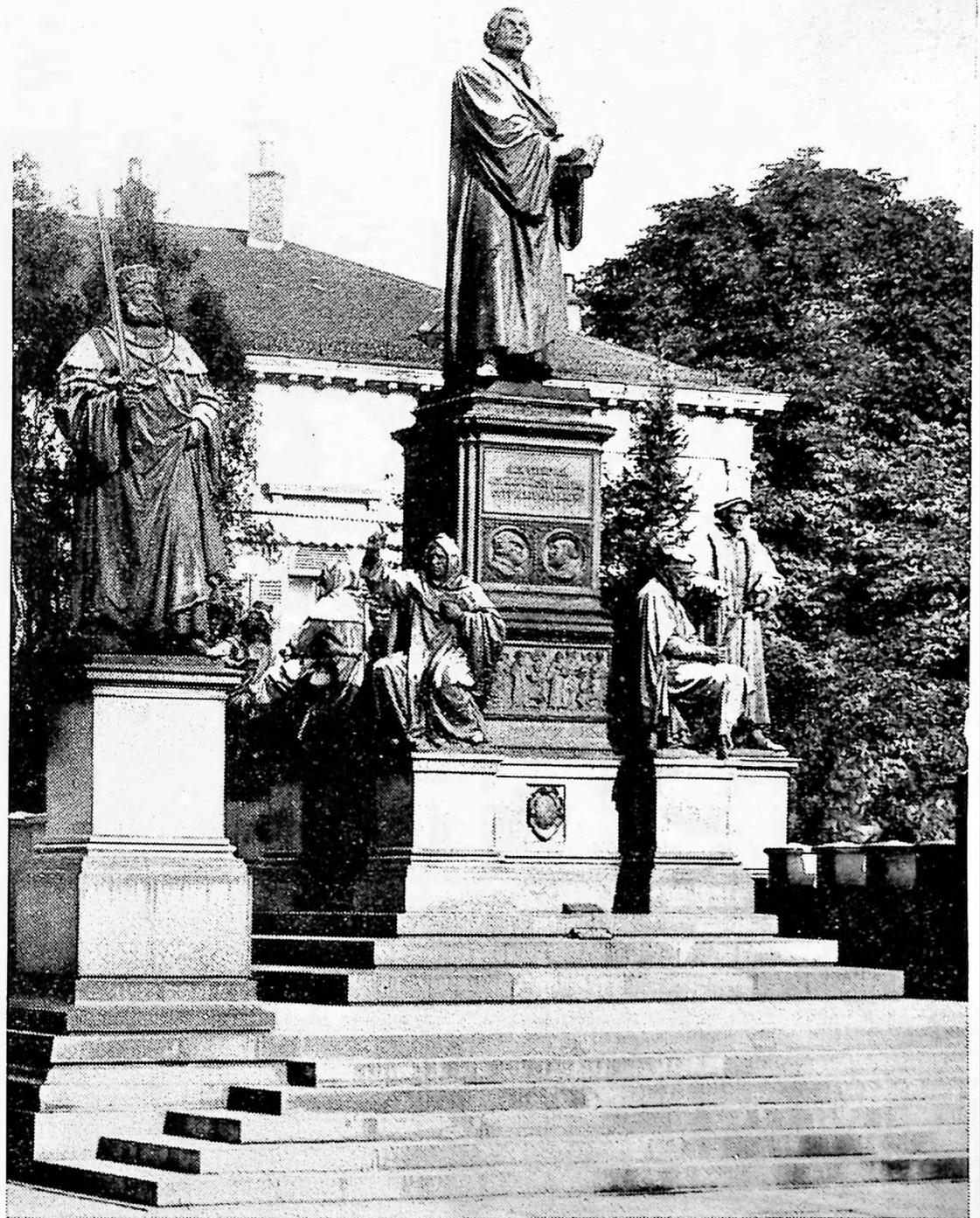


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## A DAY THAT SHOOK THE WORLD

"The origins of the Reformation are the origins of Luther himself," said Karl Muller, but the Reformation is far more than Luther. What we celebrate this month is not the birth of Luther, but the birth of a new freedom and a new hope for the Church.

It is not simply a Lutheran celebration. It is a Protestant occasion, and all over the world Christians are remembering that the course of history was changed at Wittenburg in 1517.

Luther was a most remarkable man. He was a preacher of great power, a first-rate debater, a linguist and a translator. He blazed new trails in Christian education. He was a capable organiser. He was a prolific author: in one period of nine months he wrote nearly a dozen books and translated the entire New Testament from Greek into German. He later translated the Old Testament. His version became so popular that it had an even greater influence upon the German language than the King James Version had upon English.

It was the pen which Luther wielded so magnificently that overthrew his enemies, and carried his insights throughout the German provinces and out into the world at large. Professor P. D. Pahle, of Concordia Seminary, Adelaide, recently referred to three of Luther's writings as being "stirring calls for the Reformation of the Church and its theology."

The first was "To the Christian Nobility," where he attacked the "three walls" which the papists had erected to protect themselves against reform. These "walls" were that the Pope is the supreme ruler of all secular authorities, that only the Pope can interpret scripture, and that no one can summon a council but the Pope himself.

A second was "A Prelude to the Babylonian Captivity of the Church" in which he analysed the seven sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church. He rejected five of them, retaining only the Lord's Supper and Baptism as true means of grace instituted by Christ.

In "The Freedom of the Christian Man" Luther, who was not always gentle, sought to make a conciliatory approach to the Pope. Professor Pahl says of it, "Luther never set forth the nature and the purpose of the Gospel more clearly and more sweetly than he does in this tract. It could well be the most evangelical of all Luther's writings. In this tract Luther develops a very striking paradox:

A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to no one.

A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to everyone.

In the first part of the tract Luther shows what the blessed estate of a Christian really is by faith in Christ, and in the second part he shows the power of this faith in the Christian's loving service of his neighbour."

There was, of course, no reconciliation possible between pope and monk. The issues were too deep and fundamental for that. Luther's great purpose was to reform the Church; he succeeded only in dividing it. But it was a necessary division.

The Reformation can be said to be complete only when the Church is reformed in accordance with God's declared will, and this includes being one. Till then the Reformation is unfinished. There are significant moves today, even among Roman Catholics, toward a true unity of the Church, and this has included a reappraisal of Luther and his protests. Some modern Catholics sound a bit like Luther himself. Some have called for a removal of the ban of excommunication. Some even sing Luther's famous hymn, "A mighty fortress is our God."

As a people born of a desire for unity and pledged to its achievement, our churches must be grateful for every sign of the breaking down of the man-made barriers within the Church. It must be affirmed, however, that many of the unscriptural features of the Roman Catholic Church still remain and, so long as they do remain, we must be in protest against them. Unity cannot be gained by desire alone; it must be built upon truth. The unity we seek and the truth through which it will come are to be found in the Word of God.

Only the Word of God, only the grace of Christ, only faith in him as Lord and Saviour are the bases of a church re-formed and unified. Our best means of celebrating the 450th birthday of the Reformation is to renew our allegiance to the truths it affirmed.

Here we stand! We cannot do otherwise!

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Cover: The Luther Monument in Worms. The town in which Luther defended his teachings before the Reich Parliament in April, 1521, has built a monument to the great reformer. Top: Martin Luther; at the base, left: Jerome Savonarola (with hood); right: John Hus (with cross), and Philip Melancthon (standing), Luther's chief assistant; extreme left with raised sword: Prince Frederick the Wise, of Saxony, Luther's sponsor.

Page 3: On the 31st October, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses in the castle chapel of Wittenberg (drawing by C. Koch).

Page 5: Painting of Martin Luther by Lucas Cranach the Elder, who was called to the court of Frederick the Wise in 1505. The picture was painted in 1540, six years before Luther's death.

## • 450 YEARS OF EVANGELICAL IMPACT

# THE INFLUENCE OF THE REFORMATION ON WORLD HISTORY

BY KENNETH SCOTT LATOURETTE

For four and a half centuries world history has felt the influence of the Reformation. Today that influence is more potent than ever, and it is growing. This seemingly preposterous statement can be amply justified if seen in historical perspective.

We need to remember that for at least its first century and a half, the heart of the Reformation experience — what from the standpoint of the gospel was its essence — was shared by only a small minority in a mere fragment of the inhabited earth and was almost eliminated by persecution and by compromise with factors that denied or distorted the gospel.

The heart of the Reformation experience as expressed by Luther was salvation by faith, as he had discovered it through the Scriptures after prolonged inner struggle. In other words,

it was the new birth into an eternal life of fellowship with God wrought by the Holy Spirit in response to faith in what God had done through his Son. The history of God's preparation for the decisive act through his Son, and the record of that act and of the effects of that act in the first century after Christ are in the Scriptures.

In the sixteenth century, partly through contagion from Luther and his written report of his experience and its implications, several thousands entered into the new birth through faith and by the study of the Scriptures. However, they were mostly in Northwestern Europe. Northwestern Europe is only a part of the western peninsula of the continent of Eurasia, and these thousands were at best a minority of the inhabitants of that small segment of the globe. Many of the thousands were members of the Anabaptist movements, whose designation arose from their insistence that the new birth was wrought in response to the faith of the individual, not by the baptism of infants. All the Anabaptists except the Mennonites were stamped out by persecution.

Moreover, although Protestantism, which began with Luther, became the professed faith of the peoples of Northwestern Europe, it was mainly espoused by kings and princes, who used it to enhance their power. Only a few of them, and a minority of their subjects, really appreciated what had come to Luther. Compromised by the selfish ambitions of kings and princes, Protestantism contributed to wars that in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries laid waste much of Western Europe.

But the vital experience Luther had shared did not entirely disappear. Again and again it broke out in individuals and groups, most of them humble, and gave rise to movements, also of minorities. Among them were the Puritans, Quakers, Independents, and Baptists in the British Isles.

Then in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries there began the geographic expansion of peoples who were Protestant in name and by heredity. The nineteenth century witnessed the further migrations of people, a majority of whom were Protestant by ancestry. They settled in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. Evangelicals — if we may so designate those who had experienced the new birth — sought to witness to the new birth to these migrants and their descendants. Among other means used were the British and Foreign Bible Society (organized in 1804) and several Bible Societies in the United States.

Following the two World Wars of the twentieth century, most of the non-European peoples freed themselves from the political control of European peoples. For a time it looked as if the churches founded by evangelicals in Asia and Africa would disappear because of their association with Western colonialism and imperialism. In some countries, notably mainland China and North Korea, they have dwindled.

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## THE INFLUENCE OF THE REFORMATION

However, in most of the non-European world the opposite has happened. The so-called "younger churches" have grown in numbers in Asia and Africa and in nominally Roman Catholic Latin America. More significantly, they are developing their own leaders and are spreading the Good News among their neighbors. Thanks largely to evangelicals in the British Isles, Western Europe, and the United States, the Scriptures in whole, or in part, have been put into more than a thousand tongues. Hundreds of languages have been given a written form to make that possible.

Although those who have had the experience of the new birth through faith are still a small minority of mankind, an increasing proportion of the total population have in their own languages at least the heart of the Scriptures in one or more of the Gospels.

We need also to remind ourselves that the effect of the Reformation has extended far beyond the minorities who have been introduced to the new life through faith and reading the Scriptures, significant though these have been. The Reformation has contributed, often as the chief creative cause, to movement after movement whose influence has permeated all mankind.

One of these movements has been democracy. Democracy has many roots, not all of them from the Reformation or even Christian. Yet the Reformation has been a major source of democracy. The democratic idea was implicit in Luther's emphasis on the right and duty of individual judgment arising from the new birth. At the Diet of Worms before the magnates of church and State, when summoned to recant what he had written, Luther declared that unless he was persuaded by reason and the Scriptures he could not disavow anything that had come from his pen. By reason he did not mean private judgment.

He was familiar with much that Christians had written through the ages. However, he was convinced that he must use his individual judgment, enlightened by the Scriptures, to ascertain basic truth. Luther was not consistent in applying this principle. He sought to enlist the help of the State in eradicating what he thought was contrary to the principles he believed he had discovered.

The Red Cross clearly sprang from the Reformation. Its founder was Henri Dunant, a business man who religiously was a product of an evangelical revival in his native Geneva. Dunant was present at a battle in Italy in 1859, and was horrified by the lack of care of the sick and wounded. He depicted what he had seen, in a best-seller. To give continuing effort to preventing such tragedies, he organized the International Red Cross.

The United Nations is an outgrowth of the Reformation. In the nineteenth century, Protestants, chiefly evangelicals, formulated plans for easing international tensions through a world court and international law. The League of Nations

sought to give concrete expression to these plans. On the insistence of Woodrow Wilson, the Covenant of the League of Nations was appended to the Treaties of Versailles. Wilson's ancestry and parentage were evangelical. In his teens he made a Christian commitment that he never forsook. From it he drew the inspiration and stamina that forced the league on sceptical and nationalistically self-seeking European statesmen. When the League of Nations disintegrated, it was succeeded by the United Nations.

No one person was as influential in the creation of the United Nations as Wilson was in the League of Nations. But those who brought it into being were chiefly men of Protestant — and therefore Reformation — origin. Moreover, the Declaration of Human Rights, one of the major achievements of the United Nations, was formulated and adopted on the initiative of a representative of the Churches' Commission on International Affairs — clearly of Reformation background.

Besides influencing the movements we have named — and the list might be extended — the Reformation also had an effect on Gandhi. Gandhi was a Hindu, not a Christian. But he frankly acknowledged that he had been influenced by Christ. That influence was first channelled through evangelicals in his South African days, when his ideals and programme were being shaped. Therefore Gandhi's prodigious effect, not only on India, but on all mankind, was in part a fruit of the Reformation.

We must quickly note that democracy, the Red Cross, and the United Nations have been largely secularized and the emphasis of the Reformation through them largely obscured. The same was true of Gandhi. Again and again in history this has been true of movements, institutions, and individuals indebted to the Reformation. That need not surprise or discourage us. We recall that Paul spoke about the seeming weakness and folly of the Cross and then, in a contrast fully borne out in history, declared the Cross to be the power and the wisdom of God.

If we are ever dismayed by the forces that threaten the Good News, we will do well to remind ourselves of the source of the phrase "salvation by faith," which brought peace and triumphant joy to Luther. He found it in Paul's Letter to the Romans. Paul found it in the Book of Habakkuk. Habakkuk was wrestling with the problem of the seeming triumph of evil, of the apparent helplessness of the righteous before the callous cruelty of powerful conquering kingdoms. As, tortured, he struggled with the question why God seemed to tolerate evil, God revealed to him that the righteous shall live by faith.

We of a later age must remember that we are told that our Lord said the gates of hell — on the defensive — should not prevail against his Church. We must also remember that on the eve of the Crucifixion, when to human eyes he seemed to have failed, he declared: "Now shall the Prince of this world be cast out."—From "Christianity Today," published by permission.

Martin Luther was born in 1483 into the family of a humble peasant miner in the German village of Eisleben. He received his early education in Saxony and Thuringia, followed by a period at the University of Erfurt, after which he entered the Augustinian monastery in the same centre.

During these early formative years young Luther developed a strong sense of sin and repeatedly, often unavailingly, sought reconciliation and peace with God. It was this deep concern of mind and spirit that led him into an intimate friendship with his superior in the order, Johan von Staupitz, who encouraged him in his wide reading of Augustine and the German mystic, Tauler, whose influence upon him was later to become so evident. However, it was the writing of the Apostle Paul, and in particular the "Epistle to the Romans," that brought about the ultimate change in his life.

The re-appraisal of the doctrine of the "Sole Mediation of Christ," as Son and

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## Remembering The Reformation — continued

Saviour, together with the re-focusing of the devotion of believers upon him and him only, was perhaps the finest achievement of the 16th Century Reformers. And in all this Luther's personal convictions helped considerably to shape the development of his thinking and that of his followers, to whom he gave such bold and forthright leadership. The authority of the Living Word in the Written Word was uppermost in their minds as they strove to preserve the truth of Scripture.

It seems that most thinkers in the early 16th century were convinced that the old Church of the Middle Ages was overdue for reform. The difference of opinion, however, lay not in the necessity for change, but rather in the method of carrying it out. Colet, More and Erasmus favored an attempt at reform from within. Luther, Tyndale and Calvin saw the impracticability of this and therefore sought to establish new standards on the basis of the Scriptures outside the cramping confines of the current institutionalism of Rome.

Historians generally concede the emergence of three notable principles that combined eventually to bring about the upheaval we call the Reformation. These were: (1) The Unique Authority of the Scriptures. (2) The Unique Role of Faith in Salvation; and (3) The Unique Expression of Divine Grace in the Gospel.

### 1. The Unique Authority of the Scriptures

This is declared in the Reformer's catch-cry, "Sola Scriptura." They revived the concept of the Bible as self-attesting, arguing from the "Thus saith the Lord" of the Old Testament prophets right up into the New Testament records, which state plainly that "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God (God-

breathed) and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness . . ."—2 Tim. 3: 16.

Luther and his colleagues were deeply concerned at the lack of Scriptural warrant for many of the practices of the Roman Church. Their counter to this was to rebut the current notion that authority was vested "in the Holy Scripture and holy tradition." At no time did they suggest that there was no tradition, but rather shrank from placing it on the same plane as the Word. The Scriptures were unique as the basis of authority and hence in a different category from the tradition of the Church.

For Luther, Scripture alone was the revelation of God to men. For this reason he became an ardent translator, publishing the N.T. in the German vernacular in 1522. And these views he shared with Melancthon, Amsdorf and Karlstadt in Germany, Calvin and Zwingli in Switzerland, Tyndale and Frith and their supporters in England, and the intrepid Knox in Scotland.

The medieval Church had discouraged, if not actually forbidden, the study of the Scriptures by the "laity." But the activity of the Reformer's printing presses soon rectified this, so that all who could read might receive the gospel.

### 2. The Unique Role of Faith in Salvation

"Sola Fides" was also another discovery of the Reformation. It has frequently been stated that Luther's most important contribution to Christian living and thinking was his amazing re-discovery of the grand Biblical doctrine of "Justification by Faith." For him, hand in hand with the primacy of the authoritative Word went the priority of Faith. He recognised the error in the teaching and practice of the Church of his day, with its doctrine of salvation by works of merit in an elaborate penitential system. Salvation lay in the realm of faith, not in the multiplicity of ceremonial observances of the Medieval Church.

In "the Freedom of a Christian," Luther reminds his readers that "Good and devout works never made a man good and duteous . . ." but, as Paul had written, "Being justified by FAITH, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have access by FAITH into this GRACE wherein we stand . . ."—Romans 5: 1-2.

Some folk, however, have consistently failed to grasp the meaning of the phrase, "Faith alone." In the mind of Luther and his followers this meant Faith as opposed to Works. There is no suggestion here of the exclusion of Repentance or of Baptism. "Faith" for the Reformers resulted in the total response, or surrender of the whole personality of the believer.

Now, in the preaching of the Restoration Movement, Faith involves Repentance and Baptism, even as it did in the New Testament preaching, in the Book of Acts. Believer's Baptism may be described as Faith and Repentance in ac-

tion — going down into the water and dying to sin (immersion) and rising up out of the water to walk in newness of life (emergence), as is clearly recorded by the Holy Spirit through Paul in Romans 6: 3-5. So that "Faith only" is always the condition of Salvation, since this means Faith rather than works of merit.

The scholarly old Richard Hooker, of Exeter, used to say, "We are saved by faith alone." And then he would add, "But faith is never alone." In this way he was declaring in its fullness, the Protestant teaching of "Sola Fides," faith rather than works, but he was also emphasising the Scriptural truth that "saving" Faith always implies its New Testament co-relatives Repentance and Baptism.

### 3. The Unique Expression of Divine Grace in the Gospel

"Sola Gratia" represented yet another principle uncovered in the Reformation. In stressing this Biblical concept of grace alone, Luther and his colleagues sought a release from the legalism of Rome. They were not, as their enemies suggested, doing away with the ethical content of the gospel. Rather were they standing in opposition to humanism and legalistic codes within the Church.

For these reasons the Reformation was, in effect, a revolution in ethics almost as much as in theology and ecclesiology. The Reformers boldly asserted that the New Testament revealed an original Christian fellowship and a God of Grace entirely different from those of Roman orthodoxy. In consequence, they were not slow in introducing new standards of ethical relationship which were dependent not on scales of meritorious effort, but rather on the Grace of God as made known in Christ and mediated through him alone.

Such concepts implied also hitherto unrealised modifications of the doctrine of vocation (Vocatus). Prior to this the Church of the Middle Ages had offered only two kinds of vocation — the religious and the secular — and only the former was regarded as truly "Christian." It was against this concept that Luther, and also Calvin, advanced the wider message of the Grace of God in a totality of Christian experience, "the priesthood of all believers," a Christian vocation, or calling, involving the "laity" as well as the "clergy."

As Professor Daniel Day Williams has said, "Protestantism came into being through a new understanding of what it means to 'live as a Christian in the world.' The Reformers saw that the basis of moral responsibility and decision of the Christian does not lie in the elaboration of principles, but in the concrete response of free men to the call of God." God used Luther to challenge us all by bringing about a situation in which we might realise the practical truth of 1 Peter 2: 9 — "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."

God is still calling, as he called Luther and the men of his generation, to see Jesus Christ our Lord in the Word as we have never seen him before.

— 450th ANNIVERSARY

## Remembering The Reformation

BY DR. A. G. ELLIOTT

This year, 1967, is the 450th anniversary of the launching of the Protestant Reformation by Martin Luther. Services of thanksgiving in many lands commemorate the monk who shook the world. His historic act, on Oct. 31, 1517, in nailing his 95 Theses of protest against Roman abuses on the door of his Wittenburg Church ushered in a new era in Christian life and thought.



Martin Luther.

# SOUTH AUSTRALIANS MEET IN CONFERENCE



Stan. Neighbour.

September in South Australia is the time for school holidays — the Royal Show and the Annual Conference of Churches of Christ. This year delegates from S.A.'s seventy-five churches came together in that atmosphere of deep fellowship so peculiar to our people.

All sessions were ably led by S. E. M. Riches, who climaxed a year of splendid service in the leading of this the 93rd Conference of the South Australian brotherhood. We are deeply indebted to the consecrated leadership of our President over the past year. Mr. Riches and his gracious lady have not spared themselves in their year of service.

## PERSONALITIES.

● The new President of the Conference is Stanley Neighbour, B.A., the minister at Dulwich.

● President-elect is William Heath, the secretary of the church at Maylands, and State leader for many years of C.M.S.

● The new Treasurer of the Conference Executive is Colin Dredge, L.Th., A.A.S.A., the minister at Ascot Park.

● President of the Women's Conference is Miss Erica Hammond, a staff worker with the B. and F. B. S. (S.A.).

● Visitors to Conference included Charles Dow, M.A., the Director-elect of Christian Educ. Dept., and David Hammer, the Fed. Sec. for Aborigines Missions.

## NEW VOICES.

● Colwell Smith, B.A., B.Com., L.Th., Dip.R.Ed., delivered the Annual Lecture at the Ministers' Session, and was the speaker at the Christian Union Rally.

● Mrs. E. V. Lawton, the World President of C.W.F., and President of the S.A. Women's Conference, delivered the Conference Sermon to approximately 1,600 people in the Thebarton Town Hall. This is possibly the first occasion that a woman has delivered such an address in our Australian brotherhood. The audience was delighted and challenged by the message of this talented and dedicated lady.

## BUSINESS SESSIONS.

The business sessions of Conference were well attended and debate was, in turn, humorous and tense, but always controlled and guided by the President. Major issues before Conference included—

● The adoption, with some small amendments, of the complete re-write of the constitution as it related to the Minister's Placement and Advisory Board.

● The adoption, almost unanimously, of the motion submitted on behalf of

## FROM THE WEST

(Ungarra, S.A.). Mr. and Mrs. Sambo, from Norseman, W.A., have come to work in district and are meeting with us . . . Y.P.C.E. met Methodist Y.P.C.E. for table tennis, narrowly defeating them . . . Phillip Buck was farewelled as he moved away for work . . . Mrs. Pugsley, sen., has been in hospital but is now improving . . . Nurse Vonda Telfer has been home on annual leave from R.A. Hospital. . . . B.S. anniversary was held Oct. 1. Mr. Compston, from Kilburn church, was speaker.

## UNITED CAMP

(Bordertown, S.A.). On S.A.'s Labor Day holiday, 50 young people were in camp at Hall's Gap. Bordertown Church of Christ is host to young people from other denominational churches in this district and Mount Gambier. Camp Director was Bill Compston (Kilburn), and group leaders were Tom Mason (Mount Gambier), Graham Lawrie (Keith), and Don Oakes (Bordertown). The venture was promoted by the local church Youth Council, with the idea of fostering the spirit of unity among our young people. . . . During the visit of the College of the Bible Team, Principal E. L. Williams, Carl Claydon and Malcolm Humphries were speakers and leaders. Carl and Malcolm joined in B.S. discussion and answered questions at an after-church fellowship and coffee hour.

## PROBLEM PANEL

(Edwardstown, S.A.). Women's Fellowship conducted a problem panel recently with the aid of a Doctor, Minister, Deputy Head Master and a Probation Officer. Questions submitted by members were ably answered . . . P.S.A., in conjunction with Temple Day, had the "Hills Choral Society" providing the programme. Offering was approx. \$600 . . . Two families have now been received into membership by transfer . . . A Bible study class has commenced for ladies, to be held on alternate weeks, in conjunction with prayer meeting. Young people also have Bible study once a month . . . Mr. Blenkins and Mr. Watson have been recent speakers.

## BAPTISTS VOTE TO DEFY LAW

(Madrid). The 16th Congress of Spanish Baptist Churches voted unanimously to refuse to register their churches and ministers with the government.

Climaxing a three-day conference at Albacete, the Baptist delegates issued a statement announcing that they were "advising" the churches and ministers to "abstain from inscribing in the official register," as required under the new law. To comply with the law would violate both the Baptist principles and the 1965 Vatican declaration on religious freedom, the statement said.

It is probable that the annual Synod of the Spanish Protestant Churches, to be held soon, will follow the Baptists' lead by expressing strong objection to being registered on the same basis as any civil or civic association.—E.P.S.

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# World Convention Sunday

OCTOBER 29

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Sir Phillip Messent.

The last Sunday in October of each year has been set aside as World Convention Sunday, and it is sincerely hoped that every church, and every member, will become deeply involved in preparations for this great venture.

Attendance at a World Convention is an experience one will never forget. If you are unable to be present, there are many ways in which you can help.

May I suggest that every member pray that God will make it possible for him to be present — or to help others to attend. As we remember what God did with a handful of earnest followers in the early Church — it is staggering to think what he could do with such a gathering — of thousands of people,

from many lands — if we were but ready for his blessing.

I feel very strongly that God can use, and bless our efforts only to the extent that we are prepared to grant him first priority in our hearts; we know how miraculously the disciples and the early Christians were used, once they received the gift of the Holy Spirit; prior to that they were just as ordinary as most of us.

This means that our first aim in preparing for the Convention is to do some heart-searching and to spare no effort to deepen and purify the spiritual life of every church and each individual member. Only in this way will we be prepared to receive the blessings and inspiration he has in store for us, as we share fel-

lowship and worship with those of other lands; only then will our lives become so gracious and challenging as to be used in drawing our friends and acquaintances to a complete surrender to Christ.

It is probably true to say that in our membership are far too many who have never really experienced the joy that comes from complete and absolute surrender; as Paul recounted the long lists of suffering and persecution he had endured for Christ, we remember how his whole being vibrated with joy that he had been found worthy to suffer and endure for his Saviour.

Today it is not uncommon to note people who contribute nothing to the work of the church — beyond a mere presence at some church services. Others undertake some office, do the work grudgingly and with a feeling of injury; others restrict their Christian life to Sunday — during the week they live as their companions.

Now it is not for us to sit in judgment on such people, but it is permissible to point out that such folk include those who get nothing out of their religion and who put nothing into it. Surely they do not know what joys they miss. The half-hearted Christian is not a happy person.

We are all in desperate need of God's forgiveness, his blessing and his guidance as we enter what is a wonderful challenge — a challenge that could result in wonderful victories for him. May he supply our every need and may we receive him more fully into our hearts.



Mrs. E. V. Lawton.

## C.W.F. WORLD PRESIDENT SPEAKS FOR AUSTRALIA

As the beaming faced negro porter helped me, and my luggage, on to the train, Helen Spaulding called out, "Take care of this lady! She's come all the way from Australia. And did he take care of me! For the remainder of that five hour's train journey, every few minutes he would come to see if I was still safe in my seat, and then, bowing low, would draw, in a loud, solemn voice, "AUSTRALIA — "MA-A-A-M." Every-one in that carriage really knew me by the time we arrived in St. Louis. But his kindly friendliness and the five hours' journey through the frosty countryside of Indiana and Missouri really "set the mood" for what was to be one of the highlights of my visit to America.

As the picturesque farm lands slipped by, I was fascinated by the neat white wooden farmhouses, with their obvious French influence, and their tidy fields and corn-cribs. Then, as we approached St. Louis, there was the broad brown Mississippi, just as I had imagined it, with brightly painted paddle steamers moored along its banks. But I had not imagined, in strange contrast, the immense "Gateway" arch of their unique steel bridge, built to celebrate the centenary of that great city.

It would be difficult to imagine a more beautiful setting for our World Convention executive meeting than the lovely old colonial home, "Thompson's Retreat," given by a gracious donor for the specific purpose of such consultations . . . And every morning as I looked out of my window, the wintry sunshine seemed to be lighting up the little chapel as if to say, "Here is the beginning of another lovely day."

At this Retreat, I was to have all-too-brief fellowship with so many wonderful

people gathered together from all points of the globe, first for the Inter-faith Relations Committee meeting; then the World Convention Committee meeting.

The first was presided over by Dr. W. Blakemore, a man of tremendous ability and experience, and one of the "observers" at the Vatican Council. Here, too, were other dynamic personalities, each bringing their particular and invaluable contribution to these discussions.

I shall always remember, particularly, our national representation — Peter Solomon, from India; Kingsley Dube, of Rhodesia; Jean Bokelliale, from the Congo; Michael Saenz, from Puerto Rico, and Rev. Phillip Morgan, from Great Britain. Then, too, I shall never forget the two Roman Catholic "observers" invited to this meeting, each bringing an unforgettable contribution — Father Bernard Law and Father Mueller, the latter having been a missionary in Japan for many years.

With no space to report adequately on any of our findings at this important meeting, I think more may be gained by recording a few "jottings" from my diary; some of the thought-provoking remarks made by those who shared in these invaluable discussions:

Phillip Morgan (Gt. Britain): "It is hoped that all churches in Great Britain will be covenanting together in a United Church by 1980."

Jean Bokelliale (Congo): "Negotiations for one church are going on continually. The problems of dissension are not with the people, but with the missionaries." "How the Roman Catholics are helping

tremendously by giving protection to Protestants in their churches; and there is much 'walking and talking' with Roman Catholics — uniting in church meetings, talk of building one medical centre, and allowing R.C. pupils to be taught by our pastors."

**Kingsley Dube (Rhodesia):** "A college is being built to serve all denominations."

**Father Meuller (R.C. missionary in Japan):** "In any dynamic movement of history we must come together." "We have a kingdom in this world, not a 'ghetto.' Often our dialogue turns out to be a 'monologue.' The world looks at us and says, 'You are more divided than we are.'"

**Father Law, R.C.:** "Roman Catholics are increasingly aware that they haven't the blue-print for unity, but must rely on the Holy Spirit." "Roman Catholics are trying to restore Christ in the community, and face the problem of uniting with non-Christian organisations."

From these few "jottings" you may sense how exhilarating it was to share with such keen minds the common urge to be "united in Christ." Incidentally, one of the most important decisions made at this meeting was the resolve to have more "conversation" with the different factions in our own American brotherhood, and surely the first step towards unity if we are trying to unite with other communions.

Following on the Inter-faith Relations Committee meeting came our World Convention Committee meeting, presided over

by Dr. Laurence Kirkpatrick. There is no space to detail the reports and preliminaries of the "promotion and handling of the 1970 World Convention of Churches of Christ, Adelaide, Australia, October 20-25, but there one may say the "wheels" of the next Convention were really set in motion.

I was thrilled, as I know you will be, with the unanimous decision to hand over the programming of our next Convention, to Australia. Throughout the discussions, Dr. Kirkpatrick continued to impress on us the need to give committedly of all our resources if our 1970 Assembly is to be a success and a witness; and urged us to make it a matter of continual prayer and devotion, under the leading of the Holy Spirit.

These four days spent at "Thompson's Retreat" were intense, inspiring and never-to-be-forgotten. A fitting climax came on the last evening when we attended a church tea at the magnificent Webster Groves Christian Church, where the minister is Raymond McCallister, the first Vice-President of our World Convention Executive Committee. After tea, I showed slides and "talked up" our "host country" to the best of my ability.

In fact, I think it was here that one of the men paid me a somewhat dubious compliment by saying that I could sell a refrigerator to an Eskimo.

I left St. Louis with the assurance that many of these wonderful people will be planning and praying to share in our World Convention, bringing with them their own personal witness to God's moving power in their lives and experience.

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• The Commonwealth Savings Bank has agreed to attend to banking facilities at the Convention Centre during the days of the Assembly. We suggest you open a Savings Bank account immediately, and then your savings will be here at the Centre for your use when you arrive.

• Watch for registration forms. We will soon be giving attention to printing them and supplying them to all churches and church offices. Register early and so help those who are organising the Convention.

• Dr. L. V. Kirkpatrick, our World Convention Secretary, plans to be at Federal Conference in Sydney next year.

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## ON THE FIELD

# THE 1967 WORK PARTY

With the return to Australia of most of the work party sent by the Vic. and Tas. Dept. of Christian Education, the time is opportune to list some of the results. When the idea was first mooted by the C.Y.F. and C.E. Committees of the Dept., the desire was expressed that a team should be sent which, while carrying out as much work as possible, would at the same time learn all they could about our Mission field in order to impart the knowledge to the young people of the churches on their return.

The organisation of the party and the raising of the funds took over 12 months. What set out to be 6 men for 6 weeks finished up by being 9 men for 9 weeks, while three of the party have stayed for a further period. The team which finally left Australia on July 1 comprised eight young men from the C.Y.F. and C.E., and one from the C.M.F. Each team member paid his own fare one way, with one member paying all his own expenses. Over \$2,000 was raised by the committees to cover the balance of fares, accommodation expenses on the field, and cost of spare parts for the tractor.

The Gardiner church provided the money for tools to be used by the team, and these have been left for future use. Other members of our brotherhood supplied implements for the tractor.

The team stayed the first weekend in Port Moresby visiting several churches and taking part in some services. The next day Missionary Aviation Fellowship flew five men by direct flight over the highlands to Chungribu, and then went to Madang to collect the remaining four members. The Hermann Memorial Hospital, the steel frame of which had been prefabricated four months earlier in Melbourne by the team, was the first building erected at Chungribu.

While this was being done the Tumba airstrip, which had been partly constructed by Frank Beale, was completed by one of the party using the tractor donated by the Wagga church. The first M.A.F. plane landed on July 20 and the strip is now fully operational as an all weather strip. Two members were meanwhile installing the 240 volt diesel power plant at Bunapas and this was connected to all Mission buildings.

The whole team moved downriver to Bunapas and shared in the Annual Meetings while building two wards in the partly constructed hospital building. Concrete foundations were also poured for the new Central School building, while other men were working on outboard motor maintenance, building cupboards, etc. By this time a temporary barge had been built, using two canoes and a small boat, with a platform on top to transport the tractor 40 miles downriver from Tumba to Bunapas, to start the new airstrip. This airstrip is now well advanced and will be completed before the last team member returns. It

is also hoped that the mile of road between the airstrip and the Mission will be built and other grading work carried out.

Most of the team returned to Chungribu on Aug. 12, and finalised the Hermann Hospital prior to its opening on Aug. 17. We then erected a new schoolroom and store, 33 ft. x 22 ft., and installed a 32-volt diesel plant and connected it to the Mission houses and hospital. Due to a delay in departure for home owing to the airlines being booked out, we were able to construct 36 desks at the Chungribu school. Whilst these were the major projects, we also repaired boats, fixed radios and tape recorders, roofed most of a Mission house with iron, built several tanks and even made two washing machines work. The talents possessed by the various men were really tested out!

Opportunity was also taken, as it offered, for members to join in the work of the Mission. When possible, one or

## AT THE LORD'S TABLE

# TOGETHERNESS

Jesus came into the world to create in men a sense of community and to redeem them from all the evil that prevents their realising it.

Salvation is not just a vertical relationship between man and God, although it is certainly this; but it is also a horizontal relationship, an affair between man and the other men about him.

The Kingdom of God is not as a man making his pilgrimage to the holy city alone.

It is a social reality.

The church is not a boarding house, nor a bus where men accidentally are brought together without obligations to the other.

The church is a community of men and women who know themselves bound to God and to each other like-minded and mutually dedicated.

Whenever we pray the Lord's Prayer we are likely to think that Jesus gave this to his disciples as a public prayer.

On the contrary, Jesus told them to pray the prayer in private.

This fact makes it all the more significant.

Nowhere in the prayer is the personal pronoun used in the singular, but always in the plural: Our Father; Our Daily Bread; Our Debts.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer we stretch out our hands to others about us as we make not our individual but our common supplications.

Jesus was thinking of others when he went all the way to Calvary, and this

two members at a time went to visit each station, joined in infant welfare patrols, went on evangelizing patrols, took part in services to the extent of their Pidgin and helped in carrying stretcher cases. Four of the team went with Rosalie Rofe and Diana Catts on a three-day exploration trip to the Keram River. This involved the party in a five-hour canoe journey and then a six-hour trek through the jungle to a village called Gocta.

This village had been visited once before by Frank Beale, but was a move into a new area by the Chungribu station. All these experiences, as well as the everyday living with our missionaries, have made a Christian experience that none of the team will ever forget.

As a team we would like to express our appreciation to the Overseas Board for their help, to the missionaries for looking after us, to M.A.F. for safe transport, and to all those who helped with finance and equipment. It has been estimated by John Bolton that the technical work of the Mission has been advanced 2½ years. The challenge for this type of service is still there. It is not too early for some other group to start planning.

<b>Team Members:</b>	Colin Lewis.
Noel Wulstencroft.	Howard Weedon.
Ron. Sutherland.	Earle Chislett.
Robert Edgar.	John Richards.
John Harrison.	Frank Richards.

morning we come here to remember him as he has asked us to do.

—Wally Pohle, presiding at  
Barolin St., Bundaberg, Qld.

## CHALLENGED TO RECONCILE

(Portschach, Austria). "The churches of Europe are called to pioneer in overcoming the tensions between East and West," Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, retired General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, told the Fifth Assembly of the Conference of European Churches meeting here.

"The present division of Europe has been prepared and aggravated by the break between Eastern and Western Christianity," he said. "The sins of omission and commission on both sides have created a context in which the ideological conflict and the cold war could flourish."

Now, in spite of their long separation, Eastern and Western churches have discovered that they still have the same Lord and the same faith, he said.

"Therefore, the European churches have a unique responsibility to foster true reconciliation between two parts of Europe," said Dr. Visser 't Hooft.

"This Conference of European Churches would render a very great service if it would become the place where European churches would work out together how the process of creating deeper true reconciliation between East and West may be advanced."—E.P.E.

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• The Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society's buildings at Wayville have been booked as our Convention Centre. This set of buildings is only one mile from the heart of the city. It will



I. J. Chivell, Australian Secretary.

## OPEN FORUM

### MINISTERS.

To the Editor,

Recent "Open Forum" letters have dealt with the lot of the minister. In Toowoomba, Qld., there are six men who minister at one time for Churches of Christ, and I know of at least four others who have recently given up and are now engaged in unspectacular forms of employment. Practically every minister in our brotherhood can name men who heard the call, trained, served and retired — all within a very short time.

Reasons for this continuous exodus, apart from retirement, are many. Some leave for sheer economic reasons. Others want security for their family. Some are dismissed or dropped because a congregation wants a change. Rarely is a minister dismissed because of misdemeanour.

However, this letter is not to argue reasons for men vacating the ministry, but rather to deplore the apathy, so apparent, that many men can train for years at great sacrifice and then vanish over the horizon with few people, if any, caring as to what happens to them.

May I suggest that all three Colleges give serious thought to the matter of including the University Social Studies Diploma in their training, so that when the "axe" falls, our men will be able to walk into a form of employment with which they are accustomed. An approach to the Minister of Social Services with a view to getting the College Diploma recognised as an equivalent to the Social Studies Diploma needs thorough investigation. The present trend seems to be training young men to fill vacancies which they themselves will later vacate and vanish over the horizon. Deplorable to say the least.

—Dr. Arnold C. Caldicott, Qld.

### LIBERAL OR CONSERVATIVE?

To the Editor,

Over the past few years I have seen and heard continued reference to Liberal and Conservative, as applied to Christianity, until I feel compelled, though understanding the world's application of these titles, to express how invalid I think they are from the Spiritual point of view.

Emphasis has always been placed on "left" or "right," Liberal or Conservative, in politics, and it figures that we who call ourselves Christians allow the world around us to mould us into its shape! It figures . . . otherwise Paul would not have had to warn us of this. So if you desire to place me in my appropriate "cell" I have to admit you would call me a Conservative. (The only thing I really appreciate about this is that at least it does put me on the "right" side!)

My dictionary defines "conservative" as to "preserve what is already established." Wasn't this just what the Jews in Christ's time were trying to do? I have no desire to do this, I only desire to love the Lord and be controlled by his Holy Spirit. Nor am I confined to thinking what man can devise with his limited mind, as the Liberal is. The very word "Liberal" is a form of the word Liberty, meaning free; we all know this, and call him Liberal because he is free to think as he likes. A Conservative is free to think only as God directs. Now which one is really the free man? The one limited to man's mind or the one endeavouring to allow the mind of Christ to govern all his thinking, through the Holy Spirit, opening up infinite possibilities.

I am finding a freedom that has no boundaries . . . a knowledge beyond the limit of man's mind, and that the world cannot understand (I know that the absolutes that the scientists search for are in God) a life that is endless

. . . a joy that is unfailing . . . and the only fetter of this freedom is love. So you can understand why I can never suppress a smile when called a conservative, at the thrilling realisation that there is no title adequate to describe one who has found the truth of:

In service which thy love appoints,  
there are no bonds for me,  
My secret heart is taught the truth  
that sets thy people free,  
A life of self-renouncing love, is one  
of LIBERTY!

—Dorothy Bedwell, N.S.W.

### DEPARTMENT FOR YOUTH.

To the Editor,

I wish to comment on the lack of confidence the Victorian churches are showing towards the work of the Department of Christian Education.

What are we, the youth of the church, to think of our role if the brotherhood department which so capably caters for our needs is allowed to disintegrate because of lack of funds? What is the point of supporting overseas or home outreach programmes if the persons within the churches are allowed to drift, without definite guidance? Youth of the churches are enthusiastic, and looking for direction for today and training for 1970's church.

We, the churches, cannot expect to appoint an adequate staff for this department unless we can maintain the high standard which has been built up, and we cannot rely fully on voluntary workers, or stand back and let "Good Old Faith" have a go. Sufficient funds need to be injected to ensure that the work will be continued effectively.

The full-time positions demand a great enough amount of dedication and sacrifice in the best of conditions to make them formidable challenges, but if the added barrier of laughable salaries and conditions are to be faced how do we expect the persons of the qualifications and calibre required even to consider the challenge.

What are the youth expected to think of our use if the churches do not think of our brotherhood department highly enough to support it?

—Peter Strack, Vic.

### N.Z.'s VIETNAM PROTEST

(Christchurch, N.Z.). The heads of six New Zealand churches have endorsed a statement issued last June, in which six Australian church leaders condemned the war in Vietnam and urged their government to take positive steps for peace negotiations.

Issued through the Australian Council of Churches, the 500-word statement described itself as a "cry of anguish and warning." It expressed the fear that the war was moving daily towards "an inevitable harvest of wider conflict and a third world war."

N.Z. churches endorsing the statement are the Presbyterian Church; the Methodist Church; the Baptist Church; the Congregational Church; the Society of Friends (Quakers); and the Associated Churches of Christ.—E.P.S.

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### EPHING ACTIVE

(N.S.W.). Recent speakers have been Dr. A. G. Elliott, J. Henderson and Ian Titterton . . . The ladies were invited to C.M.S. meeting, when Dr. A. G. Elliott gave an illustrated lecture on his recent tour of Bible lands.

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3 p.m.—J. Henley.

7 p.m.—"The Light of Life."

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## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS . . .

### "PASSION FOR SOULS"

To the Editor,

I shudder at the phrase "passion for souls." I feel like asking those who use it if they love people . . . for souls are people.

On the other hand, I am concerned that evangelism is being discredited. My mate from St. Chad's who reads all the latest "new theology," keeps telling me that the role of the church is to be "the servant church in the world." He says that it is not our job to save souls but rather to meet the needs that people feel. He says that Christians shouldn't be busy with meetings and running clubs and fellowships to interest people and thus to make them Christians. They should rather be running community centres, and progress associations, and building societies, and discotheques, and expressing their Christianity in that way. I'm sure there's a lot of truth in what he says, but somewhere someone seems to be missing the boat.

I am convinced that the church as servant should go to the point of felt need. But whatever the felt need, isn't it true that man's basic need is to find a real relationship with God (who, by the way, is still alive!)? And if he finds that relationship, won't he then be able to find the answer to most of his felt needs?

And if the church is to be "servant" and meet only the felt needs of modern man, and not to try to win him to personal allegiance to Christ, will there be a "servant church" in three generations' time?

Mr. Editor, please don't rush to answer the above questions. They are purely rhetorical.

TERTIUS.



AGED 106 — AT SUNDAY SCHOOL!

(W.A.). Mrs. Ada Sharp, of Nollamara, who turned 106 last week, still goes to Sunday School — or, to be more specific, listens to the Church of Christ's Sunday School of the Air.

The Sunday before her birthday she was wished many happy returns by George Smith, of the church's Welfare Department, who runs the 30-minute programme. Two other elderly folk (85 and 90) were also sent birthday greetings by air. The ages of the three total 281. One has the impression that if Methuselah was still alive he would also be listening.

The age of some of its listeners makes the name, Sunday School, something of an anachronism, but Mr. Smith wants to keep it that way.

"Adults seem to respond to the simplicity of the material," he said. "Perhaps the session is popular because a lot of people don't like canned religion from overseas or shy away from high-pressure evangelism."

The session also claims a captive audience that really wants to listen. Half the inmates of Fremantle gaol tune in regularly.

The Sunday School of the Air was started in 1944 to serve children who had been evacuated from Perth. It has never looked back.

The session's fan mail would make a pop star envious. Mr. Smith receives between 1,500 and 1,600 letters a year. —"West Australian".

PRESIDENT VISITS ALBANY

(W.A.). The church enjoyed fellowship with Conf. Pres., T. D. Maiden, on Oct. 8. 44 gathered for morning service, at which Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Drury were welcomed into membership. They were recently married at Kalgoorlie. There were 27 at the gospel service. A picnic at Porongorups (35 miles away), on Oct. 9, for locals and isolated members, had 65 present. . . . The first baptism is planned, by courtesy of our Baptist brethren, for Oct. 22. . . . Aged brother, Stan Lake, of Denmark, has passed away.

WITHOUT MINISTER

(Mandurah, W.A.). The church is without a minister and urgently needs help. The church members are mostly middle-aged, and some are nearing 90 years, but are faithful in attendance. . . . G. Ewers spoke twice to the church and showed slides on the Holy Land. . . . There has been one decision. . . . Mrs. Duke takes C.E. members to Fremantle Mission once a week. . . . Girls' Brigade, led by Mrs. Sewell and Miss Hammer, were present over one weekend. . . . Mr. Spence is in Hollywood Hospital, but Mrs. Wooders is home again.

CHURCH NEWS REPORTS

AIM AT 100 WORDS. MAXIMUM, 150 WORDS.

Morning meditations for the October Auxiliary Meeting were conducted by the South Perth C.W.F. Leader was Mrs. D. McNeilly. The theme, "How Personal is Jesus to You?" Soloist was Mrs. George Wood.

The President, Mrs. F. Newcombe, welcomed 90 ladies, representing 21 C.W.F.'s. The financial statement showed balance in hand of \$1,680. Flowers from the President's table were sent to Mrs. Bowden, of Kalamunda.

The Christian Centre kitchen equipment is now available for hire. This is a new service offered to the brotherhood, and those who use the Christian Centre. Mrs. L. C. Peacock is responsible for the equipment. Her phone no. is 71-1239 (Perth).

Mrs. F. Newcombe reported on her visit to "Fairhaven," Esperance, and the opening of the Norseman Christian Centre.

A tape recording, typical of the weekly devotional session, broadcast over radio station 6KG, by Mr. Stephenson and the Mission children, was presented. This radio outreach programme is greatly appreciated. Any C.W.F. desiring to hear this excellent tape can do so — contact Mrs. Newcombe.

130 uniforms for the Londua Boys' School have been sent.

Reminders:

1. Christmas Cheer should have been sent to Mrs. K. Ludgater, as should all Christmas parcels to the New Hebrides.

2. Sir Charles Gairdner and Wooroloo Hospitals, Christmas Cheer, to be brought into Auxiliary meeting — sponge bags, soap and face washers.

3. Welfare Centre, Christmas Cheer food parcels to be brought into the Harvest Thanksgiving service on Nov. 14, 8 p.m.

4. Aborigine Missions' clothing parcels to be forwarded during October.

5. Treasurer's books close at the end of November.

6. The second offering for the Missionary Outreach Project (Medico Evangelistic Tours in India) will be received at the December Auxiliary Meeting.

Points for Prayer and Praise:

1. For the Sick. Mrs. Bowden, Kalamunda; Mrs. Roger Ryall, India; Mr. T. Smillie, Dalkeith Rd.

2. For the joy of sharing brief fellowship with Miss Ruth Edgell, prior to her returning to New Hebrides.

3. For those who claimed Christ as Saviour and Lord at recent Missions.

4. For the Missions being conducted in various Centres.

5. For the new Budget Shop opened at Bassendean.

6. For G. Smith and Miss B. Dodde-mead, as they counsel and minister to those in need.

7. For Mr. and Mrs. Ron Field in their new responsibilities at the Carnarvon Christian Centre.

8. For Mr. and Mrs. L. Fisher as they journey to Melbourne for holiday and deputation.

9. That the Lord will direct the selection of new staff for the Carnarvon Teens Cottage in 1968.—D. M. Gordon, sec.

A LIFT FOR THE CHRISTIAN CENTRE

(W.A.). It was recognised that without an elevator in Perth's Christian Centre, the big area over the chapel could have only limited use. A lift was, in fact, included in the plans for the Centre, and the necessary lift well exists adjacent to the tower block.

After much consideration, and because of the immediate benefits which a lift will provide, the Board has accepted a tender from Otis Elevator Company Ltd., to supply and install a 10 passenger lift (1,500 lbs.) to serve the five floors of the building. The cost, some \$13,000, plus certain extras for building alteration, will be met from a further loan from our bankers, repayable over five years. Expected completion date is February, 1968.

This firm decision will satisfy the expressed needs of all departments, both now and for many years to come. It will also ensure that the youth and dining halls, with their related facilities, remain unchanged — a most important requirement which affects all departments and Conference as a whole.

The Centre will be much more versatile and useful. At the same time it will involve added responsibilities because

of the extra obligations assumed. Apart from repaying monies borrowed and interest thereon, there will be an estimated cost of \$400 annually for maintenance and service. In due course also, there will be the cost of ventilation, partitions and furnishings for the area over the chapel.

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QUEENSLAND SOCIAL SERVICE

"FAIRHAVEN WEEK"

"Fairhaven Week" to mark the first anniversary of the Home, was brought to an outstanding climax with a fete in the grounds. Each day in the week featured some activity in the Home, when the guests were entertained by local bodies, including the Glee Singers, Christian Youth Fellowships, and a concert by members of the Salvation Army. A film evening in the Senior Citizens' Hall attracted over 120, and a bowling carnival on the Friday evening kept four mats fully occupied.

However, it was the fete which received the wholehearted support of the community, and it is estimated that over 600 people were present. The stalls, staffed by the ladies of the majority of the churches, did a record business and the end of the day resulted in over \$600 being raised for the proposed Nursing Wing.

Ken Yates, Chairman of the Committee, introduced the Mayor, Ald. R. Stafford, who officially opened the fete. Ald. Stafford said he was particularly impressed with the atmosphere in the Home, and how it was meeting the needs of the aged in this district. He was personally aware of this, as three of the present guests were people who had

played a part in helping to shape his early life, and he was happy to see the comfort and companionship they were receiving within the Home.

After declaring the fete open, Ald. Stafford then announced that it gave him great pleasure to name the Block before which they were then standing, the "Des. Nelson Wing." This is a tribute to the ministry of Des. Nelson over the past seven years, during which the church had made such progress that it was in the position to undertake such a programme as Fairhaven. It was regretted that his ministry would conclude this year, but he was happy that the naming of this Block will be a lasting tribute to the benefit this community had received from his ministry in this city.

E. T. Hart, the new Director of Social Services for Churches of Christ, moved a vote of thanks to the Mayor. This was Mr. Hart's first visit to Maryborough and "Fairhaven," and he was particularly impressed with the Home, the zeal and efficiency of the local committee, and the community support for the whole project. As he watched the ladies of the various churches in Maryborough working side by side for this project, this to him was Christian unity in action.

He agreed with the local committee that there was an urgent need for an Infirmary Wing, and assured them that he would return to Brisbane and do all in his power to help this to come into being.

He outlined how this could be brought about in the near future if those needing the privacy of a place of their own would apply as donors for the proposed self-contained cottages. Another way of helping was in the endowment of rooms which would enable the donor to nominate the guest who would occupy that room. This could be done by individuals or organisations. He was confident that with the full support of the community, as shown by the large attendance at this fete, within twelve months this Nursing Infirmary could be provided.

A Recital by the Excelsior and Boys' Band, and a continuous display by the Trampoline Club, were added attractions to the fun of the fair. Members of the Committee, Staff, and the guests, were kept busy showing visitors over the Home, and outlining future developments.

The Home is open to visitors for inspection and visitors are welcome.

Credit for the idea of a "Fairhaven Week" is due to the local radio station 4MB, and particularly the Managing Director, W. Robertson. During the week the station featured interviews with several of the guests, staff and committee, and the widespread support given to the Home during this week is largely responsible to this publicity.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

TEAM TEACHING ADVENTURE

BY W. F. WHITE

An interesting and worthwhile experiment is being conducted in the Bible School at Cheltenham, Vic., this year.

Intermediate pupils meet as a separate department, with teachers working on a team teaching basis. To keep the personal touch, each teacher is responsible for a small group of pupils; sessions are sometimes conducted in class groups, occasionally with the whole group together, or in informal groupings.

Churches of Christ Graded Lessons are used most effectively with a variety of approach, undergirded by prayerful and thorough preparation classes, where teachers discuss frankly results achieved, carefully review the coming lessons, make detailed plans for concerted action and interesting features.

Worship is a highlight of each session. Leadership is shared by teachers who, out of the wealth of their individual experience, bring variety, interest and challenge to the programme. Pupils take part as requested. Preparation of room—flowers, worship aids, posters, etc.—is responsibility of worship leader. We seek to involve pupils in a real way in the worship segment, which sometimes commences the session, sometimes culminates it. There is always a good atmosphere, and discipline is not a problem with a good team spirit between all teachers and pupils.

Some unorthodox methods are used, but have brought lessons very much to life for pupils, resulting in effective learning.

A unit, "Lo, Here Is Fellowship," included interviews with three deaconesses of our church; a visit to Emmaus Rest Home, when pupils were taken in teachers' cars during the normal Bible School hour, and shared in a guided tour by W. R. Hibbert and Matron Head.

The unit, "Mending Broken Men," covered four weeks, three teachers presenting the relevant Bible stories, groups doing research on Bible passages a teacher describing a visit to a Centre providing care for handicapped persons, concluding with a visit from Cyril Minns and his guide dog "Shaun." Cyril made a great and lasting witness.

As a service project each class is filling a phial with 5 cent pieces, following

interest aroused by a guest speaker from the Leprosy Mission.

During a missionary unit, as we thought about the gospel going "Far Round the World," one teacher, a trainee air-pilot, led worship and presented well-illustrated material on "Missionary Aviation Fellowship."

The workshop method was used when studying the Old Testament, resulting in excellent project work. Group met in chapel for session, "Songs of a People," led by minister, with benefit to all.

Special events have included a morning church parade, followed by lunch, after which minister spoke on the meaning of communion; a Sunday tea, when minister led discussion on baptism, pupils then attending evening baptismal service. A Saturday barbecue picnic provided an enjoyable fellowship occasion for teachers and pupils.

We rejoice that two pupils have recently made their decisions for Christ.

While we certainly have not all the answers, we feel that through teamwork, prayer and regular preparation classes, worthwhile results are being achieved. Certainly the enthusiasm and interest of teachers and pupils have greatly increased.

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**THREE MONTH ROUND-UP**

**JULY . . .**

• The highlight of July was 1967 "Teen 'N Twenty," held in Unley and Adelaide Town Halls, July 14, 15, 16.

We invited Haydn Sargent back as our guest speaker, and he brought with him a Queensland (Annerley) singing group, "The Pilgrims." With this combination, "Teen 'N Twenty" was really "with it" from Friday night through to Sunday night. The Climax, which was reached Sunday night in the Adelaide Town Hall, was one which could only be created after a week-end of outreach ventures.

John Halbert, Captain Sturt Football Team, proved to be the ever popular and capable compere. John Mathieson led the modern gospel singing with "The Christian Travellers." Other supporting artists added to the impact of the programmes.

We advertised "Teen 'N Twenty" through the medium of television, radio, newspaper and football budgets, as well as regular channels through churches.

Twenty-three young people committed their lives to Christ over the weekend.

"Teen 'N Twenty" had Adelaide talking. This was good. Our thanks go especially to Haydn and "The Pilgrims," who made the weekend a successful venture.

**AUGUST . . .**

• With the co-operation of the Coburg Church of Christ, C. H. Dow spent a week in the office in early August. This enabled Mr. Dow to become a little more familiar with South Australia and the Department. We look forward to Dec. 19, when he will commence as Director.

• College of the Bible Week was held in August, with some of the Faculty and College Students visiting Adelaide. A rally was held on Aug. 27, with our Victorian guests providing the programme. On Aug. 28, almost 900 young people gathered in three metropolitan churches for After-Church Fellowships, with College Students participating.

• "O.K. Service Check" was the title of the 1967 Sunday School Efficiency Campaign run over July and August. We congratulate Mile End, Henley Beach and Brighton Gardens in obtaining first positions in the three sections.

**SEPTEMBER . . .**

• Conference Youth Night was entitled "And Youth Also Are Witnesses," in keeping with the Conference Theme. The programme was presented by young people in the beautiful setting of Maughan Methodist Church.

The singing of the Youth Choir, under their Conductor, John Mathieson, was delightful. Items were presented by young people from our various churches, and Margaret Davy (Final Year Medical Student), Alan Frost (Australian Test Cricketer), and Bruce Whyatt (Technician) spoke on "Serving Christ Where I Am." The highlight of the evening was the play, "The Prisoner," presented by the Kilburn young people, and directed by their minister, Bill Compston, with lighting effects by Don Gaskin. Printed programmes eliminated the need for introductions throughout the rally.

We were happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Dow and family for part of the Conference period, and on Conference Youth Night they were introduced to the S.A. young people.

• Perimeter Club — the tea hour speaker meeting — was held in Sept., with A. R. Jones (Director, Social Services Dept.), who has just returned from five months overseas, as the speaker.

**GIFT OF PIANO**

(Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld.). A piano has been donated to the newly established church at Arana Hills . . . S.S. anniversary service on Sept. 24 was attended by 140. Scholars presented choral items. . . . 84th anniversary of the church was celebrated with special services on Oct. 1. Alan Webb, of Camp Hill, was guest speaker. Musical and vocal items contributed to a P.S.A., when E. B. Searle, headmaster of Narbethong School for Visually Handicapped, talked on that work. After fellowship tea, L. G. Armstrong was preacher . . . Men's Fellowship has been revived, with good attendances . . . E. T. Hart, Director of Social Services, spoke to church on Oct. 8.

**FRANK EWERS TO KENMORE**

(Qld.). Kenmore Christian College announces the appointment of Frank Ewers as lecturer, the appointment to take place February, 1968. Mr. Ewers, at present minister of the Burwood Church of Christ, N.S.W., is highly qualified for his task. He holds the B.A. degree from the University of W.A., and the M.A. from the University of Sydney. He comes to his new task after years of dynamic, successful pastoral service.

The appointment has become necessary because of the rapid expansion of the College. Kenmore is now serving every Australian State, as well as overseas countries. Arrangements have been made with the University of Queensland for students who wish to do so, to take the new B.D. degree course, a primary degree. The acquisition of Mr. Ewers will mean that students will have a choice of electives within the required areas of study.

**DEATH OF JOSIAH PARK**

(Hobart, Tas.). The death is announced of Josiah Park, respected elder of Hobart church. Mr. Park was Federal Conference President, 1948-1950. He was in his 81st year . . . L. C. Read, from Margaret St., Launceston, spoke recently in the interests of the Social Services Dept. . . . The annual S.S. demonstration, on Oct. 8, featured Kinder and Primary classes in the afternoon, and the Seniors at night. The theme was "The Life of Christ." . . . The prayers and concern of members has been felt for Mrs. A. E. Heard and William Cooper . . . Several women travelled north for the annual Women's Camp.

**SPECIAL BIBLE APPEAL**

(Launceston, Tas.). A recent guest speaker was Rev. David Cohen, B.A., the B. and F. B. S. representative on the Island of Mauritius, who gave a thrilling account of the Society's work. The church participated in the Jubilee offering of the Bible Society with a special appeal . . . John Harrison has returned home from New Guinea and has showed slides and told of his experiences with the work party. Jim Harrison, secretary, has been welcomed home after a six months' holiday in Britain.

**FAIR ON CHURCH LAWN**

(Whyalla, S.A.). All departments shared in a fair in the church grounds on Oct. 14. \$200 was raised for the Building Fund and other purposes . . . The S.S. presented a varied evening programme on Oct. 1. The service included a puppet show of the Good Samaritan story . . . Recent speakers have been Neville Bradley, Mr. Brown of Gawler, and K. Watson . . . Several young people attended the Northwestern Camp at Woolshed Flats . . . Mrs. Summerton and Terry Mercie have returned home after hospital treatment. E. Bryant is still a hospital patient.

**CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST**

(Fremantle, W.A.). 200 attended the opening service of the "Campaign for Christ," led by J. K. Bond. One young man confessed his faith . . . A husband and wife were baptized on Sept. 24, and another married woman on 28th, at the commencement of the Prayer Committee's visit to the C.W.F. . . . "Crossroads of History" was screened at a recent midweek meeting.



Pauline Jones.

For nine years, Sister Pauline Jones served in the Overseas Missions; in the New Hebrides. She was Matron of the Hospital at Ndul Ndul. After returning to Australia she spent two years nursing in Sydney before entering the Aborigines Mission work. Her initial appointment is to the Children's Homes section of Carnarvon Mission, where she will be helping in the primary section, which consists of young children needing special attention, and some who are just commencing school.



Valentine Woff.

**• SUCCESS FOR VALENTINE WOFF**

**Student Wins "Sun" Aria**

(Melb.). Valentine Woff, of Montrose, formerly of Cheltenham, the well known soloist, song leader, and musical director of the Churches of Christ Choral Society in Victoria, had the distinction of seeing one of his students, John Pringle, win this year's "Sun" Aria Competition.

For five years Mr. Woff taught and prepared Mr. Pringle for the 1966 "Sun" Aria, but unfortunately he was narrowly defeated. He determined then, with Mr. Woff's encouragement, to try again in 1967. Early this year he was a runner-up in Honolulu, in the New York Metropolitan Opera Auditions.

Mr. Pringle recently joined the Elizabethan Trust Opera Co.

After having had several of his former students miss the "Sun" Aria by a small margin, Mr. Woff must feel very gratified and thrilled this year.

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**NEW WORKERS FOR ABORIGINES MISSIONS**

The offer of voluntary service by Mrs. M. Kimpton, of Rockdale church, N.S.W., was most opportune. She plans to give an initial 12 months' service in our Missions in the W.A. area, and has gone first to "Fairhaven," Esperance, to relieve there until a permanent appointment is finalised.

At "Fairhaven," Mrs. Kimpton will be helping to train teenaged Aboriginal girls from camps and missions in the Western Desert and Goldfields areas, so that they will be able to find employment and take their place in community life.

The continued success of this work is a cause for thanksgiving. The recent announcement of several new engagements between "Fairhaven" girls now in employment, and boys from the A.A.E.M. Hostel seems to indicate that the domestic training given is appreciated by the young men!

To date no appointment has been possible to replace Mr. and Mrs. Fitch, in the responsible task of "Teens" Cottage and the oversight of the Children's Homes at Carnarvon.

**AFTERMATH'S AFTERMATH**

(Hobart, Tas.). On the cover of the "Australian Christian" for April 15, 1967, there was a photo of a man standing among the ruins and ashes of the home he lost in the tragic Tasmanian bushfires. He declared that he was "going to have a new house built on the old site." The new building was almost complete when William Milford (Bill) Cooper died.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper were in membership with the West Hobart church until it merged with the Collins St. church some years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper transferred their loyalty to their new fellowship. Mr. Cooper was in his 80th year. An obituary notice will appear later.

**KAY WILLIAMS RETURNS**

(N.S.W.). Miss Kay Williams, graduate of Woolwich Bible College, who has served for three years as a teacher in New Hebrides, is returning to Australia for furlough and will arrive in Sydney early in November.

**N.S.W. YOUTH RALLY**

All roads led to Enmore Tabernacle on Oct. 13 for the annual Youth Rally and Prizegiving, conducted by the N.S.W. D.C.E. Prizes and awards and certificates were presented to successful scholars and schools in the recent State Scripture Examination. David Mansell, of Wollongong, was the speaker.

**YOUNG PEOPLE AND PROBLEMS**

(Rockdale, N.S.W.). A series of five special meetings were held, with emphasis on the problems of young people, and was led by Haydn Sargent, of Qld., on Oct. 6-8. Counselling and discussions were carried over to a cup of coffee after the meetings . . . B.S. anniversary began with family communion, when Dr. Mackenzie preached and B.S. children and staff took part. Other speakers were Major Flo. Whittaker, of the Salvation Army, and K. Larcombe.

**N.S.W. CHRISTMAS CAMPS**

Holiday Youth Camps will be held at Camp "Greenhalgh," Lake Illawarra, N.S.W. Intending campers should register without delay. Camps are as follows: Senior (16 yrs. and over), Dec. 26-Jan. 1. Junior Boys (11 to 15 yrs.), Jan. 2-8. Junior Girls (11 to 15 yrs.), Jan. 9-15.

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**THINGS TO COME**

- OCTOBER: NEW SOUTH WALES**  
 29—Reformation Sunday in churches in N.S.W.
- NOVEMBER:**  
 2-3—Pre-Crusade visit to Sydney of BILLY GRAHAM Team members — "MEET THE TEAM" Rallies.  
 3—State C.W.F. "Harbour Cruise."  
 5—BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE Sunday in N.S.W.  
 17—WOOLWICH COLLEGE Graduation Service—Enmore.  
 25—Newcastle, N.S.W. District Convention.
- OCTOBER: VICTORIA**  
 29—Christian Endeavour Thanksgiving Rally.  
 30—Explorers: Top Explorer Applications.
- NOVEMBER:**  
 2—Training Course for Women (C.W.F. and Dept. of Christian Educ.). Also on 9th, 16th, 23rd.  
 4—Southern Bayside Dist. Conf. (afternoon and evening).  
 5—Explorers: "Boys' Sunday."  
 8—Dept. of H.M. & Evangelism — Prayer Rallies.
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## NEW SOUTH WALES

### NEW MINISTRY, PADSTOW

(N.S.W.). John Sedman, formerly at Penrith, has accepted a call to the church at Padstow. He will commence at the beginning of November. Mr. Sedman trained at Woolwich Bible College.

### S.S. HONORS

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). B.S. members attended the D.C.E. annual prizegiving at Enmore. Miss S. Lloyd received third prize in her division, and the school received a Credit Shield. . . . The church parts with one of her earlier members, Mrs. Bagley, who for some years has been in residence in Social Service Cottage at Pendle Hill, and then at their Guest Home at Croydon. . . . The C.W.F. conducted a mystery car drive on Oct. 2 to Eureka Park, Blue Mountains. . . . Annual B.S. picnic, on Oct. 7, was at Bungool.

### NEW WORKER AT ESPERANCE

(N.S.W.). To swell the numbers of voluntary workers on the Aborigines Mission Fields in W.A., Mrs. M. Kimpton, of Rockdale, left Sydney on Oct. 9 to serve in a voluntary capacity at Home for Native Girls at "Fairhaven," Esperance.

### MISS MOBBS ON LEAVE

Nursing Sister Noela Mobbs, who trained at Woolwich Bible College, and has been serving on our New Guinea Mission Field since 1964, will be returning to Aust. for a period of leave towards end of October.

### N.S.W. PRAYER LIST

1. Federal Overseas Missions — for the Federal Secretary, R. S. McLean, and the Board in Adelaide, in their problems of oversight of the work — and in particular, for the missionaries and native workers in India.
2. The N.S.W. C.W.F. — for the State President, Mrs. F. Elsmore, and for the work of the women on a State-wide level.
3. Federal Conference Arrangements Committee, located in Sydney — that the way may be opened for a vital witness in Sydney in October, 1968.
4. N.S.W. churches at the local, sub-urban level, as members of each congregation are used in preparation for Billy Graham Crusade, Sydney, April 20-28.
5. N.S.W. Christian Unity Committee — in its educational programme, including special studies in November relating to the specific part of churches of the Restoration Movement.
6. N.S.W. Boys' Home and Young Men's Hostel Committee — in their tremendous task of sheltering and caring for young lives.

### DAVID MANSELL — AMERICAN TOUR

(N.S.W.). David Mansell, minister at Wollongong, and graduate of Woolwich College, will embark on a tour of some of our churches in America, which is being arranged by Reggie Thomas, evangelist, recently in Aust. Mr. Mansell will leave in late February and will be overseas for approximately four months.

### BEXLEY NORTH ACTIVE

(N.S.W.). Mrs. J. McKenzie, of Rockdale, was speaker at C.W.F. anniversary. . . . Girls' Brigade attended morning service on Oct. 8. . . . Musical items at gospel improving attendances. Coffee hour for Y.P. follows in various homes. Mrs. Saville in Rachel Foster Hospital; and Alan T. Laney in Gloucester House, R.P.A.H., for operation. . . . A ceiling fan has been installed in chapel for the summer.

### N.S.W. BROADCASTS IN NOV.

In addition to the regular Sunday evening session on 2CH which Churches of Christ in N.S.W. conduct under the title, "New Life in Christ," the "Daily Devotions" programme, at 8.45 a.m., in which our ministers are featured, is listed as follows:

- Tues., Nov. 7 — K. E. Crawford, Dept. of H. M. and Evang.  
 Sat., Nov. 18 — D. G. Hammer, Bexley North.  
 Wed., Nov. 29 — N. Flint, Nth. Sydney.

### TAREE SCORES 104

(N.S.W.). The Taree church celebrated the 104th anniversary of the establishment of the work in the Manning Valley. At special services, on Oct. 7 and 8, the guest speaker was D. W. Mansell, minister at Wollongong. Guest soloist was Mrs. Shirley O'Donnell, of Newcastle. The occasion featured a meeting on Saturday evening, and a P.S.A. of music as well as Sunday services. Minister of church, L. E. Wylie, was president. The Thankoffering, which was set aside for the new Fellowship Centre, was \$1,350.

### TO AND FROM AT INVERELL

(N.S.W.). R. Taylor and Bill Flett represented the N.S.W. Bible College and told the story of the College in word and screen slides. . . . Rev. Graeme Smith, of the B. and F. B. S., addressed several churches in Inverell district, on Sept. 23 and 24. The film, "Outreach," was screened in the Methodist Hall. . . . Four members attended the Men's Camp at Naamaroo, where Geoff. Fletcher was guest speaker. . . . A garden party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Winter. \$47 was raised for the Senior Citizens' Home project. . . . C.W.F. paid their third annual visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Hamilton at Delungra.

### TAREE ANNIVERSARY

(N.S.W.). The B.S. anniversary services had J. Nesbitt as guest speaker. He illustrated his messages with sketch drawings. Wilber Cross led school choir and pianists were Mrs. A. J. Halpin and daughter Margaret. . . . Work on new Fellowship Centre is advancing apace, all brickwork and roofing were completed by Oct. 8.

### TRAINEES AT SINGLETON

(N.S.W.). A group of Aborigine students, aptly designated "The Goldfields' Contingent," training for service at the Singleton Bible Institute (conducted by the Aborigines Inland Mission) will conclude their two-year course this year. Churches of Christ are represented by two young men and three young women from the Norseman Mission, and from the "Fairhaven" Training Hostel at Esperance. They have been able to maintain themselves by part-time employment on nearby farming properties, as well as in domestic activities. In addition, an interested group associated with our Newcastle churches has assisted them by means of a small fund for the provision of "extras."

Some of these young people will be returning to W.A. on the completion of their studies. Miss Josephine Clancy, from Eidsvold, represents Churches of Christ in Qld. She is in her first year of studies.

### MINISTER FOR GREENACRE

(N.S.W.). After a five-year ministry at Bowral, David Surtees will take up the work in this new and promising district in Feb. A pleasing texture brick building, comprising chapel, hall, kinder and primary halls, is nearing completion in Waterloo Road, in the strategic Greenacre shopping centre. Dr. A. G. Elliott and Garry Walker, student at Woolwich College, have been assisting this year.

### VISIT FROM PRESIDENT

(Earlwood, N.S.W.). The Conf. Pres., P. H. Morton, was speaker at 29th church anniversary on Sept. 17. Fellowship tea, served by C.W.F., was followed by gospel service. Mr. Bartholomew was speaker and Mr. Gough, the soloist. . . . A young man confessed Christ at youth service on Oct. 8. Misses Sedman (Carramar) sang. . . . Men of the church appreciated dinner prepared by C.W.F. on Oct. 7. . . . Church welcomes back Mrs. Porter, after serious eye surgery. Mrs. Leedham is still on sick list.

## VICTORIA

### COLAC'S YOUTH HALL

(Vic.). The Colac church has opened its Youth Hall, free of debt. There were over 200 young people, and others, packed into the church on Oct. 7. Youth of Ballarat churches gave a splendid programme of testimonies and spiritual songs. A. A. Avery, of H. M. Dept., gave the messages and three made decisions. The hall was opened by oldest member of the church, L. Selwood. A P.S.A. was held on Sunday afternoon. . . . Meetings continued until Oct. 11, with Mr. Avery speaking each night. The Geelong and Ballarat churches gave support each night through attendance and items.

### YOUTH CENTRE USEFUL

(West Preston, Vic.). The Youth Centre is catering for many needs within the church and has proved a valuable asset in fellowship and service. . . . The B.S. anniversary, on Oct. 1 and 8, had T. T. Robinson, E. Keating and A. J. Storey as speakers. The school also presented a pageant showing the spread of the gospel to many lands. . . . Several of our members are hospitalised. Mrs. Patience is in Austin Hospital suffering from a broken leg following a fall.

### BAYSWATER BAPTISM

(Vic.). At a baptismal service, Paul Lees committed his life to Christ. C.W.F. choir assisted in service. . . . Vern Flinger is home from hospital, much improved, following an operation for cataract of the eye. . . . Doreen Charles welcomed home after 15 months overseas on working holiday. . . . C.Y.F. held barbecue. Special guests were singing group, "The Wanderers Free". . . . Several groups of ladies held morning coffee in homes as an act of friendship.

### MINISTER ON C.T.A.

(Cheltenham, Vic.). The minister, G. K. Moyes, has been appointed Churches of Christ representative on the Christian Television Assoc. . . . "For the Living of These Days" was the theme of the S.S. anniversary. Parents and friends viewed splendid displays of children's work and met their teachers. . . . Miss Dorothy Geyer, of India, spoke at C.W.M.F. on Sept. 14. . . . Recent interview guests on Sunday evenings have been Dr. Peter Fensham, Prof. of Education at Monash; Graham Gilmour, Conf. Pres.; David Allison; Cr. John Williams, Mayor of Essendon, and Neville Moore, minister at North Essendon.

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### VICTORIAN C.W.F.

The President, Mrs. Ferguson, welcomed 134 delegates, representing 50 churches, to the October Council Meeting.

Devotions on the theme, "The Wonder and Splendour of God," were presented by the Supt. of the E.F., Mrs. M. Bryant.

A team worker with the European Australian Christian Fellowship, Miss Kay Sarrl, gave an insight into work being done amongst migrants. This work is carried out under the direction of a Committee appointed by the Victorian Council of Churches. The aim of the E.A.C.F. is to offer Christian friendship, advice and assistance to migrant young people and families.

### LOCAL PLAY PRODUCED

(Northcote, Vic.). B.S. anniversary, on Oct. 8, featured a tea for parents and scholars, at which L. Crisp (Thornbury) was speaker. Prizes were also presented. At night a play, "By This Service," written and produced by A. B. Withers, was presented. It was based on the Hebrew children's Passover question, "What mean ye by this service?" . . . Bible study group is meeting in the homes of various church members each Wed. night. . . . Church annual meeting re-elected all deacons and elders. . . . B.S. picnic was held at Toorourrong Reservoir.

### MEN IN TOWN

(Swan Hill, Vic.). Delegation representing C.M.S., led by Dave Watt, pres., and Norm. White, sec., visited circuit recently and conducted all services and men's tea. As a result, local C.M.F. is to be formed. . . . Principal E. L. Williams (C.O.B.), spoke on Sept. 30-Oct. 1 on behalf of the The Christian Union Committee. Mr. Williams addressed Saturday Evening Fellowship, a.m. worship service and conducted study session on "The Uniting Church of Australia". . . . Junior clubs of 44 Y.P. combined for social evening.

### SPRING FELLOWSHIP

(Shepparton, Vic.). Monthly "House Fellowships" will be held in members' homes in city and country areas. Non-members will be encouraged to be present. Weekly training groups have been meeting to prepare for these discussion fellowships. . . . Geoffrey Weilandt has been appointed to church officers' board. . . . Rev. David Cox, Inter-Church European-Aust. Christian Fellowship, was speaker at C.W.A.F. birthday. Instead of usual birthday cake, the cost of the cake was donated to the Shepparton Centre for Intellect. Handicapped Children. . . . We are represented on a working

The President assured Miss Dorothy Geyer of the prayers of all as she returns to India on Oct. 20.

The Missionary Rally offering of \$85 has been forwarded to "Fairhaven" for their Furnishing Fund.

The Hospital Visitation Committee would like to have Christmas gifts for hospitals brought in to the November Council.

Nov. 14, 8 p.m., is the date set for the Pre-Crusade Rally in the Independent Church. The evangelist will be Gordon Moyes, B.A.—M. Nelson, Asst. Sec.

committee seeking to place at least one more Chaplain in our secondary schools. F. T. Morgan, Senior School Chaplain, was one of several School Chaplains in the city's pulpits recently. . . . E. W. Roffey, Fed. Conf. Sec., was speaker for the church 86th anniversary. He was accorded a civic reception. . . . The minister, D. B. McIntosh, addressed the candidates at a recent naturalisation ceremony.

### R. V. LONGTHORP TO CAMBERWELL

(Vic.). R. V. Longthorp has accepted an invitation to serve as part-time preacher from Feb., 1968. . . . A church family dinner preceded the brotherhood activities film shown by N. R. White, of C.M.F., on Oct. 7. . . . Elderly Citizens of district were present at a Pleasant Sunday Evening service on Oct. 14.

### BIBLE SOCIETY MARCH

(Latrobe Tce., Geelong, Vic.). On Sept. 24, the B. and F. B. S. conducted its annual demonstration, which commenced with a march through the city streets to the Plaza Theatre. Church of Christ Youth Groups participated, and our S.S. also had a float depicting a missionary holding aloft his Bible while "cooking" in a cannibal's pot. . . . J. Small is conducting a Sunday morning study group for new and any interested members. . . . Y.P.S.C.E. held their meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Russenberg on Sept. 29, and concluded with records of their choice. On Oct. 6, the meeting was addressed by R. Watt, of Belmont church. . . . The Ladies' Aid Fellowship, on Sept. 27, heard a talk by Mrs. Marfell on her work in the Juvenile Courts. . . . Thomson and Latrobe Terrace ladies conducted a stall on Oct. 5, and \$35 was raised. . . . Our Girls' Brigade celebrated their 10th birthday on Oct. 10.

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Miss T. Sparrow, Hawthorn, S.A.

## MEMBERSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. Errol Strong, Gatton and Nanango; Mrs. L. Holmes, Rockhampton; Mrs. J. H. Lee, Annerley, to Ann-st., Brisbane, Qld.

Mr. and Mrs. Heathcote, Albury to Bendigo, Vic.

Mrs. J. Hoffmann, Hindmarsh to Beverley, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Pascoe, Grote-st. and Forestville; Mrs. Crain, Dulwich, to Elizabeth, S.A.

Miss J. Harkness, Unley to Hawthorn, S.A.

Miss Callanan and Mrs. Robbins, Nth. Balwyn, Vic., to Southport, Qld.

Mrs. Glanville, Elizabeth and Daryl, from Carnegie to Reservoir, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Howie, St. Ki'da to Tootgarook, Vic.

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Mrs. Una Creeper to William H. Shipway, Goolwa, S.A.

Beatrice Clarnette to Reg. Green, West Preston, Vic.

Robyn Eggleton to Trevor Halliday, Epping, N.S.W.

Lorraine Bassett to Frank Evans, Balwyn, Vic.

## DEATHS

Mrs. Florence M. Daniel, Shepparton, Vic.

Violet Scott, Elsie Morris, Epping, N.S.W.

David A. Hainsworth, Essendon, Vic.

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## BIRTHS

JACKEL (Jepsen). — To Judy and Graeme, at Eldon House, Ballarat, Vic., a daughter — Bronwyn Joy. A sister for Deanne and Peter.

PIEPER (nee Norling). — Maurie and Deirdre joyfully announce God's gift of a daughter — Kerrie Lynn — born at Gatton Private Hospital, Qld., on Oct. 7, 1967. Sister for Robyn, Wendy, Carolyn and Leanne.

WELLER (Adkins). — To Bev. and Mac., Oct. 20, at Margaret Coles Hospital, Melb., a son — Gregory McLeod.

## DEATHS

BICKFORD, Jessie. — On Sept. 30, 1967, at Austin Hospital, Vic., the beloved wife of Albert, mother of Jean (Mrs. Neill) and Alan; grandmother of Rex and Peter Neill, and Barbara, Steane, Ross and Debra Bickford. Aged 80 years. "Sleep on beloved."

HAMILTON, Alice Maud. — On Sept. 18, beloved wife of Thomas, Mundalla, S.A., loving mother of Tom and Mary; mother-in-law of Beverly and Ivern; grandmother of Yvonne, Lynette, Jennifer and Grantley. Aged 75 years. "Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

## THIRTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

THOMAS - JUDD. — Rowland and Holley announce with pleasure, the 30th anniversary of their marriage, celebrated at Swan Hill Church of Christ, on Nov. 3, 1937, by H. C. Bischoff. We are thankful for a Christian family — Malcolm and his wife Beverley; Darryl and his fiancée Kaye, and Neville. Present address, 25 Burke-st., Wangaratta, Vic.

## NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Christian Fellowship Association (Vic.) will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1967, at the Churches of Christ Centre, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melbourne, at 7.30 p.m.

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## IN MEMORIAM

BUCKINGHAM, Alec. — Treasured memories of my loving and devoted husband, called home (suddenly), Oct. 29, 1957. "In that fair homeland, we'll know no parting, Beyond the sunset, for evermore."

—So dearly loved, so sadly missed by his loving wife, Florence, 40 Emma-st., Caulfield, Vic.

CROUCH. — Bessie, passed away Oct. 20, 1962. Wife of Stanley, loved mother of Will and Joan, Reg and Eva, Edwin and Dulcie, Betty, Harry and June, Olive and Ken, Mavis and Alf.; loving grandma of 14 grandchildren.

"Five years ago we had to part with a mother we loved with all our heart. God has her in his keeping, we have her in our hearts."

HADDOW. — Treasured memories of my dear husband, Nat, and our loved father, who passed away on Oct. 22, 1965. "In our garden of memories we meet every day."

—Inserted by his wife and family.

RICHARDS. — Treasured memories of my dear husband, John Loftus, and loving father, called home Oct. 30, 1958; also grand-daughter Glenda (Williams), Oct. 10, 1959, at Naracoorte, S.A. "Beyond the sunset, oh blissful morning."

—Inserted by his loving wife and family.

JONES. — In loving memory of my dear wife, our mother and grandmother, passed away on Oct. 27, 1961. "Forever in our thoughts."

—Inserted by her loving family, George, Ron, Pat, Christopher, Robert and Kathryn.

JONES. — Fondest memories of our dearly loved sister, Freda, called to higher service on Oct. 27, 1961. "Blest be the tie that binds."

—Clare and Vic.

JONES.—Treasured memories of Freda, passed away Oct. 27, 1961.

—Inserted by her brother Roy, and Elsie.

SHERRIFF. — Treasured memories of Frederick James, called home Oct. 29, 1966, beloved husband of Ruby, loved father of Cliff, Maurice, June and Gwendal; father-in-law of Vina, Jean, Aleck and Victor; loved pa of 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. "Loved with everlasting love."

MANTON. — In loving memory of Hazel, wife of late Charles Manton (17/10/66), dear sister of Wesley Barnes (dec.), Olive (dec.), and Myrtle Hattersley; sister-in-law of Jack Hattersley and Elsie Barnes (Oakleigh Guest Home), beloved mother of Wesley and Ethel Manton (Stanhope), and daughter of late Ted and Clara Barnes (Brighton and Nth. Fitzroy).

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SATURDAY Evening, NOV. 4, at 7.45 p.m.

Fellowship Meeting, with items by the Youth Choir, and color slides of past and present church activities.

SUNDAY Morning, NOV. 5, at 11 a.m.

Broadcast Service over 3GL. Speaker: A. W. Stephenson, M.A., Principal of Woolwich College of the Bible.

PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON, at 3 p.m. Items by Salvation Army Band. Special Speaker: Alan Pfeifer, S.M., member of Malvern church.

Tea at 5 p.m. at church. All welcome.

EVENING SERVICE, at 7. Speaker: A. W. Stephenson, M.A.

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3 p.m.—P.S.A. Speaker: Graham Miller (Princ., Melb. Bible Institute.)

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OCTOBER 29.

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3 p.m.—P.S.A. — Frank Richards, leader of Work Team to New Guinea. Musical Items.

5 p.m.—Fellowship Tea.

7 p.m.—R. Burns. Youth Club Reunion.

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## VICTORIA

### TWO CELEBRATIONS

(Bendigo, Vic.). S.S. anniversary at Short Street had Jack Richards and Ian Glanville as guest speakers. Spring Gully S.S. anniversary had David Marr, formerly a student preacher at the Gully, and now minister at Echuca, as speaker.

### MIDLANDS CONFERENCE

(Wedderburn - St. Arnaud, Vic.). The Midlands Conference, Oct. 15, at Maryborough, had the best ever attendance. The Maryborough Ladies' Choir, and the "Mountainettes" from Ballarat, provided items. The "Billy Graham Film" shown was outstanding. G. Jackel gave the address at evening service.

**WEDDERBURN.** A new organ has been installed, and a fluorescent lighting is proving beneficial. Sympathy is extended to all relatives and friends of the late Mrs. Rossi. **ST. ARNAUD.** The average attendance is 18 for morning service.

### PLANNED GIVING REVIEW

(Nth. Williamstown, Vic.). Kevin Harvey led a Planned Giving Review, which proved successful. Freedom from Hunger breakfast was arranged in Williamstown Town Hall, by Ministers' Fraternal. Ron Butt was speaker. C.M.F. members enjoyed fellowship and tea when a visit was had from Malvern C.M.F. Explorer Clubs held a successful film night, proceeds to Monbulk Camp. C.M.F. monthly tea had E.L. Williams as guest speaker on "Uniting Churches". Mr. Williams also spoke at gospel service. C.M.F. members repeated their Minstrel Show at Ararat on Oct. 14.

### HELP FOR ROCHESTER

(Echuca, Vic.). The church is giving assistance to Rochester church by conducting morning service once a month. Four of our young men travelled there on Oct. 15 for the first such service. Evening services, back to 7 p.m., have taken on new interest with a new hymn, item, and learning something of the Hindu faith in comparison with the Christian faith. Eight young people spent a weekend with the Oakleigh C.Y.F. Youth choir continues to increase in numbers, and sing each Sunday morning. F. Hill is the new S.S. supt. Two vacancies in the Official Board have been filled by young men. Working bees are painting the exterior of the church building.

### TWO ANNIVERSARY DECISIONS

(Reservoir, Vic.). Two B.S. scholars made decisions at anniversary services concluded on Oct. 8. Speakers were Don Prout, David Cummings (Wycliffe), A. E. White and A. W. C. Candy. C.W.F. ladies visited Monbulk Camp by bus on Oct. 5. A family from Carnegie church transferred to Reservoir recently. Girls' Club held "Lamington Making Day," proceeds of which were sent to the Shrigonda Blanket Appeal for Girls' School in Shrigonda, India. Church members sharing in sessions of prayer for Billy Graham Crusade. Young lady was baptized recently. Two teams entered in the cricket competitions.

### STREET STALL

(Preston, Vic.). C.W.F. afternoon group held a street stall on Oct. 13, realising \$51 for Fellowship funds. C.W.E.F. entered Edment's table setting competition. The financial result was \$74.11. The cricket club has a B grade team in local churches' competition.

### PREPARATION FOR EVANGELISM

(Parkdale, Vic.). Recent various activities have involved as many contact families as possible in preparation for our period of evangelism at the end of Oct. The preparation committee has been guided by A. Avery. B.S. anniversary services included a movie film prepared by members of the staff, and shown in evening sessions. The theme was "Building a New World". W. White, Pres. of Southern Bayside Conf., was present on Oct. 15. Many are working on Mission project for "Bunapas" Air Strip.

### BUILDING FUND GAINS \$90

(Essendon, Vic.). A street stall held by C.W.E.F. realised \$90 for Building Fund. Good Companions held a Novelty Jinx Nite on Oct. 13. Howard Weedon and Noel Wolstencroft, recently returned from New Guinea, were guest speakers on Oct. 15. At after-church fellowship they showed slides of their work. Mr. and Mrs. D. Ferguson were presented with a gift in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. Plans are well in hand for erection of new buildings, early next year.

### VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.

(Melb.). The C.W.F. (Vic.-Tas.) Council Meeting will be held in the Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre, on Friday, Nov. 3, 11 a.m.

Mrs. Lance Fisher, from Carnarvon, will be the speaker. Christmas gifts for distribution by Hospital Visitation Committee, will be received.

### GUIDES PARADE

(Preston, Vic.). The District Commissioner for Girl Guides, Mrs. Williams, with Guides and Brownies of Preston Companies and Packs, attended the morning service on Sept. 10. The 65th anniversary services, on Oct. 1, had J. E. Searle as guest preacher. Newly elected officers were inducted. At the P.S.A., the Churches of Christ Choral Society provided the programme, and Noel Wolstencroft showed slides of New Guinea. At night there was a roll call of auxiliaries, Mrs. Quaife was soloist, and G. J. Crossman the preacher.

### NOV. 8 CLASH

Unavoidable factors have brought about an overlap of Home Mission and Christian Education meetings in Melbourne. A seminar conducted by the Dept. of Christian Educ. on "Religion and the Child," for C.W.F. groups, will be held at South Yarra on Nov. 8, at 8 p.m. This is the same evening as the Home Mission Prayer Rallies. It is hoped that groups will support both meetings as well as possible. (There is also a meeting of "Australian Christian" representatives at the Brotherhood Centre on Nov. 8. But an alternative is available as "A.C." representatives may attend on Nov. 10.)

### NEW HALL PLANS READY

(Ormond, Vic.). Plans for the new hall have been submitted to the Melb. and M. B. of W. S.S. anniversary speakers were L. Barker, J. Burns, R. Gorler and R. C. McKenzie. Song leader was D. Streader. On Oct. 22, 50 members of the Ormond Elderly Citizens were entertained to tea and afterwards attended evening service. Janet House underwent appendix operation. Mr. Tinkler, senr., underwent surgery at Prince Henry's Hosp.; Mrs. Skewes is in Royal Melb. Hosp. At an open night Boys' Explorers demonstrated their prowess in skipping and rope climbing championships.

### NATIONAL C.E. CONVENTION

The National C.E. Union will install into office the first layman National President for 21 years, at the 32nd National Convention in Adelaide, Jan. 11-19, 1968, when the Hon. Richard Cleaver accepts the President's Pin from Rev. R. W. Wrightson, the present National President, at the Consecration Rally, on Jan. 18.

Mr. Richard Cleaver is the Federal Member for Swan, W.A., in the Federal House of Representatives, and has always been a very keen Christian Endeavourer. His political career is a direct result of an interest gained through the citizenship activities of C.E.

The National Convention will have as its Headquarters, the great Wayville Centennial Hall, in the Adelaide Showgrounds, and crowds up to 5,000 people are expected to pack the hall to hear the Convention guest speaker, Dr. Alan Redpath, of England.

Some of the highlights of the Convention activity will be the 200 voice Choir, that will be releasing a long-playing recording, the Monster Junior "Festival of Joy," to be conducted in the Adelaide East Parklands, the Special Tours to be conducted to take in the beauty of the Adelaide Hills and countryside, and the important working Conference Sessions, that are always so enthusiastically attended by the thousands of delegates.

The challenging theme of the Convention will be "Christ Is Life."

### BOYS' SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 5

Theme:

#### "BEYOND THE BARRIERS"

● Parents, Families and Friends are invited to attend the Special Service which will be held in local churches. Watch for announcements from local Boys' Clubs and Church Papers.

● BOYS' SUNDAY, sponsored by the Explorer Boys' Movement of the Dept. of Christian Education.

## VICTORIA

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY

(Ivanhoe-Briar Hill, Vic.). A half-century of Christian witness at Ivanhoe was celebrated on Sept. 17, when both morning and evening services attracted over 200, including many former members. Addresses were given by E. L. Williams and A. E. White. A buffet tea and historical display featuring early work at Ivanhoe were greatly appreciated. Midweek All-age Christian Educ. programme, including hot meal, discussion groups and short devotional service continues to attract up to 100. Treasurer (F. Chipperfield) brought down record budget, envisaging weekly income of \$275 with increased giving for others. Special effort is being made at both Ivanhoe and Briar Hill to eliminate debt on Ivanhoe hall, preparatory to provision of manse for Briar Hill.

### REDCLIFFS ACTIVE

(Vic.). Junior Girls' and Boys' Club is led by Miss Faye Chislett, and Mrs. P. Reading. Combined churches tennis club held church parade recently. C.W.A. and E.F. held combined birthday evening, Sept. 27, with Mrs. Oram (Mildura), as guest speaker. B.S. anniversary services, Oct. 1, with M. D. Hamilton (Mildura) and K. Flinger (Mildura Baptist) as guest speakers. Anniversary tea and prizegiving, Oct. 3.

### SEVEN NEW MEMBERS

(Norlane, Vic.). Seven new members have been welcomed as a result of the follow-up visitation and discipleship studies. The church has lost the membership of the Falcke family. The young people are now a C.Y.F. group, with a systematic programme of study, outreach and recreation. The Ladies' Fellowship is sponsoring an active campaign to secure material for the Social Service opportunity shop. The Church School anniversary, on Oct. 1, had Mrs. Hedley Potts speaking at the Kinder-Primary session, and J. McCulloch at senior school session. The anniversary of this 200 strong school is a feature of the prominent youth work of the church.

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## VINEY LONGTHORP CONCLUDES WITH VIC.-TAS. D.C.E.



(Vic.-Tas.). On Oct. 3, at the Brotherhood Centre in Melbourne, L. E. Barker, Chairman of the Dept. of Christian Educ., presided over a farewell function to Viney Longthorp. Mr. Longthorp joined the Department in 1960 as Associate-Director and, in 1964, following the retirement of L. A. Trezise, he was appointed Director.

The Rev. Fred Searle, of the Congregational Church, represented the Vic. Council for Christian Educ., and paid tribute to the significant contribution the Director had made to inter-church educational programmes and interests.

G. Gilmour, Pres. of Vic.-Tas. Conf. of Churches of Christ, drew attention to the extraordinarily numerous and diverse activities included under the title "Christian Education," and that a man of special talents was required to perform them and to interpret the work of the Dept. to the brotherhood.

To these tasks Mr. Longthorp brought great capacities and a mind of first quality. He was widely and deeply read, and was quick to adventure in new areas for Christ. A tribute was expressed to Mrs. Longthorp, who had given much direct assistance and who had accepted

### TWO CHURCHES — ONE BUILDING!

(Warracknabeal - Brim, Vic.). Members of the Officers' Board of the C. of C., Brim, and the Brim Methodist Trust met recently to discuss the prospects and possible difficulties of the two churches building and owning a Common Worship Centre. The meeting was chaired by B. C. Snoxall; Rich. Dixon was secretary of the Methodist Trust, and Royce Wardle, secretary of the C. of C. Board.

The meeting was informal, without proposals being moved, and without decisions being binding on either congregation. All recommendations from the meeting were unanimously agreed to.

Both secretaries will write to their respective church representatives in Melbourne, inviting them to investigate the necessary steps for having an Act passed in the Federal Parliament whereby the Methodists and Churches of Christ may build jointly and have joint ownership. After the two bodies have met in Melbourne, representatives from both will be invited to Brim to talk over procedure with the two churches.

If an Act may be passed allowing the churches joint ownership, local committees will be formed to be responsible for raising finance and planning the Worship Centre.

Other recommendations put forward by the meeting were:—

additional home responsibilities in order to make her husband available for extended service away from his family.

J. Manallack, former chairman, spoke for the Dept., and made a presentation. Noel Wolstencroft represented the C.Y.F., and also made a token gift of appreciation.

In responding, Mr. Longthorp said that his had not been an easy ministry, but that it was a worthwhile challenge. There had been many disappointments, and the churches had not always given all the help the Dept. had needed. However, the support of so many who had represented the brotherhood underlined his conviction that this was a holy calling. It was a thrill to have been able to touch so many young lives, to watch them grow spiritually, and to see them move into responsible Christian witness and service in their local churches and in wider fields.

(1) That, when the new buildings are completed the two Sunday Schools be conducted as one, meeting at 10.30 a.m.

(2) That the Worship Services of the two churches be held at 9 a.m. and 11.30 a.m., and the churches alternate weekly with these times.

(3) That the building be large enough to accommodate both congregations together, with allowance being made for future expansion. It should be built in a central position in the town, which has still to be decided.

The present approximate statistics of the two churches are:—

(a) Membership - Methodist	35
(b) Attendance - - - "	30
(c) Sunday School - - - "	30-35
(a) Membership - Ch. of Christ	27
(b) Attendance - - - "	35
(c) Sunday School - - - "	15-20

### ALTERATIONS PLANNED

(Hampton, Vic.). Tenders have been let for alterations to interior of building, which includes a foyer and alterations to baptistry. B.S. anniversary, on Sept. 24, had G. K. Moyes, of Cheltenham, and D. R. Olafsen as speakers. Mrs. Buckley is still in Alfred Hospital after surgery.

## STH. AUST. WOMEN'S CONF.

The first meeting for the new Conference year was attended by 160 women, including 131 delegates. Obituary report was presented by Mrs. S. Riches. Mrs. Simpson, President-elect, led devotions on "Doors of Opportunity," and Mrs. Curtis sang "Dear Lord, Forgive."

Mrs. Rex Chamberlain, recently returned from Pir, New Guinea, and our Living Link for the past four years, was a special guest. Through her, greetings were received from the women missionaries on the field, from the sisters and native patients at the hospital, and from Aileen Draney. A very special greeting, spoken in Pidgin English, came from the native women at Pir.

Departmental reports introduced some of the new department leaders for the new year.

The November meeting will take the form of the Aborigine Department Rally, with Dorothy Butler, Federal Living Link, as guest speaker.

## OLD. WESTERN DISTRICT

(Dalby, Qld.). A great weekend of meetings and fellowship was experienced when the Western Districts' Fellowship met at Dalby. 100 attended Saturday barbecue tea after which A. Surtees was evening speaker. On Sunday over 200 heard Dr. J. Jauncey speak. The meetings concluded with a P.S.A., when both A. Surtees and Dr. Jauncey again spoke. . . . C.Y.F. sponsor a youth service first Sunday in each month . . . A team from Kenmore Christian College took the services on Oct. 8 . . . Builders have completed their work on the new manse. Only the painting is to be completed.

## OBITUARY

### Robert Hilford.

The whole Australian brotherhood of Churches of Christ will be saddened by the home call of Robert Hilford, at Gilgandra, N.S.W., on Sept. 5, at the age of 66 years. He was well known throughout Australia, having ministered in all States.

He was born in England and came to Australia at the age of 11. When he was 12, he was received into the fellowship of the Glenferrie church, Vic. When only a young man he heard God's call to enter the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, for training, and in 1925 graduated.

Many will remember Mr. Hilford's work in South Australia as the Assistant Secretary of the Overseas Mission Board, and in Western Australia in the same office.

He served as a Senior Chaplain in the Army for six years, part of which was spent overseas. In Queensland, he was Senior Chaplain on a part-time basis for three years. Perhaps one of the most thrilling experiences of his life was to be included as a member of the New Guinea Survey Party.

Illness forced him into retirement when ministering at the Hornsby Church of Christ, several years ago. Consequently, Mr. and Mrs. Hilford settled happily at Gilgandra. After his illness, it might reasonably have been thought that Mr. Hilford would withdraw from active participation in church life, but this was not so. His share in the life and ser-

vice of the church was great. We appreciated his work in many ways — presiding at the Lord's Table, leading a teacher training class, his contribution to the church as an elder, his untiring efforts towards planning for a new chapel. These are but some of the ways his life has been used over these last few years.

It was appropriate that the service of tribute was held in the Gilgandra church, as Mr. Hilford ministered here not so many years ago.

Loving sympathy is extended to Mrs. Hilford, and to Mrs. Roma Mudford, and Alan Hilford and their families, and yet we rejoice with them in this call to greater glory and higher service.—B.B.

### David Alfred Hainsworth.

The church at Essendon, Vic., was shocked to hear of the death of one of its staunch supporters, David Alfred Hainsworth, aged 67. At a football match, which he loved to watch, he suffered a heart attack and in the late evening of Aug. 6, he passed away at his home. David and his wife served the church in a great way. He was a quiet worker and did many tasks without any fuss or bother. During his years of retirement his love was his garden, and at his death it was as neat and tidy as ever. He was baptized at the Ascot Vale church on June 25, 1912, and was married at Essendon in 1928 by H. J. Patterson. The church expressed their sympathy to his family, David and Beryl (Mrs. Fordham), and as Jean, his wife, faces the future our prayer is that through the fellowship of the church her loneliness may be made less a strain.—B. L. Fryor.

## OBITUARY

### William Dellar.

William Dellar was a quiet man with a friendly manner that endeared him to all who knew him. Born at Adelaide Lead, 76 years ago, he worked as a farm hand in his teen years. In the gold country around Maryborough, Vic., he tried his hand at prospecting, but his interest was in the railways. At the age of 18, he enlisted to serve his country during World War 1. At Maryborough, where he joined the Victorian Railways as a driver, he also came in contact with the Church of Christ. Under S. R. Baker's ministry, he and his wife were baptized and welcomed into fellowship. Thirty-one years ago he came to Melbourne to learn to handle the electric trains, and settled in Ringwood, and transferred to the church here, where he remained in fellowship until his death on Sept. 18. In his more active years he was a reader and helped regularly on the morning plan. After an illness of several months he passed quietly to his rest at the Peter McCallum Clinic. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. The church at Ringwood commends them to the Lord, and shares with them the happy memories of a fine Christian gentleman.—G. W. Barnett.

### Franklin Roger Goodwin.

The church at Ringwood, Vic., was saddened at the home call of one of its fine young men, Roger Goodwin. After a brief illness, from which he seemed to be recovering, he died suddenly on Sept. 20. Roger was brought up in the fellowship of the church at Boronia, where he was a leader in the Explorer Club and a Church School teacher. On his marriage to Patsy Cox, of Ringwood, in July last year, he transferred his membership to the Ringwood church, and there he was active in the Church School, C.Y.F. and Boys' Explorer work. For a time he was on the district committee of the Explorer movement. A keen chess and tennis player, he gave of his utmost to all that claimed his attention. The chapel at Ringwood could not hold the large congregation that attended the funeral service on Sept. 22, conducted by J. Manallack and the writer. Representatives from many church and other organisations show the high regard that all had for this fine young man. The churches at Boronia and Ringwood extend to Patsy and Mrs. Goodwin, snr., sympathy and love at this time, and pray the Lord's upholding care to continue with them.—G. W. Barnett.

### Mrs. Jessie Bickford.

Mrs. Jessie Bickford died at the Austin Hospital, Vic., on Sept. 30, at the age of 80 years. At 14, she was baptized in the Chetwynd St. chapel, North Melb. Some years after her marriage to Bert Bickford they moved to Chelsea and were foundation members there. She was a happy woman, and this characteristic is one which stands out predominantly in the memory of her over 40 years ago. In all her husband's activities, both in the church and community life, she was a good help-meet, and was active in the women's work of the church.

They later lived at Ivanhoe and attended the church there. In latter years they have been living at Wonga Park, and although blindness was overtaking her she never lost her smile. Services were conducted at the funeral parlour and at Springvale Crematorium by the writer, the large number attending being an indication of the regard for her and the family. To her husband, daughter Jean (Mrs. Neil), son Alan, and six grandchildren, deepest sympathy is offered.—W. J. Thomson.

### Ellen Maude Moody.

The church at Malvern-Caulfield, Vic., suffered a real loss when Mrs. A. E. Moody died on Sept. 21. She endeared herself to both old and young by her quiet and gracious spirit. She loved the church, attending the services both morning and evening until very recently, and she was sustained by the power of Christ. Miss Ellen Maude Curtis came from Bairnsdale to the Prahran church, and was baptized there by Gifford Gordon in 1914. She there met Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moody and became firm friends with them. Several years later, Miss Curtis and A. E. Moody met again at the church at Malvern-Caulfield. A. E. Moody was then a widower. They were married in 1933 at the Malvern church by W. G. Graham. She has worshipped with her husband in the church here for the past 34 years. Mrs. Moody is survived by her loving husband, two daughters, Gwen (Mrs. John Welch), and Margaret, and one son, Max. With many Christian friends they are grateful for her life.—A.B.C.

### Jabez Byard.

Another strong link with the witness of our people in Tasmania was severed in the recent passing of Jabez Byard. Mr. Byard was one of a family of five brothers and three sisters, who grew up under the loving and prayerful care of

their godly parents in the Mole Creek district. Later members of this family were to move into various areas in Tasmania and exercise a strong personal witness for the Restoration Movement in Tasmania. For about 30 years Jabez was on the preacher plan, travelling hundreds of miles on horseback in all sorts of weather. In addition, he conducted several evangelistic missions. Jabez Byard was baptized at the age of 18 years. He married and had two children, Albert and Phyllis. Mr. and Mrs. Byard also received into their home little Philma Richards, when her mother died, whom they lovingly cared for. 12 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Byard moved to Davenport, and whenever he was physically able, faithfully attended the services. He died on July 20, 1967, at the age of 86 years. Mrs. Byard is now residing at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Webb, of Devonport. The writer conducted the funeral service at the Church of Christ Devonport.—E. W. Taylor.

### Mrs. Ida Ward.

After many years of suffering a faithful Christian died on Sept. 19, 1967, at the age of 71. She accepted Christ as Saviour during the writer's ministry at Windsor Church of Christ, Vic., in 1928. Ida Ward (known to my family as "Auntie Ida") commenced an active Christian testimony at Windsor (now no more), then at Caulfield and later, Chelsea. When her health was good she served in a voluntary capacity in the W.C.T.U. At all times she exercised confidence to other departments, especially to flying missionaries. Many will remember her always. Mrs. Ward's sister, Mrs. Matt. Haddow, is also at Chelsea. Her husband, Matt., passed away Sept. 23, 1967, leaving Mrs. Matt. Haddow bereaved of a sister and husband in one week. Our prayers are assured to the family whom we loved.—A. S. Crowley.

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**BOAT OWNERS:** If you own a runabout, will you help us? Would you be willing to take it to Mornington on Saturday, Dec. 9, to take teenagers for a spin on the Bay? If so, please contact the Dept. We would value your assistance in this programme for youth.

# QUEENSLAND ROUND-UP

## Harlaxton Honors

Seven girls from the Harlaxton church were members of the Toowoomba Junior Choral Society which won their section's finals of the Australian Eisteddfod held at Ballarat, Vic., recently.

Fay and Jan Christensen, Annette and Naree Reed, Lois Finger, Gay Kimmins and Robyn Hall were the junior church members who brought honor to the church at Harlaxton, Toowoomba. 43 young people comprised the choir and travelled by air from Brisbane to Melbourne to compete.

## Camp Dates

All at Caloundra, Qld., 1967-1968 —

Midgets — Dec. 18-22.

Senior — Dec. 25 — Jan. 2.

Tweenagers — Jan. 2-10.

Junior — Jan. 10-16.

A "Tassie Tour" is arranged for 28 young people from Jan. 15-26, '68.

"Launching Out" Camp, Emu Park, Rockhampton, Dec. 26-29.

## Half-Yearly Conference - Gympie

Gympie is the venue this year for the Half-Yearly Conference. Brief reports from brotherhood Departments and Committees will be given, and sermons delivered by ministers who are comparatively recent arrivals in the State.

## Kenmore Magazine

This year's Kenmore College Magazine presents facets of the College community in a racy style that develops the theme of "Communication." Articles by the Principal, Dr. J. Jauncey; lecturer Rex Ellis; American evangelist Reggie Thomas, and students: Trevor Holmes (Editor), Don Stewart, Ian Berthelsen and Peter Burnham. Available at 30 cents, this magazine is worthy of high recommendation to the whole brotherhood.

## Bulldozer at Caloundra Campsite

For seven hours a bulldozer cleared land at the Y. and C. E. Departments' camp site at Caloundra. Six blocks of surveyed land, fronting "Nicklin Way," within 500 yards of the beach, represent bargains for our brotherhood folk. Enquiries can be directed to 426 Ann St.

A weatherboard cottage, donated by John Buhse, of Gatton, has been dismantled and transported to the camp site. Redesigning and erection of cabins for cooks in camps, and families to hire, is the intention of the Department.

## Anniversaries

Eric Hart, Social Service Director, spoke at Toowoomba B.S. anniversary. A. C. Male conducted the anniversary services for the East Ipswich school. There were three teenage decisions.

## Social Service at Southport

Dec. 2 is the date for the Opening of the "Golden Age" Retirement Home on Qld's Gold Coast. The final Youth Rally for the year, previously planned for Zillmere, will now be held at Southport in co-operation with Social Service Opening of the Southport Home.

## Badminton Honors at Roma

Janice Guyatt won the Ladies' Singles Championship. In the Mixed Doubles, Janice Guyatt and Ray Waldron won the Championship. Janice and Noeleen Guyatt won the Ladies' Doubles Championship.

## Ma Ma Creek Reflections

Pioneer member of the Ma Ma Creek work returned "home" recently.

At the morning service, pioneers took part, Eric Rosenberg (Gatton) presided, Albert Bernoth (Toowoomba), O.T. reader; John Chappel (Bundaberg), N.T. reader. Sixty years have passed since these three began serving the church in this area. Their combined ages totalled just on 240

years. Over 70 were present at this service and a photo was taken of the gathering.

Ma Ma Creek are observing the "Australian Christian" Sunday on Oct. 29.

## Old. Brotherhood Calendar

Church secretaries have all received a circular requesting dates of local church and community events in 1968 for presentation on a calendar for churches, clubs and individuals. This is different from the Australian brotherhood calendar, as it allows room on each day for churches and clubs to print in their own events, and cancels the possibility of clashing with major brotherhood events.

## EDUCATION CENTRE ENDORSED

(Toowoomba, Qld.). At a special meeting the Margaret St. church, Toowoomba, endorsed the recommendation of the Board to proceed with the erection of a two-storeyed \$36,000 Christian Educ. Centre. The tender of Scholl and Christensen was accepted and work will commence almost immediately. . . . Eric Hart was guest speaker at recent S.S. anniversary services. A family of five made decisions at Crown St. and have been baptized.

## QUEENSLAND C.W.F.

Thirty-two ladies, representing 15 churches, attended the October Conf. meeting. It was the annual Kenmore College Rally, and Mrs. Machin, the supt., led the devotional session and reported on the activities of her Committee.

Mrs. G. Stirling (Canberra) addressed the meeting on "Woman to Woman Evangelism, stressing our responsibility as Christian women to non-church women, and offered many concrete suggestions.

Executive are considering a regular Christian Fellowship meeting among the guests at Burdeu House.

## OFFERING FOR VILLAGE

(Southport, Qld.). Ladies from all of the Brisbane C.W.F.'s travelled to Southport, on Sept. 28, for Fellowship Prayer Day. Southport provided lunch for 87. The offering has since been given by Southport to Golden Age Retirement Village. . . . The S.A. picnic was held at Cascade Gardens, Broadbeach. . . . Mr. Barrett and Mr. Boettcher have both been in hospital and are recovering slowly.

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# Word Studies in the New Testament

No. 45 — REDEEM, REDEMPTION :: RANDALL T. PITTMAN

The English word "redeem" is from the Latin redimere, to buy back. In the Authorised Version it is a translation of

(1) *agorazo* in Rev. 5: 9; 14: 3, 4. Elsewhere the verb is translated "buy." As the agora was the Greek market-place, the verb strictly means "buy in the market," but it is used metaphorically in 1 Cor. 6: 20; 7: 23; 2 Pet. 2: 1, as well as in "Revelation."

(2) *exagorazo* in Gal. 3: 13; 4: 5; Eph. 5: 16; Col. 4: 5. These are the only instances of the word in the New Testament. It occurs once in the Septuagint (Dan. 2: 8) in the sense of "gain time," but this does not parallel New Testament usage. In Gal. 3: 13; 4: 5, the verb is in the Active, meaning "buy back." In Eph. 5: 16 and Col. 4: 5, the verb is in the Middle voice, and most probably means "making most of the time" (Revised Standard Version) or "use the present opportunity to the full" (New English Bible). Prof. C. F. D. Moule comments: "Either buying up the whole stock of opportunity, like an eager purchaser; or, emancipating, buying out, the opportunity, which is like a slave in the hands of an evil master."

(3) *lutroo* in Luke 24: 21; Tit. 2: 14; 1 Pet. 1: 18. This word occurs only in these passages, and in each instance is translated "redeem." The form is Middle in Luke 24: 21; Tit. 2: 14; Passive in 1 Pet. 1: 18. In secular writers the word was used of paying a ransom for the release of slaves or prisoners. In the Septuagint various uses can be seen: the next of kin redeeming a relative who had been enslaved; the redemption of the first-born; sometimes of deliverance from danger or distress. The passage in Peter shows at what cost the deliverance of the sinner was made, but care must be taken not to overstress the metaphor, as some commentators have done, to ask, To whom was the price paid?

In Luke 1: 68 "redeemed" is the rendering of the Greek phrase "make redemption for."

The noun "redemption" is a translation of

(1) *apolutrosis* in Luke 21: 28; Rom. 3: 24; 8: 23; 1 Cor. 1: 30; Eph. 1: 7, 14; 4: 30; Col. 1: 14; Heb. 9: 15. In Heb. 11: 35 this word is translated "deliverance."

(2) *lutrosis* in Luke 2: 38; Heb. 9: 12. This word is also used in Luke 1: 68, as indicated above.

A kindred word, *lutrotes*, occurs in Acts 7: 35, where it is translated "deliverer."

The noun *lutron* occurs in two passages only in the New Testament (Matt. 20: 28; Mark 10: 45), where it is translated "ransom." The English word "ransom" comes from the Latin *redemptio* through French. It is a collapsed form of redemption." In secular Greek *lutron* was used of the price for the release of slaves. It was used several times in the Septuagint. It has been suggested that the New Testament references are best interpreted in the light of Is. 53: 11f.

The word *antlutron*, also translated "ransom," occurs only once in the New Testament — 1 Tim. 2: 6. The New English Bible translates the phrase "to win freedom for all mankind." The prefix *anti* has given rise to much discussion. Does it equal *huper*, on behalf of, or does it mean "instead of"? The third volume of Moulton's "Grammar of New Testament Greek" (1963) has the statement: "The boundary between *anti* and *huper* with the genitive is very narrow (substitution), necessarily so because what is done on behalf of one is often done in one's stead; the compound of *anti* occurs closely with *huper* in 1 Tim. 2: 6, *antlutron huper panton*." A. T. Robertson, in his "Grammar of the Greek New Testament," wrote: "These important doctrinal passages teach the substitutionary conception of Christ's death, not because *anti* of itself means 'instead of,' which is not true, but because the context renders any other resultant idea out of the question." For a discussion of the prepositions *anti*, *huper*, *pro*, see A. T. Robertson's "The Minister and his Greek New Testament," chapter 3.

## "THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN"

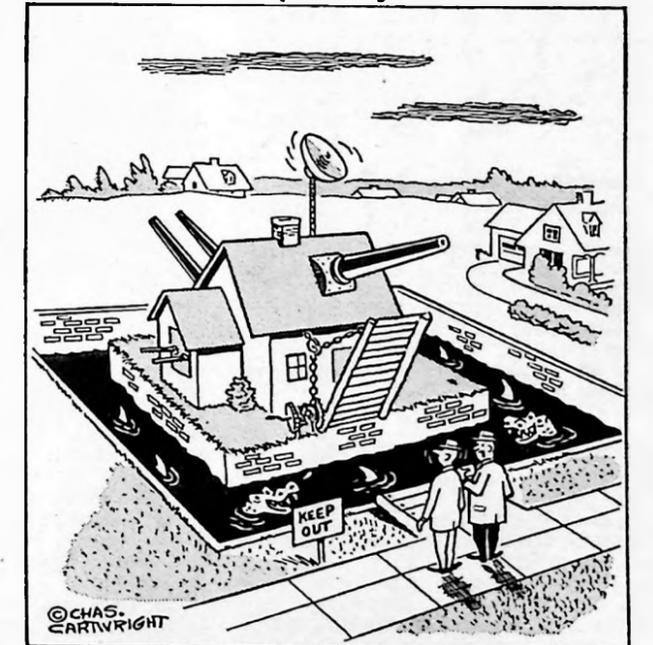
### 50 YEARS AGO

**HOUSING.** The Housing Commission of Victoria has been collecting some very appalling evidence. It is hoped that the investigation will have beneficial reforms. Those who go about the congested areas of our larger cities cannot but be impressed with the fact that many of the places permitted to exist are unfit for human habitation. Even some of those let at much advanced rent are so antiquated and unsanitary that they seem almost a menace to the health of families occupying them. The absence of sufficient accommodation, as well as exorbitant rents, has led to sub-dividing houses and over-crowding.

**HERE AND THERE.** Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Franklyn are proceeding to Perth, W.A., where Mr. Franklyn will take up the work of Organising Secretary for Home Missions. . . . Horace Kingsbury has resigned his work at Danville, U.S.A., to be Supt. of Bible Schools in the State of Kentucky. . . . Four hundred years ago, Luther struck a great blow for truth, religious liberty and humanity; on Oct. 31, 1517, he posted his theses on the church door of Wittenburg. . . . Up till last Monday there were 58 decisions at the Chandler-Clay mission at Hawthorn, Vic.

**TIME GUIDE FOR MORNING SERVICE.** 10.59: Enter president, speaker and deacons. 11 (sharp): doxology. 11.1: Prayer. 11.2: O.T. Reading. 11.5: Hymn. 11.8: N.T. Reading. 11.12: President's remarks. 11.15: Hymn. 11.19: Lord's Supper. 11.39: Hymn. 11.42: Offering. 11.45: Announcements. 11.47: Prayer. 11.50: Sermon. 12.15: Closing Hymn and Benediction. (W. C. Beller).

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"I remember this one from last year's pledge drive. Now, if you like a real challenge . . ."

# ACROSS THE TASMAN

## Referenda Held

People went to the polls throughout N.Z. on Sept. 23, to vote on liquor sales and extension of parliamentary terms. The latter was heavily defeated, so there will be no change from the present three-year term to the proposed alternative of four years.

On the other hand, there was a large majority vote in favor of extended hours, and N.Z. joins those Australian States which now have 10 p.m. closing. New legislation should enable the later hour policy to be effective from late October or early November. Temperance supporters rallied around the theme "Stick to Six." Being the more emotional issue, it aroused greater controversy than any factors related to extended parliamentary terms could do, which was a pity.

## Quote

"Happiness Clubs at their annual conference yesterday decided to discuss with other women's groups a request to the Government to hang murderers." (N.Z. "Herald," 27/9/67).

## Celebrations

Onehunga church recently celebrated 60 years of witness, and Ponsonby Rd., 70 years. Both held special homecoming services to mark the events. Miss M. Hiron, for many years a member of Ponsonby Rd. church, has now returned to Australia, following her retirement.

Annesbrook church, Nelson, opened its new chapel on Sept. 2. The Pres. of N. Z. Conf., K. M. Andrews, of Oamaru, one-time minister of Annesbrook, preached at the Thanksgiving service. The building was opened virtually debt-free as a result of the large amount of voluntary labor involved in its erection.

## Campsite Building Dedicated

Auckland churches shared in the dedication of the first unit to be erected on the Blakewell Park Campsite, Beachlands. G. R. Stirling, B.A., named the campsite on a previous visit. Keith Hay, O.B.E., patron of The Christian Hospital Trust Board, Inc., performed the opening ceremony. Further development of the site is planned after present indebtedness is cleared.

## R. S. G. Todd to Visit N.Z.

Ex-Premier of Rhodesia, Garfield Todd, is visiting N.Z. in his capacity as Chairman of the Governing Board of our churches mission in Rhodesia. The Board in N.Z. is at present taking a long look at the whole question of policy in respect of our overseas commitments. The Board, amongst other proposals, is seeking endorsement of Conference to support a project associated with our Australian churches mission in New Guinea. If approval is given, upwards of £1,500 will

be supplied to enable accommodation to be provided at Bunapas for a married couple.

## Annual Conference

This was held at Palmerston North, Oct. 19-23, with C.W.F. conference on the 18th. Amongst important reports considered were those from the newly-created Conference Council (ending its first year of operation); the Commission on the Ministry; Overseas Board; and Union Committee. Mr. and Mrs. Don Beller were fraternal delegates from the Australian Churches of Christ.

## Joint Magazine for Church Youth

From February, 1968, a new united Youth Magazine for young people of the Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, Associated Churches of Christ and Congregational Churches, will be published two-monthly. It will replace present denominational magazines, including our own "Disciple." A pilot copy now circulating indicates that it will have a real appeal and punch. L. Jacobs, of Christchurch, and a member of our Linwood congregation, is business manager for the joint magazine. It is an excellently produced color job, with articles that reflect the thinking of the younger generation. Included in the pilot edition is an interview with one of the N.Z. pop singers, Lee Grant. Its name: "Moment."

## DEMORALIZATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM

(Saigon / Sydney). Almost two million South Vietnamese are now officially registered as refugees — one out of every eight civilians.

According to a report by U Thang Tin, director of Asian Christian Service, about a million refugees are presently housed in temporary camps. More than half a million have been resettled in new hamlets, additions to existing villages in so-called safe areas, or permanent buildings in temporary camps which are intended to form the nucleus of new villages when the war is over. Another 370,000 have been placed in areas made safe by the government's pacification programme.

"The biggest problem for everyone involved in Vietnam, and a problem of particular concern to Christians, is the wholesale demoralization of the people," said the Rev. Alan A. Brash, secretary for inter-church aid and mission in the East Asia Christian Conference, parent body of Asian Christian Service.

"If demoralization continues at its present rate, both sides will find they have lost, whatever the war's outcome," he predicted.

"As Christians, we are concerned not only to provide care and opportunities for a better life," said Mr. Brash. "We are equally concerned with the morale, the spiritual well-being of the people."—E.P.S.

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## OVERSEAS MISSIONS

# School Opening — Ndui Ndui

By Miss K. WILLIAMS

We have just come to the end of a very busy week, and are all feeling rather weary. The week began with the final preparations for the school opening. Looking at the school on the Saturday before, I had my doubts as to whether everything would be completed. However, the people rallied round to help the workboys.

Twenty or thirty men came for three days to help put in the cement verandah, 6 ft. x 72 ft. Teams of women from the various villages came to cut grass and clean up the grounds, not just immediately surrounding the school, but for quite a distance all round. The school children had their work to do and got busy with their long knives cutting the grass.

Shirley Ludgater and Margaret Luhrs were busy with a different type of work — preparing food for the visitors. Most of my time was taken up in checking the work done by various groups, and trying to see that all the little last minute things were not forgotten.

John Field, the British District Agent, and M. Rouen, the French District Agent, were able to attend our dedication and perform the opening ceremony. All went well until Mr. Field tried to open the door, and the key would not turn. We discovered, after a minute or two, that the ribbon tied to the key was too thick and the key could not be pushed far enough into the lock. After this discovery it wasn't long before we were inside.

Everyone was quite pleased with the buildings, although more work still has to be done, especially on the desks. These were originally made for older children and are far too big for the children who are attending the school now. We have not been able to obtain the necessary timber yet.

A kai followed the opening — each family provided a laplap and "chook" each, the teachers and old men gave two bullocks and about 6 x 56 lb. bags of rice were cooked as well, so no one

went hungry. We also had sweets and cakes for the official party.

Three football matches followed, and this was when the weather changed. In the middle of the second match the rain poured down. The boys continued playing, but the crowd of spectators quickly sought shelter.

We have moved into the new rooms and the school seems to have a completely different atmosphere. Instead of teachers and children trying to make themselves heard over the noise of another class at work, they can function quite normally. Two classes will still have to share a room, but these are two of the smallest classes. Grade 1 will also be in the school. Previously they have been in a separate building on the mission grounds and have been rather remote from the rest of the school.

We have welcomed Harold and Mary Finger, and Fran. Cole. Fran. is to go on to Maewo, and Harold and Mary Finger go to Pentecost after a short stay. There was quite a big crowd on the beach to meet them at the boat. Harold and Mary were missionaries here a number of years ago, and the people were very glad to see them again.

(Miss K. Williams returned to Australia for furlough on Oct. 14. Her address is 57a Bunnerong-rd., Matraville. N.S.W., 2036).

## PEACE MOVES URGED

(Melbourne). The General Assembly of the Australian Presbyterian Church has called on the Government to initiate moves for peace in Vietnam.

Delegates heavily rejected a motion accepting the necessity for Australia's involvement in Vietnam.

The Assembly adopted several motions calling for peace and supporting moves for the redevelopment of the country.

Australia's Presbyterians total just over one million out of a population of 11½ million.—E.P.S.

## HELP ARRIVES FOR INDIA!

Keith Skillicorn reports, "Consignment of 752 bags of wheat from Aust. Churches of Christ arrived, making a total of 110 tons of these precious grains from our Aust. churches. We are simply overwhelmed, and words fail me to express the depth of our appreciation. 32,000 people are alive today and the crisis is over. Ruth and I have stood up well to the strain, but Miss Dass has had a mild heart attack. She is the one who has taken delivery for us from the railway of thousands of bags of grain, milk, boxes of oil, clothing, vitamins, and special protein foods from Aust., the U.S., N.Z., and Denmark. With the programme tapering off, we still have on the day 600 gallons of edible oil, 1,000 bags of wheat, and 2,000 bags of Sorghum! We have recently been filmed, so you may see us on movie or TV screen, as the 20-minute documentary, "Beyond the Famine," has been released for overseas showing.

"Yesterday, I was invited to a special feast prepared from the first grains of the new harvest — the first real meal local people have enjoyed of their own harvests for two years. The maize crop is good and the rice crop promises to be more than average. Even the cultivation of these crops has been one of our major relief projects, for CORAGS provided most of the seed from Aust. and U.S. wheat."

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—Hodge's Grace.



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