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CHRISTIAN REST HOME

ELDERLY people are individuals — and I emphasise the word "individuals" — from different backgrounds with varying needs, happy in a multitude of environments, each with his own personal and emotional characteristics.

If they are to be allowed the self-respect and individuality which they enjoyed while younger, they must be regarded as individuals and not be suddenly grouped together as a mass and treated as a single problem.

For this reason, the Government regards its partnership with churches of all denominations as vitally important. Churches deal with individuals at the grass roots of our society. They operate in the community throughout the nation as an integral part of the daily life of most people. They are in daily communication with those in need — and there are needs other than financial which the churches are in a unique position to deal with.

Part of the role of the churches in dealing with the aged is in providing accommodation.

Long before the Commonwealth Government became involved, churches were building and operating aged persons' homes. Since 1954 the Government has helped churches, charitable, benevolent and service organisations and, more recently, local government Councils build almost

#### BEATITUDES FOR THE AGING

*Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and shaky hand;*

*Blessed are they who know that my ears today must strain to catch the things they say;*

*Blessed are they who seem to know that my eyes are dim and my wits are slow;*

*Blessed are they who looked away when coffee spilled at table today;*

*Blessed are they with a cheery smile who stop to chat for a little while;*

*Blessed are they who know the ways to bring back memories of yesterdays;*

*Blessed are they who know I'm at a loss to find the strength to carry the Cross;*

*Blessed are they who ease the days on my journey home in loving ways.*

## THE CHURCH AND THE AGED

By W. C. WENTWORTH,  
Minister for Social Services

750 homes for the aged, providing accommodation and nursing facilities for almost 35,000.

Almost half of these homes have been built in collaboration with churches, with the Government paying up to two-thirds of the capital cost of each project. Churches of Christ in Australia have received fifty-seven grants totaling \$2,064,759, to provide accommodation for almost 750 people. This is a highly commendable effort.

The people who live in aged persons' homes are not always those who, from a financial hardship viewpoint, have the greatest need.

Some with assets are prepared to put money into an aged persons' home and live there in security for the rest of their lives. This form of self-help and provision for others in the future should not be discouraged.

Others would like, and need, to move into an aged persons' home, even though they cannot make a financial contribution. The churches have, I believe, a special responsibility to see that these people are not excluded.

Some of our old people, particularly those in older suburbs, are wedded to the environment which has been theirs for years. They won't — and perhaps, can't — change. They stay put. Some may be persuaded to move into an aged persons' home in the same suburb. But often the availability and the cost of land in these districts makes building such homes impossible. Again the churches may have a role of education and persuasion. There are others who fear that an aged persons' home will segregate them from younger people and the main stream of life.

For these and others, the church can help the Government in ensuring that those people entitled to pensions and other benefits do in fact receive them.

This applies equally to the home care services, a field which the Government wants to see developed to a point where meals on wheels, home help, home nursing and a wide range of medical and personal services are provided to those old people who are happiest in their own homes.

The role of the church in caring for the aged is one of many facets. It does its job well. The Government plays its part, providing capital and some income for organisations and income and other benefits to individuals. Neither could be successful without the co-operation and assistance of the other.

The Government and the churches are in partnership. It is a partnership which has achieved much, but which still has much to achieve.

## MEETING HUMAN NEED

By E. T. HART

HERE is a phrase characteristic of our Living Lord.

When challenged to present his credentials to John's questioning disciples he refused to produce evidence of his Divinity or Sovereignty. His simple and direct testimony concerned people at the point of need, "Go tell John the things you have seen and heard, how:

The blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached."—Luke 7: 22.

But the real challenge comes at the point of our personal witness. How thrilling it is to realise the King's interrogation at the Judgment of the Great White Throne (Matthew 25: 35) will not be concerned with my ability to defeat sin, or give attention to religious formulae, attend

Social Service is one of the objects for which the church exists. When a church or a Christian forgets this, they are far from the Kingdom.

services or spend hours in prayer (at which point many of us would be caught short and some of us very short!) but it is his own testimony that counts:

"I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; . . . thirsty and ye gave me drink; . . . a stranger, and ye took me in; . . . naked, and ye clothed me; . . . sick and ye visited me; . . . in prison and ye came unto me"; and meeting our surprised "When . . . ?" He will confidently reply: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

And woe betide any of the Christian Church who fails the test!

Thus your Social Service Committee has a Divine Patron who only makes one demand — namely — that we "go about doing good," in His Name.

Today's tangled world offers ample opportunity. It is here your Social Service Department strengthens the arm of each individual Christian; lengthens that arm to reach further, multiplies the ability to act in love.

As an individual Christian I may do well at one or two points of the world's need. But what can you accomplish even if you multiply yourself half-a-dozen times with the family of the prisoner or the prisoner himself; the unwed mother; the deserted wife; those addicted to alcohol or drugs; the delinquent youth; that breaking marriage or the impending divorce?

Let me be quick to say many of you do wonders; but the whole sordid business is becoming so complex that at least some expertise is called for.

(Mr. Hart is Director of Queensland Churches of Christ Social Services Committee.)

It is at this point your Church Social Service Committee provides you with experience and consecration at the point of need. Your department does not claim to have all the answers nor do we meet with one hundred percent success. If it is any encouragement neither did the Master and HE KNEW ALL THE ANSWERS. We do have some answers. We know where to find other answers or put those in need in touch with the right people. We can at least lend our encouragement and support and often place our financial resources at their disposal, and all in the name of the Divine Social Worker, our Lord himself.

What a strength it is to know that, as though he was fully aware of 20th Century complex living (and He is) our Lord set his people to work at this point of human need. If we require further proof we elicit the evidence of our Lord's own brother James, who was absolutely certain that "pure religion and undefiled before God and the father is to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and keep (ourselves) unspotted from the world."—James 1: 27.

Your offering on August 16 will be an investment in Christian Social Welfare.

### — FACE THE FACTS —

"ALCOHOL is a drug as dangerous as any of the other drugs they talk about," says L. M. Wright, Juvenile Court Magistrate.

In Pentridge Jail, a survey showed that 60 per cent of prisoners serving more than three months had alcohol associated with their crimes.

Forty-one per cent of rape cases; 35 per cent of indecent assault; 45 per cent of indecent exposure, were committed with alcohol having been consumed by the offender.

"It is estimated that 1,500 people are killed and 37,000 injured each year on Australian roads because car drivers have their abilities impaired by alcohol."

And add to crime and the carnage on our roads, the cost to industry of absenteeism and inferior work caused by alcohol; the damaging effect on home and family often with subsequent child neglect; the serious damage to health, both physical and mental, it will be agreed that we are paying a mighty high price for this widespread, respectable social custom.

The Christian must always act with a sense of responsibility for the lives and welfare of others. He always seeks not his own good, but the good of his neighbour (1 Cor. 10: 24). He is not free to do as he pleases. He is free rather to know and do the will of God in the upbuilding of one's fellowman.



## The World is Hungry! — DO YOU CARE?

There is hunger in the world, but various kinds of hunger.

There is first the physical hunger caused by an "empty belly." All the poor countries are suffering from this. We, in our rich country, can hardly imagine what it means to live on insufficient energy.

By C. J. P. MACKAAY

In India, for instance, the vast majority of the 511 million people are living on a daily ration of 1,500 calories (we 3,000) and 20 units of protein (we 80).

Today, 150,000 people died of hunger.

It is not hard to imagine how those people feel day after day, particularly the ones who do physical work. And in agriculture in these lands hardly any work is done by machinery.

But there is another hunger, the one which the Bible calls: "hunger for justice". Since all people in the world became more involved in world-communication, they know that their neighbours in Australia and Europe and America live a different way of life. They, at the bottom of the scale of wealth look up at us at the top, with envy. And there is more than envy. The question is heard now, louder and louder with the running of time: "Is this fair?"

Is it fair that we have large incomes, technical aid, medical supplies, free education up to secondary school level (and many scholarships for high school and

(Mr. Mackaay is secretary of the S.A. Council of Churches).

university), industry and commerce on a world-market?

There is hunger for recognition. The poor nations wish to be acknowledged as fully qualified members of the family of nations. They claim that as human beings they are entitled to be treated with the same dignity as we claim for ourselves. They accuse us that we treat them as beggars because they need help. Is this fair?

What the poor countries need, and they need it from us, is: technical assistance, educational help, and the money and capital for investment, without which all the necessary changes cannot be implemented.

Help as a hand-out can never be justified. Such kind of help degrades them to beggars, abuses their human dignity.

The help they need is much bigger than the Church members in the rich

"For the first time in human history, we have the means to feed all. We lack only the willingness to share."

countries are able to supply. Governments have to take up their responsibility in this field. The Churches' task is now to appeal to the governments and the people of the nations, by word and action. If we speak only, without setting the example, we act against our own words. WE should teach the nations how to help the poor countries by giving to such a degree that it cuts into our own home budget and by spending the money in the right way. So we commit ourselves to this world-wide task by setting the example.

## • MEETING HUMAN NEED

## ... CASE ... FILES

Bill had been mentally sick and unknown to his wife, was obsessed with petty thieving over which he had no control. At last he was apprehended and charged. His wife called at the Church Welfare Office. Bill had been known by the church for many years. What assistance can it give now? The best lawyer was engaged. Character references were secured, psychiatric report obtained, representation made at Court, and instead of a two-year prison sentence, a fine with a bond was imposed, and with psychiatric treatment, Bill continued normal life.

Mrs. M. was referred to the Office by a neighbour. There was no food in the house and father was unemployed. The rent due each week was \$17. Income from sickness benefit at the time was \$22.

Misfortune and high rents had dogged their steps since arrival in Australia. They had not saved a cent and now the children were hungry. Where could they turn and who cared enough to help?

"My husband has been unfaithful to me. It has been going on for many years. He always denied it. The children even felt I was too suspicious, but now they know. They want me to leave him, but if I leave him, who will maintain me and the children? They are my first concern. Can you help me to see what is the right and best thing to do?"

"I have been left with a family of six children," a man said when he called at the Church Office. "I am desperately in need of a housekeeper. A mother with a child would be suitable if she could do the work. I hope you can help me."

Bill and Mary had been married 12 months, but were finding adjustments difficult. Things were not as happy as they expected. They were concerned enough to call at the church office and explain difficulties to a counsellor. Discussion enabled them to understand each other better and paved the way for a happier relationship.

Mr. and Mrs. K. were invalid pensioners. Doctor advised that their health would be improved by the Queensland climate. They used their meagre savings to move North. Housing to suit their family of five and their limited income was difficult to find, and so disappointed and penniless, they returned—without furniture. They were desperate and the whole family was divided until the Housing Trust provided a house and C.F.A. paid the cost of releasing the furniture from Brisbane and returning it to Adelaide.

## YOUR SOCIAL SERVICE TEAM

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INDUSTRIAL CHAPLAINCY

MARRIAGE COUNSELLING

## INDUSTRY HOSPITALS & PRISONS

These fields are extensive and the opportunities are great. The Church, if she is true to her charter, will be in these places, serving and helping, meeting people with their many needs and problems.

Chaplains are serving in these fields today, representing the Church and offering our services. Industrial Chaplains are working in factories and warehouses where they meet people and talk with them over personal and family matters. The Hospital Chaplain is on call at the Hospital to be with people in their suffering and fears, to comfort, strengthen, and cheer. The Prison Chaplain is available to men in the prison when they become conscious of their weakness and failure, and their need of change, and want help to live a new, strong, and decent life.

In these days when people do not go to Church, the Church is going to them and speaking to them about Christ and the life that He offers us and the help He gives us.

You will support this work on August 16 as you give to your Social Service Offering. "Along with our prayin' there must be a little more payin'," the negro Pastor said. Let your Offering on August 16 be the answer to your prayers.



WE NEED MORE THAN WHAT'S LEFT OVER

on August 16

When you give to Social Service, you not only give an offering, you provide a service.

Compassion is at the heart of the Christian religion. It is revealed through our love and service to human need.

## MIGRANTS NEED HELP

"We are so glad to see you," a migrant mother said as she greeted the Migrant Chaplain of the Churches of Christ at the station. "No one knows what it feels like arriving at your destination and not knowing anyone. You will never know what it meant to have you waiting there."

This is the feeling most migrants have as they arrive in their new homeland, and because people have cared and offered their friendship and help, they have settled happily into their new environment.

But so many have returned home again unhappy, dissatisfied. It was not all that they expected. People were unfriendly, prices high, and houses hard to obtain. The cause of their unpleasant experience may have been in themselves, but then perhaps we, the Church, did not care enough.

A welcoming word, a handshake, an offer of help, an invitation into your home may make all the difference to the migrants when they arrive. It could completely change the impression a migrant receives and it could make all the difference to his future.

The church has helped many by caring. Can we care a little more? Your Social Service Department is ready to assist in this major task of integration. Ask how you may help. You will be serving the migrant, the church, and the nation.

184,000 migrants will arrive in Australia this year.



WILL H. CLAY, M.B.E.

A significant chapter on evangelism and social concern closed on July 24, 1970, when God called into his presence a great stalwart, Will H. Clay, in his 96th year.

W. H. Clay was born in Birmingham, England, on March 4, 1875. At the age of two he migrated with his parents to Australia in a sailing vessel. A home was established on the outskirts of Sydney. Boyhood days weaved into the texture of his being stalwart, physical, mental and spiritual qualities. In early manhood a depression period in industry accounted for a toughening, testing seafaring experience. He arrived in England destitute, being shipwrecked off the coast of France. Fortune favoured him in securing a room in a house next door to the church in which a tablet testified that C. H. Spurgeon made his confession in this building. He made frequent visits to the church and was overtaken by a wistful longing that God would do through him the kind of work he had done through Spurgeon.

After his return to Australia an amalgam of personal experiences — evangelistic work, study of the scriptures, association with members of Churches of Christ advocating a Biblical approach to unity — resulted in strong convictions and a desire to give himself wholly to the Lord's work in full-time ministry. The gateway to the fulfilment of such desires was flung wide open. The Victorian Home Mission Committee invited him to serve as a song leader in evangelistic work. His association as song evangelist with Thomas Hagger and Gilbert Chandler lives in the memory of thousands. His outstanding resident ministries were at Subiaco, W.A., and South Melbourne, Chelsea and Ormond, Vic. In three years at South Melbourne he baptised nearly 300, built a youth choir of 40 voices and used it as a fluent evangelistic aid. His proclamation of the gospel was always positive in character. He preached for public decision. His appeal was to the will rather than to the emotion and the intellect.

The beginnings of Social Service in Churches of Christ in Victoria were largely concerned with the question of Temperance.

## A SOCIAL SERVICE CHAPTER CLOSES

By W. R. HIBBURT

In 1923 the character of the work was broadened and became known as the Social Service Committee. In 1926 W. H. Clay was appointed part-time secretary and later full-time secretary. He quickly proved himself a capable organiser and administrator. Depression followed World War I. Benevolent work of some magnitude was demanded and the committee's side lines became mainlines. His broad sympathies became fashioned into sane policies and enterprises. Ideas that used him were the Christian Guest Home at Oakleigh, Emmaus Rest Home at Murrumbidgee, Will H. Clay Nursing Home at Murrumbidgee and the Christian Fellowship Association. Notwithstanding the pressures of his responsibilities as Director of Churches of Christ Social Service, he was conspicuous by his activities in many and varied public services. He distinguished himself at one stage as an advocate of the mentally ill. In recognition of such services he was appointed in 1956 as a Member of the Most Distinguished Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.).

His spiritual insights made him a wise counsellor. As counsellor he never descended to "hand-out" tactics to escape attention of the real personal problem. He sent many away empty handed but buoyant with the knowledge of the divine resources available. Those granted an intimate friendship with W. H. Clay know his personal qualities, such as tenacity of purpose, a sense of humour, songs in the heart, freshness of memory, a durable, simple faith and a Good Samaritan-like application of that faith.

Life's autumn for him had much of the loveliness that God gives to that season. The loveliness of his wedding day was relived seventy times when on Dec. 17, 1968, he and his wife celebrated their 70th wedding day anniversary. To the very last day of his life he had his wife at his side befriending him. He never tired expressing his gratitude for so great a providential favour.

He made it known to his son, Dr. Leslie Clay, that he desired a private cremation. This wish was fulfilled. T. V. Weir, minister of the Oakleigh church, and G. J. Lord, minister of the Burwood East

church, officiated at the mortuary chapel and at the crematorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay went into residence in Oct., 1969, at the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh, where Matron E. A. Gall and staff are still tenderly caring for Mrs. Clay in her advancing years. Mr. Clay is also survived by his son, Dr. Leslie Clay and his wife, two granddaughters, and eight great-grandchildren.

— W. R. HIBBURT.

### NEWLY-ELECTED ARCHBISHOP DIES

Canon Coaldrake, for 13 years Chairman of the Anglican Australian Board of Missions, had been elected Archbishop of Brisbane and Metropolitan of Queensland only 12 days before he died.

He was a member of the national Executive of the Australian Council of Churches and of the Executive of the Council's Division of Mission.

Frank Coaldrake was born in Brisbane in 1912, a member of a family of six children. A trained teacher, he was an honours graduate of the Univ. of Qld. before serving as a Travelling Secretary of the Australian Student Christian Movement.

Ordained at the age of 30, he served first with the Brotherhood of St. Laurence in the inner suburban Melbourne parish of Fitzroy and was warden of a hostel for working boys and single men.

Readily identifying himself with the needs of his parishioners, he became known as a champion of human rights and on one occasion drew public attention to the inequities of current practice in regard to rents by squatting for several weeks on a verandah to prevent an eviction.

His conscience was revolted by war. A pacifist during World War II, he went to Japan after the war and for ten years served in rural areas practising a ministry of reconciliation.

Essentially a man of God, his faith led him to strongly held convictions on social questions and to a passionate concern for evangelism.—A.C.C.

### "LIFE BEGINS AT FORTY"

If you can withstand the heritage of uncertain genes, the hazards of prenatal life, the rude shock of being born, exposure in your tender years to a vast number of unfriendly viruses and germs, escape the teens without cracking up in a drag race, the 20s without being a military or sports car casualty, get past the 30s without a slipped disc, the 40s without a coronary, and the frantic 50s without thrombosis or lung cancer — THEN your prospects of becoming a genuine, card-carrying Senior Citizen are reasonably good.

I sought my Soul but my Soul I could not see,  
I sought my God, but God eluded me,  
I sought my Brother, and found all three.

### I WAS IN PRISON

Time to spend, time to waste, or read, or lie on your back to stare at the ceiling. Seventeen hours out of each twenty-four locked in a small stone cell. Hours to remember all of your life, to try to remember where it all began.

I felt sure that my life was over, until I met the Prison Chaplain who represented the church. His cheerful kindness made me wonder about God and Jesus Christ. I'd had no need of religion before, but perhaps it would help now. Carefully chosen books by the Chaplain slowly drew my interest. I began to feel proud about never missing Divine Service. Then some of the boys were allowed to bring their guitars and soon we were yelling out hymns to whanging accompaniment. Trouble and need at home and the Chaplain immediately to the rescue. Crisis averted at home and letters to advise of gifts of food and clothing. How can I thank him? Revelations, dreams, or halucination? One morning I woke to know that Jesus Christ was and my fellow inmates. My life was far from over. My good behaviour earned me many weeks of "time-off". The day that I was discharged, my friend and mentor, the Chaplain, had me rigged out in good clothing and new shoes. He even showed me how to tie a Windsor knot in the new tie he gave me. Then he drove me home, and cleared out, as soon as he saw me in the arms of my loved ones.

I now attend church every Sunday. I have a good job, everything in my world is going well.

In my moments of silent prayer, I give praise and thanks to God, for revealing to me the love of Jesus, who is my daily companion.

I look at my friend the Chaplain, and think, "I was in prison — and you cared." God grant that he can continue to show others the way.

August 16 is your day to meet human need.



A. C. Male, Qld. Conf. Pres., about to lead prayer of dedication. At his left are Alderman Bruce Small, Mayor of Gold Coast City, and Dame Annabelle Rankin, D.B.E., Federal Minister for Housing.

## NEW ADVENTURES IN QUEENSLAND SOCIAL SERVICE

**(1) Council links with Church to build for the Aged**  
HISTORY was made in Queensland on July 4 when the Mayor of the Gold Coast City Council, Alderman Bruce Small, handed to the Director of the Social Service Committee a scroll authorising the use of \$11,000 of council monies for the first Local Government-Church co-operative scheme in Queensland for the erection of Aged People's Homes.

Dame Annabelle Rankin, D.B.E., Minister for Housing in the Federal Parliament, officially opened the Anniversary Garden Party and Site Dedication that marked the function and Mrs. M. Carey unveiled the memorial plaque. Eleven units will be built in the Cecil Carey Memorial Court and these will be available at low rental to residents of the Gold Coast or Albert Shire who qualify for residence on a "need" basis.

In addition to the Carey Memorial Court the Queensland Social Service Committee will erect 14 additional self-contained units built on the donor-endowment principle. These should be ready for occupation by March next year. These units will bring the residential strength of the Village to 80 people.

### **(2) State Cabinet officially sanctions Family Group Home**

The seventh day of the seventh month, 1970, will be remembered by our churches as the day we officially moved into the realm of Child Care. On this day we received official permission to proceed with the erection of the first of our "Family Group Homes" for Children.

Planned for Maryborough the home will be built right under the shadow of the Baddow church and will be a modern brick structure to accommodate 10 children plus the House Parents.

This new adventure is the forerunner of some eight or ten of these homes spread across the State in the foreseeable future. Maryborough is to be congratulated on catching the vision to build the first of these homes. The Lions Clubs of Maryborough have subscribed \$8,000 toward a total of \$11,500 as our share of the project. The State Government provides a similar sum as a 50% subsidy. It is expected that the home will be ready for occupation by Christmas of this year. The appointment of "parents" is still open and anyone interested should write to the Director of the Social Service Committee, 363 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane, Qld., 4000, for information as to the appointment.

### **(3) Christian Consumer Credit Counselling:**

For many years the Social Service Committee has been concerned at the malicious damage uncontrolled credit availability does to homes both Christian and otherwise. The same concern was evinced by Vic. Davis, a retired bank manager who works with "Life Line" in Brisbane. Hearing of our interest he invited us to join a group to work under the umbrella of Life Line but to comprise representatives of all church groups. Over the past six months efforts have been made to get this off the ground. The group is now functioning as an entity with more than 80 "accounts" to care for already.

The idea is to give guidance at the point of credit, financial budgeting, and planning on the family income. This need is evident not only for low income brackets but middle and upper income groups and it equally profitable to discuss their financial difficulties.

After initial counselling a programme is mapped out to enable spending to be controlled and the support of the requisite firms, lending authorities, and banks, is sought to alleviate distress where the burden is too great.

It is determined to maintain the spiritual emphasis of the counselling and to this end a meeting has been set up on Tuesday evenings where both counsellors and shepherds can mingle with the counselled and share their Christian experience.

It is interesting to see Protestants and Roman Catholics finding a common need met for them at the Saviour's feet. No one is asked to stifle one iota of their faith and the mere fact that in the group were at least six people who declared they had no faith whatsoever gives an outreach any church would be proud to have.

One of the leading members of the committee happens to be the Deputy Director of Taxation for Queensland. Knowing the need for finance he happened to mention this to a group in one quarter and immediately an offer of \$5,000 was forthcoming with the promise that if this counselling group could prove their worth over the next years the gift could easily become an annual one. Plans are already in hand for the setting up of similar groups in both Toowoomba and Maryborough.—E. T. HART.

# SOCIAL SERVICE SUNDAY

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## WORLD CONVENTION LOSS

# FEATURED SPEAKER DIES



D. T. Niles

(Geneva). Dr. D. T. Niles, a president of the World Council of Churches and chairman of the East Asia Christian Conference, died in Vellore, India, on July 17, after a short but serious illness. Dr. Niles, or "D.T." as he was known to his friends and colleagues throughout the world, was born in Jaffna, North Ceylon in 1908. He was trained for the Methodist ministry in Bangalore, South India and read philosophy at the University of London.

He joined the World Y.M.C.A. staff in Geneva as evangelism secretary and in that capacity lectured extensively at universities in the United States. He became well known for his Bible studies and the study of Christianity in relation to non-Christian religions.

Although D. T. Niles had an abiding commitment to the global work of the church, he was devoted, too, to his own Methodist communion and the continent from which he came. He served his own church in Ceylon as Principal of Jaffna Central College, a Methodist school, and was also pastor of a Methodist church there. When the East Asian Christian Conference was formed in 1957 it was inevitable that D.T. should be invited to become its first General Secretary, a post he filled with great distinction and energy until his retirement in 1968.

At the World Council of Churches' Fourth Assembly in Uppsala, Sweden, 1968, it was D. T. Niles who was selected in the place of Martin Luther King Jr. to preach the opening sermon. Later at that meeting he was elected a President of the World Council and attended the last meeting of the Central Committee in Canterbury, England in 1969.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, on hearing of the death of Dr. Niles said that the loss of D. T. Niles is the loss of the whole Church. "For many years he had been one of the great creative leaders of the Methodist Communion but his influence, beginning with his Student Christian Movement days had been exerted upon the leadership of all the churches. He remained to the end one of the most progressive and creative minds and spirits. We shall sorely miss his leadership."

At the World Convention in Adelaide in October this year, Dr. Niles was to have inaugurated the Jesse M. Buder Lectureship on Contemporary Evangelism and also planned to deliver one of the major evening addresses of the Convention.—E.P.S.

## U.N. TOLD TO SET OBJECTIVES

(Geneva). The World Council of Churches has told the Economic and Social Commission of the U.N. that the World Council endorsed the demands for a more "wholehearted sharing of world resources," but suggested that the international community should define what it regards as "minimal social objectives" to be achieved for all men by 1985. The Council said it saw the launching of the Second Development Decade as a sign of hope, but even if the most ambitious proposals are implemented there will remain "a terrifying burden of poverty, wretchedness and despair in the poorer countries."

The Council said it feared the speed of change will be slow as long as it is

determined by the interest of the powerful. The rich and militarily strong nations, it said, will continue to pay scant regard to the interests of the relatively poor and powerless nations. And ruling oligarchies will not fashion a development policy that will meet the needs of the people while they are free to ignore those needs."

It called for an international policy that will demand a much faster development of common markets, regional groupings and federal relationships, and therefore pave the way for a world community.

It added that a "drastic reduction" in arms budgets would help the development programmes of many nations.—E.P.S.

## "RADICAL SOLUTION" FOR LATIN AMERICA

A Colombian R.C. Priest, Father Rene Garcia, said there seems no answer to the poverty and exploitation of Latin America's masses short of "a totally radical solution."

Father Garcia, who works in a slum outside Bogota and is a spokesman for the radical Golconda Movement of Colombian priests, addressed the World Encounter of Lutheran Youth at Theonon, France, on: "Towards a More Human World."

Father Garcia said that foreign imperialism is the major obstacle to the development of Latin America, and advocated the overthrow of those governments that profit from under-development.

In Latin America, Father Garcia was particularly critical of several North American companies which he said "get all the riches."—E.P.S.

## SCIENCE AND RELIGION

(Geneva). Scientists prodded churchmen into fresh thinking on the major ethical problems resulting from modern biological discoveries, at a conference sponsored by the W.C.C. Led by Prof. Charles Birch, a biologist from the University of Sydney, they said they were somewhat disappointed when the theologians present could not come up with ready-made answers.

The conference on "the future of man and society in a world of science-based technology" did, however, begin a dialogue between natural and social scientists, technologists and theologians that could signal the end of a long and generally sterile conflict between science and religion.

The demand that the Church should offer at least ethical guidelines has already opened up new ways of working together in the interest of human welfare.—E.P.S.

## A.V.A. COMMENDED

The Minister for External Affairs, Mr. McMahon, just returned from Asia, has commended the Australian Volunteers Abroad (A.V.A.) programme with a call for Australian youth to take part.

"I am truly proud of the work done by these volunteers," he said. "In the ultimate, foreign relations depend on people. People who are prepared to become involved in the every-day life of their fellow-men in other lands; people who, through their understanding, can interpret one culture for the other," he added.

"The young Australians who under the Australian Volunteers Abroad programme serve in Papua and New Guinea and in the countries of Asia, the Pacific and Africa—do just this."

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# OPEN FORUM

Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the management or editorial panel. Correspondents are requested to say only what is true, kind, necessary, and Christian, and to say it in no more than 250 words.

## AFFAIRS IN ULSTER

To the Editor,

Under the heading of "The Stirrers" (A.C. 25/7/70), Mrs. V. Daniels made certain statements that should be corrected regarding affairs in Ireland, and which could bring in irrelevant matters.

The three per cent of Protestants in Eire is nearer 30 per cent and they are still there. I have made several visits to and did live a little while in Eire. I have also similarly visited Ulster. I have also made some study of Irish history. The Protestants of the South are somewhat pampered politically, being granted equal rights in representation. I found no bigotry, particularly towards church-going Protestants. As for political Protestants (Orangemen) that may be a different story.

The I.R.A. is not involved in Ulster. They are ruthlessly efficient and their methods of warfare clear-cut, and the acknowledgment of their acts one of their greatest weapons. All this is absent. The riots in Ulster follow the same grim and horrible pattern since the 1830s, long before the origin of the I.R.A. There is unlikely to be any significant southern influence at all in the material sense.

For those who want to understand

these riots, read Andrew Boyd's "Holy War in Belfast" (Anvil Books).

If petrol bombs were the most dangerous things used in these riots there would be a lot less maiming and killing than there is. As far as I know, no one has been burnt to death with them or suffered injury comparable to the use of bricks or bullets. Regrettably, the most casualties have always been caused by police bullets.

The real culprits are the Orange Lodges and evil ranters like Paisley. But the real trouble stems from the fact that Ulster was "planted" with "Protestants" to root out the native Irish who happened to be Catholic and after three centuries they have not succeeded. If they cannot live in peace with the native Irish then the solution will be for them to leave.

—John J. Alderson (Vic.).

## THE SECOND COMING

To the Editor,

Dr. Graham observes that Paul was convinced that the Second Advent was "just over the horizon". All of the N.T. writers believed and taught the same thing, but to suggest, as Dr. Graham does, that they were mistaken, could cast a doubt on their reliability in any other direction.

It also means that the signs which were to foretell the nearness of Christ's second advent were valueless and places Paul and the rest of the writers in the same category with Miller and others who in later times made similar predictions.

To escape the implications of the language used it is claimed by some that, with advancing years and understanding, Paul grew away from what he had first stated 'by the Word of the Lord' regarding the early expected return.

Even if this theory is accepted we still have the word of James and the writer to the Hebrews, writings of a much later date, upholding the same belief and comforting the troubled Christians with a promise of early relief from persecution.

It is interesting to note that men of letters have written extensively in favour of a past second advent, and apparently with sufficient faith and discernment to believe that what Jesus said would take place during the lifetime of some of his contemporaries, did indeed come to pass.

History records that the physical and visible events associated with Christ's return were fulfilled; it should require no great exercise of faith to believe that his generation did not pass away before all were fulfilled as and when they were predicted by the chief person involved.

T. Orr (Tas.)

## NOT FIRST

To the Editor,

The news item dealing with the appointment of E. W. Heard to be Director of Home Missions in S.A., incorrectly states that he was the first full-time minister at the Mitcham church in Victoria.

A. Cameron was resident full-time minister at Mitcham during the years 1946-7-8.—E. Tabe (S.A.).

## NO SMOKING

To the Editor,

I think that Questing missed out on two aspects of prohibiting smoking in our church buildings.

The first is a heavenly and the second a very earthly one.

Mostly when our buildings are opened they are opened for "the glory of God" and smoking isn't.

Secondly, the ladies of the churches usually clean the buildings free of charge and I for one am not cleaning up dirty old cigarette butts left behind by ignorant smokers.

—(Mrs.) N. Crymble (Vic.).

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## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### "JESUS LOVED HIM!"

To the Editor,

Our reading was about the Rich Young Ruler. It says, "Jesus looking at him, loved him." It was churning round in my head while I walked up to the station. If Jesus really loved him why did he let him go? Why did he make it so hard? People can join the church a lot easier than that these days, even a planned giving church!

These days we'd have handled it differently. We've coined words and devised systems for just such people as this.

Today we'd help him to find his true humanity. We'd go to him as servant church to discover his sociological needs, but careful not to offend him by using the word God. (At a pinch we could talk about "the man for others"). We would help him towards insights into the ground of his being. We would get him into a group experience of meaningful relationships. We might even present him with a packaged salvation deal, complete with proof texts, and borrowed straight from Yankee sure-fire sales methods, and designed to sell anything from encyclopaedias to salvation. Or better still we'd put him on the church finance committee.

By the time I got to the station I could see that Jesus really did love him. Perhaps the only possible thing that love could say was, "Sell it all and follow me!"

What a pity the Rich Young Ruler didn't live today. He could have had all his weird notions about everlasting life psycho-analysed out of him!

My wife says some pretty penetrating things to me at times, as she says, "for your own sake, because I love you." If she says those things out of love, I wonder what Jesus Christ is saying to me out of a greater love!

The trouble is, I think I know.

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS

## THE RESISTERS

By E. C. KEATING

Whenever the leaders of a church seek to lead its members into some new experience there will be inevitable resistance from some quarters. The positive challenge of a planned giving programme will be no different and a church embarking on such an adventure should not be surprised when resistance begins to manifest itself.

It is stressed that if a person objects to planned giving and refuses to participate, his objection is respected and no pressure will be put on him to participate.

Resistance to a planned giving programme is an interesting phenomenon and shows itself in varying forms. There is the quiet refusal to participate in such a programme but an acceptance of the right of others to make up their own mind according to their own conscience. This is in contrast to the occasionally militant resistant groups that will make emotional outbursts in private and public meetings that will include threats of leaving the church or giving their money elsewhere. On rare occasions such groups have been known to resort to petitions, gross misrepresentations of the principles of planned giving or an organised visitation of the membership prior to the programme. A general heading for such reactions could be "pressure tactics."

Such a reaction is not common, but when it does arise, it need not be feared. Generally an obvious resistance serves to strengthen the church in what it is seeking to do and is a quickly forgotten factor after the programme. The overall benefits minimize the results of resistance.

It is not a cynical comment to say that most who resist a planned giving programme are fearful of their token giving habits being revealed. I say most as it MUST be recognised that among the objectors there are some who genuinely believe the principles of planned giving are contrary to their understanding of the Scriptures or are ignorant of the principles of planned giving. On the other hand, it is a fact that the pledged giver will average an amount 2 to 3 times greater than the non-pledged giver. It can safely be anticipated that the 60% of active member families in a church will pledge and give 80%-90% of the offering. It is an unavoidable fact that the non-pledged giver will average a nominal rate of giving.

(Mr. Keating is Field Officer for the Vic-Tas. Department of I.M. and Evangelism. This is the second of two articles on Planned Giving. The first appeared in the "A.C." for June 13, 1970.)

Very few objectors will be convinced of the validity of planned giving by argument. Some may change their mind when they see that many of their fears are unfounded and see the spiritual and material blessings of a programme. It is of interest, however, to detail some of the usual objections and to see if they can be answered.

1. "Identifiable giving is contrary to Scripture." (Usual text — "Don't let your right hand know what your left hand is doing." Matt. 6:3). The spirit of the passage is to warn against boasting and outward show in relation to acts of charity. Actually, our secret systems of giving are contrary to the spirit of scripture. The Jew certainly did not try to hide his tithes of wheat and oxen in an offering envelope. There are incidents in the New Testament where it is obvious that giving was identifiable. (Acts 4:37, Acts 5:1-2, Mark 12:41-44). The spirit of the New Testament teaching is giving that is regular, planned, proportionate and the responsibility of all — 1 Cor. 16:2. Planned giving certainly emphasises these points.

2. "If people were dedicated, there would be no need to ask them to give." Experience has shown a definite need of education in stewardship, even among the most dedicated. In some of our churches where personal commitment to Christ is more strongly stressed, the increase in giving has been the same as other churches. Planned giving emphasises the need of total dedication to Christ.

3. "Nobody is going to tell me what to give." One of the myths of planned giving. The visitor will help the person arrive at a reasonable figure if his help is required, but will not tell a person what he should give.

4. "Too much pressure." The word "pressure" is ambiguous. If pressure means the same as the objection above, the point is already answered. If it means challenge to fuller Christian living, then it is the essence of a planned giving programme.

5. "Why should everybody know what I give?" Three people in the church may know what you give. The recorder, the visitor, and perhaps the minister.

6. "The cost of the programme is too high." To speak of costs is inaccurate. It is better to speak of investments. Programme expenses would average 13% of the increase in offerings and 3%-4% of the total offering. Professional fund raising organisations would be satisfied with promotion costs of 20%.

7. "Why pledge cards?" Pledge cards are a means of helping a person make a meaningful decision as well as an indication to the church of anticipated income. The meaningful decision can be a contrast to "giving what I can afford" which can often mean "giving what is left over . . ." It is a statement that you will "try to give" and is not legally binding. Decision cards are used in other areas of Christian living (e.g. abstinence, Christian Endeavour promises).

8. "Some churches send out bills." Churches are encouraged to send a quarterly letter to all givers indicating the financial progress of the church and thanking them for their support. The letter gives an indication as to the progress of the individual's giving so that the giver might know his own position. Such a letter is not a bill.

9. "The church should have faith." It certainly should, but what do you mean by faith? "Faith" does not mean stepping blindly into the unknown, but obedience and trust in Christ. Faith is not irregular and token commitment to the stewardship of possessions, but obedience to the demand to present ourselves as "living sacrifices." We as individual Christians appreciate the regular weekly income to meet our financial commitments. Surely the church can act with more faith where she has the same benefits that we enjoy.

10. "The church has no need of more money. (a) If the church is to be the true church, i.e. in continuous mission for Christ, her needs are never met; (b) We do not give according to the needs of the church. We give as an expression of our gratitude to Christ and to demonstrate the reality of our faith.

### CONCLUSION:

We do not apologise for planned giving. Its principles have a strong validity that has stimulated and blessed many of our churches. If our courage falls when resistance rises, then we can prune our principles and make our faith a "faith of the cushion and not of the Cross." God forbid that we degenerate to the type of faith that knows little of challenge and progress.

### 1,000 YOUNG PEOPLE IN SERVICE PROJECTS

(Geneva). Some 41 voluntary projects in 22 countries are expected to involve more than 1,000 young volunteers, according to the Ecumenical Youth Service office, in the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches.

Almost one-half dozen projects will take teams of volunteers usually numbering around 20, to live and work in racially mixed communities in Great Britain to seek to reconcile various factions and groups.

Development schemes will be assisted by young volunteers working in India (irrigation projects) Korea (urban and rural community organization) and the Pacific Islands (building construction). The programme in Africa ranges from construction of schools to village resettlement operations. In Congo-Kinshasa the youth will help on a pilot farm.—E.P.S.

## IS ALCOHOLISM A DISEASE?

By JACK BARRON

EVERY so often I read about or hear in conversation a certain phrase that causes my temperament to rise a couple of degrees and makes me want to rise up and utter a speech. The phrase is "Alcoholism is a Disease." The phrase seems innocent enough; it's the subtle implication that I protest.

First, as I mount my soapbox, let me say that I have sympathy for many alcoholics and particularly for their families. And I have the utmost admiration for those alcoholics who have the courage and spiritual fortitude to come back from the bottom.

But my indignation spills over when I see the liquor industry trying to implant the idea that alcohol isn't really a problem, it's just a disease. I want to rise up and shout when I see the idea being circulated that although alcohol does destroy people, it's not the fault of the men who manufacture

it, advertise it, and sell it—it's just a natural catastrophe, like cancer.

If such a premise is correct and alcoholism is actually a disease then someone should immediately ring the bells, sound the alarm, and alert the nation. Public health officials should be told that a disease is being produced on the assembly lines and being shipped to every town and city of our country and that it is being sold, in bottled form, in hundreds of stores throughout the land.

If alcoholism is a disease, the question should be asked, "Why is this particular disease being promoted among our people?"

All-out efforts are being made to stamp out all other diseases, mass inoculations are given, research centres are established. Why, then, is the spread of this disease being encouraged throughout the breadth of the land and why are our young people, through the media of advertising, being encouraged to become its victims?

If alcoholism is a disease, why doesn't some smart, enterprising young fellow start exploiting the other diseases? Just think how the advertising agencies could glamourise typhoid, cancer, syphilis, and heart disease. Imagine the full page coloured ads. that our magazines could run—"Men of distinction recommend that rising young executives buy heart trouble"; "Typhoid Mary heartily endorses this product"; and "Are you having more flu and enjoying it less?" Think what enormous profits could be made, if we could persuade the majority of citizens that it was as smart and glamorous to catch the other diseases as it is smart and glamorous to drink alcohol.

If alcohol is a disease, why is it the only disease in the history of mankind that men profit from because they foster its growth?

## CHANGES FOR THE MINISTRY

The trickle of clergymen leaving the ministry soon will become a growing stream unless "great changes" are made soon, said Gerald J. Jud, general secretary for evangelism, United Church of Christ.

"Hundreds of ministers will leave the ministry unless great changes are made soon," he said. "One of the fearome things is that in all likelihood the wrong men will quit — the most imaginative, those with a hook on the future, those who are aware of change and the need for it.

"We must put pressure on the 'system' to change and make room for the most imaginative people."

Dr. Jud spoke of a study he made of 370 men who had left the United Church ministry over five years, and an equal number of clergymen still active in the ministry, chosen at random. The answers were alarmingly alike, he warned.

He grouped the reasons given to him for leaving the ministry under three main categories.

- Lack of skills, which he called "most important of all." "Both ministers and former ministers say they did not get adequate training for the job," he said. "They don't have skills needed for their work today. The main skills they need to know, but don't, are secular — knowledge of how people change and how institutions change."

- Failure of support systems. By this he means superiors, fellow ministers and wives, to whom a minister looks for moral support when he is "in trouble."

Usually superiors and fellow ministers forsake a man, and the burden is too great for his wife alone, Dr. Jud said. Sometimes marital relations are strained in such a case, he noted.

- Role confusion, by which he means that a minister "has a different picture in his mind about his job from the picture the lay people have in their heads about what his job is."

"The main disagreement is about the public or private nature of religion," the evangelism executive said. — "The Christian."



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## CALLED TO SWAN HILL

(Vic.). R. E. Pritchard, present minister at Bendigo, Vic., has accepted a call to minister with the Swan Hill-Woorinen circuit, commencing Jan., 1971 . . . Local committee is busy with arrangements for Vic.-Tas. Half-Yearly Convention on Aug. 22-23 . . . C.M.F. have had conducted tour of local ambulance station. . . . Local Baptist minister was guest speaker on July 26 . . . Weekly studies have been commenced and are held in the homes of members . . . Eight new scholars were added to the B.S. in July.

## THINGS TO COME

- SOUTH AUSTRALIA**
- AUGUST:**
- 9 Pt. Pirle Planned Evangelism with K. D. Horne.
  - 16 Social Service offering.
  - 15-17 Bordertown Circuit Seminar on Evangelism, with K. D. Horne.
  - 17-22 L.I.F.E. Seminar commences at Glenelg church.
- WESTERN AUSTRALIA**
- AUGUST:**
- 8 Youth Dept. "IMPACT," Christian Centre, 7.45 p.m.
  - 11 Social Service and Hospital Feature, Nellianara Church Hall, 7.45 p.m.
  - 16-23 Visit of G. R. Stirling, Vice-Principal, College of the Bible.
  - 23 Eastern Wheatbelt Conference at Merredin.
- SEPTEMBER:**
- 1-14 Boys' Adventure Camp, Stirling Ranges.
  - "Girls' Adventure Camp, Kalbarunda.
  - "Junior Girls' Camp, J. Rhodes Camp Site, Waterman.
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- VICTORIA**
- AUGUST:**
- 1-8 D.C.E. Worship Activities for Boys.
  - 8 C.Y.F. Annual Meeting.
  - 15 C.E. Musical Drama, Camberwell Church.
  - 15 Annual Offering—Social Service.
  - 21 D.C.E. Reaction Programme.
  - 22 F.O.Y.A. Youth Adult Programme, Geelong.
  - 22 Half-Yearly Convention, Swan Hill.
  - 24-Sept. 5 Four Camps for Boys (Grade 5 to Form 4).
  - 31-Sept. 5 Adventure Camp for Girls (Forms 2 to 4), Hall's Gap.
- NEW SOUTH WALES**
- AUGUST:**
- 21 Woolwich College Second Term ends.
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## TO LOSE MINISTER

(NAMBOUR, Qld., A. B. Gaunson). Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gaunson have accepted a call to Morwell in Vic. to commence in 1971. The other church in that district, Traralgon, also has a Qld. minister trained at Kenmore, Don Stewart . . . On July 19, John Sara, a Kenmore student, was guest speaker for the church and S.S. anniversary. Book prizes were presented to the children. Keith Winter is Supt.

## GATTON CELEBRATES

(Qld., D. Usher). A Saturday night tea began the 15th church anniversary. The Ladies' Fellowship catered for 140. Greetings were brought from Lowood, Mruburg, Mt. Walker, Rosevale and Ma Ma Creek. F. Smith represented the Stn. Qld. Conf. A musical programme was presented by visiting and local artists including Lyndelle Griffiths and Diane Fortescue. Mr. and Mrs. Burnham, from Ipswich, Jenny Wegner, Paul Symons and Bob Perlera, Mrs. Hawke and Jenny Wegner were pianists and organists. Mr. Burnham was guest speaker for the weekend . . . The Gatton assistant minister is New Zealander Ralph Bradley, a Kenmore student . . . Several car loads of men went to Toowoomba (Margaret St.) to share with the men there in their programme . . . 80 relatives came to luncheon to help Eric Rosenberg celebrate his 80th birthday.

## MINISTER IN HOSPITAL

(DONCASTER, Vic., J. G. Shaw). Our minister, Mr. Shaw, has undergone surgery at Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital and early reports indicate he is comfortable . . . Ross Tully, Pauline Connell and Dale Barber were welcomed into fellowship following baptism . . . Church School anniversary speakers were Mrs. Barnard, R. Brooker, M. Humphries and F. Morgan . . . Good reports have been received from the once-a-month House Church Fellowships . . . The Social Service Dept. has been the recipient of a load of goods recently taken to the Lonsdale St. Centre . . . Mr. and Mrs. Chu are to reside in America for the next 12 months where Mr. Chu will be lecturing in universities and various places of learning . . . R. J. Tully heads

up the Australian delegation of the Apple and Pear Board at a conference in Rome . . . The Good Companions took over the evening service on Girls' Sunday . . . Max Brewer, of the B. & F.B.S., was speaker on Bible Sunday . . . The West Side Players presented a splendidly acted night of Christian drama on August 2.

## MINISTER APPOINTED

(HARVEY, W.A., A. W. Ladbroke). The Church welcomed news of the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Clark to minister next year . . . A married lady has been welcomed into the church through faith and baptism . . . Overseas offering with special effort by the ladies amounted to over \$350 . . . Harvey ladies will be hosts to the South-West Conference this month. . . . Young people active under the leadership of Mrs. Moyra Tonkin.

## M. D. KEATCH FOR BENDIGO

(Vic., R. E. Pritchard). M. D. Keatch, now at Bayswater, Vic., will commence a ministry in Feb., 1971 . . . George A. Jacobs, minister of First Christian Church, Honolulu, Hawaii, World Convention visitor, will visit Bendigo for four nights with special meetings, Oct. 11 to 14 . . . C.W.F. at Kangaroo Flat have provided new curtains for kinder. room . . . On Aug. 2, Kaye Randall and Graham Smith were baptised.

## COUNTRY-CITY LINK

(NORTH BALWYN, Vic., A. R. Pigdon). Acting on a recommendation from the H.M. Dept., North Balwyn, has recently adopted a friendship link with the Wangaratta congregation and on Aug. 2, 10 North Balwyn members and their families (22 in all) assumed complete responsibility for the Wangaratta morning service. The mutual encouragement and opportunities for fellowship and hospitality have considerably strengthened the friendship bond between the two churches . . . Following the recent Lay Institute for Evangelism (L.I.F.E.) programme, an Action Group has been formed to continue the work of witness and visitation . . . Annual B.S. concert raised \$150 for school funds and purchase of equipment . . . Four scholars have made decisions for Christ.

## Religious Films for the 70's

More than ever before, Australian churches today have access to a large range of dynamic, Bible-based, effective evangelistic motion films of high professional quality.

Seven new religious film productions are being released in Australia in August by the Australian distributors, The Gospel Film Ministry Ltd.

The producers of "Man of Steel" and "Downbeat" have released a 50-minute film entitled "God Owns My Business"—the dynamic true account of a highly successful businessman who gave his business to God. Also by Ken Anderson, a fascinating adventure for children "Whispering Mountain"—filmed in the breath-taking beauty of the Swiss Alps.

Presenting to Christians an insight into problems of today's world are two con-

science disturbing documentaries entitled "Confrontation" (an audio-visual on the problems to today's youth) and "Explosion" (the implications of our world's population explosion).

From Gospel Films Inc., the producers of "Flipside" comes a 54-minute colour feature "Like a Mighty Army"—the true story of a tiny church which won thousands for Christ.

The Australian premieres of these new films will be held during the 1970 Religious Film Festivals (August 14 through September 18). In Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Melbourne and Perth. The five nights of film programmes in each city will also include major colour film productions: Man of Steel, Flipside, Downbeat, Worlds Apart and others; presented by The Gospel Film Ministry Ltd.

## WHITE PAPERS

### ON LIFE AND FAITH

**THE ONE-ARMED BANDIT** Following the recent meeting of State and Commonwealth leaders to negotiate State cash needs, Victoria, as usual, complained that it was unjustly treated. There was a suggestion that Victoria might have to introduce poker machines to help overcome its financial difficulties. Sir Henry Bolte, Victoria's Premier, reacted strongly against the idea. Of course, there were some who said sharply that Sir Henry's stance was simply a reflection of the old-fashioned Victorian way of life—trams, dull week-ends, and the kill-joy philosophy of the non-swingers.

But Sir Henry has had time enough to look at the advantages and disadvantages of poker machines in N.S.W. and he has quite properly reached the conclusion that the cost would be greater than the gain. Even the apparent economic advantages may be more than offset by hidden economic losses.

"Australian Retailer" is a journal that is not directly concerned with moral and spiritual issues, but it is directly concerned with economic matters. In its editorial for June, 1970, it surveyed gambling in the State of N.S.W.

The editorial declared that people in N.S.W. in 1968-69 lost \$128.3 million on poker machines. This estimate is based on poker machine supplementary tax receipts of \$19.3 million, 15% of the net takings. This loss represents \$48.27 for every person in N.S.W. over 21. (Under 21-year-olds are forbidden to play the machines). Since hundreds of thousands do not gamble in this way, the average losses of those who do must be frighteningly large.

Poker machines account for more than half the total gambling losses of the State. Poker machines—\$128 million; lotteries—\$19 million; T.A.B.—\$25.8 million; on-course tote—\$6 million; on-course bookmaking—\$42.3 million; Total \$221.4 million. Such gambling losses represent over 3% of the State's disposable income and is increasing every year.

The magnitude of the gambling business in N.S.W. is evident when measured against amounts spent on goods—furniture and floor covering—\$160 million; electrical goods—\$172 million; chemists' supplies—\$179 million. It is easy to agree with "Australian Retailer" that "the implications are indeed staggering." The States which are so far spared the poker machine disease would do well to keep it out.

The churches will be strengthened in their opposition to increased facilities for gambling—not because they are spoil sports, but because gambling itself is the real kill-joy—gambling increases all of the ills it is alleged to cure.

**CHURCH WITH T.V.** Cohu Electronics, Inc., San Diego, Cal., U.S.A., have sent us information on setting up a T.V. station in the local church. Photographs show Mississippi's Parkview Baptist Church where, each Sunday, the service conducted by the Rev. Rolfe E. Dorsey, is seen and heard by an estimated 300,000 people. There are two separate crews of seven men each who are all church members and give their services voluntarily. The telecast director is vice-president of a bank, a forestry worker and a safety official are the cameramen. They are assisted by a local football star and a service station operator. A pharmaceutical salesman is the announcer and an electrician handles the lighting. There are two studio-type cameras, one is mobile with a zoom lens, and the other is stationary with a telescopic lens. A local commercial T.V. station picks up the telecast by microwave and sends it out over its transmitter. A Melbourne T.V. firm estimates that the cost of setting up your church as a T.V. station would be about \$18,500, plus, of course, the charges by the commercial station to pick up and transmit the telecasts. If your church has that kind of money there would still be the Australian Broadcasting Control Board in the way. I am told that it is much harder to get on the sight and sound waves here than it is in the U.S.A.

**THE NAME OF THE GAME** The name of the game could be trade, it certainly isn't cricket. The British Labour Government of a few weeks ago wouldn't even play cricket with the South Africans, now the new Conservative Government has announced that the existing ban on the sale of arms will be lifted. It was pointed out that Britain doesn't love apartheid and that the arms are to be used for external defence only. Both points were greeted with mocking laughter all over what is left of the Commonwealth. In fact, the immediate result is likely to be the withdrawal of Tanzania and Uganda from the Commonwealth. Kenya, Canada, India, and Nigeria are also likely to react strongly. Britain will also come under strong attack in the United Nations. In the face of all this loss of friends and prestige, what are Britain's gains? We await with some fear, Australia's reaction. Among the nations, we are more and more being counted as the friends of those who have denied the principle of fair play—South Africa, Portugal and Rhodesia.

**GOOD GRIEF!!!** From an ad. in "The Christian Century"—"Ordained, seminary trained, summer replacement sought by overseas English speaking church from May 25 through to August 16, 1970. No salary, but church will provide 4-bedroom, 3-bath parsonage, 2 live-in maids, gardener and automobile. Responsibility: pastoral care of congregation and preach at Sunday morning service. Write: La Paz Community Church, Bolivia."

## Happenings

The Baptist "Watchman-Examiner" is another famous religious journal to die. In 1911, Curtis Lee Laws bought the New York-based "Examiner" and the Boston-based "Watchman" and built a U.S. nation-wide readership.

At the Mormon Church's 140th semi-annual conference at Salt Lake City, an assistant to the Council of the Twelve hinted that God may change his mind about the Mormon doctrine that bars blacks from the priesthood.

The Welsh are to get a new Bible in their native tongue, replacing the existing Standard Version which is 400 years old.

All India Radio announced that the internationally famous Spanish Jesuit missionary, Fr. Vincent Ferrer, has left the priesthood and has married his English secretary, Miss Ann Perry.

There are 120,000 parents in the U.S.A. with sons who went to Canada to escape the call-up.

At the United Theological College in Jamaica, ten churches of the West Indies, including Disciples of Christ, have their ministerial and deaconess candidates trained.

A survey in Manchester, Eng., indicates that the number of 6th Form school pupils who are attached to churches is decreasing.

An archaeological team has discovered ruins in a 50-acre mound near Mt. Hebron in the Golun Heights area, the site of Dan, the northernmost city in the ancient Israelite kingdom. Ruins have been uncovered of a huge gate believed to have been built by King Jeroboam. It is believed that the dig is near the shrine where Jeroboam set up the worship of a golden calf.

Southern Baptist theologians have been having dialogue in the U.S.A. with a delegation representing the R.C. bishops' committee for ecumenical and inter-religious affairs.

At the invitation of the South Seas Evangelical Church, the Australian C.E. Union is sending a team to the Solomon Islands to train C.E. leaders.

40,000 pocket Bibles in the Czech language have been imported since February, paid for by the United Bibles Societies.

During the sixties decade, the world membership of the Mormon Church increased by 74% for a gain of nearly a million new members.

## U.S. EVANGELISTS FOR N.S.W.

Considerable planning has been taking place under the leadership of the Director, K. E. Crawford, and with the backing of the N.S.W. Dept. H.M. and Evang. to use evangelists from the U.S. who will be visiting Australia at the time of World Convention. The following arrangements have been made.

Church	Dates	Evangelist
Albury	Oct 25-Nov 6	Joe McElroy
Asquith	Oct 26-Nov 1	J. Webb
Belmore	Nov 8-20	Eddie Gabbert
Beverley Hills	Oct 25-Nov 6	John Barry
Carlingbah	Nov 8-20	Phil Lockhart
Charlestown	Oct 25-Nov 6	Eddie Gabbert
Chatswood	Oct 28-Nov 1	E. Ray Jones
Earlwood	Oct 25-Nov 6	Eddie Owens-Lowell
Hornsby	Oct 9-11	Pat Henry
Liverpool	Oct 25-Nov 6	Reggie Thomas & Team
West Penhurst	Nov 8-20	Frank Brown
Taree	Nov 8-20	John Barry
Woolongong	Nov 1-8	Ralph Dornette

## CHRISTIAN UNITY "TEACH-IN"

(N.S.W.). Christian Unity Committee organised gatherings at Woolwich Bible College over three Friday evenings—July 17, 24, 31 — especially for the youth of the churches. The theme of this "Teach-in" programme was "The Restoration Movement." Lecture-discussion sessions on Past, Present and Future aspects of the message of Churches of Christ were introduced by C. E. Bowser, Bruce Armstrong and Dr. Elliott.

## N.S.W. SPECIAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, August 15, is the day set aside for the "Special Conference" of N.S.W. churches at Rockdale. Important issues largely stemming from resolutions passed at Annual Conference last May will come before the assembled delegates. Far-reaching matters relating to the disposal or retention of Brotherhood properties such as City Temple, Enmore Tabernacle, and the camp-sites controlled by the Department of Education will come up for consideration.

## JOHN MAIN IN N.S.W.

Mr. and Mrs. John Main have been moving among N.S.W. churches creating considerable interest in Overseas Mission activity in India. Mr. Main has paid a second visit to Woolwich College and on July 27 he addressed the monthly meeting of the N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal at the Burwood church.

## HOT DOG FUND

(HORNSBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). C.W.F. held a Hot Dog and Table Tennis Evening to raise funds to purchase cutlery . . . The young people conducted the gospel service on July 26. Two teenagers were baptised by Mr. Oldfield. The film "The Prior Claim" was screened and a young lad made his decision . . . At the recent Aboriginal Mission Committee Walk-A-Bout our young people raked \$226.20.

## DAPTO ADDITIONS

(N.S.W., J. Baek). Two married women and a young girl were recently baptised . . . John Main, on furlough from India, gave a slide presentation to the Wed. night group and shared in the S.S. programme . . . Special Fact and Faith film services are being held once a month for five months . . . In June we cancelled the Wed. night meetings to encourage folk to share in a visitation programme. An average of 14 visited each night and 50 homes were contacted . . . The Girls' Brigade is led by Leslie DeVries. Both sections of a Boys' Brigade average 25 each night. A Christian Youth Fellowship has been commenced with Miss Northey as leader. . . . During Mr. Baek's recent illness Geo. Matheson was visiting speaker . . . The "seekers" study group has maintained a steady attendance of non-Christian people who discuss the Christian faith . . . A women's Bible study group meets with Mr. Baek.

## FOR EIDSVOLD

(MURWILLUMBAH, N.S.W., E. Holt). David Mansell was guest preacher at church anniversary services. Items were given by the Annerley church choir and our Y.P. group. The thank-offering of \$250 will be donated to the Eidsvold Mission. Lyall Morris, of Eidsvold, recently showed slides of the work there . . . Mrs. McLean, C.W.F. Conf. Pres., addressed 100 ladies from all denominations at the C.W.F. anniversary . . . The church has purchased a new electronic organ . . . Neale Smith has been elected E.S. Supt.

## 56TH AT CHATSWOOD

(N.S.W., C. G. Taylor). The Conf. Pres., David Mansell, guest speaker for 56th anniversary, also led an adult discussion group on youth problems. At the anniversary tea, an honour was paid to a small group of Chatswood pioneers. After tea, Mr. Mansell showed slides of his U.S.A. visit . . . Home prayer meetings are preparing for a mission in Oct.-Nov. with Ray Jones of U.S.A. . . . The A.B.C. will broadcast a pre-taped morning service on Sept. 20 . . . The Girls' Life Brigade won the drill section at the G.L.B. competition and led by Miss Jean Stephenson distinguished themselves in

the choral section. Mrs. Jean Dubois, after eight years as Captain, is now serving as Lieutenant with Miss Janet Crick as Captain. The girls shared in the State Church Parade from Sydney Domain to the Town Hall where they were addressed by Lady Hasluck . . . Mrs. F. J. Stephenson is Pres. of C.W.F. day group. C.W.E.F. held a Bring and Buy Apron competition to raise money for the Mt. Drutt manse furnishing fund . . . Y.P. shared in Walkathon to aid Aborigines Mission.

## BOYS' BRIGADE GROWS

(BELMORE, N.S.W., B. Armstrong). The Boys' Brigade, now accepted for registration, is gaining strength with up to 20 members . . . The church was saddened by the death of Norm Edwards, one of our most loved members. He had been involved in the work for many years . . . A special family tea followed a visit to most church members by elders. Aim was to present plans to develop fellowship and outreach, and encourage more participation. A prime interest was discussion of and preparation for our mission in November.

## INTERIM ON BORDER

(ALBURY-LAVINGTON-WODONGA) M. Tepper commenced an interim ministry on June 7 . . . K. A. Macnaughtan of J.E.W., and Mr. Holmes, of Missionary Fellowship, were recent speakers . . . The interior of the manse is being renovated, mainly with volunteer labour.

## SERVICE PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

The Austral Coy. mailed 716 questionnaires to ministers and secretaries of our churches in Australia relative to selected readings for 1970 and lay-out of the printed service plans. Comment was also invited. Response is as follows:

N.S.W.	79	(127)	63%
Queensland	62	(93)	66%
South Australia	95	(135)	70%
Tasmania	11	(21)	52%
Victoria	175	(262)	67%
Western Aust.	47	(78)	60%

Comment was included on 309 of the returned forms. An analysis of the replies and comments is now being made.

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# DEATH CLAIMS LAUBACH "APOSTLE TO ILLITERATES"

Frank Laubach, known as the "apostle to the illiterates," died on June 11, at the age of 85. Death was attributed to acute leukemia.

Through his "each one teach one" approach to literacy, untold millions of persons around the world learned to read. His last book, *Forty Years With the Silent Billions*, was due off the press ten days after his death.

Dr. Laubach was one of the best-known missionary figures of the 20th century. He went to the Philippines in 1915. His literacy work took on major propor-

tions in 1930, and in 1935 he founded the World Literacy Committee.

The techniques of the Laubach method, involving word-syllable charts, has been utilized by scores of projects and organizations, including the Peace Corps and the Agency for International Development (AID).

Missionaries by the thousands, of every denomination, have used or studied his books and literacy material.

Dr. Laubach never retired. He was active in Laubach Literacy, Inc., with headquarters in Syracuse, up to the time of his death.

## South Aust.

### MISSIONARY VISITOR

(STRATHALBYN, S.A.). Roger Ryall, a missionary on furlough from India, was speaker on June 28. He also showed slides on his work . . . A. R. Jones, of the Social Service Dept., visited us on July 12 and showed slides to the Churches of Christ rest homes and his work on prison chaplaincy . . . A talent quest was held at Strathalbyn Church, when young people from the Southern Conference area competed in sections for musical instruments, verse reading, elocutionary items, impromptu speeches, etc. Prizes were given, and the winning choir received a sash.

### FOOTBALLER AT ANNIVERSARY

(EDWARDSTOWN, S.A., C. E. Curtis). At the 30th church anniversary 250 attended the afternoon session and the tea. Former ministers, Messrs. H. Cave and P. Whitmore, were preachers . . . Keith Chessell, Sturt footballer, representing the B. & F.B.S., had tea with our young people and then preached at the 7 p.m. service which was led by Craig Cook, another League footballer. An offering for the Bible Society amounted to \$20 . . . Women's groups combined to provide clothing for an Aboriginal girl. They also made a donation for Peruvian earthquake disaster . . . Officers are planning to conduct a Visitation programme later in the year . . . Painting and general maintenance is being carried out on the buildings . . . Men of the Church share in the District Ecumenical Men's Fellowship.

### FAR EAST BROADCASTS

(GOOLWA, S.A., H. E. Greenwood). John Burton gave an address on F.E.B.C. broadcasting in 40 languages and dialects and also showed film of their work at Manila and a small island in the Indian Ocean . . . The church here is very grateful to visiting brethren giving addresses alternate fortnights . . . Miss Raelene Tuckwell has offered to type church "Friendly Notes" when Mr. Greenwood leaves at the end of August . . . Goolwa Ladies' Fellowship visited Murray Bridge Ladies' Fellowship recently. Also G.L.F. held an afternoon at the dairy farm of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Burgar.

### LOSS AT BORDERTOWN

(S.A., Reg Combridge). On July 20 the church was shocked to hear of the sudden death of James E. Macdonald. He died suddenly on the property of his friends Clarice and Don Verco. He had lived with his wife Ethel for nearly 54 years in the Bordertown district. Among positions that he held was President of the former Bordertown-Kaniva district conference, superintendent and teacher of Bordertown S.S. He had served as church officer and as elder until his death. The service at the church and graveside was conducted by the minister. Mr. Combridge paid a tribute befitting a beloved elder. He leaves a wife, two daughters, Leola Maddern and Joy Wenham, and son Don. The large congregation who attended the funeral was a tribute to a man who was held in esteem both as a man in the community and as a Christian.

### CROYDON'S 59TH

(S.A., F. B. Burt). The resident minister spoke at both services of the church's 59th anniversary. The choir assisted . . . After many years of labour Sid Hoskin did not seek re-election as elder. Frank Bartlett has stepped into the gap. Mrs. Ghilken and Mrs. Wilcox, both having given long faithful service, did not seek re-election as deaconesses. Mrs. Stan Burford and Mrs. Alan Forris filled the vacancies. Ron. Reeve was elected to the Officers' Board.

### CRUTCHES FOR VIETNAM

(VICTOR HARBOR, S.A., T. Lawrie). The Senior Youth Club will assist the B.S. to conduct a walk-a-thon to finalise the project to buy wheelchairs and crutches for Vietnam . . . Five young people were recently baptised . . . Mrs. Clifford and Mrs. Thompson are in hospital . . . Annual business meeting reports a marked increase in every department, including church attendance, especially by the young folk. B.S. membership is 127.

### GROTE ST. MISSION CHANGE

(S.A., H. M. Long). The Grote Street Mission has been dissolved and the Local Benevolent Fund has been revived. Funds accrued from Mission have reverted to our St. George's Christian Rest Home extensions . . . The kitchen and toilets have been rebuilt, and extended in anticipation of World Convention . . . The B.S. has changed from p.m. to a.m. and the mid-week meeting from Wed. to Thurs., both with good results . . . Young people scouted for non-church-goers and attendance was doubled for special youth service. There were three decisions . . . Preparing to enter college, Len Hearnden has resigned from youth leadership. D. J. Feary, an announcer for 5KA, has succeeded him. . . . The minister has fully recovered after recent operation.

### ARMY AT COFFEE HOUR

(KENSINGTON PK., S.A., W. Bartlett). For a special youth service young people were assisted by Mr. Bartlett, speaker; Ron Dix, organist; Miss E. Lees, soloist; A. Richardson and M. Harris, instrumentalists; H. Burford, pianist; and D. Skewes, song leader. "The Messengers" from the Salvation Army assisted at the Coffee Hour . . . Eastern Dist. combined prayer and study meeting was held here . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilson held open house for 30th wedding anniversary . . . The C.W.F. were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ian Raymond who screened slides of their overseas travels.

### LOCAL PRIZEWINNERS

(BLACKWOOD, S.A., H. G. Norris). Mrs. Pat Richards and Mrs. Helen Gaitley won top prizes in the "A.C." short story competition . . . The Church is still actively pursuing the possibilities of a second minister . . . Recent speakers have been H. M. Long (Overseas Mission) and E. Price (Capital Punishment) . . . At Y.P. camp at Balaklava one youth decided for Christ. Since camp there have been seven further decisions.

### WORLD C.E. CONVENTION

The Australian delegation of 25 left by air on Aug. 1, en route to the 16th World's C.E. Convention, Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

World C.E. Conventions are held every four years in different cities around the world.

### CHURCH COUNCIL'S FUTURE

(New York). The General Board of the National Council of Churches (U.S.A.) has decided to call a National Ecumenical Consultation next November or December to which the R.C. Church, the Southern Baptists and other evangelical churches would be invited to send representatives.

Four options for the re-organization of the National Council were discussed by the General Board at its recent meeting in Washington, D.C. These will be the subject for consideration at the National Ecumenical Consultation to see if any churches not members would be interested in any of the new options.

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M. Campbell, from Balwyn to  
Blackburn, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, from Malvern-  
Caulfield; G. Jenkins, from More-  
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Bruce and Allyson Whyatt, from  
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### Church Anniversary 1970

Sunday, September 20

Present and past members of "Drumcon-  
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congregation, are invited to the 45th Anni-  
versary of the church.

Guest speaker for the morning and even-  
ing services will be G. R. Stirling, Vice-  
Principal, College of the Bible, Glen Iris,  
Melbourne.

## PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY:

- 11 a.m.: Communion Service.
- 4 p.m.: Fellowship.
- 5 p.m.: Tea.
- 6 p.m.: Gospel Service.
- 7 p.m.: Tea for Travellers.

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September 7.

## IN MEMORIAM

BAKER—In loving memory of Bill, passed  
away August 3, 1967, and his son, Colin  
Clive, August 17, 1964. Loved husband and  
son of Dorothy; loved father and  
brother of Ralph and Phillip; father-  
in-law and brother-in-law of Beryl.  
"Loved and remembered every day."  
— Sylvia.

MORTLOCK—Treasured memories of my  
beloved husband Ell, who passed away  
July 28, 1966. "No words I write could  
ever say, How much I miss you every  
day. So dearly loved, so sadly missed."  
— Sylvia.

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- Wed., Aug. 19 ALBANY
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- Fri., Aug. 21 WEMBLEY DOWNS

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## BIRTHS

BAKER (Brush)—To Nola and Alan, a  
daughter—Renee Elizabeth—sister for  
Joy-Anne. On June 19 at Margaret Coles.

B R A D L E Y (Geake) — To Elaine and  
Graeme, at Bethesda Hospital on July  
22, 1970, a son—Craig Adam. "In all  
things give thanks."

WELDEN (Barnett)—To Margaret and  
Jeff., of "Gunyan," Bonshaw, N.S.W.,  
2360, on July 31, a daughter—Leanne  
Ruth. Both well.

FRIEBEL (Harris)—To Evelyn and John,  
on July 28 at Port Moresby General Hos-  
pital, a daughter—Helen Elizabeth. Both  
well.

## ENGAGEMENT

MARSHALL-CLUTTERBUCK—Mr. and  
Mrs. T. Marshall, of 34 Perkins Rd., Mel-  
ville, W.A. (Fremantle church) announce  
with pleasure the engagement of their  
daughter, Carol, to Rodney, son of Mr.  
and Mrs. A. C. Clutterbuck, 22 Moore  
St., Box Hill, Vic. (Wattle Park church).

## APPROACHING MARRIAGE

SPOULE-ISBISTER—The marriage of  
Janice Kay, daughter of Mr. I. H.  
Sproule, Delany Ave., Bright and the  
late Mrs. A. Sproule, to Ian Ronald, only  
son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Isbister, Poole  
St., Albury, will be solemnised in the  
Albury Church of Christ, Friday, August  
14 at 6 p.m.

## SILVER WEDDINGS

LADGROVE-KEATS—With great plea-  
sure, Myra and Laurie, announce the 25th  
anniversary of their wedding, celebrated  
August 4, 1945, at Lygon St. Church of  
Christ, Vic., by C. G. Taylor. Present  
address: 2 Milan St., Mentone, Vic., 3194.

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have pleasure in announcing their 25th  
wedding anniversary, celebrated on Aug.  
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by H. E. R. Steele. Address: 3 Alice  
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## DEATHS

DENHAM—On July 22 (suddenly) at  
Frankston, Vic., Ronald Carlyle, of 8  
Ronald Ave., Greenwch, N.S.W., beloved  
husband of Maude, loved father of Geoff.  
"A good man whose goodness lives."

LUDGATER, Alice—Passed away at Ips-  
wich, July 27, 1970, beloved mother of  
Keven, Aileen (Mrs. Gardner), Joy (Mrs.  
Horsley), George and Keith.

MACDONALD, James Edwin—At Border-  
town, S.A. (suddenly), loving husband of  
Ethel, darling Dad of Leola, Joy and  
Don. "I am the resurrection and the  
life, he who believes in me, even though  
he be dead, yet shall he live."

## IN MEMORIAM

FARRAR—In loving memory of my  
dearly beloved husband John, called  
home August 6, 1958. "Thy will be  
done." — Ada Farrar.

# Old. & Tas.

## KENMORE CLOSED

The casualties from the Hong Kong 'flu were such that the college was forced to close for a few days. The latest report on Dr. Jauncey's health was encouraging.

## SOCIAL SERVICES IN QLD.

### Cabinet approval

Social Services has received Cabinet approval for the 50% subsidy for the Maryborough Children's Home.

### Consumer Credit Counselling

Under the umbrella of Life Line, this counselling to assist people with budgetary difficulties is being supervised by the Social Services Dept.

### IRON CURTAIN LIFTED

(ROCKHAMPTON, Qld., B. M. Nowitzke). Pastor Stephen Bankov spoke recently on the Christians' faith and heroic struggle behind the Iron Curtain of Communist countries. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Selwyn Dickfos have been welcomed from Toowoomba. . . . Bruce Roberts, minister at Hurlaxton, was guest speaker at our church anniversary. A tea, rally and thanksgiving services were features of the special weekend.

### WOMEN'S CONFERENCE FOCUS

Superintendents of all brotherhood departments travelled to Rosewood to share their various aspects of women's work.

Their leader is Miss Vi Callanan of the Southport church as Conference President for two years.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

(TAS.). Members of the Protestant churches in Tasmania are rejoicing over the breakthrough in Christian Education in schools. At a recent meeting of Heads of Churches, the R.C. Church, the Church of England, and the free churches agreed in principle to a new approach to Scripture Instruction in schools. Henceforth, teaching will be on a class-basis using an agreed syllabus, and pupils will be taught by staff members and/or visiting instructors who will be approved by the Education Dept. and church leaders.

An atmosphere of mutual trust has been achieved. A permanent commission on Christian Education in State Schools has been set up with sub-committees to examine teacher training and relationships with the Department; a possible syllabus and other considerations.

Robert Pfeiffer represents Churches of Christ on this commission.

## QLD. HOME MISSIONS

A topical bulletin, "Arena," has been circulated to all church boards challenging them to look at the life of the church.

American ministers are being scheduled to work in Queensland during pre-World Convention period.

Mt. Isa Mission is being planned and support is being promised financially as well as in ministers and lay people going north to share in this attempt to evangelise the giant copper community.

Gladstone has Don McLellan, formerly of Gympie, performing an interim ministry prior to departure for missionary service in 1971.

## TASMANIANS MEET

The re-structured Tasmanian Executive held its initial meeting at the Council Chambers, Ross, on July 18, with Colin J. Heier presiding. There were 24 delegates from all our churches and most of our Ministers and Conference representatives. The meeting opened up a rich experience of fellowship and exchange, giving promise of wider and more fruitful co-operation in the interests of our Island work.

L. G. Read, of Margaret St., outlined the considerations that led to the projected quarterly meetings of an enlarged and more representative Executive. The delegates then broke up into three discussion groups to consider how we could share more effectively in the Vic.-Tas.

## GORDON RIVER HYDRO. SCHEME

(TAS.). Conference at Ross received a report from Robert Pfeiffer on the setting up of a united work at Strathgordon. The Hydro-Electric Commission, the Tasmanian Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church have announced the appointment of the Rev. M. Kerley to serve as Minister, Social Worker and Pastor of an Inter-denominational Church and Sunday School. The H.E.C. will provide a home and a church building, and share the cost of the salary of the minister with the R.C. and Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches. Other member-churches of the T.C.C. are invited also to share.

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## Moranbah.

The Utah Development Co. have been approached by Roman Catholics, Anglican, Baptist, Churches of Christ, Methodists, Presbyterians, and Congregationalists to work out a joint basis for their new community.

The project is only interested in a Joint Religious Community Centre and will possibly make available two or three 30 perch allotments for such a centre.

At this stage a joint ministry is not necessarily to be appointed.

Total expected population is 2,500 people in this centre, 120 miles from Mackay. Moranbah is the site for the workers of the Goonyella coal deposits.

Conference Executive recently approved the Churches of Christ sharing in negotiations for a joint approach to Utah.

Conference and provide for the better organisation of our State work.

After lunch, a business session considered brief reports of Conference work, and forward-looking plans were outlined. The progress in the building and furnishings of the Bicheno Fellowship Centre was particularly encouraging, offering a hope that by Christmas this year all four flats would be fully furnished. John and Colleen Harrison (who complete M.B.I. courses this year) will enter upon residence at Bicheno, January, 1971, in an endeavour to carry this great project to completion.

It is hoped that the new Executive goes on to fulfil the promise of its beginning as a more effective instrument of Brotherhood unity and strategy.

—W. Flett, Secretary.

## S.S. RAISES FUNDS

(HOBART, Tas., L. G. Cooke-R. E. Pfeiffer). A recent S.S. concert raised funds for a projector and revealed all sorts of hidden talents. . . . Two monthly study groups have been commenced in private homes. . . . The Girls' Brigade participated in the Sunday evening Girls' Service. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Greg. Foot will be leaving shortly for the U.S. Greg. is on an exchange scholarship. . . . Recently, Mr. Pfeiffer exchanged pulpits with Mr. Carl Claydon from Ulverstone. . . . David Eagling, from the New Hebrides, showed slides at the manse at a mid-week meeting.

## VIC.-TAS.

# HAVE YOU HEARD IT?

Loud and clear is the call. Loud and clear, but not long. It is simply three words. Three words of invitation. "Come and share."

Share what? What else but the half-yearly convention of the Vic.-Tas. brotherhood, to be held in the sunshine city of Swan Hill on Saturday and Sunday, August 22 and 23, to be hosted by the district churches. The invitation might well be extended to say, "Come and share our ready hospitality, our fine city, our glorious sunshine, our generous offering, our up-to-date accommodation facilities, our interesting Folk Museum, our warm fellowship, our church life and service," for all this is offering to all who participate in the convention. A further aspect of the invitation could be, "Come and share our isolation! We are removed from the centre of brotherhood life and not many visitors worship with us. As you share our isolation you will surely lessen it, enrich our fellowship, renew our spiritual life, and strengthen our conviction that, though isolated, we are part of a great brotherhood which is interested and cares, and with which we share a mutual concern for the advance of Christ's Kingdom and cause."

At least nine committees are at work in Swan Hill ensuring that their hosting of the convention will be successful and leave nothing to be desired. They will be disappointed if their arrangements are not fully availed of by visitors from country and Melbourne churches. The only committee which may have problems is that arranging accommodation and hospitality. Swan Hill is such a popular resort at school and other holiday times,

## OFFICE-BEARERS

(BALWYN, Vic., W. J. Thomson). At the annual business meeting, deaconesses appointed were: Mesdames Cuthbert, Gordon, Knight, Sharp, Seeley, Stafford and Miss Ludbrook. Officers: Messrs. Evans, Killey, Soulsby, St. Aubyn, Stear, Turnham, Wells with Messrs. Sharp and Jones, Treasurers, and V. Gordon, Secretary; C. Carr, S.S. Supt.

## GIRLS' SUNDAY

(BENDIGO, Vic., R. E. Pritchard). Bendigo and Spring Gully observed Girls' Sunday on July 26 when the Good Companions clubs shared tea and conducted the services. . . . Former O.I.M. representatives were guest speakers on July 19 when an audio visual was screened. . . . Attendances are affected because of sickness. Mrs. A. Graham is restored to health after six months' absence from services.

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especially in the winter months, that there are seldom vacancies for casual visitors. Those planning to share in the convention should act immediately to register with their church secretary, or the conference office, their requirements. The local committee will do everything possible to meet all requests but if it is necessary for alternative accommodation to be arranged it is hoped this will be accepted gracefully. To supplement home hospitality for convention guests, members of other communions have been requested to open their homes and assurances have been given that this will be done.

Convention commences with lunch at 12.30 p.m. on the Saturday, followed at 1.45 p.m. by a tour of the famous Folk Museum. At 3.45 p.m. there will be a Bible study session when E. W. Toftoy, of Blackburn church, will present the study. Convention tea at 5.30 p.m. will precede the 7 p.m. inspirational session which will be addressed by R. E. Hillbrich, of Shepparton church. A combined communion service at 11 a.m. on the Sunday continues the convention, when the address will be given by the conference president, K. J. Clinton. Convention luncheon will follow at 12.30 p.m. after which it is anticipated that most visitors will leave for home. For any who remain, there will be a combined gospel service at 7.30 p.m.

Enriching experiences have marked our conventions and it is anticipated that "SWAN HILL 1970" will not be an exception. Again the call comes loud and clear from our Swan Hill-Woorinen brethren, "Come and share."

## AREA SURVEY

(BELMONT, Vic., D. A. V. Thomas). A combined churches survey will be made of 7000 homes in the area from Aug. 9 to 16. 350 canvassers will share the work. . . . A special Family Service on July 12 was attended by 160, including eight families of B.S. scholars. 150 stayed to casserole luncheon prepared by the ladies. . . . 5 p.m. winter services have again been held. . . . A musical service was presented by Geelong Youth for Christ Choir on July 12. . . . The Girls' Service had 30 Good Companions sharing and Melody Denholm, Exenden, was guest speaker.

## ONE SECRETARY

(ROBINVALE, Vic., E. K. Morrison). At the annual meeting W. G. Childlet, G. S. Cameron, and D. J. Childlet were re-elected as elders. G. S. Cameron has been church secretary throughout the 13 years of its history and was re-elected. . . . The C.E. conducted a youth service with the theme "God's love is for all". . . . The minister and secretary represented the church at the farewell to Rev. F. A. McGregor of the United Church, with whom there has been real fellowship and co-operation.

## 6 MISSIONARIES FROM CHURCH

(BENTLEIGH, Vic., B. Heyworth). There are now six of our active members on the mission field. Mrs. Shirley Robotham in India, Caryl Dahl at Carnarvon, Rosalyn Williams and Margaret Wells in New Guinea. Now Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown have left for New Guinea to serve with Wesley Bible Translators. Members and friends met with Gay and Carl for a farewell tea on July 26. Mr. and Mrs. Brown, and David Cummings of W.B.T., spoke at tea and at the service. T. Thompson made a presentation on behalf of the church. Mrs. Pearl Sumner and Good Companions girls gave items. . . . David Eagling told the Wvd. night meeting of mission work in the New Hebrides. . . . On July 12 Mr. Heyworth exchanged pulpits with D. Stewart of Traralgon.

## "CHRISTMAS IN JULY"

(GIORELAND, Vic., V. Quayle). The church celebrated "Christmas in July" with David Eagling from New Hebrides as guest speaker. He showed slides of the work. Gifts from members and auxiliaries and from other churches in the region are to be despatched to the mission field in readiness for Christmas. . . . Good Companions raised nearly \$50 in a walkathon for "Mini-Bulk" project. . . . Explorers participated in indoor sports, coming second in zone in both junior and senior sections. . . . Good Companions held "Girls' Sunday" service. . . . Members conducted a visitation of flats in the district. Exterior of church hall has been painted.

## BOOK DISCUSSION

(CROYDON, Vic., A. B. Clark). In July Book Month, four books were featured and discussed. . . . C.W.F. (p.m.) collected haberdashery items for Norwegian mission and toys and books for the Creche. . . . Doug, Thomas, a chemist from Malvern, was speaker at the July youth service. . . . Mrs. Freeman and her sister were involved in an accident. . . . Explorer Begg won third place in the Eastern District athletics at Blackburn. . . . Geo. Bullock underwent surgery. Mrs. I. Smith is home from hospital after surgery and G. Parker is back after illness. Sympathy is expressed to R. Hayes and to Mrs. S. Lacey who have recently lost their fathers. . . . A party of men conducted a working bee at Menbulk Camp on July 19.

## SEDUCTION OF INNOCENT

(DAWSON ST., BALLARAT, Vic., F. C. Hunting). Gospelaires took morning service at Mt. Cleon and evening service at Belmont. Messages were given by Merv. Ramso and Max Birch. . . . 120 attended Challenge to Youth Coffee Cabaret. Fifty per cent were non-church attenders. Message was given by Jack Bibby from Geelong. . . . Teens and Twenties held a fellowship evening at Chibnalls' Children's Ranch. . . . The Good Companions conducted the after tea service held in the S.S. hall. Rhonda Rattelle gave the address. Girls helped with Bible readings. Leaders are Olive Carmen, Alison Anderson, Mavis Rapsins, Mary Patterson and Cheryl Chinnell. . . . A film on drugs, "Seduction of the Innocent," was shown at Combined Women's meeting. Stan McBride answered questions on drugs.

### C.W.F. AID MISSION

(HARCOURT, Vic., John Byrnes). The C.W.F. have forwarded \$150 for Overseas Missions and \$20 for Home Missions . . . David Eagling, from the New Hebrides Mission, spoke to us on his missionary work . . . On July Family Night, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Broad showed slides of their recent trip to New Zealand . . . Mr. Byrnes is back on duty after a few days in hospital.

### C. E. GROWING

(RED CLIFFS, Vic., H. Cave). The C.E. is steadily growing in numbers, 27 being present at last Primary School group meeting . . . C.W.A.F. officers are Pres., Mrs. Cave; Sec., Mrs. R. L. Chislett; and Treas., Mrs. O. Bennett . . . Half of the officers of church are elected each two years. Incoming officers include Sec., R. L. Chislett; Treas., T. Sires; Elder, M. Milne. Ian Cook is B.S. Supt., Mrs. T. Sires, Primary Supt., and Miss Helen West, Kinder Supt.

### \$4,000 LEGACY

(WARRNAMBOOL, Vic., C. R. Perkins). A most welcome contribution to the church's funds is the receipt of a \$4,000 legacy from the estate of the late Mrs. Pope . . . On July 26, 80 shared in family tea, a three-course hot meal

which preceded the evening service . . . The guest speaker at the last monthly social afternoon of the C.W.F. displayed a variety of gem stones . . . Don. Witham has resigned as treasurer because of his transfer to the Geelong branch of his firm . . . J. Johnson has died at the age of 81 years. He was most consistent in attendance at both services . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Pearce are spending three months in Queensland . . . The C.W.F. have forwarded their annual parcel of clothing to Carnarvon for a girl at the mission.

### THE G.C. PLEDGE

(RICHMOND, Vic., D. McKay and D. Good). On Girls' Sunday, Mrs. Helen Stephenson presided and Mrs. Phillip Andrews explained the pledge and activities of the Good Companions were illustrated with pictures. There was special singing by young people . . . Three members are overseas, Miss Gaylene Walker in England and Mr. and Mrs. F. Barnett on a sea voyage to Japan . . . Gas heaters have been installed in the chapel. . . C.W.F. raised \$24 at a Jumble sale. . . Miss Sandra Lee, an able and versatile leader, has resigned because of her marriage . . . Stan Featherston has injured his hand. The church is still concerned with the illness of the secretary's brother, Bob Winston . . . Len Cockrell is organising the cricket team.

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- 1.45 p.m.—Tour of famous Folk Museum.
- 3.45 p.m.—Bible Study; E. W. Roffey.
- 5.30 p.m.—Convention Tea.
- 7.00 p.m.—Inspirational Session; R. E. Hillbrich.

### SUNDAY:

- 11.00 a.m.—Combined Communion Service; K. J. Clinton, Conference President.
- 12.30 p.m.—Convention Lunch.
- 7.30 p.m.—Combined Gospel Service.

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## OBITUARY

### J. W. ALTHORPE

Bill Althorpe was blessed in years, health and mind throughout his 79 years. He was a man of action and died in action. He quietly went to sleep on June 26. His activities were wide—he proved of great worth to bowling clubs and to several Masonic orders. The deep interest of his heart was found in the church — for many years he proved invaluable to the Subiaco church as well as to the W.A. brotherhood. He turned his skill in figures to good effect for the church. Many gathered both in the chapel and at the crematorium to pay tribute. Our love extends to Mrs. Althorpe and to his sons, Algar and Neil and their families.—J. A. Manallack.

**BATEMAN, Martha Ellen & Wm. Henry**  
The church at Black Rock, Vic., was saddened to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Martha Ellen Bateman. Mrs. Bateman had been somewhat unwell for a few weeks, but her death was most unexpected. On the day following the funeral her husband, William Henry Bateman, also died. He had recently been admitted to the Alfred Hospital with a terminal illness. These two were pioneer members of the church at Black Rock which began in the early 1930's and they continued to render loving service until they moved to a commission flat in Elsternwick in the late 1950's. Mrs. Bateman was for a time the president of the local C.W.F. and also Kindergarten Supt. Mr. Bateman, a right hand of his old violin, often contributed to the worship by playing for special services, anniversaries, etc., and is remembered by the Methodist church in Bluff Road for similar assistance. On moving to Elsternwick, Mr. and Mrs. Bateman entered into fellowship with the Gardenvale church and continued to serve and worship there until Mr. Bateman suffered a stroke. His wife was then committed to the task of caring for him, which she did in a marvellous way until her death. One of the sad days of their recent years was the last service at Gardenvale before the cause terminated and the chapel moved to East Bentleigh. This meeting was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Bateman and the writer. We have suffered two great losses. Mr. and Mrs. Bateman are survived by a son, Victor, and his wife, and to them we extend our deepest sympathy, and pray that they may find comfort and peace through the ministry of the Spirit in this time of severe loss.—W.P.P.

**COLLEEN ELIZABETH OSBORN**  
The church at Long Plains, S.A., and the district generally were shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Colleen Elizabeth Osborn, aged 29 years, loved wife of Malcolm and loving mother of Leanne Kaye, aged 1 month, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pritchard. Colleen and her parents spent most of their lives in and around Long Plains. Colleen attended S.S. here, was baptized in 1958, and married Malcolm Osborn in 1963. She was very active in all phases of the work of the church, S.S., C.E., and Ladies' Guild. She was equally active in civic affairs within the district. The church mourns with those bereaved.—M.H.D.

### SMITH, Mrs. Fanny Eveleen

Born in 1887, Mrs. Eveleen Smith found a full life of fellowship, witness and service in Churches of Christ. Only three years ago her lovely partnership of 56 years was broken by the death of her husband, Thomas W. Smith. Tom Smith, a member of a pioneer Churches of Christ family in Tasmania, went from Hobart to Sydney at the age of 21 as a Commonwealth public servant. At the Paddington church, Mr. and Mrs. Smith were married in 1911. In the days of their courtship they had been in beach

### WENDES, Pearl B.

The Hurstville (N.S.W.) church suffered loss at the death of Mrs. Wendes on May 15, after months of serious illness, in her 84th year. She was received into the Hurstville church in March, 1958, although she had been attending services for many years prior to this. She was very interested in the Ladies' Afternoon and Evening Fellowships and spent much time in handkerchief sewing and particularly in making clown dolls. Our Aborigine and Overseas Mission Committees and other Conference Committees have benefited by the work of her nimble fingers. Her concern for missionaries discovered that much of the good intentions of hard-working groups back home was being unfulfilled on the mission field because of badly packed parcels. This led her to make the practical suggestions which were printed in the "A.C." for Nov. 29, 1969. Pearl Wendes (Oramm) is greatly missed by her family, her own group of dedicated ladies and the church generally but we do rejoice in the knowledge that she had gone "to be with Christ which is far better."—W.S.F.

### VAN-LAAR, Jan

Jan Van-Laar, chairman of the Zillmere (Qld.) church Board, past Captain of our Boys' Brigade, editor of our church paper, organiser of indoor bowls, doorkeeper and server, died suddenly on July 8, 1970, aged 56. The love and prayers of all go to his loving wife, Lenie, and his children Mr. and Mrs. Louis Van-Laar, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rees, and Helena. Louis is minister at Hervey Bay.

Mr. Van-Laar devoted every aspect of his life to Jesus Christ, and the extension of the Kingdom of God. After migrating from Holland with his family in 1950, he and all his family became converted during the ministry of Robert Clymer. During his very active service he established Boys' Brigade, through which a vast evangelistic outreach covers a wide area of the community. He arranged methods in which young men have grown into active service in the church, and he was very diligent in visitation. Last year, under his supervision, "One makes Ten" not only succeeded in raising funds, but also fulfilled his aim in promoting fellowship. He was organiser of the Boys' Brigade Junior Section for the State of Queensland. When Mr. Van-Laar organised indoor bowls further contact for Christ was extended amongst people. Just before he died he set out and printed a new church paper, which has brought requests from other churches that they might make similar changes. Jan Van-Laar was very brotherly minded, and didn't miss a conference, and was registered for World Convention.—R.V.H.

### WILLIAMS, Violet Gaston

Violet Nicol was born at Camperdown, Vic., on August 19, 1901, the daughter of a drover. From an early age she was connected with the Presbyterian church and in 1930's she came to Australia during the Depression. She moved to Melbourne seeking work. In 1933 she married John Williams, an orchardist, and a descendant of one of the early settlers of Doncaster, Vic. The pressures of marriage, and of raising her two children, Alan and Loris, prevented her from being regularly at church. However, she always had a deep faith. When I was very young she used to gather us around her knee and sing some of her favourite hymns to us from her Presbyterian hymn book. In the early 1950's she was baptized at the Blackburn Church of Christ by Stan Nelchbour. She became a faithful member of the church, and is fondly remembered by all as a quiet doer of good works. She was a member of W.C.T.U., and for at least 15 years prepared the afternoon tea for the monthly meeting of the C.W.F. Afternoon Group. She responded to many requests in her quiet way. One of my most treasured memories of her is of one Christmas when she decided to visit a pensioner relative in difficult circumstances. Mum filled a basket with groceries, and walked a mile-and-a-half to deliver her gift. When they met, they both burst into tears. She always remembered those tears as "the best Christmas present I ever received." After a trying illness, spread over four years, the last six months of them in Willemere Hospital, Kew, she left us on July 5, 1970. We miss her, but we give thanks to God for a life well spent and for suffering cut short. She is survived by her husband, John, her children, Alan and Loris (Mrs. Gillman), and five grandchildren.—A.S.W.

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## BOOKS

### "CRUSADING DOWN UNDER"

By Alan Nichols and Warwick Olson. (Worldwide Publications, Minnesota). \$1.00 (postage 25c).

During the 1968-69 Graham Crusades in Australia and New Zealand the team's evangelists crusaded directly to 1,084,540 people apart from the millions they reached through T.V., radio and loudline. 44,453 responded publicly to the invitation to commit themselves to Christ. This book is a record in word and picture of those Crusades.

There are over 320 photos as well as objective reporting and informed comment by Alan Nichols and Warwick Olson. The photos indicate the wide impact of Graham. There are plenty of V.I.P.'s, State Governors, Archbishops, and leading laymen, and there are many pictures of ordinary people.

As two-thirds of the population of Australia and New Zealand is crowded into cities and suburbs, it was in the crowded places where they had most of the action, but there was a wide outreach. One of the team members (Ralph Bell, called "yulnu" meaning black brother), is photographed at Elecho Island, Groote Eylandt, Warrabri Mission and Darwin (the city with "the highest alcohol consumption, the highest road accident rate, and the highest divorce rate in Australia). Team members also went into prisons, universities, shopping complexes, indoor and outdoor stadiums.

There are many pictures of the large crowds which attended the Crusades. If you were there it is possible that you are also in the book.

The design of the book by Graham Wade is attractive and professional. There is fine type on good art paper. The book is well worth \$1 to have this record of the Graham Crusades down under.

### "AN EVANGELICAL THEOLOGY OF MISSIONS"

By Harold Lindsell (Zondervan). \$2.75.

This was originally published in 1949 under the title of "A Christian Philosophy of Missions" and this edition is said to have been revised. However, there is little evidence of revision. The author has been recently appointed as editor of the influential evangelical "Christianity Today" and this appointment has doubtless renewed interest in Lindsell's earlier writings.

There was a lot of controversy over missions in the 1940's due to the controversial "Rethinking Missions" of 1932 and the subsequent Madras Conference of 1938. The reaction to these was delayed because of the Second World War. "Rethinking Missions" was the published report of the Laymen's Foreign Mission Enquiry. It was regarded as a surrender of the position of uniqueness and absoluteness which justified the whole programme of missionary outreach by the churches. It had liberal and humanistic attitudes which were partly corrected by the Madras Conference. But many felt that there had to be a clear call to a new missionary commitment.

Modern means of travel had put within the grasp of the church the means of evangelising the world and what was needed was to relight the fires of missionary enthusiasm. Lindsell's book was one of many which spoke for evangelical Christianity. Its chapter headings include: The Word of God, the Gospel, the Inadequacy of the Non-Christian Religions, and the Holy Spirit and Missions.

### "ON THE OTHER SIDE." An Evangelical Report.

(Scripture Union, Emu Book Agencies). \$1.20.

The National Assembly of Evangelicals in the United Kingdom set up a Commission on Evangelism to consider the best ways of reaching unchurched people at national, local, and personal levels. This is the report of that Commission. A survey was first made and although it was limited to England, many of its findings are suggestive of the situation in our country. There are also many valuable clues to our own evangelistic directions.

The book looks at the sociological environment in which

the church witnesses to the gospel, the many changes that have taken place, the effects of urbanisation and mass media, the influence of migration to England. Different methods of evangelism are presented and evaluated. An important section deals with the biblical basis for evangelism, its meaning, its purpose, its targets, and its practitioners.

### "LIFT-OFF!"

By James C. Hefley. (Zondervan). \$4.40.

This book talks about the faith and religious views of those who pioneered the U.S. space programme and how the scientific discoveries affect their Christian convictions and attitudes. Some of the big names of space flight are here: Werner von Braun, John Glenn, Ed. White, Commander Frank Borman and many others. There is plenty of excitement here as we live through John Glenn's epic flight with a loose heat shield that threatened disaster at his re-entry, as we walk with Ed. White in space only 20 months before he, Gus Grissom, and Roger Chaffee, died while testing in an Apollo spacecraft, as we move with Apollo 8 across the boundary between the earth and the moon. John Glenn said, "Space travel is just another step in man's exploration of the environment which God gave him." This book is about the men on the way to the moon, man's first great step out there.

### "LIFE IS TREMENDOUS"

By Chas. E. Jones. (Coverdale House, Emu Book Agencies). \$2.20.

A happy book on leadership by a salesman who became converted and started to sell Christianity with enthusiasm. Tremendous Jones says that reading these pages will be one of the most profitable things you have ever done. I can promise you at least that you won't find a dull page. Behind all the fun there is some good stuff. The Seven Laws of Leadership and the Three Decisions in Life are well worth pondering and practising. Life really can be Tremendous!

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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# Victoria...

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(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). Buds and Junior C.E.'s donations toward transmitting and receiving set for New Guinea mission field have reached \$67—their aim at least \$100. Interests added \$13.50 to this from a "Hard Times" social evening... Three young people have been baptised... Five car-loads of guests from Emmaus were entertained to afternoon tea at Monbulk.

## MINISTRY EXTENDED

(KANIVA, Vic., R. C. Bolduan). The officers decided unanimously to invite Mr. Bolduan to continue until the end of 1971... Evening service on July 19 was comprised completely of music and singing... Bible study group met at Ed. Hawker's on July 15... There are 35 scholars on the S.S. roll. Of these the majority attend regularly. They have completed a project of Bibles for Indonesia.

# 50 YEARS AGO

R. C. Raffles. The daily press calls attention to the persistent policy of holy gambling by the Roman Catholic Church. A curious feature is that the one church which claims to be the one and only true church, is the one and only church that panders to the vice of gambling in order to maintain its cause.

Prohibition Results. The cheap lodging houses of big U.S. cities are practically deserted by the stream of loafers who used to linger in them. The arrests for vagrancy are steadily decreasing. All the usual signs of ne'er-do-wellness seem to be disappearing. It is one of the first results of prohibition and the shutting up of the saloons.

Here and There... The church at Castlemaine has reopened its enlarged building.

Messages on World Evangelism. "We can remove the menace of the rise of powerful Christless nations. If we don't send missionaries today we shall have to send armies tomorrow."—H. A. Procter.

"When the armies of Louis XIV were devastated in Flanders, the monarch exclaimed, 'Has God forgotten all that I have done for him?' Many people seem to think that God owes them a living without any return of service from them."—W. J. Taylor.

"The world situation is acute. The problems confronting the statesmen we are told are impossible of solution... The present situation is a challenge to the church to demonstrate the efficiency of efficacy of Christianity."—C. A. G. Payne.

## MATRON FOR GIRLS' SUNDAY

(CHELSEA, Vic., D. R. Oakes). Miss Joan Turnham, Matron Box Hill Hospital, was guest speaker at Girls' Sunday activities which featured a buffet tea and participation by girls at evening service with group singing, verse reading and "club focus" interview. Special offering was taken for "Minibulk" project to build serve-yourself unit at Monbulk... Local Christian Education Committee has met with local C.W.F.'s to demonstrate adult C.L.C. materials... C.W.E.F. conducted variety concert to aid finance gap in church budget... Ray Emery spoke to the church on Scripture Union booklets for Bible study... S.S. teachers "Problems Seminar" is to be followed by teacher training by D.C.E. team.

## HEATERS INSTALLED

(GLEN WAVERLEY, Vic., Dr. K. R. Bowes). Heating has been installed in the buildings. For winter months, evening services commence at 5 p.m. C.W.F. led the service when Mrs. Barnett (Women's Conf. Pres.) was speaker... Explorers held "Boys in Action" service. Girls' Sunday service was conducted by Good Companions... Afternoon fellowship has commenced for older ladies of the church... David Patterson has been appointed S.S. Supt. following resignation of Brian Squires. Brian and Barbara Squires have been transferred to Darwin.

## YOUTH JOIN AT BLACKBURN

(Vic., E. W. Roffey). The student associate, Greg. Strack, assisted with several of the 19 baptisms which followed decisions by younger members of C.Y.F. and Youth I groups. Preparation through training classes led to 18 of these young people joining the membership... There were two further decisions at Girls' Sunday Service led by Good Companions... Board is currently considering objectives and three-year budget as a part

of Planned Giving Programme review... Weekly church news-sheet "Friendly Messenger" is carrying a series of profiles on church families, a different family being featured each week... A service conducted by the C.W.F. had Mrs. G. Strirling as speaker, and for their service the Young Adult Fellowship had open prayer time instead of traditional sermon... Recent communion presidents included Mrs. Loris Joyce (board member), Miss Beryl Condick (Organiste), Miss Judith Drayton (Good Comp. leader), and Miss Kaye Smith (Young Adult Fellowship).

## PATIENTS VISITED

(NTH. WILLIAMSTOWN, Vic., K. H. Pitt). Patients in a men's ward at Mount Royal Hospital were visited with tea by the C.W.F. and visited by the C.M.F. during July... Neville Wright, trumpeter, was guest artist at the monthly youth service... Mrs. J. Strack and Mrs. D. Ferguson told the C.W.E.F. of the work of H.M. and Evangelism Committee... C.Y.F. activities have included a week-end as guests of Morwell C.Y.F. and the Western Dist. Youth Camp at Ocean Grove... One member recently made his decision... The floor of the hall has been re-sanded and polished by men of the church.

## ONE OF SIXTY

(CASTLEMAINE, Vic., J. Byrnes). This church is one of sixty currently enrolled in the Chain of Prayer to petition for Home Mission-assisted churches and various aspects of brotherhood work... The church was saddened by the death of Miss Mary Bauer, a gracious dedicated member... The compiling of the centenary booklet for November is almost finished... David Eagling, from the New Hebrides Banmatmat Bible College was a recent visitor... The influenza epidemic is claiming more and more of our members... The seating problems of the church have been solved by the acquisition of 250 chairs brought from Ballarat.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

# HOW DO CHILDREN WORSHIP?

By RICHARD LAWTON

There is an important trend in Christian education today to go beyond the teaching of facts about God and Christianity into the field of involving the students in experiences which lead them closer to God himself. This is one of the reasons why the place of worship is considered important in the Christian Life Curriculum materials. Schools are encouraged to link their teaching with worship in the class situation, so that what the children learn is taken up in worship experience which will bring them nearer to God. Schools are also encouraged to involve children as much as possible in the worship of the whole congregation.

In the past, our idea of worship for children has often been a 5 to 30 minute general assembly for the whole Sunday school. The children of church-going parents have then worshipped with the whole congregation.

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The kit will be extremely useful for all schools using Christian Life Curriculum materials, and helpful for other schools as well. The price is \$1.25 (postage 25c). It is available from the Federal Board of Christian Education, 217 Lonsdale St., Melbourne, Vic., 3000.

Other useful worship resources available are "Worshipping Together" (30c), a book of worship resources; "Towards More Significant Worship" (60c), a guide to leaders of worship; "Worship Today" (30c), an adult study book for five sessions; "Children in the Church" (10c), a pamphlet on the participation of children in worship; and relevant chapters in the Planner's Manual and Grade Manuals.

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## JAY'S COLUMN

# JUNIORS

## WHO AM I?

My first is in Jam. but not in ham  
The next, not in whim, but it is in  
wham

The third you'll see in miss, not kiss,  
No. 4 in bless, not bliss.  
The last is always part of Saul  
But never, never part of Paul.

The answer is a N.T. character (5 letters). Answer below.

## COMPETITION

In the next issue a competition will be announced for boys and girls of 8, 9, and 10 years. Watch for it!

## PALINDROME:

A Man, a Plan, a Canal, Panama.  
(from K.W., Qld.)

## TRADE SIGNS:

- Butcher — We kill to dress, not dress to kill!
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The agent's reply was—1. Nones. 2. Logs. 3. Bogs. 4. Fogs. 5. Frogs. 6. Hogs. 7. Dogs.

## WHO AM I?

The answer is James.

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 And joy in every trace  
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If there is no enemy, no fight. If no fight, no victory. If no victory, no crown.  
 —Savonarola.



Daring ideas are like chessmen moved forward; they may be beaten, but they may start a winning game.  
 —Goethe.

"Men ought always to pray and not to faint." Notice what Jesus did not say. He did not say, "Men ought always to pray, and not to work."

— from a sermon by John Baillie.

"It is my duty to speak," said a preacher, "and yours to listen. But if you finish before I do, please let me know."



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What this country really needs is more people raising beans and fewer people spilling them.



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At an 8-year-old's party the adults rushed around frantically trying to keep the party going—organising games, treasure hunts, races—in the midst of the confusion one little boy asked, "When this is all over, can we play?"

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