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MELBOURNE CRUSADE — 1969



DELAYED CRUSADER

Melbourne's Graham Crusade began last week, a year later than was originally planned. Before it started the Crusade team met the press, radio and TV people. The packed Zeta room at the Southern Cross Hotel was an indication of the news value of the evangelist and his colleagues.

Incidentally, there have been no team losses since the 1959 Crusade. Cliff Barrows, Geo. Beverly Shea, Walter Smyth, Dan Piatt—were all there ten years ago. This must be some kind of record in an age of rapidly changing organisations. Mrs. Graham was present, making her first visit to Melbourne.

When asked his views on the value of mass evangelism, Dr. Graham said that although there were large meetings, 10,000 counsellors had been trained to take part in the Melbourne Crusade. This changed the mass meeting to a personal confrontation in the enquiry rooms. He does not believe that mass evangelism is the best method of evangelism. The best kind is the evangelism by the local church, and this should be going on all of the time.

The Crusades have changed a great deal over the years. There were not so many of them now and they were of shorter duration. Dr. Graham himself was placing greater emphasis upon TV presentations, his newspaper columns, magazine articles, and books. The last four meetings of the Melbourne Crusade are being filmed in colour for screening through 300 TV channels in the U.S.A. and Canada.

On Vietnam, Dr. Graham said, "There are two sides to the war, both conflicting. I have never taken a side. If I did I would have to go to the Middle East, to Biafra, to wherever there is a war in the world and take sides."

He was asked his attitude to communism and he replied that we have to accept the fact that some people live under communist control and that our responsibility is to be Christian no matter what kind of society we live in.

The remarkable rise of the charismatic churches (such as the Pentecostals) was the subject of a question. Graham said that there were all types of people in the churches. His job was to present a positive gospel and not to wave a flag against any particular group. He acknowledged that speaking in tongues was one of the gifts from God. It was one of the least important gifts, but there was New Testament authority for it. He himself did not have it and gave the impression that he did not seek it.

The durability of conversions was referred to and the evangelist related a London experience where 50 ministers were on the platform—all of them had made decisions at an earlier Crusade. The Rev. Gordon Powell, chairman of the Crusade Committee, said that he was minister at St. Stephen's Church in Sydney in the 1959 Crusade. About 650 were referred to his church for follow-up, and 404 new members were received. Of the 404, 52% were closely involved with the church, two years later, 24% were still associated with the church, and 24% had either moved away or drifted. This result is comparable with losses and movements in any other form of evangelism.

In answering the charge that he and his message retreated from social issues and from national and international problems, Graham said that those who had made a close, disinterested survey of his sermons were impressed at the amount of time that was given to such matters. However, his message was so personalised—directed to an individual response to the claims of the gospel—that the social context in which appeal was given was often overlooked. 1,114 Victorian churches are co-operating in this Crusade.

THE CRUEL PRESS

Newspapers have their uses and abuses. Recently it has been their abuses which have been on the front page. Bad taste and ruthless invasion of family privacy can continue to harm people long after the news is no longer news. Two recent examples showed modern journalism at its worst.

One was the Dame Zara-Jeff Bate wedding. By the time the newspapers—and the witty TV men—had finished their job there was not one shred of dignity left for the widow of a Prime Minister and an active parliamentarian.

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COLD COMFORT

*The grippe is doomed to go the way
Of dinosaur and bison.
With aspirins and nasal spray
And shots of streptomycin,
The common cold will be erased,
No more to irk and tire us.
I hope mankind will not be faced
With a more deadly virus!*

—Edith Ogutsch

KING SOLOMON'S MINES

"God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform."

ABUNDANT evidence of the truth of Cowper's lines is forthcoming when we consider the history of the ancient Biblical city of Dedan. For though Dedan flourished in Biblical times, for centuries little was known about it in the Western world. Then, suddenly, within the last four or five years, fresh light has been thrown upon this centre of ancient civilisation—virtually through the re-laying of a few hundred miles of railway track! The words of the Prophet, in Isaiah 40: 12, 13, are not inappropriate here, as he speaks of the Lord God, who

**"Comprehends the dust of the earth in a measure,
And weighs the mountains in scales
And the hills in a balance."**

The Alderton Construction Company, which was part of the engineering consortium that built the Gladesville Bridge, in Sydney, is at present engaged in the colossal enterprise of re-laying more than 560 miles of the old rail-link, formerly known as the Hejaz Railway, across the Arabian Desert. This is the line which was destroyed by explosive charges at the instigation of T. E. Lawrence to prevent the passage of Turkish munitions during World War I. And now, this seven-year project, the largest British contract in the Middle East, is only two years from completion.

Serving with Alderton Constructions is Australian engineer John Dayton, who has spent many years abroad and is also a keen and highly capable archaeologist. And well he might be—for he is strategically situated, in this vast, dreary, arid stretch of country, to make an effort to re-discover not only the ancient city of Dedan but also the fabulous mines of King Solomon that are alleged to be somewhere among these purple mountains and parched wadis. The source of much of Solomon's wealth, of course, has been traced to the Sinai Peninsula and to Ezion Geber on the Gulf of Aqaba, but a good proportion of it is also reputed to have come from mines and smelters traditionally said to have been located in the vicinity of Biblical Dedan.

Only occasionally is Dedan mentioned in the Old Testament, yet always in relation to neighbouring cities of wealth and power. Dedan gets its name from one of the sons of Raamah, who in turn was a son of Cush, and is associated in Scripture with Sheba (Gen. 10: 7, 1 Chron. 1: 9, 32). Both Isaiah and Jeremiah refer to the ancient area surrounding the city of Dedan, while Ezekiel speaks of its inhabitants in relation to the neighbouring districts of Edom and Teman (Ezekiel 25: 13).

(Dr. Elliott is at present on a lecture tour of the U.S.A. and Canada).

AT THE TIME OF MOSES:

About 1400 B.C., at the time of Moses, very wealthy and progressive civilisations flourished along the caravan trading routes which connected the Far East, China and India with the Mediterranean world. These trade routes crossed the Saudi-Arabian Desert, which itself is about equal in size to India, and Dedan was conveniently located on this natural link between east and west. British explorers like Charles Doughty, Sir Richard Burton, St. John Philby, and later T. E. Lawrence, were among the first Europeans to traverse this inhospitable landscape, but their interests lay only on the surface. What was hidden beneath in the cities of the past, buried under the dust storms of the centuries, has yet to be disclosed.

John Dayton and other archaeologists who have made a preliminary survey of this area have found large depositions of copper and ashes. This points to the former existence on this spot of a copper smelter, as the sand-stone cliffs on either side form a natural wind-tunnel eminently suited to such purposes. Furthermore, this helps to confirm the numerous reports current in the area that this is one of the ancient locations where King Solomon had his mines and smelters.

First populated about 1500 B.C., Dedan was at one time a luxurious oasis of considerable dimensions, surrounded by extensive forest growth, and a prominent marketing centre rich in cattle. Today, however, approximately 10,000 Moslems live in a squalid settlement close to the ruins of the original city. Approx. 10 to 15 feet of sand covers the old city, but about 100 yds. away are gaunt, barren sandstone outcrops, rising precipitously from the sandy valley floor. In these steep-faced cliffs have been cut square-shaped hollows which have served for centuries as tombs. These have great interest for the archaeologist and student of Biblical backgrounds, since they are surrounded

By Dr. A. G. ELLIOTT

by inscriptions and graffiti in the Lihyanite tongue of the early Arabians and the Minean language of ancient Sheba. Hence, the fabulous Queen of Sheba, who came to pay a visit to Solomon, as recorded in 1 Kings 10, must have ruled over a people not far from here who were of Semitic origin and spoke a language closely related to Hebrew.

EXCAVATIONS TO PROCEED:

It is also believed that this is the area of the ancient territory of Uz, the land of the patriarch Job, and since Uz literally means "wooded," the countryside was evidently much less arid in those days. The Sabaeans are mentioned in the Book of Job, and it has been fairly well established by modern investigators that they were at one time in command of this trading route and had a customs station in the narrow gorge of Dedan, now known among the Bedouins as Al Ula. Thus, the Sabaeans extracted duty from the caravans before they moved on in a northerly direction to Medain Salih and Petra in the country of the Nabateans.

Incidentally, Medain Salih, lying 17 miles north of Dedan, is a sister city of Petra, and similarly carved out of the soft, rose-coloured sandstone mountains by ancient Nabatean craftsmen. Medain Salih, with its beautiful array of temples and tombs, was at one time the southernmost outpost of the great Nabatean trading empire which had its capital at Petra. The Nabateans were for centuries on friendly terms with Rome, but in A.D. 105 the Emperor Trajan reduced the rock fortress of Petra. Medain Salih also has many beautifully constructed tombs, which reveal considerable evidence pointing to the occupation of the town by those who were familiar with Greek and Roman culture. The historian Strabo is voluminous in his description of the political comings and goings in the area of Dedan and Medain Salih and relates how Aelius Gallus returned to the latter outpost in 24 B.C. with the remnant of his legions after a marathon march of 60 days across the Arabian Desert from the Yemen. It seems that the destruction of Dedan and Medain Salih was caused by extensive volcanic action somewhere about the 6th century.

John Dayton is at present negotiating with King Feisal of Saudi-Arabia for a permit to excavate the narrow valley of Dedan in the hope of uncovering the ancient city. If the Saudi-Arabian Government is agreeable plans are already materialising for a team of archaeologists from the University of Sydney to proceed to the area in the near future.

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A GRACE WATERMAN PROFILE

By W. R. HIBBURT

A vessel unto honour, sanctified and meet for the Master's use.—2 Tim. 2: 21.

Grace Metzenthin was born in Nelson, New Zealand. Nelson is of historic interest to Churches of Christ for it was via Nelson that the truths of the Restoration Movement came to Australia. It was here Thomas Magarey, who later came to Adelaide, learned from Thomas Jackson the truths of the Restoration Movement. Girlhood days were spent at Wanganui, a picturesque town on the banks of the famous river of the same name.

At the age of nine, Grace was baptised. Her parents were identified with a congregation wearing the name, Church of Christ. They delighted in attracting to their home those hungering and thirsting after righteousness for seasons of prayer and Bible study. Their daughter Grace was a willing partner in these seasons of prayer and Bible study. In these experiences her whole being was exposed to the Word of God. A formula for the successful outworking of life was established. She applied the formula, "acknowledge God in all thy ways and he shall direct thy paths," to her emerging womanhood and yielded herself to life's highest endeavours—a Christ-dedicated life.

In 1920, at the age of 21, she came to Australia and enrolled as a student in the Federal College of the Bible in Melbourne. Her express purpose was to prepare for missionary work in Rhodesia where the New Zealand Churches of Christ had established a mission station. On the completion of her missionary course she was advised by the New Zealand Mission Board that owing to a lack of funds they were unable to send workers to their Mission Station. When Geo. Walden, then secretary of the Australian Overseas Board, learnt of her inability to serve in Rhodesia he said, "We are sorry for N.Z. but Australia sings, 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow.'" He had coveted this prospective missionary for India. God intervened. Through the operation of his Spirit a team of young men and women was being marshalled for work in China. Their task was to establish a bridgehead for effective work in the far island province of Szechwan.

Albert and Eva Anderson and Arthur and Maggie Garnett were eventually sent

forth. When health reasons necessitated the return of the Garnetts they were replaced by Will Waterman, whose dauntless missionary spirit appealed to the Mission Board. Unknown to Grace Metzenthin, Will Waterman had cultivated a secret love for her during college years at Glen Iris. Also unknown to Will Waterman, Grace Metzenthin had nourished a secret love for him. So disciplined was their romantic love that they had not made it known in any gesture of plighted love. However, once separated their mutual love burst into flame. A brief love letter courtship followed. Grace crossed the high seas and journeyed alone into the interior of China, there to be married by Mr. Diamond, a Methodist missionary, assisted by Albert Anderson. The fellow missionaries attending the ceremony were Albert Anderson and his wife and Miss A. Masters (who later became Mrs. Geo. Saunders) and a number of denominational missionaries. It was a double wedding with Ray Killmier and Gladys Mudford. Albert Anderson married the Killmiers.

Will Waterman was a lavish spender of time, mental and spiritual energy. This spending resulted in physical exhaustion that necessitated his return to Australia. While renewing his strength he ministered at Invermay in Tasmania and Kalgoolie and Maylands in W.A. At that time they were difficult H.M. fields. Will was never daunted by hard tasks. The texture of his being was such that in all difficult circumstances he refused to be discouraged.

With the return of vitality and with the consent of medical advisers the Watermans were soon back in China. But after a season of intensive work Will was overtaken by illness that his exhausted body was not able to combat. He died July 17, 1933, leaving his wife to care for two young daughters, Joan, 8, and Win, 6. College training outlay and a threadbare mission salary had given no opportunity to build up a fund for such an emergency. The gallant way in which the bereft wife encountered the stress of widowhood gave proof that there dwelt within her a love stronger than death.

Empathy . . . the power of entering into another's personality and imaginatively experiencing the affairs of others . . . is a marked character of

Grace Waterman. It won for her a large circle of friends. This bridge of friendliness and understanding prompted the Victorian Dept. of Christian Educ. to seek her help for a number of years to serve in young people's Leadership Camps and girls' Good Companions Camps. She proved an apt counsellor when any girl laid bare her heart and confided her emotional distresses and inner spiritual tensions.

"Swing wide the Doors" was a motto that governed her home, a home made possible by the brotherhood at the time of her husband's death. Close friends who knew her private life stopped counting the occasions when she used her home to befriend lonely and homeless people. Her home in Glen Iris, situated approximately five minutes' walk from the College of the Bible, became a Sunday evening rendezvous for many students returning from Sunday appointments. There they recounted their week-end ministries, pooled their joys and tabled their problems. They gathered around the piano and let loose the melody in their hearts. The flow of goodwill and prayer made the rendezvous the fringe of heaven for many homesick and depressed students. Among the fruitful years of her life she numbers the nine years she served as assistant housekeeper at the College of the Bible.

"Once a missionary, always a missionary" has been the pattern of her life. A ready response was given to the call to serve in the New Hebrides for five years when ill-health depleted the staff. Always willing to be a spare part she again answered a call from the Carnarvon Mission, W.A., to help through a difficult period for three months.

In 1965, she spent five months in New Guinea visiting her daughter, Win, and son-in-law Frank Beale, and in co-operating in the current duties in the field. In 1967 she delighted in a visit to N.Z. to share in the centennial celebrations of the Wanganui church which had built spiritual insights into her life during teen years.

She loves people, is a missionary to her finger-tips. The missionary impulse finds expression in assisting busy mothers in making and remodelling gar-

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R.I.

— DILEMMA IN S.A.

What's wrong or so different about the Religious Instruction set-up in S.A.? The history of R.I. is that by an Act of Parliament each denomination has the right to teach their own children for 30 minutes per week. In 1940 this seemed to be a favourable situation but with the passing of time and the divided sections of the Church moving together it became apparent that talk of our unity in Jesus Christ was made mockery by coming into a unified school system and segmenting the school in the name of Jesus Christ, the one who is supposed to make us one.

Due to the denominational segregation a growing chaos has developed. The situation has led to our inability to staff the classes, a great divergence of quality due to no common or graded curriculum. Many headmasters, school teachers and preceptive R.I. instructors are deeply disturbed with what is going on in the class rooms. Surveys among teachers and pupils reveal a severe dissatisfaction, particularly in metropolitan areas. In a number of country towns much of what we are seeking exists in some form and hence some country people find it difficult to understand. It is also true to say that the High School presents greater problems than the Primary.

For over 10 years moves and meetings have been held in an attempt to find a way through but the Anglican Church in S.A. has refused to co-operate largely on the grounds that they see it as a Communicant Membership Training opportunity. Since the State Aid to Church Schools controversy has developed, more Roman Catholic children have entered into the State School system and hence we have seen a marked change in their attitude. In the earlier years they were noticeably quiet and even opposed to any advocating of R.I. in the State School system. Now they are demanding their constitutional rights according to the Act. The Lutherans also are not willing to co-operate in a joint programme largely because they, too, see it as their opportunity to teach their denominational approach.

For some years the Methodists have looked closely at the whole problem and have endeavoured to act responsibly in the way to bring about change to a system that was becoming increasingly unsatisfactory. At their last Conference several notices of motion relating to their future standing were presented. Even their Director was a little amazed that the Conference voted to withdraw from the present R.I. system. The optimum word is present and is not to be inter-

preted as withdrawing from any system even though a small percentage would feel this is the way to proceed.

Over the past years Churches of Christ ministers have been feeling similar tensions while in no way contemplating complete withdrawal. In the light of the Methodists withdrawing from the present system chaos became apparent. Methodists account for 28% of the S.A. population and to this must be added Presbyterian and Congregational. It is only because there has been a degree of co-operation between what is popularly known as O.P.D. (Other Protestant Denominations) that the existing system has worked. Yet, in essence, we have been working outside the real intent of the Act. The Act states that you are only allowed to teach your own children and the Director of Education is insisting on the letter of the law.

The only way to overcome your children not receiving R.I. is to change the official denominational status of your child to one of the participating churches. Due to the collapse, our ministers voted overwhelmingly to support the Metho-

dist in the hope that a better system may come about.

Some argue that such drastic action should not have been taken but we believe that only by supporting the Methodists who make up 28% of the school population that we, with our 2½%, could make our point of view felt. A Conference sponsored by the S.A. Council of Churches under the Direction of Frontier was held. The highlight was the intractable position of the Bishop of Adelaide while the Roman Catholics and the Lutherans were sympathetic towards trying to find some way through the dilemma.

However, when the Anglicans refused (31% of the school population), the Roman Catholics and the Lutherans hardened their line. The Presbyterians, Baptists and the Congregationalists have given support for change. Due to the local autonomy of these groups with ourselves some local churches plan to go on. These are very much in the minority and the majority who do intend to do so come from the country and often only in the Primary School which tells us something else about ourselves and the problem.

Primary Schools are a much more captive audience than the High School young people.

We have not stopped still but rather have set up a committee with representatives from the withdrawing churches to work out ways in which we can resolve the dilemma in the hope that a more adequate approach can be made to Christian education in our State School system. All we have done is to make a recommendation from our State Executive and the matter is in the hands of the local church. Each church has the right to determine its own course of action.

Hymns We Secretly Sing

Now Thank We All Our God when everything goes well
Sing Them Over Again to Me . . . the new hymns are too difficult
This Is My Father's World since we cannot control it
Master, Speak! Thy Servant Heareth . . . until the sermon is over
Send Down Thy Truth, O God as long as it doesn't hurt
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy . . . but wait until I'm not so busy
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God when all else fails
O Jesus, I Have Promised . . . surely, You didn't take me seriously?
Take Time To Be Holy . . . I can manage an hour or two on Sunday
A Charge To Keep I Have but not for long, I hope
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee . . . as long as it isn't very far and
it's in a nice neighbourhood

The Voice of God Is Calling . . . why don't those people answer?
Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken . . . but now I don't really want it
I Love to Tell the Story when no one objects, that is
We Give Thee but Thine Own reluctantly
Are Ye Able? who? Me?

—David L. Spake
"Christian Herald."

Charlie Says "Thank You!"

A PANEL VAN pulled up in front of a city building where a tall man was standing in the doorway. The driver of the van jumped out. "Remember me, Mr. Mathieson?" he asked. "It's nearly two years now."

Mr. Mathieson looked a little puzzled. He was, after all, in the habit of interviewing hundreds of men every year. "I'm Charlie," the driver said. "YOU remember . . . you must?"

Mr. Mathieson remembered. They shook hands warmly. "Done all right, haven't I?" Charlie went on cheerfully. "The wife and kids are fine and I've got a steady job at \$42 a week. We've joined up with the church again . . . got a welcome, too. But that day when you tore strips off me . . ." Charlie grinned . . . "I said to myself: 'If that old geezer reckons I'm going to take any notice of him, he's dead wrong.'"

But Charlie had had second thoughts and he'd come back to say "thank you" to George Mathieson, managing secretary of the Prisoners' Aid Association.

FORMED IN 1887

In 1887 a handful of Adelaide men who deplored the fact that many prisoners were released from gaol, without a home to go to and with neither job nor money, met together and discussed ways to help them. In due course the Prisoners' Aid Association was formed and in its early days meetings were held in a 14 ft. by 14 ft. room in a building in Gawler Place, for which they paid 7/6 per week in rent. The founders and their friends

did what they could with limited resources. The association has grown over the years to meet the increasing need—over 7,000 men passed through South Australian prisons last year.

Interviews and homes visited in the year ended June 30, 1968, numbered 6,623. 1,444 food parcels were supplied to families. These figures alone indicate the volume of assistance undertaken by the P.A.A.

On February 28, Mr. Mathieson retired. He began work with the association on a part-time basis in 1957 and took up full-time duty during the following year. He is a New Zealander and is an ordained minister of the Church of Christ. In a tribute from executive committee it said: "His work has indeed been a ministry. He has frequently extended himself far beyond the call of duty in order to help those in great need."

He certainly believes solidly that "every offender offers hope of reclamation." He freely admits there have been times when he's thought: "I can't go on." But he HAS gone on—the failures and disappointments have been met, accepted and ploughed back into the work as experience. It's no use working in an association of this kind if you give up easily. Faith must be practical as well as visionary.—"The Chronicle."

KING SOLOMON'S MINES

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THE WONDER OF GOD'S WAYS:

As in so many areas of recent excavation, so in this quiet corner of Saudi-Arabia, modern expert technology will come face to face with what the sacred writers repeatedly call "the wonder of God's ways" and which are so often shown to be "past finding out." It is true that the wonder of the ways of God is ever a source of amazement to men—both to believers and unbelievers. Again and again this has been demonstrated in the Middle East during the last decade or two. And now, once more, man is literally poised on the verge of new discovery. Who would have thought that this ancient place of human habitation, flourishing some 1,500 years before the time of Christ, would yield its secrets in the 20th century?

If successful in excavating ancient Dedan, the Sydney University expedition will have added yet another strand to the ever-increasing fabric of man's knowledge of the past and this should serve to emphasise more than perhaps we can fully realise the strange and almost unaccountable ways in which the story of the Bible and the early Biblical civilisations are corroborated by the investigations of archaeologists of our day.

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AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Satisfying Our Hunger



"Blessed are they which hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." Matthew 5: 6.

These words from the Beatitudes seem most appropriate as we come to the time of communion.

Each one of us comes to the table with a differing degree of spiritual need. Some as a result of their coming may feel a deep sense of spiritual fulfilment, whilst others go away unsatisfied. The measure of satisfaction for each one will surely depend on his being able to tune in and to commune with the heavenly Father.

God has made an abundance of spiritual provision for all of us if we will come and truly seek him here. He ordained this table of loving remembrance to be spread before us and He invites us as often as we will come and partake and remember His Son.

May it be our experience to be spiritually satisfied as we worship and partake of the emblems together, to feel his deep and abiding presence as we seek to serve and remember him in his own appointed way.

—N. SONCUM (Vic.).

THE BREAD:

"My broken body thus I give
To you, My friends, take, eat and live;
And oft the sacred feast renew,
That brings My wondrous love to view."

THE WINE:

"My blood I thus pour forth, He cries,
To cleanse the soul in sin that lies;
In this the covenant is sealed
And heaven's eternal grace revealed."

Women's Activities

S.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The March Conference meeting of South Australian women was led by the Overseas Missions Dept. Mrs. Cunningham introduced Sister Valerie Crowte, who led devotions on a theme of "Fellowship" and Sister Margaret Luhrs, whose lively talk of "Significant Encounters" during her time in the New Hebrides delighted the many women present. Mrs. Phyllis Crowley and Mrs. Edda Thomas shared in the interesting programme prepared by the committee.

Mrs. G. Simpson spoke of her visit with Mrs. Cunningham to the South-East churches. Mrs. R. Packer has accepted the position of treasurer to Women's Conf. and Mrs. Stephens, retiring treas., was farewelled as she leaves for Queensland.

Interest is being shown in the special evening meeting to be held April 15 at Grote St. church when we look forward to seeing women of the churches who are unable to attend regular monthly conference.—C. E. Bright, Asst. Sec.

VICTORIAN C.W.F. COUNCIL

134 delegates and visitors represented 50 churches at the C.W.F. Council meeting on March 7.

Mrs. Chapman, Secretary of the Christian Education Dept. and Vice-President of the C.W.F. in New Zealand, spoke of the organisation of the New Zealand

C.W.F. and the way in which they supported brotherhood departments.

Mrs. J. Preston led in devotions and Prayer of Intercession was given by Mrs. Joyce.

The Women's 83rd Annual Conference will be held on April 30 in the St. Kilda Town Hall. Miss Jan Hunting will be the speaker at the afternoon session and Professor Himbury, Principal of Whitley College at night.

Owing to Good Friday falling on the first Friday, next Council meeting will be held on April 11 at 11 a.m. "Thanksgiving Service."—M. Nelson, Asst. Secretary.

WOMEN OF THE WEST

The President, Mrs. W. Robartson, presided over the final auxiliary meeting for the Conference year.

Her theme, "Living Triumphantly" was constantly before us particularly in the meditations prepared by missionaries. Mrs. Sonny Graham's message, "The Triumphs to be had in Everyday Living" was presented by Mrs. Williams, president, Scarborough C.W.F. Soliste Mrs. Hollett. Attendance was 89, representing 23 C.W.F.'s.

The last blessing bag offering for "Fairhaven," Esperance, furnishings and Overseas Missionaries' vacations was received.

Reminders: Annual subscriptions now

QUEENSLAND C.W.F.

Fifteen churches were represented at the March meeting by 36 ladies.

Mrs. Monson, Supt. for Youth, introduced Allan Male, who led devotions. He gave an account of the Christian Education Dept., stressing the need for older folk to have patience with youth.

Miss Dorothy Howden gave an account of our work in New Guinea.

Eighty women registered for the C.W.F. Camp at Caloundra. Five male cooks offered their services.

Mrs. K. Lawton will be guest speaker on Women's Conference Day, April 17.

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64th Women's Auxiliary Conference, Thursday, March 27, 9.55 a.m.

Special features: Morning—Induction of incoming president, Mrs. A. H. Walington.

Afternoon — "Christian Fellowship Hour" when veteran sisters will be honoured. Guest speaker: Miss J. Brand, Matron-elect, Bethesda Hospital. Spotlight on Superintendents.

Evening Rally—Guest speaker: Robert Taylor, Narembeen.—D. M. Gordon, Sec.



HOME MISSION CHURCHES

GROW WITH BOYS

D. J. MARR, minister at Echuca, swims in the Murray River with boys of his church.

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A. E. WHITE



I dropped my 8-year-old at girls' club like a good mother. 40 minutes later she was home—had walked back in the dark. Her club had gone visiting and left earlier than usual, my daughter had missed the week before and didn't know. What can be done to avoid this kind of misunderstanding and its consequent dangers?

The church, club leaders, and parents should take every reasonable precaution against exposing children to danger or even to disappointment. Some of the difficulties we do have are due to faulty planning, sudden changes in the programme, and inadequate notice to parents of what is going on.

Children are forgetful and easily distracted and this adds to parents' and leaders' problems in getting the message across.

We are told by our child that a special event starts at 7 p.m. and arrange things accordingly—then find it starts at 7.30.

We drop Mary-Lou and her chops off

at a barbecue at Mrs. Brown's, only to learn that it is actually at Mrs. Green's, two miles in the other direction.

Children are as vague about how much and what for, as they are about where and when.

Since children are as they are, we are obliged to introduce reasonable safeguards. Most of these will be applied by the club leaders, but parents will need to co-operate.

Here is a suggested list of standards for this area of club life for young children:

1. Make out a programme in advance for at least one month. Three months is better. See that a copy goes to every home.

2. Use the weekly church news-sheet for regular announcements.

3. If there is anything special, see that a note goes to every home concerned, stating clearly when it starts and stops, how much, what for, where it is, and whom to contact for information.

4. When an activity takes the club away, ensure that someone is at the regular meeting place—just in case every other safeguard fails.

5. Plan for some responsible person to have the oversight of the children for about 20 minutes before starting time. (Not necessarily the club leader, it could be a shared responsibility, and parents could be rostered).

No matter how careful the club leaders are, human nature is so unpredictable that children will find new ways to frustrate their leaders. This fact of life will not excuse us from doing our best to make our clubs effective, interesting—and safe.

BELGRAVE HGTS. CONVENTION

(Vic.) The 18th Easter Convention at Belgrave Heights will be held April 4-7. Speakers include Michael Griffiths, a Britisher, who after missionary service in Japan will succeed J. Oswald Sanders as General Director of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship; and Prof. Basil S. Brown who is Professor of N.T. Studies at Whitley College and President of the Baptist Union of Victoria. The third speaker—the Rev. Dudley Foord, Dean of Students of Moore Theological College, Sydney, has spoken at two previous conventions, including the Jubilee Convention in 1967, when he gave the Bible readings.

These Easter gatherings, at the popular Convention Centre in the Dandenongs, are attended by over 2,000 visitors. More than half of these will stay in the many youth camps. Belgrave Heights is only 28 miles from Melbourne. Day visitors are expected in large numbers. There is ample car parking space and excellent facilities for picnic lunches, with tea and light refreshment kiosks provided.

Morning Bible studies, Convention, evangelistic and missionary meetings will be featured.

NIGERIAN COUNCIL ACTS

(Lagos, Nigeria). A department on relief and rehabilitation for victims of the Nigerian conflict has been set up by the Christian Council of Nigeria.

Mr. E. O. Urhobo, a lawyer and economist who has been the legal adviser to the Christian Council for several years, was named director of the department. He has helped to formulate the rehabilitation programme over the last 10 months.

Medical services, feeding and nutrition projects are given a high priority in a programme costing an initial £1.1 million. But No. 1 on the Christian Council's list is the setting up of six temporary homes for children in the South Eastern State.—E.P.S.

POVERTY IN ECUADOR

A report that Ecuador has an annual per capita income of \$200, that 50% of its population is illiterate, only 14% have access to drinkable water and some exist on 364 calories a day, spurred Christians attending a history-making ecumenical seminar on social and economic problems here to call for sweeping changes.

"It is a sin to live in this country and remain passive in the face of this situation," said one participant. A call for widespread reforms in both the Christian Church and the country was made.

Father Estuardo Arellano, director of the Jesuit-sponsored Investigation and Social Action Centre, challenged the 40 clergymen present from both Protestant and Roman Catholic churches to apply the gospel to this world of misery.

Of every 1,000 children who enter school, he said, only 167 will complete an elementary education. Only 41 will finish secondary school and one will get a college degree. The birth rate for this second poorest country in Latin America is 35 per thousand, one of the highest in the world.—E.P.S.

Parliament Goes to Church

The Prime Minister, Mr. Gorton, and Mrs. Gorton, were among 100 Parliamentarians to attend a special church service held in the Presbyterian Church of St. Andrew, Canberra, on Feb. 25.

The church was crowded for the service which marked the opening of the 1969 Parliamentary year. The service was sponsored by the Federal Parliamentary Christian Fellowship which consists of 35 M.P.'s from both Government and Opposition benches.

By C. H. J. WRIGHT

Mr. M. W. Lee, M.P., the president of the Fellowship which was established in Canberra last year, said: "I feel that at least once a year it is right and proper for Members of both sides of the Parliament to be drawn together to worship in this way."

The success of the venture will probably ensure that it becomes an annual event. The service was led by 10 clergymen (including C. H. J. Wright, our new minister to Canberra) representing the different branches of the Church. The address was given by the Anglican Bishop of Canberra-Goulburn, and the lesson was read by Monseigneur J. Weiszel of the Roman Catholic Church. A combined choir from St. Andrew's and neighbouring churches sang at the service.

In his occasional address Bishop Clements said:

"We are called to provide that organising element which should: enable and encourage the positive and socially or nationally valuable; which should with justice resolve the tensions between one group and another; which should restrain the exercise of irresponsible power

of whatever kind; and which should ever serve adequately the underprivileged, the unemployed, the sick in mind or body, the aged, and the widows and fatherless. Great concern is needed here that those who cannot exert pressures of strength are not therefore penalised or forgotten. May the promise of new activity in service of our Aboriginal brethren go forward to fulfilment. May the needs of handicapped children and, indeed, of their parents never be forgotten. In our present affluent condition there is no excuse. We shall all be judged by the spirit in which we minister to the least of these our brethren.

"We are all under judgment also concerning the quality of our relations with our neighbouring national families. While we have a reputation amongst these other families for being non-imperialistic and for providing competent and friendly aid, we must ever ask ourselves if we are in fact reaching out to be generous and helpful neighbours even though it hurts. Are we prepared to increase unqualified economic aid? Are we prepared to advance aid to trade? Are we prepared to make those sacrifices and suffer those inconveniences as a National Family such as will enable at least some developing nations to sell their manufactured goods at a fair price in our market place and such as will enable them to sell their vulnerable primary products at an acceptable level. To make advances in this area requires, I well know, not only intelligence and technical skill, but the spirit of great leadership. But it is a matter of life and death."

Also attending the service were the Hon. Mr. C. F. Adernan, M.P., former minister, of the Kingaroy Church of Christ, Qld., and Victorian Senator Ivor Greenwood, of the Hartwell Church of Christ.

ASIAN CHURCHMEN AT PERTH

About 50 churchmen from South-East Asia will attend a consultation on Christian education and lay training in Perth, W.A., April 10 to 20.

The meeting is being arranged by the East Asian Christian Conference, a regional ecumenical organisation comprising Anglican, Protestant and Orthodox Churches in 15 Asian countries.

Co-ordinators of the programme are Bishop Yap Kim Hao, of Singapore, Mr. Preman Niles, of Ceylon, and the Rev. Roland Giese, of Melbourne.

Theme of the conference is "The Witness of the Laity."

Mr. Niles who is the East-Asian Christian Conference's Secretary for Christian education and lay training, recently described the consultation purpose as "to help laymen see the world as a significant aspect of the mission of the Church and to reset the forms and activities of the Church so that in its life it is controlled by God's openness towards the world."

The Perth meeting will deal with two topics—the role of the laity and the part of Christian education in lay training programmes.

LAY TRAINING LEADER HERE

The Executive Secretary of the World Council of Churches Department on the Laity will visit Australia from April 10 to May 1.

During his visit he will attend the East Asian Christian Conference Consultation on lay training in Perth and meet with church leaders in Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney.

Dr. Young will visit Perth (April 10 to 21), Adelaide (April 22 to 24), Melbourne (April 25-27) and Sydney (April 28 to May 1).



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A GRACE WATERMAN PROFILE (cont'd from page 4)

ments for growing children. She delights in preparing wholesome food and distributing it during her visits to the sick, the shut-in, and aging people.

One of her chief delights throughout the years has been to get up with the birds and spend the early hours of the morning in the garden. In the peak years of her strength her kitchen garden would rival any industrious male gardener. Some of the health with which God has favoured her she dug up in the garden.

She refuses to grow old and has no difficulty in sharing the delights of her eight grandchildren. Her unconscious goodness and winsomeness charms all who are favoured to share her advancing years.

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Holroyd: s., Miss J. Midwater; mem., 44.

QUEENSLAND

Hawthorne: m., L. Van-Laar, L. Berthelsen (st); s., B. N. Stanway; mem., 35; "AC" 3.

Hopland: m., D. J. Schofield; s., J. W. Hart; mem., 67; "AC" 12.

SIX YEARS' MINISTRY

(Broken Hill, S.A. Conf.). When Reg. Sack concluded his six years of ministry here on March 2, there was one baptism and one confession. At the farewell after service, representatives from churches, Ministers' Fraternal, and civic organisations were in attendance. The church made a presentation of a cabinet of cutlery. Mr. and Mrs. Sack will have three months' recuperative leave and will reside in Adelaide. Mrs. Sack is slowly improving in health. Churchmen, assisted by H.M. Dept. and S.A. preachers will make three-weekly visits to the church to maintain the preaching programme.

BACK TO NORMAL

(Port Lincoln, S.A.). Since the return of Karl Turtmann, our interim minister, and Mrs. Turtmann to Melbourne, the men of the church are taking the church services . . . The Saturday evening Bible studies continue to prosper . . . With the coming of two young married couples and an older teenager the church looks forward to a good year.

THINGS TO COME

VICTORIA

- MARCH:**
- 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

- APRIL:**
- 3-7 Easter Camps, "Camp Cal," Emu Park.
 - 11 Shindig at College.
 - 14-17 Ministers' Seminar, "Camp Cal."
 - 17-20 STATE CONFERENCE.
 - 17 Women's Day—Mrs. E. V. Lawton, Ann St., Camp Hill—7.30 p.m.
 - 18 Zillmere—7.30 p.m.
 - 19 State Conference—Brisbane State High.
 - 20 Conference Sermon: Dr. Lloyd Jones.

NEW SOUTH WALES

- MARCH:**
- 31 N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal Special Combined Meeting. Speaker: Dr. James Sidlow Baxter.

- APRIL:**
- 3-7 EASIER CAMPS—Lake Illawarra, Lake Macquarie, Camp Keepit.
 - 12 "Teach-in" conducted by N.S.W. Bible School Workers' Fellowship, Doonside, 2.9.30 p.m.
 - 19 Bible Society "Good News Fleet" Harbour Cruise.
 - 28 Ministers' Fraternal Monthly Meeting, Burwood, 10 a.m.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- MARCH:**
- 26-April 4 72nd Annual Conference. Guest Speaker: S. R. Beck, President of South Australian Conference.

- APRIL:**
- 13-27 Crusade '69. Evangelistic meetings in Christian Centre, Beaufort Street, Perth. Preacher: Gordon Moyes, of Cheltenham, Victoria.
 - 3-7 Easter Youth Conference, J. Rhodes Camp Site, Waterman. South-West Tour for Young Adults.

April, May, June, on Wednesday afternoons, a Training Course for voluntary social workers conducted by the Social Welfare Committee in the Christian Centre.

WORLD CONVENTION ADELAIDE — 1970

THE CRUEL PRESS (from page 2)

The other case involved Kerry-Jane Wills, a 12-year-old schoolgirl caught in a tug-of-war between her mother and her grandmother.

Family problems are hard enough to work out at any time. It must be almost impossible to balance delicate personal relationships when journalists set down in irrevocable print the changing thoughts and attitudes of a 12-year-old girl.

News is news and, disturbing though it might be to those concerned, the sensational events in this custody case could not escape publicity. But Kerry-Jane had hardly reached her Victorian home in the care of her mother when the newsmen arrived asking if she liked her home, was she looking forward to going to school, what did she think of her grandmother, and was it true that she told Sydney reporters that she didn't like her mother.

It would be impossible to legislate against this type of stupidity, but newspapers and their editors should be able to give a better account of their stewardship than they have shown recently. The wedding was handled with the worst of taste and the child did not receive from the press the compassion that was her right simply because she was a little girl in trouble.

THIRD YEAR OF MINISTRY

(Hartwell, Vic.). March 2 marked commencement of third year of ministry of M. J. Savage . . . Volunteers are calling at homes in district inviting folk to share in Billy Graham Crusade, while Christian Life and Witness Classes have been well attended . . . Several choir members are in the Crusade Choir, and the choir at present is preparing special music for Easter services.

CHURCH AND COUNCIL

(Cowandilla, S.A.). Our minister, E. S. Thomas, and Mrs. Thomas, and 15 other members of the church were the guests of the Mayor and Council at the City of West Torrens Council, Feb. 25, 1969. At supper, all present met informally. There was an expression of mutual interest and concern for each other's area of responsibility.

SUCCESSFUL HARVEST

(Wangaratta, Vic.). Harvest Thanksgiving services on March 2 was very successful . . . Working bees over recent weeks have greatly improved appearance of church building . . . C.W.F., Dorcas ladies, Good Companions and Young Explorers' clubs are very active . . . Attendances at both morning and evening services have greatly improved under leadership of H. W. Street.

G. R. STIRLING AT ESSENDON

(Vic.). G. R. Stirling was guest speaker at church anniversary on March 2. Mr. and Mrs. G. Woodroffe rendered duets at night. A S.S. lad decided for Christ . . . At annual business meeting deacons elected included J. Strack (Ass. Sec. and Treas.), J. Hemsley (Sec.), N. Hutton (Treas.) and N. Summerton (chairman). . . Mr. Pryor and 18 young people were in camp at Seabreeze for holiday week-end . . . Speakers at Essendon have been Mr. Barbour (Strathmore Pres.), and Rev. Hannon (St. Mark's C. of E.) . . . Cricket club has entered semi-finals.

REVIEW GIVING

(Horsham, Vic.). A Planned Giving Review programme was conducted by A. Avery and E. Keating. A Family Evening was held on March 1 and the almost completed new buildings were used for the first time. Alan Rowe and local artists provided the entertainment. As a result of the programme pledges have increased . . . Members attended the Christian Life and Witness Classes held in our chapel . . . We had an unexpected visit from "The Gospelsaires" of Ballarat as they passed through on March 9.

HAWTHORN'S 73rd

(S.A.). The church celebrated its 73rd anniversary with a Friday tea and special Sunday services. 150 guests attended the tea and afterwards were entertained by "The Messengers" and slides depicting past events and development of the church. Ron Brand, who has been Supt. of the S.S. for 15 years, was presented with books in appreciation of his services . . . C. G. Flood and K. D. Horne, the guest speaker, outlined our programme of "advance on all fronts" for the next 12 months. Many past members returned for Sunday services. Mr. Norris was morning speaker and Richard Trevaskis was soloist at night.

Dr. ELLIOTT IN U.S.A.

The Vice-Principal of the N.S.W. Bible College, Dr. A. G. Elliott, is at present on a lecture tour of the U.S.A. and Canada.

PRISONERS' AID APPOINTMENT

(S.A.). Ray Kidney, formerly of the Dept. of Social Welfare and organist and choir master at Holy Trinity Church of England, North Tce., Adelaide, has recently been appointed Managing Secretary of the Prisoners' Aid Association of S.A. Incorporated.

He succeeds Geo. Mathleson who recently retired after 11 years in this position.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

RITUALISM

To the Editor,

We attended the Church of England, the only church in our small holiday resort. I was brought up to think that what the "C. of E." did on Sundays was ritualism. But on that early summer morning I looked at the people and felt their spirit. They were worshipping. I worshipped a little, too . . . but mostly I was distracted trying to work out what was happening and what I should do next.

It was good to be back in our own church the next Sunday where I knew just when to stand and to sit, when to reach for my offering, when to find the hymn, when to bow in silent prayer, when to take the cup, and when to pray and when to sing and when what was being said was the sermon. Then I realised with a shock that we are just as ritualistic as any one else, only we are used to our particular ritual.

Then in the quietness I had a thought for the masses of people who would be lost in our worship or any one else's worship. People who are two or three generations away from any sort of worship, and yet people who must have a heart-hunger for God, because they are human. And I began to wonder, "If some one came up with a way of worship that could help these people to get the feel of God, would I in my conservatism resist it?" I came to the conclusion that probably I would, and that I would be looking in my concordance for verses to back me up.

I like to be "scriptural,"

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS.

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

(Gilgandra, N.S.W.). The Conf. Pres., H. M. Long, visited the church recently. He showed interesting slides of mission work in the New Hebrides, especially the graduation service at Banmatmat Bible College. This was his last official church visit before State Conference began on March 16.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIST. CONF.

(Vic.). This was held at Belmont on March 1. Dr. Trevor Banks presided. All Ballarat, Geelong and Colac churches were well represented. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwards, newly-appointed to Norlane, addressed the separate men's and women's afternoon segment. Conference voted \$37 each to Peel St. special printing project, and C.M.F. 1969 New Guinea work project. Ray McKenzie and Mrs. Lorraine Clencie led a stimulating panel discussion, "The Generation Gap" and "Christian Education in the 20th Century." More than 100 enjoyed buffet tea provided by Belmont ladies.

Sister Jan Hunting spoke after tea on "New Guinea Calling."

At the Inspirational Rally, speaker was

Ray McKenzie. Geelong Y.F.C. Choir was featured.

Reports from churches showed encouraging work continuing in most areas. The Conference, together with Dept. of Home Missions, is committed to helping Colac brethren.

KENMORE SPIRITUAL RETREAT

(Qld.). Kenmore Christian College started off its fifth academic year with a two-day spiritual retreat in the mountains under the ministry of Rev. John Farr, of N.S.W. 14 new students are enrolled, and 36 different courses will be offered internally.

FOR COLLEGE

(Hampton, Vic.). Presentations were made from church and auxiliaries to Graham Chapman, as he entered the College of the Bible . . . Rev. Brian Walsh of Inter-Church Aid was speaker at a recent Men's Tea. A film showing the work of the committee was also shown. . . . Shoppers' Services have been commenced on Friday mornings . . . A bus was hired to take folk to the Graham Crusade.

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SCOUTMASTERS HONOURED

(Toowoomba, Qld.). Two members of the Toowoomba church were honoured when the Chief Scout of Australia, the Governor-General (Lord Casey) announced awards recently. Group Scoutmaster H. Keith Yesberg (a deacon) received the Medal of Merit, and Group Scoutmaster Cecil G. P. King, an isolated member at Goombungee, received the Good Services Certificate award . . . Beverley Grenfell received top marks prize from the Governor, Sir Alan Mansfield, at the recent second year examination at the Royal Brisbane Hospital. . . . The National Youth Convention Players presented Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado" and an overflow house brought over \$90 to help the new hall fund . . . The church Board consists of Elders: Dr. Caldicott, H. Hansen; Deacons: Messrs. Bade (treas.), Dunn, Grenfell, Mortinson, Muller, Paton (sec.), Roberts, Savill and T'ourrowgood . . . Mr. and Mrs. Terry South have commenced an assistant ministry at Margaret and Crown Streets. Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Caldicott have commenced their third year of ministry at Toowoomba.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

(Hampstead Gdns., S.A.). Goods from Harvest Thanksgiving services on Feb. 23 were donated to Social Service Dept. . . . The Hampstead church hall was the venue in this district for Women's World Day of Prayer . . . A Glastonbury represented the Aborigines' Mission on March 2 . . . At a youth service on March 9 some of the Nailsworth young people gave assistance in the service.

HELPING OTHER CHURCHES

(Croydon, S.A.). Over the years, financial assistance has been given to churches at Elizabeth and Windsor Gardens. Now help is being given to the river churches, Barmera, Moorook, and Loxton . . . Goods from Harvest Festival services were distributed between Aborigines, Colebrook Home, and St. George's Rest Home . . . Recent speakers have been K. D. Horne, W. Hewes, David Skewes, and J. Baker. . . . The "A" tennis team gained its first premiership. The captain, Tom Bartlett, is Pres. of our Churches of Christ Assoc. . . . Mrs. Ferris made her confession of faith.

EXTENSIONS AT HARLAXTON

(Qld.). The annual meeting approved plan for extensions to front of the chapel to provide a new porch, and extra seating for growing congregation . . . Two new youth groups have been commenced—a Midget C.E. group, and the other for young people . . . David Mansell will lead a mission in May . . . Alex Surtees has conducted "A new look at stewardship" with special meetings for ladies, young people, and a men's breakfast . . . David Eagling spoke and showed slides at recent service . . . A men's basketball team is playing in city fixtures . . . Combined Christian Men's Society's 20th Anniversary meeting heard Alan Webb tell of recent visit to Singapore for S.E. Asian Conference . . . Bruce Roberts has begun second year of ministry.

Longwood Youth Camp, March 7-9, was the scene of the largest Women's Camp for many years. The camp is conducted each year by the Christian Education Committee of the Women's Conference in S.A. Mrs. Gordon Stirling was 1969 study leader. The theme was "Go Tell . . . Communicating Christ," and 70 campers, plus 18 "Saturday Campers," shared a very enriching experience. Guidance for Quiet Times was provided by Miss Erica Hammond, who also led the optional prayer sessions in the chapel.

These sessions were wonderfully well attended, and were a source of inspiration. Devotions were led by Mrs. J. Searle, Mrs. K. Crosby and Mrs. E. Simpson. Led by Mrs. Stirling, the women shared many experiences together as they considered ways of communicating Christ in the world in which they live . . . at home, in the C.W.F., in the church and

in the community. By group discussions, Bible Study, self-expression in drawing, poetry and speech, the all-important desire of every Christian to evangelise was developed. The studies were fittingly climaxed by celebration of the Agape, or Love Feast, of the early Christians. To set the women in the atmosphere, luncheon on Sunday was served on white table cloths, with white china, white candles (as the Agape was usually held in the evening) and the menu consisted of soup, fish, bread, grapes, figs and water. Each woman had a name tag and was known during the meal by the name of a woman from the Bible. At the conclusion of the meal the women shared in turn some of their inmost thoughts. Following this, Mrs. Stirling, led us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, each woman serving her neighbour. Finally, in the chapel, Mrs. Simpson's devotions were a fitting climax.

STUDY OF LORD'S SUPPER

(Ascot Park, S.A.). On March 5 a series of studies on the Lord's Supper was commenced. Folk met for tea at 6 p.m., and the studies followed, supported by a film-strip. The findings of discussion groups will be reported to a subsequent meeting . . . Goods from the Harvest Festival on March 2 were donated to the Morialta Protestant Children's Homes . . . At evening service, Miss Valerie Crowte from the New Hebrides, was guest speaker. An after-church coffee hour was held.

TEMPERANCE APPOINTMENT

On March 2 at Maughan church (Central Methodist Mission) a service commissioning Albert Jenkinson as the general secretary of the Temperance Alliance of S.A. was held, and broadcast through 5KA, 5AU and 5RM. Rev. A. E. Vogt, of the Central Methodist Mission, introduced Mr. Jenkinson to the congregation and listening audience. The commissioning segment was conducted by Rev. M. C. Trenorden, a past president and executive member of the Temperance Alliance.

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Mr. MICHAEL GRIFFITHS, M.A., General Director Designate of Overseas Missionary Fellowship.

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N.S.W. CONGRESS ON EVANGELISM

A N.S.W. Congress on Evangelism will be held at the Chapter House, St. Andrew's Cathedral, George St., Sydney, from May 30-31, 1969. The theme of the Congress is "The Gospel in Our Strange New World." The Congress, sponsored by the Evangelical Alliance, is being organised by a Congress Executive Committee, comprising the Rt. Rev. A. J. Dain, the Rev. Dr. E. H. Watson, the Rev. Dudley Foord, the Rev. Fred J. Nile, the Rev. Harry Orr, the Rev. S. Somerville, the Rev. Alan Scott, the Rev. Bev. Hodgson, Messrs. David Claydon, Ian Bernard, Alec Gilchrist and Bruce King.

Guest speakers include the Rev. Graham Miller, LL.B., B.D., Presbyterian minister and Principal of the Melbourne Bible Institute, the Rev. H. J. Rowe,

minister of Central Baptist Church and others, who will present Biblical expositions and the theology on Evangelism which will be related to the problems created by the "New Theology," the "New Evangelism," and the "New Morality." There will also be seminars to provide opportunity for group discussion.

N.S.W. ministers and laymen from all denominations are invited to register for this open Congress, which will be a follow-up to the Asia-South Pacific Congress on Evangelism held recently in Singapore.

Registration forms may be obtained from the Hon. Congress Secretary, the Rev. Fred J. Nile, c/o Diocesan Church House, George St., Sydney. The registration fee is \$2 per person.

INVERELL DECISIONS

(N.S.W.). Two more teen-age girls made decisions this month. Three boys have also been baptised . . . A church picnic was held at Tingha pool during the long weekend . . . "Centreville Awakening," a revival film, has been screened. . . . Trevor Dunshea and Graeme Heal were farewelled on leaving to enter Kenmore College, Qld., and Emmaus College, Epping, respectively. The minister, Maxwell Hall, presented them both with books for their studies. Both boys responded . . . The Billy Graham sermon on "The Home" was featured on C.W.F.'s first night for 1969.

NEW MUSIC GROUP

(Hamilton, N.S.W.). Philippa Box, Robert Combridge, Amanda Fraser, Genienne Paterson, and Geoff. Paterson, have formed a singing and instrumental group. On March 2 they assisted W. D. Howard in a special service giving items to correspond with the various scripture readings . . . The "House Fellowship" meetings replacing the church prayer meetings have been a marked success. Members have a choice of meeting in any one of four districts . . . Geo. Gibson and Mrs. Bender are attending church after hospitalisation. The health of Vic. Cockerill, elder, is still receiving prayerful concern of church.

MISSIONARIES AT HOME

(Taree, N.S.W.). Miss Valerie Crowte and Miss Margaret Luhrs from the New Hebrides, were welcomed on Feb. 23. They are members of the Taree church; Miss Crowte is the Matron of the mission hospital with Miss Luhrs, a qualified sister, assisting. Miss Luhrs was the speaker at the morning service and Miss Crowte at night. At the conclusion of the evening service slides were shown of the work.

NURSE TO NDUI NDUI

(Murrwillumbah, N.S.W.). Shirley Stewart, triple-certificated nursing sister, left Sydney on March 10 for the New Hebrides and will serve as overseas missionary at Ndul Ndul Hospital. Church had fellowship tea and farewell on March 3 when presentation was made.

Mr. & Mrs. PIEPER WELCOMED

(Burwood, N.S.W.). Mr. and Mrs. M. Pieper and family were welcomed as Mr. Pieper commenced his ministry. He is the ninth full-time minister to hold this office in the 49 years of this church's witnessing . . . Through confession of faith and baptism Rith Rehir has been added to the church; also Mrs. Vickers by transfer from Belmore and Des Johnson, a baptised believer . . . The annual business meeting revealed the satisfactory condition of the church. The duplex envelope system has proved most satisfactory for expressing "worship through offerings." Of the gross income 36% was directed to Conference Committee work. The missionary outreach includes support of a missionary in the field and subsidy to a member studying at Woolwich College. Special offerings were for bushfire relief and Graham Crusade in Sydney, 1968.

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DAPTO'S FIRST

(N.S.W.). The church's 1st anniversary, March 1 and 2, featured a special musical team from Sydney on Saturday night. Kevin Crawford was speaker on anniversary Sunday. There were two baptisms, making a total of seven baptisms this year . . . The S.S. averages over 100 in attendance. The children brought presents for mission children at the Christmas party. These were forwarded to Norseman Mission . . . The ladies are working to raise money for a second bus.

A LOOK AT VIETNAM

World Vision International has released a new 28-minute colour documentary film which presents a different kind of Vietnam report.

The 16 m.m. film is called "No Greater Love." Graphically it shows "the people side" of the Vietnam conflict . . . people loving, people caring, people helping. But the film sets this in the realistic context of war and need.

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Ruth Rehir, Burwood, N.S.W.

MARRIAGES

Jennifer Russell to Ray Higgins, Dulwich, S.A.
Helen Bauer to Wim Van Aggelen; Ann Butcher to Graeme Barnett, Manifold Heights, Vic.
Gillian Neil to John Watson, Ann St., Brisbane, Qld.
Beth Mudford to Robert Grosser, Gilgandra, N.S.W.

MEMBERSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Williams, from Hawthorne; Robert Pull from Edwardstown; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Martin from Ungarra to Pt. Lincoln, S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Adams, to Balaklava, S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwards from Launceston; Tony Jerome, from Colac to Wangaratta, Vic.

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DEATHS

Miss Fanny Ratcliffe, Benjamin Hyde, Harold Wyeth, Ann St., Brisbane, Qld.
Mrs. A. Blackwell, Ormond, Vic.
Winston James Bolwell, Frankston, Vic.
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5 p.m.: Re-union Tea.
7 p.m.: G. R. Stirling, "Don't Postpone Living."

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BIRTHS

LOVE (Murray).—To Judith and Fred, 3/3/69, a son—Stuart Boyd. Brother for Murray.

BACIK (James).—To Pat and Jay, at Wollongong, N.S.W., on March 8, a daughter—Anna Patricia. Mother, baby and father thriving.

WATERS (Moore).—To Joyleen and Geoff, a son—Mark Geoffrey. Both well, 8-3-69, Village-rd., Echuca.

ENGAGEMENTS

TURNHAM - FRANKLIN.—Albert and Marion Turnham, 85 Bondi-rd., Bondi-beach, Vic., announce with pleasure the engagement of their daughter, Lorraine, to Rodney, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Franklin, Diamond Creek.

OWENS-DREW.—The engagement is announced of Male, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Owens, Mayfield, N.S.W. to Leigh, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Drew, 20 Marrlott-st., Moorabbin, Vic.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

WAKEFIELD - BLAND.—The marriage of Glenda Joy, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Wakefield, 64 McMillan-st., Morwell, Vic., to Gregory William Bland, only son of Mr. W. L. Bland, "Glenura," Yarram, and the late Mrs. Bland, will be celebrated on March 22, 1969, at Church of Christ, Winifred-st., Morwell, Pastor John Paver officiating.

GOLDEN WEDDING

BROOKS.—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brooks, of Flat 14, 34 Norman Tce., Everard Park, S.A., are happy to announce the 50th anniversary of their wedding celebrated on March 31, 1919 at Croydon Church of Christ. They will be at home to relatives and friends in Church of Christ Hall, Park-st., Unley, on March 29, 2-5 p.m. No gifts please.

DEATH

REYNOLDS, Mavis Muriel.—On Feb. 27, 1969, dearly loved daughter of Muriel and the late Richard Tippet, of 33 Waite-st., Blackwood, S.A. "Resting."

IN MEMORIAM

BAKER, Clara May.—March 17, 1964. Treasured memories of a wonderful mother and Ga. Always remembered.—Judith, Walter, Tracy and Shelley Steart.

JENNER.—In loving memory of our beloved parents who were called home, Mother, Dec. 27, 1932, also Father, March 29, 1950. Also our loved brother, Perce, May 27, 1967. "Always remembered."—Grace and Stan Jenner.

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- "The Need of the Hour."

Programme:

9.30 a.m.—Morning Tea.
10.00 a.m.—Business Session incl. First Address.
12.30 p.m.—Basket Lunch.
2.00 p.m.—Afternoon Programme.
5.30 p.m.—Tea.
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The College of the Bible, Glen Iris, commenced the year with a public gathering on Feb. 19 when a large number of visitors was entertained to morning tea. The official Public Inaugural on Feb. 21 saw the Lygon St. Chapel well filled. 16 new students from three States were welcomed. The Vice-President of the Federal Conference, K. A. Jones, conducted the Induction Service of the Vice-Principal, G. R. Stirling. A. E. White was the occasional preacher. Prizes were presented to the following students:

L. C. McCallum Prize: B. King; Morton Noble Prize: H. Clark; Old Boys' Prize: K. Turfmann; F. G. Dunn Prize: R. Pfeifer; Eliza Winter Prize: D. Smith; William Grindrod Prize: D. Nancarrow; Chown Memorial Prize: R. Pfeifer, E. Keating and W. Thornton; Skinner Scholarship: P. DeWilt, I. Adams and D. Mackay.

The Student body welcomed the new

students in a moving devotional service in the College Chapel, conducted by Student President, Barry Heath. The new students were presented by Student Secretary, Garth Nelson.

There are 45 students enrolled in 1969. 21 of these are married.

Lectures are being suspended for the week of the Graham Crusade and students are attending the School of Evangelism being conducted by the Crusade Team.

Gratitude is expressed to several churches for gifts of fruit and vegetables and other produce from a series of harvest festivals. Such gifts make it easier for students to pay their way through College.

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The Institute has again considerable expansion planned for the current year. The Institute was founded in a small single room and in seven years has grown to a modern new building specially designed for clinical treatment, where consultations have increased from an initial 800 in the first year, to the current rate of some 7,500 annually.

Demands on the Institute have created a situation where current accommodation

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Cairnmillar, with its concept of total care, acts as a community service in the areas of clinical consultation, education, training and community affairs.

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CRICKETING BISHOP

The Rev. David Sheppard, 39, former cricketer for England, was appointed Suffragan Bishop of Woolwich succeeding the Rt. Rev. John Robinson. At present Sheppard is warden and chaplain of the Mayflower Family Centre in London, an Anglican experiment in a working-class district.

SYRIAN FLOOD VICTIMS

(Geneva.) An appeal to its inter-related agencies for \$50,000 to provide shelter for flood victims in North-East Syria, where the Euphrates River recently overflowed, has been made by the World Council of Churches' Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service.

The money is to repair 10 villages where about 200 families live. The Syrian Government has suggested this ecumenical rehabilitation project concentrate on

Shadahdi in the Hassake district, the most severely damaged part of the area.

More than 60,000 persons, including 1,200 Christian families, were made homeless by the disaster.—E.P.S.

AGAINST WORLD POVERTY

Young Christians in Schleswig-Holstein plan to organise a "hunger march against world poverty" next autumn to draw attention to the extent of the problem and persuade the government to increase its contribution to development aid. Organisers of the march are the ecumenical youth group in Schleswig-Holstein, the Protestant Schoolboys' and Schoolgirls' Association, the Student Christian Movement's study group on "the Third World" and "Youth in the Struggle against Hunger." Collections will be taken over a period of two weeks, and the proceeds turned over to the U.N.

—E.P.S.

EXPO '70 PAVILION

A new world will come to life in the heart of old Japan when Expo '70 gets into full swing next year.

The theme of the exposition, "Progress and Harmony for Mankind, will be reflected by national exhibitions on the 815-acre site situated some 20 minutes away from Osaka, Japan's second largest city. This is the centre of Japan's lovely Kansai district and the home of her culture for over a thousand years.

The rich heritage of 62 nations and the national achievements of the technological age will be on display. The creative ideas of architects will bring a new meaning to themes of the dim, distant past. Among the cultural activities will be Western and Oriental ballet and the classical music of East and West. But there will also be pavilions representing the religions of the world. One of these is the Christian pavilion.

The exhibit in the Christian pavilion called "Eyes and Hands," the discovery of humanity, is an attempt to portray symbolically the eyes of faith, hope and love, and the hands of prayer, service and reconciliation.

Japan's Christians—both Protestant and Roman Catholics—are uniting to sponsor the pavilion, which will cost \$U.S.305,555. While the exhibit is thought of here as the witness of the Japanese Christians to their nation in the setting of a world fair, it is also hoped that it will be viewed as a witness of the total Christian community to the world at large.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Okay Fred, we'll meet you at the country club soon as Sarah can shove the kids out the front door for Sunday School!"

"THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN"

50 YEARS AGO

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

Preachers' Outing. Weather permitting, the Vic. Preachers' Assoc. will hold an outing at Ferntree Gully on March 17. The train leaves Flinders St. at 8.52 a.m., travelling second-class.

T. J. Gore. For many years the venerable T. J. Gore has conducted a training class in Adelaide. On account of growing deafness our good brother feels it imperative to resign this work.

Murray Bridge. The church was organised in Sept., 1912 and now has 80 members and a S.S. of 100.

Rome is Neutral. The Pope of Rome has always had a desire to have a part in the Peace Conference, but the Allies have wisely refused him any such right. He has not even expressed his disapproval of the awful atrocities of Germany, nor has he spoken one word for Italy or the Allies. Though a subject of an Allied nation, he has apparently kept neutral when his voice should have been heard on the side of right.

Here and There . . . A. E. Illingworth has made a good beginning at Malvern in the new chapel . . . The influenza epidemic has passed and churches and schools are almost back to normal . . . Gilbert Chandler left Vic. for N.S.W. After some time in quarantine at the border, he will begin with W. H. Clay at Rockdale.

OBITUARY

Winston James Bolwell

On Feb. 9, the church at Frankston (Vic.) was shocked by the news of the tragic and sudden death by car accident, of its young and highly respected elder, Winston James Bolwell at the age of 28 years. In his young life he had endeared himself to the hearts of many people and had won many friends, the evidence of which was seen at the funeral service when the church was so packed that many had to stand outside. Winston came to the Frankston district with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bolwell, and two brothers from Shepparton in 1950 and they have all been actively associated with the Frankston church ever since, and last year he followed his father into the eldership of this church. Becoming a teacher like his father, he went first to the Warracknabeal High as a teacher of arts and crafts. There, while attending the church at Warracknabeal, he met his wife, Beverley Rogers. After their marriage celebrated by the writer, they made their home in Frankston. They have two children. He achieved distinction in his training, vocation and interests. He was a Master of Arts and Crafts, completing his course as equal first in Victoria in 1967. More than competent at painting, silver-smithing, fibreglassing, carpentry and welding, he was always happy when he was creating something. At the time of his death he was completing a project to restore a Tiger Moth aeroplane. At the funeral service his own devotional thoughts were read and his own beautiful craftwork in silversmithing seen in candlesticks, chalice, paten and cross spoke eloquently to us of his life and of his devotion to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Our prayers and love go out to his wife Beverley, who is in hospital making favourable progress, his children Andrew and Gaylene, and his parents and members of the family.—R. H. Patterson.

Rodney Fennell

God allots a certain span of life to each of us. It is not the length of life that counts, but what we have made of it. Rodney Fennell, of West Preston (Vic.) church, a semi-invalid, battled through physical setbacks, always enthusiastically joining in the work and fellowship of the church, displaying his Christian character with cheerful simplicity. To the end of his short 20 years, Rodney generously gave his time and gifts (here as "Easter Bunny," there as "Father Christmas") to young children. The memory of Rodney's bright personality lives on for so many.

Ronald Johnston

On Feb. 24, 1969, the death occurred of a much-loved member of the North Balwyn (Vic.) church, Ron. Johnston. He is sadly missed by many people in various walks of life. Ron, as he was affectionately known to all his friends, was one of the most cheerful and happy people one could wish to meet. He was interested in people, especially little people, and for 25 years was Father Christmas to the children of the Lady Duggan Red Cross Hospital. He was happiest when running carnivals and other functions to raise funds for various causes, and was made a Life Governor of Prince Henry Hospital for services rendered. In 1948, Ron was baptized at the East Kew church and was in membership there until the church started at Nth. Balwyn. He was truly a foundation member of the Nth. Balwyn church by virtue of the fact that he was one of its first members,

and also because he, as a builder, superintended the placing of the foundations of the first building. He also prepared the building which was moved from East Doncaster, by cutting the roof to clear wires, and cutting the building in half for transport by the removalist. The building was put back to its original condition under his supervision, and much of it by his own efforts. He took charge of the first Boys' Club, and held the position for nine years, during which time he organised the first football team and was practically trainer, coach and transport officer. Ron was a teacher in the S.S. which began even before church services. He was a member of the first Board of Officers appointed by the church and was chairman of the Board for a term. When a Youth Hall was built, Ron was the builder, and with a small band of workers spent every Saturday for almost two years completing the building. This hall is in the new building complex and will always stand as a memorial to him. He served for a number of years as secretary of the local C.M.F. and in connection with this, took services at our Christian Guest Homes, at the North Melbourne City Mission and the St. Kilda church. He was a member of C.M.F. Executive. In business Ron was a good builder as many home-owners testify. He never allowed Sunday work, and bad language was never heard in his presence. We part for a little while with a builder who built more than houses, and he built better than he knew, for he built happiness and good friends, he built Christian character. He was not wealthy in material things but he was rich towards God. We shall miss him, and we extend loving sympathy to his wife and loved ones.—T.O.T.

Mrs. Buckley

Coming from Preston Church of Christ (Vic.) 40 years ago, Mrs. Buckley was one of 22 foundation members of the West Preston church. She died on Feb. 15, 1969. This quiet, always smiling woman, set an example of Christian commitment that is worthy of following. Sunday by Sunday she was found in her place at worship. Week by week she systematically went about her tasks in both home and church. Year by year her loving concern for her family bore witness to the deep Christian convictions which sustained her life and encouraged others. We thank God for her life and for the privilege of knowing her. We recognise again that the foundations of this congregation have been firmly laid as we meditate upon the quality of her life for Christ.—A.J.S.

Eric Hubert Rae Mansfield

Eric Mansfield had been a member at Cheltenham (Vic.) for nearly 40 years. With his wife he was a loyal worker and a regular and faithful member. Over the years Eric Mansfield had taken part in every aspect of the church's life. He was a youth study leader, a founding member of the church's cricket club, a deacon for 30 years, choir member and Sunday School teacher. For 20 years he was the "Australian Christian" agent. He was a blunt, frank, humble man. Like Paul, all his life he was a tentmaker, and lived his faith. Following a brief illness he died in hospital on Dec. 22, 1968, and a packed church close to Christmas paid tribute to his life, and to the one we were so soon to remember, who was born that we might eternally live. To his wife, and daughter, Mrs. Ettie Stevenson, and family, we extend our sympathy.—G.K.M.

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The people have talked of the time of the Big Sea. They point to the mark it reached, but no one now living saw it. The last really big sea was "small no more" compared to that of Friday, Dec. 13, 1968.

By A. FLETCHER, New Hebrides

Everywhere on South Maewo the story is the same. Houses built in "safe" places were wiped out by the fury of the pounding seas. Small boats pulled out and propped well beyond the level of any previous seas, were swept up further still, laid over and smashed. Even large sea-going inter-island trading vessels were severely battered as they tried to ride the night out in the open sea. Other missions and populated areas have reported damage far beyond that experienced by our own stations, and we can but give grateful thanks to our Lord for his care over us.

At Nasawa we count it a small miracle that we suffered so little though the seas were beyond description. On the day before the storm we were called on to make a special trip across the sea to Aoba. During the return journey, the sea went from flat calm to a long open oily swell coming down from the north.

School holidays meant no willing hands, so we anchored the launch in the

bay. Just after dark one of the village "seamen" came up and said "We are pulling the 'Grace' up." Word had already been sent, and people were beginning to arrive. Saplings had earlier been collected just in case. These were laid in place and with men, women and children holding the launch upright, it was pulled up well beyond normal seas level. No one imagined it necessary to dismantle the mast, a mammoth task, but necessary to take the boat right into the shed. At 10 o'clock we checked the launch again and wedged four more 6" x 4" braces into place. The seas were already pouring over the sheltering reef and swirling well up the slipway.

Several boys, still living in the dormitory, a building facing the sea, but well back from the waterfront, couldn't sleep. They checked again at 1 a.m. and found the water swirling up round the launch and all but two of the heaviest props had disappeared. An urgent call went out, and again men and women arrived. In drenching rain and surging swell they again dragged the boat up until the bow was well into the shed, the mast just clear of the roof beams and sitting stern on to the seas.

Soon after 2 a.m. I went to check our radio aerial mast. One wire had parted and another was drawn taut held by a 3 in. nail. As I struggled to make this secure, one of the boys came up and told of the two huge waves which had swept up over the retaining bank a few minutes earlier and poured knee-deep through and around the dormitory.

Conversation was yelled over the noise of wind, waves and the rumbling of a million water-worn black stones rolling up and down the beach with every incoming wave. Several moments later, John Tabi, our mission mechanic, arrived up, his face a picture of misery. The "Grace" had gone over, was damaged, and now at the mercy of the sea.

The first huge wave we imagine took most of the timbers away, and the second had swept up, floated the stern section of the 3-ton boat, lifted it clear over the tram rail, swept it sideways and gently deposited the stern on the ground below and laid her over. Nothing more could be done. Miraculously the seas went down from then on.

In the morning light, the place was a shambles. Heavy boulders and logs strewn everywhere, some 15 to 20 lbs. in weight halfway down the dormitory, others three or four hundred pounds shifted 10 to 15 feet and jammed against bridges and retaining walls.

The "Grace" was lying over against the edge of the concrete slipway and resting on the iron rail padded by a short length of twisted and jammed heavy hemp rope—the only damage was to a short length of planking at deck level.

Again the call went out, and the village responded. The mast was dismantled, the stern levered and jacked up and over, and into the shed, and she was braced and bound to the timber frame of the building, ready for repairs.

It was a night to remember. To remember that "the sea is his, and he made it, and his hands formed the dry land."

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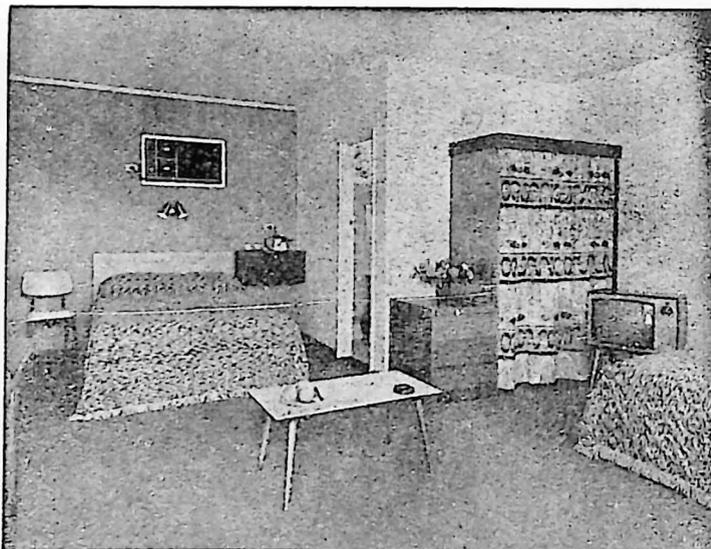
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