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"TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS"



THE GOSPEL GOES BUSH BY PLANE



THE B. & F.B.S. PLANE

In the latter part of 1968, Bob Williams believed that the Lord would have him visit the Warburton Ranges and Cundeelee people. Through these past four years God has used Bob Williams to open up what were closed boundaries to the various tribes. By means of the Landrover he has been able to get to far places. Today he is lovingly received from Port Hedland in the north, down to Cundeelee and even south to Norseman.

As the year progressed, the possibility of this long journey of some 3,500 miles became more remote. The Landrover needed repairs, and Bob wasn't best physically. Under such conditions the rugged, hot trek seemed an impossibility.

In discussion with Trevor Booth, who is based at Carnarvon with the British and Foreign Bible Society plane, it was found that the trip was a possibility after all, as there was Bible Society work to be done in the same area.

Travelling through to Mt. Magnet, Bob Williams and I were able to meet up with Mr. Booth on Saturday, Nov. 16. From there we were able to fly to Leonora for the Sunday morning service, and then to Mt. Margaret for a time in the evening. On the Monday we visited Cosmo Newberry, and came back for an evening gathering at Laverton. The next morning we flew on to the Warburton Ranges Mission, and spent Tuesday and Wednesday with the folk there. We went on to Cundeelee for the Thursday and Friday, and arrived in Kalgoorlie on Saturday.

LANCE FISHER, Field Superintendent at Carnarvon, describes a recent "out-reach" trip accomplished by plane.

MEETING
FRIENDS
AT
MEEKA-
THARRA



At Kalgoorlie, a brief time was spent with August Ben, from the New Hebrides, and with Sister Frances Cole and Dr. Barry Pitt, who were on deputation work. August and Bob talked plenty, and would have liked more. On Monday morning we headed back for Carnarvon, and with one stop at Mt. Magnet we arrived home mid-afternoon fresh and fit. All this in 16 hours of flying time!

The time spent among the people was well worthwhile. We were received enthusiastically, and a desire for the things of God was apparent. In tribal life there is no compromise. The putting aside of the old life after receiving Christ, could mean casting out and even death. Spears and boomerangs are used freely. Some whom we met were wearing bandages where spears the night before had penetrated.

Brother Bob is received by all. He gave his witness to the fact that when Jesus Christ is received as Saviour, He gives the power needed to be a Son of God. These far-back Aboriginal tribal people, through fear and evil ways, have a hold over their people in other tribes and far places. The effect of the gospel upon these tribal people will therefore have an effect upon the Aborigines as a whole.

RESERVE
MEETING



Christian Centre Activity



NORSEMAN CHURCH

SONNY GRAHAM, who has pastoral oversight of Norseman Christian Centre church, has been relieving in the day-to-day activities also. He writes:

It is a privilege to be able to share with our many friends some of the recent happenings at the Christian Centre, Norseman. My wife and I have been relieving here while Mr. and Mrs. K. Stevenson and family were away on holidays. Owing to illness, they have not been able to return.

First, some things of general interest. Our Adult Education classes broke up for the holidays. The teacher was very pleased with the progress and the keenness shown by the old people who attend the reading and writing classes. We have received some very useful clothing during the year, and the native people are very pleased with the quality of the clothing the churches have sent. We would like to say thank you to all who were responsible.

Second, we would like to share some things directly related to the spiritual work. We have seen some improvement in attendances at all meetings, with the coming of warmer weather. Three people re-dedicated their lives to Christ recently. They will need our prayers, because the battle will be very hard. A large number of people attended our Christian Endeavour break-up party, which was a further encouragement.

Three more of our native brethren have been elected by the church to serve on the Officers' Board. They are Roy Nine, Percy Rule and Wally Wicker. The Christian people continue to faithfully support our Bible Study and Prayer meeting.

The holidays have come and gone, and the fellowship over that time has been really grand. We were very pleasantly surprised when our students who are at Singleton Bible Institute came home to see us. These were Maureen Rule, Leslie Brown and Ivan Forrest. Peter Jamieson came back to spend Christmas with us, too. We hadn't seen him for three years. In that time he had travelled through America, Can-



NORSEMAN MEN

ada, Europe and many other countries preaching the Gospel of Christ.

Please continue to remember the work of the Norseman Christian Centre in your prayers.

Progress at Mooroopna

Mr. and Mrs. CLYDESDALE continue to do a quiet but important work at Mooroopna, Victoria. In recent letters, Mr. Clydesdale reports:

We are going along quietly, being quite a happy family in the church. Although we have not had any actual additions during the past year, the increase in numbers attending the gospel services has been considerable.

The ladies, on their own initiative, have formed a Guild, and meet once a month in our home. They have made themselves responsible for cleaning the church, have purchased 18 large-size bound copies of Sankeys hymns. They also organised the Sunday School picnic afternoon and tea.

Two of our senior girls in the C.E. are teaching in the Sunday School. Brighton (Vic.) church is sponsoring one of our church native boys to the extent of \$400 per year for two years, to complete his High School education. We believe he will do well.

Mrs. Clydesdale still has 10 native girls in the Guides. One of them, Josie Briggs, has been promoted to lieutenant.

I have what I call "my girls and boys" in two young people's groups which combined for our break-up party. We held it on the back lawn. Over 30 turned up, so we have a good potential.

We lost two girls some time ago. I considered them two of my best. One got into bad company and was sent away; the other just walked out. On Friday we had a letter from the girl who was sent away, saying that she was being released and would be coming home. She hoped we would have her back again, as she had completely changed, and was convinced that her life must be lived in Christ. On the same Friday afternoon we had a visit from the second girl. She brought us a Christmas card, and a very good school report for the year. She has made up her mind to be a school-teacher, and has settled down, determined to make the grade at school.

Such incidents are a source of encouragement to my wife and myself. We are glad to have been able to sow the seed.

Some Carnarvon Activities

MISSION HOMES. With Ron. Jones as works manager, more responsibilities have been taken over by other staff members. The word "homes" is used in its true sense, and not with any institutional thought, and the separate homes have been treated more as a large family, with "the parents" taking full responsibility for decisions, correction, and general care.

More children at Carnarvon Mission are here for schooling, at the parents' own request. Therefore it is a hostel for boarding children, with the added responsibility of caring for some who need love and special attention. The children are acting like our own children, and realising the need for education in all respects.

There has not been the open response to Jesus as their Saviour that we desire, as it is realised that for Jesus to be Saviour, he demands to be Lord and Master.

Some changes in staff have taken place, with Mr. and Mrs. Aitken going to Illawarra Bible College for training, Beryl Winch and Grace Griswood to orphanage work in Albany, N.S.W., and Dorothy Butler on extended leave to care for parents who need her help.

CHRISTIAN CENTRE. Mr. and Mrs. Ron. Field have carried on the wide day-to-day ministry of the Centre. Ex-mission young people and adults are met and assisted in many ways.

Through the Advancement Committee in the town, it has been possible to obtain temporary housing for those in tents, etc. Four families have moved into State homes lately, sub-



RON. JONES AT WORK.

division of privately-owned land is being carried out, and every assistance given to have houses built on these blocks. Families are being helped to purchase furniture, and thus are being helped as families. In some cases children have then been returned to their parents' care. The Christian Centre has taken a leading part in such activity, and as well, the buildings are used for sporting, club, and spiritual activities.

OUTREACH. There is no doubt that God has called Bob Williams to minister to the many tribal groups, or that Carnarvon Mission has been used to back up and support this work. This year Onslow, Roebourne, Meekatharra, Leonora, Mt. Margaret, Laverton, Cosmo Newberry, Warburton Ranges, Cundeelee and Kalgoorlie have been visited. Bob is most faithful and God-honouring.

Recently Lance Fisher was able to go with Bob Williams by plane, in co-operation with Trevor Booth of the B.F.B.S. to Leonora, Kalgoorlie, etc.



LANCE FISHER . . .
Superintendent, Carnarvon.

THE CHURCH which meets at the Christian Centre has continued to grow, and perform a spiritual ministry to all. A recent report says: "All are part of it, coloured, white, illiterate, literate, people of all walks of life and work, and of many languages."

CHRISTIAN CENTRE HOSTEL. For the first year of operation this has functioned well, and the inclusion of senior boarders has helped to give it stability. Some have not made the grade, and have left the Hostel, but it is important that a standard be established and maintained.

It is expected that there will be additional boarders this year, but this depends on employment being found for those leaving school.

**Aborigines Sunday
AND OFFERING DATE
MARCH 16, 1969**



Mrs. FISHER

NORSEMAN CHILDREN'S HOMES

DON BUTLER, who has been Superintendent this past year reports:

Moving into the New Year, we look back over the year just closed. As we do so, we praise God for his obvious leading and undertaking in every way.

There are two things for which we at the Mission Homes particularly thank God. 1. For the fellowship we have enjoyed amongst the missionaries, and for the joy which is ours



in working and sharing together, not only in times of rejoicing and praise, but also in times of trial and testings. 2. For the happy relationship which exists between the missionaries and the children. We have been thrilled to see the way in which many of the children have grown, not only physically and mentally, but spiritually as well.

During the past year we have had increasing numbers of children brought to us, for particular reasons of need, and this has resulted in a new intake record for Norseman.

Fourteen teenage children were sent here from outlying areas like Cundeelee, Laverton and the Warburton Ranges. These came for educational reasons. These older ones have responded wonderfully to their new surroundings, and in many instances have progressed in leaps and bounds. Several of them have accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour, and they have been consistent and conscientious in their witness for the Lord. Most of these older children are moving on next year, either to "Fairhaven" or to Wongutha Training Farm. Four of them, however, have shown such ability at school that they will be able to return for another year. These four, with eleven new ones coming in for the first time, will make up our number of children coming to Norseman Mission for educational purposes. We have a unique opportunity in getting them at such a vital age to help mould their lives and to present the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.

We thank you all for your support, your interest, and your prayers over the year that has passed, and we would seek your continued service to the Lord and to his work here in the year ahead.



GIRLS' HOME, NORSEMAN.



UNCLE OLNEY AT FAIRHAVEN

Mr. OLNEY came to help at Norseman Mission when he retired from employment. He has been fully employed in a voluntary capacity ever since, and has been in Mission work for over 10 years!



GEO. WOOD

END OF A CHAPTER

(South Perth-Kelmscott, W.A.). Jan. 31, 1969, marked the end of a notable chapter in our history. George and Betty Wood came with their five small children 6½ years ago from S.A. The ministry ranks with church, Official Board and minister's family as one of their happiest experiences, the former having seen spiritual growth and numerical increase, the Board faced mainly with the task of keeping pace with dynamic leadership, and the family all growing in grace and knowledge of our Lord.

Attendances on Jan. 26 created a record with 378 present in the morning and almost as many at night. A youth tea preceded the evening service and at its close six people responded to the invitation.

The public farewell on Jan. 28 was presided over by the deputy chairman of the Board, Dale Agnew. The church was represented by Mrs. Richards, president of C.W.F., Nigel Merrick on behalf of Youth Departments, and Windsor Samuel, the chairman of the Board.

In his tribute Mr. Samuel expressed the gratitude of the church for a powerful ministry, which included missions conducted in Australian and overseas cities by Mr. Wood during his 6½ years'

stay. The nature of Mr. Wood's local ministry was attested by the fact that 230 had responded to the gospel in South Perth during the period. Whilst many of these are serving in other churches, 169 are in regular fellowship at South Perth.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood with Philip, Meredith, David, Elizabeth and Jennifer then each received gifts including a cheque for \$260.

A word of thanks on behalf of the children was nicely expressed by Philip (15), followed by Mrs. Wood who spoke of the umbrella of God's love spreading over the church family in South Perth which had brought together groups of Asians, Dutch, and a large number of new settlers from the U.K. as well as the many new local members. Mr. Wood commended the church to the continuing guidance of our Lord and Saviour, and predicted an ongoing and ever-widening front in the life and influence of the membership.

The scene in the lounge of the liner "Ellinis" on Dec. 31 was a thrill to all concerned as visitors poured in and took possession as the Wood family moved round making final contacts. By far the majority of the congregation were present at the send-off.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES

THE ABC OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES OF CHRIST

m=Minister. s=Secretary. (st.)=Student.
mem.=No. of members. "AC"=No. of "Aust. Christian" subscribers.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Fremantle-Hilton Park: m., F. Rees; s., R. Thomson; mem., 303; "AC" 22.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Enfield Heights: m., W. Bowden (pt); s., R. Townsend; mem., 145; "AC" 9.

Flinders Park: m., H. S. Prime; s., L. M. Lukehurst; mem., 200; "AC" 20.

Forestville: m., J. A. Luff; s., C. J. McKennay; mem., 139; "AC"

Fullarton: m., N. Gavros; mem., 56; "AC" 2.

TASMANIA

Copping: m., W. J. Flett; s., N. A. Jacobson; mem., 49.

VICTORIA

Fairfield: m., R. R. Tippett (pt); s., G. W. Bowman; mem., 37; "AC" 8.

Fawkner: m., I. Mullen (st); s., R. E. Patterson; mem., 32; "AC" 10.

Fitzroy North: m., J. E. Searle (pt); s., L. Trotter; mem., 85; "AC" 18.

Footscray: m., F. B. Alcorn, B.A. (pt); s., M. J. Carter; mem., 125; "AC" 18.

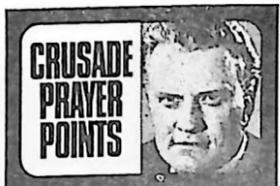
Frankston: m., R. H. Patterson; s., F. G. Adams; mem., 180; "AC" 21.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Enmore: m., E. Chadbourne; s., A. Paterson; mem., 37.

Epping: m., H. M. Long; s., K. L. Baker; mem., 207; "AC" 19.

Fairfield: s., T. Argall; mem., 108; "AC" 14.



CRUSADE

The impact made by the Contact Squads (Youth Committee sponsorship) is proving very effective.

o Pray that through these "Youthquakes," in Myer Shopping Centres: Wed., Feb. 26, Chadstone; Thurs., Feb. 27, Eastland; Fri., Feb. 28, Northland; Sat., March 1, Southland. Young people may be contacted and will subsequently come to know Christ as Saviour and Lord.

o Pray that Mrs. Millie Deinert, a member of the Graham team who is a gifted and widely used speaker at women's meetings, may be used by the Holy Spirit in the speaking programme arranged for her in Melbourne.

o Continue to pray for the Christian Life and Witness classes currently running and for Messrs. Holley and Layman who are conducting them. Offer praise for the many hundreds attending these classes so far.

33rd NATIONAL C.E. CONVENTION

The 33rd C.E. Convention will be held in Melbourne, Jan. 9-16, 1970. The main meetings will be held in the Exhibition Building, Western Annexe. The theme will be "Christ and the Youth Revolution." Guest speakers will include The Right Rev. Solomon Doraisawmy, Bishop in the Church of South India, and Dr. James H. Jauncey, Principal of Kenmore Christian College, Qld. 1,500 interstate delegates are expected to attend, together with representatives from New Zealand, New Guinea and Papua.

COURTS AND DOCTRINE

(Washington, D.C.). U.S. courts may not decide whether a religious body has departed from its beliefs, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled here. The Court's unanimous decision held that civil courts are not competent to determine whether a denomination has embraced innovations violating church dogmas.

It overruled decisions of lower courts in Georgia which awarded church property to breakaway congregations following their charge that the Presbyterian Church U.S. (Southern) had departed substantially from tenets of belief in force when they aligned themselves with the denomination.

Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., who wrote the Court's opinion, said the Georgia courts had breached the constitutional principle of church-state separation by permitting a jury—which, it was noted, was dominated by Baptists and contained no Presbyterians—to rule that the Southern Presbyterian denomination had violated its traditional tenets and beliefs. Involved were two local congregations in Savannah-Eastern Heights and Hull Memorial.—E.P.S.

QUESTING



WITH

A. E. WHITE

There are people who are "active Christians" on Sunday or during church meetings, but when they are with non-Christians they disregard Christian standards. Are these people Christian?

If they are, they are poor samples of the real thing. Unfortunately, there appear to be plenty of them. Some of the worst cases are those who, when they are with other Christians, rant and rave about worldliness, but, when they are with non-Christians, do and say nothing to indicate that they belong to Christ.

It is not difficult to find some support from the Bible in declaring that such people are not even Christian (see letter to the church at Laodicea). And in Mark 7, Jesus said, "This people honours me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. You leave the commandment of God and hold fast the tradition of men." This is Barclay's version and he goes on to quote Jesus as saying, "You are experts in finding a way to cancel the commandment of God." What a field in which to be an expert!

AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Our Need



Here are two true stories of Presidents of the U.S.A., and both about lawyers. William Howard Taft practised in Ohio. One night, after doing business in a small town, he found he could not return home unless he could get an express train to stop for him. So he sent this telegram to the division headquarters of the railway: "Will you stop express at Somerville to take on large party?" Back came the answer: "Yes." The express stopped at Somerville, and Mr. Taft started to climb aboard. "But where's the large party?" enquired the guard. "Well," said Mr. Taft, who was a huge man, "you wouldn't call me a little whippersnapper, would you?"

For a while, when Abraham Lincoln was a young lawyer in Illinois he was too poor to own a horse. So he walked everywhere. One winter's day in wind and sleet, he heard the carriage of the local land agent, a mean man, coming behind him. He took off his overcoat, held it above his head and marched on. The carriage stopped and the agent said, "Have you gone mad?" "Will you be kind enough to take my overcoat into town for me?" he asked the agent. "Oh, yes," the man replied, "but how will you get it back again?" "Well, said honest Abe, "perhaps I'd better just stay inside it."

Both these men wanted something and both did something to get it. Maybe if we want God's presence with us, we have to do something to obtain it. Coming to his table and reaching out our hands to take the symbols of his sacrifice gives him the opportunity to help us, to our immeasurable benefit.

—Walter Harris (Maylands, W.A.).

THANKS FOR THE BREAD

Heavenly Father, we reach out to take this symbol of the bread of life. Grant us thy presence. Amen.

THANKS FOR THE CUP

Our Father, we also unite in thanks for this cup of remembrance. Grant us thy presence. Amen.

into a new relationship with God through him. My deeds should be an honest expression of that relationship and, when actions are faulty, they doubtless indicate a fault in my relationship. However, faulty behaviour does not cancel out genuine trust in Christ.

To become a Christian we must be born again. To be born again means that we start again, and we don't start as mature Christians but as learners (disciples) gradually surrendering greater control of life to the Holy Spirit.

We can never declare that one man is Christian and that another man is not. Only God can make such judgments. We can, however, recognise those whose lives show the fruits of the Spirit, and where those fruits appear to be lacking we can give encouragement and help.

We must accept as Christian those who say they believe and trust in Christ, but our great obligation is to do all that we can to ensure that our actions and attitudes are in accordance with our beliefs.

BRITISH YOUTH DRAMATISE THIRD WORLD'S NEEDS

(London). Youth in Great Britain have found very practical ways of dramatising the need for economic aid to the developing nations.

As a climax to the recent Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, some 350 people fasted over the weekend of Jan. 24-26—many for 40 hours. Politicians and church leaders were among the participants, and a closing service was held in Trafalgar Square.

Aim of the demonstration was to draw government and public attention to the urgent need for more radical remedies to the problem of world poverty. Money resulting from the fast was given to overseas development projects of Christian Aid, the relief agency of the British Council of Churches.—E.P.S.

HOW IT STARTED . . .

Robbing Peter to Pay Paul

This common saying has nothing to do with any financial adjustments between the two great apostles.

In London, by Royal Letters Patent dated Dec. 17, 1540, the Abbey Church of St. Peter, Westminster, was constituted a Cathedral with a resident Bishop. Ten years later, the Order was revoked. The Abbey lost its Cathedral status and the diocese of Westminster was reunited with that of St. Paul's. The result was that St. Peter's revenues were used to repair St. Paul's Cathedral—robbing Peter to pay Paul.

Today, the common meaning is that when you take from one good cause to give to another, there is no real gain.



THE PREMIER

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS The 4th National C.Y.F. Convention



A. C. MALE Qld. Youth Director

The Premier of Queensland, **The Honorable J. Bjelke-Petersen, M.L.A.**, welcomed all delegates to Queensland at the Inaugural Dinner at Cloudland. He commended the Convention organisers for the choice of the main theme: "Response-Responsibility." **Dr. Keith Bowes** (Vic.) interviewed the Premier at the Dinner.

A Lutheran pastor's son, **Johannes Bjelke Petersen**, is Queensland's forthright No. 1 Citizen, who leaves no doubt in any circle of society where his convictions lie.

GORDON STIRLING—Study Leader

From the Book of Acts, **G. R. Stirling** challenged the youthful audience to respond as did the early church and to take a responsible role in the evangelistic task of the Church.

VARIETY A KEYNOTE OF CONVENTION

The Rev. **T. Rees Thomas, M.B.E., M.A., B.D.**, spoke on Tuesday night on the "Universal Response" needed to Ignorance, Racism and War.

MIKADO

Wednesday night, Queensland youths presented the "Mikado" produced by **Gail and Ken Wiltshire**. A send up of "Showcase" called "Convention Showcase" with **Bordon Goyd (A. C. Male, Qld.)** concluded the evening. The winner was **Greg Murray** of N.S.W. with "Inflationary Language."

YOUTH-LAW

"The Rebellious Response" was the theme when **Dr. Jauncey** spoke at Convention on Friday night. He urged youth to rebel with a purpose and to make a purposeful response. A Queensland police motor cyclist in full uniform arrived with siren screaming and various people involved in youth and social welfare were interviewed by **C. H. Dow**, of S.A.

CUTE KOALAS!

Tours to Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, the Oasis Swimming Pools at Sunnybank and the Golden Circle Cannery and Toombul Shopping Town allowed interstate visitors a chance to appreciate Brisbane's tourist attractions.

UNIVERSITY LIVE-IN

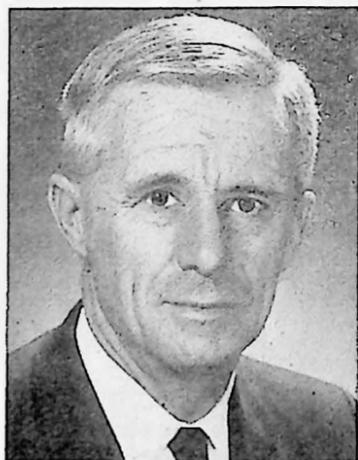
Girls were accommodated at the Methodist College "Kings," whilst the boys were housed at the Presbyterian College "Emmanuel." Both colleges are attached to the University of Queensland at St. Lucia.

FROM OTHER TONGUES . . .

On the night of the "Universal Response" three nationalities, Japanese, Filipino and Dutch brought greetings and good wishes to the Convention assembly. After the service a cabaret-style evening allowed each of the guests to tell of their lands and answer questions from the enquiring audience.

EARLY MORNING DEVOTIONS

Dawn Chivell, of S.A., speaking in Kings Chapel referred to the fact that all are individuals and we must recognise and use our own talents. On themes of beauty, use of the tongue, and service, Dawn encouraged the girl conventioners to be followers of Christ—the "Altogether Lovely One."



G. R. STIRLING

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TUTORIALS AS WELL AS BIBLE STUDIES

Various leaders in their field led a variety of elective studies during Convention to supplement the main Bible Study sessions.

The field of Archaeology was illuminated by **Professor Alan Wilson** of Brisbane.

Eric Neal, Qld. Gas Co. Manager and former Duke of Edinburgh Study Conference awardee, lectured on "The Lucky Country."

C. H. Dow, of S.A., lectured on the subject of "communicating with secular youth."

Prayer and practising the presence of God was the theme expounded and experienced in **Brian Stitt's** group. "Leadership" conducted by the Rev. **Tom Treherne**, Anglican Leader-Training Officer; "The Christian in Today's World" led by the Rev. **Wandel Dahl** of the Lutheran church, and "Understanding the Bible" presented by **Dr. G. Whiting** completed the stimulating and challenging tutorials.

CAMP CAL. FOREVER!

Thursday afternoon, under the shadow of the Glasshouse Mountains, six coaches of conventioners en route to Caloundra enjoyed tropical fruit. Mrs. **Lesley Stirling** was overjoyed at the abundance of tropical fruit supplied by the Glasshouse United Churches' Women's Guild.

AUSSIE RULES IN QLD.

Australian Rules Football matches on the beach at Caloundra were played with boys and girls' teams entertaining the sun-baking conventioners.

SMORGASBORD DINNER was a highlight of the trip to Caloundra. **Mrs. Dot Sleaford** and a small band of workers served the attractive meal in the specially decorated hall. Moonlight devotions in the delightful open-air chapel concluded the never-to-be-forgotten day.



"Lord, I want to borrow your eyes . . ."

This emphasis of looking at the world, "but with Christ's eyes," was part of the dramatic reading presentation at the final night of N.Y.C. at the City Hall, Brisbane.

Miss Kay McFeeta, a talented elocutionist from the Acacia Ridge church, effectively recited **Abbe Quoi's** prayer.

CHAPEL COMMENTS:

George Mathieson, of S.A., was Chaplain at Emmanuel during convention. Developing various themes he challenged the boys on the difference Christ makes in our lives. He can rid us of resentment, pride and a morbid feeling of inferiority.

GOLD COAST TOUR

On Saturday the N.Y.C. travelled to Currumbin Bird Sanctuary. After surfing at Greenmount, a salad lunch prepared by the ladies of the Southport church was greatly enjoyed at Point Danger.

PORPOISES AND WHALE AT MARINELAND

The youthful spectators were delighted with the performing porpoises and whale at the Gold Coast's Marineland. The manager commended the 245 N.Y.C. delegates for their excellent behaviour while at the Seaquarium. This also is witnessing!

At night a barbecue was prepared by church helpers from Brisbane at Tallebudgera, and after beach entertainment the coaches drove slowly through Surfers Paradise to view the glamour of the neon lighting and then returned to the University.

1969

FEDERAL BOARD SAYS:

"THANKS, QLD!"

The Federal Board of Christian Education and all who shared in the Fourth National Youth Convention in Brisbane, would take this opportunity of thanking **Allan Male**, Director of the Queensland Youth & Christian Education Department, and his team of assistants, for their efforts in connection with the local arrangements for the Convention . . . for the fine meals, the enjoyable tours, the "Mikado" production. Thank you, Queensland!

MARJ. DEANE HONOURED

In recognition of the service of the Fed. Board's Assoc.-Ed. and Sec. for 20 years and the four N.Y.C.'s, **Miss Deane** was presented with a silver tray. She has been vitally involved in the planning of all four conventions.

OLYMPIC REPRESENTATIVE

Swimming champion **Jenny Stienbeck**, Empire Games competitor and Silver Medallist at the Mexico Olympics, was interviewed by **Brian Stitt**, W.A. Director, on the night of the "Universal Response."

N.Y.C. AT LOCAL CHURCHES

On Sunday morning, metropolitan church members and near provincial centres transported delegates to the local church services, and then looked after them for lunch and tea. This hospitality was extended from churches as far apart as Toowoomba and Mt. Walker.

DIRECTORS AND VISITING PREACHERS AT MORNING SERVICES:

- C. H. Dow** (S.A.) spoke at Zillmere,
- B. Stitt** (W.A.) at Annerley,
- Dr. K. R. Bowes** (Vic.) at Ann St.
- Dr. G. Whiting** at Toowoomba,
- A. C. Male** (Qld.) at Stafford,
- G. Mathieson** (S.A.) at Albion,
- Delroy Brown** (N.S.W.) at Mt. Walker,
- G. R. Stirling** at Camp Hill.

CITY HALL CLIMAX

Over 850 people attended the N.Y.C.'s final night at the City Hall on the Sunday night. **G. R. Stirling** spoke on "The Ultimate Response."

All Directors and leaders of State delegations were on the platform. Queensland's Senior Vice-President, **Des. Collins**, assisted in prayer. **Brother Williams** of the Society of St. Francis, led the responsive singing of "Gloria in Excelsis." At the conclusion of the address two girls made decisions for Christ.

POST CONVENTION TOUR

Seventy-one fortunate young people left Brisbane the morning N.Y.C. finished for an eight-day tour of the Queensland coast to Mackay for a Barrier Reef holiday.

Meals were arranged at Churches of Christ en-route.

Famous islands such as Hayman, South Melle, Daydream, Brampton and Lindeman were visited.

PREVIOUS N.Y.C.'s

Number one was held in Adelaide in 1963 and at bi-ennial intervals at Sydney, Perth and now at the Sunshine State.

—Prepared by A. C. Male, Qld.

Tweenagers' Choice



Miss Tweenage '69

— **Julie Plummer** (Camp Hill)

Master Tweenager '69

— **Fred Davis** (Zillmere)

"Miss Victoria"

— **Catherine McCann** (Blackburn)

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OPEN FORUM

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TOO MANY MINISTERS?

To the Editor,

Your unnamed correspondent, "A.C.," 8/2/69, expresses fear that Australian Churches of Christ are reaching saturation point as far as ministers are concerned. I am in full sympathy with him in his anguish concerning the future of his own ministry. All ministerial placement systems have their weaknesses. In our "call system" there have sometimes been heartaches when it has not been possible to match a minister and a church at short notice. Sometimes men of God have been hurt in the process of discovering by hard experience that they do not happen to have those particular qualifications that are necessary in the ministry as we know it in Churches of Christ. The fault is neither theirs nor that of the churches. Some men are simply suited for certain vocations and others are not.

There does not seem to be evidence at the moment that we are reaching saturation point. In the last three days I have been asked for suggestions for men for seven of our largest churches in three States. One State executive has written to me making enquiries about our 1969 exit students. Last year all exits from the College of the Bible were placed in churches, and others could have been placed had they been available. Some churches are waiting for up to 12 months for particular minis-

ters. While advisory boards are indicating to some men that the sort of opening they desire may not be available at present, the advisory boards also have the problem of telling churches that the sort of men they want are unavailable at the moment.

If, as a brotherhood, we still have the vision that made us a people, we will be able to find ministries for many years to come for those men of ability who relate easily to people, who will work hard and long at their pastoral and preaching ministries, who are able to preach a Word from God that can be heard and understood at the point of need, and who have died to themselves so conclusively that their new life in Christ is contagious.

If the ministry of all of our people continues to grow in its devotion and scope and faith, we will probably need more ministers than we can find.

—G. R. Stirling
College of the Bible, Glen Iris.

WALK AGAINST WANT

To the Editor,

The organisers of the 1968 Walk Against Want would like to thank the 4,500 people, young and old, who walked from Melbourne to Frankston on Dec. 13.

The funds raised by them from the tens of thousands of generous sponsors have now been put to work on overseas development projects. Sponsors' promises amounted to almost \$72,000, of which \$60,000 is at work overseas, and as soon as the remainder is sent in it will follow to keep up the good work.

The Nanyuki Water Supply Scheme in Kenya has been started to improve the nutrition of the desert people. The Kosbad Hill Agricultural Institute in India is cultivating a rice nursery to introduce more productive strains of rice to tribal farmers. The Mysore Govern-

ment Irrigation Scheme in India is giving employment to thousands at Mundgod and will make a large area of the State secure from drought. The Tjhi-deung Irrigation Scheme in Indonesia is now being extended to serve 1,500 acres. Work in replacing houses and stock and re-claiming land after the disastrous avalanches and floods near Darjeeling in India, is now well under way.

Melbourne's walkers and all who helped them can be proud of their achievement in setting up these constructive projects to fight world poverty. The 1969 Walk Against Want will be held on Friday evening, Dec. 12.

—Walk Against Want Representatives.

LOST DIARY

To the Editor,

It happens to the most careful. I have lost or mislaid my diary for 1969. I shall be grateful if those who have made appointments with me will write and confirm the dates concerned.

—E. L. Williams, Principal.

"IN STRAITJACKET"

(Memphis, Tennessee). Churches will degenerate into "local religious clubs" able to provide only a slightly comforting refuge in "the world-wide storm that is blowing the world to hell" unless they engage in joint action, the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, warned.

Speaking to the policy-making body of the National Council of Churches (U.S.A.) meeting, he said, "If any of you here want the world or young people or poor people or the business community to take you seriously, break out of the denominational straitjacket that still is the most crippling factor in the Church of Jesus Christ."

Commending church councils as channels for joint action, Dr. Blake insisted they needed to broaden their ecumenical base by involving Roman Catholics, Conservative Evangelicals, lay men and women and youth.

"It won't do to settle for a clergymen's union," the W.C.C. executive maintained.

In a hopeful note Dr. Blake said, "The first two-thirds of this century has seen so much ecumenical progress that when church history is written, the whole century will be described as one of almost miraculous progress towards the unity and renewal of the Church."

"I see no reason to believe," he continued, "that the years immediately before us will show any radical change of direction or any great decrease of momentum of either the ecumenical movement or the Christian councils established to serve it."—E.P.S.

CAR ACCIDENT VICTIM

(Fairfield, N.S.W.). The church was greatly saddened by the death of one of our consecrated young people, Sylvia Wallace, in a tragic car accident which badly injured three (two from C.Y.F.). . . . W. Whitton's ministry, almost completed 12 months, has produced signs of great progress in the church. Attendance and offerings have reached levels never before attained at Fairfield.

ALL AGE EDUCATION

(Horsham, Vic.). Plans are in hand to commence a programme of all-age Christian Education in 1969. To give information on the subject, Mr. and Mrs. E. Roffey recently met with members and answered questions . . . Stage one of rebuilding programme is nearing completion . . . Plans are being made for buses for last weekend of Billy Graham Crusade.



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3 p.m. Speaker: L. Snow;
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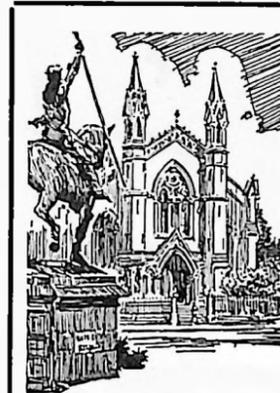
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MINISTERING ON BORDER

(Bordertown, S.A.). Mr. and Mrs. R. Combridge were inducted into the circuit ministry on Feb. 9 by Allen Leane, minister of Naracoorte. Jas. Macdonald gave the circuit welcome . . . Cliff and Jane Manning have been farewelled. Among the gifts was a silver tray presented to Cliff by his young people's discussion group. Also appreciation was expressed and gifts were presented to Roy Arnold, church organist and choir leader, on leaving for College of the Bible . . . Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Oakes were farewelled on leaving for a ministry in Melbourne by representatives of churches in district. On behalf of the church, Jas. Macdonald presented a canteen of cutlery . . . Miss Betty Milne has been transferred by her bank to Adelaide. She has been a valuable S.S. teacher . . . Church sympathies with Mrs. J. Macdonald in the death of her brother, Will Mackley, of Horsham . . . Jill Barnett, our new organist, teaches at Kingston and comes home 70 miles to church.

LOSS OF SECRETARY

(Murwillumbah-Tweed Heads, N.S.W.). Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Thompson and family have been transferred to Canberra and were farewelled on Jan. 26. Mr. Thompson has been secretary for seven years, while Mrs. Thompson has been an office-bearer in the C.W.F. for a similar period. Presentations were made by D. L. Bartrim on behalf of the church . . . Mr. and Mrs. E. Holt commenced full-time ministry on Feb. 2. H. M. Long, N.S.W. Conf. Pres., gave induction address. At public welcome, greetings were given by the chairman of the Board, A. J. Bartrim; the Pres. of Tweed Shire Council; the Pres. of Murwillumbah Ministers' Fraternal; Colin Wheat, minister of Lismore; and the Conf. Pres., H. M. Long, who was also speaker at Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah on Feb. 2. He was accompanied by John Lui from our New Hebrides churches . . . J. Wisdom, secretary at Tweed Heads, and Miss Sue Moffitt, of Murwillumbah, are in Tweed District Hospital.



NEW PREACHING PROGRAMME

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

LIMELIGHT

To the Editor,

When I was a boy they used to turn out the house lights during the Sunday night sermon. Some churches even had a little gadget to do it gradually. As the lights also came on gradually they concealed the facial contortions of those awaking from slumber, and avoided the post-sermon blinkings so evident in churches where the lights came straight on. The idea of dimmed lights was ostensibly to rest the eyes of worshippers. They certainly covered up a small boy's wriggings.

When the lights went out over the congregation, only the minister was bathed in bright light, as though the limelight was upon him. He became a Sunday night prima donna. Attention was focused on him. It was as though all that he and the church did all the week had led up to this spotlighted moment.

They don't seem to turn out the houselights any more. Perhaps it has been discovered that some of us can be just as much in the dark with the lights on. Or perhaps modern ministers shun the limelight and the prima donna role.

Our minister isn't much of a prima donna on Sunday nights; and I don't think turning out the lights would make him any better. But you ought to see him during the week, visiting, burden-bearing, loving, caring, listening, encouraging, tying loose ends, and making the whole show go from behind. He doesn't get the spotlight in a darkened church, but he does take a little light to a darkened world.

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS.

N.S.W. Department of Christian Education and Bookroom

INTRODUCING TWO NEW STAFF WORKERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORK IN NEW SOUTH WALES



D. G. BROWN

D. G. Brown, B.A., has commenced a three-year ministry as Assistant to the Director of the Dept. of Christian Educ. Originally from Kingston, Jamaica, Delroy studied at Maritime Christian College in Canada and San Jose Bible College in California. With a background of work in the Y.M.C.A.; study in Christian Education and a host of Christian camping experience, Mr. Brown has a lot to offer our brotherhood. Mr. Brown is being supported in the main by the Yuba City (California) Church of Christ.



BRUCE ARMSTRONG

Bruce Armstrong, L.Th., Dip. R.E., continues as Director and is to take in addition, an interim preaching ministry at Belmore until September. Then it is planned that he will spend two months in America. It is arranged for him to visit Christian Education programmes of both the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the Churches of Christ. Also his itinerary will include some time spent at Standard Publishing, Cincinnati, Ohio, among many other appointments.



D. J. SCHOFIELD

D. J. Schofield, B.E., Dip. Ed., L.Th., Dip. R.E., is to commence duties in March as the manager of the Churches of Christ (N.S.W.) Bookrooms. David, a graduate of Woolwich Bible College, has served with the Churches of Christ at Cardiff (Newcastle, N.S.W.) and the Chinchilla-Hopeland circuit (Qld.). Previously a member of the N.S.W. Dept. of Christian Education, his interest in Christian Education has been expressed in this careful oversight of the Home Bible Study and Training Course which he helped to develop and introduce in 1966. Mr. Schofield is to have the responsibility of personally managing the City Bookroom and supervising the development of our new Liverpool Bookroom. He is to serve as part-time preacher in the church at Narraweena.

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CHURCH PROGRAMME ADOPTED

(Hampstead Gardens, S.A.). Following the Church Life Conference, committees have been active in assessing the life of the church, her work and worship. All special aims and activities for 1969 have been decided upon and a church calendar has been set up in the foyer to inform members . . . A church picnic was held at Victor Harbour on Australia Day holiday . . . The church is grateful to Garth Nelson and Doug. Good, of C.O.B., and to David Skewes for their messages to the church.

DEDICATION SERVICE

(Kedron, Qld.). A capacity congregation attended Teachers' Dedication service and Girls' Hostel Recognition on Feb. 9. At night, John New from New Hebrides preached at baptismal service for four girls . . . Boys' Brigade has record enrolment . . . L. Thomas and E. W. Enchelmaier have been added to Board of Elders . . . B. Chesney has made a good recovery after surgery . . . The minister, Rex Ellis, conducts mid-week Bible Study.

FAMILY CAMP, 1969

(Toowoomba, Qld.). The 18th Annual Family Camp of the combined Toowoomba Churches was held at the Qld. Youth and Christian Educ. Camp-site at Dicky Beach, Caloundra, on Australia Day weekend for 75. The theme was "Growing in Christ" and studies were led by Bruce Roberts, minister of Harlaxton. The organisational work was again done by Horace Christensen and at camp he was supported by Merv. Muller. Other camp staff were: Camp mother, Mrs. E.

7 WARD

Shelley was a twin, and came from another State—and had been almost two years in the same ward of the Royal Children's Hospital.

Whenever offered a gift from the Church of Christ visitor, she would very politely refuse it for herself but would accept the gift to be saved for the next time that someone from home could come and see her. Mother, Dad, or twin sister would then be given the gift. Comics were never accepted as she tried to keep up with her school work, and with reading the New Testament which was always there for all to see.

Today, Shelley is home on her farm with her family, and this year she hopes to return to school. We thank God for his goodness and his care . . .

We miss Shelley. We miss the smile of welcome she gave us, her unselfishness, and her very sure witness.

Grenfell; treasurer, Margaret Grenfell; hostesses, Mesdames Prollecks, Large and Muller; musician, Mrs. Shirley Christensen. \$30 was received and donated to the Northern Evangelist Doug. Willis for use in his work.

Items were provided by a group of young women, a trumpet trio by Bruce Roberts, Neil and Ian Prollecks, and a trio was formed by Norm Cole, Percy Brock and Ted Grenfell. Miss Margaret Freebairn from the Federal College of the Bible, Glen Iris, shared with us. Visits by Aileen Draney and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ray Draney, and Dr. and Mrs. A. Caldicott and family were appreciated. Much commendation was expressed at the great improvements that have taken place at the Youth Camp.

BIG PLANS MADE

(Maryborough - Baddow - Herve Bay, Qld.). On Jan. 29, the circuit met for the annual meeting and election. The ministers, T. Ede and F. L. van Laar, outlined their plans for the year. Two important decisions were made. Firstly, it was agreed to build a chapel and hall at Herve Bay estimated to cost \$17,000. Secondly, the members decided to donate a portion of land at the Baddow chapel site to the Social Services Dept. for the erection of a home to cater for approximately 10 State children with foster parents . . . On the next weekend the newly-elected elders and deacons met in camp to study scripture concerning the qualifications, responsibilities and origins of their respective positions. A dedication service was held for the new officers on Feb. 9.

NEW CURRICULUM

(Chelsea, Vic.). Implications of implementing Christian Life curriculum in 1970 are being studied by all leaders in all auxiliaries; Local Education Committee consists of H. Taylor, L. L. Smith, R. Augustine and minister, D. R. Oakes. . . . Over 100 members are in Explorer Boys' and Good Companions Girls' clubs. Explorer club has received \$75 from State Government for club equipment . . . Concrete foundations have been poured for the new chapel, expected to be finished by June.

S.A. TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE

Albert H. Jenkinson, J.P., A.A.S.A., has been appointed full-time general secretary of the Temperance Alliance.

Until recently, he was secretary of the Retail Storekeepers' Association of S.A., but resigned because he was unable to reconcile his personal convictions with the efforts of the association to obtain liquor licences.

For a number of years Mr. Jenkinson has been a lecturer at evening classes at the Institute of Technology. In 1959 he completed a course in journalism, and for 15 years was the managing editor of the Storekeepers' Journal.

Mr. Jenkinson is a layman of the Methodist Church, and an accredited local preacher.

David Pitman will continue as Education Director and Research Officer of the Alliance, and the Rev. F. E. Tregilgas, who has been interim general secretary, has been named Assoc. Sec.

NTH. TURRAMURRA GROWING

(N.S.W.). Six members by transfer and Anne Lloyd by baptism were received into fellowship during January. 114 attended morning service on Feb. 2. B.S. has a roll of 101 children and 22 staff. School is divided into three departments with senior section meeting at manse . . . "Healing Hand" missionary project for New Hebrides amounted to \$422-\$47 in excess of target. The Board will recommend a 1969 project at March annual meeting . . . Recent speakers have been Roy Middlemass, Harold Hayward, F. J. Stephenson and R. Bartholomew . . . Mr. and Mrs. T. Jackson now convalescing in their new home following hospitalisation. Mr. and Mrs. Brian Bardshaw departing on holiday trip to Fiji. Lionel and Lorna Fitch and family returning to their home in Perth after extended working period in Sydney . . . The minister is G. J. Warne.

VISITORS FROM ISLANDS

(Taree, N.S.W.). The church had fellowship with many visitors during the holiday season. On Jan. 20, missionaries Mr. and Mrs. David Eagling and John Liu from the New Hebrides were present. Mr. Eagling and John Liu brought messages to the church. Slides were screened of work in the New Hebrides Mission . . . A former minister, K. W. Barton, accompanied by his wife and son were among the visitors.

PROMOTION SUNDAY

(Hornsby, N.S.W.). B.S. Promotion Sunday on Feb. 9 featured a Promotion Service at 9.30 a.m. and a Teachers' Dedication Service during the 11 a.m. service. K. E. Crawford, the H.M. Director, was guest speaker. A young man was baptised at night by D. A. Oldfield. Mr. and Mrs. B. Harris, of Asquith, were guest artists. The Brigades made the service their first church parade for 1969 . . . Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Dallinger were involved in a car accident on their way to the North Balgowlah church on Feb. 9. Mr. Dallinger escaped injury but Mrs. Dallinger was taken to Mona Vale Hospital for surgery, but is doing well.

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

(Lismore, N.S.W.). Conf. Pres., H. M. Long's visit on Feb. 5 was appreciated. Doug. Willis and family were farewelled on leaving for North Queensland . . . At a recent chess tournament, Jim Williams was rated 10th in Australia . . . Preacher now conducts new Bible Class on Sunday mornings and preaches in Byron Bay R.S.L. Hall on third Sunday night each month. Bible Correspondence course offered over our radio session has resulted in one conversion recently . . . Paul Lehmann presented first sermon at Bangalow church on Feb. 9. . . . B.S. is growing and two teachers have been engaged.

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MINISTERS

FIRST FULL-TIME MINISTER

(Christies Beach, S.A.). Mr. and Mrs. Graham Smith were received into fellowship on Feb. 2. S. E. Riches inducted Mr. Smith into the first full-time ministry here. The church is grateful to Mr. Riches for carrying on the work last year . . . Heather Grover made her decision and was baptized on Jan. 26 . . . Many visitors attended during holidays. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Mayhew left to reside at Seacliffe. They will attend Brighton Gardens.

KEVIN HARVEY BEGINS

(Brighton Gardens, S.A.). On Feb. 2, Kevin J. Harvey was inducted to the ministry by C. H. Dow, Director of Christian Educ. 266 attended the induction service and 250 the following Sunday. . . . On Feb. 2 Neil Dickson made his decision . . . Mr. Harvey has attended the Magarey Lectures at Longwood . . . 15 young people who were baptized at the close of Mr. Wright's ministry, were entertained at the manse for tea for a "Get to know you" with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey . . . Theo. Edwards recently celebrated his 88th birthday . . . The A Grade tennis team is top of premiership table and B team is 4th. . . . Don. Pearce won the trophy for batting in the Australian Churches' Cricket Carnival and Malcolm Earl was elected vice-captain of the All-Australian team.

SOCIAL WELCOME

(Port Pirie, S.A.). When Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Lawrie commenced their ministry in Port Pirie a social evening was held to give members an opportunity to meet their new minister. The evening took the form of a pantry evening for the couple.

THINGS TO COME

VICTORIA

FEBRUARY:

- 21-23 C.W.F. Missionary Camp, Monbulk.
- 25 C.W.F. Evening Fellowship Effort.
- 28 D.C.E. Impact.

MARCH:

- 1 D.C.E. FOYA for Young Adults.
- 1 Good Companions' Field Day.
- 1 Central & Nth. Dist. Conf., Boort.
- 2 Midlands District Conf., St. Arnaud.
- 4 Annual C.E. Meeting.
- 8-10 D.C.E. Explorer Adventure Camp.
- 7-10 Eastern Dist. Camp, Monbulk.
- 16 ANNUAL OFFERING—Aborigines' Mission Department.
- 28 Eastern District Worship Service.
- D.C.E. Good Companions' Swimming Sports.
- 28-30 C.W.F. Missionary Camp, Hall's Gap.
- 29 Southern Bayside Dist. C.Y.F.
- 29-30 D.C.E. Explorer Junior Canvas Camp.
- 29-30 C.E. Missionary Week-end.

QUEENSLAND

FEBRUARY:

- 28 D.C.E. Leaders' Laboratory.

MARCH:

- 8 D.C.E. Opening Teen Ranch.
- 15 D.C.E. Swim Carnival.

WORLD CONVENTION ADELAIDE — 1970

HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS

(Melb.). A widely representative group of people shared in a welcome dinner to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Keating at the Brotherhood Centre on Feb. 4. The newly-appointed ministers to Norlane—W. J. Edwards, Hobart (associate)—R. E. Pfeifer, and Traralgon—D. E. Stewart, were also present. In the absence of the chairman, W. A. Thompson, the dinner was chaired by L. C. Withers, the deputy chairman. A buffet dinner enabled the guests to meet informally with all present. Following the dinner a public meeting was held at Swanston St.

MISSIONARY-MINISTER

(Norlane, Vic.). On Feb. 2, W. W. Saunders, Secretary Vic.-Tas. Conference, conducted an induction service for our new minister. Jack Edwards, recently returned from missionary service in the New Hebrides. At 4.15 p.m. a basket tea of welcome was given to Mr. and Mrs. Edwards and family . . . We are grateful to those who have assisted with services in past months.

R. E. HILLBRICH INDUCTED

(Shepparton, Vic.). Mr. Hillbrich was inducted into the ministry here on Feb. 2, by F. J. Funston, a former Pres. of Conf. A welcome social was given on the 6th to Mr. and Mrs. Hillbrich . . . Recent speakers have been W. W. Saunders, G. R. Stirling, and E. S. Sanders. . . . About 12 youth members attended the church camp at Cheshunt during the holidays.

SERVING AT CASTLEMAINE

(Harcourt, Vic.). At a combined service in Castlemaine chapel, on Feb. 2, John Bryne was inducted as new minister. A. E. Stevens, of Manifold Heights, gave the charge to the congregations. . . . Plans are in hand for participation in local activities for Graham Crusade, including a visit to Melbourne . . . While church was without a preacher, visiting speakers and local brethren, including Teens' Club and C.W.F., took services. . . . Lois Carr attained her B.A. Degree at Monash University.

MURRAY BRIDGE MINISTRY

(S.A.). On Feb. 2, an induction service was held for A. M. Arnot. The inducting officer was D. K. Beller, and W. Harper welcomed Mr. Arnot on behalf of the church. At a welcome social evening on Feb. 7, local and guest artists provided entertainment, including items from the Murray Bridge Elderly Citizens' Choir. Mr. Law (Presbyterian), Mr. Newton Miller (Methodist) and on behalf of the Ministers' Fraternal, and Mr. G. Bywaters welcomed Mr. Arnot to Murray Bridge and into the fellowship of the church . . . On Jan. 26, I. W. Nixon conducted his last services. At an after-church fellowship, presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Nixon in appreciation of his 12 months' Sunday preaching ministry . . . Three new teachers have been added to the teaching staff—Misses R. Jarvis, E. Deed and L. Harper. . . . The church has been saddened by the death of Mrs. E. Couch after a long illness.

chapel. The Doncaster choir assisted in worship and the three new appointees to Home Mission churches briefly responded to the welcome given. C. J. Orr, the Tasmanian representative, was in attendance and read the scriptures. Principal E. L. Williams preached the induction charge and R. V. Amos, President of the Vic.-Tas. Conference, formally inducted Mr. Keating to his new position as a department field officer. Mr. Keating will share with A. A. Avery in a training programme from February to June, 1969.

GIFFORD GORDON REMEMBERS

I. J. Chivell, Secretary, World Convention Arrangements Committee, now in the U.S.A., writes of meeting Gifford Gordon. "He is in 'Pilgrim Place,' a rest home for Christian workers, with about 300 in it. Giff. is bed-ridden, but alert. He has no pain or distress and is well cared for. We prayed together, and as we said goodbye, he said, 'Give my love to all in Australia. I still remember Strathalbyn and I am still in the temperance fight.'"

SERVING MILE END

(S.A.). On Feb. 2, N. Hodgekiss with his wife, were welcomed to the church and inducted into the ministry by C. L. Fitzgerald . . . In Dec., Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Luff were farewelled after six years with the church. A cheque was presented to Mr. Luff by the church and a brooch and pendant by the ladies to Mrs. Luff at a special luncheon. In January, K. Edwards served a much appreciated interim of four weeks . . . Geoff. Moore obtained his B.Sc. degree and left to take up employment in Canberra. No less than five active members left in January for visits overseas. John Rogers is a student at Kenmore Christian College, Qld. . . . Church was saddened by the passing of Arthur Crossling, 90-years-old, and a most active participant in all church activities . . . Your Y.P. went to Brisbane for the Youth Convention.

TWO CONFERENCE SERMONS

(Melb.). The minister of Swanston St. church, Dr. Lloyd Jones, has been invited to preach the Conference sermons at both N.S.W. and Queensland Conferences in March and April.

NEW AT WHYALLA

(S.A.). When Messrs. S. Beck, G. Pearce and Long, travelled from Adelaide Mr. Beck, Fed. Conf. Pres., gave the induction charge to the church and minister, D. Sander. Mr. and Mrs. Sander were welcomed into the church by M. Summerton. Members then met with Mr. and Mrs. Sander and the H.M. Committee at luncheon . . . A new kitchen sink and heater have been donated to the Manse by the C.W.F. The front fence of the Manse has been removed . . . Several new school teachers have moved into the area district . . . Mr. and Mrs. P. Smith have left to reside in Adelaide. . . . Mrs. Yvonne Schmits is home from hospital after surgery . . . On Feb. 9, M. H. Davies, Nthn. Dist. Conf. Pres., was morning speaker.

KENMORE'S BIG STEP FORWARD

(Qld.). As indicated in the advertisement in this issue, Kenmore Christian College is now offering a vastly improved degree programme. From now on, the College will be working in association with the revised course in Divinity of the University of Queensland. The new course offers a combined B.A., B.D. which can be taken together over five years or a B.D. can be taken over three years with no previous degree required.

These are full tuition degrees as compared with those of M.C.D. and London which are examination degrees only. The lecturers are highly competent men and conservative in outlook. Queensland is the only Australian University to offer such courses.

With this new development, Kenmore will have no less than 23 lecturers at its disposal, 10 of which (three full-time, seven part-time) will be internal to Kenmore. The present emphasis on the Bible, deep personal spirituality and up-to-date practical ministerial training will be continued. As a result of the new course it will be possible to produce more graduates who are degree men and who therefore can be assisted to do post-graduate studies overseas.

MISSIONARY BARBECUE

(Harvey, W.A.). To meet and hear the Bolton family, missionaries from New Guinea, the church organised a barbecue in the church grounds, after which Mrs. Joyce Bolton told of her experiences and showed slides of the work. Proceeds from a cent jar placed on the women's table each fellowship day, and a collection taken resulted in \$72 being given towards the new work planned in the Karem River area . . . There have been two decisions, a young lass and a young married lady . . . 70 Y.P. from Collie, Bunbury and Harvey held a beach party and barbecue at Binningup Beach. The programme was given by the boys of the Bunbury Musical Group and the devotions led by Mr. Van Leen of Collie.

TASMANIANS IN N.S.W.

(Devonport, Tas.). 13 boys and two officers of B.B. attended the Pan-Australian Camp in Sydney . . . The Billy Graham film "The Last Frontier" was screened. There was one decision . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison and Lorraine Cox were farewelled on entering M.B.I. Monetary gifts were presented to them . . . On Feb. 8, S.S. picnic was held at Ulverstone. Unfavorable weather marred the outing . . . Y.P. conducted gospel service on Feb. 9 . . . The church is involved in the Billy Graham Crusade.

LONG JOURNEY

(Morawa, W.A.). Three young people from Morawa attended the Youth Convention in Brisbane. Joy and Warren Carslake returned home but Pat Thygesen remained in Queensland for a working holiday. Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Carslake motored to Victoria to daughter Helen's home. Barbara Carslake recently became engaged to David Stroud, of Longford, Vic. Sister Pat Pyne is nursing in Morawa Hospital. Joy Carslake left for Perth to continue her education. Mrs. Keown and daughters Heather and Robyn have moved to Perth . . . Prayer meetings are to be held in home of every member this year.

1969

TOWN HALL RALLY OVERFLOWS

(Melb.). Hundreds were turned away from the Melbourne Town Hall and Lower Town Hall which were packed to capacity to hear the Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane, Dr. Philip Strong, address a Pre-Crusade Rally on Feb. 9.

During the course of his address Dr. Strong said, "There is a thirst after God today, and we will see that thirst at work during the Crusade next month, I am sure. My good friend Dr. Graham has given a message for Crusade Sunday in which he has called for two things—prayer and involvement."

Dr. Strong said there were plenty of opportunities for service during the Crusade and he called on those present

to stand and dedicate themselves to earnest and persistent prayer during the weeks remaining before the Crusade.

He reminded the audience that the astronauts travelling around the moon at Christmas time, in speaking back to earth, had told of the beauty of the world as they saw it far out in space.

Dr. Strong then went on to say, "Man has distorted God's beautiful world, but what does God do? He doesn't abandon his world, he is all the time longing to see it purified, sanctified and brought back to perfection. He is using every effort to find people who will help him in that."

8,000 ATTEND CRUSADE CLASSES

(Melb.). Almost 8,000 people attended the 11 Graham Crusade Christian Life and Witness Classes being held around Melbourne and Geelong. These classes are being conducted by Billy Graham team members, Henry Holley and Forrest Layman.

Thirty-four per cent of the people attending these meetings were under 25 years of age.

Those attending were told that the purpose for holding the Crusade in Melbourne was three-fold; namely, that the city would become God-conscious, that churches would be strengthened and that individual people would come to know Christ. It was also pointed out that these training classes were open to everyone and attendance did not necessarily involve being a counsellor at the Crusade.

TWO DECISIONS

(Fremantle-Hilton, W.A.). There have been exceptionally good attendances at gospel meetings and two have made decisions . . . Most of the S.S. teachers have shared in a series of training classes conducted by Brian Stitt (Dept. of Youth and Christian Education). . . . At an after-church fellowship on Feb. 9 a presentation was made to Don. Sonsee on leaving for training at the College of the Bible, Melb. Good wishes were also extended to Bruce Cornish on leaving for his first preaching appointment at Hall's Creek, East Kimberley District . . . Former member, Mrs. Elsie Verco, of Unley, S.A., has been renewing fellowship here.

AID FOR KOREA

(Swanston St., Melb.). Special offerings have been channelled to Korean Churches of Christ and World Vision in Vietnam . . . On Jan. 5, Rev. John Bird, Keswick Convention guest speaker, preached to a crowded chapel . . . The new preaching programme was launched on Feb. 16. All worshippers are being provided with copies of Mark's Gospel in the best-selling Today's English Version and these will provide the basis for an extended course of expository sermons by Dr. Lloyd Jones. Dr. Jones has entered his sixth year of ministry with

the church and John Tudor will remain with us for a further 12 months. The church is fully involved at every level in the Graham Crusade and 70 members are taking the Life and Witness studies. Robert Harding has been added to the official board and in place of Jeff Todd, retiring treasurer, Geoff. Price has been appointed. An all-day planning conference was held by the officers on Saturday, Feb. 15.

8 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Redcliffe, Qld.). The new starting time of 8 a.m. for S.S., with morning worship at 9.30 a.m. is for a trial period of six months . . . The first wedding in the church was conducted on Jan. 4 . . . Mrs. S. Waldron is Pres. of C.W.F.; Mrs. H. J. Plint, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. E. Machin, sec.; and Mrs. P. Smith, treas. . . . Alterations to church building are nearing completion . . . Albion church combined with us for a beach picnic . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. Steele recently celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary . . . Mrs. Betty Faulkner of Texas, U.S.A., is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Steele . . . First Coffee Hour for 1969 had 27 ladies present. This is a worthwhile venture for lonely women in district. Mrs. Plint is organiser . . . A Faith and Forward campaign is being planned . . . Prayer meeting has recommenced prior to gospel service.

QUEENSLAND C.W.F.

Mrs. Chapman, Conf. Pres., presided over February meeting with 29 ladies present representing 10 fellowships. Devotions were led by Mrs. Col. Smith, of Annerley.

Mrs. Burden gave a most encouraging report of the work at Eidsvold where many Aborigines are being brought under the influence of the gospel. She intimated that plans are complete for a new building at Eidsvold.

Arrangements are being finalised for a women's camp at Caloundra to be held on March 21. Miss Callanan is preparing camp studies.

A Convention and Prayer Meeting is to be held at Ma Ma Creek on May 22.

Mrs. New, Social Services Supt., reported on a visit to Yungaba Migrant Hostel and intimated that our ladies will be providing an afternoon tea for these people in the near future.

—Eleanor L. Robbins.

OVERSEAS MISSIONARIES

Returned from New Hebrides

Miss R. Edgell, on medical advice, has returned from the New Hebrides and at present is receiving treatment in Melbourne.

G. Cockerill who was serving as a voluntary worker in the New Hebrides, returned home earlier than expected as his father became seriously ill.

We would request prayer for Miss Edgell and the Cockerill family at this time.

Returned to New Guinea

Miss A. Draney has returned to New Guinea after four months' furlough. Travelling with her was Miss Rosalyn Williams from Victoria who has been appointed to New Guinea for secretarial duties and general mission work. Miss Williams is a graduate of the M.B.I. and a member of the Bentleigh church.

Returned to New Hebrides

Miss B. Clapp has returned to the New Hebrides after furlough. Two voluntary workers, Miss Pauline Grey and Miss Dianne Feeney travelled with her. Pauline Grey will serve at the Ndui Ndui Hospital for several months assisting as a pharmacist. Dianne Feeney has been granted a year's leave of absence from Kenmore College to serve as required in the general work of the mission. Please pray for missionaries as they return and for the new workers as they become accustomed to the work.

STUDENTS WELCOMED AND FAREWELLED

(Springvale, Vic.). Mr. Munyard of the College of the Bible, was welcomed as associate minister, and R. Goudie and N. Thomas were inducted as elders on Feb. 16, prior to our Venture into Faith programme, which features afternoon services at 4.30 p.m. in the Springvale South Hall . . . A presentation was made to Paul Kingston before entering the College of the Bible . . . Trevor Nettlebeck has been welcomed back after several weeks in hospital, following an accident which necessitated the amputation of his lower right leg . . . There have been three recent decisions . . . There is great interest in the Graham Crusade, and members are attending the Life and Witness classes.

SEPARATE YET ONE

(Ivanhoe, Vic.). Although Briar Hill is now a separate congregation, two churches are closely knit together with one budget, combined Board meetings and regular exchanges of pulpits between E. Roffey and S. Bannon . . . Church combined with other protestant churches in Ivanhoe for evening services during January . . . W. Tabbernee commenced associate ministry as from February. He enters C.O.B. this year . . . S.S. commenced year with social evening conducted by Supt. R. Pearson. Special teacher-training and lesson preparation classes are being conducted by W. Tabbernee . . . Board and auxiliaries met to plan total programme for 1969 . . . Youth Council has been formed to stimulate work amongst youth.

TOWN HALL CROWDED

(Box Hill, Vic.). The pre-Crusade Christian Life and Witness classes at Box Hill Town Hall were so crowded that extra seats had to be brought. . . Recent speakers have been R. Ritter, G. Wigney, R. Muller, G. Mullen, R. Clark, M. Farmer and B. McFarlane. Young people led the service on Feb. 2 with Ian Bruce as speaker. H. Smedley spoke at Oakleigh Guest Home on Feb. 2 with Lorraine Blake as soloiste . . . The church and C.W.F. have been saddened by the death of Mrs. Jeanie Sutherland. Terry McCredden is still receiving treatment after surgery. Mrs. Sharpe is improving after recent fall and Mrs. Hattersley after illness.



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Victoria . . .

FAR FROM HOME

(Ormond, Vic.). The church has been visiting Nathan McDuffy, an American negro hospitalised in district and a member of our church in the U.S.A. . . . Home prayer meetings being held for Billy Graham Crusade . . . The new hall will be finished by April 30 . . . Mr. Prout and Mrs. Bowen-Jones are in hospital. Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Nowell are home. Brian Knee has entered the College of the Bible. He is the first student from Ormond . . . Youth Camp was held at Anglesea, Feb. 7-9.

MISSIONARIES WELCOMED HOME

(Melb.). At a tea on Feb. 7 at the Brotherhood Centre, the following missionaries were welcomed: Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwards (now of Norlane), Sister Janet Hunting (New Guinea), Sister Lou Joyce (New Hebrides), Barry Baker (voluntary worker as an electrician, New Hebrides).

Miss Rosalyn Williams, of Bentleigh, was farewelled as an outgoing missionary to New Guinea. The Department was also represented by its chairman, P. A. Jordan, at a church farewell at Bentleigh on Feb. 9.

The Conference President, R. Amos, spoke on behalf of the churches, and Mrs. Muller, Vice-President of the C.W.F., spoke for the women of the churches.

VICTORIAN C.W.F. COUNCIL

On Feb. 7, 8 p.m., 124 delegates and visitors were present representing 36 churches at the C.W.F. Council meeting.

Theme of devotions given by Mrs. Doreen Gordon was "I am the vine and you are the branches." Mrs. B. Mitchell led in Prayer of Intercession.

A welcome was given to Sister Jan Hunting and Sister L. Joyce home on furlough, to Mrs. Barbara Edwards who has returned from the New Hebrides, and to Miss R. Williams who is going to New Guinea.

Speaker was R. N. Gilmore who gave a challenging and informative address on the World Council of Churches Uppsala Assembly which he attended as a delegate.

Next Council meeting will be held on March 7, 1969 at 11 a.m.

M. Nelson, Asst. Secretary.

ASSISTING WORK TEAM

(Parkdale, Vic.). Special provision is being made for donations to be received towards the costs involved for the Missionary Work Team with which Bob Scott is going to New Guinea later in the year . . . Another of the young people, Greg. House, has begun training at the Federal College of the Bible for the ministry . . . On Feb. 9, a member of the Christian Brethren from Notting Hill told of his conversion during the 1959 Billy Graham Crusade . . . The Christmas Bowl Appeal gifts exceeded \$200.

ON RECEIVING END

(Belmont, Vic.). The church has gained from families moving into the area. Two families came during vacation period. In recent months we have gained members from S.A., W.A. and Papua . . . Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Bolduan and son are at present in Holland with the Shell Co. . . . On Jan. 26 the church shared with other Geelong churches in a film service at Rippleside Beach . . . \$130 has been given to Bushfire Relief . . . B.S. attendance on Feb. 9 was largest for nearly two years . . . Church members attended the first Christian Life and Witness classes on Feb. 9.

LOSS TO FAWKNER

(Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. R. Paterson and family were farewelled on Jan. 19 and were presented with a gift of appreciation from the church. Bob served as secretary of church and S.S. and took great interest in the clubs. Margaret was prominent in all church work. Their membership is greatly missed . . . Ian Mullens (C.O.B. student) commenced his ministry on Jan. 19.

B.S. MISSIONARY GIFT

(Thornbury, Vic.). B.S. raised \$555 towards the cost of a vehicle for Baramatl Boys' Home in recent Christmas project . . . At crowded evening service on Feb. 2, two were baptised . . . Church mourns passing of Mr. Will. Linard who has been a member almost since the church began . . . This year Teens' and Youth classes of the B.S. will be formed into an Intermediate C.E. . . . Church is actively participating in the Billy Graham Crusade . . . L. G. Crisp, who recently returned from England as a Migrant Chaplain, has now commenced his sixth year of ministry with the church.

BILLY GRAHAM SUPPORTED

(Maidstone, Vic.). The Contact Squad for the Billy Graham Crusade led an evening service which included a film and singing by the Glenroy Singers. One of our young men, Lance Patterson, is an active member of the squad . . . During the holidays, our minister, David White, conducted a C.S.S.M. at Inverloch, Vic. . . . Bill and Yvonne Keenan are touring Australia by caravan.

BOWL APPEAL \$864

(Doncaster, Vic.). Doncaster gave \$864 through the Christmas Bowl to Inter-Church Aid . . . The Doncaster Choir helped with the recent service of recognition and induction held at Swanston St. church on Feb. 4 . . . Whilst minister was in hospital and during holiday vacation, student minister, Bill Newton, capably filled pulpit . . . Harold Kerrison suffered slight stroke recently and is recovering slowly . . . Jennifer Drakeford was recently baptised.

\$500 FOR BOWL

(Cheltenham, Vic.). \$500 was collected for the Christmas Bowl Appeal . . . Many University and High School students have won scholarships and honours in their exams. . . . Many of our members are deeply involved in preparations for the Billy Graham Crusade . . . The church welcomed a large number of visitors in the past six weeks, and the special 7.30 evening services proved a great success . . . We were deeply saddened at the death on Dec. 22 of Eric Mansfield.

AWAITING MINISTER

(Malvern, Vic.). The church is carrying on without a minister until a temporary preacher can be obtained. Numbers of communicants have dropped considerably owing to removals. Average breaking bread for January was 38 . . . A representative gathering said farewell to the Clark family on Jan. 22 . . . Recent soloistes were Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Leembruggen.

NEW CLUBS

(Thomson, Vic.). Youth leaders decided that Junior and Senior girls' and boys' clubs will be replaced with a girls' Good Companions club led by Mrs. K. Turner, Mrs. L. Stonehouse and Miss D. Watts, and a boys' Explorers' club led by K. Turner with A. Reeves and W. Johnson assisting. Young people's C.E. is led by Mrs. R. Grazules and W. McVernon . . . The B.S. is now operating on its own, eight years after its commencement by the Latrobe Tce. church . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. Combridge and family had fellowship with us for several months after returning from New Guinea . . . Mrs. Picard was received in on Jan. 12 . . . On Jan. 26, Geelong Churches of Christ held a beach service at Rippleside Park when the film "A New Love for Candy" was screened . . . Whilst B.S. was in recess "Happy Hours" were held before morning worship.

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MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. Johnston from Dandenong to Ormond, Vic.

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Miss J. Burnell to Thornbury, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Hosking from Applecross, W.A. to Belmont, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bradfield, from Manning to Fremantle-Hilton, W.A.

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DEATHS

Eric Mansfield, Cheltenham, Vic.

Mrs. Keneley, Mrs. Thorne, Ormond, Vic.

Mrs. R. Collings, Northcote, Vic.

Jessie Sharp, John Charles Corkhill, William Henry Linard, Leslie Thomas Brown, Thornbury, Vic.

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BIRTHS

ROGERS (King).—At Swan Hill District Hospital on Feb. 5, to Evelyn and Ern, a son—Steven Warwick. Brother for Ian, Neville, Dale and Deanne. Both well.

SEAFORTH (nee Glenda Purdie).—To Harry and Glenda, premature triplet daughters on January 8, 1969, at Whyalla Hospital, S.A.—Katrina Laurel, Anita, Tania Lillian. Anita lived 4 days.

ENGAGEMENTS

WILLIAMS-GILBERT.—Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams, 6 Robinson-st., Clayton, Vic., announce with pleasure the engagement of their only daughter Margaret, to Errol, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Gilbert, 17 Dover-st., Nth. Clayton.

THOMPSON-CUTCHIE.—Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Thompson, 21 Ogilby Cres., Page (A.C.T.), have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter Anne, to Barry, only son of Mrs. M. E. Cutchie, 15 Lewis-st., Horsham, Vic., and the late Mr. A. E. Cutchie.

GOWTY-THOMAS.—Mrs. M. Gowty, 10 Thames-st., Frankston, Vic., has much pleasure in announcing the engagement of her daughter Judith, to Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Thomas, 561 Brighton-rd., Brighton, S.A.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

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DIAMOND WEDDING

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DEATH

EDMISTON (Bangsund).—On Feb. 5, at Austin Hospital, Evelyn, loving sister of Leif (dec.) and Alfhild (Mrs. McLean); sister-in-law of Ivy.

IN MEMORIAM

BAILLIE (Tudor).—In loving memory of my dear daughter Lorna, who was called home March 4, 1968. "So sadly missed, and will always be remembered by Mum."

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OBITUARY

Barry Melville Schmitke

The church at Zillmere, Qld., was saddened because of the death of Barry Schmitke, aged 34, who lost his life in a collision between a car and his bicycle on Feb. 2, 1969. Barry came to Zillmere in 1964, being brought to church by his mates. He made his decision and was baptised. He married Marjorie Herrmann in 1966. His home was a place of certain welcome and fellowship. His active service in the church was quiet but real, and he had a great influence on many young lives because of his Christian witness. As assistant to the doorman, he cared for the hymn books. The funeral service was conducted by the writer at the beautiful Crematorium Chapel at Albany Creek, which was crowded by those who mourned the loss of a loved one and friend.

—R.V.H.

W. H. Linard

W. H. Linard was born in North Fitzroy on Oct. 19, 1877, and died on Jan. 28, 1969. At the age of 16 he confessed his faith and was baptized at the North Fitzroy church by J. W. Baker. Mr. Baker also conducted the wedding service for Mr. and Mrs. Linard. The very popular Singalongs that are held from time to time after church at Thornbury began with a small group in the Linard home and with the Edwards family, for they had a great love for young people. Mr. Linard himself had a fine voice and was a choir member. This gift continues in the lovely voice of his daughter, Mrs. Les Stewart. His life was a simple one of strong faith. He lived most of his life in Melbourne and was a Master Printer. Linard Press, now carried on by his son-in-law Rob. Booth, has been responsible for many excellent publications, including "The Lighthouse" (Youth magazine of Thornbury Church of Christ). Mr. Linard was dedicated to his trade and worked at it almost to his 90th year. "Pop" Linard, as he was affectionately known, had an unflinching love for the church all his life. He came to Thornbury soon after the church was established and served as an officer, B.S. teacher, choir member, usher, and a president who gave out the Word of God with great understanding. He was always an encourager of young people and a friend to ministers. He loved the gospel services and was rarely absent and never late. By splendid example he placed the emphasis in the right place each Lord's Day morning. It was an inspiration to see one so advanced in years riding his bicycle to work, which he did until he was 90. Mr. Linard was a generous man for the Lord's work, and whenever an appeal was made his was usually the first gift to be received. The writer conducted the funeral service on Jan. 30.

—L. G. Crisp.

Donald James Brown

Donald James Brown, known by all his friends as "Jim," was very active in the work of Zillmere Church of Christ, Brisbane. He died on Jan. 13, 1969, aged 56. His wife, Elsie (formerly Lobegeiger), is our Women's Fellowship President. They have no children. Jim was the hero of his workmates. He worked as a curb and channelling form-setter with the Redcliffe Municipal Council. Workmates and council authorities were prominent in their large representation at the funeral, and in their practical help given to Elsie. They spoke of his quality of life amongst them, and admired his Christian example. In his active church life and wherever Jim lived and worked he always brought others to church. He used his

hands for the Kingdom of God, and one of the last things he did was to assist Gordon Cooper in the building of our new amenities block. Jim was well loved in the United Church of Darwin, and also by the Roman Catholics there, as he did a lot to help them, too. Jim will live on in our memories as an actively involved, yet quiet and serene servant of his Lord. Our prayers and Christian love are extended to his wife. Fitting tributes were made by an over-flowing congregation at the chapel at Albany Creek Crematorium. The service was conducted by his minister, Ron Holt.—R.V.H.

Vincent Thomas Fittell

Vincent Fittell was born at Glastonbury, near Gympie, Qld., on April 10, 1876. 72 years ago, and was baptized soon afterwards in a creek near his home. He was married in 1901 and his wife died in 1957. Two sons, Arthur and Stephen, and one daughter, Olive (Mrs. H. Hook) are still living, the latter two still being members of this church. Mr. Fittell transferred from Eel Creek to Gympie in 1917 and was active in every aspect of church life. He resigned as a Life Elder when he was 90 as he could not attend the officers' meetings and he did not want to be an elder in name only. On his 90th birthday, Easter Sunday, 1966, he presided for the last time, and this was to him a crowning honour—to the church it was a red-letter day. He was most consistent and up till the beginning of last year still attended all the meetings including the mid-week prayer meeting. He had a love and reverence for the scriptures, and every question was decided by him on an appeal to the scriptures. He knew all of our missionaries and a great many more by name and was acquainted with their fields—their problems and their triumphs—and prayed for them privately and at the prayer meetings. He loved people and was concerned for them. When I would visit him he would question me about different ones and was anxious for some who had become cold in spiritual matters. How well does the epitaph of Abraham in Gen. 25 apply, "He . . . died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people."—A. Clarke.

STH. AFRICAN RESETTLEMENT

(Geneva). A massive resettlement programme planned by the Government of South Africa could have "catastrophic consequences" for some 600 Lutheran churches in the Province of Natal.

South Africa's Department of Bantu Administration and Development has said that more than 2,000,000 Africans in Natal will have to be resettled and re-housed in the next five to 10 years, "to provide new centres of employment for hundreds of thousands of workless Africans, squatters and labour tenants on white farms, to clear black spot slums, and to . . . rehabilitate the impoverished and eroded rural areas."

Dr. Carl-Johan Hellberg, Lutheran

Arthur Earnest Crossling

Mr. Crossling, of Mile End church, S.A., who died on Jan. 24, 1969, was a dearly loved and active member. He had never had a period of serious sickness during his lifetime until taken with a stroke in November, 1968 and he had his 90th birthday while in hospital. He always took his seat near the front of the chapel. He loved to hear the preaching and had a word of appreciation to the preacher on his way through the vestry afterwards, commenting on various points. He loved to encourage the men who presided, particularly when he noticed their names on the plan for the first time, and always took an opportunity to speak to them in private a few weeks beforehand, making any suggestions he thought would be helpful. He loved to pray, remembering all aspects of the work. We discovered he could recite, and he did so at the last two annual S.S. concerts, and those who were sick and received letters from him, found he could also write cheery original verses. He was very fond of young people as well as taking an interest in the elderly citizens' clubs in the district. He had an association with Mile End in earlier years, then went to Stirling church for a time, returning to Mile End in 1952. His wife died in 1959. Mr. Crossling was a deacon while able, but since has continued to be active in many ways. The private funeral service was conducted by J. A. Luff.

Mrs. Gladys M. Keneley

It was during the Snodgrass-Pollock Mission in Melbourne that Mrs. Keneley was baptized and linked up with Churches of Christ. Together with her husband (Bob) and daughter (Helen) she was in membership at Ormond. During months of illness Mrs. Keneley never lost her quiet, unassuming yet sincere manner of life. She was a brave sufferer. On Jan. 30 she died whilst in hospital. Funeral services at the Ormond church and Melbourne General Cemetery were conducted by the writer. A large crowd at the services was evidence of the high regard in which Mrs. Keneley was held. The church at Ormond assures the family of our prayers for them.—R. McKenzie.

spokesman, said the reasons given for the programme are "open to question."

"There are slums and many people are unemployed," he said, "but many others make a decent living and have homes and strong ties to the areas they now will have to leave. The real purpose is to separate Africans from whites."

The Government programme will seriously affect several mission farms, which have provided a means of existence to large numbers of Africans but are now designated white areas because they are owned by white mission organisations. The L.W.F. official also expressed concern for the future of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa, whose 95,000 members are nearly all Africans.—E.P.S.

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MALAYSIAN IS YOUTH SECRETARY

(Bangkok). The Rev. Larry Cheah, 33, has been named youth secretary for the East Asia Christian Conference. Mr. Cheah begins his duties immediately with Asian youth in 16 countries.

The new secretary has had six years' experience in the pastorate. Most recently he was director of youth work for the Methodist Church in Malaysia. He holds degrees from Trinity Theological College, Singapore, and Union Theological Seminary, Manila.—E.P.S.

ITALY'S PROTESTANT NEWS

(Rome). A weekly Protestant news programme will be broadcast each Sunday by the Italian State Radio Network (R.A.I.) beginning Feb. 2. After the usual brief devotional broadcasts at 7.35 a.m., about 10 minutes will be devoted to information about Protestant church activities in Italy and abroad, together with comments and short interviews. This is the first non-devotional programme to be broadcast on behalf of Protestants.—E.P.S.

W.C.C. SECRETARY TO VISIT MIDDLE EAST

(Tulsa, Oklahoma). The World Council of Churches General Secretary, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, will visit the Middle East, March 1-12, for talks with religious and government leaders.

Dr. Blake will visit the United Arab Republic, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Israel.—E.P.S.

NEW BAPTIST EDITOR

"The Australian Baptist," the weekly newspaper for Baptist churches throughout Australia, has a new editor. The Rev. David Morley, L.Th., Dip.R.E., commenced his new duties this month. He is the sixth editor since the journal began in 1913.

The retiring editor, the Rev. Ian Emmett, has returned to the pastoral ministry. In his final editorial he made some points which apply to most religious journals: 1. A national journal requires the support of a team of trained journalists for each capital city. 2. The letters to the editor section could be a place

for the sharing of worthwhile opinion but "it has largely degenerated into a sounding board for pet ideas or an easy grass stretch for the exercise of crippled hobby horses." 3. Good articles by Australians are in short supply. The evidence seems to suggest that Australians either cannot write or they will not take the time to write well for their own church paper. 4. Church news has too much padding, too many adjectives, has too little hard core news, and arrives too late. 5. There are too few subscribers. Every church member is needed to make the journal financially viable and spiritually significant.

RELIGIOUS MOTIVE FOR INVASION

There is no doubt that concern over rebirth of Ukrainian religious and nationalistic feeling was a contributory factor in the Soviet Union's determination to invade Czechoslovakia. For there was great, and justified, fear that the Czech virus might infect the Ukraine. Since the beginning of the reform movements in Czechoslovakia last winter, the Ukrainian minority in eastern Slovakia had been broadcasting the message of freedom across the frontiers; if it continued to do so there was every chance

that an explosive situation would develop within the borders of the Soviet Union itself. ("Christian Century").

CONSULTATION ON RACISM

(Tulsa, Oklahoma). A consultation on racism, with particular emphasis on white racism, will be sponsored by the World Council of Churches. It will be held in London, May 19-24.

U.S. Senator George McGovern, of South Dakota, prominent United Methodist layman who was a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, will chair the six-day consultation. —E.P.S.



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

JAPAN. There is no doubt that our brave Japanese ally is worthy of the lasting gratitude of the Allies, and especially of Australia, for the splendid service rendered by her navy . . . It does not seem just, however, for her to demand a footing in China, nor to claim any control of the railways of this vast republic.

INFLUENZA. J. Ernest James, minister Independent Church, Melb., said that as we had braved the dangers of war, he urged that it is the duty of the church to still strengthen the spiritual forces by public worship, and add courage to the community in face of grave danger. He declared we ought to wear a white mask rather than show a white flag.

HERE AND THERE . . . After serving the churches in N.S.W. for 17 years, A. E. Illingworth was obliged to send a farewell message through the "Christian" as public meetings could not be held to farewell him, because of the influenza epidemic. When he came to the State there were six city and suburban churches and five evangelists. When he left there were 20 churches and 14 evangelists. (He served the churches at Petersham, Paddington, Mosman, Enmore, and was for a time H.M. Secretary. He baptized 839 disciples) . . . The great American drinking saloon is doomed. The present generation of American babies will probably reach manhood with only the vaguest memories of this long-established institution. Twenty years from now the saloon will only be a memory to the older generation.

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Bible Society Policy

(Canberra). In view of a certain amount of unformed criticism of the Bible Society's decision to supply, in certain circumstances, notes or "Helps for Readers" the following statement has been issued by the Commonwealth Secretary of the B. & F.B.S. in Australia (the Rev. James Payne):

Increased opportunities, and a concern for the wider translation, production and distribution of the Holy Scriptures, among Christians and non-Christians, have led the Bible Society to review its policy regarding use of notes in scriptures supplied by the Society.

The Society regards the interpretation of the scriptures and the production of doctrinal helps as part of the function of the Church. No accommodation to the distinctive views of any branch of the Christian Church will be included in notes to be found in Bible Society editions of the scriptures.

Nevertheless, real problems do face new literates when confronted with terms, customs and cultural references belonging to another age, place and people.

The decision of the London Committee of the Bible Society, that now makes it possible to supply information additional to the bare Biblical text, is aimed only at helping people with such problems, by making terms and references intelligible.

Notes will merely explain words and customs for the better understanding of those in the early stages of literacy, or whose education has not already made them familiar with Biblical terms. They will include definitions of words such as denarius, Pharisee, cubit, Pass-over, and others not commonly used in everyday speech.

Working as it does in missionary areas where all the churches including the Roman Catholic and Orthodox are active,

the Bible Society often receives requests for notes of one kind or another. However, when the Bible Society's policy has been explained it is rare for any church to maintain requests for doctrinal notes, and such requests will never be acceded to.

The Bible Society is confident that when this policy is understood, it will have the wholehearted support of Christians everywhere, and that the Society will be better able to serve all men on behalf of all churches, without distinction of race, colour and creed.

CHRISTIAN MINISTER ON TRIAL

(Salisbury, Rhodesia). The Rev. Ndabani Sithole, 48, African Nationalist leader, pleaded not guilty to charges of incitement and conspiracy to murder Prime Minister Ian Smith and two members of his Cabinet. He went on trial here Feb. 3 before Justice John Lewis of the High Court of Rhodesia.

Mr. Sithole, a clergyman of the United Church of Christ in Rhodesia, and leader of the banned Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU), had been held in detention for more than four years. He was accused of plotting the murders in letters smuggled out of Salisbury Gaol where he was held as a political prisoner.

Two of the three charges are capital offences that could bring the death sentence.

Educated in the U.S.A., Mr. Sithole was principal of a large secondary school of the United Church of Christ at Mt. Selinda, Mashonaland, before he became involved in politics in the early 1960's.—E.P.S.

(On Feb. 12, Mr. Sithole, a Congregational minister, was found guilty and sentenced to six years' imprisonment. An appeal will be lodged).

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It is not an overstatement that John the Baptist recognised himself as a backnumber. The gospel records of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John all recognise John's insight that he was being surpassed by a prophet whose shoes he was not worthy to unloose. He did not think of himself more highly than he ought to think. His magnanimous announcement declared to his admirers that Jesus must increase while he must decrease. There is nothing derogatory in being classified as a backnumber like the prophet John if one can graciously make room for others with a qualifying fitness.

The company of backnumbers is on the increase, because of early compulsive retirement and early training of youth in technical and academic skills. A growing confidence in the ability of young men and women wins for them executive positions of oversight at an early age. Those affected by this situation err if they resent displacement. It does however involve one in an appropriate adjustment to the ongoing of life. This appropriately handled enhances a backnumber experience. It doesn't hurt to be a backnumber.

"Attitudes," said an eminent psychologist, "are more important than facts." The correct attitude to advancing years enables backnumbers to recognise that the experience doesn't hurt. The last thing that should be offered to backnumbers is pity. They should be challenged to capitalise on newly-found freedoms. The following five freedoms are the result of personal observance of backnumber men and women:

1. Freedom from the pressures of modern society. This easement from nerve strain brings renewal to life via leisureliness and tranquility.

2. Freedom from the overplus of responsibility. This provides the opportunity to live leisurely. Dr. Sangster, who had lived strenuously did not find leisurely living easy. He sought divine aid and asked God to slow him down. The text of his prayer is worthy of the attention of backnumbers.

"Give me, amidst the confusion of my day, the calmness of the everlasting hills. Break the tension of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of the singing streams that live in my memory. Help me to know the magical restorative power of sleep. Teach me the art of taking Minute Vacations . . . of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat to a friend, to pat a dog, to read a few lines from a good book.

"Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to send roots deep down into the soil of life's enduring values, that I may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny."

3. Freedom to share partnership in intelligent prayer for those serving on Kingdom frontiers. Paul pleaded with his friends to share such a partnership. "Brothers, I beg of you, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love that the Spirit inspires, rally round me by praying to God for me." (Rom. 15: 30 Moffatt). Many find this partnership a redeeming exercise when suffering from the backnumber complex. Such a partnership puts dimension into life.

4. Freedom to engage in a counselling and a befriending ministry. By reason of mature years one sees life steadily and as a whole and feels qualified to counsel and encourage. This one should do not only by word of mouth but by pen and ink.

5. Freedom to associate with members of the backnumber fraternity who love good books, good gardening, practical hobbies and creative activities and who enjoy the perpetual delight of people.

These freedoms and other obvious ones add up to the fact that backnumbers should fortify themselves against an anonymous mood. There is magic in the human circle in which everyone is useful all the days of their life. This conviction caused friends to inscribe on Winifred Holtby's gravestone, Ruston, Yorkshire, the hopeful prayer:

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