniversary services, with 250 children on platform, total attendance over four sessions exceeded 1300. Theme was "Following the King" . . . 20 young people have commenced course on membership training under the leadership of the minister. . . . C.W.F. and C.Y.F. have conducted concerts at Emmaus and Oakleigh Guest Homes. C.W.F. wrapped and packed 161 gifts for distribution through hospitals. Good Companions and Explorer Boys were well represented at combined outdoor sports at Royal Park. Explorers gained 3rd place for worship activities in inter-club competitions. 30 Y.P. toured M.H. Fishermen's Bend Plant. Lads' and dads' tea had Syd. Patterson, International cyclist, as speaker.

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OBITUARY

Louisa Martha Rich.

Mrs. Rich died on Oct. 9, at the age of 95 years. The widow of the late George James Rich, she became a member of the church at Kaniva, Vic., some 70 years ago. Moving to a farming community at Dhulura, near Wagga, in 1901 they discovered that a church known as Church of Christ was meeting in a private home in Wagga. Mrs. Rich continued her fellowship in the Wagga church until her death. Until failing health prevented it, in the last year or so, she very seldom missed attending the Lord's Table, and she delighted in giving a word of encouragement to the preacher. The funeral service was conducted by P. French, with the assistance of the church elders, A. E. Powell and W. J. Casperson. There was a sense of victory in the service, for all knew of her faith and her desire of recent times to depart this life and be forever with the Lord. Sympathy is expressed to sons Wesley, of Wagga, Lindsay, of Ermington, George, of Ourimbah, Dot (Mrs. Quarumby), of Adelaide, Esther (Mrs. Maulsbury), of Wagga, and brother, Harry Miller, of Adelaide, and sister, Adline (Mrs. Tidswell) of Adelaide. One daughter, Vivienne (Mrs. Durant) pre-deceased her. —W.J.C.

Isobel Hall Clark-Kennedy.

Mrs. Kennedy died on Oct. 10, 1966. Her husband pre-deceased her. She leaves a step-daughter (Mrs. Hayman) of Sydney, and one sister, Mabel (Mrs. W. Powell, of Wagga. Mrs. Kennedy spent the last six years of her life in suffering, and showed great fortitude amidst many trials. Throughout her suffering she maintained an interest in the work of the church. The minister of Wagga church, P. French, who had helped her by regular visitation, conducted the funeral service.—W.J.C.

William James Andrew Smith.

With deep sorrow the church at Balwyn, Vic., records the death of our highly esteemed William Smith, on Oct. 10. In 1911, as a young man, he was baptized into Christ at South Yarra. Further service and associations were formed at Carnegie, where he met and

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later married Doris Ryall, in 1928. On removal to Mont Albert, he became deeply involved in the work of the church and S.S. When Mont Albert closed his membership was transferred to Balwyn. Here he served faithfully as deacon for three years, and as elder for 15 years. Many have been helped by his able exposition of the dispensational truths of God's Word. As a tribute of honour and respect, the Balwyn chapel was filled to capacity on Oct. 12, and later at the Springvale Crematorium. Both services were conducted by the Balwyn minister, L. F. Barker. Our brother leaves a widow, son Ian, daughter Jessie, and loved ones. To the bereaved we extend sincere sympathy.—L.P.W.

Mrs. Lila May Hill.

On Oct. 29, at the Home and Hospital for the Aged, at Bendigo, Vic., Mrs. Lila May Hill (nee Lambert) died at the age of 76 years. Her husband, Ernest George Hill, pre-deceased her in 1942. Mrs. Hill had been associated with the churches at Wedderburn and Bendigo. At the latter place she attended the Sunday Schools at Wade St. and Temperance Hall in View St. At an early age she was baptized and has been associated with Churches of Christ for many years. To her son and daughter, Les and Gwen, we offer sincere sympathy. Many mourners were present at the Memorial Chapel, and graveside in the Bendigo Cemetery, where the writer conducted both services.—A. C. Mudford.

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TRAGEDY IN THE WEST. The day after the South-West Conference, a yachting party of twelve was formed. Mr. Ekstrom, an experienced yachtsman, was in charge. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Ekstrom, of the Collie church; Mrs. G. O. Burchill, F. E. Buckingham, sec. of North Perth, and Miss Ethel Varian, of North Perth; H. J. Banks, Organising Sec. of H.M., and evangelist of North Perth church; A. W. Connor, minister at Subiaco; F. E. Alcorn, Bunbury minister, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Allen and her seven-year-old daughter, from Collie, and Miss Rosalie Sharp, of North Perth. A sudden gust of wind caught the boat as she was attempting to turn, and capsized her. The perilous position of the party was seen from the shore and the harbour launch went to the rescue. As a result of heroic work, seven out of the twelve were saved. H. J. Banks was the only good swimmer in the party and could have easily saved himself. In his endeavour to save others he lost his own life. Messrs. Connor and Buckingham, with great difficulty, saved Miss Sharp. Those whose lives were lost were: H. J. Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Ekstrom, Miss Varian and Mrs. Burchill.

HONEY KING. John Carey, of the church at Tannymorel, died recently. He was well known in the honey business and known as the Honey King of Queensland.

SWANSTON ST. A. R. Main presided, and W. B. Blake-more preached at 51st anniversary.

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OPEN FORUM

To those offended,

In the "A.C." for Nov. 5, two lines of verse were included in the "Last Word" column to celebrate the anniversary of the U.N. The lines were ascribed to Kipling. We offer our apologies to those who were so rightly offended. As every schoolboy knows, the lines are from Locksley Hall, by Tennyson.

—The Editor.

"THE OTHER SIDE."

To the Editor,

Further to my letter recommending the publication, "The Other Side," which purports to be a statement presenting the other side of the Uniting Church confrontations as seen from Presbyterian eyes: I made the statement that this booklet had the imprimatur of the Presbyterian church. It has been drawn to my attention that this is not the case.

The booklet was prepared by a group known as the Presbyterian Church Association of Victoria. This Association, I understand, is composed of ministers and elders who are concerned that, what they consider to be the historic Presbyterian point of view, is kept before the people and those concerned in the Uniting Church. I am assured that this group represents a minority of some size.

The official Book Rooms of the Presbyterian Church are prepared to make the document available, and it is thus on sale.

I have talked with the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in South Australia and he assures me that "both sides are saying something graciously, with scholarship and understanding, in the true spirit of Christian debate."

Even though the booklet has not the official imprimatur of the Presbyterian Church, it represents a school of thought within the ranks of the church, and is worthy of full consideration. Churches of Christ membership will gain good from a perusal of it.

—E. P. C. Hollard, S.A.

NOT ALL THE WAY.

To the Editor,

In recent issues of "The Australian Christian" considerable effort has been taken to show that President Johnson is "One of us."

In the daily papers a big story was made of the visit of the President to a "Pub" in Townsville, to see the bar where he used to drink during the war.

I would like to ask whether these two facts are compatible. Does L.B.J. in fact, go "all the way" with us? And if not, should our National Paper highlight people who show a poor witness?

—Dr. G. Hall, W.A.

PRESIDENTIAL INTERVIEW

(From a letter to Gordon Stirling from Dr. Laurence V. Kirkpatrick.)

I am sure you will be interested to learn a little more of the background which led up to the President asking to meet you. Some months ago Allan Pyno, in Perth, wrote me to say there were rumours that sometime in the not too distant future the President would be coming to Australia.

He indicated that it would mean much to the Australian brotherhood to have the President make some kind of a contact with our people while he was there. I kept this in mind and when the President's trip to Australia was finally announced I immediately wrote Dr. George Davis, in Washington, telling him of this communication from Australia and asking him to convey the greetings of the Australian brotherhood to the President in an appropriate way. I gave to Dr. Davis the names of some of our leaders the President should contact, with yours being the one for Canberra.

George Davis replied to me that he had sent this word to the President and had a gracious acknowledgment from one of the President's assistants.

Then, on the Sunday before the President left, he and Mrs. Johnson, and their daughter, Lynda, worshipped in our National City Church, and George Davis, from the pulpit, when wishing the President a safe journey, once again passed on, before the congregation, the words of greetings from the Australian churches, and expressed the hope that the President could make the contact with our people when he was there.

On the night before the President made contact with you, one of his assistants called George Davis, long distance, in Washington, from Canberra, to get your name and address. The call from Canberra reached Dr. Davis in the middle of the night, but in short time he got from my letter to him, your name and address, and supplied the information to the President's assistant in Canberra. George called my office the next morning to relay that information to me. Your story in "The Australian Christian" completes this remarkable account. I am sending to President Johnson the issue of "The Australian Christian" in which your article appears.

—Laurence V. Kirkpatrick,
General Secretary, World Conv.

ERIC PARKER DIES

(Coburg, Vic.). The flag at the Coburg City Hall was at half-mast to pay tribute to Eric Parker, who died suddenly on Nov. 8. He was a leading professional man and was twice Mayor of Coburg. He had been associated with the Coburg church since its commencement. An obituary notice will appear in the next issue.

CRACKER NIGHT

(Ascot Park, S.A.). Recent youth activities have been a Halloween Night, and last Friday evening they joined with Brighton Gardens Y.P. for a cracker night and barbecue. The church's sympathy is extended to Mrs. McAllister in the death of her father. Alison Crowley is progressing after surgery.

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INTERSTATE NEWS . . .

N.S.W. RADIO BROADCASTING DECEMBER - JANUARY

Radio programmes of N.S.W. Churches of Christ, over Station 2CH, Sydney, during December and January, will be as follows:

Daily Devotions, 8.45 a.m. — Dec. 2, R. B. Elbourne, Lane Cove. Dec. 14, D. W. Holmes, Hurstville. Dec. 27, F. L. Ewers, B.A., Burwood. Jan. 7, C. Cole, Conf. Pres., N.S.W. Jan. 19, E. T. Hart, Conf. Sec., N.S.W. Jan. 30, M. J. Bedwell, Marrickville.

Church Services — Sunday, Dec. 4, 11 a.m., Church of Christ, Belmore. Preacher: R. B. Ewers.

Sunday, Jan. 8, 7.15 p.m., Church of Christ, Lane Cove. Preacher: R. B. Elbourne.

LENSWOOD REPORTS

(S.A.). S. E. M. Riches, Conf. Pres., conducted gospel service on Oct. 23. . . . The S.S. anniversary, on Oct. 30, had as guest speaker, W. J. Maxted, from Henley Beach. . . . On Nov. 5, the S.S. picnic was held at Williamstown.

"SOUND OF MUSIC"

(Mile End, S.A.). B.S. anniversary featured locally written words to theme of "Sound of Music." Prizegiving night was combined with presentation of pantomime, "Wizard of Oz," with teachers and senior scholars in main roles, supported by chorus from girls' club. This had entailed rehearsals for eight months, had created much interest, and when presented for two nights was a great success. . . . Men from Port Pirie Men's Fellowship were billeted in Mile End M.F. homes for weekend in Oct. They joined with Mile End men for tea and outing on Sat., and assisted in morning worship service on 16th. Sermons on "The Beatitudes" are being preached by minister, J. A. Luff, during Oct.-Nov.

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GOLDEN WEDDING — AND ACCIDENT

(Loftus Park, N.S.W.). The church enjoyed very good gatherings in a "Teaching Series" conducted by the Conf. Sec., E. T. Hart, Oct. 30—Nov. 4. However, the golden wedding of the minister of the church, Ernest J. Plenderleith, and his wife, called for a special celebration. Unfortunately, on the way home, Mr. and Mrs. Plenderleith were involved in a car accident which put both of them into hospital for a day or two — and might have proved even more serious. Yet the Lord has been wonderfully gracious, and our two good friends are now home again and well on the road to recovery. Many in N.S.W., and elsewhere, have taken the opportunity of extending greetings and congratulations on the occasion of their jubilee wedding anniversary — and have thanked God, not only for their life and ministry together, but also for their speedy recovery.

VISITORS AT CHELSEA

(Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. Hariba Waghmode, and small son Dinu, whilst visiting Melbourne, stayed for several days with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. They attended the Combined C.E. Missionary Rally at the church and visited neighbouring schools with Mr. Thomas. Mr. Waghmode was guest preacher on 23rd, and Mrs. Waghmode was speaker at "W. to W." coffee morning at home of Mrs. Goudie, local C.W.F. Pres. . . . Only \$1,400 remains now to be paid off Hall Debt. . . . B.S. anniversary on Oct. 16 and 23, had bright singing, led by K. Winter. A new addition to the instrumentalists was H. Barnden, with his

trombone. Guest speakers were L. Barker, L. Brooker, who was song leader at the church 42 years ago, and L. Armstrong from Springvale. . . . Nine ladies from Chelsea attended Fed. Conf. Ladies' day. . . . B. V. Coventry (S.A.) was guest preacher on Oct. 16. Junior Good Companions had enjoyable afternoon at the indoor sports. . . . C.Y.F. attended beach barbecue at Mt. Eliza with the Frankston group. . . . Carolyn Thomas was farewelled as she left to commence duties at the Queen Elizabeth Home in Ballarat. . . . L. Smith, the Chief Explorer, was injured in a car accident, receiving three broken ribs.

VISITORS TO CIRCUIT

(Albury - Lavington - Wodonga, N.S.W.). Robt. Geyer, of Melbourne, was guest speaker at church anniversary. Bob Whan and Dean Sander, on deputation work from Woolwich, showed slides and told of College life. There was a decision at gospel service. . . . The young people visited Lygon St. on holiday weekend as a return visit. Lygon St. youth came up to Albury last April. . . . Young people now meet for a cup of tea or coffee in an after-church fellowship. . . . The N.S.W. Conf. Pres., C. Cole, and E. T. Hart, visited the church on their way to Fed. Conf. . . . They spoke at the three centres and gave significant Social Service information. . . . Mrs. Joy Prosser, temporarily in Albury from Adelaide, while her husband is in National Service training, is leader of Girls' Brigade Cadets. . . . Mrs. Mackenzie, N.S.W. C.W.F. Pres., met with our ladies on Oct. 19, and told of Fed. Conf., and outlined the 14 branches of C.W.F. work in N.S.W. She emphasised the second mile project for this year.

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For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life.

—Matthew 7: 14.

"Come, good Christian, I will teach thee about the way thou must go. Look before thee: dost thou see this narrow way? That is the way thou must go. It was cast up by the patriarchs, prophets, Christ, and his apostles, and it is as straight as a rule can make it."

—Pilgrim's Progress.



The man who removed the mountain began by carrying away small stones.



It is not the man who has little, but the man who wants more who is poor.

—Seneca.



Dull and morose people, says a medical writer, seldom resist disease as easily as those with a cheerful disposition. The surly bird catches the germ.



If at first you don't succeed you are running about average.



"In God we trust. All others cash."

—Sign in a shop.



Plumber: Yes, mum, I saw your little boy in the infants' class when I went to do a job at the school.

Housewife: And what class was he in when you'd finished?