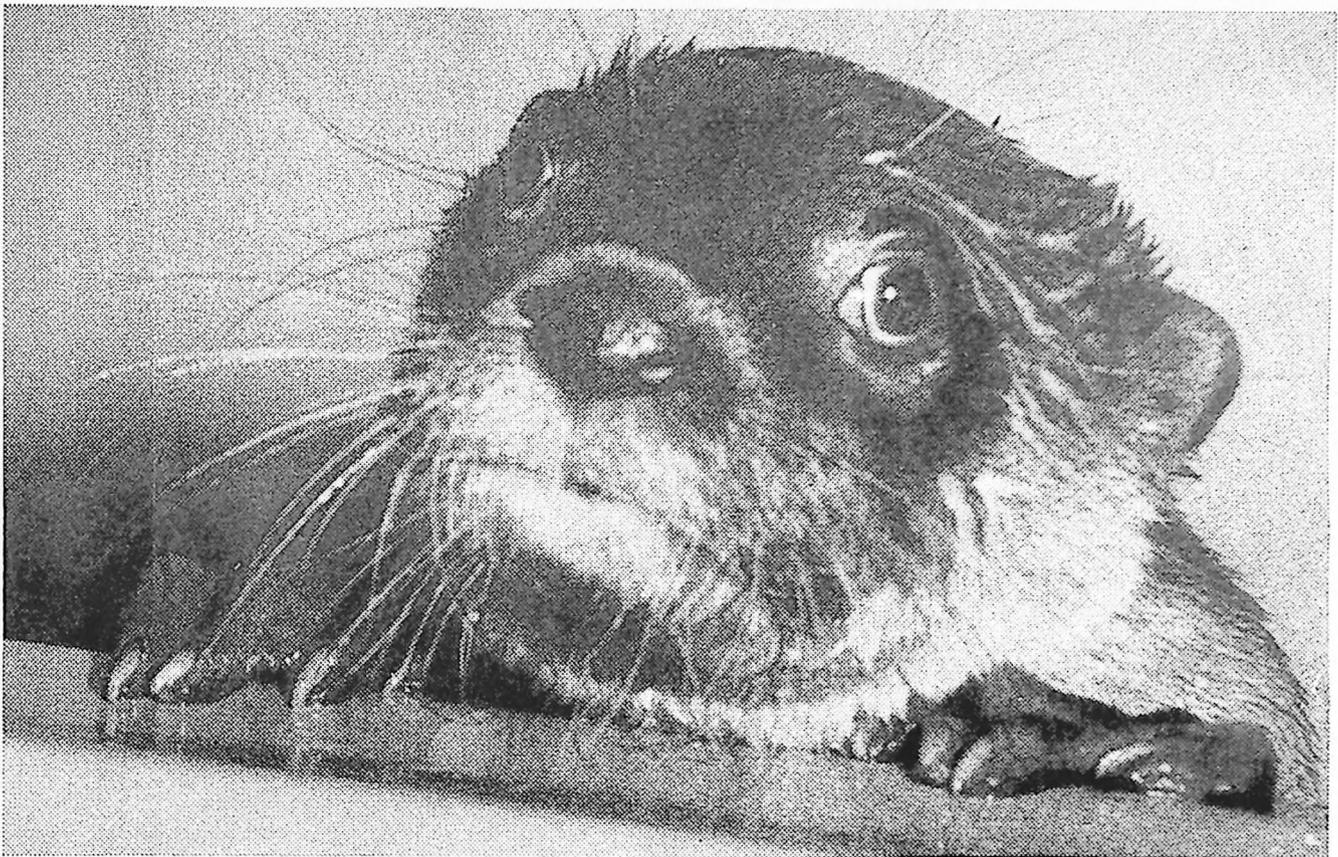


## THE TROUBLED OTTER



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## GOD WAS NOT ELECTED

The Liberal-Country Party Government, led by Mr. Harold Holt, won a resounding victory at the elections held last Saturday. Mr. Holt will see the vote as an unqualified endorsement of his Government's policies at home and abroad.

Instead of improving its position, the A.L.P. suffered a further reverse and one newspaper heading this week seriously asks, "Is The A.L.P. Breaking Up?" If this happened it would be disastrous. A reasonable alternative to the Government must be available if the party system is to operate effectively, and no one in his right mind could ever see the D.L.P. as such an alternative.

A.L.P. leaders are already searching for reasons for their failure, and they have already found some. One spokesman said that they would have to find out why the people voted for a party they do not want. This response is typical but naive. If the people do not, in fact, love the Liberal Party, they have made it abundantly clear that they like the A.L.P. even less.

Dr. Cairns, who had a narrow escape, said that the result showed the Australian voters were materialistic, cynical and unthinking. Mr. Holt thinks the result indicates that the Australian voter has reached a maturity in his electoral responsibility.

Among the real reasons for Labor's defeat the following could well have a place:

- o The unacceptability of Labor's top men as national leaders.
- o The absence of a clear and acceptable policy on the issues of Vietnam and conscription — the two items which Labor itself chose as vital, but on which there was disagreement even among its own leaders.
- o The failure of Mr. Calwell's election promises to make a personal appeal to the voter's pocket. The non-Labor voter was possibly afraid of the effect of Mr. Calwell's election promises upon taxation. The Labor voter possibly turned away from his party because of the change in Labor's traditional attitude to State Aid for independent schools. It was only in July, 1966, that Mr. Calwell said, "Anybody who dreams of a Labor Government handing out millions to non-Government schools is not living in a world of reality." In his policy speech in November, Mr. Calwell himself promised many millions to those same non-Government schools.
- o The re-winning of some Roman Catholic votes through promised State Aid was thwarted by Bishop Fox's call for Roman Catholics to reject Labor's defence programme and foreign policy.
- o Name-calling by Labor's leaders on the eve of the election produced sympathy for Mr. Holt rather than opposition. Attempted violence against Mr. Holt's person was wholly unjustified and undemocratic and attracted support for him.
- o Some who wanted to vote against the Government on the conscription and Vietnam issues still found Labor unacceptable because of other reasons.

Many of us are convinced that it is grossly unfair to conscript young men to fight in Vietnam when the rest of the nation is virtually uncommitted to any kind of comparable sacrifice in money, time, or effort. The William White affair also clearly showed that young men with genuine conscientious objections do not receive sufficient consideration.

But because of the election result the Government will feel justified in continuing and even increasing its use of National Servicemen in Vietnam. The dissenter will still dissent, but the election will reduce his effectiveness.

We cannot agree with the extravagance of some commentators who speak of the election as the most momentous in our history. To us it looked like just another election. But we did notice that fewer candidates felt moved to refer to the God whose world this is, or to spell out the spiritual responsibilities of our vote.

Perhaps we are too materialistic and self-seeking. Maybe we are more anxious to retain our social affluence than to meet our obligations to the under-privileged thousands in our own land and the under-privileged millions in Asia and Africa. Is it possible that we had our election and counted our votes without even knowing that God was a candidate?

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### COVER:

#### THE TROUBLED OTTER

Animals are looking as worried as  
humans these days. The zoo is getting  
crowded like the rest of the world.  
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is so expensive it is hard even for an  
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## • TO OUR REDEEMING LORD

# OUR COMMITMENT



BY KEVIN CRAWFORD

The dictionary defines commitment as "an engagement that restricts the freedom of a person." The Conference theme recognises that Christ does have the right to give us a commitment. Our commitment becomes our objective. Our objective determines how we live, what we do with our lives, and affects every decision we make.

Our commitment is, to know Christ and to make Christ known.

### 1. To Know Christ

Some would say that Paul's main commitment was to preach the gospel to the Gentiles. While this is true in a sense, Paul's first commitment was to the person of Christ. Note the account of his conversion in Acts 22. First Paul surrendered his will to Christ, then he was to get to know Christ so that finally he could make Christ known.

In Philippians 3: 10, Paul makes it clear that this was not fulfilled when he made his initial decision to follow Christ. Rather Paul was continually growing in his knowledge of Christ.

The eleven were chosen "that they should be with him" (Mark 3: 14). They spent three years getting to know him. They saw his power, heard his teaching, witnessed his life, death and resurrection. They knew Christ, then they were asked to make him known.

The nature of the Christian life makes it necessary for us to get to know Christ personally and intimately before we can make him known. The Christian life is more than a way of life, more than mental assent to certain facts, more than a Christian trying to imitate Christ. The Christian life is Christ imparting his life and living his life through us. We do not work for him, he wants us to let him do his work through us.

How do we get to know Christ? Well, how do we get to know anyone? By spending time in their presence. We get to know Christ as we spend time in his presence, in three ways:

1. Through our study of the Word of God. As we study it Christ speaks to us and we get to know him better.

K. E. Crawford, A.A.S.A., A.C.A.A., A.S.T.C., graduated from Woolwich College. He is Director of Home Missions, N.S.W. This address was given on the closing night of Federal Conference, 1966.

2. Through our daily time of prayer. Here we communicate with him, seek his forgiveness, help and guidance.

3. Through our obedience to his Word. In John 14: 21, Christ says our obedience proves our love for him and is necessary before he can reveal himself unto us.

### 2. To Make Christ Known

This commitment is summed up for us in Matt. 28: 18-20. Let us note:

1. Christ's Power. "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." This explains for us the amazing vitality of the church down through the ages. There have always been those who prophesied the extinction of the church because they looked at the membership of the church, and not at the power of the Head of the church. We do not serve a dead or defeated Christ, but a resurrected and all powerful Lord.

2. Christ's Purpose (verses 19, 20). This command involves several things:

(a) "Go." It is very easy to get sidetracked so that we fail to do what our Lord asked us to do. Some are content to "sit and listen," but Christ said, "Go." Others erect buildings and then say to those who need Christ, "come and hear."

This is not what Christ asked us to do. He placed upon us the responsibility of taking the gospel to people where they are. We need our buildings and we need to sit and listen, but never let us substitute these for our obedience to Christ's command to "Go."

Every local church is a mission station and every member a missionary, so that through the life and witness of the church every member in the community may come to know Christ.

One of the most encouraging developments in our brotherhood is the growing awareness that we need to go out with the gospel to people where they are. Those who are going find that people are more ready to receive them and respond to God's invitation than we imagine.

(b) "Make Disciples." This involves more than decision. Christ has never lowered the requirement of a disciple. (See Luke 9: 23, 24). The most thrilling adventure in life is to go out in the power of God to make him known. Nothing will ever surpass the excitement of allowing God to work through us in

this way and sensing his power in the lives of others.

(c) "Of All Nations." This should be compared with the words of Acts 1: 8. We are not asked just to reach a town, city, country, but the world for Christ. This is a staggering task. But remember, as we go out on the greatest task in the world, we go out in the power of the greatest person in the world.

The eleven took Christ's words seriously. They were eleven plain men. They were not educated. They were not rich. They were not leaders. They possessed not earthly power. But they were obedient. They set out against Rome, against the world, against history. They so succeeded in the power of Christ that their enemies could say, with tears of rage in their eyes, that "those men have turned the world upside down." Why? Someone beside mere human beings was at work. Christ was living his life out through them.

(d) "Baptizing." Those who believed and surrendered their lives to Christ as Saviour and Lord were baptized into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Today, when some tend to make light of the ordinance of Christian baptism we need to remember that it, too, is a part of our commitment in making Christ known.

(e) "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." This is a life long task. Bring a person to Christ is five per cent of the task. Building that same person up in his Christian life so that he grows up to spiritual maturity, develops a Christlike character and becomes an effective witness is 95 per cent of the task.

I believe that this gives to us the secret for the rapid growth of the New Testament church. The church did not grow because of the brilliant preaching of a few, but because every member considered it his sacred privilege to share with others the blessings he had found in Christ.

This was how the church grew. The message was passed from farmer to farmer, slave to slave, business man to business man, women to women. The spreading of the Christian faith has always been a heart to heart, mind to mind, person to person process.

This is still the only way we can reach the world today. The world popu-

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# 'I'M 43 AND IT'S JUST HAPPENED'

BY A. R. JONES, A.U.A.,  
Chaplain, Yatala Prison.



John has quite a record. He was discharged from the Army in 1946, and in 20 years has spent 14 years behind bars and has 30 convictions to his record. He said that he has always been erratic. In his early years he attended a Churches of Christ Sunday School, "And I graduated a first class atheist. Who wanted to believe that rot? I was glad to get away from it all," he said.

John enlisted and went to the Islands on active service, and in the presence of danger felt a little more concerned about his spiritual welfare. He was baptized in the sea one day, with two other soldiers, by Chaplain Martin — but this need only lasted for the duration of the war. He returned to Australia more erratic than ever, because, as his mother tried to explain, "He ran over a land mine one day in a jeep, and got shell shock, and he's been stealing cars ever since."

The Chaplain's first contact with John was 10 years ago, when his mother asked him to help John if he could. His approaches were not appreciated, and all he could get from John was a grunt or a growl about the prison conditions. Over the years the contact has been maintained, but no impression made.

But one day recently John was deeply concerned. He said, "I didn't know where to turn, I just had to pray — and something happened to me in that prayer. I'm 43 years old, and it's just happened. Fancy going all this time before you find God. It seems as though

God put his hand on my shoulder and said, 'John, you've gone far enough, now I want you.'

And now John is keen. A week never passes but that he comes to the Chaplain for Bible study and prayer. "I wish I could pray like that," he will often say. "It seems so easy." He writes his prayers down now, so that he can join in the prayer time. He takes two devotional books a week. Each book gives him a clearer insight and understanding. He writes down thoughts, verses and prayers that he will want to use again. They are treasures to him now in his new found faith. He is keen to share his faith and willing to talk about God at every opportunity.

An officer was searching John's cell one day and picked up his Bible and was fanning the leaves as they usually do in a cell search. "That's not the way to read that Book," said John, "you start from the beginning and go right through." "You believe this?" asked the officer. "Yes, I do — don't you?" "Like Hell I do!"

"How long have you been coming here?" asked the officer. "Since 1946," said John, "and I won't be back again." "I've heard that before," said the officer. "I mean it this time," said John, "and the reason is in that Book." And it could be true this time, because John has found a real faith in that Book and a Saviour who has changed his life and who, he believes, will keep him from falling again.

o SPOTLIGHT ON QUEENSLAND

## MISTRESSES OF THE MANSE

Mrs. H. J. Patterson had a book titled, "Mistress of the Manse," and whilst I know you shouldn't judge a "book by its cover," I would hazard a guess that it portrayed the role of the minister's wife.

In my journeyings around Queensland I have been impressed with the selfless devotion of many of our minister's wives, and the spirit with which they deal with the variety of calls made upon modern-day manses.

But apart from these "evangelists in aprons," a more marked impression is made by the number of daughters in our manses. At a rough count, we have 30 full-time ministers, and there are 44 daughters connected with the manses. Out of these there are two

manses occupied by bachelors, and two where no children disturb the early morning hours!

But out of the 30 there are ten where daughters have complete reign. Maurie Pieper's Gatton manse lifts the average by having four daughters as occupants. Steve Rogers, of the Rosewood Circuit, has five girls. These daughters, saying grace in unison, sound like a junior choral society. Three manses have three daughters, but only one of these has daughters exclusively.

Makes one wonder whether we need to look again at the doctrine of women in the future church, and whether the colleges shouldn't give some lead on the role of deaconesses in the church of tomorrow.—A.C.M.

## QUEENSLAND.

### MORNING WITH THE KINDERS

(Qld.). Under the sponsorship of the D.C.E. in Qld., Kindergarten teachers took the opportunity of visiting the Clayfield Demonstration Centre, where one of the members of the Christian Education panel, Miss Ann Morgan, is in charge. 17 "day scholars" thought it wonderful to have an extra day at Kinder., so did their parents, and the children added the "atmosphere" for the teachers to observe and then be instructed on the behaviour patterns of the Kindergarten child. The Department will send the results of the survey to every Qld. Sunday School, and it is hoped that some of the findings will be printed in the "Guide" magazine-quarterly booklet for all teachers.

### KENMORE COLLEGE '66

(Qld.). This year's magazine contains some of the facets of life at Kenmore. "Not all could be written, else many books would be needed." In word and picture the story of Kenmore is presented. Barry Cutchie, as Publications Manager, is keen to have everyone purchase their copy, available from churches and the bookroom at 25 cents.

### YOUTH IN ACTION

Pam McDowell, Annerley, first Qld. member in Girls' Brigade to earn a Pioneer Venture Brooch. Officer Lorraine Keller conducted the first part of the service, Narelle Martin, a junior, read the Bible reading. Lyn Miller was soloist. Mr. Sargent, minister of the church, awarded the brooch and congratulated Pamela.

Rachel Baker, also of Annerley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Baker (Social Service), received the Silver Medal of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, from the Governor of Qld., Sir Alan Mansfield, at a Government House Garden Party.

Zillmere Life Boys total 72, which is the largest Life Boys' Club in Australia. Ron V. Holt is minister in this circuit, and under his leadership, youth groups of all ages are growing in number. A "Ranch Night" Rally was conducted recently and a large number attended.

### SURGERY FOR MINISTER

(Ma Ma Creek, Qld.). The minister, F. J. Winter, has undergone surgery and will be convalescent for six weeks. Recent services have been taken by Barry Hinrichsen, Kenmore College, C. S. Trudgian, supt. Brisbane City Mission, and A. C. Male, Youth Director . . . Mr. Trudgian compered an apron parade and exhibition of bark pictures. Proceeds were for City Mission . . . The S.S. picnic was held at Crystal Spa . . . Cartons of new and used clothing were sent to Carnarvon Aborigines Mission. . . Mrs. Beryl Cook, C. Cook and Suzanne Evans are in hospital.

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## WOMAN TO WOMAN

A Word from Mrs. K. Lawton,  
World President, C.W.F.



Those of us who recently returned from Federal Conference in Melbourne are still talking about its inspiration and fellowship — the results of much tireless and dedicated prayer and planning.

From the women's point of view I take this opportunity of extending to our wonderful Victorian hostesses the sincere thanks of all interstate visitors.

My one regret is that all women were not able to meet our gracious Federal President, Doreen Strack (whom "to know is to love") and her dedicated Executive Committee.

The delegates' "Welcome Luncheon" was a delight, with so many little "special" touches of love — from the flowers (and I think all Melbourne's lovely flowers came out for Federal Conference!), the "favours" so beautifully made by several of Victoria's gifted

women, and the delicious "home-made" flavour of the menu, prepared and served by Victoria's Women's Catering Committee.

A fitting climax to the Conference was our Women's Day — a day of smooth-running business, inspirational sessions and wonderful fellowship, with the luncheon served to 1,150 women in the very festive Royale Ballroom. (And how we appreciated Jean Milne's delightful singing, not only here, but in other Sessions of Conference!)

From my own point of view, I have come home tremendously strengthened and encouraged by the obvious love and prayerful support of so many women. I am often overcome by a sense of great inadequacy for this position of W.C.W.F. President, but now really do feel upheld and "compassed about" by this fellowship of love.

It is wonderful, too, being able now to put "faces" where many were previously just "names" — and count you all as dear friends. Another source of encouragement was to find so many women already eager to "pool" their ideas in planning and preparing for our World Convention in 1970.

And speaking of World Convention: Some of you may not have heard that, in my capacity as W.C.W.F. President, I have been asked by the World Executive Committee to visit America in February and March of next year. The purpose of this visit is to help promote and publicise the World Assembly early enough for our American church-members to prepare and plan for a visit to Adelaide in 1970.

There may also be some who do not know how this promotion tour is being financed — our American churches have offered to pay all expenses while I am in the States, and also provide half the air-fare. The other half of this is being donated by a Trust-Fund within our own brotherhood.

How grateful we must be for this generous and sacrificial giving of our American churches, and those of our own membership. And how responsible I myself feel, to be worthy of this "giving"!

Do pray for me continually that I may be the best ambassador possible for our W.C.W.F., our World Assembly, and the furtherance of his Kingdom. —Kathleen Lawton, President, W.C.W.F.

### OUR COMMITMENT

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lation has doubled in the last 60 years, yet it takes 25-30 Christians one whole year to win one person to Christ! Unless we begin multiplying, instead of adding, we will be hopelessly overwhelmed by the world.

If I were to reach one person for Christ today, and build into that person's life until he leads another to Christ say, in six months, on this basis, at the end of a year there would be four of us, at the end of two years, sixteen, at the end of twenty years the world would have been reached.

Now take this illustration one step further. Let's assume that after I reach you for Christ I am too busy to obey the last part of the Great Commission and help you in spiritual growth, or that I do help you, but you are too busy to reach another. At the end of twenty years half the world would still be unreached, because either you or I were too busy to do what Christ asked us to do.

The Great Commission depends on us. If we fail, others will pass into eternity without knowing Christ.

3. Christ's Promise. "And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." As Christ gives us this commitment he gives the promise of his presence to enable us to do it. As we obey in going Christ will fulfil his promise to go with us.

Our commitment is to know Christ and to make Christ known.

### ★ CHRISTMAS BOWL

## HOW TO LIVE ON \$100 A YEAR

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2. Take away all clothing, except for the oldest dress or suit for each member of the family, and a shirt or blouse. Leave one pair of shoes for the head of the family.
3. Empty the kitchen cupboards and refrigerator, except for a small bag of flour, some sugar and salt, a few old potatoes for tonight's dinner, a handful of onions and a disk of dried beans.
4. Dismantle the bathroom, shut off the water, remove the electric wiring.
5. Take away the house itself, the car and the garage, and move into the toolshed.
6. Remove all the other houses in the neighbourhood, and set up in their place a shanty town.
7. Cancel all subscriptions to newspapers, magazines and book clubs. This is no great loss, as your family is now illiterate.
8. Move the nearest clinic or hospital 10 miles away, and put a midwife in charge instead of a doctor.
9. Remove all schools, children's playgrounds, kindergartens and playing fields.
10. Throw out the bank books, stock certificates, pension plans, insurance policies. Leave the family a cash hoard of five dollars.
11. Give the head of the family three acres to cultivate on a tenancy basis. On this he can raise 300 dollars in cash crops, of which one third will go to the landlord and one tenth to the local money-lender.
12. Lop off 25 to 30 years in life expectancy.

—A.C.C.



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

(S.A.). When the third course for 1966 was completed on Nov. 16, a total of 52 young people had attended for the year.

The five lectures planned each year, and the books made available on marriage and family life, give these young people an excellent understanding of the new relationship they will find together in marriage.

Courses are now being planned for 1967, and will be held in March, June and October, and young people planning to marry in 1967 should keep these Courses in mind and plan to attend.

Ministers are asked to forward names of engaged couples so that application forms may be sent to them.

### CHURCH-LIFE CONFERENCE

(Kensington Park, S.A.). A successful Church and Life Conference for the members of the church commenced on Nov. 12 and continued all day Nov. 13. A basket tea at 5 p.m. was followed by summing up the findings of these sessions. We are grateful to Keith Horne, Youth Director, for his able leadership. . . . The S.S. had their annual picnic at Foxfield. . . . Our C.W.F. invited the ladies from the Kensington Gardens Cong. church to their meeting on Nov. 9. We had an interesting session with them by exchanging ideas on church worship and organisation and the work of the ladies of the church.



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### NEW DISCIPLES

(Goolwa, S.A.). John Burgar, son of W. J. Burgar, made his decision on Nov. 13, and the next Sunday, after the sermon preached by Mrs. Alice Saunders, wife of the minister, Diane Burgar, daughter of G. J. Burgar, also confessed her faith. Members of A.B.I., Mt. Brechen, Victor Harbour, assisted in the service. . . . I. J. Chivell and Lance Brune visited the church, Mr. Chivell preaching at both services. Mr. Brune was communion president. . . . On Nov. 20, Mr. Long, Pres., Sthn. Dist. Conf., gave morning message. . . . Harold Greenwood soon commences a ministry here, with Ron. W. Saunders moving to Cheltenham.

### OBITUARY

#### Lucy Charlotte Mau.

Fullarton church, S.A., lost one of its most loved and devoted members on Oct. 26, in the unexpected death of Mrs. A. Mau, after an operation at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, at the age of 82. Many gathered at the funeral parlour, and West Terrace Cemetery, to pay tribute to the rich quality of a wonderful Christian life. She and her husband formed a wonderful team for the Lord, in testimony of a radiant faith, and in service to others. She had been associated with the churches at Goolwa, Dulwich (as Mrs. De Houghton) and in later years at Fullarton. Constant in attendance at church and auxiliary meetings, she gave helpful encouragement to those taking part, a word of cheer to those in special need, and made certain that visitors felt welcome. Her home was a place of open hospitality. She served the brotherhood well. The Lord gave her a special talent which enabled her to excel in the art of floral arrangement, and for many years she served faithfully on the Flower Committee of Conference. She was a foundation member of a committee which commenced visiting sick members in the Royal Adelaide Hospital. This committee still functions. She gave devoted service on the Hospital Visitation Committee of Women's Conference. We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. Mau, and her son and daughter.—M. D. Williams.

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### Mrs. Amy Duffield.

A faithful servant of the church, Mrs. Amy Duffield, died on Sept. 26. Soon after she lost her husband she became ill from heart trouble, and gradually became worse, until it was a release for her to be called home. At the age of 11 years she made the good confession and was baptized by Mr. Tomlinson at Moree Springs, on the edge of the scrub in Victoria. She resided in Kaniva as a young woman, then in Naracoorte, where she married William Duffield. They moved to Wolseley, attending the Bordertown church. Later, they settled in Swan Hill, where they spent some seven years. During the depression they returned to the Naracoorte district, where nine years ago her husband passed away. She remained here until her health deteriorated to such a degree that she moved to Clare to live with her daughter. Until this time, wherever she lived she gave of her services to numerous Christian organisations, and will be remembered by many of her old friends in the Churches of Christ. Her funeral was the first conducted in the new chapel at Naracoorte. Her wedding was the first conducted in the old building some 50 years ago. Our sympathy is extended to her daughter, Mrs. McMurtrie, husband and family, also to Mrs. Stimson, her sister. A. G. Leane conducted the services in the church and at the graveside. A large number gathered at both services to pay tribute to a life well spent in the service of the Lord.—A. G. Leane.

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This is a very valuable guide for services available for our senior citizens. It tells where to go for advice on every conceivable problem confronting the aged. It lists all of the homes, housing societies, and hospitals conducted on a non-profit basis, and tells you where temporary accommodation can be arranged.

Where there are Day Hospitals and Day Centres, Mental Health and District Nursing Services, and details of home help available. The Elderly Citizens' Clubs are all shown with their addresses and times they are open.

The book also gives helpful information on statutory benefits, entitlements, and concessions which are available for pensioners and others. For instance, many may not know that pensioners and others with limited means are entitled to free travel to and from public hospitals on State owned transport.

The church homes and hospitals are also listed.

This is a very valuable book for all who have an interest in the care of the aged.

#### "THE WAY OUT"

Published by the National Youth Council of Australia. Free to school leavers.

This book has been specially prepared by the National Youth Council of Australia for students leaving school at the end of the year. It is designed to build a bridge between the familiar environment of school and the unfamiliar working world which, from a distance, can be frightening and confusing. It gives good advice on the choice of jobs, gives helpful guidance to undecided minds, and helps to promote the right attitude for teenagers as they approach a great milestone in their careers.

Chapter titles include: "From Learning to Earning," "What's in a Job?" and "Some Career Opportunities." There

### VICTORIAN NEWS

#### MINISTRY CONCLUDES

(The Patch, Vic.). W. Compston concluded his ministry, with over 60 at the evening service on Nov. 20. An evening was given in honor of Mr. Compston and Miss Inez Groves, and six teenage "girls" (Messrs. Harold Easton, Arthur Reed, A. Wieland, C. Davie, T. Holmes and Ern Beament) made it a never-to-be-forgotten night. . . . S.S. picnic to Warburton, and the S.S. anniversary, were happy days.

#### WEST PRESTON BUILDS

(Vic.). The church purchased property alongside its present chapel and a new Youth Centre is in course of erection. The total cost will be \$25,000 (\$8,000 in hand, \$12,000 borrowed from Properties Corp., \$5,000 in interest free loans). The Centre will provide rooms for study,

worship, fellowship and sporting activities, including a squash court. An appeal has been launched for \$2,500 for equipment, with \$1,200 being already received. . . . A young disciples' service was held on Nov. 13, and all those assisting were young people who had joined the church within the last two years. A service involving older youth, on Nov. 27, used folk who had not previously taken part in morning worship. Ian Boyd presided, John Darling offered the prayer, Lorraine Bertram and Mervyn Fennell gave the messages. These meetings were part of Loyalty Month services. . . . A tragic loss of a husband and father, who died at the age of 36 through illness, has left a mother and six children in need. The church is assisting the family. . . . A. J. Storay commences a ministry in January.

#### CITY CHURCH

(Swanston-st., Melb.). The annual meeting of the church re-elected retiring deacons, C. Lyster, M. Walker and

are also interesting features on YOU and your employer, union, income and leisure.

There is no charge for this book. School leavers should ask about it at their schools.

#### "GOOD NEWS FOR MODERN MAN"

50 cents (Aust.). T.E.V. New Testaments, published by American Bible Society.

Although the cost of living is constantly rising in almost all categories, the world's most priceless possession is still available at less than the cost of any paperback on a news-stand.

The Bible Society is distributing "Good News for Modern Man," the entire New Testament, complete with illustrations in Today's English Version. The 608-page paperback featuring almost 200 modern line drawings by the contemporary Swiss artist, Annie Vallotton, sells for 50 cents a copy, compared to more than \$500 that a parchment scroll New Testament would have cost early Christians.

By combining simple but precise words in direct short sentences, along with Miss Vallotton's remarkable illustrations, the new translation proclaims the timeless gospel message in language as clear and current as today's newspapers. The eye-catching cover displays charcoal-grey newspaper mast heads from around the world as background for the title, "Good News for Modern Man," set in bold red letters.

The T.E.V. New Testament compares with other Bible Society translations in contemporary speech already widely accepted in such languages as French, Spanish, Portuguese and Thai, but the trial edition of Mark demonstrated that it is also well suited for use in this country. For grade school, high school and college students, foreign students, migrant workers, and many other adults, it is helpful as a first step in Bible reading. A test proved it to be especially useful in family devotions.

Current words and active verbs, as well as contractions such as "can't," "don't," and "isn't" are used. Obscure or ambiguous terms are avoided, while weights, measures, dimensions and currencies are given modern equivalents or substitutes.

In Acts 1: 12, for example, the modern reader learns that the Mount of Olives was about a half mile from Jerusalem, rather than a Sabbath Day's journey distant. And in Mark 6: 4, the King James Version reads, "But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house." "Good News for Modern Man" reads simply, "Jesus said to them: 'A prophet is respected everywhere except in his home town and by his relatives and family.'"

Dr. Robert G. Bratcher, A.B.S. Translations Special Secretary, prepared the basic T.E.V. translation in association with a team of Biblical scholars.

J. Wright. Appointments were: sec., R. M. Walker, A.A.I.A.; dep. sec., E. M. Price; asst. sec., J. J. Wright; treas., J. G. Todd, B.Com., A.C.A. Attendance at morning services had increased by an average of 30 per cent, and evening services had attracted many visitors who had become permanent worshippers. A record \$18,082 had been given for all purposes, 30 per cent being "for others." Missionary giving had reached \$4,618. New aim of \$5,000 has been set. Youth report disclosed that over 100 young people, including many nurses and university students, were in close contact with the church. These represented eight different countries. The meeting directed the Official Board to investigate the availability of an additional minister as colleague for Dr. Lloyd Jones. . . . Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Price have returned from a world business trip. Mrs. Harry Lyall is still in St. Andrew's Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Nell Wescombe, and Stephen, have returned on furlough from India. . . . "Know Your Bible" Course has now been completed for this year and will resume in 1967.

**ECUMENICAL WORK CAMP  
1966-67**

In co-operation with the Framlingham Reserve Welfare Committee, the Victorian Christian Youth Council will hold an Ecumenical Work Camp at Framlingham Aboriginal Reserve, near Warrnambool, Vic., from Dec. 27, 1966, to Jan. 14, 1967.

Forty young people between the ages of 18 and 30 years will attend, the main work of which will be the installation of bathrooms and toilets in 12 houses on the Reserve. As Framlingham is a farming settlement, additional work such as fencing, cleaning and tree planting may also be carried out.

The programme will also involve the campers in study and discussion sessions, recreation and social activities with the Framlingham and Wangoom communities.

Two similar camps are being held in N.S.W. — at Moree, to help build a house for an Aboriginal family within the township; and at Green Valley, to operate a Children's Vacation Centre.

**"ADOPTION SCHEME"**

(Melb.). This year, as in the past, our I.T.I.M. "Adoption Scheme" is seeking to find accommodation in the city for country youngsters beginning work. The difference is that the demand on the service will be much greater than ever before.

General factors make this service a matter of high priority. The majority of school leavers in country districts are forced to look to capital cities to further their careers and training. It is important that the young person be placed in a good home background while settling into work and city life. This is absolutely crucial.

Two factors make existing boarding houses' facilities in Melbourne inadequate. The impersonality of large boarding houses places great strain on the youngsters in a very new situation. Secondly, the cost of commercial board is too high for first-year employees. Add to this such things as fares, clothes, and other items, it is a matter of simple arithmetic that he cannot manage.

To meet this need the churches, acting in unity through I.T.I.M., in close co-operation with the Commonwealth Employment Service, are seeking church families who will take into their homes a teenager from the country district. It is hoped that this can be done a little less than the commercial rates.

All church members are asked to search their hearts and their homes for the ability to help. Further information can be obtained from the Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission Office by telephoning 63-1837 (Melb.).

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**LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .  
ARMAGEDDON**

To the Editor,

*Every time there is a border incident between Israel and one of her neighbours, old Matt seeks me out at lunchtime. As we munch our sandwiches he says, "Armageddon's not far away now. What's happened will probably blow up into something big. Then Russia will come in . . . Russia's Gog, the King of the North. It's all in the Bible!" When the border row settles down he is quite disappointed.*

*After the last border trouble I asked him, where does it say in the Bible that Russia will start the Armageddon in Israel? He looked at me as though I was ignorant. "It's all in Ezekiel 38 and 39. It will be the last great war on earth . . . the Armageddon. And Russia will start it!"*

*I guessed he was probably right, but I decided to check for myself and I read Ezekiel 38 and 39. Next day I was waiting for Matt. I said, "When did you read Ezekiel 38 and 39 last?" He said, "I read it hundreds of times, years ago, and I've heard hundreds of sermons on it. I don't need to read it again." I said to him, "I think you'd better read it again. For a start it doesn't say anything about Armageddon. And for another thing, whatever war it was, it was to be fought with horses and chariots, swords, spears, and bows and arrows."*

*He didn't turn a hair. He said, "Everybody's saying that the fourth world war will be fought with bows and arrows!"*

Mr. Editor, when did you last read Ezekiel 38 and 39?

TERTIUS.

**BENDIGO'S GOLDEN DAY**

The Centenary celebrations of the Bendigo Church of Christ, Vic., began with a dinner at the City Hall, attended by 250 guests. Later, 400 were at the City Hall for a social gathering. They came from Sth. Aust., N.S.W., and from all over Vic. Items were given by Miss Jean Milne, "The Wanderers," and local artists.

Principal guests were the Mayor and Mayoress, Cr. and Mrs. T. R. Flood, Mr. and Mrs. F. Savage, representing the Ministers' Fraternal, members of the official board of the church, and the two present ministers, M. J. Drake and D. A. S. Potter. Both functions were attended by four past ministers of the church, A. J. Ingham and G. Mathieson, of S.A.; A. E. Hurren, of Melb., and G. J. Andrews, now with the B. and F. B. S.

For the first 60 years of its life the church held its meetings in the Temperance Hall in View Street. W. Davies was the first paid minister. In 1926, the present church was built in Short St. Twenty-six ministers have served the church, which began in 1866 with five members. During the gold rush days the membership rose to 400; present membership is 150.

Additions to the present buildings were opened by A. Ross. Lloyd, Conf. Pres., to mark the centenary year. The additions cost \$6,300, and comprise a minister's study, church office, a new porch and a new foyer.

Three hundred were at communion at the Sunday worship service, which was broadcast over Station 3BO. A. Ross. Lloyd was guest speaker. Ern. Duus led the P.S.A., where Miss Jean Milne sang and A. E. Hurren gave the address. Keith Lacy led the song service at night, Milton Drake presided, and Mr. Lloyd preached the sermon.

The weekend reflected great credit upon those who organised it, and was a worthy tribute to a church with a fine tradition and a record of splendid service.

Roland E. Pritchard is shortly to commence a ministry at Bendigo.

**1967 PROGRAMME  
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**POLISH BIBLE SOCIETY  
MARKS 150th YEAR**

(Warsaw). Delegates from eleven countries and three continents were present to mark the 150th anniversary of the creation of the Bible Society of Warsaw by the British and Foreign Bible Society.

A highlight of the celebrations was the presentation of first copies of the new Polish translation of the New Testament. The version which has been in use was translated 300 years ago and revised once in the last century.—E.P.S.

**A.C.C. ANNOUNCES \$500,000 OVERSEAS AID IN 1967**

The Australian Council of Churches has announced plans to raise at least 500,000 dollars for overseas aid and development projects in 1967.

Included in the projects are:

- An Australian refugee service team for Vietnam, to cost \$12,500.
  - Medical, agricultural and educational programmes in Indonesia to cost \$16,000.
  - Refugee, educational and medical work in Hong Kong to cost \$36,500.
- Unusual projects include:
- \$4,000 for a church civil rights programme in the U.S.A.
  - \$1,000 for the support of families of persons detained in Rhodesia.
  - \$2,000 for the education of native children in South Africa.

Largest item in the programme, which includes aid for church-sponsored programmes in more than 50 countries, is \$111,000 for refugee care and rehabilitation services.

**AUSTRALIAN FRONTIER  
NATIONAL STUDY COURSE**

The National Study Course, arranged for this summer by Australian Frontier, will be held at Wesley College, University of Sydney, Jan. 1 to Jan. 16.

The theme will be "Radical Obedience in a Secular Age," and the guest lecturers will be J. W. Mathews, Dean of the Faculty, and F. V. Hilliard, faculty member, of the Ecumenical Institute Evanston, U.S.A.

The course is limited to 70, and is open to all ministers and laymen, men and women. The fee is \$20 and board is \$5.50 a day.

**QUESTING**



WITH

A. E. WHITE

In Luke 18: 8, Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" Does this refer to the falling away of the Christian people?

Jesus said this at the end of the Parable of the Unjust Judge.

Many of the judges appointed by King Herod, or by the Romans, were a sorry lot. They were likely to sell "justice" to the highest bidder, and unless one were prepared to pay these corrupt men a great deal, there would be little chance of getting the help of the law even in a just cause.

The widow in the story had no money, but she would not accept this denial of justice. Although the evil judge turned her away, she kept coming back, nagging at him until, out of desperation, he gave in to get rid of her. Not because of her cause, but because of his discomfort, justice was done.

God, of course, is not like this judge. He is, in fact, the exact opposite. He does not favour the rich. He is always approachable. He will always dispense justice, although his justice comes with mercy. Sometimes his judgment may appear to be delayed, but it is certainly not his will to delay the good he seeks for all.

Many Christians will get tired of waiting for what they think is justice and give up. Jesus said that we should not lose heart. If we show anything like the persistence of the widow in her cause, we shall find God much more anxious to do good. However, Jesus said so many will give up, that it is enough to ask if there will be any faith left on earth when the Son of Man comes.

This does not mean that there will be no faith upon the earth. When Jesus was here he charged his disciples with having little faith. In the letters to the churches, in Revelation, we see that there was a great falling away, but there were those who were faithful. In our day there has also been a great falling away, but there are still those who are true to God's Word and live in hope.

It is probable that even more difficulties will confront the Christian church, and that the tests of faith will get even more severe.

We should still hold fast to Christ, and put our trust in him.

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THIS CHRISTMAS

**Christmas Bowl**

Place a bowl upon your family table during the holidays and fill it as a sign of gratitude for your own happiness and your responsibility for others.

The Australian Council of Churches is seeking \$500,000 to support church-sponsored human need projects around the world in 1967.

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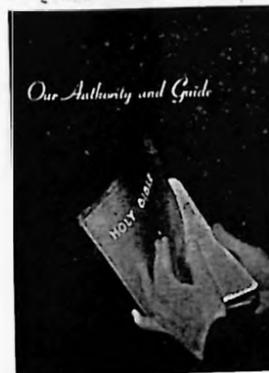
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## WEST MORETON YOUTH CAMP

(Qld.). The West Moreton Youth Camp was held at "Camp Stacey," Cunningham's Gap. 30 young people from Rosewood, Rosevale and Mt. Walker attended the camp. There were 10 decisions in the closing service on Sunday afternoon. Steve Rogers, minister, Dot. Sleaford, Youth Worker, Lloyd and Joyce Mandelkow, cooks, and A. C. Male, D.C.E., were the leaders.

The study book was the evergreen, "Getting Acquainted with Your Bible," by V. C. Stafford. Mention was made by the young people to the practical

nature of the book, and the fine help the study had been to their understanding of the Scriptures.

The banner and slogan for future C.Y.F. activity was roughly drafted at the camp. This depicts "Morty," a squid-like character, invented by Denby Holmes, a previous minister, now ministering at Hurstville, N.S.W., entering a church building with a "Morty's Pressure Pak" can in his hand, spraying the name of the particular church group in the circuit. The slogan, as he enters the church is "When you're in a good thing stick to it."

## NORTHAM'S LOSS

(W.A.). The church suffered a great loss in the death of J. Fletcher, esteemed member of many years' standing. . . . W. J. Gaunson was speaker at York anniversary services. . . . The Women's Auxiliary of the B. and F. B. S. held its annual "At Home" in the Church of Christ Hall. . . . Christmas gifts are being forwarded to the women of the New Hebrides. . . . There was a baptismal service on Nov. 13, when three of our young folk were baptized. . . . Meryl Middleton and Roma Adams, two of our young members, won High School magazine prizes for essays submitted. . . . Endeavour Society members journeyed the 20 miles to York to attend a C.E. Rally.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). The church shared in the annual Harvest Festival under the auspices of the B.S., on Nov. 20. The staff and boys of the Boys' Home at Pendle Hill were guests for the day. D. A. Oldfield conducted the gospel service, with the boys contributing items. T. Smith, B.S. supt., presented to the manager, Mr. Dalton, the goods that had been brought. T. Brice was the guest soloist. . . . The gospel service on Nov. 13 was conducted by the young people. The film, "Peter Collins," was screened. Mr. Fennell was the 11 a.m. speaker.

## ROCKDALE'S BUS

(N.S.W.). A bus has been purchased from the Wollongong church, and the cost of this is being raised by the Teen Club. . . . B.S. anniversary programme included a family communion service,

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with C. J. Mackenzie as preacher. Anniversary speakers were Keith Larcombe (and Mickey Mouse) and Denby Holmes. The following Sunday an anniversary tea was served for all young people, followed by a youth night service, with Mr. Mackenzie as preacher. Six Y.P. confessed Christ at this meeting. The picnic followed in Oct. to Nelsen Park. . . . The C.W.F. arranged a bus trip to Bowral at Tulip time. This helped to raise funds for new kitchen equipment at Woolwich College. . . . Recent visiting speakers have been Mr. Norris and D. Jones, Kevin Crawford, A. Stephenson and A. Roe.

## MANSE DEBT REDUCED

(Sunshine, Vic.). The 40th church anniversary, on Nov. 13, had N. S. Moore and P. Andrews as speakers, with Miss Jean Milne and Miss Vi Barnden as soloists. Many past members shared in fellowship. Thankoffering from members and auxiliaries exceeded \$527 for reduction of manse debt. . . . Dads' and lads' tea on Boys' Sunday, with local Technical School chaplain, R. Everett, as speaker. Explorer Club assisted in gospel service. . . . W. Bruce and J. Robinson re-elected as board chairman and secretary, respectively; J. Wilson, treas. . . . 40 enjoyed church picnic at You Yangs on Cup holiday.

## MINISTER RECEIVES DEGREE

(Rockdale, N.S.W.). The members of the church congratulated their minister, C. J. Mackenzie, on receiving his Th.D. degree from America. After completing his exams and thesis, "Biblical Theology and Preaching Today — An Enquiry Into Its Nature and Truth," our minister was granted the Th.D. degree. Mr. Mackenzie is in his eighth year of service with the church.

## BLACKBOARDS FOR ABORIGINES

(Epping, N.S.W.). The Boys' Brigade is making 48 blackboards for the Aborigines Mission. The C.E. is providing the chalk. . . . R. Wakely and F. Eismore were elected as deacons, and K. Baker as elder. . . . F. Ewers was guest speaker at church anniversary. Misses J. and B. Saunders sang a duet. Boys' Brigade paraded at night. . . . Other recent speakers have been C. Cole, Conf. Pres., and E. T. Hart, representing Social Service, who both addressed the church, and Miss Esme Harris told the C.W.F. of her work in Japan. . . . After attending six weekly lectures, a group of C.W.F. ladies is visiting Parramatta

Psychiatric Centre each fortnight. . . . 40 members went on a "door-knock" visit to 186 home units in the district. . . . There was a baptismal service last Sunday. . . . The B.S. topped the State in Scripture examination, gaining Honour Shield and prizes won, and Honour Shield for average marks.

## MEN'S RALLY

(N.S.W.). 40 attended a Men's Rally at Wyoming church (53 miles north of Sydney), on Nov. 19. Barry Brown, guest speaker, Fred Grice, tenor, and Graham Price, accordionist and accompanist, provided the programme. Barry Brown spoke on "The Altar of God." Barry said that "The altar without the fire is incomplete," and that "a fire be kindled in your church that others outside will be attracted to the glow and warmth."

Fred Grice sang "When I Remember" and "Overshadowed"—he was also well supported in duets with Barry Brown.

The Wyoming men were "very satisfied with the whole programme and encouraged by the Committee's presence," said Ted Furze, in his welcome to the visitors. The ladies of the church are to be commended on the excellent meal they prepared. The Committee feels that these District Rallies are worth while and will arrange more.

## THIRD C.Y.F. CONVENTION

330 young people from all States have registered for the Third National C.Y.F. Convention, to be held at Perth, W.A., Jan. 5 to 12, 1967. Delegates will be accommodated at two University Hostels, with study and worship sessions at the Churches of Christ Christian Centre.

Dr. K. A. Bowes will lead the Bible study, C. H. J. Wright is special guest speaker, and Hariba Waghumode, of India, will also share in the programme.

Elective workshop courses will be conducted in Vocation, Missions, the Church and Human Needs, International Affairs, Leadership, and Communication.

A Convention Communion Service will be held at the City Church on Jan. 8, and State Directors of Christian Educ. will be preaching at churches in and around Perth.

Following the Convention, many of the delegates will go on a five-day tour of the Western State.

## NATIONAL DIARY

### QUEENSLAND

DECEMBER:  
3 — Final Rally — Y. & C.E. Dept., Annerley.

### VICTORIA

DECEMBER:  
6 — Christian Men's Fellowship Christmas Dinner — 6 p.m.  
10 — Explorers' Final Rally.  
10 — Dept. of Social Service Women's Committee Rally — Venue to be announced.  
17 — Christian Endeavour Christmas Treats.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

DECEMBER:  
2 — Brotherhood Farewell to Mr. and Mrs. E. P. C. Hollard at Grote Street.  
6 — Annual Meeting S.A. Council Christian Educ.  
8 — Annual Christmas Men's Rally, Park Street, Unley.  
10 — "Christmas in the Pines" at Longwood. Last A.C.Y.F. for 1966.

## C.W.F. AIDS VIETNAM

(Southport, Qld.). The C.W.F. held a cake and vegetable stall in the church ground on Oct. 29. \$55 was raised, and \$30 of this went towards a Midwifery Kit for Vietnam. On the same day C.Y.F. members painted the church hall, under the supervision of W. Taber. . . . The C.Y.F. held a film evening, and John Sheriff, from Qld. Temperance Union, showed slides. . . . The B.S. has donated \$50 to the New Hebrides Missions. . . . Slides on Mission work were shown by Mr. Malcolm, to the B.S. . . . Several new scholars have joined the B.S. A Christmas hamper has been sent to John Forbes, who is serving in Vietnam.

## INGLEWOOD LOOKS BACK

(W.A.). The church celebrated its 40th anniversary, featuring Senior and Junior B.S. on Nov. 6. On Nov. 9, a Family Church Tea, had visitors, including Mrs. Ada Sharp and daughters. They commenced B.S. work at Inglewood. On 13th, past ministers assisted all services, including R. Raymond, Geo. Smith and A. W. Morris. . . . All visitors to Fed. Conf. have returned. . . . Y.P. have raised over \$250 for various projects this year.

## TO AID A CHURCH

(Wembley, W.A.). A garden party was held at the church grounds in aid of the new Wembley Downs church; \$284 was raised. . . . The C.E. Societies combined at a barbecue and games night to express appreciation to L. H. Park, who has resigned as J.C.E. supt., after 18 years. I. Nicholas is the new Junior supt. . . . The Ladies' Fellowship held a meeting at the Roleystone home of the past pres., Mrs. P. Pritchard. Ladies have given a further \$200 towards church carpets. Mrs. M. Mackay and Mrs. S. Karhu were elected as pres. and sec. respectively. . . . The church is glad to have D. A. Ladbrook, our minister, home after several weeks in the Eastern States. Brethren from other churches have given valuable assistance. . . . Miss Judy Manning was farewelled prior to her departure to England on a working holiday. . . . R. Raymond preached at the church's 27th anniversary; nine foundation members were present.

## GLENELG'S BROADCAST

(S.A.). In the absence of the minister, E. P. C. Hollard conducted broadcast service over 5DN on Nov. 13. . . . The Glenelg Council of Churches presented books to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis in appreciation of their service in fostering inter-church activities. The W.C.T.U. also recognised the services of Mrs. Curtis as local secretary. . . . Five senior S.S. scholars were baptized and welcomed into fellowship.

## AIM EXCEEDED

(Forestville, S.A.). The church's aim of \$400 for the Infirmary at Everard Park was exceeded. . . . The 47th anniversary of the church was celebrated with a grand fellowship tea, followed by a gospel service at which S. Riches, Conf. Pres., was speaker. . . . The annual meeting elected G. Thomas and C. J. McKennay as elders. Deacons are W. C. Lovell, R. W. Taylor, F. Walkley. Deaconesses: Mesdames L. Harris, F. Samels, M. Tippitt. . . . A. R. Jones spoke to

## The Promise of South Canberra . . .



The story of the formation of the South Canberra congregation was given last week. This is a photograph of those who attended the first service in the Lyons Primary School Hall, on Nov. 13.

## NELSONS FOR NOLLAMARA

(Maryborough - Baddow - Hervey Bay, Qld.). Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have accepted an invitation from the church at Nollamara, W.A., to begin their ministry there early in 1968. From Nov. 16-23, Mr. Nelson conducted a crusade at the Toowoomba church, with the theme of "Facts of Christianity." Six confessions of faith were registered.

The local church has witnessed seven confessions of faith and several baptisms at the gospel services over the past few weeks. Theme of subjects has been "The Ten Commandments."

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Vanham have begun a part-time ministry at Hervey Bay, after having concluded their ministry at Bundaberg. Hervey Bay's new Fire Chief, Ed. Wiltshire, has been wel-

comed into the fellowship, together with his wife and family. They were actively engaged in the work at Ayr. Mr. and Mrs. R. Heitman and family have transferred to Brisbane, after years of splendid service with the local work. . . . Two youth camps will be conducted at Hervey Bay in conjunction with the State Youth Dept. during Dec. and Jan. . . . C.W.F. enjoyed a tape recording from the South Perth ladies' group. The plan was to help bridge the gap which exists because of distance. . . . An audio-visual evening entitled "Panorama," was conducted by two members, who screened their 30,000 mile trip through various countries. All proceeds were donated to the "Fairhaven" Aged Christians' Home. Special evenings are being arranged for this magnificent presentation in other provincial towns.

combined Men's Fellowship on prison chaplaincy work. . . . Y.P. attended "Skyline '66" and visited Woodroffe's cool drink factory. . . . C.W.F. gave a special programme and gave gifts of shortbread biscuits to elderly ladies at Sunset Lodge. Ladies also attended combined Christmas meeting, with nine churches represented. Dorcas ladies attended meeting at Baptist church on Nov. 16.

## "SHOW ME!"

(South Perth, W.A.). "Show Me the Way to Go Home" was the theme of the S.S. anniversary. Mr. Wood told the story of "The Pilgrim's Progress," which was illustrated by Albert Looyens. On the following Sunday afternoon, the older style of anniversary was held. All the school were on the platform, although most of the programme was given over to the kinders. This proved extremely popular. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Tam, who originally came from Hong Kong, and were married in this church, were farewelled at an after-church fellowship on Nov. 20, prior to their return home. . . . The Y.P.S.C.E. undertook to clothe

a girl from our Norseman Mission. This has now been successfully completed.

## INTERIM CHANGE

(Ringwood, Vic.). A farewell was tendered to L. E. Snow, and presentation made in appreciation of a very fine interim ministry. Dr. K. A. Bowes has succeeded him in a brief ministry and his messages are greatly appreciated. . . . B.S. anniversary services were very helpful, with splendid singing by scholars, and fine messages from L. E. Brooker, J. Uren and Dr. K. A. Bowes. A dedication service was held on Oct. 30 for Cradle Roll children. . . . C.Y.F. are doing window-cleaning as a service project to purchase a drill-saw kit for Barry Baker's use in New Hebrides. . . . Junior Good Companions donated \$10 towards a clock for the chapel. . . . Special offering for Hospital Sunday was \$51. . . . Renovations to manse being effected prior ministry of G. W. Barnett. . . . A church family picnic at Mt. Evelyn was organised by C.M.F. . . . Sympathy of church extended to Mr. Tope in death of his sister.



## NEW SOUTH WALES

### SECOND BROTHERHOOD CONSULTATION

Under the energetic leadership of the Conf. Pres., Charles Cole, the Committee representatives of the N.S.W. Conference were called to a second brotherhood consultation, on Nov. 12.

Three vital aspects of brotherhood work were reviewed by the 32 present.

Mr. Cole urged consideration of ways and means by which committees could work together when committees had a similar functional operation.

He further outlined other methods on which the whole of the brotherhood's Committee could be built. His paper produced much comment, and is to be referred to a Committee that has been set up by Conference to investigate this type of proposal.

The second session was led by the convener of the newly formed Publicity Committee, Owen Wainwright. He pointed out how vital it was for proper liaison to be achieved between Conference and Committees, between various Committees themselves, and essentially the importance of a proper image of brotherhood life and work being presented to the outside world.

This new committee consisted of men who were actively employed in printing and publicity in their everyday occupation. Although only advisory at the moment, his committee is determined to arrive at the place where they can really undertake assignments from both Committees and Churches to make the most of the splendid advertising opportunities available today.

The third session was led by J. Christensen and J. Reid, and outlined the achievements, hopes and ambitions of the Finance Co-ordination Committee, now entering its fourth year of operation. After overcoming many initial disabilities the Committee now enjoys the confidence of 90 per cent of the churches in the brotherhood.

The brethren were able to demonstrate that there had been a great stimulus to giving in the period in which the church was most active in conducting Stewardship Campaigns, and a levelling off of contributions since then. But one achievement that was pointed out by way of a criticism revealed that the Committee had managed to replace eight Annual Offerings with only three, without loss of revenue.

The final session was designed as a plenary session, where some swift questions and answers on all aspects of brotherhood work could have been dealt with. This session ran out of time whilst dealing with some controversial matters to do with finance, but the whole consultation was voted a worthwhile affair. The hospitality of the Lane Cove church, and the meal provision by the Catering Committee of the Social Service Dept., was really appreciated.—E. T. Hart, Conf. Sec.

## CHURCHES OF CHRIST BIBLE COLLEGE, N.S.W.

### GRADUATION SERVICE

The Enmore Tabernacle was crowded to capacity for the Annual Graduation Service, on Nov. 18. The Conf. Pres., C. Cole, presented the greetings of the N.S.W. churches. He gave an impressive charge to seven graduates. Addresses were given by R. Brown, D. Nutt, G. Warne and W. Harrison. B. Hill led the meeting in devotional worship. The student choir, led by D. Sanders, rendered two appreciated items. A quartette party sang acceptably.

The Principal, A. W. Stephenson, M.A., presented diplomas to R. H. Brown, D. C. Nutt, W. J. Harrison, B. Hill and G. Warne, and Missionary Certificates to Miss R. Mudford and Miss G. Thornton. Mr. Nutt gained honorable mention and an honors diploma for his work at University and College over four years.

The chairman, I. J. Torode, welcomed visitors from Sth. Aust., Victoria and Western Aust., also many from country centres. He thanked the churches for

their support and urged friends of the College to increase their support of the College in view of the rising costs.

The ladies of the churches are providing a new gas stove for the College use, and moves are now being made to provide more accommodation at the College for married students.

The Principal announced the following appointments for the graduates: R. H. Brown goes to Baramera District churches, S.A.; B. Hill to Long Plains, S.A.; W. J. Harrison to Wyoming, N.S.W.; D. Nutt to Peshurst, and G. Warne to Nth. Turramurra, N.S.W. Miss G. Thornton will serve at "Fairhaven," Esperance, W.A., taking charge of Aboriginal girls in the home. Miss R. Mudford expects to take up social work in N.S.W.

Young people who are interested in training for the Kingdom of God are invited to write to the Principal for particulars of the course offered.—A. W. Stephenson, Principal.

### o N.S.W. MEN'S CAMP

#### "MEN — FIT FOR THE BATTLE"

N.S.W. Men's Camp, held over the weekend, Nov. 4-6, had 73 men attending full-time, with others present for a limited period.

The purpose was to provide a concentrated time of study on winning the lost and building the saved. Especially designed to equip men from local churches in the "how" of personal evangelism.

The leader was Joe Simmons, Aust.-N.Z. Director of The Navigators. This is a missionary organisation encouraging laymen to take an active part in carrying out Christ's great commission. They help men to be effective for Christ in their own sphere of interest, in their church community and vocation.

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he helps them until they have a solid spiritual foundation and are reaching men on their own.

The theme of the camp was, "Men — Fit for the Battle." There were ten sessions covering a wide range of practical subjects, firmly based on scripture, including personal preparation, prayer, discipline and witnessing.

The camp proved to be a very effective time of challenge, instruction and training, as Joe Simmons used the Word of God to drive home every point made. "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4: 12).

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Men's Camp for 1967 is planned for Sept. 15-17.

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## VICTORIA

### BAPTISMS IN NEW CHAPEL

(Shepparton, Vic.). Two moving, impressive baptismal services have been held since the reopening of the lovely renovated chapel. Members of other communions have shown their interest in the baptisms, and noted in the congregations were Anglicans, Methodists, Presbyterians and Roman Catholics. Nine young people were baptized at these two services. A young married woman has been received into fellowship by transfer. The public of Shepparton show a keen interest in the new buildings and no opportunity is lost in taking those interested on a tour of inspection. A church family has generously donated an electronic organ for use in the chapel. Other donations of indoor plants, etc., and gifts of money are also greatly appreciated. . . . Shepparton Ministers' Fraternal has agreed to promote a combined evening service on Christmas Day, which falls on a Sunday this year.

### OPPORTUNITY SHOP TO CLOSE

(Belmont, Vic.). After eight years' splendid service, the Opportunity Shop conducted by the Women's Day Group, will close this year. Approximately \$9,000 has been raised through the shop. The ladies donated \$500 toward reduction of the debt, which now stands at \$25,000. . . . The Planned Budget proposes to double giving to "others" . . . The 26th church anniversary, on Nov. 13, was addressed by K. A. Jones, of the College of the Bible. The family barbecue planned for 12th was washed out. . . . The annual meeting elected G. Hall, treas., L. Smail and J. Wilson as new deacons. Membership is 128, and eight new B.S. scholars were

## VICTORIAN C.W.F. COUNCIL

(Melb.). Distinguished visitors at the November Council Meeting of the Victorian C.W.F. were Miss Dorothy Geyer and Mrs. Win Beale, on furlough from India and New Guinea.

The President brought a call to worship, and then Miss Geyer brought a greeting from the Baramati women, and led the devotions on the theme, "We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

Mrs. Beale expressed pleasure in sharing a service with Miss Geyer and then gave a graphic story of the work at Tsumba. She told of the sorcery and constant fear of the people, the discipleship classes, which resulted in the baptism of 22 people, the well attended prayer meetings, and the anxiety of the people to tell others of Christ. She

urged that we uphold these people in prayer, and in thanking Mrs. Beale, the President assured her of the prayers of the women of Victoria and Tasmania.

Announcement was made of next year's camps "with a difference," and women were urged to attend.

Mrs. Joyce, of Blackburn, brought the intercessory prayer, and regret was expressed at the death of Mrs. Morris, of Caulfield.

The treasurer reported that the sale of Jean Milne's records had brought \$620.65.

140 delegates from 55 churches were present, and visitors included Mrs. Berlin, from Qld., Mrs. Moore, from Tas., and Mrs. Helen Hall, from Belmont. —F. Morris.

gained as a result of visitation. Elders, deacons and deaconesses were installed by the minister, F. Langford, on Nov. 20. . . . After two lean years, the cricket club tops the ladder with two outright wins. . . . D. A. V. Thomas commences a ministry on Feb. 5.

### EVANGELISM PROGRAMME

(Warracknabeal - Brim, Vic.). A successful Evangelism Programme, with Kevin Harvey, has concluded. Highlights included the family night in the Molly-Taylor Kiosk. Allan Rowe was compere. Mick Hughes, and daughter Kerry, provided music on the electronic organ and vocal items, and Kevin Harvey spoke on "Great Love at Work." One decision has been registered and others have been challenged. . . . At a combined churches' guest service, held at Warracknabeal on Oct. 30, the church was packed to capacity. B. C. Snoxall spoke. The Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches, and Church of England, joined with us. A fellowship hour was afterwards held in the hall.

### ANNIVERSARY FEATURE

(Footscray, Vic.). At the B.S. anniversary on Nov. 6, evening service, scholars took part in special musical items, role-playing, choric reading and dialogue in the original programme, "God Speaks," written by Miss M. McCracken, who also trained singing of scholars. . . . Both W. Ivory and F. Lucke are in Footscray Hospital. . . . Church was saddened by the sudden death of W. Jackson.

### BOYS' SUNDAY

(Balwyn, Vic.). Explorers helped service on Boys' Sunday, and assistant minister from the College of the Bible, Robert Collins, gave final sermon. He was farewelled at after-church fellowship. . . . S.S. anniversary services with theme, "God Can Do Anything," had appropriate songs and was highlighted by instructive missionary film, "Three Mothers and Four Fathers" . . . World Community Day services held with speaker on "Aid to Migrants" . . . C.W.F. enjoyed Mrs. Heard, and gave many Christmas gifts for children in hospitals. . . . Family picnic to Kinglake was held on Cup Day. . . . Frank Beale was speaker at S.S. and morning service.

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### S P E A K E R S

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Rev. JOHN PRITCHARD, Staff Lecturer of N.Z. Bible Training Institute.

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Doreen Harnvey, Sth. Melb., Vic.  
Jim Russell, Southport, Qld.  
Rhonda Lacy, West Preston, Vic.

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Mrs. Cairncross, Surrey Hills to Burwood, Vic.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Evers, Cheltenham to Oakleigh, Vic.  
Mrs. F. Shire, Flinders Park; Mrs. F. Young, Mt. Hill, to Tumbly Bay, S.A.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Turner, Kingsford to Chatswood, N.S.W.  
Miss F. Groves, Warrnambool, and L. Holland, to Sth. Melb., Vic.  
Mrs. R. Plyman, Ringwood; Mrs. A. J. Lloyd, Moreland, to Croydon, Vic.  
Mr. and Mrs. Chamier, East Camberwell Baptist, to Hartwell, Vic.  
Nigel Merrick, Nollamara to South Perth, W.A.

## COMING EVENTS

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J. Leask, Loftus Park; Mrs. J. Leask, Parramatta Baptist, to Epping, N.S.W.  
Mrs. N. Cartmel, Gardiner, to Doncaster, Vic.

## MARRIAGES

Thelma Rollason to James Holmes, Footscray, Vic.  
Gael Holmes to Garry Huntingford, Hartwell, Vic.  
Jean Ripper to James McWhirter, Victoria Park, S.A.  
Carolyn Cook to John Lloyd, Moreland, Vic.

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## BIRTH

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## ENGAGEMENT

**WARMBRUNN - JONES.** — Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Warmbrunn, 14 Power-st., Dandenong, Vic., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their younger daughter, Marion Irene, to Peter, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jones, 4 Marshall-st., Noble Park, Vic.

## APPROACHING MARRIAGE

**JAMES - BACIK.** — The marriage of Patricia, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. James, 32 Dover-st., Wilston, Qld., to Jay Raymond Bacik (Woolwich College), only son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Cousins, Concord West, N.S.W., will be solemnised at Church of Christ, Albion, Qld., at 11.30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 10. David Mansell is officiating minister.

**NELSON - OLAFSEN.** — The marriage of Julia Margaret, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Nelson, 1 The Grove, Lower Mitcham, S.A., to Deane Roy, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Olafsen, Gawler, S.A., will be celebrated at Edwardstown Church of Christ chapel, S.A., at 6.30 p.m., on Dec. 10, Principal Williams officiating.

## DEATH

**EDWARDS.** — On Nov. 15, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. N. E. Hodges, 43 Stopford-rd., Brighton, S.A., Elsie May Edwards, dearly beloved wife of Theo. Edwards, beloved mother of Ruth (Mrs. Mumme), Naomi (Mrs. Hodges), only son Theo; beloved grandmother of ten grandchildren. 78 years. "Until the day dawns and the shadows flee away."

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## C.W.F. COUNCIL

(Vic.) C.W.F. Council Meeting will be held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, on Friday, Dec. 2, at 8 p.m. A Christmas presentation by the members of the Evening Fellowship Committee.

## EXPLORER DEMONSTRATION

(Vic.) Using the theme, "This Is the Life," and with all the verve of men on the flying trapeze, the Doncaster Explorers, under Chief Viv. Curtis, and their section leaders, displayed all the finest attributes of Australian youth to 160 parents and friends, on Nov. 20. The demonstration included skills in exercises, on the wooden horse and ropes . . . The Doncaster R.S.L. visited the church on Remembrance Sunday, and after gospel service shared in fellowship . . . This month, the men of the church have been conducting the services at the Oakleigh Guest Home. They have been ably supported by young people rendering musical items.

## GONE WEST

(Coburg, Vic.) The church farewelled Derryck Rees, who has taken up an appointment in Albany, W.A. He has trained in the field of radio announcing and we are confident he will make as valuable a contribution within and without the church there as he has done in Coburg . . . At the half-yearly meeting, a workshop approach was used to assess the effectiveness of the life of the church, and to discover new expressions of ministry. Printed reports of the auxiliaries were used as working papers. . . . A discipleship class has just completed a series on "What it means to be a Christian" . . . Three types of youth groups function in an attempt to minister to the varying needs and backgrounds of the youth of Coburg.

## HONEYMOON CRUISE

(Croydon, Vic.) Mr. and Mrs. John Lloyd were spending their first happy days on a honeymoon cruise. Unfortunately, Mr. Lloyd fell and broke his arm. This was most unfair, as well as painful . . . The C.W.F. had a progressive dinner as their programme on Oct. 25 . . . The Nov. men's tea had Explorer Boys as guests on Boys' Sunday. David Hibbert spoke at the tea and afterwards at church. Other recent speakers were F. Sterling, G. Bullock and E. Baxter. For the 93rd anniversary, H. J. Patterson and A. R. Lloyd were speakers . . . C.W.F. had a demonstration of Paton and Baldwin's wools . . . On Nov. 2

and 9, members attended the sessions on evangelism at Swanston-st. church . . . C.Y.F. went ice-skating on Nov. 11 . . . The B.S. had enrolment and Promotion Sundays on Nov. 6 and 13 . . . V. G. Hurford is in Royal Melb. Hosp.

## CHURCH CO-OPERATION

(South Melb., Vic.) Ministers of local Presbyterian and Methodist churches have spoken at evening services and the church participated in a combined service at the Anglican Church. The minister and young people of the church occasionally assist a coffee shop organised by the churches in Sth. Melb. . . . B.S. anniversary services had the theme, "Christ's Love Unlimited." The spoken messages were given by Miss P. Cooper, J. Bibby and J. Lane. An unusual feature was the assistance given by a jazz group led by D. McDowell during the teenage service. . . . Nurses representing the Prince Henry's Hospital branch of the Nurses' Christian Movement, led the service on Nov. 6. The Father and Son, and Mother and Daughter Movement presented valuable sessions on Nov. 21 and 22. The sessions were attended by more than 400 parents and children . . . A Young Adults' Tea, on Nov. 28, was addressed by Mrs. J. Strattan, wife of one of the team of ministers of United Church . . . The church regrets that fellowship with Mrs. Gowty, a faithful member of 86 years of age, will be restricted in the future. Mrs. Gowty, who rarely misses an evening or morning service, will be moving to the Kew district.

## GOOD ANNIVERSARY ATTENDANCE

(North Williamstown, Vic.) Members attended the meetings on Evangelism on Nov. 2 and 9 . . . B.S. anniversary services on Nov. 6 and 13, had R. Muller and L. Brooker as speakers. Children sang under leadership of A. R. Haskell. Prize awards were distributed to all classes. Fellowship over a "cuppa" followed closing service, giving opportunity for teachers to meet the parents of scholars . . . Many visitors and friends helped celebrate C.W.F. 18th birthday on Nov. 16. A lively and bright programme was presented by the Williamstown Elderly Citizens' Choir and Concert Party. Birthday cake made and attractively decorated by Mrs. Mavis Bryant, was cut by Mrs. Dowling . . . C.M.F. elected H. Williams, as pres., R. Haden, as sec. . . . The Christian Educ. Committee's four training classes at South Yarra were attended by six ladies.

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## OBITUARY

Ethel Madgeline Pippard.

In gracious old age, Mrs. Ethel Madgeline Pippard passed peacefully to be with her Lord on Oct. 20, at Bendigo Base Hospital. In her youth she had been a member at Swanston-st., Melbourne. She was a sister of the well-remembered Louie Romeitch. For a number of years, Mrs. Pippard resided with her late husband, George, in South Africa. Latterly she had been at Mirradong, the Home for the Aged Blind, in Bendigo. She bore her affliction of blindness with great patience, and appreciated our pastoral ministrations deeply; also the assistance and interest of the C.W.F. Her funeral was conducted by A. C. Mudford, and an "in memoriam" service was held at Mirradong on Oct. 23, by the writer.—G. J. Andrews.

Mrs. Ethel A. M. Mitchell.

On Nov. 19, at the age of 82, Mrs. Ethel Alice Margaret Mitchell died. In early life she belonged to that very virile group of young people at the "Fitzroy Tab." (Vic.) as it was called, then Ethel Delaney, and her picture may be seen in "The Jubilee History" amongst the S.S. teachers at Fitzroy. She was a young woman of striking beauty. In 1905, she was married to G. Mitchell, in the Gore-st. chapel, by Linley Gordon. Her husband was in the Naval Accounts Dept. and he was transferred to Sydney for a short time, where they attended the church at Chatswood. On their return to Melbourne her husband became Conference Treasurer, and was ultimately the Director of Naval Accounts. In all his work, Mrs. Mitchell was a ready and able helpmeet. She was President of the Women's Conf., 1929-30, filling this office with grace, dignity and vitality. Possessing great personal charm and intelligence, she was able to express herself well, saying what she meant and meaning what she said. Her warm friendliness and strong sense of humour would of themselves have retained for her a wide circle of friends but, above everything else, she evidenced a strong faith in her Saviour and her God. Her

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favorite hymn was "Onward, Christian Soldiers," because she believed that all Christians should be active about the Lord's work. Some years ago she suffered a cancer, but an operation and the enervating deep-ray treatment overcame the disease. She bore all cheerfully, never losing her simple gracious manner. She was widely known for her hospitality. There were four daughters and one son in her family. Her son Charles was lost in the "H.M.A.S. Sydney," on Nov. 19, 1941, and it was on this day that she died — 25 years later. Space does not permit the enumerating of her long years of service to Christ and his church at Brunswick, Swanston-st., and Malvern-Caulfield. A. B. Clark, R. Hillbrich and the writer shared the services. To her daughters Marjorie (Mrs. Gilbert), Nance (Mrs. King), Gwen (Mrs. Rowe, N.Z.), Alison (Mrs. Merry), and their husbands, and 11 grandchildren, deepest sympathy is extended.—Wilkie J. Thomson.

Mrs. Bertha Field.

Bertha Field was the eldest daughter, and second child, of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brown, names well known to Churches of Christ in Vic. and N.S.W. where, in earlier years, Mr. Brown served as a consecrated minister of the Word. Bertha was a devoted S.S. teacher who continued interest in her class all through the week. She had no children of her own, but made her home a happy place for many children. In N.S.W., Mrs. Field is specially remembered for her sacrificial service with the church at Blackheath, where she tried hard to keep the work going, even when most of the members had moved away. Her work for the Bible Society, and Social Service, brought grateful tribute from those she sought to help. When her husband died, about three years ago, she found a home at "Ashwood House" (Home for Aged Ladies), where she was very happy, and constantly paid tribute to the kindness and friendliness of the staff and all other ladies there. We pay tribute to a generous and gracious Christian lady.—D. Wakeley.

Victor James Hargreaves.

On Oct. 18, Victor James Hargreaves died suddenly, as he greeted some men on the way to work. In 1923, Vic. came from Moondarah to Carnegie, Vic., with his family, and was baptized there in 1924. After his marriage he lived for some time at Murrumbena, Euroa and Numurkah, where he associated with other churches. In 1955, he and his wife were welcomed into the church at Parkdale. We knew him as a Christian gentleman, always true to his Christian principles. He lived out the precept that it is better to say nothing if you can't say a good word about another. His very real ability in business, as a Supervisor of Building Construction on large city buildings (one of the most recent was the Reserve Bank on the corner of Collins and Exhibition-sts.), was overshadowed by a modesty and humility, and he was never one to seek prominence, but to work quietly behind the scenes. His experience and wise guidance made him a valued member of the Parkdale New Chapel Building Committee. In early 1965, he and his wife moved to Croydon and entered into the life and work of the church there. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at Parkdale chapel, and New Cheltenham Lawn Cemetery. A very large gathering of men spoke for itself of the esteem and respect with which Vic. was regarded. We express loving Christian sympathy to Mrs. Hargreaves, Bevyn and Glenys (Mrs. Basterfield) and all other members of the family.—B.H.C.

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To us this seems a most pitiful apology for the unspeakable atrocities of the Turkish soldiers that were deliberately ordered and planned . . . We rather wonder at His Excellency venturing to justify, under any possible pretext, such an unprecedented butchery and horrors so indescribable.—Jas. E. Thomas.

**HERE AND THERE.** Hornsby, N.S.W. On Temperance Day, 34 scholars signed the combined anti-drinking, anti-smoking, and anti-gambling pledge cards. Perth, W.A. The largest attendance ever seen was present for a special service in memory of H. J. Banks. Enmore, N.S.W. Many were not able to get to morning service as trams were not running. Horsham Circuit, Vic. Our present need of a larger chapel still exists. Our donations so far range from £10 to a three-inch wire nail. We are thankful for them all.

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## OPEN FORUM

### PRECIOUS SOULS.

To the Editor,

I feel that "Tertius," in his anonymous criticisms, very easily falls into the trap of doing the Devil's work in discrediting Missions. This would seem so, at any rate, in his criticism of the earnest young woman he imagines, who, though imperfect in her own church life, goes out to "save precious souls." It is easy for the spectators on the sidelines to criticise the players, but it becomes tragic when Christians do this.

Why does a presumably imperfect "Tertius" demand that only prospective missionaries should be perfect before going out? I suggest, Mr. Editor, that there would be few missionaries indeed (or ministers, either) if perfection were demanded! "Tertius" would do well to stick to the praying asked for, and do less criticising. This would be something constructive towards solving the problem in all of our lives which he highlights in his letter.

I know that "heathen" has become a "dirty word" by popular consent in recent years. So, for that matter, has "saving souls," if by that one means doing something for an invisible and intangible something inside a person, while letting the rest of the person go to hell! But why not "heathen" please? It is a Bible word. Further, it is good Anglo-Saxon, and comes from the Greek "ethnos," connected through English with "heath." Thus a "heathen" is one who lives in the country, as a "pagan" is one who lives in a "pagus" or village. By usage "heathen" has come to mean anyone without a knowledge of the true God — and all the heathen are not out in foreign lands! Would "Tertius" like to be positive and suggest a few better words to describe heathen and pagan people?

—David G. Hammer, W.A.

### THE PRESIDENT.

To the Editor,

In "A.C.," Nov. 19, Dr. G. Hall, W.A., refers to daily newspapers making a big story of President L. B. Johnson visiting a "pub" in Townsville "to see the bar where he used to drink during the war." I have just seen a documentary film of the President's tour, in which it showed the said "pub" where, according to the commentator, the President as a naval lieutenant stayed overnight, sharing a room with another lieutenant (male, of course). This shows that it is not wise to believe all the garbled reports you read in the papers.

It should be noted also that people can change considerably in 24 years, and it is with L.B.J. of today that we are particularly concerned. To us he is a brother in Christ, and as such has a claim on us to protect his good name. In the absence of the full facts, let us reserve our judgments — that is, if we consider ourselves in a position to judge one another.

—A. O. S. Baker, Vic.

## LISTENING POST

Quotable Quotes from Near and Far, and from Here and There, for Now and Then.

### "THE POWER OF CHRISTIAN LOVE"

#### THE WAY OF LOVE

Jesus was, at all times, a lover of people. He had such an imagination about their possibilities, and he believed in them so much that they sometimes even went so far as to want to be remade themselves . . . We shall never understand the Way of Love, and be able to practise it, unless we start where Jesus started by meeting ordinary people in their ordinary everyday lives, and in making them realise that they matter: that they, whatever their background, their lack of education, their poverty, their sin, can become members of God's Kingdom.

—Max Warren in "But — Suppose He Was Right."

#### THE WORK OF LOVE

The Cross symbolises the Gospel of the Love of God as seen in the Incarnation and the Atonement . . . God came down in Christ. No other mode would suffice for the world's redemption.

—Douglas Webster in "Unchanging Mission."

#### THE WORTH OF LOVE

Love is the ligament that can bind the members of the church to one another and make a "body" of them. This was "the way more excellent," which Paul had in mind when he penned the last sentence of 1 Corinthians 12. And what we should naturally have expected after such a sentence is that Paul should proceed to show how "love" would succeed where common sense might wholly fail. But what he does is to break out into an impassioned, glorious eulogy of love itself.

—J. D. Jones in "The Greatest of These."

#### THE WITNESS OF LOVE

No matter what, or how many, our accomplishments, if Love is not in our hearts, everything else is discounted; while Love gives character which alone is blessed of God, and a blessing to man.

—John Burr in "The Lordship of Love."

#### THE WORD OF LOVE

Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything. It is, in fact, the one thing that still stands when all else has fallen.

—J. B. Phillips' translation of 1 Corinthians 13: 13.

### PACIFIST IN LOVE.

To the Editor,

Having just returned from a brief, but well-earned honeymoon, I was catching up on my unopened "A.C.'s" on the desk, when a disturbing discovery shattered me — The Pacifists are in trouble! Tertius, the Editor, K.D.H., and others, have formed some kind of polite military alliance which will be making the inconsistencies of the Pacifists the object of the scorn of the whole brotherhood. And the Pacifists had already copped their fair share of criticism in sermons, speeches and guffaws at Federal Conference too.

Now all the other Pacifists might deserve these criticisms — but not me. For the record, I am the perfect Pacifist. I love absolutely everybody. I love Tertius, C.G.F., K.D.H., L.B.J. and A.E.W. I love my wife (still), Marshal Ky, the V.C., the peasants, the Conference President and General MacArthur (or is he gone?). And I'm very humble too.

When your readers are urged to note the hot-headed inconsistencies of those other Pacifists who get in a rage just because millions of people have been killed in war by human greed and its tool of propaganda — don't let them get mad at me. I never get mad. I love everybody.

—John Lloyd, Vic.

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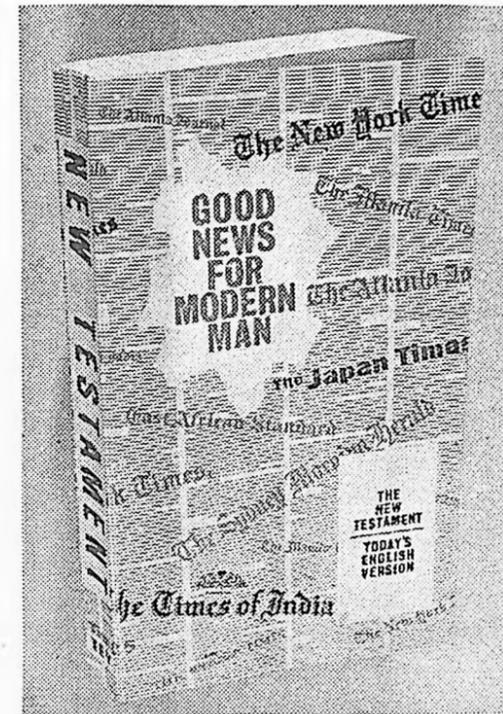
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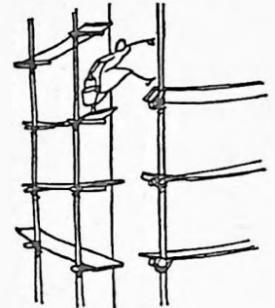
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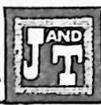


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ashes,  
Will it still the flame around its old  
ashes —  
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