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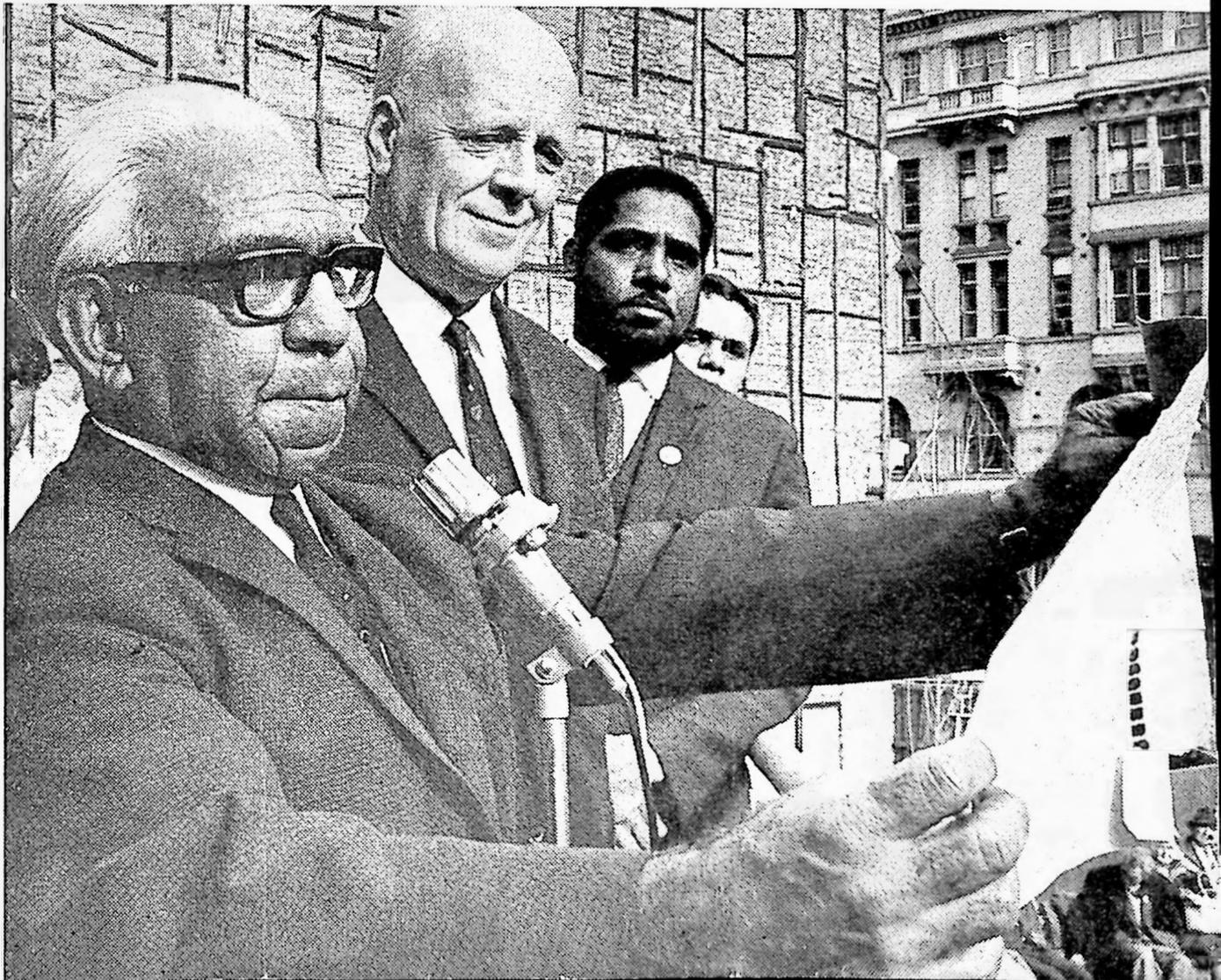
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Editorials

FROM THE FOUR CORNERS

GUEST EDITORIAL by E. P. C. HOLLARD
Publicity Convener of the World Convention

IN 15 months, members of Churches of Christ from around the world will be converging on Adelaide, South Australia. For five years Australians have known that the World Convention, 1970, the Eighth Assembly, will meet here. Committees are working quietly, choirs are already practising, but the local scene will possibly not burst into intense activity until early in the new year. Even so, every committee is fully manned and geared for action.

Housing a large volume of conference-goers is no mean task, and already the committee concerned has booked up 4,000 hotel and motel beds. Private homes will be the next approach. Halls and places for area and early morning convention gatherings are booked. In all, under the apparent calm some intense activity has been going on. The Australian World Convention Secretary, I. J. Chivell, has been to America to meet the Executive there, the World President of C.W.F., Mrs. E. V. Lawton, has visited other States and New Zealand.

This Convention will be momentous in many ways. The World Convention has never been a decision making machine, nor ever was intended to be so, but, it is a sounding board for the mind of the Churches of Christ. One of the amazing things is that within this Movement are varying opinions and expressions, from liberal to conservative, and all shades in between. However, there are "family ties" which maintain something of a fast bond.

One of the problems of our church life is the inability of machinery to speak on behalf of the whole. It is evident that this is done in some areas but it is not always easy to find or express a common mind. However, the platform of the World Conven-

tion is a sounding board for all points of thought to be expressed. Preachers from the conservative and liberal groups will bring messages for all to think about. In no sense could World Convention platform become a means of gaining support for specific ideas which might be separatist. Our brethren will make their statements and in so doing contribute to our overall thinking. We have men of outstanding ability to do this. It is expected that academics of note, statesmen of the laity, men of evangelical zeal and ministers from great churches will be preaching. To say that a feast is being prepared is an understatement.

The World Convention will make small impact if it relies upon visitors from overseas, or speakers of ability. It must find its real strength in the prayers and support of the people of our Australian churches. This is no Convention for the few, for it belongs to the many. Adelaide churches are simply expecting that their own brethren from around Australia will be flocking into this city. The Premier, Mr. Steele Hall, has expressed amazement at the magnitude of our planning and hopes. His Government has a dream that Adelaide may become the Australian "Convention City," and is prepared to give our brotherhood all possible support to make the World Convention an outstanding success.

Many of our people will now be planning their vacation for 1970, and it is hoped that thousands of them will make for Adelaide in October. The coming of so many will increase the thrill and the enthusiasm.

The churches of our world brotherhood, from the four corners of the earth will be well represented; it will be an historic occasion to which the churches of Adelaide will give their best; and the churches of our Australian brotherhood will be there.

We are looking for your coming!

HISTORICAL DRAMA REPLAY

MELBOURNE'S National Aborigines' Observance Day is not so ambitious or established as Sydney's but in the southern capital they made an effort that will doubtless build up into something significant in the future. In the City Square on a pleasant July day, many hundreds of lunch-time strollers and shoppers witnessed Pastor Doug. Nicholls re-present the Batman Treaty to the Aboriginal Affairs Minister (Mr. Meagher). I hoped to see this interesting document, but when Pastor Doug. went looking for it, he discovered that Mr. Meagher had carried it off. I hope Doug. gets it back, but the original treaty went astray also, especially in the honouring of it.

COVER:

Pastor Doug. Nicholls is seen reading the Batman Treaty of 1835 in Melbourne City Square. The Victorian Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Mr. Meagher, looks on. (The block was supplied by "The Herald and Weekly Times Ltd.")

It seems that in 1835, three Jaga Jaga brothers signed over some real estate to John Batman who was a pretty shrewd land speculator. Batman, in addition to a small down payment, contracted to pay to the Jaga Jagas or their heirs a yearly tribute. We don't know how it would have worked out because Governor Bourke, by remote control from Sydney, took the land for the Crown and the Jaga Jagas got nothing. If the treaty were to be honoured and the defaulted tribute paid, there is owing to the heirs of the Jaga Jagas, 13,400 blankets, 6,700 knives, tomahawks, scissors, and mirrors, and 268 tons of flour.

One thing came through loud and clear when Pastor Doug. read the treaty — Batman, at least, recognised the rights of the original occupants of the land to make a deal. He did treat them as persons deserving of dignity and respect which is better treatment than most of them got for 150 years. It is no longer possible to give back to the Aboriginal

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Who's A Saint?

By J. CARTER SWAIM

TIME was when Black and Whyte were pastors of the same church! At Free St. George's, Edinburgh, Scotland, Hugh Black, before he came to America, served as colleague of Alexander Whyte. When both of them preached on a Sunday, wags said that in the morning Alexander Whyte blackened the saints, in the evening Hugh Black whitewashed the sinners.

A generation ago it was common to hear evangelists speak of two classes of people—saints and sinners. Present-day awareness of the universality of sin has pretty well abolished this distinction. Since "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3: 23), nobody now supposes that there are perfect people to be set off against wicked people. It is a wholesome thing for the church to recognise that even the best of its members are "unworthy servants," dependent upon the free gift of God's grace.

Yet for the church to abandon the use of the word "saint" with respect to its members is to depart from first-century practice. In the New Testament saints are, quite literally, all over the place. We read of the saints at Jerusalem; "the saints that lived at Lydda"; those in Rome "who are called to be saints"; the saints in Corinth, Philippi, and Colossae; even of the saints in Caesar's household. Greetings are sent to several named persons "and all the saints who are with them." Christ's coming in glory will be "with all his saints." The letter which we know as Ephesians is, in the best texts, addressed "to the saints who are also faithful."

The Church does not now mail its communications to the saints in Albany, Annerley, Queenstown, Devonport, Hurstville, etc. What has gone out of church life that there are no saints any more? Perhaps it is our definition that is wrong. Webster's first entry under "saint" is, "A holy or godly person." Anyone among us who dared to claim that as a description of himself would find the rest of us reminding him of Jesus' parable of the two prayers. One man prayed, "God, I thank thee that I am not like other men." The man who went down to his house justified was the one who prayed, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

SAINTS ARE SINNERS—DEDICATED

Our difficulty may disappear when we realise that the Bible generally does not separate people into saints and sinners. In the New Testament, the saints are sinners! Paul's letters to a Greek city are addressed to the saints in Corinth—but, as the correspondence reveals, the saints in Corinth were far from being "saintly" in our sense of the word. Bickering was rife, and hideous forms of sexual sin were frequent. Jealousy and dissension everywhere ministered to the spirit of divisiveness. Paul writes to those saints: "It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and of a kind that is not found even among pagans" (I Cor. 5: 1).

How then can Paul go on referring to them as saints? Because in his mind saints were not perfect people, but dedicated people! Sainthood in the New Testament is not a destination but a direction. It is not an achievement but an intention. The Greek word translated saint seems to have as its root meaning the idea of being set apart. The emphasis is not upon those from whom we are set apart, but rather upon him to whose service we are set apart. Paul is "set apart for the gospel of God." It is in this that saintliness lies.

Being set apart for God's service does not of itself cleanse a man of his sins or cure him of his frailties, but it does put him in the way of receiving forgiveness and strength. At Hebrews 2: 11 the Greek Testament refers to those who are being sanctified. Saints are not sanctified people but devoted people. In this sense no one ought to be ashamed of being thought a saint, and the regular use of the term might help us to realise whose we are and whom we serve.

SAINTS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

One branch of Christendom has developed a specialised usage of the word saint. The Roman church has a process by which certain persons, officially recognised as having attained perfection, are given the title saint. By means of patron saints this church seeks to keep all man's occupations closely linked with the institutions of religion. A Nazareth carpenter is the patron of labouring men. In 1955 Pope Pius XII took advantage of that fact to strike a blow at Communism. May 1 was celebrated by Italian Communists as their Labor Day, but the Pope assigned to May 1 the liturgical feast of St. Joseph the Workman. Giving May Day what he called a Christian baptism, his Holiness said: "The humble worker of Nazareth not only personifies before God and the Church the dignity of the manual labourer, but is also the provident guardian of you and your families."

The Roman church tries also to keep its hagiology updated. Christopher has long been the patron saint of travellers. Christopher medals bearing the representation of a jet airliner in flight are now available, and it is reported that Vatican officials are in process of choosing a patron for space travellers. Most likely candidate is said to be St. Joseph of Copertino, a Franciscan friar of 17th century Italy. Tradition affirms that during religious ecstasies he floated in the air on more than seventy occasions.

A patron for the advertising industry has been hard to come by. Francis of Assisi was too poor; Dominic had recommended that people wear the same set of clothes summer and winter; Thomas Aquinas was too intellectual. In 1957 the Sacred Congregation of Rites chose St. Bernardino of Siena as patron of the public relations profession. Born to the noble Sienese family of the Albizeschi in 1380, he was, at the age of 24, ordained a priest, and thereafter spent 30 years inspiring great crowds with his oratory! The angel Gabriel has now been named patron of television.

NOT A TITLE BUT A DESCRIPTION

The question has recently been raised in various parts of the world as to whether Protestants ought to draw up a list of modern saints. It has been suggested that John Wesley, founder of Methodism; General Booth, the apostle to the streets and lanes and gutters; Cyril Garbett, late Archbishop of York; Robert E. Speer, missionary statesman, might appropriately be canonised. The fact is that in the New Testament the word saint is never a title but a simple description of every believer. The problem of the church today is not to designate some as saints, but rather to realise what it means that all are saints. That churchman was right who defined a saint as "anybody in the world trying to do his best with the help of God."—"Internat. Journ. of Relig. Educ."



THE "CHRISTIAN" GOES
TO . . .

A SEND-OFF



Every week in Melbourne's newspapers there are hundreds of jobs advertised for professional men and specialist tradesmen of all kinds. Some of them are for distant places where the salaries are high and the allowances are liberal. Not one of them is like this: "WANTED—Men to work in New Guinea. Turkish bath climate. Malarial swamps. Knee-deep mud. Salary nil, with double nothing for overtime."

Yet there were 22 applications for this kind of job organised by the Vic-Tas. Christian Men's Fellowship for the Overseas Missions Dept., and 13 were chosen. They came from three States and on July 12 at Gardiner church and at an unearthly hour at Essendon Airport on the 12th, twelve men and one lady were sent off to work.

Their aims are: (a) to build an eight-room house for the single workers; (b) erect a large dormitory for boys for a proposed boarding school and a large room for girls for library and study; extend the Chungribu airstrip to allow all-weather landing; build a sawmill at

Bunapas for immediate needs and to provide work for villagers; build seven 2-thousand gallon tanks and instal hot and cold water for Bunapas Paternoster Hospital. In their spare time the team will do all of the repair jobs that have been mounting up. do maintenance work on all equipment, go on evangelistic and welfare patrols with the missionaries, and help with meetings and services at the mission stations and villages.

The team committed to these tasks would delight any foreman's heart. They are enthusiastic, many have special skills, and there is a mixture of youthful zeal and wise maturity. Some are bachelors, others are grandfathers. Some are hazarding their savings, others may lose their jobs.

Let me introduce them: Barry Baker, an electrician from Ringwood (who has already served three years in the New Hebrides); Colin Lewis, production manager Brighton (he was there before); John McCrohan, plumber, Wangaratta; Horrie Read, orchardist, Doncaster; Frank Richards, builder, Doncaster (his second

trip); Richie Rowe, farmer, Kaniva; Bob Scott, carpenter, Parkdale; Ray Smith, builder, Bordertown; Mrs. Evelyn Smith, cook and feminine touch, Bordertown (Mr. and Mrs. Smith will serve for six months); Martin Suter, school teacher, Warracknabeal; Jim Ward, carpenter, Devonport; Frank White, carpenter, Essendon; and Norm Woodward, carpenter, Oakleigh.

Why did they go? Colin Lewis is back there for the second time and he must find it appealing. "Tell us, Colin, what's so special about New Guinea that you are having a second go at it?" "Well, there are a lot of attractive things about the Territory. There is the climate. In a few hours we shall be away from this cold, miserable Melbourne winter and enjoying something that is a sort of cross between a sauna bath and an incubator. Then there is the food, fresh and plenty of variety. Fresh from the can and the variety is limited only by the number of new ways you can think up of cooking the same things. Another attraction is the swinging night life—you nearly wear your arm off swinging at the night life that flies, crawls, hums and hovers. The mosquitoes up there have all the menace of the F-111 and they are already airborne. There are snakes and crocodiles to keep one alert even when you are tired out . . . Why go to New Guinea? To be honest about it, a man would have to be out of his mind to go back a second time!"

It is not only a matter of the mind, it is also a matter of the heart. The heart also has its reasons—to have fellowship with the missionaries who are up there all of the time, and with the New Guineans—the New Guineans who are the real target of the team, to share with them the ongoing Christian message of love and goodwill.

Frank Richards is boss-man, and a nicer, sweeter, tougher army-sergeant type of boss you wouldn't hope to find. He has been given the men, the materials, and the tools, and you can reckon on the job being done, done well, and done on time.

Frank has been deeply moved by the response of those who volunteered and also the help given by those who did not go, but are also in the team. One man phoned and offered to supply the tools, and on learning that a letter that morning had done just that, changed his gift to a chain-saw. A family promised \$200 and gave \$300. Another family donated \$200. Other gifts of money, machinery, and equipment have met every need.

In a few short weeks our mission work in the Territory will be advanced years beyond the capacity of the spare time endeavours of the missionaries on the field. Because it will free the missionaries for other tasks, the work team we farewelled are a real part of the evangelistic, teaching, and healing ministry of our churches in overseas missions.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE PATCH (Vic.)

9.30 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

11 a.m.—WORSHIP

Preacher: K. TURTMANN

A Friendly Welcome Assured.

WHITE PAPERS ON LIFE AND FAITH

COSTLY WALK Man is now "out there," and has left his footmarks on the surface of the moon. One newspaper called it "The \$25,000 million Footprint." It was certainly a most expensive first step and the cost has been severely criticised. American negroes were quick to declare with bitterness that with that kind of money much more worthwhile targets could have been reached on earth, such as relief of poverty in the world's richest nation. It is unfair to single out the moon project as a reason for man's failure to make the earth worth living on. One could as easily point to the social benefits that would come to all mankind if the money now spent on cigarettes and alcohol were diverted to health, housing and rehabilitation endeavours. Or if the money now being poured into the insatiable jaws of war in Vietnam, the Middle East, and Africa, were used instead for the good of man. What is holding up man's progress towards man's good is greed, and arrogance, and a refusal to see in every other man his brother. It is man himself, and not the moon, that is the enemy of happiness and fulfilment. In the meantime, man will continue to advance into space. His progress out there and the significance of it will be limited only by the factors which have so far defeated him down here. He will not necessarily move nearer to God because he gets further from the earth. God can be found here and the true values of life can be developed here. It is the worth of man's spirit—not the cost of his equipment or his speed in miles that will determine his true advancement.

CHEAP DEATH In Queensland it is reported that old sheep are being turned out into dry, eaten-out paddocks where the sheep will be left to die. The graziers, caught in the worst-ever drought in the Longreach district, say that they cannot afford to feed them, nor can they afford the time and expense to shoot them. If the graziers are so destitute the government should help them to bring the ease of death to the hunger and thirst of the sheep, but one cannot help suspecting that the graziers are taking the cheap way out of their difficulties.

SPIRITUAL BLESSING A Roman Catholic priest has been granted a licence for a liquor and beer store in Kentucky, U.S.A. The priest, Fr. Sans, said that the store was a family venture and had nothing to do with his spiritual duties. It may be possible in our permissive society to make a clear distinction between the two, but for some of us it is like a policeman in partnership with bandits, or a doctor in league with a drug pedler.

VIOLENT PERSUADERS The Independence Day protests by demonstrators in four capital cities were frightening experiences. And they were especially pointless since it is as obvious as it can be that the U.S. is desperately trying to get out of South Vietnam. Those who practise violence or provoke it are adding to the world's problems not solving them. This is as true of the demonstrators as it is of nations.

IMAGINARY SAFETY Parents often spend a lot of money on protection for their children, but they always get what they pay for. Children's car seats are an example. Many of them cost \$20 or more but are quite useless in an accident. Some of them simply hook over the back of a car seat and fly off in a crash. Others are attached to bucket seats which are themselves hinged. Advertisers should not be permitted to claim safety for their wares unless a Safety Council endorses their claim.

C.W.F. GIVES \$559

(Mundalla-Wamboony, S.A.). A luncheon, supplied by the executive and attended by 29 ladies, began the Fellowship's annual meeting on July 10. This joint C.W.F. has an average attendance of 24 members.

A total amount of \$559 had been contributed and used for varying causes throughout the year.

Special projects included the clothing of an Aboriginal child, a family holiday for five arranged through Prisoners' Aid, and a wedding catering effort for the local church funds. All brotherhood departments had been included in the budget.

News was given on the progress of young people connected with the churches who have left the district to further their careers.

President of the S.E.D.W.C., Mrs. A. Leane, of Naracoorte, conducted the dedication and devotional session.

Mrs. G. Brown was the newly-elected president, with Mrs. L. Taylor, secretary.

\$560 FOR MISSIONS

(Grote St., Adelaide). Overseas Mission offering was \$560 the first day . . . Additions are being made to the manse to accommodate the Long family, extra room, shower and toilet . . . G. M. Mathieson, recently retired from Prisoners' Aid Assn., is now directing the work of "Birthright," an association giving aid to civilian widows . . . At Youth Gospel service which featured youth choir, Carolyn Cooper, fourth year medical student, was baptised.

ANGLICANS "NO," METHODISTS "YES"

(London). The Anglican Church failed to get the votes needed to join the Methodists in the first stage of a plan for eventual union.

The two churches meeting separately voted simultaneously on a plan which needed a 75 per cent majority to succeed.

It was passed in Birmingham by the Methodists who were holding their annual conference. They voted 524 in support and 153 against: a majority of 77.4 per cent.

At Westminster the Anglicans voted 263 for and 116 against: 6 per cent short of the required majority. Five bishops voted against the union scheme; 38 voted in favour.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Michael Ramsey, said immediately after the vote that the motion did not have the authority of the convocations and was lost.

Thus after 13 years of discussions and five hours of debate with half-an-hour of silent prayer, the Anglicans who initiated the discussions with the Methodists failed to give their approval to the scheme.

But in Birmingham, Dr. Harold Roberts who led the Methodists during the discussions, said the Anglican vote was "simply deferring" union between the two churches.

He predicted a similar scheme would be demanded by parish people within the next two years. He did say, however, "it will be very difficult at this stage to resume conversations."—E.P.S.

FRIENDSHIP MONTH ENDS

(Brighton Gardens, S.A.). New directorates of church families were given out and a time of fellowship replaced sermon on first Sunday in June. 23 barbecues were organised in homes immediately after morning service of second Sunday. An informal family service held in hall attracted a capacity crowd. A hot casserole meal, guest artists and participation by children were features of the night. A youth smorgasbord was attended by 70 young people in preparation for Teen and Twenty Mission. A double-decker bus took a capacity crowd on two nights. Hillary Phillips, and Mavis Phillips, transferred to Stirling for six months as part-time preacher . . . Planned Giving programme with Vic. Dept. of H.M. & Evang., booked for April, 1970 . . . Church office is functioning efficiently with three typists and two clerical assistants each giving a half day each week . . . Girls' Brigade featured a fancy dress and clothes modelling night with many mothers attending. K. Harvey is minister.

DECISIONS AT HURSTVILLE

(N.S.W., G. Chapman). Two young people made decisions in June . . . R. Aitken, student minister from Warrarong, spoke to the C.W.E.F. about the work he and his wife were doing at the Carnarvon Mission . . . Each month our minister, Grahame Chapman, is recommending a book to read and those who purchase them are being challenged in their Christian witness . . . The ladies are being led by Mrs. Chapman in prayer and Bible study one morning each month.

AT THE LORD'S TABLE

"The Acted Parable"



When our Lord established the fellowship of the supper he surely must have been conscious of the fact that we express our feelings towards each other much more vividly with actions than with words alone.

Thus offering bread and wine to someone is like offering one's hand—a national gesture of fellowship which anyone can recognise though few words may pass. At the Last Supper Christ invested this common ritual with a meaning that never fails to stir us when we break bread in his Name.

There is no special magic in the bread and wine and yet they seem so appropriate. The bread before us is just plain ordinary bread from the table of one of our members. Something solid and earthy which is of the plain substance of life. And there is the wine; the juice of the grape which is crushed—something more ethereal perhaps—which speaks of the spirit.

These are the things we bless and break and pour and give to each other, as Christ did. The imagery is clear. This was Christ's acted parable and week by week we re-enact it. Here is the life dedicated, broken and given for others, body and soul. This is the common life we share, the suffering, the joy and the commitment. The bond between friends who belong to Christ and to each other. Here God is with us. Who can be against us?—R. W. Fergie (A.C.T.).

PRAYER FOR BREAD

Oh Lord, as we ask your blessing on this bread we are aware that this is an act of dedication just as it was for Christ so long ago. Grant us the renewing strength which comes with the sense of belonging one with another to you . . . in whose name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER FOR CUP

Lord, we thank you for this wine, the cup of suffering which we would share with you in the life of this world. Instil in us the sense of excitement and joy which comes as we follow the Master in our life for others. Amen.

FIVE BAPTISMS

(Mitcham, Vic., E. W. Heard). Five adults were recently baptized as result of Graham Crusade . . . Three groups meet weekly to study "Education for Christian Living" series . . . Several delegates attended Camping Seminar, July 12, at Hartwell . . . B.S. Supt., Dean Wilkins, convalescing at home after recent hospitalisation . . . Proceeds of July trading table for Biafra . . . Ruth and Bob Corrie were farewelled. They leave in August for Sheffield, England, where Bob will further his studies. C.Y.F. and C.W.F. auxiliaries to which Bob and Ruth have given loyal service, combined to present social evening.

MICROPHONES DONATED

(Shepparton, Vic., R. E. Hillbrich). The C.W.A.F. held a successful Opportunity Shop in church hall and presented two microphones to the church for use with present P.A. system . . . 45 scholars attended tea after 5 p.m. service. After a film Mr. Hillbrich spoke to the scholars. Julie Harris and Una McGill made decisions.

MORE AGED FLATS

(Bunbury, W.A., G. B. Carslake). Work is proceeding on 15 more home units. 12 have already been built and occupied and there are 12 firm applications for the new flats. Plans have yet to be finalised for the building of the 40-bed frail aged home units by our Aged Persons' Homes Board . . . There was good interest in the Bible Society's annual meetings. Our minister is the new president, and A. Dean treasurer . . . A carload attended State C.W.F. Camp . . . Our half-yearly meeting showed an average of 88 communicants and \$120 offering per week to the local church. Plans for a friendship evangelism programme have been initiated . . . Three young men have been farewelled on entering the Army and Air Force for training.

VISITOR FROM INDONESIA

(Devonport, Tas.). At June G.B. parade, guest speaker was Miss Lyn Newell of Indonesia. John Gowman, Aust. Sec. and organiser of B.B., held leadership classes at which 23 local and visiting men attended . . . 33 from Devonport registered for camp at Copping . . . On July 5 a smorgasbord family tea was held. A dedicatory prayer was offered for Jim Ward who is one of the N.G. Work Party. . . Sympathy of church is extended to Robin McWhirter and relatives in the death of his mother.

STORY OF BIAFRA

(N.S.W.). Noel Flint, minister of the church at North Sydney, who recently returned after six months' service with a welfare team in Biafra, has been much in demand to tell his story. Mr. Flint was the special speaker on this vital theme at the N.S.W. Christian Women's Fellowship "Convention Day" held this year at the Wyoming church.

BIBLE SOCIETY IN N.S.W.

N.S.W. churches have again accepted the challenge of the B. & F.B.S.'s State Secretary, Rev. Alan Scott, to feature National Bible Society Week, July 27-August 3. Church of Christ representatives on the State Committee are W. H. B. Palmer and Dr. A. G. Elliott.

THOMSON ADDITIONS

(Vic., R. A. Banks). Wayne Gunn and David Seiffert received in on June 15 following baptism . . . Girls' Good Companions held a successful stall to aid their project for a mission hut for New Hebrides . . . A. Pigdon was guest speaker at the 6th church anniversary on June 29. Y.F.C. chorus and "His Ambassadors" provided items . . . Speakers on July 6 were T. Holmes and J. Small, both from Latrobe Tce. Mrs. Pope, Norlane, sang a duet, helped by a tape recorder, with her son as piano accompanist.

HOUSE CHURCH

(Burwood, Vic., G. J. Lord). During June and July house church group meetings were held. A series of six lectures by experts in mental health, medicine and education, designed especially for parents, is being presented by the church as a community service . . . Winter meetings have been at 4.30 p.m. Peter Norman, Olympic silver star medallist, was a recent speaker and brought with him a group of Glenroy Salvation Army choristers . . . Recent losses have been Mrs. Manley and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Williams. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Alan Baker and Mrs. Neil Wickham in the homecall of their respective fathers. Mrs. Jackel, Mrs. Beddoe and Mr. Ruff are still far from well . . . Two B.S. scholars have made decisions . . . C.W.F. group members are "getting to know you" at morning coffee in their homes.

YESTERDAY'S FASHIONS

(Preston, Vic., G. J. Crossman). When the C.W.E.F. celebrated its 17th birthday on July 2 many past members shared in the reunion and a fashion parade of yesteryear. C.W.E.F. Executive were guests and Mrs. J. Reidy led devotions. C.W.A.F. have sent a missionary food parcel to India . . . 22 girls of Good Companions were placed in zone choir festival . . . Y.P. have given \$10 for Janefield Chapel Fund . . . Mrs. Towers, Mrs. Humphrey and John Crossman are in hospital. Mrs. Stokes and Mr. Myall have returned home.

"SO SEND I YOU"

(Bentleigh, Vic.). On June 22 the M.B.I. Choir, conducted by Geoff. Myofs, presented the cantata, "So Send I You." . . . Rev. Neville Horn, director of "Back to the Bible," was speaker at both services on June 29. Mr. Pigdon was conducting anniversary services at Thompson . . . A representative from B. & F.B.S. was speaker on June 15.

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Interview '69

with A. E. WHITE
(Editor, "Australian Christian")

AUGUST 2 to 10, 1969

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

OPEN MEMBERSHIP

To the Editor,

"Open membership" came up at the midweek meeting on Wednesday. I'm dead against it. I'm not saying that others aren't Christians. I'm just saying that it wouldn't be consistent if we preach that baptism is the way into the Church, and then let others into our churches who don't see baptism as we do. For once I got up and spoke my mind, and I don't mind admitting I was a bit proud of myself.

The wife didn't come on Wednesday, so I walked home alone in the cool of the moonlit evening, going over it all again. I was thinking particularly of other Christians such as my mate from St. Chad's and young Joe at the office who is such a terrific witness there. And I wondered who made them part of the Body of Christ, and for that matter, who made me a member of the Church. Then I remembered a sermon our minister preached. He said that people are not made members of the Church by priests, or parsons or elders, or by churches themselves, but by God. He quoted, "The Lord added to the Church those who should be saved." (I just looked that up for you in my Concordance. It's Acts 2: 47). As I walked I found myself thinking, "So it is the Lord who made me a member, and made my Christian mates from other denominations members!"

Then it was that the awful truth dawned upon me. God practises open membership!

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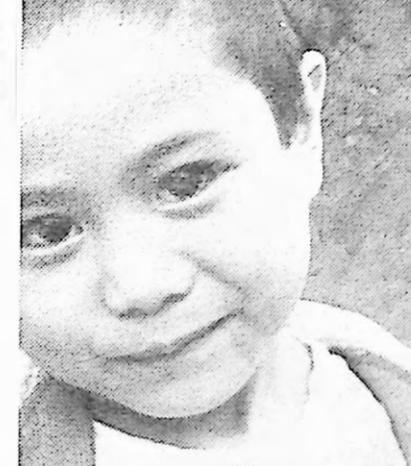
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On reading various articles and letters about hard-working ministers and their wives—and I acknowledge they are—I felt I must make a plea on behalf of dedicated laymen and their long-suffering wives and families. There are very many laymen who work long hours in their employment—and then bring home work at night and weekends. These men (and perhaps their wives as well) are out many nights in the week and are involved as church officers, leaders in auxiliaries and clubs, S.S. teachers, etc. What about the resentments, unhappiness and mental disturbances that result from lack of family life here? A great deal of understanding is called for and sacrifice must be anticipated and made both by ministers' wives and laymen's wives and a sense of proportion kept by all involved in church activity. Actually, I think there is a great deal to be said for celibacy for those choosing to serve in the church.

The points you make are very important. The demands made upon laymen and their wives and families are often as great and, maybe, even greater than those made upon ministers and their families. I have known laymen who, on top of a heavy working week, have accepted church responsibilities of such magnitude that they amount almost to an extra job, unpaid.

It is not beyond possibility that resentments develop from this strain upon family resources—a resentment first directed to the tasks that take away the man of the house and then perhaps against the man himself.

In this column I have often spoken up for the minister and his wife and have recognised the special strains that come because of long hours, emotional involvement in personal relationships, and a heavy routine programme of study, preparation, and administration.

I have also tried to say a helpful word about the layman and his family. There are times when one man is called upon to do too much in the church because others do too little. On looking over my files I note that three years ago I wrote

something that might be worth repeating. It was written about laymen and their families but applies equally to ministers.

"A husband and wife are equal partners in the church and in the home. Their fellowship with Christ in the church should make their home relationships more significant and more enjoyable. Their fellowship with Christ in the home should enable both to worship and to serve joyously and effectively in the church in accordance with their opportunities and abilities.

"In practice there are many difficulties which can only be resolved by finding a path together through all of the pressures of the home and all church demands.

"Some men neglect their church by over-involvement in the home. Others neglect their home by over-involvement in the church. Both extremes have un-Christian aspects.

"Our Lord would expect us to render unto our families the things that belong to our families. This means that we must give to our families the time

and the love that is rightfully theirs. It sometimes happens that a man, because of ability or opportunity, feels called upon to give a large amount of his time to church activities outside the home. This may be possible only if his wife and other members of the family accept greater responsibilities in the home. It must be obvious that such other members have a right to be consulted, and to have a choice and a voice in what is being done.

"A man should talk about his Christian service with his family. He should discuss with his wife his interests in the church and be a husband and a father as well as a church worker. People often make jokes about a wife who talks too much, but it is no joke if a husband talks too little.

"It is ironical that a man can sometimes be so busy seeking the good of others that he is unaware that the good of his own family is being jeopardised. By talking things over and sharing with the family, a man can find in his wife and children enthusiastic allies for Christ."

WOMEN OF THE WEST

Mrs. A. H. Walkington, President, welcomed 83 ladies from 24 C.W.F.'s Mrs. W. Robertson led in prayer of intercession.

The focus was presented by Allan Gordon from the B. & F.B.S. The theme was "Bridge Building Through Bible Society."

Bible study was led by D. G. Hammer from Phil. 4. The theme: "The Peace of God—The God of Peace."

Prayer and Praise Points:

1. That Mrs. Walkington was privileged to visit the Albany C.W.F.—the first time a president had had this privilege.

2. For the Home Mission churches at Wembley Downs, Rivervale and Manjimup as they seek to work and witness and seek guidance in their building programmes.

3. For the Federal Overseas Missions Board secretaries, R. S. McLean and B. Coventry, on their important missionary journey to Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, India, and New Guinea.

4. For the re-entry into India of Dr. and Mrs. T. Thomas.

5. For those responsible for the Christian Centres at Carnarvon and Norseman, also for the missionaries with additional responsibilities.

Action Follows Prayer:

o Your stewardship of time, talent and treasure can be used in the Christian Welfare Centre. Go and contact them.

o Second-hand sports equipment in good condition is needed on the Aborigine Mission Stations. Send tennis, basket and footballs, also tennis racquets.

THIRD W.A. C.W.F. CONVENTION

Twenty ladies, seven of whom were from the country, attended the Convention held at the Waterman's Bay campsite. Mrs. Jack Thorpe of the Norseman Mission was the guest of the women. The numbers increased to 60 on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. J. S. Bridge led the Bible studies from 1 Peter: "Chosen to be a Peculiar People" was the challenging address presented by Mrs. D. G. Hammer and "Bridge Building for God, Through Prayer." The message from Mrs. D. R. Manning at the Breaking of Bread Service. George Smith spoke concerning the Revision of the Liquor Laws in W.A., reminding the women of their responsibility and opportunity to share in this important submission.

Concerning the experience of weekend in camp the women expressed it this way. "These two days have been a wealth of inspiration. The glory of the Lord was poured out on every aspect. A wonderful time of fun and fellowship; we were most grateful to Mr. Blundell and his helpers for their excellent meals served hot, on time with cheerfulness and love."

—Dora Gordon, Sec.

ALLAN AVERY AT DANDENONG

(Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Avery and family were welcomed at a social evening on July 3, and on the 6th Mr. Avery was inducted into the ministry by Principal E. L. Williams. A special "Winter Family Series" began that night with the Part-Time Singers, an interview with Dr. Dorothy Moody, and a special spot for children in the form of a science adventure film. Evening services commence at 5 p.m. . . . K. J. Clinton's interim ministry concluded on June 29. In appreciation of his services he was presented with three books of commentary . . . 100 ladies attended the C.W.F. 40th birthday. Soloists were Mrs. Barbara Evans and the guest speaker, Mrs. Delatycki, spoke on the importance of good diet. Mrs. Muller, State C.W.F. Pres., brought a greeting . . . Explorer Boys have endured a 12-mile hike and shared in zone sports. The leader, Bruce Black, and nine senior boys are attending Leader Training classes at Swanston St. church.

SECRETARY FAREWELLED

(Caulfield, Vic.). A farewell after-church supper was held to honor Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lees who have left for New Guinea . . . There have been six recent decisions . . . On June 22 Kevin Berston of Qld., was guest speaker . . . Special donations were made for Overseas Missions: Evening Women's Fellowship \$40, Men's Fellowship \$10, Afternoon Women's Fellowship \$30.

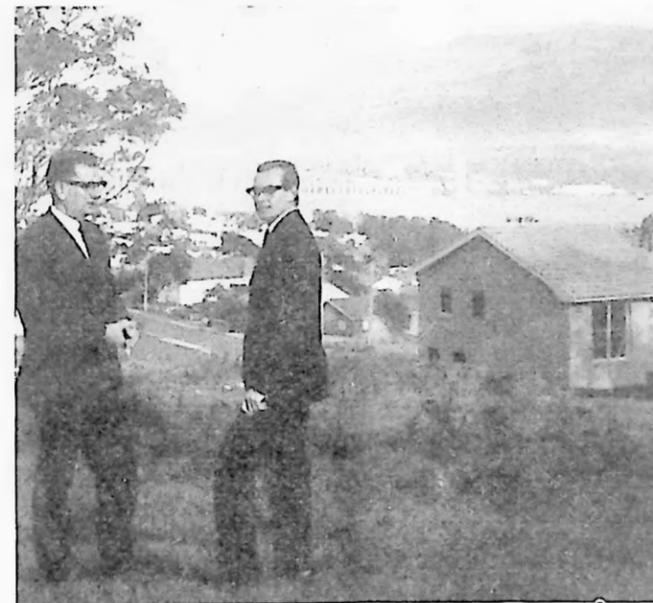
EXPLORER VICTORY

(Carnegie, Vic.). At recent sports meeting, our Explorers won Senior, Junior and Tiny Tots competition . . . Mr. and Mrs. Burness were welcomed into fellowship from Tootgarook, and Joy Robinson after baptism . . . Sympathy is expressed to Strother family in the death of Mrs. Ivy Strother, a silent sufferer for many years . . . Ken McColl has been home on leave from the Navy.

UNITY PRAYER MEETING

(Gardiner, Vic.). 31 attended a Christian Unity Prayer meeting in the home of our Mr. and Mrs. G. Thomas, and 17 of these were Roman Catholics (including two nuns). The Roman Catholics asked our folk to lead in spontaneous prayer, as they were not accustomed to it. All present felt that the shared fellowship merited holding such meetings regularly . . . On June 8, R. Powell told of our Indian mission work, and at an after-church service Noel Flint spoke of the food and medical aid team he led in Biafra on behalf of Australian churches.

. . . Dr. David Freibell and Mr. J. H. McCracken, a lawyer, have addressed evening services in the "preaching from the pews" series . . . The C.M.S. commenced on June 22, when Det. Sgt. Seedsman was guest speaker . . . 35 young people travelled by chartered tram to Essendon Airport on June 20 . . . A girl and a married couple, all Billy Graham Crusade enquirers, have been baptized . . . 28 shops in the district are displaying cards to bring people with problems into touch with our community care centre . . . The C.M.S. has pledged \$250 to the New Guinea Work Party.



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what we took from him. Too many changes have taken place with the land and the people. But we can treat the Aboriginal as a partner and with mutual acceptance and respect we can walk with him into the future that belongs to all. Kath Walker's poem, featured by the Observance Day Committee, has a message we must all hear:

*We who came late to civilisation,
Missing a gap of centuries,
When you came we marvelled and admired,
But with foreboding.
We had so little but we had happiness,
Each day a holiday,
For we were people before we were citizens.*

*We who had so few things, the prime things,
We had no policemen, lawyers, middlemen,
Brokers, financiers, millionaires.
So they bewitched us, all the new wonders,*

*Stocks and shares, real estate,
Compound interest, sales and investments.
Oh, we have benefited, we have been lifted
With new knowledge, a new world opened.
Suddenly caught up in white men's ways
Gladly and gratefully we accept,
And this is necessity.
But remember, white man, if life is for happiness,
You, too, surely, have much to change.*

There were some, but not many news media persons in the City Square for the Treaty ceremony. Most of them were at the other end of town at the Old Melbourne Gaol. There they were busy with another piece of Australian history. They were reenacting the hanging of Ned Kelly. And while Pastor Doug was representing the Jaga Jaga brothers, another member of the Jagger tribe, Mick, was playing the role of Ned.

MR. & MRS. HIBBURT MOVE

(Carnegie, Vic., M. Giezendanner). Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hibburt have moved to the Christian Guest Home at Oakleigh. . . . The Midgets and Junior Boys' Explorers won pennants at zone sports finals . . . Ron. Brooker was speaker at a family tea on July 6. "The Quinteens" of Box Hill, assisted at night service . . . Miss Sue Peck has returned from Hong Kong . . . Mr. and Mrs. McCumber held a jumble sale which gained \$303 . . . The Temple Day offering was \$834.

CHRISTIANITY AND SCIENCE

(N.S.W.). At the Austral church John Lackey, a civilian scientist attached to the Navy, and engaged specifically in underwater research, was the guest speaker at the Men's Tea and gospel service.

THINGS TO COME

- VICTORIA**
 JULY: 26 B.S. Teacher Training.
 27 Girls' Sunday.
 30 C.O.B. Winter School, 7.30 p.m.
NEW SOUTH WALES
 JULY: 26 Youthquake and Freshfaces, Greenacre.
AUGUST: 22-26 Junior Hi-Camp, Camp Greenhalgh.
 23 End 2nd Term Woolwich.
 26-Sept. 1 Senior Hi-Camp at Camp Greenhalgh.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
AUGUST: 3 "Speak Out" Youth Session, Grote St., 2.30 p.m.
 18 Junior and Inter Teachers' Workshop, Maughan church, 7.30 p.m.
SEPTEMBER: 1-7 State Conference.
QUEENSLAND
JULY: Don De Welt Mission Team 25-29 Townsville.
 26 Christian Education Seminar—Annerley.
WEST AUSTRALIA
AUGUST: 19 W.A. Women's Auxiliary Bus Trip to Mandurah.
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YOUTH IN ACTION

(Box Hill, Vic.). J.C.E. and I.C.E. distributing over 1,000 handbills appealing for used newspapers and they were able to make gifts of \$60 toward New Guinea Work Party (the church had already donated \$70), \$35 to the Foundation for the Blind; \$20 to Billy Graham Crusade Committee, \$50 to National C.E. Convention and a contribution for mission projects. In addition they parcelled and distributed 265 packages of fruit to patients at Box Hill Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. B. Marchant are leaders of the society . . . C.W.F. celebrated their 58th birthday with a luncheon for mobile patients of "Kinross" Hospital, giving each a gift and posy. On returning to hospital the remaining patients were entertained with musical items, each being given a gift, posy and birthday cake . . . Recent speakers were the student minister, Bob Morris. Neil Gilmore of Brighton church, Miss Glenys Barnett of C.Y.F., and Howard Weedon at C.M.S. . . . Ladies gave dinner for 32 members of Inter-Church Council.

LOSSES AT BALWYN

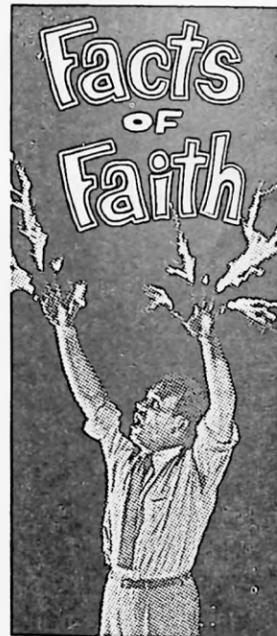
(Vic., L. F. Barker). The church has lost three of its older members, two foundation members, and Mrs. Hall, Snr., one week after her 98th birthday . . . Christine St. Aubyn was received into fellowship after baptism . . . K. Macnaughtan gave mid-week series of lectures on Israel . . . C.W.F. entertained Emmaus Rest Home with pleasant afternoon . . . C.W.E.F. held 14th anniversary. Miss Jessie Smith is new Pres. . . . Officers are taking monthly roster for care of S.S. after resignation of Supt. through ill-health.

STOPPING PLACE

(Bowral, N.S.W.). The church enjoys fellowship with many visitors, especially those from interstate passing through on holidays . . . There has been a steady number of declsions . . . The B.S. with D. Selby as Supt., is gaining numbers and the church building is almost full for Sunday morning services.

LECTURERS APPRECIATED

(N.S.W.). The Board of Management of the Woolwich College greatly appreciated the assistance of G. L. Chapman, B.A., R. B. Ewers, M. H. A. Pieper and F. A. Elliott, B.A., who conducted Dr. Elliott's classes during his recent absence in the U.S.A.



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TEMPLE DAY

(Kensington Park, S.A.). The Temple Day offering was \$320.51. Mr. and Mrs. John Stafford were guest soloists at church anniversary . . . C.W.F. conducted missionary prayer meeting after which Mrs. Wharton (W.C.T.U.) demonstrated making of fruit drinks and told of her tour of Japan . . . At Evening Group meeting Mrs. Dorne Stevens showed slides of her recent visit to Papua and New Guinea . . . Several of our members attended the Lay Institute of Evangelism conducted by Rev. Geoffrey Fletcher . . . At youth service on June 22 guest singers were Bob Pearce and Elaine Lees from Croydon. Song leader was Ray Kitto.

PLANNED GIVING TARGET

(Fremantle-Hilton, W.A.). The church commenced a three-year Planned Giving programme. A major commitment is the cost of erecting the Hamilton Hill (Hilton) church building . . . Fremantle Y.P. visited Mandurah on June 15 to lead afternoon gospel service. Doug. Cornish gave the message . . . Fremantle C.W.F. presented a devotional programme to residents of "Carlynah Lodge" on June 26. . . . Trevor Potter and Geoffrey Cole have left for working holidays in Canada. . . . P. Rees was speaker at Hilton morning B.S. anniversary. The younger children presented the afternoon programme.

BOYS AND GIRLS DO WELL

(Ormond, Vic., R. C. McKenzie). Good Companions won two pennants at their zone festival . . . New C.M.F. president is O. Reeves. A dinner was held at which Carnegie were our guests . . . Mrs. Flanders was again elected C.W.E.F. president . . . Explorers put up a very excellent display at the final at Fitzroy . . . Mr. Knee was re-elected as secretary and Mr. Cole as treasurer at annual meeting of church . . . 56 of our young people attended a week-end camp at Toolangi. . . . Many donations of money and furnishings have been received for our new hall which is being put to good use.

TARARA! WHAT! WHERE!

It is a motel situated on the Western Highway about 125 miles from Melbourne, on the outskirts of the city of Ararat. A close look will reveal that "Tarara" is "Ararat" spelled backwards.

Nothing remarkable about any of that, so why write it up in "The Australian Christian"? Simply because in the near future many readers of this journal may well be stopping at the Motel Tarara. For Tarara—pardon! Ararat!—will be the venue for the 1969 half-yearly convention of the Victorian-Tasmanian churches, to be held on the first day of the State Schools winter holidays—Saturday, August 23, 1969.

Hosts to the brotherhood will be our congregations at Ararat and Stawell, who are working together splendidly to ensure that past standards of welcome, hospitality and catering are equalled, if not surpassed. Headquarters for the Convention will be the Presbyterian church, on the corner of Barkly and King Streets, only a stone's throw from our own chapel in High Street. The first session will commence at 11 a.m. and morning

ANOTHER VOLUNTARY MISSIONARY



SISTER HEATHER CLINTON

While the 13-strong work party was settling down in New Guinea; a one-girl work team was flying to the New Hebrides. She is Sister Heather Clinton, who completed her nursing training and graduated at Austin Hospital, Heidelberg, Vic., earlier this year and has since been nursing at Heidelberg House.

Miss Clinton paid her own fare and will receive no salary as she serves with the Overseas Mission Board for 3 to 6 months. At the Ndui Ndui Hospital she

will relieve another nursing sister who is going on furlough. She will be working with Dr. and Mrs. Coulter.

Heather and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Clinton, worship at the Ivanhoe church, Vic., which has a special interest in the venture. The minister, E. W. Roffey, who is also Secretary of the Federal Conference Executive, represented the Australian churches by opening the hospital in 1965.

The brotherhood deeply appreciates Heather's generous action and we know that she will find her service rewarding in the good that she can do for the New Hebrideans.

DON DE WELT AT LISMORE

(N.S.W., H. C. Wheat). There were five baptisms as a result of the Don De Welt Crusade in City Hall No. 2. Average attendance was 118. The Member of Parliament and Deputy Mayor welcomed the team to the City of Lismore. Wilbur Fields' colour slides of archaeological work in Palestine were much appreciated. Meredith Williams and Tom Tucker spoke to youth groups and at High Schools. Don De Welt and Wilbur Fields both conducted sessions on T.V. and on radio. Thank offering amounted to over \$530.

tea for travellers will be served from about 10.30 a.m. in the Presbyterian Church Hall. Lunch and tea will be served in that hall and the hall of our own church.

The programme will comprise a morning Bible study session, an afternoon of touring both Ararat and Stawell with devotions (open-air if possible) at the latter, and an evening session of inspiration and challenge. The local churches will be glad to have folk stay for the week-end and will gladly book accommodation in motels and caravan parks or provide hospitality in church homes.

It is hoped that hundreds of our members from Melbourne and country churches will accept the invitation of the Ararat and Stawell churches and the Conference Executive to participate in this great brotherhood fellowship occasion. Those planning to attend are urged to register their meal and accommodation requirements promptly with their church secretary, to assist the host churches in their preparations to receive and cater for their guests.

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S.A. Women's Conference

The 183 women who attended the S.A. Women's Conference July meeting heard comments on the work of organisations with which we are affiliated. Miss Hammond spoke of the value of World Day of Prayer and suggested there could be a place in the service for extraneous prayer. The valuable work of Travellers' Aid was reported by Mrs. Bull. Help for mothers travelling with young children, families following fathers who have gone ahead for employment, women or girls delayed by derailment or flood and seasonal workers are examples of those who may find themselves in need of the services of Travellers' Aid.

Speaking about the Women's Inter-Church Council, Mrs. Rosewarne told of an active facet of church unity in S.A. The Winifred Keik Scholarship, Fellowship of the Least Coin, World Community Day, World Fellowship Day and now

Hospital Visiting Training are important activities of Inter-Church Council. After brief comment on the set-up of the National Council of Women Mrs. Crosby gave interesting comments on the work of its standing committees, whose main concern is the ongoing welfare of women and children.

Mrs. G. Simpson presided over this meeting and with a segment of reports from Conference committees it was a widely informative occasion. Mrs. McQueen led in worship and emphasised that "no man can make much of his life unless he has a very definite conception of what he is living for."

Scraps of wool and marmalade for the rest homes and curtains for Aboriginal families moving into houses in the town at Carnarvon were departmental requests at this meeting.

—C. E. Bright, Asst. Sec.

HOUSE CHURCH

(Ascot Park, S.A.). The second series of house church meetings was held on June 22. Members and friends were invited to meet at four homes for open discussion. Counting the young people who had their meeting at the church there were 70 present . . . 23 young people attended camp at Balaklava with the minister, C. G. Dredge, as leader. Speakers at home were D. K. Thoday and D. McDonald.

LOSS OF 20 SCHOLARS

(Goolwa, S.A.). At the annual B.S. meeting 46 children, 12 teachers were on roll. This is a loss of 20 scholars, mostly through removal. The church business meeting elected B. H. Slade, deacon; W. J. Burgar, sec.; R. J. Spencer, treas.; organist Gwen Reed; reporter "A.C." and auditor, A. Neighbour; news sheet editor and printer, H. E. Greenwood; B.S. teacher, Miss Ethel McKay from A.B.L., assisting B.S. at Goolwa . . . State Conference delegates are Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Greenwood and Frank Tuckwell . . . The church sports field opposite church building has been returned to council. Sports teams have been transferred to main oval. Council with help of church to plant sports field with suitable trees and shrubs to make picnic and playground area away from main street.

COMBINED PROGRAMME

(Hampstead Gdns., S.A., M. D. Williams). Preceded by a picnic at Parra Wirra National Park, we engaged in a four-week combined programme with Windsor Gardens to consider the questions: "How well do you communicate the Gospel?"; "How can we better share our faith with others?" The sessions were held alternately in each chapel and were led by K. Horne and M. Williams. Audio visuals were used to introduce subjects for discussion . . . The teenagers participated in a Prayer Breakfast on June 28 to sponsor the Teen and Twenty Mission on the local level. The Mission was well represented by Hampstead Gardens.

BROTHERHOOD SUNDAY

(Victor Harbour, S.A.). There is a steady increase in attendance, with a number making confession of faith. Brotherhood Sunday was celebrated with guest speaker, I. J. Chivell, also church tea discussion group and display of sewing done by the ladies . . . The C.W.F. entertained mothers and friends of S.S. children at a social afternoon . . . Mr. Williams from Government Mines Dept., was guest speaker at June meeting of Men's Fellowship.

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A few years ago Mandurah (48 miles south from Perth and 36 from Fremantle) was listed as an area for those who desired the quiet and solitude of a small fishing and holiday resort. Today it is a flourishing coastal town of "suburbia" type homes and growing small industry. (Every month building permits exceed \$330,000.00).

Twenty-five miles away (less than many Melbournians commute to work) is the giant industrial complex and refinery of Kwinana. Another refinery exceeding \$20 million in cost is soon to be erected at Pinjarra, 12 miles east of Mandurah.

New families are arriving regularly, approximately 60% for retirement, but the other 40% are families of young and semi-skilled workers. Noticeable effect is seen at the Primary School which expects to increase from 400 pupils at present to 500 by the end of the year.

Two or three times a year the approximate 4,000 population is multiplied 4-5 times by the influx of city and country holiday-makers. Naturally enough this increases the attendance at Sunday services.

There is growing participation by young people in church life, and the sight of other new faces is heartening to those members who after many faithful years were able, with Home Mission help, to call a full-time minister.

Visitation of almost every home in Mandurah has been the means of creating many contacts and establishing confidence towards our fellowship. At present a combined church census is under way which we hope is evidence of many further co-operative evangelistic and sociological ventures.

Along with the Methodist minister, regular visitation of Karnet Rehabilitation Centre, a prison farm 40 miles from Mandurah, has proved challenging and mutually rewarding. Inmates average in number between 120 and 140, 50 to 60

of these require rehabilitation for drink-offences.

Pinjarra has an Aboriginal reserve of eight houses. However, this and other small bush settlements reveal lack of experienced oversight, Christian or otherwise.

In front of us are many challenging opportunities and we look forward with faith and expectancy that we may be found worthy of our trust of the gospel.

—Ron Cook.

TWO AT MUCKINBUDIN

(W.A., J. F. A. Johnston). Two young people were welcomed into the church following their baptism . . . Two young men, one a S.S. secretary and the other a State School teacher recently gave the addresses at gospel services . . . Several families shared in fellowship at Merredin. Our young people's choir sang . . . Two ladies attended the Waterman's Bay Camp.

MORAWA BAPTISMS

(W.A.). A married couple were baptized recently . . . In the June Friendship meeting, a panel of three comprising the local constable, a teacher, and the minister, A. Anderson, discussed the subject, "What is Wrong with Modern Youth?" . . . The church was saddened at the death of Andy Drummond in Vietnam. Three members travelled to Carnarvon for the funeral . . . The minister attended the ministers' camp in Perth.

MOVED NORTH-WEST

(East Vic. Park, W.A.). Mr. and Mrs. G. Peddey have shifted to Wyndham in the north of the State . . . Dr. Reid, father of the treasurer, Alex Reid, died and the sympathy of the church is extended to him and his family . . . Following a youth tea the youth group took part in evening service. They played musical instruments . . . Ladies held an International Evening, July 18. Proceeds aided clothing for Aboriginal Mission at Norseman.

C.Y.F. GIVES DUPLICATOR

(Collie, W.A.). The church now has the use of a new duplicator thanks to the efforts of the C.Y.F. which raised over \$270 in three months as their 1969 project. A group of consistent willing workers have been renovating our North Collie chapel over the past three months. As a result a dedication service was held on July 19 and the building was declared open for use. We vacated the present building in Johnston Street and commenced services in the new chapel on July 20.

EXPERIMENTAL SERVICE

(Mundalla, S.A.). Under the leadership of W. G. Milne, a recent specimen morning service was structured to include a more definite all-age emphasis on family worship and participation, making it possible to eliminate the worship segment in the church school. It was felt that this approach has definite possibilities . . . A series of successful house meetings was held in place of the normal evening service on June 29. 54 people, 30 of whom were young people, participated . . . A Variety Family Evening, organised to benefit the S.A. D.C.E., raised \$67 . . . Seven young folk attended the Teen-n-Twenty Mission in Adelaide.

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PRINCIPAL STEPHENSON HONOURED

(N.S.W.). On July 14 present and past students met at Woolwich College. This function, arranged by the Woolwich Ex-students' Association, was to give opportunity for fellowship and to honour Principal A. W. Stephenson in recognition of his services to the college and the Australian brotherhood over many years. Maurie Pieper (Ex-Students' President) and Graeme Chapman (Sec.) made reference to Mr. Stephenson's impending retirement and spoke in eulogistic terms of his ministry and work in various fields of endeavour. During the course of the evening's programme presentations were made to both Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson.

SOUND SPECTACULAR WINNERS

(N.S.W.). A youthful "folk group" from the Fairfield Church of Christ, in Sydney, won the judges' award in the first heat of the Gospel Sound Spectacular, in the Parramatta Town Hall on June 1. Promoted by the Christian Broadcasting Association this is a talent quest for Christian artists. Calling themselves "The Folk Trio," the winners, who are all from the one family—Paul, Christine and John Grant, gained 207 points and now go into the preliminary final with the place-getters of the next heats.

MRS. R. HILFORD ILL

(Gulgandra, N.S.W.). We are praying for healing for Mrs. R. Hilford, at present undergoing treatment at Royal North Shore Hospital. . . Church glad to renew fellowship with Miss Judy Simpson, on holidays from teaching in New Guinea. . . The chapel has recently been painted by men and women of the church.

MISSION AT BURWOOD

(N.S.W., M. H. A. Pieper). The N.S.W. Crusade by the De Welt party is sponsored by the H.M. & Evang. Committee. By arrangement Burwood church acted as host for the Sydney Crusade in June. Crusade preparation included intensive publicity and visitation. We used radio (through Church News on 2CH); press advertising, and leaflet distribution by hand and by mail. Several metropolitan churches assisted by preparation programmes and delegations. On three nights overflow attendances were accommodated in the school hall where they were linked through closed circuit T.V. At the first session 250 heard Don De Welt present an address and answer questions on "The Eldership." On the other nights he spoke to non-Christians calling them to receive Christ in the New Testament way. His messages to church members here called for committed Christians in worship, in service and in witnessing. The visible results to date are seven primary decisions, of whom five have been baptized.

STUDENTS AT INVERELL

(N.S.W., Maxwell Hall). Woolwich College students, Roger Clark and Ray Smith, visited here on July 13. They gave messages and vocal duets, and shared in the monthly Teens' tea and fellowship. Slides illustrated the work being carried out by the faculty and students of the College. . . Scripture Union Week was observed during July. A Teens' tea in the Presbyterian church featured a tape by David Sheppard, "A Cricketer looks at the Bible." A morning meeting for the women was also held. . . At the churches' combined quarterly service the film on the life of Gladys Aylward was screened in the Inverell Town Hall. . . Ralph Julius was baptized on July 13.

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

Wyoming, 55 miles from Sydney, was the picturesque venue for C.W.F. Convention Day for 230 ladies on July 4.

Three buses came from Sydney and one from Newcastle, while cars brought women from Taree, Kurri and Nelson Bay to join with the women of Wyoming.

The State President, Mrs. Beckingham, presided. Mrs. Elbourne (Lane Cove) brought the morning devotions entitled, "Message in Melody," in a delightful and unusual way, accompanying herself on the guitar. Elocutionary items were given by Mrs. Murray (Taree).

Several women took part in a "Yes-No" session on C.W.F. work and two country fellowships outlined their year's programme. Noel Flint, recently returned from Biafra, told of the relief work in which he had been engaged while working with a team sent out by Aust. Council of Churches under the direction of Red Cross.

The Wyoming C.W.F. were most gracious hostesses.

—Rita Dickson, C.W.F. Sec.

12th ANNIVERSARY

(Murwillumbah, N.S.W., E. Holt). Dr. Jauncey, Principal of Kenmore Christian College, was guest speaker at Murwillumbah for the 12th anniversary of the church. Saturday evening was organised as a public gathering when 150 people heard his address on "Science and Religion Today." Local press gave good coverage. Annual Temple Day offering for 1969 was devoted to the support of nursing Sister Shirley Stewart, of this church, who is giving her services in an honorary capacity at the Ndul Ndul Hospital in the New Hebrides. Total received to date is \$284.

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BAPTISM IN HOME

(Pahran, Vic.). A baptismal service was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bunnett on June 28, and Arthur Bunnett was baptized. This was followed by a communion service, when special prayers were made for Mr. Bunnett's healing. . . On June 29 a combined baptismal service was held with the German Baptist Fellowship, and eight were baptized. . . The painting of the crying room and minister's vestry has been completed by voluntary labour. . . Mr. and Mrs. Powell spoke recently on the work in India. . . The Boys' Explorers have up to 15 in attendance.

RECIPROCAL SITTING

(Dareton, Vic. Conf.). Our service committee has initiated a mutual assistance community baby-sitting service, on the basis of an hour given, an hour received. . . Despite inclement weather, the church fruit block produced an average crop. . . Workshop services are presented each Sunday evening, the latest being an adult/young people "conversation" on the theme of National Marriage and Family Week. On July 13, a service of hymns, prayers, art, meditations and scripture paraphrases, the work of earlier workshops, was conducted. . . The C.W.F. has purchased an oil heater for the manse and has financed the painting of the chapel interior. The manse exterior has also been painted. . . The minister, M. J. Drake, is secretary of Sunraysia Conf. Two other Dareton members also serve, Mrs. Marion Waters as Women's Conf. Pres. and Jack Kerridge as Conf. Vice-Pres.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

(Cheltenham, Vic.). Additional 9.30 a.m. Sunday morning services have commenced and will continue each week. A series of Wednesday illustrated lectures and studies on the Old Testament, conducted by the minister, G. K. Moyes, commenced on July 9 at 10 a.m. in the church lounge. . . C.M.F. dinner and football club church parade was held on July 6. . . \$1,000 has been forwarded to support the church's outreach programme. . . 35 ladies of the C.W.F. visited S.E.C. Home-seeker Centre on July 3. 80 ladies attended the Missionary Group afternoon on June 26.

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WEEK ABOUT WORK

(East Preston, Vic.). The community project "Week About Work," introduced by the Preston Inter-Church Council of which chairman and committeemen are members with us, was very successful and continuing benefit is expected as follow-up work continues. . . Junior Good Companions won the district Choral Competition and gained highest score of three districts to date. . . Mr. and Mrs. A. Trengove) on a 4,000-mile tour of the Continent, are expected home in July. . . "Focus on Books" for three weeks has introduced much good reading material to members. . . C.W.F. are producing a parcel for use in Aboriginal Mission work.

TEAM MEMBER FAREWELLED

(Oakleigh, Vic., T. V. Weir). On July 6 a presentation was made to Norman Woodward before he left with the New Guinea Work Team. On Sat. 12, 24 people journeyed to Essendon Airport to see Norm off. . . H. Walpole, S. Lunn, R. Reaby and P. Ponter have once again made a magnificent display of produce for our Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday. Over \$100 worth of fruit, vegetables and groceries were distributed to the three Social Service Homes, Burwood Boys' Home, and the College of the Bible. . . The old manse has been demolished and the new has been commenced. . . Miss Ngaire Fraser has given talks illustrated by slides of the work at Carnarvon to S.S., C.W.F., C.Y.F. and others. . . The B. & F.B.S. District Talent Quest resulted in two 1sts, an equal 2nd and a 3rd from our S.S. . . C.Y.F. had excellent team from Y.F.C., indoor games night at Linton's, and the C.Y.F. Flying Squad. . . The church was represented at Seminar on Camping on July 12. . . A. Scantlebury has repaired many hymn books. . . G. Nash has returned home from hospital.

FAREWELL AT UNLEY

(S.A., R. V. Holmes). Prior to their return to India a brotherhood farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Thornley Thomas and family took place after evening service. Good wishes were also expressed to Overseas Missions Secretary, R. S. A. McLean, and B. V. Coventry. . . John Birt (footballer) spoke especially to young people on recent Sunday evening. . . After attending Teen and Twenty afternoon session in Thebarton Town Hall 50 came to Park Street Hall for tea. . . Lady Messent has returned home from hospital, and received a warm welcome at the July C.W.E.F. meeting.

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BRIGHT WEEKEND

(Richmond, Vic.). Twenty young people shared a long weekend camp at Bright with a group from Toorak Methodist Church. . . The presence of Dr. Whiting in the Young Adults' Fellowship after evening service has stimulated much thought. . . A C.W.F. group is now in operation and response has been encouraging. . . A joint student ministry is being given by Don McKay and Garth Nelson.

COMBINED EVANGELISM

(South Yarra, Vic.). On June 22 the church participated in "Sunday Night in Prahran," an evangelistic meeting organised by the Prahran and South Yarra Ministers' Fraternal. . . On June 29 a sing-song was held in the manse after the evening service. . . On July 1, Kevin Christensen, minister of East Kew church, spoke at the Y.P.C.E. . . Recent visiting organists have been Mrs. M. Smith (Melbourne), Miss Wendy Souler (Hartwell) and John Briggs (Oakleigh). . . On July 3 some of the church participated in the Home Mission Chain of Prayer. . . Club 13 had a display and demonstration on the making of jewellery from Australian gemstones.

MORE REMOVALS

(Colac, Vic.). Continued removals of members from the city of Colac cause continued concern. . . The sudden death of C. R. A. Boake, a beloved elder, has left a large gap in the work of the men. The members offer sincere sympathy to the bereaved. Mr. Condron conducted the funeral. . . The young people held a coffee night on June 15. . . J. Timms and family, from Peel St., Ballarat, led in service recently.

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All through the years he has been the quiet evangelist, the Bible teacher who knows how to let the Bible be in fact the voice of God, the writer who never tires of turning his pen into a match with which to light the fires of Christian faith and love and hope. One of his first converts was a Japanese soldier who had served in the Russo-Japanese War. At his baptism he was seized with such stage fright that he was unable to answer the usual questions. Sensing the situation, Dr. Winther said to him simply, "Do you love, Jesus?" To this he replied with a hearty "Yes," and cheerfully Dr. Winther baptized him. The man later became a pastor.

After World War II, when Japan was re-opened to the missionaries, Dr. Winther was among the first to return. As innocent as a newborn about "social security" and "retirement at 65," this 71-year-old was offered, and accepted, a position as a professor in Kobe's Lutheran "Seisho-Gakuin." Judge Takashi Tsuboike, prominent Lutheran layman, recalls the forward-looking eagerness with which Dr. Winther began his teaching responsibilities in the postwar period. "Until I shall have been kicked out at the school gate," said he, "I will continue to prove Christ's gospel and teach students." He is still at it.—Paul Rees in "World Vision."

ECUMENICAL HYMN BOOK

(Sydney). The Australian Hymn Book Committee—which consists of Methodist and Presbyterian representatives—is preparing an ecumenical Australian hymn book of about 450 hymns, psalms and other Christian songs and carols. It hopes to have its first draft of words and music ready this year.

The book will include hymns which are common to many branches of the Christian church, and it will be ecumenical in that it will bring together hymns which reflect the special Christian insights contributed to the Church as a whole by the various denominations.

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NEW DEAL FOR ABORIGINES

Creation of new Aboriginal reserves, the granting to Aborigines of control of existing reserves and of mining rights were advocated by Australian Council of Churches representatives before Federal Government members.

The submissions were made before the Federal Government Members' Aboriginal Affairs Committee in Canberra by the Rev. Frank G. Engel, and the Rev. Arthur F. Ellemor, on behalf of the Council's Executive Committee.

The deputation advocated that Abori-

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ginal affairs should be given a higher priority by both the government and the Parliament. In particular, it proposed that the Office of Aboriginal Affairs should be made a Department of State, with a full-time Minister of Cabinet rank.

The churchmen told the government committee that Aborigines should be granted corporate ownership and control of existing reserves in Northern Australia. They said the control of reserves should include control over mining rights.—E.P.S.

AVAILABLE MARCH, 1970

(Geneva). The complete New English Bible will be available in March, 1970, according to a joint announcement made by Oxford University Press and Cambridge University Press.

In 1961 the New Testament of the New English Bible was issued. Seven million copies have been sold. Translation of the Old Testament and the Apocrypha will complete the version which was launched in 1947 by the universities.—E.P.S.

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GERMAN CONTROVERSY

Pastor Suspended Over Infant Baptism

(Pfozheim, Germany). An evangelical pastor in the parish of Kieselborn near here has been suspended for refusing to baptize infants.

Johannes Weygard, 41, was officially "retired" on June 1 by the synod of the regional church. The action against him is believed to be the first growing out of a long-standing theological disagreement on infant baptism.

He will appeal the suspension to a church court. Mr. Weygard said church officials "know" there is little theological basis for the practice. "Infant baptism is not in the New Testament," he stated. "It's been developed in practice."

Feeling that baptism should be only for persons old enough to decide on their Christian belief, Mr. Weygard two years ago refused to baptize his infant son. Provision for such refusal had been set up by the Church in the Rhineland, but pastors were not given permission to

refuse to baptize the children of others.

Last August the pastor said he would refuse to perform the rite on any child.

Meanwhile, the Church of Westphalia has launched ecclesiastical proceedings against Tabea Ruddies, a woman pastor who has declined to baptize infants.

The controversy is traced to the influence of Karl Barth, the late Swiss theologian. He taught that baptism should be restricted to persons making a believer's confession.—"The Christian."

SHOCK FOR BISHOPS

(London). Anglican priests have shocked their bishops by only giving a 63% yes to the service of reconciliation and the first stage of union with British Methodists. In a nation-wide referendum the clergy voted 9,635 in favour of the union; 5,621 against. There were 243 abstentions.

While the result of the referendum has no legislative effect it provides a most important straw vote on the issue and will undoubtedly have an effect on the voting of the Convocations of Canterbury and York on July 8 when they say "yes" or "no" to union with the Methodists.

The opposition to the service, with its so-called deliberate ambiguity over ordination of ministers from a non-episcopal church, was well known, but the size of the opposition has surprised many.

Being so large, it could wreck the scheme and put back union for a generation. That is putting it at its highest; at the lowest, it cannot fail to embarrass those leading architects of union in the Church of England who have made it plain that they cannot visualise going forward if it means leaving a large body of the clergy behind.—E.P.S.

A.B.C. "ENCOUNTER"

Sunday, Aug. 3, 8 a.m. (C.A. Time 7.30 a.m.), "The Secular God." Has God changed? Can we still believe in the Biblical concept of the "Personal God"? The Rev. Alan Walker of the Central Methodist Mission, Sydney, and Professor Charles Birch of Sydney University, debated this issue at a recent seminar organised by the Student Christian Movement. The programme presents the debate as it happened.

POLITICAL ACTION

(Geneva). Economic, social and political action is absolutely necessary for a Christian, Professor Andre Philip, President of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (O.E.C.D.) said during a sermon preached in the Cathedral of St. Peter to mark the 50th anniversary of the International Labour Organisation.

Addressing a sparse congregation, Professor Philip maintained that Christians must primarily reach people because "the witness is much more important than the effects" and "the essential part of this activity is always to prepare and organise dialogue."—E.P.S.

MIXED MARRIAGES

(Brussels). The Reformed Church of Belgium has suggested to the Vatican that discussions on mixed marriages should take place "to discover and establish the necessary conditions for reciprocal recognition of all marriages performed in the respective churches."—E.P.S.

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BIRTHS

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ALLSOP (White).—To Jan and Ian, a daughter—Jenelle Gay, born July 1 at Bentley Hospital, W.A.

BENNETT (Chislett).—Bev, Malcolm, Wayne and Kerrie welcome Tracy, born July 5 at Burwood Com. Hospital.

PEUCKER (Gilmore).—Nancye and Jim are happy to welcome a son—Scott David. A brother for Andrew.

ENGAGEMENT

ATKINSON-MARR.—Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Atkinson, 22 Argyle-st., Mildura, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Marr, Irymple-ave., Nichols Point, happily announce the engagement of Elaine and Allen.

CORDY-WISEMAN.—Mr. and Mrs. R. Cordy, 16 Hill-st., Sunshine, Vic., announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Lois Verna, to Robert Alan, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. L. Wiseman, also of Sunshine.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

WILLIAMS-GILBERT.—The marriage of Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. (Bon) Williams, 6 Robinson-st., Clayton, to Errol, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Gilbert, 17 Dover-st., Clayton, will be celebrated on July 26, 1969 at Church of Christ, cnr. Warrigal and Willesden-rds., Oakleigh, Vic.

DEATHS

PALLOT.—On July 6 at Carinya, Mt. Lawley, W.A., Clara Hilda, late of Subiaco, widow of Paul, loved mother of John, Douglas and Eva (Mrs. K. Roediger) and mother-in-law of Vi, Gwen and Keith. Grandmother of Betty, Dianne and Judy, David, Stephen, Mary and Susan, Glenda, Paul. Great-grandmother of David. Aged 83 years. "With Christ."

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