

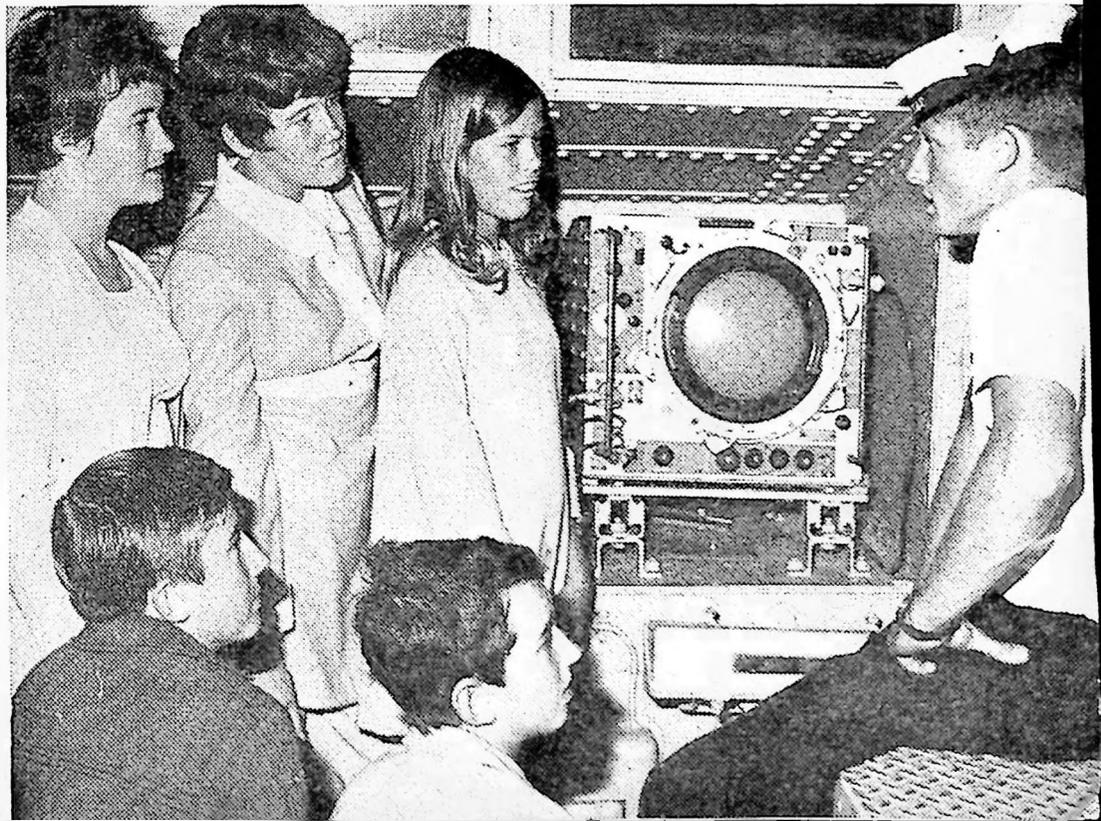
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# LOOKING TOWARD ADELAIDE 1970



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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

The life of Sir Thomas Beecham was discussed in a 1961 article in *Time Magazine*. It revealed something of the personality of this great musician and conductor. He was described as a person of ferocious public utterances and of velvet irony in the handling of orchestras. What caught my eye was what was written about his customary remark to an offending player. "We cannot expect you to follow us all the time, but if you will have the kindness to keep in touch with us occasionally . . ." That would put one in his place rather quickly!

A pastor sometimes feels out of touch with his people. He visits in the homes, stands by hospital beds, and meets people at the church doors; but still he feels somewhat out of touch.

Let's look at another application of the *Time* reference. Occasionally we hear the complaint that the people do not know what is going on in the church. It is said that the congregation in the local church, and the membership of the entire Brotherhood is, generally speaking, out of touch with the thinking and the movements within the church. That may be true, and surely the responsibility would rest on both sides of the matter. However, there is always opportunity for getting in touch with everybody and everything. That opportunity is the meeting of the World Convention of the Churches of Christ, which will be held in Adelaide, Australia, October 20-25, 1970. Judging from the fine fellowship, information, and inspiration which have come from all such previous meetings, we could easily wish that our world family could get together more frequently. However, if we cannot have a whole loaf, we shall settle for a half loaf, rather than none at all. We in the United States are greatly anticipating the coming Convention. And judging by the enthusiasm evidenced in the large number of pre-convention registrations that are already in, this promises to be one of the greatest Conventions we have ever held. Three or four objectives should underlie our Convention:

1. To become better acquainted with one another. We need to know and be able to associate a face with the name as far as it is humanly possible. In any event, we need to come together occasionally to remind each other that we stand together, not alone, in a time that demands co-operative efforts as never before. The times are too dark and stormy for any of us to be out alone. We need each other.
2. To keep our membership informed about our church life. So often misunderstandings arise and strength is dissipated because lines of communication break down. We do not know the plans and the thoughts of each other.
3. To clarify and increase our faith. There is need for us to find ways of sharing our faith with one another and witnessing to the faith that is in us. We need to know what we believe as Christian Churches in this day, and how we can best work together to make that witness and faith operative and vital.
4. To think together about our long-range strategy. It is my feeling that a long-range strategy group should be commissioned to engage in serious study of our entire church life. We should develop methods of pooling our resources of mind and goods to lessen our chances of jumping on a horse and riding off in all directions! In unity there is, indeed, strength.

Yes, we in the United States are greatly anticipating the World Convention in Adelaide. Enthusiasm and plans for attending are running high. We shall listen to the heartbeat of our Brotherhood throughout the world. Unquestionably we are alive. Now, what shall we do with the life God has given us? We know you are making great plans for the Convention, too. It would not be a proper orchestra without you!

This is the second in a series dealing with international personalities of Churches of Christ.

# ADAM AND THE ASTRONAUT

PSALM 96 has a majestic sweep. The psalmist had no geography of the earth. Nevertheless, he took everything into his purview: the roaring seas, all of the nations, and all nature. Not only was the whole earth to rejoice in the Lord God—the source of justice and truth, but also were the heavens to be glad.

The ancients did not have their heads buried in the sand. Much of their learning was wonderful and many of the artistic and technological achievements of the ancient world are staggering in their conception and fulfilment.

The Hebrews, however, were not highly skilled in technical arts. Their neighbours—near and distant—left them far behind in these things. The building of Solomon's and of Herod's Temples and the city walls of Jerusalem were their only great physical achievements—and these were destroyed.

It is not surprising that their buildings had to do with worship and the preservation of their national life. Their

by E. W. ROFFEY

laws of cleanliness and jurisprudence and their worship of the one God are unparalleled in the ancient world. Their great contradiction was their isolationism and yet their world-wide messianic hopes, their sense of ultimate destiny, their inherent faith in the God of all the heavens and the earth showed their awareness of unity and togetherness. The practical paradox remains, but in the concept of the writers of the Psalms I find complete affinity with today—the dawn of the space age.

Space is exciting. Already the world's systems of telecommunications are revolutionised by the use of man-made satellites. People around the world are able to witness the drama of man's first step onto the moon.

Many have been critical of the great cost of this project and well the question might be raised. What developmental programmes could be undertaken in backward countries for \$24,000 million? But, at least, it is better to spend it on space research than on war.

In spite of the cost, we cannot close the mind of man. In fact, there is some value for money in space research. The scientific value is already seen in technological and mineral resources. The X-ray eyes of sensitive equipment in space reveal hidden minerals under the earth and on the sea-bed. Maybe such knowledge will provide an answer as to how the world's exploding population will be fed in the year 2000.

It is anticipated that satellites may be used for laboratory testing and for the preparation of commodities—much more efficiently away from the atmosphere and earth's gravitational pull.

As I am speaking these words, three astronauts have dropped into moon orbit and are preparing to land their module. My reason for preaching this sermon is not only that it is topical. I am preaching on "Adam and the Astronaut" because of a series of articles being published in our

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Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!  
Yea, the world is established, it  
shall never be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."  
Let the heavens be glad, and let the  
earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
let the field exult, and everything in it!  
Then shall all the trees of the wood  
sing for joy  
before the Lord.

—Psalm 96.

newspapers. They are taken from a book published by Souvenir Press entitled "The Chariots of Gods?" by Erich von Daniken, a 34-year-old Swiss archeologist.

Von Daniken argues that many of the marvels of the ancient world and many of its writings, including the Old Testament, can be explained only by the visits of beings from other planets to earth. He finds support in reports of unidentified flying objects and evidences of nuclear explosions before man's discovery of atomic power. His material comes from places as wide apart as Egypt, Mexico, India, and Easter Island. His thesis is typified by a stone relief of an ancient god in Mexico.

A genuinely unprejudiced study of this picture would make even the most die-hard sceptic stop and think.

There sits a human being, with the upper part of his body bent forward like a racing motorcyclist.

Today any child would identify his vehicle as a rocket. It is pointed at the front, then changes to strangely grooved indentations like inlet ports, widens out and terminates at the tail in a darting flame.

The crouching being himself is manipulating a number of indefinable controls and has the heel of his left foot on a kind of pedal. The complicated headgear is there, with the usual indentations and tubes, and something like antennae on top.

Our space traveller, he is clearly depicted as one, is not only bent forward tensely, but is also looking intently at apparatus hanging in front of him. The astronaut's front seat is separated by struts from the rear portion of the vehicle in which symmetrically arranged boxes, circles and spirals can be seen.

Does this relief have nothing to tell us? Is everything that anyone links up with space travel a stupid figment of the imagination?

Other evidence von Daniken presents includes a description of the earth in Sumerian literature which can only fit that given by looking at the globe from a great height; the pyramids whose construction defies description, and the stone colossi of Easter Island which was called in ancient times, "Land of the Birdmen."

Von Daniken refers to the geological accuracy of Genesis 1, and man's being made in the image of God. He sees in the story in Genesis 6 of the sons of God marrying the daughters of men a reference to spacemen. He sees the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah as accomplished by a nuclear blast. Lot's wife turned to a pillar of salt because she looked straight into the atomic sun. The death of Uzzah was due to electrocution—the detailed instructions for making the Ark of the Covenant show that it would be electrically charged!

From all of this, von Daniken argues that there are beings on other planets and that these beings have visited earth and brought knowledge and power.

Two comments have to be made. One is that we have to keep an open mind concerning life on other planets. Only time will tell. It is possible such life exists, but the evidence we have so far does not support its existence on the observable planets.

The other significant thing about such books as "Chariots of God?" is not the thesis on which they are based, but the

reminder to the modern world of the significance of the ancient world with its knowledge and wonders.

I believe that the destiny of man is very much wrapped up with the origins of man, and that man was made in the image of God. In these days when so much is said about the evolution of man we too readily and too frequently ignore the devolution or the fall of man from the glorious possibilities that God has always presented man in every generation.

There is another point which needs emphasis. This concerns the uniqueness of Jesus. After all, the real test of the validity of the Christian faith will always depend on our reaction to Jesus rather than "Genesis."

While reading "Adam and the Astronaut" I was reminded of the many times in ancient writings, and especially in Greek and Roman mythology where deities were supposed to come down from Mount Olympus to consort with the daughters of men. In those mythologies the gods came to earth simply for the gratification of their own desires and then went back to their Olympus.

In all the ancient world and the contemporary space age world Jesus is unique, convincing and satisfying. When he came it was for no self-gratification. "Though Christ Jesus was in the form of God, he did not count equality with God a

thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross."

When Jesus was to return to his Father it was not without promise to man of his destiny. "In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, that where I am, you may be also."

"Adam and the Astronaut?" The uniqueness of Jesus is that he makes us all much aware of the Adam in us. But by his grace, he also offers us the release of the astronaut from earthy gravitational pull and the glorious unexplained destiny of his Father's house.

"Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar and all that fills it;  
let the field exult and everything in it!  
Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy  
before the Lord, for he comes,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with his truth."

—Psalm 96: 11-13.

reason, too, it epitomises man's deliberate defiance of God himself.

Which reminds me: from almost anywhere in West Berlin now, one can see the new tower which the East Germans have erected near "the wall." It was opened last May Day. It is an impressive land mark and is used as a radio tower. Near the top, it bulges onion-like into a fibre-glass spherical observation room and cafe. When the sun shines, it presents on the sphere a luminous and perfectly proportioned traditional Christian cross for all to see for miles around. God will not be outwitted! He makes the wrath of men to praise him! Said our West German guide: "That cross is a bit of an embarrassment to the East Germans because over there they're not too keen on that sort of thing." I considered that the understatement of the week. Our contemplation of East Germany, East Berlin and "the wall" was full of foreboding, to be there was an experience full of pathos. In parts of East Germany, especially in the once beautiful city of Dresden one would think that time had stood still for more than two decades. Thistles and thorns grew waist-high in ruins now mellowed with age, but otherwise now standing as they did the morning after the air raids. To us, West Germany spoke of "recovery"; East Germany of "defeat"—once from the West and now from the East. The people seemed to have lost heart and to be sad. "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

#### JAN PALYK, OF PRAGUE

Czechoslovakia was an altogether different story. It is a very beautiful and fertile country. Yet none of its obvious agricultural prosperity was reflected either in the property or the persons of the Czech people themselves—and certainly not in their shops. I wonder where all the wealth of its soil and its toil goes. Your guess would be as good as mine. Unlike the East Germans, the Czech people have hope. The Czechs are clever, witty, very likeable with a lively sense of humour. The names of Svoboda and Dubcek were white-washed on innumerable walls throughout the land. For once I found myself condoning as commendable patriotism what I had always denigrated as sheer vandalism.

One sunny morning we went to Prague's famous Wenceslas Square and stood at the foot of the statue of "good King Wenceslas." With lumps in our throats and too overcome to speak, we paid our silent tribute to the aspirations of Jan Palyk, the young Czech student who on that spot made himself a burning torch as a protest against the Communist armies which occupied his native land unbidden and under cover of that dark August night in 1968.

Prague is one of the most charming cities it has been our privilege to visit. We fell in love with Czechoslovakia and its vivacious people and their wonderful "old-world" capital Prague—but most of all we sympathised with their longing for freedom.

Nowhere more than in Prague did we feel the weight of Patrick Henry's words spoken at the Virginia Convention of 1775—"give me liberty or give me death." Wenceslas Square is oblong—if I may be Irish. At one end is the statue of King Wenceslas in the foreground of a freshly bullet-scarred museum. Who knows, one day they may put a statue at the other end and it might even be of a freedom loving youth who in life, as in death, epitomised the determination of Czechoslovakia to be free. Whether Jan Palyk is commemorated in bronze or not, Czechoslovakia and the Free World will never forget him.

In Prague, I said to our Communist guide: "Your country is occupied by soldiers from Russia and the countries of the Potsdam Alliance, how is it that we do not see any of these soldiers?" "Oh," she replied, "they are here in the parks (reserves). They are only provocative if we are provocative. And, by the way," she added, with a neutral expression, "we don't speak of our country as 'occupied' because they believe they are helping us."

I reflected on that neutral expression and that bit "they believe . . ." and took fresh heart. Perhaps one day, I thought, Czechoslovakia will be free.

#### AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY

It was an interesting way to see Eastern Europe, dodging in and out from behind the Iron Curtain. We greeted Austria like the dawn after an oppressive night. Vienna is lovely beyond description. Schonbrunn Palace vies with Versailles for impressive loveliness. The view from Belvedere Palace overlooking Vienna and the Danube across to the Vienna Woods is unforgettable. It was in Austria that we visited Lake St.

Wolfgang and saw the famous "Whitehorse Inn" which like the Vienna Woods recalled gay and lilting melodies. The Austrians are courtly and gallant. In Austria, you are a person and you matter. For this reason—and not for tourism—you receive attention and unfailing courtesy.

Crossing into Hungary, we did not sense this high regard for the worth and dignity of human personality. We saw women prematurely old, wrinkled and weather-beaten toiling in the fields in the hot sun, hoeing, digging trenches and even pulling single-furrow ploughs. Not only was agriculture not mechanised, it was crude and primitive. Yet our Hungarian guide when questioned about these women and their burdensome toil, blandly referred to them as women of goodwill "just lending a helping hand!" I saw real poverty three summers ago among the destitute Arabs of Jordan when I travelled between Jerusalem and Amman and I had not seen anything comparable with that, not even in Harlem or Puerto Rico, until we drove through the poverty stricken peasant villages of Northern Hungary.

Budapest (formerly two towns, Buda and Pest) is a city quite different from any of the other great cities of Eastern Europe. It also is a "divided city"—not politically divided—but divided by the lovely River Danube. We cruised for three hours on the Danube one summer Sunday afternoon. On the left bank is the venerable and legendary city of old Buda. It is residential and leisurely, crowned with the imposing Buda Palace once occupied by the Turks for more than 150 years. Pest is on the right bank and is flat and congested, bustling and noisy. Its buildings are bulky, its architecture heavy and drab. Its statues are enormous and its heroes are invariably represented two or three times life-size. Imagine how delighted we were to come unexpectedly upon a city green in the heart of Pest in which stood a charming statuette of a gentle shepherd boy kneeling and playing his flute to a flock of tranquil sheep! Nearby, on the cool banks of the Danube stood the Hungarian Parliament building—one of the largest legislative buildings in the world. Its cupolas and ecclesiastical minarets belled its function. It looked more like a temple or a cathedral than the bulwark of a one-party parliament. The towering masonry on one facade was peppered with bullet marks—shades of the terrible Hungarian uprising of October, 1956. That was the second bullet-scarred public building we had seen in a Communist country.

The East Germans seemed thoroughly depressed; the Czechs seemed like restless children threatened with a beating—but still determined. The Hungarians conducted themselves like children who had had one good hiding and didn't want another. But under the spell of music one could mistake them for romantic Spaniards or amorous Italians. The Mongolian influence is clearly noticeable in Hungary and the strong gypsy element is marked in their music. Hungarian orchestras play with joyful melodious abandon and with a rapport between the players which is delightful. Hungarian dancing is largely interpretive and, like Czech puppetry, world famous.

This seems a good note on which to conclude, even though, at this stage we haven't even begun to turn our heads towards home. We did arrive home safely, in time to re-pack our bags and fly to Paris to spend a few days there; but that's another story!

#### SUPPLIERS OF NIGERIA-BIAFRA ARMS RAPPED

(Bonn). Spokesmen for Germany's major Protestant and Roman Catholic relief agencies made statements criticising European governments and industrial groups which are supplying arms to the combatants in the Nigeria-Biafra conflict.

The two agencies represented in the statement were the Protestant organisation, Diakonisches Hilfswerk, and the Catholic organisation, Caritas, which co-sponsor German religious participation in the Biafra airlift.

Ludwig Geissel of the Protestant agency said that such arms shipments are the only factor which make the continuation of the war possible. He blamed European powers for the fact that efforts by the churches to bring about a cease-fire have failed so far.—"The Christian."

## LINES FROM LEICESTER

Before I write of our recent travels in Eastern Europe, I simply must tell you about our "heat-wave." It is top priority in every conversation. Various places in England have had maximum temperatures of 80 degrees on three successive days. Well, that's all there is to be said about our historic heat-wave!

To come to my main theme: we visited Eastern Europe as part of our summer vacation this year. We travelled to and through seven different countries, re-crossing five of these a second time, using seven different currencies in 15 days and covering 2,500 miles in all. We visited Belgium, the Netherlands, West Germany, Austria, and behind the Iron Curtain—East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. These facts are enumerated at the outset simply to explain how impossible it would be to give here little more than first impressions.

We travelled in a coach (motor-bus) with a capacity for 42 but there were only 17 passengers on board: two Irish, two Indians, two English, two Mexicans and nine Australians (bless 'em all). The crew consisted of a Belgian driver, a Swiss courier and an assistant courier from Lancashire. Of course, in each Communist country a local and well-indoctrinated guide took over for the entire duration of our stay in their country.

Some countries I will pass over in a word, which, though unfair is inevitable: Belgium prosperous and industrious; West Germany, very prosperous and very industrious. West Berlin is an incredible island of Capitalism in a sea of Communism. There is something very deliberate (sort of "there's mud in

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your eye') about its sophistication. On the famous Kerfur-stendam we saw a fashion-house window with a three times life-size pencil portrait of the Queen with her hair in rollers; the Archbishop of Canterbury in an athletic singlet, the Pope wrestling with a plate of spaghetti and the Duke of Edinburgh using a bottle of hair restorer. It all betrayed the tensions in the lives of Berliners and the spirit of bravado to live in a free city land-locked by Communist territory. Yet, here in this context, "free" is a patently relative word. The Berliners seemed to me, for all their vaunted freedom, to be in bondage to rampant materialism. Church work wouldn't be easy in West Berlin—but then, tell me where it is easy!

#### BERLIN WALL

We looked over the Berlin Wall from the very dais where President Nixon had stood several weeks earlier. We looked and looked and our faces grew pale. Tears were held back. The sombre silence was broken only by expressions of compassion for those on the other side, and of gratitude, on our part that the lines had fallen to us in pleasant places. It is a moving experience to stand where you can point in one direction and say: "There millions are free" and pointing in another direction, say: "There millions are not free." It is altogether different from visiting a prison, where, usually the people deprived are responsible for the loss of their liberty. But here in Berlin the line which marks off those who are bound from those who are free is a concrete wall built overnight, through the heart of a city, following the line of military victory with blatant disregard of streets, parks, boulevards, communications, public amenities, employment or family ties. To me, the Berlin Wall stands as the most senseless abrogation of those values which life holds dear and for this

# UNCENSORED

**CAROL APPS (Vic.):** Sure Christ was a trouble-maker; he was a real stirrer. He made trouble for those in the temple who made that holy place a "den of robbers" (Mark 11: 15-18). He made them aware of the insatiable greed of men and their lowliness in front of God. Maybe Christ was a hippy, but in a different sense, it was God's love he offered. He gave to men the will to live, and a creed by which to live in the Ten Commandments. He was not afraid to associate with the despised, he was no "society snob," it was the Pharisees who did not love their neighbours (Matt. 23: 13). (He sounds almost like a "typical" uni. student). From one of them.

**GRAHAM BOXHALL (Qld.):** Christ was a revolutionary in the sense that he challenged the existing economic, political, and social order. As the Son of God he actively condemned the abortion of his Father's patterns of interpersonal relationships. We worship Christ because he is the Son of God. But do we know God's view of our contemporary economic, political and social order? If we do, sincere worship of His Son prescribes our active condemnation of contemporary deviations from divinely-inspired and sustained interpersonal relationships. For Christ, involvement provoked his being identified with degraded images. Our sincere worship of him may result in similar situations.

**M.G. (Qld.):** Anyone who experiences a close relationship with his or her Lord and has studied the Word of God knows that Christ is love and that he respects all men as equal. He lived

No. 16 "Christ was a long-haired vagrant and a professional agitator. He had unrealistic visionary ideas, and advocated anarchy. He associated with wharfies, sluts from the slums, migrants. He thought he was God, a common form of schizophrenia. And we WORSHIP him!" (Comment).

amongst the people of his day despite their status in life. He came to bring peace on earth—not disorder. It was the priests and rulers who caused the agitating. Christ knew he was of God, but he told Pilate that his kingdom was not of this world (John 18: 36). Indeed we worship him—him who died and rose again, now interceding in heaven for us.

**BARBARA FLETT (A.C.T.):** Instead of dismissing this description as ridiculous or blasphemous, I feel it provides us with a different approach to Christ. Why was this insignificant lower-class carpenter from the provinces the founder of a new religion? Was he just fortunate that his philosophy just happened to catch on? Is the success of Christianity due more to the zeal and determination of his followers than to divine inspiration? And finally, if Christ was just an ordinary man, could he have had such an effect on the world? Thus by comparing Christ to other men we can perhaps see his divinity.

**J.B. (S.A.):** Certainly Christ associated with "socially undesirable" classes—the only way to help them. He did not advocate anarchy, but obedience to the will of God and doubtless all men of his time had long hair. Christ was either mad, bad, or what he claimed to be. The Church, which he founded, has lasted for 2,000 years despite all that man could do to stamp it out. Many have tried to discredit it, it has been abused from within and without yet the "unrealistic missionary ideas" persist, practised by the believers in this man, sane people who see that his is the only way. Christ a mad man? What we need is more "madmen" like him!

## QUESTING

WITH  
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Our sermon recently was on the text "This one thing I do" but in our church the practice is more like "These 20 things we argue about." We often talk about having a common mind and purpose but it seems that we hardly agree on anything. If this is true locally, isn't it impossible to find common cause among all of the churches?

I hope that you are exaggerating; but it could appear on occasions that there are more differences than agreements in the local church. This is also true of families, and of nations, and of groups of nations. The disagreements may be deep and have disastrous consequences, but at other times they may be noisy disputes about relatively unimportant matters and in the background there are large areas of common agreement.

A husband and wife may quarrel about the affairs of one day without jeopardising their genuine love for each other, or their shared concern for each other's happiness. And in the local church it is often a difference over ways and means rather than on ends and objects.

This does not minimise the importance of such divisions. Doubtless there have been great wars built upon petty grievances and tragic divisions have come to church over trivial issues. A church can be gravely hurt by a minor problem that is magnified far beyond its value.

One way of finding greater agreement in the local church is to talk more with one another. This may have the immediate result of making the differences appear greater and the obstacles more numerous. But if the discussions are based upon mutual respect and a recognition that each is seeking a Christian answer then a common purpose will usually be found.

There is often not enough discussion about programmes and activities in the church. There may be sermons preached about them, or committee pronouncements made about them, without realising that in the membership there is not sufficient support for the programme. It is too much to expect unanimity, but unless there is a substantial majority, a church is inviting trouble if it proceeds. More discussion is obviously needed.

If there are differences, they must not be ignored. We must not pretend that we have strong support if there is only a slender majority. Where we are uncertain and can speak only with a divided voice it is better to admit it.

The last thing we need is the fellow who says, "What is right for me, is right for the church," instead we need more readiness to accept the will of the church as the way for us. The church should seek the mind of Christ and the way of our Lord is almost certain not to be easy. It can be found: in the local church and in the wider fellowship of churches.

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## OVERSEAS MISSIONS

# A Tribute to Laura

By Mrs. SHIRLEY LUDGATER

She stepped into the presidency of our C.W.F. at the Easter service 1968, and immediately brought with her a smartness and efficiency that made us positively grin with anticipation. With glasses well down on the nose so that she could both read and watch the congregation with a forbidding look that became so well known at Council meetings, she began her year of remarkable leadership.

Laura comes from the Lombaha area on Aoba which is about 2½ hours' travelling in a small dinghy up the coast from Ndul Ndul or a long and difficult walking distance. In the three years since our Aoban Council began there has hardly been a month when Laura has missed bringing her Lombaha women with her through all kinds of seas or along the precipitous coast road to join in the combined Council meetings mostly held at Ndul Ndul. Her constancy has been a lesson to many local village women.

In her own area she has led fellowship meetings, conducted sewing classes and been a missionary to hill villages. Women from Longana around the other side of the island, have also benefited from her leadership. As president, she took an interest in all the villages on the island moving from one to another for meetings and staying for a week or more in the Ndul Ndul area in order to spend time with the hill women. Just before Christmas she even hired a launch to take her across to Maewo for meetings in the villages there.

Never was she known to be late for meetings (quite a phenomenon in this land) and Committee meetings were full of lively discussion and new ideas. I have

more than once been summoned from bed at an earlier than intended hour to discuss plans for meetings or projects when Laura was anxious to get on with preparations. As a chairman, her voice was clear and commanding and agendas were dealt with promptly (another phenomenon). She has also represented our C.W.F. at Government courses in Vila.

With the approach of Easter we hastened to Laura's forceful messages and felt sad that a president's term was not for two years. Then an idea was conceived to both honour this woman and give her authority to remain active in a sphere larger than her own village concerns. It was decided to create deaconess positions in our C.W.F.

A special Council Committee meeting was called together with representatives from as many villages as possible and our first deaconesses were nominated. Three women were appointed:

**Isabel Toka**—who has for long years been a leader of women's work at Ndul Ndul and president of C.W.F. in 1967-68.

**Rachel Sese**—an older woman, member of the Committee, who is always faithful in attendance at meetings, hospital visitation and visiting other villages to help with meetings.

**Laura Daniel**—President of C.W.F. in 1968-69.

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### NOT SINNERS, SAINTS!

To the Editor,

The article, "Who's a Saint?" in "A.C." July 26, brought to mind a controversy I had with one of our ministers. When presiding, he used the expression "We are all sinners in the sight of God." I disputed this, and claimed that one who had accepted and obeyed the conditions of N.T. salvation had had his sins forgiven and if continuing to strive to live in conformity with the teaching of Christ could claim to be a child of God. My friend concurred in this and said that he would never use the term again.

Of course, the best of us will fall far short of the pattern set by our great Exemplar, but God's love and mercy are boundless and if we are faithful I feel sure that we shall not be regarded as "sinners in his sight."

—W. G. H. Davey (S.A.).

### OPEN MEMBERSHIP

To the Editor,

I feel very strongly that "Tertius" has overstepped the mark in his comments on "Open Membership" ("A.C." July 26, 1969). Part of what he said is, of course, correct. But his reasoned conclusion is very dangerous, if not blasphemous.

If we read Acts 2: 37-47 in the context of all other passages relating to the subject of salvation (church membership) realising that this is part of the divinely-inspired, authoritative Word of God, we are left with no alternative that those whom God adds to his Church are those believers who have repented and been baptized (immersed) for the remission of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2: 38). Perhaps "Tertius" ought to be a little more careful to call those people "Christians" only as warranted by the New Testament requirements for salvation and church membership.—David J. Schofield N.S.W.

### OPEN MEMBERSHIP

To the Editor,

"Tertius" makes an unfounded and dangerous statement when he says that "God practises open membership." I'm sure that God's membership is not open to all and sundry but only to those who fulfil the conditions that he has made.

It is not enough to determine from appearances that God has chosen a certain person for his membership because of the way that person lives. I'm sure that Satan would be able to put up some quite convincing appearances of being very religious and sincere, but there is no way that God will accept him into his membership.

It would be necessary for us to know every little detail of that person's life before we could safely say whether God will accept him or not; but only God has this power of perception of the man's qualities. It is not even enough to say that he has salvation because he was baptized, because "not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven," said Jesus in Matt. 7: 21.

I cannot see that God would be pleased with us if we expect him to give us his blessing if we do not fulfil the conditions that he had laid down.

Is baptism such a hardship that we must continue to make excuses for our "mates at St. Chad's" who are not baptized? Is it worth the risk of being rejected by God to continue to ignore the fact that God has commanded that we should, among other things, be baptized for our salvation?

The terms of admission to our own churches are in our hands, but let us beware of saying whose name God has written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

—D. B. Price (Qld.).

## WARD

### UNEXPECTED FOOTBALLER

Stephen was born with a deformed foot and before he commenced school his parents had to make the decision of whether he would remain crippled or have his foot amputated and be fitted with an artificial foot. They wanted him to be able to run and play like other children but worried about Stephen's feelings in later life towards them. It was a big decision to make but finally Stephen came to the Royal Children's Hospital and had the operation.

The days that followed were anxious ones for the parents' doubts and fears, and a fretful five-year-old missing his brother and home, didn't help much.

We visited Stephen and spoke with his parents and tried to give reassurance.

It wasn't long before Stephen went home and then over the last Christmas period attended the hospital as an outpatient. He was fitted with a new foot and shoes and was taught to walk.

Latest report is that Stephen is attempting to play football.

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### "HERE IS THE NEWS"

To the Editor,

Granny Gibbons is excited! After attending morning and evening services without a break, and without hearing a word for over ten years, she now has a hearing aid built into her pew by the church. It must be a good one because one Sunday she held it at arm's length and later complained to the minister that he talks too loudly.

Last Sunday by some freak of coincidence of radio waves and the structure of the set, the radio news came through loud and clear on Granny's hearing aid. The minister was just finishing his sermon. Granny thought the news was part of the sermon. The congregation was a bit shocked at the intrusion. They were on to the church secretary to get it fixed quickly.

I must confess that I was a little bit glad that the news of the world burst in on our quiet church service. This was because I had been annoyed at one of the hymns that had stressed forgetting the world and loving the Saviour. I stopped singing so suddenly the wife thought I had taken ill. How can you forget the world and love the Saviour at the same time? He came to the world, he lived with the world, he died for the world, and unless he was mistaken he is in the world now. The scrap of news on Granny's hearing aid was a tonic for my soul. It was the voice of God, for in a sense all news is news about God.

There's only one problem. Next time I see a beatific smile on Granny's face as she holds the aid to her ear, I won't be able to tell whether she is listening to the minister talking about the good news of what God once did in Christ, or whether she is listening to the radio news of what is happening in God's world and what God is doing about it now.

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This virtual relegation of the Church to the periphery, with its implied reinforcement of the popular academic idea that religion is irrelevant, was a matter of deep concern to some people in the churches and the A.N.U. A means was sought of creating an effective focus for Christian activity within the university.

This resulted, by the end of 1966, in the Federal Assemblies of six churches, Anglican, Baptist, Churches of Christ, Congregational, Methodist, and Presbyterian officially approving a plan to found an inter-church residential college, and appointing official delegates to the College Council.

It was decided to name the establishment Burgmann College, because Bishop Burgmann was a pioneer in establishing a Christian presence in the A.N.U., both in the academic and administrative fields.

The college will ultimately provide accommodation for 500 students, and building of the first stage of 300 rooms is expected to begin later this year. The cost will exceed \$1,000,000 of which the Council must raise at least \$300,000.

The Victorian Churches of Christ have responded splendidly to this challenge and have so far promised \$9,000. As a result, the college library will bear the name of A. R. Main, the senior common

GUEST EDITORIAL by C. H. J. WRIGHT

room the name of Campbell Edwards, and a student room the name of R. P. Morris, names distinguished among Churches of Christ in Australia, both in academic and Christian leadership.

Half the enrolments in the A.N.U. are from outside Canberra. Our own young people have come from every State in Australia to the A.N.U. in the last 10 years. At present students from our churches in Victoria and W.A. as well as Canberra are enrolled. Burgmann College will help the young people who come by providing a Christian atmosphere and guidance, and the College is our opportunity to establish a Christian witness right on the campus of the university that will determine, perhaps more than any other university, the future of Australia's political and social thinking and strategy.

G. R. Stirling, vice-principal of the College of the Bible, represented Churches of Christ on the Burgmann College Council for several years, and the present representative is C. H. J. Wright. G. R. Stirling and J. E. Gough, Director of University Counselling in the A.N.U. and a member of Canberra Churches of Christ, are members of the Committee charged with the task of choosing a Master for the College.

**COVER: GLADSTONE'S TWEENAGERS.** Young people from the Gladstone church enjoyed a special privilege when the Naval Training Ship, H.M.A.S. Anzac, berthed in the Harbour recently. Three crew members were detailed to conduct the club on a tour of inspection—which provided pleasure for both Tweenagers and sailors! Later, as guests of the officers, the 12 club members and their three leaders were treated to a buffet-style tea. Able Seaman Carl Mitchell, of Sydney, is pictured showing club members the radar display unit on the bridge of the destroyer. From left to right, Mrs. K. Jenner, Gail Ferguson, Cheryl Godson, and (foreground) Barrie Smith and Bruce Curtis. (Block by courtesy Rockhampton "Morning Bulletin").

## THINGS TO COME

### VICTORIA

August is Good Companions' Service Month

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#### SEPTEMBER:

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- .. Explorer Junior Challenge Camp—Monbulk.
- .. Explorers' Hike Camp.
- " 5 F.O.Y.A.—Programme for Young Adults
- 12-14 C.W.F. Evening Fellowship Camp—Monbulk.
- 13 B.S. Teacher Training Conference.
- 14 East. Dist. Church Service and Coffee Hour
- 20 B.S. Teacher Training Conference.
- 25 Sihn. Bayside Dist. C.Y.F. Programme.

### NEW SOUTH WALES

#### AUGUST:

- 22-26 Junior Hi-Camp, Camp Greenhalgh.
- 23 End 2nd Term Woolwich.
- 26-Sept. 1 Senior Hi-Camp at Camp Greenhalgh.

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#### SEPTEMBER:

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### INDIA TO CHADSTONE

(Vic.). The Chadstone church and the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of H.M. & Evang. announce that B. J. Jenkins, B.A., L.Th., will commence a full-time ministry with the church in February, 1970. Mr. Jenkins is currently teaching in a school for the children of missionaries in Ootacamund, South India.

### GREENFORD BAND SUCCESS

(Bunbury, W.A., G. B. Carslake). A highlight for Bunbury Girls' Brigade companies was the visit by the champion band from England during August. A civic welcome was given, radio, T.V. and newspapers gave a strong coverage. The local Railway Institute was packed when a public performance was given on Saturday. In conjunction with the Greenford Band visit was a State Pioneers Uniting Day with 70 living in. Our minister led the final service out at Roelands Native Mission . . . 35 shared in a Bible cricket match between Harvey and Bunbury on Acts chap. 1-6. Each team won one innings. A. W. Ladbroke exchanged pulpits as S.W. Conference President . . . Laurie and Fran Shute were farewelled

and the Miller family welcomed from Busselton . . . 150 attended B.S. concert with proceeds for State Youth Project. . . 13 members of C.W.F. were shown over Karingal and Carinya as guests of the Applecross group.

### SOCIAL SERVICE ISSUE

The special issue of the "Australian Christian," Aug. 9, 1969, dealing with the work of our State Social Service Depts., was prepared by Geo. Smith, Director of the Christian Welfare Centre, W.A. The art work for the cover of that issue was done by Frank Norton, Director of the Art Gallery, Perth, W.A., and a member of the Wembley Church of Christ.

### PACIFIC GAMES SCRIPTURES

The B. & F.B.S., through its branch in the Territory—the Baibel Sosaiti long Papua na Nui Gini—is presenting scriptures to more than 1,500 competitors and officials at the South Pacific Games being held in Port Moresby.

The official languages of the Games are New Guinea Pidgin, English, and French. Each competitor, according to their language grouping, will receive a wallet containing two books in Pidgin and simple English or Pidgin and French.

## WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

**ULSTER SHAME** Religious divisions go deeper and last longer than most other things men quarrel about, and the Irish have the reputation about being willing to fight about anything, even peace. Therefore, when Irishmen (and women) fight each other about religion there is little hope for an appeal to reason, the best we can expect is a truce through exhaustion. The non-Irish cannot even understand the events which are staining 1969, let alone solve them. If individuals are to be singled out for special responsibility then Protestantism's Rev. Ian Paisley and Roman Catholicism's Bernadette Devlin, M.P., would probably head such a doubtful honours list. The Government—dominantly Protestant—has also been at fault. They acknowledged that there is some substance in the charges of discrimination against Roman Catholics in political and economic areas and promised reforms, but action was too long delayed. There are news reports that the police tend to treat the Catholics as rioters and the Protestants as righteous, although both are throwing rocks and petrol bombs. The Government also invited the tragedy that came last week when they permitted the Apprentice Boys to march in the annual parade celebrating a famous Protestant victory in 1689. The death toll as of last weekend was eight. It is small comfort to recall the greater disasters of the past—e.g., in 1922, 232 were killed and over 1,000 injured—for 1969's civil war is not yet over. It may be a very old fashioned question for an editor to ask, but one cannot help asking, "For which side would the Christ be throwing petrol bombs?" In denying the Lord of the other side, the Protestants and the Catholics may be betraying their own.

**RATES AND CHURCH PROPERTIES** More and more Christians are questioning whether churches are justified in being exempt from the rates which other property owners pay. Speaking to 400 editors at a Church Press convention in the U.S., Clarence Jordan said, "Churches should stop accepting tax exemption on their properties. Until they do, they should pay an equivalent amount into a fund for humanity. We ought to spend at least as much to put a roof over the heads of our brothers whom we have seen, as to put a roof over the head of God whom we have not seen."

**GOOD GRIEF!** In "Izvestia" (Soviet Govt. newspaper) V. Zaitsev, a philologist, was quoted as saying that the star of Bethlehem was really a space-ship and that Jesus Christ was a visitor from another planet. He did not offer any evidence, but suggested that we replace the word "God" with a new term, "Cosmonaut Jesus Christ."

### N.S.W. D.C.E. DIRECTOR

Plans are in hand for the director to begin a permanent ministry at Belmore where he is now conducting an interim. However, he will retain the directorship of the D.C.E. until the end of 1971 on a part-time basis. This new arrangement does not begin until August, 1970. His main area of work will be the increasing work of Australian Standard.

### DEPARTURE FOR AMERICA

(N.S.W.). Bruce Armstrong left for America on Aug. 24. The prime purpose is to spend time with the editors of the American Standard Graded Lesson materials. He will have the opportunity of viewing Christian Education programmes and youth work. Mr. Armstrong will also visit the Christian Board of Publications and the Christian Church centre, Indiana.

### SIX DECISIONS

(Rockhampton, Qld., R. K. Sansome). Six people made decisions at the Don de Welt Crusade. Two have been baptized and others are receiving instruction . . . Our minister-elect is B. M. Nowitzke. He will commence in Jan., 1970, when Mr. Sansome will leave us . . . R. H. Holt, of Bundaberg, was guest speaker at our church anniversary . . . Gil. Cullen, the secretary of William St. church, has resigned owing to transfer to Longreach . . . H. I. Walmsley visited us on behalf of the Leprosy Mission, and was guest speaker.

### DEATH OF ALON FERGEUS

(Vic.). The secretary of the Gardiner church, A. H. Fergeus, died suddenly on August 17. Mr. Fergeus was a director of the Christian Building Trust and was associated with many of our State and Federal Conferences, particularly in the areas of transport and accommodation.

### 3,000 AT YOUTHQUAKES

(N.S.W.). The series of youth meets in N.S.W. called Youthquakes, have drawn over 3,000 in attendance in six rallies. Geared to teen-rhythm with straight forward gospel messages, the varied programmes continue to demand attention. "Freshfaces" enters a new phase with a first prize of \$50 for the best entrant in the next six rallies.

### C.M.F. TEAM ON MOVE

(Vic.). The Christian Men's Fellowship recently conducted services at Fairfield and North Essendon churches. The C.M.F. Team consists of a President, two readers, and a speaker. The C.M.F. would be pleased to help the smaller and country churches in particular, but asks that 4-6 weeks' notice be given. Contact John Williams, phone 379.3931 (bus.), 379.1164 (priv.), or write 119 Woodland St., Essendon, 3040.

### MINISTER DIES IN ENGLAND

It has been reported that Harold Harreaves, a retired minister of our churches in Australia, died whilst on a visit to England. He was 86.

### "INTERVIEW '69"

(Georgetown, N.S.W., D. P. Holloway). The church has just concluded a week of meetings with A. E. White (editor, "A.C."). A missionary (Dick Powell), a missionary (Don De Welt), a housewife, a youth leader, a minister, a church officer and a doctor were among those interviewed. The week commenced with the Newcastle District Convention and there were good attendances right through. Three B.S. girls gave indication of commitment to Christ. District churches loyally supported the series and Hamilton Singers assisted on two occasions.

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## Strategy Review

The chairman, L. C. Withers, indicated that such a conference had not been previously attempted on such a scale. It represented a part of the Department's concern to relate to the churches, to have them appreciate each other and the overall Department programme in which they were involved.

In a review of the strategy of the 1960's, D. H. Smith, the director, outlined developments of significance. These included 15 churches attaining self-support and 11 new projects in the past five years. Subsidy expenditure had more than doubled from \$182 per week in 1959 to a projected \$384 per week in 1970. Assistance was currently being given to 1 in 6 churches in the Conference. The

field officer work was recognised as among the most significant work attempted in many decades. Proposed new projects at Mulgrave, Burwood Highway, Springvale South and Westernport area were noted. Attention was also directed to the overall situation in respect to church membership.

## Church Programming

Under the leadership of E. C. Keating, the Department field officer, and K. J. Clinton, the President-elect of Conference, the need for adequate programme planning was presented. Representatives of local churches including D. E. Stewart, Traralgon; G. S. Cameron, Robinvale; and E. W. Heard, Mitcham, made contributions on various aspects of programme planning. R. C. McKenzie of the Dept. of Christian Educ., spoke on the Christian Life Curriculum. The churches have been challenged to accept planning goals for 1970 over a wide range of church life. Church boards are now considering their response and it is expected that the formulation of a church programme will be undertaken prior to the end of 1969.

## VICTORIAN C.W.F.

104 delegates representing 42 churches attended the August Council meeting.

Dr. Killmier was present and led in devotions entitled "Suffering, Sympathy and Sacrifice."

Mrs. Weedon reported on the Australian-Asian Seminar which she attended as a representative of C.W.F.

It was with regret the President, Mrs. Muller, announced the death of Mrs. Bon. Taylor who had given invaluable service as C.W.F. pianiste for many years. Mrs. R. Price led in prayer of intercession.

Dates to remember: Evening Fellowship Camps, Sept. 12-14 and 26-28. Oct. Rally, Lygon St., Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. Speaker, Reg. Worthy, Director of Aboriginal Affairs. Next Council, Sept. 5, 11 a.m. W.C.W.F. 14th Birthday Worship Service, also Dorcas "Bring and Buy Day."—M. Nelson, Asst. Sec.

## FOOD FOR FUNDS

(Ormond, Vic., R. C. McKenzie). Girls' Sunday was held. All girls and ladies invited to tea followed by film, "Thursday's Children." . . . Men attended C.M.F. breakfast on Aug. 2 . . . Kitchen tea was held for Chris. Hoarse and John Fitzgerald on 7th . . . Men attended working bee at Monbulk. C.M.F. is combining with Carnegie for a fellowship meeting. A progressive dinner, organised by the ladies, raised \$70 towards their funds.

## INVITATION

(Red Hill, Vic., J. Turner). The minister, J. Turner, has been asked by church to remain for a further term . . . The annual meeting elected T. Smith as new secretary. G. Ward is deacon and Mrs. Turner and Mrs. A. Andrew are deaconesses. C. White retired from board after many years of service. A. Eden appointed co-leader with N. Westmore of C.Y.F.

## DANDENONG ADVANCE

(Vic., A. A. Avery). Compared with last year morning church attendance has risen from 96 to 114, and evening attendance from 29 to 90. 30 have taken part in the Wed. evening Group Sermon Studies . . . Girls' Sunday was observed on July 27 . . . The Winter Family Series continues with science adventure films for children, interviews, and guest artists. On Aug. 3, Rev. Paul Chang, of Christian Nationals Evangelism Commission, was soloist and guest . . . 23 ladies shared in C.W.A.F. progressive luncheon. The evening group had a "sports challenge" night with the men. . . . Two Explorer boys received Diplomas of Leadership from the Y.M.C.A. . . . Sat. morning youth prayer meetings have been started . . . Church doors remain open as much as possible for prayer or consultation with minister . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Smith are moving to Healesville . . . Jacqueline Nicholas has been in hospital.

## MALVERN BAPTISMS

(Vic., I. Adams). Two converts from Billy Graham Crusade have been baptized . . . Good Companions took part in the service on Girls' Sunday . . . A group of young boys are showing interest in the evening service . . . Mrs. Wood is still ill in hospital. Mrs. Potter is in the Will H. Clay Nursing Home . . . Guest artists have included L. Barlow, Mrs. C. Leembruggen, the Carr Brothers, Doug. Thomas, Dulcie Gray, the Emanuel Quartette, Ken. and Sue Verge.

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# N.S.W.

## YOUTH TEAS POPULAR

(Charlestown, N.S.W., F. D. Craig). C.M.F. had Geo. Johnson (B. & F.B.S.) as speaker. Film of recent release of New Testament in Pidgin in New Guinea was a challenge to all present . . . Monthly youth teas, followed by family service, are well attended. A J.C.E. choir is featured at the latter . . . Church farewelled Adamson family before departure for Qld., and Dr. and Mrs. Berecny who have left Newcastle for further studies . . . Support was given to recent A. E. White Mission at Georgetown . . . A B.S. scholar confessed Christ and has been baptised.

## CHORAL SERVICE AT HAMILTON

(N.S.W., W. D. Howard). Guest speaker at the worship service on July 13 was Stuart Ogilvie, on furlough from Carnarvon. Speakers from the Social Service Dept. visited the district on July 20 and our speakers were Mr. Love (a.m.) and Charles Cole (p.m.). Items by the choir and individual items were a feature of the choral service held on July 27 . . . Church was saddened by the passing of beloved elder, Victor Cock-erill. The manner in which he devoted his life to the church in the way of administration, Bible School Supt., and his messages in song at meetings was an inspiration to church members who extend to his beloved wife and family their deepest sympathy.

## SIX YEARS FOR MANSELL

(Wollongong, N.S.W., D. W. Mansell). There have been baptisms nearly every Sunday over recent weeks, when many adults and teenage young people have committed their lives to Christ. It has been encouraging to see the number of business personnel from the community attending the services, a number of whom have made a commitment of their lives to Christ. Evening gospel services are reaching an all-time high in attendance in the history of the church . . . D. W. Mansell is in his sixth year of ministry with the church . . . Two blocks of land on the western side of the chapel have been purchased with a view to future extension of the building and facilities. The present sanctuary is proving inadequate for attendances.

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## MISSIONARY FLAVOUR

(Fairfield, N.S.W., W. Whitton). C.Y.F. raised almost \$300 at their recent fete. . . . R. Powell was guest speaker on July 27. Mr. and Mrs. Stanhope spoke at morning and evening services, showing slides of their visit to India and New Guinea. Miss Hazel Haebich spoke of her decision to become a missionary to Ethiopia. 17 Y.P. went to Epping and conducted their youth meeting, enjoyed the fellowship tea, and remained for the evening meeting . . . Mrs. Thompson is still very ill and we pray for her recovery.

## MIND THE CARPET!

(Gawler, S.A., R. V. Chamberlain). C.W.F. celebrated 48th birthday with Mrs. A. R. Jones, Women's Federal Pres., guest speaker . . . Combined service for circuit churches with film "Vietnam Profile" at Gawler on July 13 . . . C. Campbell is new B.S. Supt. Several new scholars welcomed . . . J.C.E. project is "Bibles for New Guinea." Young people supported Teen and Twenty Mission . . . Church appreciates greatly the new carpets on platform steps, a gift from C.W.F.

## LOCAL C.M.F. FORMED

(Mt. Gambier, S.A., B. Duff). Three young people have been welcomed into fellowship. Lynette Rowe was baptized on July 27 and four more Y.P. made decisions for Christ . . . Evening services have increased and we are at present experimenting with worship . . . The B.S. is growing and we now have an excellent staff of teachers. Kinder/Primary are experimenting with "team teaching." . . . Annual meeting of the church was held on July 13 following a "basket lunch" and proved successful. . . . House parties and Coffee Hours are being used as part of Planned Evangelism . . . The church gave one of its

foundation members, Lance Clisby, a farewell tea . . . Recently formed C.M.F. is growing with 19 men at last meeting. Men are doing hospital visitation as a project of concern . . . A Local Education Committee has been formed to plan strategy of Christian Education in preparation for C.L.C. . . . Guest speakers have been Gordon Stirling (C.O.B.), K. Horne (Home Missions) and a local football star.

## CRIME DOES NOT PAY!

(Lenswood, S.A., H. E. Paddick). Raymond Pollard was baptized at Maylands on July 20 . . . Visiting speakers on July 20 were Messrs. Makin and Rodgers (Maylands). Messrs. Bartlett and G. Smith (Kensington Pk.) were visiting speakers on August 3. On August 8, Det.-Sgt. Barry Cox, Chief of the Scientific Branch of the S.A. Police, gave a talk and screened slides on crime . . . C.Y.F. attended C.E. Rally at Mt. Compass on 9th . . . Successful talent quest was held at Strathalbyn during July. 200 attended and enjoyed the good variety of talent rendered.

## BALL PLAYERS

(Kensington Pk., S.A., W. Bartlett). Basketball teams paraded at church. Guest speaker at tea was Ian Lewis of the State Welfare Dept. and at the evening service, Brenton Adcock, Sturt footballer. We are indebted to Croyle, Inhus Group from Cheltenham, and Blackwood for their musical and vocal items during youth services . . . Eastern District Prayer Meeting Bible Study was held at Kens. Pk., July 29, with representatives from Magill, Maylands and Kens. Pk. . . An Elderly Citizens' Social was compered by Walter Bartlett. Musical entertainment was provided by a band of ladies known as "The Coronets." 50 ladies enjoyed afternoon tea.

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Everything went according to plan, but what the Germans did not know was that the Norwegian bus driver was a dedicated underground fighter who not only volunteered to drive the bus, but also volunteered to make certain not one of the German commanders reached his destination.

As you travel along this road you come to one place where the road takes a sharp right hand bend, for to continue straight on would be to take you to certain death thousands of feet on the valley floor below, and this is exactly what this courageous bus driver did, instead of slowing down at the fateful corner, he accelerated and crashed through the barricade and plunged together with his valuable cargo of German commanders to death.

Can you imagine the thoughts of this brave man when he set out on this last journey, knowing full well he was going to sacrifice his life in this way in the service of his country?

Around this table of remembrance we often make reference to the word sacrifice in relation to Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ travelled along a similar road as he laboured under the weight of his Cross, making his way to Calvary where he knew he was going to suffer a painful and humiliating death and yet not for one minute did he flinch from what lay in store for him.

—W. I. McGlasson, Glenelg, S.A.

THANKS FOR THE BREAD

We thank you that when Jesus gives anything he gives himself. We thank you for the Lord beyond the bread. Amen.

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INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER

Professor R. Drinkwater, Professor of Social Administration at the University of Hull, U.K., will speak on "Alternatives to Imprisonment" at the annual meeting of the Prisoners' Aid Assoc. S.A. Inc., at 47 South Terrace, Adelaide, on Aug. 27, 8 p.m.

GIFTS FOR ABORIGINES

(Hurstbridge, Vic., H. Pietzsch). C.W.F. contributed \$5 and parcel of clothes to Aborigines and \$21 to the Mission to Lepers... A Youth Club has been formed led by Mr. Webb... Several members visited Mission at Collingwood... The church is grateful for continued help from Box Hill, Ivanhoe, Briar Hill and Doncaster churches... Weekly newsletter is well received by people of district.

FOR CARNARVON SERVICE

(Oakleigh, Vic., T. V. Weir). Miss Ngaire Fraser has returned to Carnarvon to begin full-time service... Mrs. T. V. Weir and Miss Fraser spoke to 50 at a Mother and Daughter Tea on Girls' Sunday. The Good Companions took part in evening service... Several men attended the city Men's Breakfast and one at Monash for Springvale and district churches... Keith Wright has returned safely from Vietnam... A S.S. concert raised \$50 to aid the work of our two Aboriginal Mission workers... Past and present Explorers and their parents farewelled Harvey Miller who retired from leadership. A presentation was made. Doug. Brentwood, Mr. Weir and S. Lunn spoke in appreciation... Four New Australians spoke to the C.Y.F. about the problems involved in coming to Aust... A2 tennis team failed on percentage to reach the final four. B4 won its semi-final but lost to Parkdale in preliminary final.

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Old Testament Seminar: D. Nancarrow, K. Turtmann; four others passed.

Elementary Greek: G. Chapman, W. Jenkins, S. Hince, P. Salisbury, D. Sonsee; four others passed.

Greek Translation: G. Nelson; five others passed.

New Testament Introduction: R. Arnold, W. Jenkins, P. Salisbury; eight others passed.

New Testament Exegesis: I. Adams, B. Beck, H. Clark, G. Nelson; 12 others passed.

Christian Education A: H. Clark, three others passed.

Christian Education B: D. Nancarrow, K. Turtmann; four others passed.

New Testament Seminar: D. Nancarrow; five others passed.

Philosophy of Religion: K. Turtmann; four others passed.

Contemporary Theology: W. Tabbernee; three others passed.

Church History: R. Arnold, P. Salisbury; four others passed.

Christian Ethics: H. Clark; 11 others passed.

Introduction to Theology: R. Collins, G. Nelson, W. Tabbernee; two others passed.

Systematic Theology I: W. Tabbernee; eight others passed.

Systematic Theology II: H. Clark, D. Nancarrow; seven others passed.

Homiletics I: R. Arnold, D. Cook, S. Hince, W. Jenkins, W. Little, P. Salisbury, D. Sonsee, W. Tabbernee, I. Tippett, P. Williams; six others passed.

Homiletics II: I. Adams, G. Nelson; eight others passed.

Homiletics III: B. Beck, W. Tabbernee; six others passed.

Homiletics IV: D. Nancarrow, W. Tabbernee; six others passed.

Practical Church Work I: R. Arnold, D. Cook, S. Hince, P. Richter, W. Tabbernee; 12 others passed.

Practical Church Work II: I. Adams, P. Dewildt, K. Fechner, M. Gibson, G. Nelson, W. Tabbernee; five others passed.

Practical Church Work III: A. Baker, H. Clark, R. Hollard, M. Humphries, G. Wilcott; two others passed.

Practical Church Work IV: G. Marsh, D. Nancarrow, K. Turtmann; four others passed.

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TASMANIA  
Invermay-Launceston: m., C. J. Heier; s., H. G. Byard; mem., 70; "A.C." 12.

NEW SOUTH WALES  
Seven Hills: m., A. J. Davis; s., G. L. Piper; mem., 23.  
Sydney City Temple: s., N. D. Morris; mem., 29.

QUEENSLAND  
Southport: m., E. Watson; s., Roy Prince; mem., 90; "A.C." 6.  
Stafford: m., A. Griffiths (st.); mem., 20.

SIX AT NORTH ESSENDON

(Vic., N. S. Moore). Six young people have been recently baptized and received into membership... N. S. Moore and G. R. Stirling were speakers at the 43rd anniversary. The newly-formed men's choir sang at both services... Boys' Explorers and Good Companions paraded on July 27 with the latter providing a choral item. There were visitors from Blackburn church and a group of Latrobe Univ. students were guests of the senior youth group... On July 25, nine members of the 1939 K.S.P. Club tendered a dinner to their leader for many years, W. G. Mason, and to Mrs. Mason... The B.S. at East Kellor has regular attendances of nearly 200... R. Drayton and family, and Ken and Barbara McDonald were recently farewelled.

DIMBOOLA IS 31

(Vic., C. W. Jackel). Over 90% of members attend communion regularly... The Boys' Club have up to 36 attending and the Girls' Club averages 24... A. Werner continues to take care of church grounds and uses spare land for growing a garden. Arrangements are in hand to renovate vestry and school hall... C.W.F. is under the leadership of Mrs. Jackel (pres.), Mrs. R. Sutton (sec.) and Mrs. Haebich (treas.). This auxiliary conducted a successful progressive dinner which resulted in wonderful fellowship and \$25... A new duplicator is proving a decided help and furnishes members with a weekly "Lifeline"... K. A. Macnaughtan conducted a J.E.W. rally on Aug. 16 and was guest speaker at the first anniversary service the church has ever held—31 years' old on Aug. 17... Mrs. R. Warner (oldest member in the church) celebrated her 85th birthday and attends church twice a Sunday. She was baptized by A. W. Connor in a farm dam at Yanic 70 years ago... Church is planning to have a 10-day mission in Nov.

GOOD CAUSES ASSISTED

(Preston, Vic., G. F. Crossman). Mrs. Dorothy Smith, M.B.E., spoke of her visit to India to the C.W.F... At tea on Girls' Sunday 45 heard Deaconess Farrar tell of activity at Janefield Training Centre. The Good Companions also assisted in the appeal for the Janefield Chapel Fund. The girls and their leader assisted in the evening service... The church school staff attended conference at West Preston on the Christian Life Curriculum... Ladies have worked for the annual street stall of the Preston Auxiliary of the Council for Christian Educ. in Schools.

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## PARKDALE FEATURES YOUTH

(Vic., B. Crowden). Explorer worship activity at chapel involved a number of surrounding clubs. Girls' Sunday was observed on July 27 with a ladies'-girls' tea. Mrs. Sewell was speaker at the tea and Mr. S. Sewell at the evening service . . . C.Y.F. shared recent programme with parents, church officers and Baptist Y.P., and also conducted a recent Sunday evening service . . . Senior Good Companions enjoyed a week-end camp at Rosebud. F. Combridge visited and spoke of Social Service work.

## ENCOURAGEMENT

(Benalla, Vic.). Y.P. made decisions at Crusade meeting . . . All members travelled to Wangaratta to witness baptism of Miss Marion Munro, and subsequent welcome into fellowship of brotherhood by minister, Mr. Street, on June 29. P. Smith welcomed Marion into Benalla fellowship on behalf of local congregation and presented her with a book. There have been three additions by transfer . . . July 29 service was very ably conducted by young adult and teenage members . . . Newcomers and/or visitors to Benalla are invited to contact Mrs. V. Becroft, 30 Maginness St. (phone 62-1007).

## NEW BUILDINGS

(Strathmore, Vic., G. Marsh). A special commemoration service was held in present building before renovations commenced. The new chapel and youth hall are well advanced . . . C.W.F. held birthday celebrations. Pascoe Vale C.W.F. organised entertainment and many churches were represented. \$15.00 was collected for Ruth and Keith Skillicorn in India . . . Rex Shaw has been in hospital . . . An after-church fellowship hour on July 27 honoured Mr. and Mrs. H. Hammon — life elder and organist—as they left to live in Ocean Grove. Presentations were made. They have given many years of dedicated service to the church and continued to express their involvement in the church by making a gift of \$100 towards the new organ fund . . . Good Companions held tea and church parade the same day . . . The church has invited Stan Bannon as part-time minister for 1970.

## NEW CHAPEL

(Chelsea, Vic., D. R. Oakes). 214 attended official opening of new chapel, July 13, including Dr. E. Killmer, W. W. Saunders, D. Smith, A. Emmett, V. Gole, R. Drayton, D. Watt and N. White. Doors opened by A. W. Hunt (builder) and A. Augustine (elder). . . . Mrs. F. Hunting spoke to C.W.A.F. on Jewish evangelical witness . . . Two tennis teams are in finals of V.B.C.C.T.A. . . . Explorer boys competed in indoor sports finals, Midgets came 6th, Juniors 3rd, Seniors 3rd . . . Mrs. G. R. Stirling was guest speaker at Girls' Sunday. 70 attended tea and girls participated in evening service . . . Four senior boys have undertaken leadership training for Explorer leaders, conducted by D.C.E.

## GIRLS' SUNDAY

(South Yarra, Vic., A. Baker). Tea on Girls' Sunday was followed by a service led by Good Companions' leader, Miss Irene Morgan. Miss Margaret Randell from Springvale, was pianist. Alan Searle played the organ. Modern tunes were used for the hymns . . . The Y.P.C.E. gave three items at the "C.E. Sound of Music" at Box Hill on July 12. Recent C.E. meetings included a talk by Miss Lynne Newell, a Bible cricket match, and a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott . . . J.C.E. has decreased because several members left the district . . . Club 13 members have made their own table-tennis table. A recent speaker at Club 13 was Pastor Doug. Nicholls.

## PREPARATION CLASSES

(Footscray, Vic., F. B. Alcorn). Mr. Alcorn is conducting classes for young people who have made decisions . . . Good Companions won the district choral competition for the Western Zone, and also took part in Girls' Sunday service. The leader, Mrs. N. Livett, led the meeting. There were items and a choral reading by the girls . . . Clothing for an Aboriginal boy was supplied by the ladies during July . . . C.M.F. have conducted evening services at Oakleigh Guest Home . . . A series of Fact and Faith films have been screened. George Jones has suffered a stroke but is improving.

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## PHILIPPINES EVANGELISM CONGRESS

(Manila). A national congress on evangelism, the first of its kind and magnitude in this country where evangelicals are estimated at a little less than a million of the nation's 35 million population, will be held in this city May 13-20, 1970. 250 ranking leaders of the more than 85 Protestant denominations all over the archipelago will be invited, with guests from Asia and other parts of the world.

## ASTHMA MONTH

The Asthma Foundation was established in 1964 to provide funds for continuing research and for treatment of asthmatics. In a recent address, Mrs. G. N. Frost, C.B.E., said that we may expect an increase in the incidence of asthmatic

## GREENFORD BAND

Twenty-five girls, four officers and the bandmaster from the Girls' Brigade Company at Greenford in Middlesex, England, reached Australia as the exciting culmination of two years' hard work to raise the fantastic amount required to fly the band and its instruments around the world. For two years this top girls' band has earned its fare through performances at fetes, competitions, seaside concerts and special fundraising activities—and now, Australia at last!

The girls have a varied itinerary. They commenced with two weeks in W.A. In South Australia they will be welcomed by Mrs. Pauline Crosby, Fed-

eral Commissioner of Brigade in Aust. At each centre the girls will give performances not only with their band repertoire but also in rhythmic movement, skipping and choral items and will be supported by members of the Girls' Brigade in Australia.

The International Colour of the Girls' Brigade is in Australia at the same time as the Greenford Band enabling Australian members of Girls' Brigade to view this symbol of the high ideals for which the Brigade stands. Specially-chosen members of Brigade have been given the honour of carrying the Colour in each capital city and this is the first time the International Colour has travelled from International Headquarters in London.

conditions because of increased tensions in living and worsening air pollution. Asthma is a major problem in Australia which is considered to be the second worst country in the world for its incidence.

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## R.C. DISASTER PREDICTED

Charles Davis, the Jesuit priest who left the R.C. Church in 1966, believes that the R.C. Church will collapse. He said that "no one is destroying the papal authority more than Pope Paul VI."

Mr. Davis is teaching religious studies at the Univ. of Alberta in Canada and

urges that there is "not much hope for genuine renewal until the Church stops propping up the wobbly steeples of its past glory and loses itself in helping humanity."

## DEATH OF LETOURNEAU

R. G. LeTourneau, whose name was associated with earth-moving equipment all over the world, is dead. In addition to being a machinery maker, he was a dedicated evangelical who gave a simple but firm testimony to the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and gave significant support to various missionary programmes. He was also involved in social concern, particularly in Africa and South America where he gave a lead in clearing ground for agriculture and assisted in the improving of crops and livestock.

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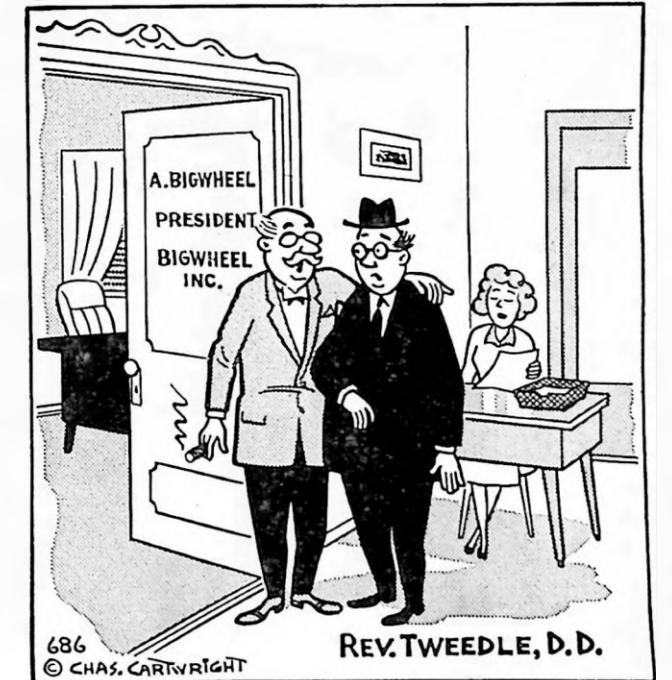
## "THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN" 50 YEARS AGO

(From "The Australian Christian," August, 1919)

Reports from the Field. Hobart's membership is 304. S. J. Southgate was unanimously re-engaged for two years, at an increased salary . . . 28 converts from the recent mission have been baptized at Oakleigh . . . At Lidcombe we had Bro. Blok, of Sydney, with us all day, morning, afternoon and evening. The influenza prevented any services for seven weeks at Elliott, Qld., but we have commenced again. Bro. Larsen, circuit evangelist, visited us last week.

Here and There. The following message reached us last week from G. T. Walden, Lt. Col., C.F., "Written at Worms, Germany, May 26, 1919: Kindest regards" . . . G. T. Fitzgerald is gripping at Subiaco, W.A. His themes betray him. He has the spirit and zeal of a true Restorationist. Last week two Roman Catholics confessed their faith . . . Entries for the Vic. Annual Sunday School examination are not so large as usual, although almost 1,000 have entered . . . The church in Wellington (Vivian St.) N.Z., has celebrated its 50th anniversary . . . During the 1914-1918 war the B. & F.B.S. published 35 versions of the Holy Scriptures in languages new to its list . . . "A young mother who is ill and in poor circumstances would be greatly helped if some kind person would adopt her baby boy, a bright, healthy child of eight months." . . . A good cause can be spoiled by poor representation. We have seen this in temperance addresses some of which are calculated to drive a man to drink.

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"God prosper your worthy labors, Reverend! Pity my money's all tied up in investments!"

## BIRTHS

**CHISWELL (Dunn).**—June and Mervyn are happy to announce the safe arrival of Craig Lawrence, on August 1 at Oakleigh Hospital, Vic. A brother for Karen, Jennifer and Annette.

**PORTER.**—To Judith and Les. on Aug. 8, 1969—a son. Mother and father in great joy.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**CAUDLE - NORRIS.**—The engagement is announced of Julie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Caudle, Mylor, S.A., to Kent, only son of Mrs. K. A. Norris, Queenstown, S.A., and the late Mr. Keith Norris.

**CLOSE - ALLEN.**—Mrs. M. Close, 33 Lilley-st., Ballarat, Vic., has much pleasure in announcing the engagement of her youngest daughter, Valmai Marion, to John Edward, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Allen, 108 Lexton-st., Ballarat, Vic.

**OLIVER-ELSMORE.**—Mr. and Mrs. Oliver and Mr. and Mrs. Elsmore, of Epping, N.S.W. announce with pleasure the engagement of Louise and Kenneth.

**STALEY-SCHULTZ.**—Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Staley of Wemen, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Schultz, of Penshurst, are happy to announce the engagement of Judy and John.

## SILVER WEDDING

**ALLEN - ZEUSCHNER.**—Betty and George announce with gratitude to God, the 25th anniversary of their marriage, celebrated at the Dandenong Church of Christ on August 19, 1944, R. W. Marshall officiating.—Present address: 108 Lexton-st., Ballarat, Vic.

## DEATHS

**BELL,** Walter Robert Cawthorne (Bob).—On August 4 (suddenly) at his residence, 780 South-rd., Glandore, S.A., dearly beloved husband of Lorna Louise, loved father of Jennifer (Mrs. Flero) and Pamela; father-in-law of Brian; fond grandpa of Darren and Kerry. Aged 60 years. "In heavenly love abiding."

**COOK.**—On July 2, Keith, of Johnstone-st., Seaford, Vic., dearly loved husband of Glenda, loved father of Daryl, Joy and Ross; father-in-law of Elfi, and "farv" of Wayne and Andrew. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace."

**HOLLIS.**—On August 11 at Yarra Junction, Vic., Emma Alice, late of Mount Evelyn, loved mother of Winifred (Mrs. Osterman), mother-in-law of Ben; devoted grandmother of Ruth (Mrs. Hunter), Stan and Bernie; great grandmother of Craig and Clive. Aged 80 years. "Always in our hearts."

## IN MEMORIAM

**ALLAN.**—In loving memory of James Ernest, passed away August 22, 1957. "Treasured memories."—Inserted by Doreen and Freda.

**BAKER.**—In loving memory of Bill, died August 3, 1967; and Colin, his son, died August 17, 1964. Loved husband and son of Dorothy, dear father and brother of Ralph and Phillip; father-in-law and brother-in-law of Beryl. "In His keeping."

**BAKER.**—In loving memory of my dear husband, John Frederick, passed away August 24, 1966. "Silent thoughts hold dearest memories."—Always remembered by Flo. and son (John).

**BARTLETT.**—In loving memory of our dear mother and father (Martha and Thomas) who passed away on August 22, 1964 and September 27, 1934, at Croydon, S.A. "In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore."—Loved and remembered always by their children.

**BUTTRESS.**—Treasured memories of my loving husband, Bill, called home on August 26, 1959. "Ten years have gone, but yet you stay; near and dear as yesterday."—Your loving wife, Alice.

**GLENCIE, William Albert.**—In loving memory of my dear husband who passed away on August 24, 1966, at Rosebud, Vic. "Deep in my heart you will always stay, loved and remembered every day."—Loving wife, Elsie.

**COX.**—Fond memories of Fan, called to glory, September 4, 1966.—Ever remembered by her loving husband, Bert, her family and a wide circle of friends.

**LEE, Horace.**—Cherished memories of my beloved husband, called home Sept. 3, 1967. "How dear they are, the shining ones; who hold our hands and walk with us for life."—Edna.

**MASTERTON.**—Cherished memories of James George, beloved husband of Vida, loving father of Dorothy (Mrs. F. Dunk), David, Ken and John. Called to higher service, August 16, 1958. "Ever in our hearts."

**PETRIE.**—Treasured memories of my dear husband, Frank Ernest, called home Aug. 27, 1962; loving father of Donald and Kevin. "Deep in our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered every day." Loving wife, Nell.

## APPRECIATION

**MRS. ELSIE M. GLENCIE** wishes to thank all her kind friends and relatives for prayers, flowers, gifts, cards and letters received during her stay in hospital.—83, 9th-ave., Rosebud, Vic.

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### Church Centenary

Theme: "The Next 100 Years."

Aug. 27 8 p.m., Concert, compered by Alan Rowe.

Aug. 31 11 a.m. & 7 p.m., B. F. Goldsteen.

Sept. 3 8 p.m., E. L. Williams, M.A.

Sept. 7 11 a.m., A. A. Avery.  
7 a.m., B. F. Goldsteen.

Sept. 10 8 p.m., Dr. K. R. Bowes, M.A., S.T.M., Ph.D.

Sept. 14 11 a.m. & 7 p.m., B. F. Goldsteen.

Sept. 17 8 p.m., T. T. Robinson, B.A.

Sept. 21 11 a.m., B. F. Goldsteen.  
3 p.m., S.S. Anniversary.  
7 p.m., L. Brooker.

(Special singing by children).

Sept. 24 8 p.m., A. E. White, B.A.

Sept. 28 11 a.m. & 7 p.m., B. F. Goldsteen.

October 1 8 p.m., Gordon Moyes, B.A.

October 3 8 p.m., Young People's Night.  
Gordon Moyes, B.A., speaker.  
The Silvertones.

### October 5—Centenary Anniversary Day

11 a.m.: Dr. Killmier (Conf. Pres.) speaker.  
A. C. Male, Dip. R.E., Queensland Youth Director (President). G. Ogden (soloist).

1 p.m.: Luncheon.

3 p.m.: P.S.A. D. H. Smith, Dip. R.E. (Director, Home Missions & Evang.) speaker.  
The Campbell Singers.

5 p.m.: Tea. Speaker: A. C. Male, Dip. R.E.

7-7.15 p.m.: Song Service. A. Haskell.  
Gordon Moyes, B.A., speaker.  
The Missionaires.

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## Letter from Prison

Farewell to Family,  
My thoughts go back to you with ardent love and deep gratitude. How good God is and how rich he has made my life. He has given me his love and mercy, and he has given me a dear, loving wife and good children. Have no fear that in the confrontation of death, there may be great storm and stress within me. I have prayed daily that the Lord may give you and me strength to take upon ourselves patiently and humbly whatever he has decreed or sanctioned in respect to us. And I perceive what calm and quiet this prayer has brought.

—Nikolaus Gross, miner, youth leader, union secretary, editor. Executed by Nazis, Jan., 1945.

Friend: "She isn't very P-R-E-T-T-Y, is she?"  
Little Girl: "No! I'm not very pretty, but I am very S-M-A-R-T."



Changing one thing for the better, is worth more than proving a thousand things are wrong.

Anon.



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B. Munro.

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