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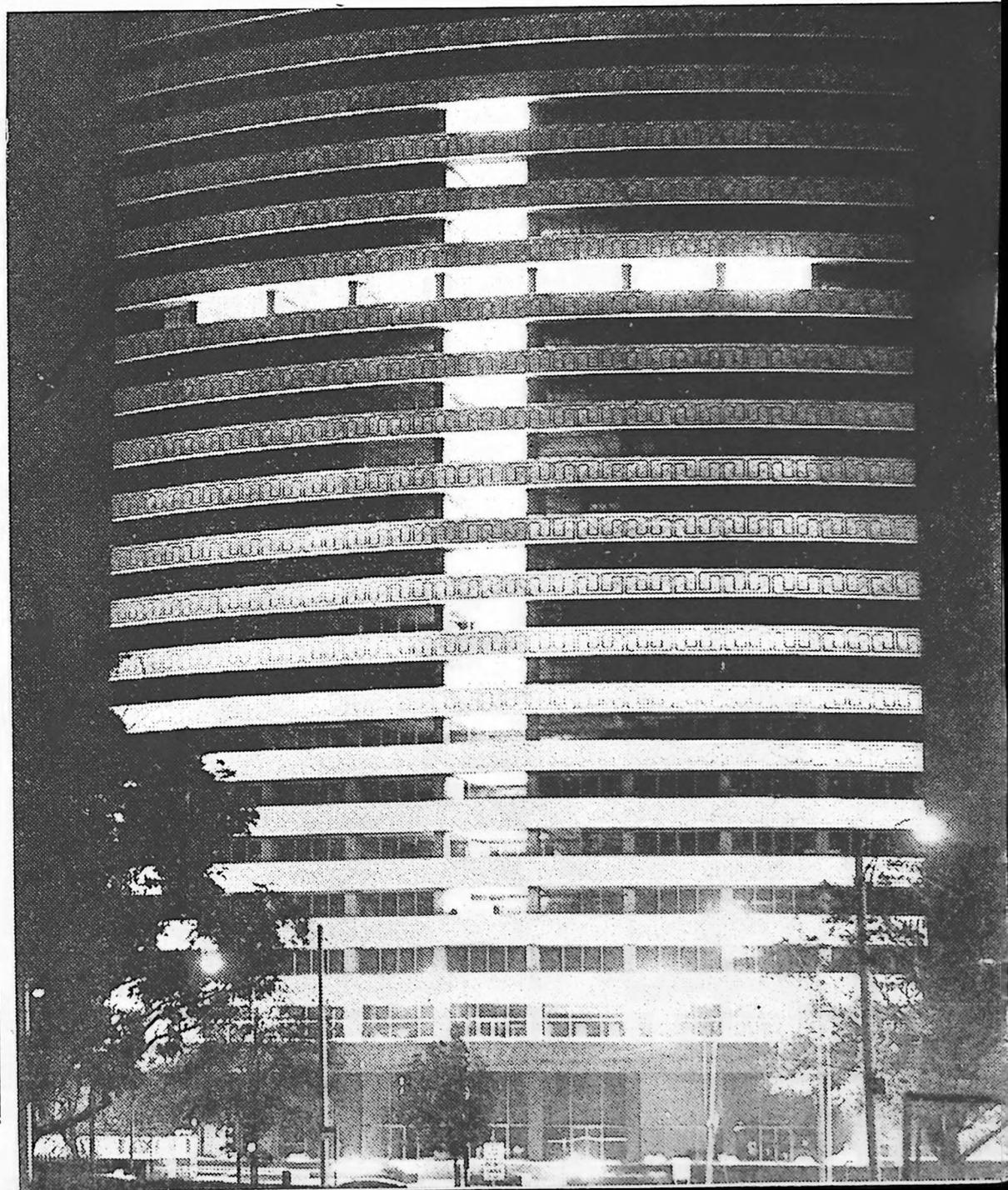
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EVANGELISM 1968

The Leighton Ford Crusades in Perth and Adelaide are nearing completion and the Billy Graham Crusade in Sydney is about to commence. The initial response has been most encouraging.

Most of our churches are pledged to support the Crusades and many of our people are deeply involved in organising, counselling, prayer groups, and the many other areas of the campaigns.

We pray that there will be many victories won for the Christian gospel and we shall be giving reports of the Crusades as they come to hand.

"CHRISTIAN" PEOPLE

The Federal Conference of Churches of Christ placed "The Australian Christian" into the hands of men representing the whole of the Australian brotherhood. Because of the financial difficulties we faced, this was not an easy responsibility. We are glad to say that, provided we can increase our number of subscribers by a small percentage, we can look forward to a reasonably secure future. Any drop in the number of subscribers would naturally make our task more difficult.

Of course, we still require the assistance promised by the States to pay off the accumulated deficit.

It is inevitable that changes will take place within the Board of Management and from the original team we have lost the first Chairman, Leonard J. Butler of Vic., and the first Treasurer, Walter W. McDowell of Qld. They gave splendid leadership during our most difficult days and although pressures from their many church and other concerns have forced them to withdraw from the Board of Management, we value their present encouragement and support. Their places on the Board have been taken by Neil L. Wickham, Vic., and Kevin W. Ludgater, Qld.

The present Board comprises: A. D. Pyne, W.A., Chairman; E. F. Morris, N.S.W., Secretary; N. L. Wickham, Vic., Treasurer and Deputy Chairman; I. J. Chivell, S.A.; G. J. Foot, Tas.; W. H. Leng, A.C.T.; and K. W. Ludgater, Qld. In addition, Mrs. Alison Morris, F. Illingworth, K. Jenner, and N. L. Wickham serve as an Advisory Committee in Melbourne.

On the Editorial Panel there have also been changes. From the original number, H. Sargent, Qld., and C. E. Bowser, N.S.W., were unable to continue. Mr. Bowser was obliged to surrender this task when he accepted the very heavy duties that accompanied the honour of being President of N.S.W. Conference, 1965-66. Now, Reuben Boxhall, the Tasmanian Associate Editor, has also withdrawn. He has served Tasmania well. Our regret at losing him in no way dims our great joy in welcoming Cecil J. Robinson, of Ulverstone, as our man in the Apple State. The full editorial team is listed on this page.

The new accounting system, introduced for Vic., Tas., N.S.W., A.C.T., and Qld. in Jan., 1968, is working well. Some "Christian" representatives in the churches have already forwarded payment for all their subscribers up to the end of 1968. This is most helpful, especially because we have no capital. Payment in advance, the normal practice for journals, is a greater necessity for the "Christian". We would like to hear from those church representatives who have not yet written to us since receiving the 1968 accounts. (W.A. and S.A. are now caring for their own accounts and a form, listing all of the appropriate addresses for payment of accounts, is on another page in this issue.)

The new system provided for an account form to be sent to the church which each reader attends and the representative is also provided with a receipt to hand to the subscriber when payment is made. We prefer payment to be made through the church representative, as this saves postage and bookkeeping costs. However, provision is still made for subscribers to make payment direct to the "Christian" office if they prefer to do so.

The change in accounting procedure does not affect the method of distribution. The "Christian" is still posted direct to the subscriber's home address, so that he receives the paper as soon as possible.

In acknowledging our gratitude to "Christian" people we must also recognise the subscriber himself. It is the reader who makes the journal possible. We want you, too, to be a continuing member of the "Christian" team.

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No Surrender!

More than half-beaten, but fearless.

Facing the storm and the night;

Breathless and reeling, but tearless,

Here in the lull of the fight.

I who bow not but before thee,

God of the fighting clan,

Lifting my fists I implore thee,

Give me the heart of a man!

—Author unknown.

THE SHOUT OF VICTORY

"It is finished" was not a meek, submissive cry of defeat. It was a shout of victory! When we couple together "and Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last" from Mark, and "... he said, 'It is finished'; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." of John, and consider that the Greek word translated "It is finished" was usually used as a cry of victory by the ancient Greeks, we see that this was no whimper of defeat, but a shout of victory.

1. In the first place, it was God's victory. No matter how we interpret the opening chapters of Genesis we would all agree that it is God's intention that we should be after his "likeness," but man has fallen and the likeness has been distorted. Instead of

By GRAHAM J. LORD

being "a little less than God," man has become a little more than animal. The newer sciences have shown that by and large man's civilised state is in reality only a thin veneer giving a flimsy covering to the "animal" which lies just under the surface, and whenever this veneer is stripped off we see the naked truth about human nature. One only has to become a little conversant with the atrocities in Vietnam, racialism in multi-racial countries, our own callous indifference toward the under-privileged, the inhumanity of the mob, to see that man is in reality little more than a clever (or should we say cunning?) animal.

If we were God, no doubt we would be tempted to annihilate the human race, to "rub it out and start again." But fortunately we are not the Almighty. Nor is God made in our image. God knows that we are intended to be in his likeness, and that within us still is the potential that enables us to respond to and be lifted by his grace and power. In responding to God man can be lifted from the status of

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a clever animal to that of a child of God, "It is finished," was a shout of victory, God's victory, for God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself.

2. But if God was reconciling the world to himself in the life, death and resurrection of Our Lord, then surely it is also our victory.

For this victory was not won on behalf of or confined to a privileged few. This victory was on behalf of "the world," Jew and Gentile, male and female, cultured and uncultured, educated and uneducated, genius and simpleton, white and coloured, haves and have nots. No matter what our differences, Christ died for us all; the victory is ours. We are all lifted to the status of children of God, once we have responded to God in Christ. We are all recipients of the same love and forgiveness, we are all equal in God's eyes.

How slow we are to learn!

We do not look upon each other as equals. If a group of leather-jacketed young "toughs" attend our respectable church, they are frozen out or pressured into conforming to our behaviour patterns and style of speech and dress. To be law abiding, moral disciples or would-be disciples of Christ is not enough. They must be "respectable" in appearance and behaviour and act "middle class." If a simple uneducated, low income family wanders into our fellowship looking for acceptance and love, they are quite likely to be ignored by the educated well-to-do in our more affluent congregations. If a liberally minded Christian moves into a "conservative" stronghold, or vice-versa, the odd man out is likely to meet with suspicion if not hostility. And such examples could be added to at length.

Even within the household of faith, one can be too different; which being interpreted means "inferior." From our behaviour and our attitudes it would appear that there are first and second class citizens even within the Kingdom of God.

Yet God so loved the world he gave his only son. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself.

There appears to be a glaring need

for us to let this victory of God's become our victory; to accept folk of different education, intelligence, culture, income, colour, and theological emphasis as simply different, not inferior nor superior. We must learn to accept all as actual or potential children of God, equal in his sight and ours.

3. However, before this victory Christ has won can become ours, it must first of all become mine (and yours).

The phrase "the world" in the context we have been using it refers to the human race organising itself, living out its life on earth, without reference to God. Or, if you prefer, human nature in its "fallen" condition.

What are some of the marks of this fallen condition? Paul lists a few in Galatians.

"Anyone can see the kind of behaviour that belongs to the lower nature: fornication, impurity and indecency; idolatry and sorcery; quarrels, a contentious temper, envy, fits of rage, selfish ambitions, dissensions, party intrigues, and jealousies; drinking bouts, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who behave in such ways will never inherit the kingdom of God." Far too often quarrels, contentious temper, envy, fits of rage, dissensions, party intrigues and the like are precisely the things we do find in our churches—or to be more to the point, we do find in ourselves. Certainly we sometimes gloss them over with our "spiritual" language and fervent worship, but could it be possible that our Christianity is somewhat like Western civilisation, a thin veneer covering the cunning animal underneath?

God's victory can only become our victory when it becomes "my victory" for you and me.

Until such time, we may have the outward appearance, the "spiritual" language, and the respectable behaviour of the typical churchman, and yet fall well below the mark of a child of God, a citizen of the Kingdom.

"It is finished," the shout of victory from the lips of the crucified Lord must mean something, indeed must mean everything in our life, before it can mean anything to the world, for which God gave his Son at the first Easter.

THE AUDACIOUS CHRIST

By A. C. MALE, Dip. R.E.

He affected the world as no other man before or since. Such was the impression he made in his journey through life that millions down the years have travelled across the world to retrace his steps and walk where he walked.

I. Audacious Actions:

- Defying the vested interests
—He wielded a whip.
- Defying the law of gravity
—He walked on water.
- Defying the law of nature
—He stilled the storm.
- Defying the laws of the Pharisee
—He crushed corn on the sabbath.
- Defying the power of death
—He rose again the third day.

Let your Bible come alive with the Christ who strides across the pages of the New Testament and see him as a teenager astonishing the lawyers with his questions and answers. Hear the outcry of the residents of his home town of Nazareth—"Is not this the carpenter's son?" "Are not his mother and sisters here with us?" "Whence hath this man this wisdom?" It was said of him "Never man spoke like this man."

In my previous ministries I have been fortunate enough to enjoy the privilege of being able to invite myself to meals with the members. In the city I have had breakfast with families—for this often provided the only opportunity to meet the whole family. To the more rural members a 'phone call a few days before to ascertain if they would be home on a certain day and a very fruitful pastoral visit resulted. I'd been doing this for quite a while and thought it an original idea until one day this facet of the age-old story of Zacchaeus seemed to be written in flames—"Come down, Zacchaeus, I'm going to your place to eat." It was out of that act of self-invitation on behalf of the Christ that Zacchaeus' life was changed—never to be the same again.

(This sermon by A. C. Male was preached at Sunnybank, Qld., in March, 1968).

Jesus issued his own invitation to eat at the Jericho home and it appears that he often dropped into the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus at Bethany. Of course in those days it was a law that the traveller was to be given hospitality and in fact the requirements for the "elder" of the N.T. is that he be "given to hospitality." 1 Tim. 3: 2.

On another occasion Jesus told his disciples to go to an upper room and there "make ready" the passover. It is taken for granted that there would be no dispute about its use. Here is the Audacious Christ.

Again, when he used the colt of an ass on which to ride into Jerusalem, the use is justified in the simple phrase, "The Master has need of him."

2. He uses what's available (Luke 5: 1-11).

As the Master walked beside the sea the crowd pressed upon him to hear his every word. He used the empty boat of Simon's as a pulpit. "Getting into the boat he asked Simon to put out from the land."

After the completion of his teaching he told Simon to "Launch out into the deep and let down his nets for a catch."

They'd been fishing all night, they were tired and disappointed, as only a fisherman can be at catching nothing.

This land-lubber has the audacity to suggest to these fishermen where they could catch fish. On another occasion he told them to cast out the nets on the other side and the haul of fish astonished the experienced fishermen.

"Master, we've toiled all night and caught nothing," Peter complained and with all the logic of a fisherman who knows that fish feed at night and early morning, he considered it a waste of time. (At least I hope that's what he meant, otherwise I have wasted many early hours on the assumption). But this Carpenter seemed to know what he was requesting and with a touch of wonder Simon said, "nevertheless, at your word I'll let down the net."

Note that it was the same body of

water, the same boat, the same nets, the same fishermen and apparently the wrong time of the day; but the catch was sufficient to fill two boats to sinking point.

What made the difference?

Deeper water and the directions of the Master. Launch out with your life and he'll direct you to fruitful witness and service.

You say, I have not much to give him, my poor little insignificant contribution wouldn't make any difference. That's not true! For the "touch of the Master's hand" can create wonders with your life.

The Audacious Christ once confounded his followers who were concerned about the catering arrangements. The time was late, there was a great crowd and all the food that was available was a lad's small lunch. From a small surrender a great banquet resulted. Your life surrendered to Christ can be a great blessing to many.

3. Jesus intrudes into your life.

As he invited himself to the house of Zacchaeus so the Master comes to your life and mine and knocks and seeks admission.

But this Jesus is a gentleman, he will at times appear to show divine indifference to you. Consider that story found in Luke 24. Jesus had been walking and talking with Cleopas and his friend discussing with them the events of his crucifixion and resurrection, but they did not recognise him.

As the three approach the village of Emmaus he intends to go on farther. He has shared with them how "the Christ must suffer these things," but they do not seem to understand. The Audacious Christ is only prepared to spend a certain amount of time in some circumstances. He must needs go to other cities and there is a time when delay can be fatal in not accepting him.

"He appears to be going on farther, but they constrain him." He enters the home, and, "in the breaking of the bread, he is made known to them."

The Audacious Christ (cont.)

Perhaps his robe fell back as he took the plate, and they noticed the wounds of his hands. Perhaps it was a characteristic way of his in breaking the bread; whatever it was, in the fellowship of the meal he was recognised by them.

This is Jesus who will walk by if we are too slow to believe; but this same Jesus will come in if we are willing to receive him.

Holman Hunt gave to the world the masterpiece "Light of the World." It depicts the Saviour standing at the door with the lantern held high shining on the face of the Master. The door is closed and the bolt is on the inside.

The significance of this is that he may knock but you only can unlock the door and let him in.

Rev. 3: 20 says of him, "Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in and meet with him."

But you must open the door to his invitation.

CHURCHES BUY TENTS

(Amman, Jordan). To help in meeting the needs of the latest flood of Arab refugees into Jordan, the Near East Council of Churches will join other church organisations here in purchasing 500 tents locally.

The Council will contribute \$15,000, which covers the cost of 150 tents. Already 500 tents bought in Pakistan and flown to Jordan in a joint operation undertaken by the government and the N.E.C.C. are in position at Baka'a, the largest of the new refugee camps.

Other church organisations taking part in the new project are the Lutheran World Federation, the Mennonite Central Committee, and Catholic Relief Services.

The N.E.C.C.'s work for Arab refugees is supported out of funds contributed to the World Council of Churches' emergency appeal for \$2,000,000 to help war victims in the Middle East.—E.P.S.

AUST. COUNCIL OF CHURCHES APPROVES PROPOSAL TO END WAR

(Sydney). The Australian Council of Churches has approved a five-point plan for ending the war in Vietnam and has voted to send a deputation of churchmen to Prime Minister J. G. Gorton for discussions of the Vietnam problem.

The points are: Cessation of bombing in the North; recognition of the National Liberation Front (political arm of the Viet Cong) as a party in peace negotiations; limitation of the ground war to the holding of secure areas until a military agreement for withdrawal of all foreign troops can be settled; exploration of all areas of negotiation to facilitate such troop withdrawals; the holding of elections under United Nations supervision.—E.P.S.

4. Jesus knows the Word.

Lest I leave the wrong impression with you we must also emphasise that Jesus' audacity arose from his very rich appreciation of human nature. His approach was always kind and courteous but firm and deliberate. He'll do the unexpected—he'll challenge you in ways no one else will.

He'll tell you what your best friend would be reluctant to reveal to you for fear of hurting you.

Outside the village of Sychar, Jesus rested beside the well. When the disciples returned from buying food from the village they found him talking with "a woman." The audacity of it all. Not only had he travelled through Samaria, when all other Jews skirted the borders of the despised state, to avoid contamination, but here he was talking with a woman.

The sheer effrontery of this must have shocked the disciples. For in those days there were men known as the "bleeding Pharisees." They walked around with their eyes closed for fear that they looked at a woman and consequently ran into trees and buildings and suffered lacerations. These were

days when men debated whether women had souls. It was the day and age when no man spoke in public to a woman. But Jesus did.

The Audacious Christ broke the back of unnatural segregation and elevated woman to her rightful position.

He talked with her even though any discerning person could have guessed her trade. She carried the water pitcher to the well in the heat of the day, to avoid the gossiping women. Jesus knew her for what she was, but he had a compassion for her for what she could become.

This same audacious Christ knows all about you too. But let me assure you that he loves you all the same.

The hymn says, "Jesus knows all about our troubles," he knows the tensions, and the strains, the heartache, the heart-searching of your life—the good and the bad; but he loves you still in spite of it all.

Let the Audacious Christ, who knows you better than anyone else, into your life as he seeks admission. He'll use whatever you are prepared to make available to him.

ASIAN REGIONAL CONGRESS ON EVANGELISM

The Executive Committee of the Asia-South Pacific Congress on Evangelism met on March 12 to plan for the Regional Congress on Evangelism held in the 1,000-seat Singapore Conference Hall, Nov. 5 to 13, 1968.

Dr. Kyung Chik Han of South Korea who was elected chairman of the Executive Committee, said that "Asia is going through a dangerous age, but our task is to witness for Christ. This task," he explained, "must be underscored in the coming Congress."

Members of the Congress Executive Committee are Dr. Kyung Chik Han, chairman; the Rt. Rev. Dr. Chandu Ray of Pakistan, vice-chairman; Bishop Onofre Fonca of the Philippines, Dr. Akira Hatori, of Japan, Mr. Wuyung of the Republic of China, Rev. Philip Teng of Hong Kong, Rev. Subodh Sahu of India, and Dr. Khoo Siaw Hua of Singapore.

GREEK CHURCH WITHDRAWS FROM UPPSALA

(Athens). The Church of Greece has announced that its representatives will not attend the Assembly of the World Council of Churches to be held this summer in Uppsala, Sweden, according to a bulletin from Agence France Presse.

The announcement was made by His Beatitude Hieronymos, Archbishop of Athens and Primate of Greece, during a press conference on March 13.

He stated that "the Church of Greece did not wish to go to Sweden, a country whose attitude to Greece is hostile, and where we are not even assured of our security. Another reason is the interference by the W.C.C. in the internal affairs of Greece," the Archbishop declared.—E.P.S.

METHODIST CHURCH IN CUBA

(Havana). A new Methodist Church came into being in Havana on Feb. 2-4 with the formation of the autonomous Methodist Church of Cuba.

The new church was constituted from the former Cuba Annual Conference of the Methodist Church. It has about 9,000 members, and is served by 54 pastors. Though it has severed its organic link with American Methodism (the Cuba Conference was formerly part of the Florida Area of Bishop James W. Henley), Cuban Methodism still has ties with the U.S. church through an affiliated autonomous relationship.

—E.P.S.

ANGOLA MISSIONARIES WITHDRAWN

(New York). The majority of missionaries of the United Church of Canada and the United Church of Christ (U.S.A.) are to be withdrawn from Angola.

Dr. Alford Carleton, executive vice-president of the U.S. church's Board for World Ministries, said the joint action was being taken because the Portuguese Government has a policy "apparently intended to extinguish Protestant missionary activity in Angola."

Sixteen missionaries are expected to be affected. Six are members of the U.C.C. and 10 of the Canadian church. All missionaries due or overdue to receive furloughs were directed to come home by June 30. In the past, the government has not permitted re-entry when furloughs were taken. Three missionaries will be left, the remnant of a staff which numbered 45 in 1960.

Dr. Carleton said that the two boards have supported 30 schools, hospitals, leprosy and tuberculosis clinics and dispensaries in Angola.—E.P.S.

Focus on 32nd Federal Conference

You could be one of 700 members of Churches of Christ travelling interstate to Sydney. Or you may be one of the hundreds in Sydney preparing to host the Conference.

You may be a church member giving your holiday time, entering as you feel disposed into all or some of the activities of Conference. These include President's Reception, public rallies, business sessions, harbour cruises and tours. Extended tours are available after Conference or even from Melbourne to Sydney for the Conference. Departmental officers and ministers will see Federal Conference as part of their service within and through the Brotherhood.

SECTIONAL CONFERENCES: What is your particular interest in the total work of the church?—Home, Overseas, or Aborigines' Missions? Christian Education? Social Service? Literature? History? Sectional conferences allow for State representatives to share their insights, aims and differences. This is one of the most significant opportunities provided by Federal Conference as well as its plenary business sessions.

FIRST NATIONAL MINISTERS' SEMINAR: From Tuesday lunch time to Thursday lunch time will be held an Australian ministers' seminar at "Naamaroo" Conference Centre, Lane Cove National Park, seven miles from Sydney. They will share in the Town Hall closing rally on Tuesday even-

ing. The theme will be Evangelism and the lecturer Dr. Larry V. Kirkpatrick of U.S.A., Secretary of World Convention of Churches of Christ. The Chairman is Roy M. Wilson of Sydney and the Chaplain is Dr. James Jauncey of Kenmore.

Churches around Australia may well consider sending their ministers or assisting them to attend.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION: The opening night of Conference cannot be held at the Town Hall. Conference will commence with a dinner at the Trocadero, for which unfortunately we shall have to pass on the cost of \$3.00 each. There were no suitable alternative arrangements available for the number we anticipate.

An informal programme will follow concluding by 9 p.m. Provision will be made for those who wish to enter into this fellowship but do not find it convenient to come to the dinner. The caterers at the Trocadero can accommodate up to 1,000 people. We commend this evening as a very happy occasion to inaugurate the 32nd Federal Conference.

Seven months away! Register NOW at a cost of only \$2.00. Non-attending members receive the Federal Conference Report Book.

E. W. ROFFEY,
Federal Secretary

BOOKS

"ETERNAL WAR"

The Why of Conscientious Objection by John D. Knox

Price 85 cents (Post & Pack 10c). 94 pp. (illust.).

John D. Knox introduces himself with reproduction of a newspaper clipping of his successful application, during World War II, for registration as a conscientious objector. In his court defence he asserted that he had embraced the Christian faith and claimed that the Christian faith was incompatible with war. It is the reasoning behind this sweeping claim that forms the theme of the author's book.

The argument is not against the inevitability of wars, but that the Christian's cognisance of God's overall plan and Christ's example and instruction in non-resistance brings him into a different camp to the rest of the world.

The opening and closing chapters deal specifically with Christian conscientious objection. The main body of the book, however, is a discourse on the eternal and spiritual war in which Our Lord as Captain of our Salvation leaves an example for his followers to serve as Soldiers of the Cross. The author maintains that full committal in this warfare precludes from involvement in any other.

If Mr. Knox's style is a little ponderous by present-day standards, it is largely offset by the attractive format and general presentation. Printed by New Life Publications, it is well illustrated for a booklet in this price range. An appendix gives answers to a few of the many questions that must arise on a subject of this nature.

"YOUNG PEOPLE BUILDING MISSION"

Pamphlet Club No. 153

If you wonder about the future of the Church when you look at young people—then you must read this.

If you have a narrow view of what is the concern of Departments of Christian Education—then you must read this.

There is a freshness about this pamphlet. You catch something of the excitement of people discovering for themselves what missionary work is like. The authors have you in no doubt that something significant was achieved.

"Young People Building Mission" tells the story of the work party of young people who last year went to help on our New Guinea Mission field. The project was sponsored by the Department

"CHRISTIAN MATRIMONIAL AGENTS" CONFER

(Tokyo). "Hunting for husbands is a difficult task for Christian girls," commented an experienced matchmaker in Japan, as members of the Family Life Committee of the National Christian Council (Kyodan) conferred with "Christian matrimonial agents" from various denominations.

The committee, which is concerned with the education of young adults who want to establish Christian homes, knows the problems young people face in finding Christian partners and realises the need to make effective use of these "agents," who are mainly volunteers from among church women.

In almost every Japanese denomination, there are a few small committees for this purpose. The Kyodan has a committee in each district. In the Episcopal Church there are "Isaac and

of Christian Education in Victoria and Tasmania as a joint C.Y.F.-C.E. venture.

Stan McCredden outlines the origins of the idea (he is too modest to say that he was the person who sparked it off). Frank Richards, who headed the team of nine, gives insights into how the venture was organised and the team's consciousness of the leading of the Holy Spirit. Colin Lewis takes up the story with some lightning sketches of the work done and experiences gained. Rex Chamberlain, chairman of the New Guinea Field Council at the time, concludes with an estimate of the worth of the party's work.

To read about how the construction work of the mission was advanced by about four years is worth more than the 10 cents you'll pay for the pamphlet, No. 153. (Available from Austral Bookroom).—Dr. K. R. Bowes.

Rebecca" groups. The Evangelical Lutheran Church deals with the problem in its department of social welfare.

These committees make out a card for each client and arrange a meeting date. Yet most committees are now unable to make adequate arrangements because they have more girls than boys—the rate being as high as six to one.

"Generally speaking, Christian girls want to marry Christians, but Christian boys do not necessarily want Christian girls because they are optimistic about the possibility of their partners becoming Christians," was one observation.

—E.P.S.

"A.C." REPRESENTATIVES!
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AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Beyond the Door



It was almost certainly quiet inside the Upper Room, when Jesus met with the Twelve. Our Lord had chosen the time and the place because they could be quiet and undisturbed.

Beyond the door of that sanctuary there was little peace. In Jerusalem itself there was deep-seated bitterness against the Roman authorities, and among the Jews there was suspicion and intrigue. The Sanhedrin was standing by waiting for a late call to finish the task to which Judas had sold himself. Near the prison there was the sound of hammering as three crosses were being made ready. One of them was for Barabbas, but it was not Barabbas who was soon to feel its weight.

The bitterness and hatred in Jerusalem was only an expression of the bitterness and hatred that infected the whole known world as it dragged out its existence under the rule of an arrogant Caesar.

It was not to escape the menace of that night or the cross of its tomorrow that moved Jesus to meet with His friends. His high purpose was to prepare them for the struggles, the betrayals, the desertions, the heartbreaks, and the crosses that would soon be theirs also. It was not a momentary escape, it was an hour for gathering resources for the great battles that had to be fought.

It is no different today. Our meeting at the Lord's Table is not an hour of escape. It may be quiet and peaceful as we pass His bread and His cup from hand to hand, but it is not for quiet and peace that we have come.

It is the Christ we seek, and we should never fail to find Him. Beyond the door of the chapel which is our Upper Room, our world, too, is full of near and distant threats. We cannot expect, and we have no right to expect, that we can escape or ignore the world and its evil. What we can anticipate is that as we meet the Lord at His table we shall have His presence beyond the door of the church. Even if we face heartbreaks today and the cross tomorrow, we may be certain that the preparation in the Upper Room will be enough.

Lord, we take this bread with gratitude within these walls, and our hearts thrill to the assurance of your presence as you meet with your friends. Amen.

As we share this cup we look beyond the door to the world for which you gave it. May we also give to the world the love and sacrifice of which this cup speaks. Amen.

CROWD TURNED AWAY!

(Vic.) Nicholas Hall was packed to capacity and more than a hundred had to be turned away when the first Impact for the year was presented on March 22. Dr. Birrell, police surgeon, in characteristic style presented many sobering facts about the relationship of alcohol to accidents. A panel including John Bishop, assist. sec. of G. J. Coles, Phil. Williams, marketing manager of Nabisco and Margaret Lee, associated with Apex, told how they found they could progress in business and social life without drinking. A hard-hitting film "Seduction of the Innocent" on the problem of drugs completed the programme—apart from the "stirring" music of The Master's Apprentices. It is estimated that at least 150 of those present rarely, if ever, attend a Christian meeting. Some of these obviously did not want to hear about the problem of alcohol and drugs—but reports indicate that the message got through in other cases. The programme is especially designed to make a first contact with such young people on the extreme fringe of the Church, as well as to give help in answering questions young people are facing.

QLD. C.W.F.

Representing 12 churches, 33 ladies shared in the March meeting. Mrs. G. Chapman (Kedron) led the devotional session.

Plans are proceeding for the forthcoming State Conference. About 30 women will attend a C.W.F. camp at Rockhampton on March 29-April 1.

A report was presented by the committee appointed to look into the "possibilities of Women to Women Evangelism in Qld." From this report Conference moved that W. to W.E. become functional in Queensland as a sub-committee of Conference.

THE WORK AT DAPTO

(N.S.W.). Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bacik commenced ministry on Feb. 2. The average number of communicants is 33, and the average offering is \$54.60. The Wednesday evening discussion group at the manse has 15 folk who share a study of Romans from the book "How to be a Christian without being Religious." . . . 25 young people attend the C.E. meeting in the Christian Centre on Wednesdays. The B.S. had a recent record attendance of 76 . . . The church is currently involved in a visitation programme.

FORD CRUSADE

(Unley, S.A.). On March 5, district churches held a smorgasbord at our hall. 250 young people enjoyed an excellent meal and attended a programme of singing groups, information about the Leighton Ford Crusade, and an address by Dick Innes, Youth for Christ director. The work of our ladies in supervising the meal was greatly appreciated. Nine churches in the district supplied the "eats" and drinks . . . Our first "Sunday Seminar," on March 17, had the theme of what the Bible teaches about "How The Church Should Operate." Papers were prepared by W. B. Wharton and David Whyatt, and a film was screened of a church with some of the same problems Unley has. At the evening service Julie Lawton and Moira Baker sang.

80th ANNIVERSARY

(Nth. Williamstown, Vic.). Celebrations began with a Saturday night concert compered by Lindsay Firth. D. A. V. Thomas, Belmont, was morning speaker. The Campbell Singers were featured at night with the Conf. Pres., G. Gilmour, as speaker. A record number shared in the anniversary tea catered for by the church ladies . . . K. H. Pitt is minister.

CAMPERS TAKE SERVICE

(Stawell, Vic.). On March 17, ladies from the C.W.F. Missionary Camp at Hall's Gap conducted the morning service. The address was given by Mrs. Muller to 127 who packed the chapel. The church welcomes visits from those in camp at Hall's Gap . . . At the annual meeting L. Mason was elected treasurer and D. Hillier secretary . . . The C.Y.F. held a most successful basket auction and the proceeds are to go to a mission.

WELCOMED TO BENALLA

(Vic.). Church welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Les. Porter into fellowship from Warrnambool. They now reside in the district. Also Stephen Buntrock from Warragul who is teaching at Benalla Technical School. The church is grateful to our Methodist friends for use of Youth Centre for worship . . . Parents of servicemen and women stationed at Benalla, are invited to contact church secretary, Mrs. V. Becroft, 30 Maginness Street, Benalla, so that we may extend an invitation to their sons and/or daughters to meet with us . . . The church will donate one month's offerings to aid refugees in Vietnam.

LONG INNINGS

(Mile End, S.A.). We regret W. Green has had to relinquish leadership of the Adult Bible Class but as he is over 80 years we understand his reasons, but miss his able and scholarly leadership . . . The secretary, K. Averay, has been absent because of surgery and subsequent convalescence . . . The first B.S. tea for a year was a great success on March 3. It was followed by a youth service with youth choir . . . Preparations are in hand for Jubilee (60th) Anniversary in May, when Dr. Lloyd Jones will lead a week's mission.

FAREWELL OSSIE!



Caloundra identity, Oswald Amliott, who had been honorary caretaker of the Department's camp site, passed away suddenly at his home recently.

A regular attender at the Methodist Church and well loved in the community for his deep appreciation of life, "Ossie's" funeral service was conducted in the presence of a large group of mourners. Rev. Missenden presided and A. C. Male highlighted Ossie's work in connection with the camp site.

"Ossie," as he was affectionately known to campers and leaders was a very tall man with a booming voice and an easy laugh. His use of the word "brother" to this Methodist was such that crossed denominational barriers; carried with it all that Wesley en-

visaged in his claim "the world is my parish," and included the richness of the New Testament phrase when Ananias encouraged Saul.

His loving concern for the camp site and the interests of Churches of Christ was his great passion in the last few years, and he rejoiced in the improvements and beautification that had been made.

To many of us who knew him so well and loved his zest for living and his warm-hearted attitudes, camp does not seem the same without him.

To Mrs. Amliott, of 2 Mackay Street, Caloundra, 4551, we extend our loving sympathy in this time of her very deep loss.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

The Queensland Dept. of Youth and Christian Education has commenced a fund for the Director to allow for long service leave at the end of a certain time. Retrospective payment for two years has been made to the fund.

Another Queensland Church has a similar fund that increases each year as well as accumulates to encourage longer ministries.

This type of initiative and forward planning augurs well for the future of the Sunshine State.

FIRST FAMILY CAMP

(Ann St., Brisbane, Qld.). The family atmosphere pervaded every aspect of life in the first family camp, March 8-10, attended by 90 including 27 young children at the Caloundra Youth Centre. The youngest camper was 11 months and the oldest 78 years. L. G. Armstrong was camp chaplain and led "Light from the Word" sessions. H. J. Payne was study leader. N. Watson was camp leader. Open-air communion service was an inspiration. Table devotions at each meal were led by different fathers. H. Walmsley preached at the city service that morning. A young man has been baptised and received into fellowship. 139 were at gospel service on March 17 and social hall was overcrowded for coffee-pot programme.

QLD. ROUND-UP

QUARTERLY CIRCUIT RALLY. 50 attended the Quarterly Rally at Acacia Ridge Church for a Billy Graham film followed by testimonies and prayer groups. On the following Sunday night four young people made decisions . . . Junior C.Y.F. leader, Mrs. Thompson, attended the Youth Representatives' Weekend at Caloundra with Margaret Ross.

CRICKET SERVICE. The first annual Cricket Service of the Qld. Churches of Christ Sporting Association was held at Camp Hill. Alan Webb presided and told the story of C. T. Studd, the famous Cambridge cricketer who served Christ as a missionary in China and Africa. Mr. Webb is a playing member of the cricket team, and minister of Camp Hill. Ray Smith, also a member of the team and Supt. of Kedron S.S., read the lesson. A. C. Male, honorary member, spoke on the Full-Orbed Personality of Jesus. Cricketers from both A and B teams were in attendance. Both teams are premiers in the Brisbane Church Union Team competition.

H.M. DIRECTOR BUSY. Five special efforts are planned in Queensland this year with Alex Surtees as chief coordinator. Deeper Life Crusades, Teaching Missions and special adaptations of both are planned for Ann St., Bundaberg, Kedron, Mt. Walker and a Seminar on Evangelism for Women is scheduled for Sunnybank.

CALOUNDRA COMES OF AGE. On Anzac Day afternoon the 21st Anniversary of Camping at Caloundra will be celebrated. The official opening of the boys' dorm. and one cabin will take place. There will be a walkathon where young people will walk from the Glasshouse Mountains to Caloundra, which is the distance of 21 miles and the symbolism is complete by the fact that 21 per cent of the total money earned goes to the local church for some special project. Churches are busy arranging for stalls on this day and a great time of fellowship is expected.

EASTER CAMP FULL. The maximum of 150 registrations has been received for Easter Camp at Caloundra. Camp registrations were closed prior to the normal closing off. Activities planned include elective studies, smorgasbord dinner, Easter film, camp champ, sunrise service in the hills at Buderim, Easter bonnet and a beach mission which will help train our older young people for this important youth activity.

SWIM CARNIVAL. Held at the famous Valley Baths pool, this year's Swim Carnival attracted entries from many churches. A bus load of youths from Toowoomba, 100 miles from the city, were entertained by Moorooka young people. Rockhampton, 400 miles away sent one entry in Graham Cummings who flew down especially for the carnival. Graham won eight races and took Rockhampton into fourth place. Kedron won with 164 points, second place went to Ipswich with 99 and 85 points won Hawthorn third place. This year's carnival was the best attended and it is hoped that the interest will increase.

CAMP HILL GROWTH (Qld.). At the recent annual church business meeting rejoicing was expressed over the 48 new members who were added during the past year. The total active church membership is 123. The S.S. raised \$108 for our Overseas Missions . . . The church is actively supporting a living link—Margaret Parkinson, a medical missionary in India . . . The Women's Fellowship engaged in "Operation Doorknock" in the community, is offering the services and facilities of the church in times of emergency and need. Many valuable contacts were made and as a side effect ten new scholars have enrolled in the S.S. . . . The church is actively supporting the Billy Graham Crusade—15 have enrolled as counsellors, weekly cottage prayer meetings have been held and a special bus booked for each night of the crusade. Two Billy Graham youth films have been recently screened and five young people have made re-consecrations.

HARVEST FOR MISSIONARY (Hopeland, Qld.). As a result of Harvest Thanksgiving weekend, the church is able to support Mrs. H. Finger in the New Hebrides and also to send \$200 for the work at Eidsvold . . . At a Sending Forth service two young people pledged themselves to full-time work for their Lord. They were Miss Muriel Holt (missionary) to Norseman and Arthur Davis, student for Kenmore College . . . The church had Miss Ruth Roberts and Shantabai (from India) speak at fellowship tea on March 17 . . . M. H. A. Pieper (Conf. Pres.) also spoke to church on March 17 . . . Church members are participating in the Billy Graham Crusade Landline. Mr. Schofield conducts the Counsellor Training classes.

QLD.'s MISS & MASTER TWEEN- AGERS

1968



Miss BEV. GRENFELL, PAUL WEBSTER, and CHERYL HOSKINS.
(Photo by courtesy of "Nambour Chronicle.")

The title of Miss "Tweenager '68" went to Cheryl Hoskins, of Kingaroy this year as the one selected by unanimous voting by the leaders of the "Tweenagers' Camp" conducted by the Department of Youth and Christian Education in Queensland.

Master "Tweenager" was Paul Webster, from Townsville, 832 miles north of Brisbane.

During the "Tweenagers' Camp," the programme was geared for the specific needs of the 13-15 year olds, and one segment was courtesy and manners. Special briefings on table courtesy were conducted and this culminated in the opportunity to put

this teaching into practice at a specially catered for dinner at the Nambour Civic Centre, the second last night of camp. Gallant escorts approached the girls and correctly asked their permission to accompany them to the dinner. The latest "in" gear had been brought to camp for this occasion. Out of 96 present there were 47 couples at the dinner. Bev. Grenfell spoke on her tour overseas and the differing eating habits of each country she visited.

A "Tween Time" will commence shortly at the Brotherhood Centre as Saturday night activity for the future candidates for "Tweenagers '69."

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OPEN FORUM

CHRISTIAN BUILDING TRUST

To the Editor,

It is rumoured that some secretaries and some Boards of Officers do not discuss the C.B.T. Bulletins—in fact that sometimes the bulletins are consigned without consideration to the waste paper basket.

This is surely bad stewardship. The Brotherhood receives substantial benefit from the C.B.T. The trustees have in writing from the Executive of Conference a statement that the C.B.T. quarterly contribution is a regular, valued and vital form of co-operation. The trustees have been active voluntarily in this matter for more than 15 years and this year's report is the most encouraging to date. Every secretary and every officer of every Church of Christ should be able at any time to outline the basis of the Trust's activity and to speak a word on its behalf, outlining the C.B.T. objectives and targets. If your Church Board has not discussed the C.B.T.'s activities and hasn't an agent in the church, please contact A. Fergeus, 3 Van Ness Avenue, Glen Iris, Vic., 3146, and he will arrange it.

As a matter of interest you will be pleased to know that the trustees have in their modest manner contributed \$7,696 to brotherhood funds, and currently contribute at the rate of \$24 each week. The trustees have a most

forward and constructive plan for the future. We need some insurance policies from every member of every church to make the continued contribution most effective.

—S. M. Gilmour (Vic.).

WITH IT

To the Editor,

Of late, the "A.C." has been spiced with words from those in the "cloth" regarding the ministry. Some have given one side of the picture—a pretty distorted side at that. One can only trust that Mr. Hawkins is a fine satirist—that is the only way the first half of his article makes any sense! To "Still With It" and the fellow who is "clinging hopelessly" and to others allow me a few words. I have been with the parish ministry for 14 years—I didn't really want a "parish" ministry in the beginning but I had no option and in I went—now after these years the parish ministry is more exciting than ever. There's more challenge, more need, more opportunity than ever before—far from restriction, there's a freedom to really flex the muscles of one's imagination and initiative to make meaningful the faith to 1968 man.

Do you want to know why I'm still with it? It's the church. The fashion today is to quote John 3: 16 about loving the world—some people seem to have blue pencilled Eph. 5: 25 about loving the church. Of course the church is not perfect—what human agency is? Of course the church needs to change but I want to be in it at the change, not

outside throwing stones at the stained glass!

And it's the people. I can show you a few disappointments amongst them, a few crass, a few thorns in the flesh but I'm all those things myself and I am constantly being humbled, humiliated, is better, by the sheer Christ-like lives that so many live. At the same time the need in the lives of people—the need for ministry of the gospel of Christ—makes unthinkable the thought of desertion.

And it's me. Room for the psychoanalyst here. I need this ministry—I'm not the best in the world but, thank God I don't have to be; I have only to do my best. This ministry is my fulfilment—in it I can be myself and I can be available at any hour for the service of God. (By the way, I have been called up after midnight on one occasion only in 14 years! So much for being on call all the time).

"Heading for the 1970's—church and all!" (name and address supplied).

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JOB FOR TEACHER

To the Editor,

May I ask for the help of your readers in regard to an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue which seeks a trained infants' or kindergarten teacher for a church day kindergarten in Sydney.

It may be that some reader would know of a person with the qualifications required, and could draw her attention to the advertisement.

The teacher we are seeking would be a young person with Education Department or Kindergarten Union or Sydney Day Nursery training, or now engaged in such training, and who is genuinely interested in the education of young children and willing to learn advanced educational methods developed in America in recent years. It goes without saying that we seek a person of Christian conviction, who can help day by day to lay Christian foundations in the lives of the children she teaches.

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Can some reader help to put us in touch with the person we need?

—Ward Powers, 189 Church-st.,
Newtown, N.S.W., 2042.

THE RESURRECTION

To the Editor,

E. S. Sander's letter prompts me to try to make some evaluation of Bultmann's claim that a literal resurrection could not have happened.

1. How did this myth of the resurrection originate if Christ did not truly rise from the dead? An added difficulty is that the myth must have been there only a few days after the crucifixion, and such as to work a profound change in the disciples. Herman Ridderbos in his book "Bultmann" writes: "To think of this (resurrection) as the mythical formation of the significance which the disciples abruptly ascribed to Jesus' crucifixion without any new fact as its basis, a fact which originated outside of themselves, is a postulate which is dictated by Bultmann's concept of reality but which is at the same time absolutely unintelligible from an historical point of view. It is especially incomprehensible if one remembers that this eye witness, in the primary sense of an eye witness (cf. Acts 1: 21, 22ff) was the starting point and the centre of the Christian proclamation and formed the foundation of Christian certainty."

2. Having in mind Bultmann's comparative-religion method one would expect the Jews to have had a picture of a dying and rising again Christ. The current Jews had no such doctrine.

3. There was a tremendous change in the disciples. This raises a profound psychological problem for Bultmann. If Jesus had not risen how did the faith take this form of belief in a resurrection? How does one account psychologically for the belief of the Church in the resurrection if no actual resurrection took place? The early Church

certainly preached the resurrection as a matter of fact, an event of history.

4. The faith of the early church could not have existed if those first Christians knew that what they proclaimed was not really as they claimed it to be.

A central question concerning Bultmann is that of the ultimate authority of scripture. Bultmann held firmly an existential philosophy, and one wonders if his de-mythologising was very much an attempt to fit scripture into the framework of his philosophy.

Our experience of the living Christ to which E. S. Sanders refers so feelingly has its birth within the Church which proclaims the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Give these doctrines away and there is the danger of making Christ but a symbol of our own existential experiences.—T. T. Robinson. Vic.

ADDITIONS AT DEVONPORT

(Tas.). The church has been built up from the Jack Bond Tent Mission. 13 new members have been received into fellowship . . . On March 10 Miss Rosalie Rofe gave a talk on New Guinea and afterwards showed slides. Six young people stepped forward indicating their readiness for full-time service wherever the Lord would lead them. . . . Mr. and Mrs. S. Bruton have moved to Victoria. They were presented with an electric clock . . . The church extends sympathy to relatives and friends in the Home Call of Mrs. J. E. Byard.

S.O.S. — S.O.S.

Organist urgently required for morning and/or evening services at South Yarra Church, Vic. The church is making an effective witness in the district. Can you assist its ongoing? Ring now to the Secretary, Mr. W. J. Kennon, 24-3961 or write him at 114 Surrey-rd., South Yarra, 3141.

DOCTORS RETURN

(Nallsworth, S.A.). Dr. Barry Pitt welcomed home from New Hebrides; Dr. Morris Peacock has returned from Vietnam . . . Peter Coombe has gone to C.O.B. . . . A Church Life Conf. on March 8 and 10 was led by C. H. Dow, M.A. . . . The church is assisting Fullarton with president and readers once a month . . . Jubilee celebrations in 1969—preparations gathering momentum . . . Aged member, J. W. Jarrett, died recently in his 89th year. In recent years the communion service has been taken to him.

100 MEMBERSHIP

(Hampstead Gardens, S.A.). Recent additions to the church by transfer has brought our membership to 100 . . . March 23 was clean-up day of grounds and buildings and the erection of a shelter at the tennis courts.

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

To the Editor,

I can really get enthusiastic when our minister preaches on personal evangelism. All the time that he is talking I can feel how good it would be if I could win someone for Christ. And I go out of church determined to do just that. And if anyone happened past the church at a time like that I am sure that I would grab him and ask him if he was saved!

But by the time dinner is over my enthusiasm, along with my appetite, has died down, and I find that I have become introspective.

It is then that I ask myself, "Tertius, why do you really want to win other people for Christ?" At times like this I am usually more honest than usual. So I answer myself, "Tertius, it would be much nicer if everyone was a Christian instead of being a Communist or a beatnik. Also, it is your Christian duty to win souls. And if you did win one it would make you feel good, wouldn't it? As well as that you would be able to talk about it when other people talk of the souls they have won."

I'm afraid I'll never be much good at personal evangelism. I want to do it for all the wrong reasons. The fact is that I don't really love people enough. I love them, all right, but not enough. For instance, I like old Jack, and I'd give anything for him to be a Christian. But I don't love him enough to spend a lot of time with him listening to him. I don't think I'd want to ask him home. The wife would hit the roof, anyhow.

Perhaps I'd better concentrate on giving out tracts!

Next time you are at the Austral, will you dig me up some sure-fire tracts guaranteed to win souls without becoming too involved with them?

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Thurs., April 11—"The Cross Redeems."

GOOD FRIDAY, 10 a.m., Meditation and Communion. "In the Hands of God."

EASTER SUNDAY, April 14. 11 a.m.: "The Dawn Has Broken."
7 p.m.: "Officially Dead . . . But?"

Business people, students, nurses and shoppers invited to share in special mid-day services whilst in city.

My Neighbour's Pen

WHAT
OTHER
JOURNALS
ARE
SAYING



INGROWING

Worse than just being in the doldrums, the coracle of ecumenism today runs a very real risk of foundering.

Of all the dangers which threaten the ecumenical movement none is more serious—or more pressing—than the possibility that the whole affair should become one vast irrelevance.

So long as we think in terms of church reunion rather than of Christian unity, so long as we concentrate on problems of organisation, or nice points of theology, on exegetical interpretation of proof texts, so long as these things are so, the ecumenical movement will be more and more an ingrowing affair of ecclesiastical politics. As this happens the movement will become less and less relevant to the needs of space-age man.

—“British Weekly.”

SEVEN MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT?

Is the world drawing closer to the midnight of nuclear holocaust? The editors of the “Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists” believe it is. On the cover of their January issue they moved forward the hands of the doomsday clock to seven minutes to midnight—five minutes closer than its previous setting in 1963 and the first move forward (rather than backward) since 1953. Only twice before had the hands been set closer; at three minutes to midnight

in 1949, when Russia exploded its first bomb, and at two minutes to midnight in 1953, when both the Soviet Union and the United States produced hydrogen bombs.

Bulletin editor Dr. Eugene Rabinowitch said the latest movement was necessitated by the “dismal world record” of the past five years, during which nations have been “drifting back to pre-atomic pursuits of their narrow national interests, with power politics again replacing attempts to build a stable, peaceful world.” As evidence of deteriorating conditions he noted the development of atomic weapons by France and Red China, the Arab-Israeli and Indo-Pakistani wars, escalation of the Vietnam war, and competition between America and Russia to produce an anti-ballistic missile.

The clock is ticking. The hands are moving toward the midnight hour. The “Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists” warns men of nuclear doomsday. The Bible warns men of a greater doom—the judgment of Almighty God. It calls them to prepare for that hour by trusting in Jesus Christ, so that his coming will mean not wrath but salvation.—“Christianity Today.”

WHO WILL WIN?

It will be interesting to see whether God or man wins the struggle for survival in the Communist world. For one who is supposed not to exist at all, God surely claims a lot of attention. And over there, as we understand it, there's none of this “God is Dead” stuff. They claim he has never been alive. They have tried everything—purges, prisons, ridicule, substitute philosophies—but the dumb (?) people still go to great lengths to continue their worship of God.

According to the news of the centennial celebration, held August 18-28, 1967, there are 5,000 congregations with 540,000 members and at least 6,000 people took part in the three anniversary worship services in Moscow.

Even Adolph Hitler wasn't able to conquer God. In fact, the godless societies attracted a minimum of the German people in the 1930's. Hitler was

quite willing to recognise God so long as he could have a bishop in the Reich cabinet who could tell God how to run the church. We have a feeling that the Communist countries are fighting a losing battle. We're betting on God.—“The Christian.”

CHRISTIAN INFILTRATORS

A year ago the government of Egypt was advertising for technical and professional assistants in certain of its departments. It was willing to take them from abroad. A missionary of the Church Missionary Society wrote to London, inquiring: “Could not some committed Christians from elsewhere come to Egypt to these educational (or industrial) posts which are available to people with the right qualifications? Could we not put this challenge to some of the Christians in Britain?”

Have we Christian infiltrators who are prepared to move in?

When it comes to the forms of Christian witness, new ground must be broken, new entries made, new chances taken.

Too long have Christians in African and Asian countries given the impression that they are an island of piety, scarcely washed by the seas of the nation's surrounding life and action. Foreignness can never be completely disclaimed by the expatriates from Europe and North America, but something can be done to lift this stigma from the Christian community in mission lands. Perhaps infiltration in the spheres of business and government is one way of doing it.

It's worth considering.

—“World Vision.”

AUSTRALIAN LONELINESS

The great Australian loneliness is not in the outback—it is in the cities. It is likely to get worse. And this must make every thinking Australian pause and reflect, when it is well-known that isolation and loneliness are the main factors that make for suicide.

As planners and politicians are talking of high density housing in such a way as to suggest that this can be one of the great achievements of the coming few years, they would do well to constantly remind themselves that “high density” living and multi-storey flats bring problems in their train that need to be faced in the planning stage.

A visitor who travels from Adelaide to any larger city is immediately struck by the starkness and size of many of the large blocks of home units and flats that are becoming the accepted mark of city growth. The evidence of sociologists and welfare workers is that problems of loneliness and lack of community seem to increase remarkably as a city grows and particularly as large multi-storey residential blocks increase.

—“S.A. Methodist.”

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PROFILE

No. 68

DOROTHY POTTER

(QLD.)



Belonging to Churches of Christ for over half a century, actively engaged in inter-church co-operation and community committees, Mrs. Potter stands as a rare example of dynamic leadership.

BROTHERHOOD

Her grandfather was a minister, W. T. Clapham, who was instrumental in purchasing the Ann St. Chapel from the Methodist Church. Her husband, Conference Executive Treasurer, Eric Potter, has an equally impressive background: His grandfather was one of the first six members of the Ann St. church.

Baptised at the age of 15, Dorothy Clapham went on to teach kindergarten Sunday School and became Supt. at Ann St. When Hawthorne was short of teaching staff it was Dorothy who heard the call to help and for many years was Supt. of that Sunday School.

From 1926 to 1935 she held the position of secretary of the Youth Department which was then known as the Queensland Bible School and Young People's Union Committee. In this capacity she helped organise the first Queensland Youth Camp which was held at Fingal, N.S.W., in December, 1930.

This experience is vividly recalled by her because she rose at 5 a.m. and together with “Uncle” Keith Gerrand (now of Hartwell, Vic.) prepared the newsletter for the day which was distributed at breakfast. Copies of these papers are held by C. R. Burdeu for the Historical Society.

As secretary of the Women's Fellowship of Ann St. for four years Dorothy actively supported the on-going work of the State and then became president. History repeated itself when the Ann St. women conducted a programme of visitation in the Rocklea area of the city and Dorothy became president of this Women's Fellowship for many years. This link still exists in regular Sunday morning visits to the church where Eric is organist. You guessed it!—Rocklea's service is earlier than Ann St., and both are included in the Potter's Sunday diary.

Mrs. W. T. Clapham, a grandmother, formed the first Women's Conference in Queensland and in her footsteps

Dorothy followed to become president in 1951 after being vice-president during 1949-1951, as well as Home Missions Supt. for the Women's Conference.

When Federal Conference was held in Brisbane in 1954, Dorothy Potter was the logical Federal Women's Conference president and as such had a great deal to do with the planning of the Conference. In 1964 with Federal Conference again being held in Brisbane, Dorothy was to be seen as Asst. Secretary of the Conference Arrangements Committee and in charge of the overall office facilities.

When the Book Room first commenced Dorothy used her spare time as asst. manager of that facility.

INTER-CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

With an outlook as deep and as wide as the Potters one would naturally expect their interests to be larger than the local work. In outside brotherhood concerns her record is just as impressive and significant.

President of the Women's Inter-church Council during 1953-1955, she visited Mt. Macedon for a Civil Defence school; President of the National Council of Women which had 107 affiliated organisations, vice-president of the Mothercraft Association; a member of the Health Organisation; a member of the Queensland Centenary Committee; a member of the Appeals and Publicity Committee for Y.W.C.A.; a member of the Girls' Hostel Y.W.C.A. at Newmarket; a member of the Queensland Council for Children's Films and Television, vice-chairman of World Refugee Year Committee (United Nations). A member of the Executive of the Women's Christian Temperance Union 1953-55, Dorothy served effectively as Supt. of the committee investigating gambling. Queensland president of the Old People's Welfare Committee 1963-66 and for two years Australian vice-president and still a member of the Australian Executive, add to this nine years as treasurer of the Margate Baptist Women's Guild when the Potters lived at Redcliffe and one begins to see the capacity and courage of a tireless worker of which Queensland is justifiably proud.

THRICE PRESENTED TO ROYALTY

As president of the Inter-Church Council of Women Dorothy was presented to Queen Elizabeth during her Australian tour and was privileged to present a bouquet to Her Majesty.

As president of National Council of Women, Dorothy presented an Address of Welcome to the Queen Mother on behalf of all Australian women.

When Princess Alexandra visited Australia, Dorothy was presented to her.

In vice-regal functions she has played a prominent part—arranging a farewell to Lady Lavarack and a welcome to Lady May Abel Smith.

STILL IN THE “FRONT-LINE”

Even today, Dorothy is found actively engaged and productively involved in the life of the brotherhood and the larger work of Christ's kingdom in the city of Brisbane.

Since 1955 she has been Asst. Secretary of the Queensland Conference and is a familiar figure “up front” at Ann St., who quickly relays the actual wording of the Motions of Conference upon request. Eric remains as Conf. Treas., a position he has held for many years.

A Home Missions Committee member, Historical Society member, a member of the Fortitude Club Brisbane Historical Organisation; secretary of the Women's Conference and organiser of each of the Women's Camps and Conventions to be held in recent years. At the moment her eyes are set on arranging a Women's Camp at Rockhampton—no mere metropolitan convention, but a weekend to involve women of Central Queensland and to be conducted 400 miles away. Last year with two other ladies, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Chapman, Dorothy Potter travelled by Combi-Van north to Charters Towers, meeting with women's groups en-route.

Queensland salutes a great warrior of the faith and many friends around Australia will rejoice to read of this article of grateful recognition of an extremely worthwhile contribution to our brotherhood.

Those wishing to contact Dorothy and Eric Potter can write direct to their home at 36 Stirling Street, Enoggera, Brisbane, Queensland, 4051.

—A.C.M.

o NOTED AND QUOTED

GOD GIVE US MEN

The measure of a youth foreshadows the measure of the man. No nation is stronger than the character of its people. Few nations in times past have been conquered from without, unless there was an accompanying moral decay within.

When we read the headlines and learn of the amount of gambling, bribery, fixes, political corruption, buying protection and similar scandals among adults we have reason to be concerned. These are the by-products of an adult world.

To youth belongs the future! Will it be a better future? That will depend on whether the present generation of youth can measure up to a higher standard of moral integrity. What is needed now is aptly described in the following poem:

God give us men. A time like this demands,
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honour; men who will not lie.

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MINISTERS

THE EDES BEGIN

(Maryborough, Qld.). At a social evening on March 2 our new pastor, Tom Ede, his wife and daughters, were officially welcomed to the Maryborough church. Speeches were made by J. Ferguson (church sec.), A. Popp (elder), M. Pieper (State Conf. Pres.), who was speaker also at the induction service next day, and Rev. Walker, on behalf of Ministers' Fraternal . . . On March 2, a special luncheon was arranged so that ladies of the Maryborough-Baddow and Hervey Bay C.W.F. groups could meet Mrs. Ede. After responding, Mrs. Ede told of the work at Prahran, Vic., their previous church.

NEW MINISTER

(Harlaxton, Qld.). Bruce Roberts has commenced a ministry with the church. The new minister's residence has been opened with M. Pieper and E. T. Hart sharing in the ceremony. Men of the church gave many hours assisting in its erection . . . A seminar on evangelism on Wed. evenings will lead to a week of meetings prior to Easter entitled "A Week at the Cross." . . . The church annual meeting elected H. Large, H. Lowe and H. Scholl as elders . . . A camp for B.S. scholars at Shannon Park was led by H. Scholl and D. Lowe.

KALGOORLIE INDUCTION

(W.A.). A. H. Coleman was inducted to the ministry on Feb. 4 by T. Maiden, W.A. Conf. Pres. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman and their three boys were warmly welcomed. The church supplied its own speakers for two months until Mr. Coleman's arrival . . . The early weeks of Mr. Coleman's ministry have seen the best attendances for many years. The men have renovated the manse . . . The B.S. requires more teachers . . . A Billy Graham film has been screened and Christian Witness classes are being held in conjunction with Leighton Ford Crusade this month . . . A. Mason, a loyal member of the church for 55 years, died recently.

THINGS TO COME

QUEENSLAND

APRIL:
5-7 — Dr. Billy Graham in Brisbane.
11-15 — Easter Camps, Caloundra, Magnetic Is.
20 — Opening of New Hall—Toowoomba. 2.30 p.m.
25 — Caloundra's 21st year of camping.
Opening of Boy's Dorm and Cabin Unit.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

APRIL:
6 — Opening of Longwood Chapel.
7 — Church Life Conf. at Kilburn. K. D. Horne leading.
14 — Easter Camps at Longwood, Point Sturt and Balaklava.
17-22 — Church Life Conf. at Broken Hill. C. H. Dow leading.
26, 27 — Teachers' Camp Sthn. Dist. Conf., Pt. Sturt. C. H. Dow leading.

VICTORIA

APRIL:
11-15 — Teen's Camp — Dromana.
Young Adult Easter Conference — Monbulk.
C.E. Camp — Cheshunt.
Youth Camp — Eppalock.
Youth Camp — Mildura.
19 — Good Companions' Swim Sports.
21-27 — VIC.-TAS. CONFERENCE.

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TRIBUTE TO MR. & MRS. A. G. SAUNDERS

(Taree, N.S.W.). Mrs. Oldfield (formerly St. Clair Saunders) came to Taree on account of the death of her mother, Mrs. Adelaide Saunders, who died at W. H. Clay Nursing Home, Murrumbenna, Vic., on March 1.

The ashes of Mrs. Saunders were laid to rest alongside her husband, the late A. G. Saunders, B.A., after a simple service conducted by the resident minister, L. E. Wylie, at Dawson Cemetery, Manning River, on March 17.

On March 17, opportunity was taken in the address by Mr. Wylie to pay a fitting tribute to the life and work of Mr. and Mrs. Saunders during their ministry from 1939 to 1944 and where they are still remembered with affection.

AFTER TWELVE YEARS

(Stawell, Vic.). After waiting for 12 years for a full-time resident minister, the church welcomed Kevin Caulton at a social gathering on Feb. 24. The Mayor of Stawell, Cr. C. W. Smith, offered a welcome on behalf of the residents of Stawell. Rev. T. E. Rowlands spoke on behalf of the Ministers' Fraternal. D. Hillier, for the congregation, and R. Baxter, of Horsham church, as chairman of the N.W. District Conf., also welcomed Mr. Caulton. Representatives from most of the other churches were present.

On Feb. 25, Mr. Caulton was inducted by D. H. Smith, Sec. of the Dept. of H.M. & Evang., and was welcomed into membership by D. Hillier. Mr. Caulton expressed delight with his first contact with Stawell and the church. He was trained at Woolwich Bible College and this is his first church appointment since graduation.

One of his first duties was to dedicate the new organ purchased by the church.

INDUCTION AT MARYBOROUGH

(Vic.). R. Pritchard was guest speaker at the induction service for Mr. and Mrs. C. Muller and family at an after-church fellowship. The church hall was packed with representatives from churches, to extend a welcome . . . A number of young people have taken up positions elsewhere, and we have farewelled Jean Bartlett, Janice Branton, Val Cubbins, Janice Jeffs and Jack Nicholls, also Barry Heath who was student minister for the past 12 months . . . Harvest Festival services were held on Feb. 25, and the goods passed to the married students of the College of the Bible . . . B.S. picnic was held at Castlemaine when 100 attended. The annual meeting elected F. Drake and A. Kennedy as elders.

MINISTRY EXTENDED

(Kaniva, Vic.). R. C. Bolduan has accepted an invitation to extend his ministry for a further three years . . . Elder E. G. Thompson is a patient in the Kaniva Hospital . . . Reg. Dyer has been appointed S.S. Supt. . . . Members are focusing a "Spotlight on the S.S." at evening services.

FROM W.A. TO N.S.W.

(Fremantle-Hilton, W.A.). W. Whitton (ex-Woolwich College) gave farewell message on Feb. 25 prior to commencing at Fairfield, N.S.W. At Hilton that morning's meeting was taken by members of Hamilton Hill C.E. Society, Graham Robinson being the speaker . . . Senior elder, S. G. Taylor, has been unconscious in hospital since two days after suffering a stroke . . . Choir has resumed in gospel meetings.

NEW AT FAIRFIELD

(N.S.W.). W. Whitton commenced his first full-time ministry here on March 17 . . . The C.W.F. share in visiting Lidcombe Old Men's Hospital and conduct monthly services at Hiedon Park Old People's Cottages. They also provide clothing for a girl at Carnarvon Mission . . . The church will visit for the Graham Crusade on April 7 . . . Mr. Grant is recuperating at Wentworth Falls Hosp., and Mrs. Grant is at Harris Park Nursing Home.

RETIRED MINISTER DIES

(S.A.). Garfield Rootes, one of our retired ministers who has been in fellowship at Maylands, died on March 23. An obituary notice will appear later.

FOR NEW HEBRIDES

Margaret and Alan Fletcher leave Melbourne on April 7 for the New Hebrides, via Sydney.

D. WAKELEY'S LONG ILLNESS

(N.S.W.). Dan Wakeley, one of our best known and best loved veteran preachers, is at length recovering after eight months of illness mainly in the Hornsby Dist. Hosp., N.S.W. Specialists have been unable to diagnose the nature of the illness which came on very suddenly last June. However, in recent weeks, Mr. Wakeley has made very good progress toward recovery, and prayers have been constantly offered for his complete restoration. His many friends in the various States are asked to join in these petitions.

CHANGE AT CARNEGIE

(Vic.). At the end of this year, R. E. Hillbrich completes a six-year ministry with the church at Carnegie and has indicated that he would not be seeking re-engagement. In view of this the church is pleased to announce that M. Giezendanner, now at Balwyn North, has accepted an invitation to commence a ministry as from Feb., 1969.

TOOWOOMBA'S NEW HALL

(Qld.). The official opening of the new hall at Margaret St., Toowoomba will take place at 2.30 p.m. on April 20.

MINISTERS' WIVES ASSOCIATION

(Vic.). All interstate, country, and city ministers' wives are invited to attend the annual luncheon at St. Kilda Town Hall on C.W.F. Conference Day, April 24, 1968.

CHURCH CONGRATULATES NEW PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

(Doncaster, Vic.). The church offers congratulations to Mr. R. Garrett on being elected to the important office of President of the Legislative Council in the State Parliament . . . The Christmas Bowl yielded \$540 and \$100 has been sent to the Billy Graham Crusade . . . Malcolm Gray has been inducted as assistant minister. He is co-ordinating the youth work and was in charge of the Eastern Dist. C.Y.F. camp at Frankston . . . Harvest Festival produce was sent to the Social Service Homes and

the College of the Bible . . . The church has purchased a new organ for \$2,900 and the church at Knoxfield has accepted the gift of the old church organ . . . Bob Nelson is B.S. Supt. in succession to Fred. Dickson who served for five years. After many years of loyal service, V. Curtis has resigned as Explorer leader and Lyn Dugay will serve as chief . . . The church has been saddened by the death of Mrs. H. Petty, affectionately known as "Auntie Ada."

CHURCH DEBT FREE . . . SO IS THIS CHURCH

(Maidstone, Vic.). At our half-yearly meeting the secretary announced that the Maidstone church is now debt free on the manse and church buildings . . . The annual B.S. picnic was to Williamstown Beach on March 2 . . . Two ladies, Mrs. Allen and Elizabeth Cowling, have been baptized . . . Our morning services are always packed. David White is minister . . . Our girls' basketball has reached the finals.

(Reservoir, Vic.). All church property is now free of debt. The two almost new halls are now paid for and well used by the auxiliaries . . . C. Crossfield has been appointed as church secretary in the place of the late Graham Booth . . . The church is encouraged at the growing interest in the gospel services. Seven have made discipleship commitments, including a man and wife.

DEATH OF W. C. HOFFMAN

(Kensington Park, S.A.). W. C. Hoffman died on Feb. 16. He served this church and the brotherhood for many years and will be sadly missed. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and family . . . Stan Izon from the Leighton Ford Crusade spoke on Feb. 25 . . . Miss Winnie Wong again delighted us with her solos . . . A "Get to Know" social evening to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett was held on March 2. Graham Smith compered the evening . . . A generous supply of gifts from our Harvest Thanksgiving service was sent to St. George's Christian Rest Home and Prisoners' Aid Society.

NEW TREASURER

(East Vic. Park, W.A.). Alex Reid has been appointed the new church treasurer . . . A church luncheon was held after morning service on Feb. 25. A rededication and baptismal service was also held . . . The S.S. and church picnic was held at Coogee on March 9 . . . Miss Robins is C.W.F. president.

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LONG RECORD

(Brighton, Vic.). At the annual meeting, J. H. Charlesworth and R. P. Morris retired from the Board of Officers after 35 years' service. R. H. Price and P. H. Cole also retired. The membership shows a nett increase of 13. The budget for the year was almost reached with \$9465 for others and \$14,190 for local service . . . G. H. Gilmour, Pres. of Conf. for Vic.-Tas., spoke to the church on Feb. 25 . . . The C.W.F. elected Mrs. D. E. Lewis as Pres. and Mrs. R. H. Price as Sec. Mrs. June McLean is C.W.E.F. Pres. with Mrs. S. Angwin, Sec. . . . The church is saddened by the death of D. J. L. Price, church organist for 14 years. Mrs. D. Jacobs and Mrs. D. Leedon are recuperating after surgery.

PRAYER FOR CRUSADE

(Morawa, W.A.). Prayer Cells combined with other groups for Leighton Ford Crusade. Christian Witness classes have commenced . . . C.W.F. installed Mrs. R. Carslake as president . . . On Labour Day fellowship was enjoyed with members from Geraldton, Dalwallinu and Morawa at Dongara. K. Patterson, H.M. Organiser, gave information of the work . . . Women's World Day of Prayer was held with several girls taking part in a children's service prior to the women's meeting. Sister Helen Maiden presented challenging message. She showed slides of New Hebrides and spoke of the first Friendship meeting.

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INTERSTATE NEWS

EVANGELISM PLANNING

(Glen Waverley, Vic.). A programme of evangelism in conjunction with K. Harvey, Dept. of H.M. and Evangelism, will take place during the year and is designed for contact, cultivation, commitment and conservation. The programme will culminate in a special series of meetings in Oct. and Nov. . . . At a half yearly business meeting a special vote of thanks was passed to our previous treasurer, Keith Little, who held office for 10 years. Kevin Balson is now treasurer . . . Cricket club finished the season in first place and is now in the finals.

CENTRAL NORTHERN CONFERENCE

(Vic.). The Central Northern District Conference of Churches of Christ held its annual meeting at Castlemaine on March 2. Owing to a wedding the same day, attendances were not as high as usual. The president, Ivan Streader, from Boort, welcomed all, including the two speakers—Miss Rosalie Rofe and Ralph Amos, Pres. Elect., Vic.-Tas. Miss Rofe on furlough from New Guinea, brought greetings and gave an interesting talk on work accomplished and yet to be done in the field. At the ladies' session she was presented with a box of biscuits and \$20. In the afternoon Mr. Amos addressed the men on the theme "God Touched Men," and at night after a song service led by Mr. Jackel, his topic was "God's Colony in Man's World." Two enjoyable items were given by Mr. Flischer. Ivan Streader was re-elected as President.

COMBINED COMMUNION

(Swan Hill, Vic.). A combined evening communion service was held in the Presbyterian Church on March 10. Members of our congregation shared with Methodists and Presbyterians around the Lord's table . . . C.M.S. held TV Night in Feb. when local electrical retailer explained the technical side of the television set . . . A large gathering of members and friends enjoyed family picnic at Lake Boga on Labour Day holiday.

SUNDAY MINISTRY

(Murray Bridge, S.A.). The church welcomes Ivan Nixon in a Sunday preaching ministry for the remainder of the year. Recent speakers have included G. A. Bywaters, E. Dinning, S. Neighbour . . . The Women's World Day of Prayer service was held in our chapel. Mrs. G. A. Bywaters presided, and Mrs. J. Rasmus (Salvation Army) was guest speaker. Three of our ladies attended the annual C.W.F. camp at Longwood . . . A. C. Page has again been admitted to an Adelaide hospital for surgery . . . Representatives attended the Southern Dist. Conf. at Strathalbyn . . . C.Y.F. meetings have included an evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Howell, and a Salmagundi evening.

FOUR DECISIONS

(Reservoir, Vic.). At a recent evening service with the theme "Youth Speaks" three young men and one young lady made decisions . . . The church annual business meeting elected T. Clift as elder and C. Crossfield as church secretary . . . A young lady was baptised on March 3 . . . Both cricket teams are in the finals.

LOYALTY MONTH

(Croydon, Vic.). Further speakers for February "Loyalty Month" were Principal E. L. Williams, E. W. Heard, of Mitcham, and David Andrews, of I.T.I.M. . . . Croydon joined with Mitcham church at Micawber Park, Belgrave, for tea and out-door gospel service on Feb. 18 . . . Members shared in the Dist. Prayer Rally at Mt. Evelyn . . . C.W.F. has started a new Tuesday morning worship service for women. Mrs. Burch is pres., and Mrs. Sterling is sec. . . . The Women's World Day of Prayer service was held at our church on March 1 . . . Five Y.P. attended Eastern Dist. Camp at Frankston. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd were camp leaders.

H.M. VISITOR

(Bayswater, Vic.). Don Smith, of Dept. of H.M. & Evang., showed slides to the church to illustrate the vast work of the department . . . Several young people assisted in leading a C.Y.F. church service . . . Mr. and Mrs. Marsh were welcomed into fellowship from Brunswick . . . Several ladies attended the meeting at Moorabbin addressed by Mrs. Molly Dienert of the U.S.A. . . . Young people attended the C.Y.F. camp at Frankston . . . M. Keatch is minister.

STANLEY SEWELL AT BRIGHTON

(Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. S. Sewell visited the church on March 10. Mr. Sewell will be assisting during the absence of the minister, R. N. Gilmore, at Uppsala, Sweden, for the 4th W.C.C. Assembly . . . C.W.F. Bible study and prayer day group commenced on March 13. 30 members of this group visited Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Huntsman at Dro-mana on March 12. 1968 Student Christian Officers are Kay Thoms, pres., and Lyn Williams, sec. Activities of the Junior Fellowship, led by Beverley Lewis, included a trip to Luna Park and a chess and draughts tournament . . . Church school teachers are sharing in training classes.

WILLIS AT BANGALOW

(N.S.W.). Over the years a small band of faithful workers have maintained a sturdy New Testament witness at Bangalow, assisted from time to time by the larger Lismore church. These folk have recently issued an invitation to Doug. Willis to move into the district with his "Aerosphere" and lead them in conducting an intensive campaign of building up and outreach followed by a period of conservation. Prayer is asked for this effort.

NEW SECRETARY

(Flinders Park, S.A.). L. Lukehurst has been appointed church secretary with M. Smith as assistant and Vickey Pearce as stenographer . . . C.W.F. held a successful sewing day for Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Missions . . . Three new teachers have been added to the R.I. staff . . . Mrs. Schultz was baptised on March 10. At the same service two teenage girls made decisions.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

(Balwyn, Vic.). Youth participated in an evening service giving added interest and appreciation. A Father and Son Camp held at Waratah Bay was followed by Combined Youth Bike Hike and barbecue to Pound Bend. S.S. picnic was held at Sandringham . . . Evening services have been highlighted by special hymns and film "Pasiya" on mission work in New Guinea, also Ken Macnaughton's address on work of U.F. Missions . . . Len. Warmbrunn has spent several weeks in Geelong Hospital. Also in hospital is Mrs. Lennard, Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Barrow.

C.W.F. MISSIONARY CAMP, HALL'S GAP

Once again a very successful camp was held in the Grampians when 40 Melbourne ladies met with 40 from the country for fellowship and study.

The programme was similar to the recent Monbulk camp, where workshops were conducted. Dr. T. Banks led the workshop on Christian Union.

An "Easter Meeting" was presented by Mrs. D. Sterling and Mrs. D. Strack, followed by a conducted tour of the Grampians on Saturday afternoon.

Camp was led by Mrs. D. Heard, song sessions by Mrs. B. Amos with Mrs. St. Aubyn at the piano, and the Saturday evening programme was again organised by Mrs. O. Monish.

Sunday morning commenced with "Quiet Time," followed by "A Time for Things to Pray For," featuring our missionary work and missionaries.

All campers journeyed to Stawell church where the women conducted the morning service. Mrs. E. Rankine presided and Mrs. L. Muller gave the address.—Helen J. Hall.

"CREATIVE LIVING"

(Melb.). Mrs. Newham was guest of honour at a Dept. of Christian Educ. function on March 25. A special copy of the book "Creative Living," dedicated to Will Newham, the first Explorer Chief, was presented to Mrs. Newham. Judy Newham also received a copy for each member of the family. Also present as guests were Mrs. Waterman and Mr. and Mrs. Clay. Worship programmes numbers 48, 49 and 50 tell the stories of the three Wills—Waterman, Clay and Newham. Opportunity was also taken to express the appreciation of the Dept. for the work of Lyndsay Smith (editor) and Viney Longthorp and Howard Weedon who completed the work that Will Newham had begun. 2,000 copies have been printed and are now available for sale—within two days 100 had been purchased! An advertisement appears elsewhere in this edition and also a review.

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Motions—alteration to constitution. Christian Women's Fellowship report. Focus: Overseas Mission Department. Motion: School Education about alcohol. Devotions. Department of Christian Union report.
3. THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 7.15 p.m.
Literature Department report. Motion: Co-operating with Joint Board. Focus: College of the Bible. Devotions. Aborigines' Mission Department report.
4. FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 7.45 p.m.
Motion: War in Vietnam. Focus: Department of Christian Education. Devotions. Department of Social Service report. Unfinished business.
5. SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 7.30 p.m.
Properties Department report. Election results. INSPIRATIONAL—The Campbell Singers; Presidential Address, Graham H. Gilmour; Induction of new President.

SECTIONAL SESSIONS

1. MINISTERS' and SECRETARIES' TEA.
Monday, April 22, 5.45 p.m.—Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre.
Address: I. J. CHIVELL, secretary, South Australian Conference. "Through a Conference Secretary's Eyes."
2. MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.
Tuesday, April 23, 9.45 a.m. and 2 p.m.—Reception Room, Churches of Christ Centre.
Morning: Guest speaker, I. J. CHIVELL, secretary South Australian Conference: "Effective Ministries in Congregation and Department." Discussion.
Afternoon: Address, I. J. CHIVELL.
"How Does/Should the Minister Treat the Church?"
"How Does/Should the Church Treat the Minister?" Business: 3 p.m.
3. C.O.B. OLD BOYS' CLUB.
Tuesday, April 23, 5.30 p.m.—Reception room, Churches of Christ Centre.
Annual Get-Together. Tea, Fellowship, Business.
4. CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 82nd CONFERENCE.
Wednesday, April 24, 10.15 a.m., 1.40 and 7.30 p.m.—St. Kilda Town Hall.
Organ recitals. Devotions. Reports. Business. Vocal items. Service of Commitment and Dedication. Afternoon speaker: Mrs. R. D. Main. Evening speaker: Principal Leon Morris.
5. CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA and ANNUAL MEETING.
Friday, April 26, 5.45 p.m.—Coles Cafeteria, 236 Bourke St., City.
Business. Election of Board. Items. ALL MEN OF THE CHURCHES INVITED.
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Mrs. Beryl Law-Davis, Mrs. Georgina Kelly, Carnarvon, W.A.

Wendy Colless, Sandra Rogers, Yarrowonga, Vic.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barlow and family, from Maryborough, Qld. to Carnarvon, W.A.

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M. R. White, from Dunolly, Vic. to Peel St., Ballarat, Vic.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. Roberts, from East Ipswich, to Harlaxton, Qld. Mrs. Nettlebeck, and Suzanne; Mr. and Mrs. Ian Ferguson, from Springvale, to Doncaster, Vic.

MARRIAGES

Jackie Hoy to Rod Smith, Tamworth, N.S.W.

Margaret Kingston to Robert Edgar, Springvale, Vic.

Carol Denn to Barry Ball; Georgina Kokins to Tom Rendell, Kalgoorlie, W.A.

Helen Harrison to Brian Thompson, Kensington Park, S.A.

Kay Tully to Graham Spencer, Doncaster, Vic.

Cheryl Brown to Brynmore Lamb, Hampstead Gdns., S.A.

Marjorie Torode to Barry Frew; Lynn Yates to Lance Smith, Epping, N.S.W.

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Irene White to Les Wells, Parkdale, Vic.

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Joy Bartrim to Greg Thompson, Murwillumbah, N.S.W.

Lois Ramsbottom to Peter Blain, Moreland, Vic.

Leonie Smith to Terry Michailides; Cheryl Davies to Ray Ayton, Box Hill, Vic.

DEATHS

Miss H. (Nell) Gordon, Ann St., Brisbane, Qld.

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Arthur Mason, Kalgoorlie, W.A.

Joseph Small, Epping, N.S.W.

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Mrs. J. E. Byard, Devonport, Tas.

Mrs. A. G. Saunders, Mrs. Lorna Bailey, Carnegie, Vic.

BIRTHS

FERGUSON (nee Ghys).—To Lyn and Keith, on February 15, 1968, at Bethlehem, Caulfield, a daughter—Jane Caroline. Sister for Amanda. Both well.

HAWKINS, R. N. (nee Pedler), 347 Peisley-st., Orange. — Baby boy—Craig Harold, born March 23 at Orange Base Hosp. Brother for Lance.

PITT (Broad).—To Frances and Keith on March 18 at Williamstown (Vic.), a daughter—Alison Elizabeth. A sister for Raeleen.

ENGAGEMENT NOTICE

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DEATHS

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MILNE.—On March 22 at Bordertown Memorial Hospital, S.A., David Roby, second son of the late E. W. and Eliza Milne, loved brother of Walter (dec.), Eva and Edward; brother-in-law of Edwin Rowe (dec.), and Nellie; loved uncle and great-uncle of their families.

IN MEMORIAM

BOAKE, Russell James.—In loving memory of Russell, passed away April 2, 1965. Loved only son of Florence and Clarence Boake, loving brother of Dorothy and Lorna; brother-in-law of Ian. "Forever with the Lord."

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MONTH OF SPECIAL SERVICES

(Whyalla, S.A.). February's special month of services included a Masonic Lodge Parade with W. Tregloan as speaker, a School Teachers' Service with teachers leading, and a guest night with G. Shinnick as speaker. Four new primary and secondary school teachers were welcomed at an after-church fellowship . . . The C.W.F. elected Mrs. P. Smith as pres., Mrs. K. Watson as sec., and Mrs. W. Tregloan as treas. . . Several members are in Leighton Ford counselling classes. Most churches are taking part. The minister, D. M. Hughes is secretary for the local Land Line Committee . . . The church is preparing for "Impact '68," a planned evangelism programme with K. D. Horne as leader . . . O. Clark, Nthn. Dist. Pres., spoke to the church on Feb. 25 . . . Sympathy is extended to the Clutterbuck, Bryant, Baohm, and Vort-Ronald families in bereavement. . . A young girl was baptised on March 3.

JOHN BIRT IN S.A.

(Brighton Gdns., S.A.). John Birt, new playing coach for West Torrens League football team, was guest preacher at monthly youth service. Robert Good-fellow was soloist. 50 attended C.Y.F. camp at Point Sturt led by Ray Dick-son . . . Alan Frost, State and Australian cricketer, was preacher on March 3 when the church cricket clubs paraded and cricketers led the service. The "A" cricket team will play in the preliminary final of the United Churches Association.

ONE FOR THE CENTURY

(Strathalbyn, S.A.). H. Greenwood, of Goolwa, was guest speaker at the church's 99th anniversary on Feb. 18. . . A number of our young people travelled to Mt. Barker for a Hills Christian Youth Rally . . . The S.S. picnic was held at Port Elliott on Feb. 10 . . . F. Archbold, of S.U.M., was a recent speaker . . . The Southern Dist. Conf. on Feb. 20 had R. Oke, B. V. Coventry and C. H. Dow as speakers.

FOUR DECISIONS

(Ascot Park, S.A.). On March 10 four young people made the confession of faith, Alison Crowley, Mark McAllister, Rodney Mace and Dianne Wilkinson. These with Paul McAllister and Karl Braithwaite will join a discipleship class in preparation for baptism . . . A working bee erected most of the framework of the new class room, on foundations that had been put in previously. Work was also started on painting the church building . . . Harvest Thanksgiving services were held on March 10. A good display of fruit and groceries was arranged by Mrs. Wil-kinson. The B.S. also contributed to the display . . . Mr. McAllister has to enter hospital for surgery. Mrs. Outlaw has not been well for some time.

SALVAGE DRIVE

(Koongarra Pk., S.A.). The Boys' Brigade have held a salvage drive to raise funds to buy equipment for their growing company . . . The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Grace Klau. The contribution made by Mrs. Klau demonstrated her love and devotion to Christ and his Church . . . The B grade tennis team came first in their grade. Working bees under the guidance of Tom Edge will see the boys' basketball court ready for this season. Three teams are being entered. Girls' basket-ball club will enter five teams in the competition this year.

LOSS OF SECRETARY

(Unley, S.A.). At the church business meeting the chairman, Sir Phillip Mes-sent, and other members spoke in glowing terms of the work of Lindsay Boves as church secretary for 11 years. Unfortunately, pressure of work has made it necessary for Mr. Boves to give up this exacting position, and one of our young members, C. R. Lomman, has

been appointed secretary . . . The Mann family, associated with Churches of Christ for 70 years, has suffered bereavement in the death of Miss Gertrude Irene Mann. Miss Mann was well known in Adelaide as a teacher at Muirden College for many years, then as Principal of Miss Mann's Business College. She helped in the education of many young people, who remember her with affection and gratitude . . . Mrs. R. V. Holmes and Mrs. E. V. Lawton represented Unley at Women's Camp on March 2-3 at Longwood . . . Mr. Holmes attended the Magarey Lec-tures at Longwood Camp. The Holmes twins (Lindsay and Noel) both passed the recent Leaving examination in six subjects.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

(Port Pirie, S.A.). Guest speakers at the Harvest Festival services on Feb. 25 were R. S. A. McLean and O. Clark of Kadina . . . Mr. Paddick represented the Temperance Alliance on Feb. 18 . . . A church life conference is planned for March. A J.C.E. has been formed.

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MISSIONARY VISITOR

(Inverell, N.S.W.). A Christian Wo-men's Convention was held on March 12 when 200 women heard Miss Jean Rad-don, the guest speaker and missionary from the Nepal Evangelistic Band. Miss Raddon also addressed a large gather-ing in the Red Shield Centre . . . Barry Potter, from W.E.C., Qld., visited Inver-ell to speak of spiritual needs in Japan, a cultural and affluent country. He showed scenic slides of Japan and slides depicting the ugly heathen wor-ship and practices in that land. He leaves in April to begin missionary work there . . . The Women's World Day of Prayer service was addressed by Mrs. Morris (S. Army). . . Preparations are well in hand for the coming Billy Graham Crusade. Cottage prayer meet-ings have commenced, a choir has been formed, and many are being contacted and prayed for in anticipation of a mighty working of the Holy Spirit dur-ing the Australian crusade.

STUDENT WELCOMED

(Kingsford, N.S.W.). We are pleased to have college student Barry Brown as student minister this year, and also welcome his wife and daughter . . . With preparation for the Graham Crusade becoming intensified, 5-minute talks will be given each Sunday morn-ing by different members of the Cru-sade Cabinet . . . Speaker on March 10 was Kevin Crawford. M. Morton, who came to us from Matraville Baptist some years ago, has returned to that fellowship. We appreciate his help dur-ing his stay with us.

NEWCASTLE L.I.F.E.

(N.S.W.). Under the guidance of the N.S.W. Dept. of H.M. and Evang. a "Lay Institute For Evangelism" was conducted at Newcastle, Feb. 16, 17, 18. The venue was the Hamilton church and all congregations of the district shared in the presentation led by Kevin E. Crawford (Director of H.M. and Evang.) and Ken L. Baker (N.S.W. Conf. Sec.). On the Sunday afternoon, the group put into practice some of the principles learned in a "door-to-door" visitation in the immediate area.

"FOCUS" — AND THE BAPTISTS

(N.S.W.). The N.S.W. Dept. of Chris-tian Educ. announces that after many months of helpful negotiations our widely-circulating youth magazine "Focus" has now been officially accepted by the N.S.W. Baptist Youth Council as their magazine also.

This move in co-operation will bring in its train some modifications which make the paper generally more accept-able and a much improved medium of Christian communication. Thus—

(1) The advertisements will be re-moved to an "insert."

A BUSY LOT

(Burwood, N.S.W.). It was an apt re-mark by a near neighbour of Burwood chapel, "They are a busy lot over there." Usual local activities plus intense organisation for the Graham (Sydney) Crusade create a problem of finding sufficient accommodation for the num-erous meetings of committees and sub-committees. We welcome the ministry of R. M. Wilson who came in Feb-ruary for a 12 month interim period. The B.S. had its 48th anniversary ser-vices on March 10. Franklyn Elliott (Carlingbah) was guest speaker . . . C.W.F. conducted a stall at the Boys' Home Fete and realised \$80 for the home. They were hosts to the B. & F. Bible Society Women's World Day of Prayer recently . . . A dedicated "Cabi-net" is supervising the several pre-and-post-Crusade organisations.

TRAVELLERS RETURN

(Murwillumbah, N.S.W.). Elder Russ Goode has returned after a world cruise of 12 months, and Anne Thomp-son is back from America where she was a Rotary Exchange student for 12 months . . . Kenmore College student, Barry Cutchie, who travels from Bris-bane to Murwillumbah each weekend, has accepted an invitation to serve as full-time minister for 1969-70. He is in his final year at college . . . Mr. and Mrs. F. Brown are home after their long illness in Brisbane . . . We have now started a Church of Christ service in the C.W.A. Hall at Tweed Heads. 27 adults and five children attended the first service. Graham Poulson from Kenmore College conducts the service. Please pray for this new church.

(2) Up to two pages of Baptist Youth writers will share in each issue.

(3) Harvey Volke, assistant editor to the "Australian Baptist" will join the editorial panel.

(4) Larger and wider outlet should also make for additional improvements in journalistic contributions, both in breadth of vision and in spiritual depth.

The beneficial effect of this increasing sense of fellowship with our Baptist friends will surely become more and more evident as the experiment devel-ops.

VISIT FROM DIRECTOR

(Taree, N.S.W.). The church welcomed the Youth Director, Bruce Armstrong, his wife and family, on March 10. Mr. Armstrong conferred with B.S. teachers and staff. He spoke at both services and met B.S. workers in the afternoon.

N.S.W. C.W.F.

Both monthly meetings this year have been "preparation meetings."

In February, devotions were led by Mrs. R. Elbourne in word and song. Special speaker was Mrs. Hulme Moir who spoke of the preparations for the Billy Graham Crusade in April, and the part women can play to help reach the 91 per cent of all Australians who do not attend worship services.

It was announced that the special effort for a projector for the Chris-tian Education Dept. had amounted to \$880, and agreed that the 1968-69 special effort would be for Ashwood House.

Specially welcomed were Mrs. Beth Thompson, recently returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Val Main, in India, and Miss Rosalie Rofe, mission-ary from New Guinea. Also, Miss Kay Williams from the New Hebrides who brought a greeting from Aoba C.W.F.

March meeting fell on the Women's World Day of Prayer, and the pre-pared programme was followed as the devotional session. Mrs. Sheila Bloore, Fed. Pres., brought a report of the Australian Church Women National meeting.

The leadership of Mrs. Marjorie Els-more has been an inspiration to the women of N.S.W. This being the final meeting of her presidential year, she expressed appreciation of the work of her executive members and others.

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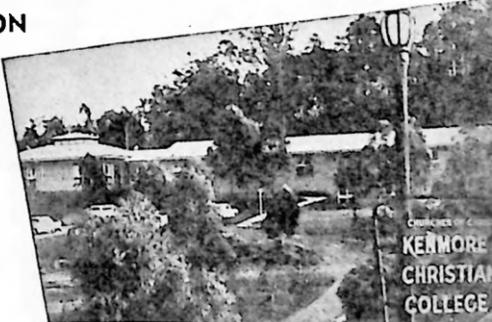
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Those concerned are requested to note the special sectional sessions of conference. Ministers and Secretaries are reminded of their tea at the Brotherhood Centre on Monday, April 22 at 5.45 p.m. (subscription 60c). Ministers' Seminar, at Monbulk, will precede conference, April 17-20, and their conference will be held in the Brotherhood Centre all day on Tuesday, April 23 commencing 9.45 a.m. College of the Bible Old Boys' Club members are reminded of their annual get-together and business session in the Brotherhood Centre on Tuesday, April 23 at 5.30 p.m. The Women's Annual Conference will be held all day at St. Kilda Town Hall on Wed., April 24. All men of the churches are invited to share in a new conference function, the Christian Men's Fellowship Tea and Annual Meeting, to be held in Coles' cafeteria at 5.45 p.m. on Friday, April 26. Subscription \$1.

Conference Executive looks for the full support of all church boards, congregations and individual members for the "different" service at this conference—the United Gospel Witness in the Melbourne Town Hall on Sunday, April 21, 7 p.m. with a recital on the magnificent Town Hall organ by Glen S. Witham, of Hamilton.

G. K. Moyes, of Cheltenham, will preach and items will be rendered by the Churches of Christ Choral Society and the Essendon Part Time Singers. All are urged to make this service a vital Christian witness in the civic centre of Melbourne to the community.

YOUTH SERVICE

(Prospect, S.A.). The first youth service for the year featured a male quartet. The Y.P. are supporting the Longwood Chapel . . . The D Grade afternoon team won the tennis premiership, being undefeated . . . The minister, E. O. Stevens, has been formally inducted as an Industrial Chaplain . . . Our B.S. is nearing full strength again.

NORTH PERTH PREPARES

(W.A.). Members have assisted in the Invitation Blitz for the Leighton Ford Crusade. The minister, J. K. Robinson, is giving a series of messages on the Will of God . . . S.S. scholars enjoyed their picnic at Manners Hill Park . . . Recent speakers have been Geo. Smith, T. D. Maiden (Conf. Pres.), K. J. Patterson and R. Vincent.

CATHEDRAL CAMP

(Chelsea, Vic.). A number of Explorer boys camped at Cathedral Range . . . Ladies' Evening Fellowship featured a demonstration by Korbond Ltd. . . . Fifteen members of C.W.A.F. attended

VERA BLAKE REMEMBERED

By her own expressed wish, the funeral of Mrs. Price, formerly Vera Blake, who died in January this year, was of a private nature.

A service of remembrance at Gardiner (Vic.) therefore gave many the opportunity of honouring this former missionary to India, and member of this church.

H. J. Patterson who came to Glen Iris in 1913, the year in which Miss Blake also came there as a missionary student, was chairman of the occasion.

Margaret Fletcher, who with Alan her husband, is about to go to the New Hebrides after former service in New Guinea, read the scriptures.

Written recollections from Mrs. McCann and R. Bolduan were read to the gathering. Mrs. McCann referred especially to Miss Blake's days at Glen Iris and Gardiner and the choice of her for support by the Victorian women. Mr. Bolduan recalled Miss Blake's great influence among Indian women and girls, her generosity and trust, and her near approach to the "ideal" missionary.

A. Searle told of Vera Blake's baptism at South Yarra and subsequent connection with that church for which she had an enduring affection.

Mrs. Dorothy Heard, late of India, spoke of Vera Blake as Mrs. Price in the time in which she was at the hostel in Glen Iris, and of her character, efficiency and influence there.

Dr. Oldfield in an appraisal of Vera Blake, the missionary, attributed much of the basis of our Indian work to her, referring to the "boardings" for children and the work of "Bible-women"

the Belgrave Heights Women's Convention . . . C. McRae is recovering from effects of a slight stroke . . . The minister, Malcolm Gaskin, led at C.Y.F. camp at Inverloch . . . Recent speakers have been Allan Avery and Howard Barnden.

THE HARVEST

(Loxton, S.A.). The gifts of packed foods and fresh fruit brought by church members and S.S. scholars made an attractive display for our Harvest Thanksgiving services. Mr. R. Brown was speaker . . . Roger Brown led the P.S.A. on Feb. 11. It was attended by folk from Loxton, Barmera and Moorook.

YOUTH EMPHASIS

(Victor Harbour, S.A.). On March 10 there was special emphasis on youth. A choir sang at the morning service, and there were special items by youth at night . . . The Women's World Day of Prayer service was held in our chapel. Mrs. F. May gave the address . . . The A.B.I. students are back in attendance after the holidays.



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in the villages which made possible the work of the missionary. He, too, acknowledged the personal qualities of this devoted woman.

The prayers of thanksgiving and intercession were by K. Clinton, at present ministering at Gardiner, and N. Gilmore, chairman of the Overseas Department.

Miss Blake's last days were at The Patch (Vic.) where in the fellowship of the church and its homes she was peaceful and very content.—A.B.W.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

(Morwell, Vic.). Accreditation courses were conducted at the Church of Christ by Miss Temple of the C.C.E.S. on March 4 and 5. Church ladies provided morning tea and assisted with lunch. People came from many towns throughout the district with up to 35 at one session . . . A teachers' and auxiliary leaders' dedication service was held on Feb. 18. A church family picnic at Cowwarr Weir attracted many . . . From the Harvest Thanksgiving services on March 3 produce was sent to the College of the Bible. Mrs. B. Whyatt and Mrs. J. Skerry sang a duet.

HAMPTON BAPTISM

(Vic.). A baptismal service was held on Feb. 18 . . . The youth fellowship was commenced with meetings after evening service . . . The Boys' Club re-formed after a long break . . . The cricket club reached the finals in B Grade Moorabbin District.

ADDITIONS AT THOMSON

(Vic.). Three young men have been received into membership following recent baptisms, and a married woman after restoration . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Curtis have transferred from Brighton Gardens, S.A., and are already assisting in the work . . . R. A. Banks has completed his second year as part-time minister to Thomson and has accepted a call for another 12 months. . . Cheryl Simper has, with her parents, worked with the S.S. since its commencement in the Thomson area; and also a Girls' Club leader, is soon to marry David Seiffert . . . Church and S.S. picnic was held at Indented Heads on Labour Day.

WESTERN VISITOR

(Malvern, Vic.). Bill Gaunson, minister of Northam, W.A., was guest preacher on Feb. 4 . . . The cricket club has reached the finals in South Suburban competition . . . Soloists have included Jean Milne, Mac. and Eva Woff, Mrs. Beryl Killmier, Dr. Killmier, Robert Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Dewildt and Dulcie Gray . . . Duncan Crockett spoke to the young people on Feb. 18 . . . Mrs. Pfeifer and Mrs. Carrick have undergone surgery.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

(Bentleigh, Vic.). A missionary convention led by Rev. Neville Horn of the "Back to the Bible" broadcasts, concluded on March 3. Sister Joan Wells of S.I.M. from Ethiopia, Shirley and Russell Robotham, of P.I.V.M., India, and Margaret Wells and Margaret Mathieson, of S.I.L., New Guinea, missionaries on furlough, spoke during the week of their work in the field. Three of the girls are members of this church. On March 2 at a basket tea,

PLANS FOR YEAR

(Parkdale, Vic.). A special meeting of officers and auxiliary leaders was held to make plans for the year with special provision for friendship and evangelistic visitation . . . Two of the four tennis teams reached the finals. The courts are being relaid with a porous surface . . . B.S. prize-giving was held on March 3 after being postponed a week due to heat wave. B.S. picnic was held at the zoo.

BACK TO MISSION

(Box Hill, Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wurst, with their son Paul, returned to the New Guinea Mission Field after their time of furlough. Mrs. Wurst (nee Duffin) gave a comprehensive and interesting talk at C.W.F. . . . One lad has made his decision . . . All groups of Explorer Boys' Club had good recommendation with large attendances . . . John Clark, home from Vietnam, spoke at Men's Fellowship . . . Monthly consecration meeting of Y.P.C.E. held at home of John Davis . . . Harvest Thanksgiving on March 3 benefited the C.O.B. . . . Mrs. Broussard has been promoted to Deputy Matron at Austin Hospital . . . Ian Mullen is Student Asst. to Black Rock church . . . David Carter in hospital with two broken legs after being struck by a "hit and run" driver. Miss Cameron has transferred to W.H.C. Nursing Home.

LOSS AT YARRAWONGA

(Vic.). The church is saddened by the death of H. Walker, a faithful and loyal member almost from the commencement of the work here . . . Two Senior Bible Class girls have made decisions, and been baptised. They have both been added to the B.S. staff . . . The church is participating in the Billy Graham campaign. The North Eastern Dist. Rally was held on the foreshore of the lake at Yarrowonga . . . Both J.C.E. and I.C.E. won their competitions and the Juniors won the shield for last year.

Caryl Dahl, Roslyn Williams and Brenda Brown reported the activities of "Jungle Camp" held in Adelaide, and conducted by Church of Christ Overseas Mission. The meeting to follow was addressed by A. Fletcher, Church of Christ Mission, New Guinea. Soloists were Mrs. N. Stott, Mrs. Frances Myors and Miss Jean Milne. There were responses to the invitation for first decision and for dedication towards full time service. At the close of the convention, faith promises for missionary work have so far amounted to \$4,000 for the coming year.

LEADER MOVES

(Moreland, Vic.). Peter Blain has retired as secretary of the church on moving to another district. Appreciation of his services rendered was recorded . . . The young people spent Feb. 16-18 at the Anglesea National Fitness Camp. Six young people from Ballarat joined in. On Feb. 25 the youth group summarised the camp discussions at the evening service . . . Every month the first evening service will be taken by the young people.

VISIT BY LEADERS

(Springvale, Vic.). The officers and elders recently visited all church members to discuss renewed commitment and stewardship. Campaign reports showed much interest and benefit . . . The minister, K. Turner, has settled in well. There have been three decisions this year . . . The B.S. picnic was held at Frankston . . . C.W.F. (afternoon group) was visited by the Pres., Mrs. Beryl Ferguson, on Feb. 28 . . . The C.M.F. arranged a fishing trip at Rosebud on March 11 . . . The church regrets the loss of two families from the congregation: Mr. and Mrs. Hart, and Mr. and Mrs. Diggins.

PREPARED BAPTISTERY

(Peel St., Ballarat, Vic.). The church at Peel St., Ballarat, has decided to prepare the baptistery for every gospel service, for a trial period of three months. There have been several people lately who have requested baptism the same night as their decision.

In the first 18 months of Mr. Timms' ministry at Peel Street there have been 34 baptisms. The church has an evangelistic programme through printing, and has already sent out over 66,000 Bible truth tracts, assembled in kits, to all States of Aust. and N.Z. All aspects of the printing is done by church members.

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N.Z. NEWS

Death of J. W. Wood

J. W. (Jim) Wood, longtime secretary of the Invercargill church, and active churchman in many fields, died suddenly in January. Mr. Wood had wide-ranging interests in the commercial field, the community life (he was a member of the Invercargill Council and its committees) and in music. Mr. Wood was one of the members of the Conference Council of our brotherhood. His major work over the years in the N.Z. Churches of Christ had been with the Preachers' Provident Fund. With the late George Lamb he had been responsible for its development and success. He will be greatly missed as an untiring servant of his Master.

Changes in Ministry

A. Fittall has commenced at Ashburton, and C. Ward has begun work at Richmond, Nelson. K. Andrews has moved from Oamaru to Linwood (Christchurch). Sister Pat Russ (Deaconess) is serving the Dept. of Christian Educ. as field worker during 1968, and Mr. Rushbrook is part-time at the Mairangi Bay church, Auckland. Sister Phyllis Batterham married just prior to Christmas but will continue in service for 1968 with the Otara church, Auckland as Mrs. Harold Nuttall. George Sweet, until recently chaplain at Borsal, Invercargill, has been inducted as minister in a Methodist circuit, Christchurch—retaining his links as one of our ministers.

Welcome Home

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Kirby, home from Rhodesia on furlough, begin an itinerary of speaking appointments with the churches shortly.

Farewell

Dr. and Mrs. David Coulter and family, and a number of New Hebrideans

who have been in N.Z. training as nurses, laboratory assistants, etc., will be returning to the New Hebrides during March.

Centennial Celebrations

These are planned for the Canterbury District Churches later this year. C. G. Flood of Australia is to be guest speaker. Moorhouse Ave. is the "mother" congregation in this southern city.

Graham Crusade

This has been cancelled for 1968, but firm dates have been allocated for early 1969, when it is anticipated that Dr. Graham will speak, as originally planned, both in Dunedin and Auckland.

General Secretary

W. Harford has been visiting the churches on behalf of the Conference Council, in addition to undertaking the secretarial and administrative tasks associated with his office.

New Appointment

This writer commences duties as secretary of the Religious Film Society of N.Z. as from mid-March, after more than 10 years of service with the Home Mission Committee as director-secretary. The Religious Film Society is an inter-church organisation concerned with the promoting of audio-visuals in the life of the church.

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REPORT ON U.S. RIOTS

(New York). The report of President Johnson's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, blaming "white racism" for the city riots of recent summers, has been warmly praised by several church leaders and has galvanised three major denominations into action.

Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, president of the National Council of Churches, welcomed the "courageous" report. He said the N.C.C. would prepare and issue materials on the report in a nationwide programme.

Dr. Fredrik A. Schlotz, head of the American Lutheran Church and the Lutheran World Federation, stated: "Without legislative intent we are on the way to becoming a pseudo-apartheid nation. The Commission says if this trend is to be arrested, it will require from every American 'new attitudes, a new understanding, and above all, new will.'"

The Rev. Martin Luther King said the Commission members "deserved the gratitude of the nation because they had both the wisdom to perceive the truth and the courage to state it."

Episcopal Bishop Anson Phelps Stokes Jr., of Boston, chairman of the Commission on Church and Race of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, urged the report as "required reading" for Lent.

"Our spiritual reading need not be out of the Bible," he said. "Lent is a time to look at moral and spiritual issues, and there is no more tremendous moral

and spiritual issue before our country than this one of race."

The government's 11-member Commission, including a governor, a mayor, two Senators, two Congressmen and a police chief, warned that the nation is moving towards two societies, one black and one white. The movement can be stopped, the report said, but the hour is late. The nation must press simultaneously for "enrichment" of the slums and for racial integration, the report recommended.—E.P.S.

CHRISTIAN-MOSLEM TENSION

(Djakarta). Indonesian government officials here are increasing a campaign of appeals for religious tolerance between the nation's Moslems (90 per cent of the population) and its Christian communities.

Clashes between Moslems and Christians have been occurring with growing frequency since October 1967. The first incident reportedly took place in Makassar, Southern Celebes, where Moslems attacked Protestant and Roman Catholic churches following a report that a Christian school teacher had said that Mohammed committed adultery.

Later, a Christian cemetery in Padang, Central Sumatra, was damaged and coffins dug up. Elsewhere churches have been damaged and Christian clergymen have been stoned.—E.P.S.

ARCHBISHOP ATTACKS IMMIGRATION BILL

(London). Great Britain's new Commonwealth Immigrants Bill has been strongly attacked by Dr. Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury, as a piece of legislation which "involves the country in breaking its word."

The Anglican leader was among several churchmen voicing protests to the measure. His stand, presented in a statement on behalf of the National Committee for Commonwealth Immigrants, which he serves as chairman, was quickly seconded by John Cardinal Heenan, Archbishop of Westminster.

The new legislation placed restraints on citizens of the United Kingdom and colonies who hold British passports and want to come to live in Britain. The Bill is aimed particularly at the situation concerning the approximately 200,000 Asians who now reside in East Africa.

The National Committee's protest declared: "As the proposals of the new Bill concerning Asians in East Africa bear considerably upon race relations within this country the committee grievously regrets that there was not consultation about certain effects of the Bill upon the work with which it is charged."

The committee called for alteration of the measure on several points, including lifting of permitted entry numbers and removing a clause which was attacked as placing a racial classification in British law for the first time.

—E.P.S.

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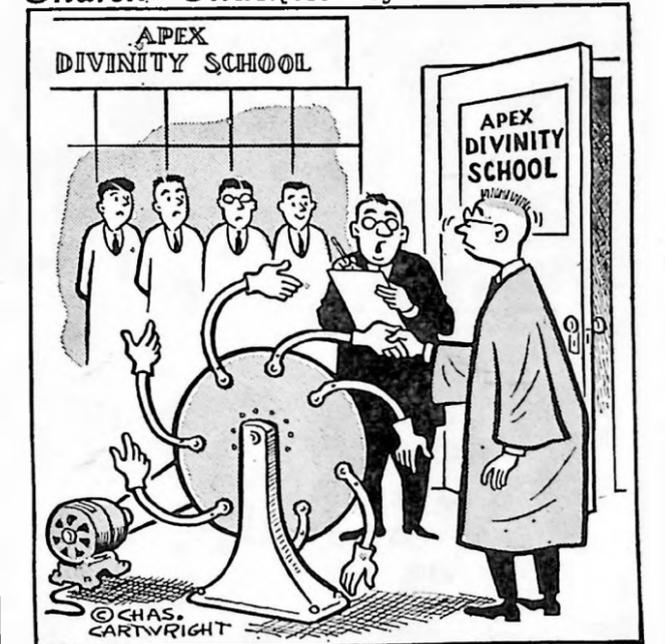
HERE AND THERE. On Easter Sunday afternoon, Jas. A. Wilkie will deliver the Victorian Conference sermon on the subject, "The Increasing Christ." . . . A. G. Saunders gave the main addresses at the Milang Jubilee, S.A. . . . The Austral Co. announce that Chandler and Clay have purchased their entire stock of the song book "King of Glory" for their missions.

A PROBLEM OF THE CROSS. We proclaim the fact of the atoning death of our Lord, and not any human theory as to these facts. It is a divine Person who saves us and not a theory, however good it may be, of the manner in which his death saves us.

LETTER FROM A CHAPLAIN. "On Dec. 1, I was sent over here to France to take Steele Craik's place, 3rd Batt., Auckland Regt., N.Z.E.F., France. I have been just three weeks now in the actual war zone, and am slowly getting accustomed to the ceaseless roar of the guns. It is not possible just at present to get right up to the trenches with the men, but very soon now I will be in the worst of it."—S. J. Mathieson.

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WHO SHOULD CELEBRATE THE COMMUNION?

by I. J. CHIVELL

There are two replies which I can anticipate to this question. There will be some who say it can only be celebrated by those who have been ordained for the ministry of the Word and Sacraments. I cannot recall the New Testament using the expression, "Word and Sacraments." Others will say, any one who is a Christian has the right to administer the Communion. Again, I cannot recall the New Testament saying this.

We had better turn to the New Testament to see if it says anything at all about the celebrant. In Matthew, Mark and Luke we have the record of Jesus presiding at the Passover Feast and following it with this new feast. He was the celebrant. In 1 Corinthians 11, Paul says "I delivered unto you that which I also received," and follows with a description of the institution of Communion. "I delivered unto you," is sometimes taken to mean that Paul not only taught them about the Communion as he had received it from Christ, but that he himself celebrated it for them in the way Jesus did in the Upper Room. He delivered it in word and in act. If this is so, then Paul celebrated Communion. Jesus did and Paul did. Who else? No one specifically as far as I can discover. The New Testament is silent. The Communion was kept but we are not told who led it. Have we any right to insist it must be an ordained person, or that the unordained can also celebrate it? What right have we to be insistent at all? If this church says only our ordained minister must celebrate Communion for us, and another church says we appoint two, three, ten, fifteen men from amongst our number to lead us in our Communion, who can argue with either church? Surely the important thing

is that we keep what Jesus asked us to keep. The unimportant thing is who leads us, where we have it in the service, the colour of the wine, the type of bread, etc.

Let me ask another question? Who administers baptism? — which is the other appointment our Lord made? I can remember "lay-men" doing so, but not these days. We have grown beyond that. It is invariably the minister who baptizes. Surely the same arguments, if there are any, could apply to the Communion.

This bothers me because in our discussions with other Christian bodies regarding unity, this question of "lay" administration of the Communion always arises. Have we any New Testament authority to say it is the privilege of the "lay-man"? No more than our religious neighbours have New Testament authority to say it is to be the sole privilege of the "ordained." Let me further ask—if this is a matter of expediency, and not of New Testament requirement, have we any right in maintaining a separate existence over such a question?

I come back to my original question—who should celebrate the Communion in the light of the New Testament teaching? I expect some of the Brotherhood machine guns to be heavily loaded with texts and directed at me. I am willing to consider every text that you can bring to my attention, but have the feeling that when all have been fired, I will still be asking—Does the New Testament say who is to celebrate the Communion?

P.S. I have just received the recent publication "In Christ's Place, Christian Ministry in Today's World," by Dr. R.

E. Osborn, Dean of the Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis (Bethany Press). In an appendix entitled "Ministers and Eucharist in the New Testament," he begins, "Does the New Testament provide evidence indicating that the public ministers of the Church presided over or served the Eucharist?" After examining New Testament passages, the Greek words used, historical references, etc., he concludes, "The virtually universal practice within historic Christendom of restricting the celebration of the Eucharist to the ordained ministry is to be justified (or repudiated) as a rule of order, for the sake of corporate faithfulness to the gospel, rather than as obedience to scriptural injunction."



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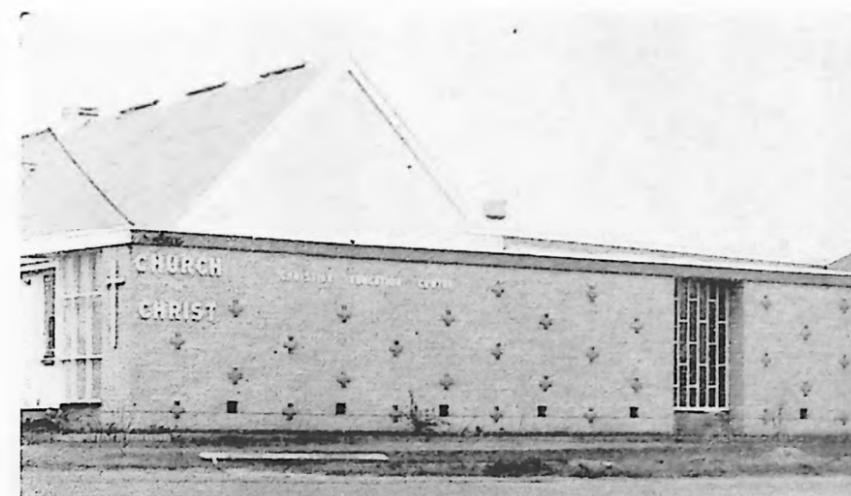
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FUNCTIONING AT PORTLAND (Vic.)



PORTLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST

In June, 1967, the church at Portland introduced a limited Functional Committee system of organisation of the church programme. Committees were formed to undertake the responsibilities in three areas—Evangelism and Outreach, Christian Education, and Worship. These committees have become positive and integral parts of the church's life and are contributing greatly to the order and action of the church.

1. EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH

This committee has the responsibility for the planning and implementation of a programme of Outreach and Development in association with the Dept. of H.M. and Evang. Kevin Harvey will direct the final two weeks of the programme at the beginning of May. A guest service has been held with a pleasing response to the visitation done prior to the service. Other guest services are being planned as well as early morning prayer workshops and mid-morning coffee hours in the homes. The coffee hours will be the "life-cells" where Christ and life will be talked about in the informal atmosphere.

2. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The first venture of this committee was the conduct of a book stall during the Education Week of 1967. Great interest was built up in the field of Christian literature for the family. Over \$120 worth of Bibles and books were sold.

The success of the book stall has led the committee to plan for a church lending library. Members are invited to lend books to the library so that they may be available for others to read.

Working in co-operation with the Committee for Evangelism and Outreach the Christian Education Committee organised and conducted a Church Family Camp for March 1 to 3. Whole families lived in at the Methodist camp site at Narrawong. In fellowship and study members were preparing themselves for the programme of Outreach and Development to be conducted over the next three months. Over 30 people

were in camp and many others came for part of the time. The studies on "The Church" were a challenge to all.

3. WORSHIP

This committee is responsible for the orderliness of worship and has already made valuable contributions relating to music, quietness in the sanctuary before and after worship services, ushering, hymn-book maintenance. A "learn-in" was conducted to give assistance to presidents and readers in the performance of their duties in the worship service. The committee also has the oversight of the service plan and the church preparation roster.

The positive functioning of these committees has relieved the board of

much of its work in programming the church life. More is being considered and accomplished than could be dealt with by the Board. Committees report to the Board before any action can be taken by them. The Board delegates back to the committees the responsibility for approved activities.

Members of the committees are entering enthusiastically into their areas of responsibility and so the work of the church is being shared by a greater number of the members.

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injure.



God did not make man perfect. He
made them pilgrims after perfection.



Politics would be all right if only
the politicians were not always so
wrong.



Definition

Backward Country: One where chil-
dren still respect their parents.



A certain parakeet amuses visitors
with this simple pronouncement: "I can
talk . . . Let's see you fly!"



Nothing is impossible for the man
who doesn't have to do it himself.



"What are these C's and D's on your
report card?" shouted Dad to Junior.
"They're vitamin grades," replied
Junior, without batting an eye.

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