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## **ABEL BARNI** makes a pilgrimage

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L. to R.:  
T. H. EDE, ABEL BARNI,  
HAROLD and MARY FINGER.



## POCKET BOOK

Mine does! My Bible measures three by four  
Plus the thickness half an inch can give—or more.  
Makes my pocket bulge a bit! But then—  
My boyhood always seems to assert itself  
In my pockets! A paper clip—a rubber band—  
Or piece of paper on which is scrawled a message  
Of reminder from the "absent housewife"—that the  
Stove must—for sure be turned on—half-past four!  
See this stain here! Sad to say—my  
Pen caused that—for ink is hard to move,  
Indeed—it's not coincidence a certain shirt  
Bears the same evidence—oh shame!  
But not the Word—the Book—goodness—no!  
There it is—tucked away—there—there!  
No fear of that spilling its contents!  
—And yet! and yet!

By

LLOYD COOKE

(Dean Joyce said at Ministers' Retreat, "The Word of God won't fit in your pocket!")

Ah! Penetrating powerful Word, refusing  
To be bound Morocco fashion! Your  
Expansive nature defies being hemmed in by  
Pockets of conventional tidiness or convenient  
Folds of a tweed suit compartment.  
No! The "Word of God" is not bound by fate  
Letters printed in a book—recited off!  
The Word of God is here—there—pocket it—  
If you can!!

## ABEL BARNI

### makes a pilgrimage (SEE COVER)

(MARYBOROUGH, Qld.). The visit of Abel Barni, Elder of the New Hebrides Church, was more in the way of a pilgrimage. Since a boy, he could remember his father telling him of the time he was "black-birded" by an unscrupulous sea captain, and forcibly taken to work on the cane fields in the Maryborough district. The hatred of the whites as the result of this treatment is still felt in the Islands today, and Abel could also recall the numbers of whites who in turn were slaughtered by the Islanders.

His father found that the cane farmers were often kind people, and as a boy on his father's return, he was fascinated with the stories of life in Queensland.

During his visit to Maryborough with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Finger on his way to World Convention, he visited Maryborough to see for himself the places where his father worked for two years.

He visited Missionary Hill, the site of the first Kanaka Church of Christ, and the various places where his father worked. At Fair Haven Aged Christians' Home he saw the Mary River and historic Baddow House, built by convicts.

Speaking at the Missionary Convention, Abel held up his Bible and told how his father and six others returned to the New Hebrides with a copy of the Bible, and started the first native church. They were soon to invite Missionary Thompson to come to the Islands, and to see the tragedy of Island forced labour changed by God into the victory of the Gospel to the New Hebrides.

This generation of those Christians are now on missions in New Guinea, and he was welcomed as a brother in Jesus Christ, with love replacing the hatred of the past. — A. C. POPP.

(Cover black by courtesy of the "Maryborough Chronicle.")

## 50 years ago

Here and There, North Melb. (Vic.) celebrated its jubilee, having been started on Nov. 14, 1870. Among those who had served as ministers were M. W. Green, G. B. Moysey, John Strang, J. P. Wright, Jesse Colbourne, C. A. Moore, A. B. Maston, P. A. Dickson, T. Mazengarb, D. M. McCrackett, R. G. Cameron, T. J. Cook, Andrew Hutson and A. G. Bennett.

**Graduation.** At the annual demonstration of the College of the Bible, diplomas were awarded to L. E. Clay, H. L. Davie and R. H. L. Davie.

**Missionaries.** In 1920 eight new missionaries were sent to regions beyond. They were Misses Jones and Redman to India, Mr. and Mrs. Black to the New Hebrides, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Garnett to China.

**Collegiate School, S.A.** Through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Burford a fine property of 13 rooms has been handed over to the Evangelistic Union for the purpose of establishing a Collegiate School. Commencing as a day school, later to be a boarding school. Applications were invited from parents of boys up to 10 years and girls over that age.

**Local Option.** The first Local Option Poll was held in Victoria. This was a referendum which permitted local districts to determine if (a) hotel licences would be refused, (b) reduction of hotel licences, (c) continuation of existing hotel licences. The result was No licence, 2 districts; Reduction, 69 districts; Continuance, 143 districts.

**Jail Chaplain.** Jas E. Thomas has been appointed a chaplain for our jails. Anybody requiring his ministrations at any time will find him ready and willing.

## Man at the Centre



Early in November, W. W. Saunders was honoured at a tea-time brotherhood function at which tributes were paid by former presidents of Conference to the service of Mr. Saunders as Executive Secretary for the Victorian-Tasmanian Conference of Churches of Christ. On the same evening there was a public meeting at the Swanston St. church where a further opportunity was provided for the churches to express thanks and to make a presentation to the man who had served them so well in so many areas of Christian witness.

Mr. Saunders brought to the Conference office a wealth of experience. After successful ministries at Northcote, Hindmarsh (S.A.), Ballarat (Dawson St.), and Caulfield (Bainbra Rd.) he became Assistant Secretary of the Department of Social Service. Later he served as General Secretary of the Victorian Temperance Alliance. He also gave two busy years as song-leader and youth worker in association with K. A. Macnaughtan, then State evangelist.

From 1956 he was Associate Secretary of the Conference Executive, with Miss Flo. Haines as Secretary and in 1961 he became the first full-time male secretary. In his 14 years with the Executive he has used every effort and all of his many talents to advance the cause of Christ and the church. As he moved from this demanding task back to a local church, it seemed a good time to ask Dick Saunders (for some reason, W.W. has always been "Dick" to his colleagues) about the main aspects of the job he was leaving.

He said, "There is a great deal of routine work in administering the affairs of churches in both Victoria and Tasmania, and in addition one represents the brotherhood on various inter-denominational organisations and committees.

"Then, too, there are our own Executive sub-committees such as the Brotherhood Centre House Committee, the Centre Management Committee, the Co-ordinating Committee, the Brotherhood Finance Committee, a committee on insurance, the church Location Committee, the Nominations Committee . . . Of course, it is easy enough to make jokes about a multiplicity of committees, but if a job has to be done and people are asked to do it, whether you call them a committee or not, they are essential to the task in hand. Many of our committees deal with finance and the Secretary must carefully watch the financial interests of the churches he is serving. In addition to working in these ways on behalf of the Conference Executive, I am also an elected member of the Advisory Department and the Department of Social Service."

"Did all this mean that you were stuck in an office at 217 Lonsdale Street?"

"Well, a lot of my time was spent there. I guess my wife thought I was there too often and too long. But one of my great privileges was the opportunity that was mine for going out into the churches. I was welcomed as a deputationist for Conference in a slightly different way from those who represent a particular department. It is expected that they will concentrate on their own area, whereas the Secretary of Conference can speak for the whole of the brotherhood—all departments, all interests, all churches. The brotherhood can be shown in its wholeness."

What about the wholeness of the local church. A few excerpts appear in that sometimes, Do local churches seek Executive help on such occasions?"

"Yes," said Mr. Saunders, "churches do not often have serious troubles but divisions can occur in the local church—and very strong feelings on matters of policy and doctrine (and over personalities) can fragment a church and harm us all."

"What are you able to do in such cases?"

"There have been some outstanding successes in reconciling folk in local churches. Of course, we can only give this kind of help when we are asked to do so, though we may

occasionally offer our help. The Advisory Department also gives this kind of assistance and the Executive and Advisory Department also help ministers and boards of officers when difficulties arise."

"What are some of the things that cause you to look back with some satisfaction as you surrender this job?"

"One outstanding reason for contentment is the way the Conference Secretary is accepted and received by the churches. Once upon a time some of our people were afraid that a central authority might develop and start dictating to the churches. We have overcome that fear. The churches have learned by experience that the Conference Executive and its Secretary are here to do the will of the churches, to persuade rather than direct, and that they can be trusted. We can do some things only as we work together, but we do this without surrendering local autonomy."

"How does the Conference Secretary express the major concerns of the church—for example, evangelism?"

"As an individual I am an evangelist and often go in that role to the churches. As a member of the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism the Secretary co-operates in all of the major evangelistic concerns of the church, seeks to give a lead with the problems of membership and conservation, and by attending to routine matters on behalf of all of the churches, he helps to clear the way for their specific attention to spreading the gospel."

"Did you experience any major disappointments?"

"Naturally, I share with all of our members a general disappointment that the church is not stronger and more aggressive in its witness. I would have liked to have given a better lead in establishing a policy that would promote growth. One reason I could not do this is because there are so many pressures on the Secretary and so many routine tasks to perform that there just wasn't enough time to think things through and do the necessary planning and follow-up.

"The work of the churches can be seriously limited if those who are called to leadership are prevented from doing the most important tasks."

"When we asked about the things that brought satisfaction, you mentioned the acceptance of the Secretary's role by the churches. What other developments have there been?"

"I am sure that there is a greater sense of unity. A few years ago we were troubled and divided over a number of things. One was that of co-operation through the World Council of Churches. Now, there is a greater feeling of trust. Our members knew that their spokesman will be true to our position even while seeking ways to work with other church bodies.

"There is a greater readiness by our people to share with others of a different viewpoint and to co-operate in policy making and in making decisions concerning the whole brotherhood.

"Next, I am convinced that there is a greater sense of stewardship. This has been largely due to the excellent planned giving programmes conducted by the Dept. of H.M. and Evangelism. It is not simply a better stewardship of money—although with fewer members and greater demands, this is important—there is a better stewardship of the whole of life.

"Another development has been a greater care for our ministers. This involves a greater appreciation of the minister's role as pastor, preacher, counsellor, leader, and administrator. This appreciation expresses itself in many ways including material things. Once, we were properly ashamed of the way our ministers were treated, in low salaries and sub-standard manses, but now through the work of the Ministers' Salaries and Allowances Sub-committee we have a standard that compares favourably with any of the churches in care for the minister and his family.

"Finally, I believe that there is a greater involvement by our people in the community. For example our folk are taking a lead in services like Meals on Wheels, hospital visitation. Our members serve on councils, on school committees, and in parliament. They are in Rotary, Jaycees and Legacy—and all of this not only as practical community service, but as a Christian witness."

## NEW AID PLANS

The Australian Council of Churches announces plans for expenditure of more than \$1,000,000 on overseas aid and development programmes in 1971.

The programme, for which funds will be sought first in the Council's Christmas Bowl Appeal during December, is similar in scale to this year's.

It proposes expenditure of nearly \$200,000 on agricultural and food production projects; \$175,000 on refugee care and rehabilitation, mainly in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and the Middle East; and more than \$100,000 on community development projects.

Nearly half the money will be spent in Asia, but there are aid projects in all continents.

Among the largest individual project expenditures are:

- \$50,000 for refugee care and rehabilitation in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

- \$60,000 to send qualified Australians, such as doctors, agriculturalists, teachers and technicians, to work in Asian countries.

- \$15,000 for a new vocational training college in Sumatra, Indonesia;

- \$18,500 for post-war rehabilitation and re-development operations in Nigeria;

- \$55,000 to bring refugees to Australia for permanent resettlement and to care for them on their arrival.

Projects in 15 Asian countries are included in the programme.

Other projects to be funded include:

- \$6,000 to establish an agricultural demonstration farm in Burma.

- \$8,000 for scholarships for university students in Indonesia.

- \$3,000 to improve the standard of nursing training and the status of nurses in West Pakistan.

- \$9,000 for rural co-operatives and peasant workers' organisations in the Philippines.

- \$5,000 as capital for a rural loan fund in Thailand.

Outside the Asian area, unusual projects include:

- \$8,000 for the wives and children of persons under detention in Rhodesia and South Africa.

"How do you feel about leaving the Centre of our church life and returning to the local church?"

"I have very mixed feelings. There is so much that I shall miss, including the opportunity of working alongside the splendid team chosen by the churches for brotherhood service. And I shall miss the almost daily links with the churches in both city and country. On the other hand, there is a 'crowded loneliness' about the job of the Conference Secretary. One shares and works with many people, but the intimacy and close fellowship of the local church cannot be experienced. This is one reason why Mrs. Saunders and I are looking forward to our ministry at Balwyn. It will not in any sense be a rest. I expect to work just as hard as ever. I am just changing my job, not retiring."

### 16th WORLD C.E. CONVENTION

(Canada). More than 5,000 Endeavourers and friends from many countries around the world participated in the 16th World's and 50th International C.E. Conventions held in the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, Aug., 1970.

The theme was "Christ Calls . . . Advance!" Australia had 25 delegates. Whilst in the U.S.A. the Australian delegation visited all major U.S.A. cities and had warm fellowship with Endeavourers at rallies and dinners.

Speakers included Dr. Clyde Meadows, World C.E. President; Rev. Arno Pagel, Pres. of the German C.E. Union, and Dr. Leighton Ford, Associate Evangelist of the Billy Graham team.

The 17th World Convention will be held in Stuttgart, Germany, in July, 1974.

### VIOLENCE AND RACE

(West Germany). The Church has no right to use violence to defend or secure the rights of people nor to give money to those who encourage violence, according to a statement of the General Synod of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany (VELKD).

The Synod which was discussing the World Council of Churches' programme to combat racism said only the individual has the right to use violence when human rights are "persistently flouted through political, social or economic tyranny."

The statement emphasised that the Church's obligation was to work for peace with justice through reconciliation wherever tensions exist. It urged congregations "not to withhold aid from those who suffer from racial, national, social or religious discrimination."—E.P.S.

### WILL REDUCE BLOODSHED

The World Council of Churches' programme to combat racism will help reduce the bloodshed in the struggle for liberation in southern Africa, according to Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, President of Zambia.

Dr. Kaunda met with a delegation of the World Council of Churches in London to discuss the World Council's anti-racism programme in relation to southern Africa. Also present were other members of the delegation of the Organisation of African Unity who were with Dr. Kaunda whipping up support for their "don't sell arms to South Africa" campaign.—E.P.S.

## DECISIONS AT LIVERPOOL WEST

The Reggie Thomas team from U.S.A. arrived at Sydney Airport on Oct. 26. At 5 p.m. the team was given a Civic Reception at Liverpool Council Chambers. The Mayor welcomed the team and emphasised that this was the first time in the history of Liverpool that any visiting evangelist was ever granted a Civic Reception. The Mayor presented Reggie Thomas with an engraved plaque from the City of Liverpool, inscribed: "Presented to Pastor Reggie Thomas and his American Evangelistic Team by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman W. J. Bradshaw, on their Civic Reception 25th October, 1970." Kevin Crawford and Maurice Pieper represented the brotherhood.

The team for the Crusade at Liverpool West consisted of six members: Junice and Faye Rostvit, mirror twins from Colorado who served as song leaders. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Thomas, from Tulsa, Okla., the parents of the evangelist. They served in personal evangelism and Mrs. Thomas was pianist. John Fulford from South Africa also served as personal evangelist. Reggie Thomas, from Miami, Okla., a full-time evangelist with the Christian Restoration Association of Cincinnati, Ohio, was the missionary.

This crusade had been planned for more than a year. Prayer, organisation and house-to-house visiting had preceded the Crusade. In July, David Mansell

shared in a "Set-up Meeting" outlining the ideas of preparation that Reggie Thomas puts into his American Crusades. The wisdom of this advance preparation through prayer and home visitation was seen in the fruits of the Crusade. 48 decisions were made for Christ. 41 were baptized with the remainder of the decisions yet to be baptized. Although baptisms were performed nightly, no one was baptised without being thoroughly taught from the scriptures the meaning of baptism and the necessity of the Christian growth.

This team is part of an even larger team of 34 members organised by Reggie Thomas from America. The other 28 team members are scattered throughout Australia conducting similar Crusades.

### U.S. EVANGELISTS

(NOLLANARA, W.A., D. G. Nelson). Attendances averaged 225 with 375 at final meeting with U.S. evangelists Jack Martin from Ohio, Don Young, song leader, Don Daum, chalk artist, and Mike Klontz, pianist. Don Daum did sketches during the song services and with special lighting presented the gospel in a unique manner. 50 first decisions were registered. The thank-offering was \$700. Many contacts were made and plans drawn for full-scale visitation by members.

### OVERSEAS MISSION

By R. S. A. McLEAN

## World Brotherhood Overseas Missionary Consultation

At the suggestion of Dr. L. Kirkpatrick, the Federal Overseas Mission Board arranged a World Brotherhood Consultation on Overseas Missions just prior to World Convention. This took the place of the usual Overseas Missions Sectional Conference held during Federal Conference.

Missionaries from the World Brotherhood of Churches of Christ who were in Adelaide at the time were invited to participate and the various mission boards were allotted time to present information concerning their work.

It was a day of sharing and discussing together the total outreach work of Overseas Missions conducted by churches in membership with the World Convention. Over 200 people attended the morning and afternoon sessions.

Devotions were led by Harold Finger from the New Hebrides and Miss Edna Vawser from India. Messages given by various missionaries were interspersed by the wonderful harmonious singing of a group of five New Hebrideans. Students from Fiji, New Guinea and the New Hebrides also gave choral items.

Challenging information was brought to the consultation by the following

speakers: Paul Honda represented the Protestant churches in the Congo; Max Ward Randall, Professor of Missions at Lincoln Christian College, U.S.A., represented the American Christian Churches; Dr. Garfield Todd of Rhodesia represented the N.Z. churches; L. Tankersley from Indonesia; Richmond Nelson from Jamaica; Mr. and Mrs. L. Davis from India representing the United Christian Missionary Society; and Ernest Grey who had been a missionary in Malawi in Africa, represented the British churches. Several missionaries and nationals from our Australian fields also brought messages.

G. Macey of the Kyushu Christian Mission, Japan, presented a paper on church growth and its relation to receptive fields and resistant fields. Mr. Macey's statement promoted animated discussion. A request was made for the material to be published.

The consultation on Overseas Missions enabled us to learn of ways in which we can assist one another as a World Brotherhood in missionary outreach. It is evident that there are many areas where we can assist one another, particularly in the recruitment and secondment of personnel.

## WORD TALK

No. 17 — LUKE 1: 30

"You have God's approval."  
(New Testament Basic English)

"Fear not, you have God's approval." How this word cheered Mary in the awesome experience of bearing the Son of God. God's approval was shown on his chosen in all ages. It is more frequently translated as "His favour" and in the New Testament particularly it is translated as "God's grace." It is rich in context. It is the superior who shows generosity and kindness to the inferior. It is His love given, but completely undeserved. Mary stood in the ranks of those who had God's approval. That sounds good, but in practice it sounded like a life sentence! God's approval didn't bring security, comfort, acclaim or popularity to Mary. Instead, a baby born in a barn without medical help, following a long and weary journey, away from Kinfolk, in the very dead of winter. And then the threat of a murderous king, the life of a refugee in Egypt, the death of Joseph, and the inward struggle as her son is spat upon and executed. This was God's approval. Hardship. Suffering. Opposition. Death.

FOR TODAY:

Many people act as if they have God's approval in all that they do. Some, like Diotrefes (3 John, verse 9) try to run the church on their own prejudices. But God's approval in history is always accompanied by hardship, suffering, opposition and death. Check the lives of the Old Testament prophets, the disciples, Paul, the martyrs of the early Church, the missionaries of the modern era.

Jesus never promised his followers a life that would be a bed of roses. "Take up your cross and follow me" speaks of hardship, suffering, opposition and death. God's approval doesn't carry with it the guarantee of success and security, but it does promise his sustaining presence through all we have to face. The fiery furnace (Daniel 3) cannot be avoided if we are to have God's approval, but it carries with it the promise of His presence.

Neither the fact of opposition to some pet project, nor the sunshine of success can be taken as a sign of God's approval. The rain comes upon the just and the unjust alike. Outward appearances are no indication of God's favour. In an age when we glibly pray for God's blessing upon our every fancy, ask yourself first, "Can I bear the pain that may come with God's approval?"—GORDON MOYES.

Home Missions  
SUNDAY  
November 29

## OPEN FORUM

### AUSTRACISED

To the Editor,

At the World Convention I was appalled at the lack of knowledge of our brethren concerning the Aborigines. I was given the impression that one would have to travel hundreds of miles to see them and that it would be impossible to converse with any of them except those attending the World Convention. But I met several in the streets of Adelaide. And I saw more than 25 in Sydney, living in deplorable conditions.

Does this indicate that very little attention is given to these people? Haven't Christians a moral obligation to see that all of God's children have equal rights and an equal place in society?

In Adelaide I was told that many Australians are not aware of having a race problem, yet when I talked with Aboriginal leaders I discovered that they are displaced from their land by mines, farms, and for other reasons as though they have no claim. But they inhabited the area long before Captain Cook and others came. I thought and became sick inside. Surely these people are not being dispossessed without adequate compensation! But I am afraid that they are. This is a shame. The Australians exhibit qualities of genuine friendliness and compassion—haven't they any for the first settlers of this land?

The Aborigines want to be incorporated in the society of Australia, but

they want to make their own contribution and to retain their own identity. What is wrong with that? Today, they are at the bottom rung in Australia, dispossessed and forgotten.

I understand that only one has graduated from one of your major universities in more than 100 years, yet there are more than 10,000 living in and around Sydney.

How long will the voices of Christians remain silent, allowing these people to be disfranchised and ostracised? (Ed. Mr. Jordan used the word "Australised" and maybe he didn't just mis-spell it!)

Isn't it our Christian obligation to help these people? If so, when will we join hands with them and begin advocating that they receive their just dues?

—R. L. Jordan, Michigan, U.S.A.

### TERTIUS CROWNED

To the Editor,

(Tertius in "A.C." Nov. 14 said that he would prefer a cross to a crown.) You don't want your crown, Tertius! How sad, I'm looking forward to mine. Of course, it won't be made of metal and jewels and things, and I won't be sitting round doing nothing.

Crowns among other things signify royalty. My crown will signify that at last I am dwelling in a Royal Household and that I am a son of the King.

Then, Tertius, what about the crown of righteousness which Paul talks about in 2 Tim. 4: 8? and the crown of life to those who endure (James 1: 12)? and

the crown of glory promised to the elders in 2 Peter 5: 4?—all these and many more are spiritual crowns.

Crosses mean suffering, but there will be no suffering in that eternal city, so no crosses (Rev. 21: 4, 7, 27. 22: 1, 3).

When you get there, Tertius, and I am sure you will, you just won't have a cross, and you just will have a crown, as well.—T. O. Turriff (Vic.).

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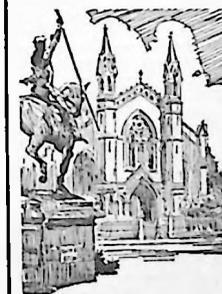
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## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### JONAH

To the Editor,

You must read the book of Jonah sometime. It's hard to find, but it's worth it. Jonah was a fire and brimstone evangelist. After all, if the Lord provides a trans-oceanic fish to get a missionary to his destination he can talk with plenty of authority and conviction about the judgments of God. So Jonah preached his message of destruction, and didn't even wait to give an invitation in his hurry to get into the hills to watch God blow the whole place up, as the prophecies had said. But the people of Nineveh didn't co-operate the way Jonah wanted. They repented. God forgave them. And Jonah was very angry with God for not fulfilling the prophecies.

In these days when we'd give anything to see some one go down to the front seat occasionally, it seems odd that Jonah was so upset by the success of his crusade. But mind you, I can understand Jonah being angry with God!

Some of us are a bit angry with God for doing the same sort of thing today, such as letting His Spirit work in the Roman Catholic Church, when prophecy says that that church is the "beast." We used to criticise Rome for keeping the Bible from the people, but now she is involved in the biggest back to the Bible movement in the modern world. We used to say that Catholicism was just a religion of form, but some sort of spiritual renewal has broken out all over the place. We used to criticise the Roman Church for saying that they were the only Christians, but now they embarrass us by calling us their "Christian brethren" and wanting to forgive us for three hundred years of persecution by our ancestors.

Like Jonah we feel like complaining to God, "You are too gracious, too merciful, too slow to anger, and too abounding in steadfast love." After all what right has God to go against the prophecies about the "great whore" and the "scarlet woman." Every one knows the Pope has the mark of the beast on his hat!

By the way, I noticed a strange plant coming up in my back yard. It looks like some sort of gourd!

TERTIUS.

# Tas-WA-Vic

## SIX DECISIONS

(DEVONPORT, Tas., E. W. Taylor). Clive Stebbins was guest speaker when six Y.P. made confession of faith . . . On Nov. 8 a young lady was baptized. The film "The Faithful Witness" was screened . . . Church held a family tea to farewell Mr. and Mrs. P. Belchamber. . . Boys' Brigade (Sect. 1 & 2) held a camp at Togari, while Pioneer Girls held a camp at Aberdeen . . . The ladies went to Ulverstone to hear Miss Jean Raddon who also spoke at week night meeting in Devonport.

## SINGING GROUP

(APPLECROSS, W.A., L. P. Austin). Young people have formed a singing gospel group, and at their first engagement entertained children at Princess Margaret Hosp. . . Several young people have made decisions . . . The ladies contributed well to the Carinya Village Fair, and sent five cartons of clothing and gifts to missions. Mrs. B. Cooper is president. . . The S.S. anniversary singing was of a high standard . . . Feature gospel services have included a "Study and Stimulus Night," and a "Business Men's Feature," where speakers were Dr. B. Horner and A. Joseph. The work of the Gideons was also presented.

## WOMEN OF THE WEST

Mrs. G. A. Ewers presided at the November meeting and Mrs. C. W. Digwood led in prayer of intercession. "Trust" was the theme of the devotions led by Mrs. H. Jones of Kelmscott.

The roll call was answered by 72 ladies representing 20 C.W.F.'s. A special welcome was extended to Miss H. Malden, Northam, and Mrs. Robert Taylor, Narrembeen.

Congratulations and best wishes were expressed to Mrs. Liddle on the occasion of her golden wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Ewers told of her "working holiday" when she and her family visited Albany and Hilton C.W.F.'s; "Fairhaven" at Esperance; and Norseman Mission. Guest speakers from the New Hebrides were Mrs. Harold Finger (Pentecost), Mrs. Leith Wilson (Maewa) and Mrs. Laura Daniel (Aoba). Each told of the encouragement and tremendous challenge and opportunity to witness and present Christ to the New Hebridean people. Leith and Laura sang a duet, their farewell message in song. At an after-lunch fellowship Federal Conference and World Convention reports were given.

## Prayer and Praise Points:

1. For the newly-elected Aust. C.W.F. Federal Conference Executive now in W.A.
2. For the C.W.F. that met the challenge of the budget and caused \$22 to become \$139 in one month.
3. For Mr. and Mrs. F. Hall of South Perth preparing to serve at the Carnarvon Hostel.
4. For Leith, Laura and Amos as they complete their deputation programme in Aust. and return to their own people.
5. For the missionaries, Aboriginal children, and host families during Christmas vacation.—Dora Gordon, Sec.

## THREE DECISIONS

(HORSHAM, Vic., D. J. Marr). Special meetings were held on Oct. 11 to 14 when guests were Mr. and Mrs. William Sturgess, of U.S.A. On the 11th, three young people made decisions . . . Mr. and Mrs. Marr attended Federal Conference and 11 members went to World Convention . . . Mrs. May Barnett, Pres. of Vic.-Tas. Conf., spoke to combined C.W.F. on Oct. 27.

## FAMILY CAMP

(BENTLEIGH, Vic., B. Heyworth). A church family camp at Belgrave Heights had Graham McKelvie as leader. . . Parents, scholars and teachers met for a tea following the S.S. anniversary. . . Mrs. Broderick spoke at the C.W.F. birthday . . . R. Lindroth was a recent speaker.

## NEW C.W.F. OFFICERS

(IVANHOE, Vic., J. H. McCormick). C.W.F. President and Secretary for 1970-71 are Mrs. Thelma Alexander and Mrs. Lois Pearson . . . The cricket team is on top of the ladder . . . The church school picnic was held at Yarrambat on Cup Day . . . Roger Ryall (India) was guest speaker on Nov. 1 . . . Miss McGregor has been discharged from Hospital.

## FOCUS ON DRUGS

(BURWOOD, Vic., G. J. Lord). At an evening service, Dr. D. W. Rankin, of the Health Dept., spoke on the problems of drugs and drug addiction. The film "Drugs and the Nervous System" was shown . . . 30 members have been participating in house discussion groups . . . Church mourns the death of our elder, H. J. Patterson . . . Five new members were welcomed following a morning baptismal service . . . Members recently commuted to Monbulk on Sunday afternoon for a picnic hike, followed by a chapel service and barbecue tea.

## GIVING REVIEW

(ROBINVALE, Vic., E. K. Morrison). Ted Keating, Field Officer of H.M. Dept., led a most successful Review Planned Giving Programme . . . Six members attended the Federal Conf. and World Convention in Adelaide, including Minister and his family . . . Combined Ladies' Guilds had an evening of Fun, Food and Fellowship at Boundary Bend where United Church were hostesses.

## ANNIVERSARIES

(BELMONT, Vic., D. A. V. Thomas). B.S. anniversary was held earlier in Oct. with Youth-Teens' section on Nov. 1. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ryall were guest speakers . . . On Nov. 8 there were about 150 at the 30th church anniversary services and at the buffet tea prepared by the ladies. K. J. Clinton, Conf. Pres., was guest speaker and the choir, led by Lindsay Small, sang at both services. The Immanuel Male Quartette were guest singers in the evening. A Fun-Family-Fellowship night arranged by Ron Watt and his helpers was held on Saturday.

## ADDED TO PRESTON

(Vic., G. J. Crossman). M. A. Collier confessed his faith and has been baptised. Four new members have been welcomed by letter of transfer . . . 12 members attended the World Convention in Adelaide.

## BELGRAVE HGTS. CONVENTION

The 53rd annual Belgrave Heights Convention will be held from Dec. 26 to Jan. 3. Of special interest will be the return visit of Dr. Alan Redpath, a well-known speaker at the Keswick Convention, Eng. Also from overseas will be the Rev. Andrew Furuyama, from Japan, a pastor of the Evangelical Free Church. The morning Bible studies will be conducted by Archdeacon John Reid, of Cumberland, in the Sydney Diocese. He has led the Bible studies at two previous Conventions. Other speakers are the Rev. Howard Knight, Home Director of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship since 1954, and the Rev. John Coleman, minister of the Unley Park Baptist Church, S.A.

The 20-acre convention grounds in the Dandenongs offers day visitors full picnic facilities, ample car parking and an attractive programme to suit all the family. In addition to the main meetings in the large open-sided auditorium which accommodates almost 2,000 visitors, there will be special meetings for children and young teenagers and also a Play Centre for very young children. Many visitors stay at Belgrave Heights for the duration of the Convention in house parties, youth camps, or at the caravan park on the delightful grounds.

## DEBENTURES ENCOURAGED

(BRIAR HILL, Vic., R. T. Baxter). Visitors are approaching members encouraging them to purchase debentures following the granting of a loan by the Properties' Corporation for manse finance . . . "Your Child and You" lectures have concluded. Average attendance was 90 . . . C.W.F. is helping by roster at "Churinga" home for mentally retarded children . . . Folk meeting regularly with the congregation are being invited to become "Christians in Fellowship" . . . The Ivanhoe congregation has generously offered to continue payments on the manse land for the next year . . . The B.S. Committee of the D.C.E. recently met with teachers for a training session. . . Good Companions held a "sleep-in" and next day joined church members in an outing to Monbulk.

## SUPPORT FOR CRUSADE

(OAKLEIGH, Vic., T. V. Weir). The church supported the South Suburban Crusade at Moorabbin and one of our young men made his decision for Christ there . . . Recent speakers have been Charles Ward of New Zealand, and D. H. Smith of the Dept. of H.M. & Evang. . . Ian Gillespie is making good progress following surgery . . . At the B.S. anniversary the senior school presented modern hymns. A feature of the junior school programme was a parent dedication service conducted by Mr. Weir. . . Two young men were baptized.

## THREE ADDITIONS

(STRATHMORE, Vic., S. K. Bannon). Three were baptized and welcomed into fellowship . . . We shared fellowship with nine visitors from the U.S.A. The final A.C.E. programme for 1970 has been held. . . Signs are to be placed in prominent positions showing where our chapel is situated . . . A choir has been formed. . . The 20th B.S. anniversary has been held. The B.S. scholars conduct their own "Opening Worship Session" . . . C.W.F. held a most successful fete . . .

# National Ministers' Seminar

In 1968 the First National Ministers' Seminar in Sydney with Dr. Laurence V. Kirkpatrick as lecturer was so encouraging that we decided then and there to call our second programme an International Ministers' Seminar following Federal Conference and World Convention. 40 overseas and 112 Australian ministers gathered at the Nunyarra Methodist Conference Centre and the Anglican Retreat House at Belair in the Adelaide Hills.

If that did not make it "International" our guest lecturer did. Dr. Kosuke Koyama is a second generation Japanese Christian graduated from the Tokyo Union Seminary as well as Drew and Princeton in the U.S.A. and the Graduate School at Bossey. His wife is American and he has three children born in various countries. He was a missionary in Thailand and speaks that language fluently. Dr. Koyama is now in Singapore actively involved in theological education and the church's mission in South East Asia.

Dr. Koyama's lectures came under the general theme of "The Living Gospel in Changing Asia." His themes were — Gospel "Your Problem is My Problem"; World "You Have a New Way of Looking at Things" and History "You Are Both 'Gun' (wounding) and 'Ointment' (healing)."

No one present will ever forget the original thinking and the expression of this citizen of the world speaking with insight, humour and biblical sensitivity. "Particular Orbit Theology" illustrated by "Water buffalo Theology" and measured against "Ecumenical Theology"

are terms meaningful only to those who heard the lecturer's strong plea for meeting people where they are with the gospel. He certainly saw to it that we were not left in orbit; his many illustrations brought out his themes with clarity.

Monday afternoon at the Seminar took the form of symposia on the theme of "The Restoration Movement in an Ecumenical Setting." Group discussion followed short lectures by Dr. W. L. Thompson, C. L. Smith, Dr. E. Rockey, E. T. Hart, and Dr. D. Joyce. Chairmen of the symposia were K. J. Patterson and S. Neighbour. Tuesday morning's devotional leaders were E. R. Vickery (N.Z.) and L. Tankersley (Indonesia). The General Chairman of the Seminar's plenary sessions was Principal E. L. Williams. The programme committee was a ministerial sub-committee of Federal Executive, and K. D. Horne was in charge of all the arrangements for the Seminar.

The National Ministers' Seminar has established itself as a significant adjunct to Federal Conference. Our Australian brotherhood must benefit from its ministers being drawn across State divisions in residence, fellowship and study into

national consultations. We are very grateful to Dr. Kirkpatrick for arranging the visit of Dr. Koyama following the death of Dr. D. T. Niles and Dr. Philip Potter's assignment being changed. Our planning envisages the hope that we may bring another overseas visitor to be our next lecturer. We look forward, by the grace of God, to being together at Perth, 1972 and Canberra, 1974.

—E. W. Roffey, Fed. Conf. Sec.

## ARCHBISHOP CRITICISED

(Canberra). Anglican Archbishop M. L. Loane, of Sydney, was short sighted in deciding not to worship with Pope Paul at an ecumenical service in Sydney on December 2, according to Methodist minister, the Rev. James Udy, who said the Archbishop was "theologically incorrect and ecumenically myopic" in deciding not to worship because of theological differences. Worshipping together "could lessen these differences," the minister said.

The official spokesman for the R.C. Church in Sydney said Dr. Loane's decision was "based on a misunderstanding of ecumenism."

Other Anglican Bishops have said that Dr. Loane's decision "was more an expression of bygone days" and that it was "not representative of the world-wide Anglican communion."—E.P.S.



Betty Veal treating patient.

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## HEARD IN INDIA

(MAYLANDS, S.A., N. S. Moore). A radio service recorded here by Radio Australia with the Maylands Choir and A. Jones as speaker, was heard by Keith Skillloom in India. He writes that "the message of both speaker and choir came over with clarity." . . . Albert Anderson, a highly esteemed member of the church died on Nov. 10. The church pays tribute to one who gave to the Lord many years of dedicated service . . . Miss Edna Vawser, our Living Link missionary, was speaker on Nov. 15. Dr. W. B. Blake-more (U.S.A.) spoke on Oct. 25 when many overseas and interstate visitors were present. 75 were entertained in our homes . . . Maylands church was well represented among the workers for the Convention . . . A District Post-Convention Crusade in the Clayton Congregational Church was led by Dr. Howard Cole of the U.S.A.

## ELANORA VILLAS OPENING

(BUNBURY, W.A., G. B. Carslake). The new \$300,000 additions to our Elanora Villas for the frail aged will be opened on Dec. 12 . . . Three television sets were used at church for members to view the opening service of the World Convention . . . Mrs. H. Fingar and two New Hebridean ladies shared in a S.W. rally here . . . John Fulford was guest speaker at the annual S.W. Conf. at Bunbury . . . A Sacred Concert sponsored by the local C.W.F. created tremendous interest . . . When two ladies were baptised recently, Sonny Graham was guest speaker and singer.

## PASSING OF CHURCH WOMEN

The widows of two of our best known ministers died in Melbourne last week. Mrs. J. E. Thomas passed away on Nov. 17 and Mrs. T. H. Scambler on Nov. 18. Principal Scambler and Mr. Thomas both died in 1944. Obituary notices for Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Scambler will be published later.

## HOSPITALS REMEMBERED

(NORTHCOTE, Vic., G. Marsh). Northern Districts Good Companions held a combined meeting here when presents were brought for A. W. C. Gandy to distribute to hospitals . . . Recent speakers have been Dr. Whiting and L. Withers. . . The B.S. tea and prize presentation preceded their taking part in the evening service.

## THINGS TO COME

**QUEENSLAND**  
13-14 Midgets' Camp (7-9 years)—"Camp Cal."  
18-24 Junior Camp (10-12 years)—"Camp Cal."  
25-Jan. 1 Senior Camp (13 years +)—"Camp Cal."

**DECEMBER:**  
1 C.M.F. Christmas Dinner at Centre.  
5 D.C.E. C.E. Christmas Treats.  
6 D.C.E. S.W. Dist. Youth Church Service.  
12 Social Service Garden Party at Christian Guest Home.  
13 D.C.E. East Dist. Youth Service  
D.C.E. N.W. Dist. Youth Service

Dec. 26-Jan. 2 D.C.E. Christmas Camp.

**JANUARY, 1971:**  
4-10 5th NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION—Melbourne.

## OPERATION LAUNDRY

(COLLIE, W.A., W. A. van Leen). The C.Y.F. raised \$276 for "Operation Laundry" to provide a hot water system and stainless steel troughs for the manse. The young people provided \$50 towards the State Youth Project . . . Eight attended Federal Conference and World Convention . . . Great progress has been made on the new Youth and Christian Education Hall. The constant response to working bees has been most encouraging. . . A "Leaders' Library" has been established with Miss Rhonda Mandry as librarian. Several hundred flat mounted pictures and a number of books are already available for borrowing . . . At the S.W. Conf. in Bunbury our minister A. van Leen was elected president and T. Mandry vice-president.

## LOSSES FROM BOX HILL

(Vic., G. A. Grainger). Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gray and Bev. have moved to Qld. and June Ferris transferred to Canberra. . . . Ann Clarke won a scholarship to M.L.C. . . . B.S. picnic was held at Nth. Crocydon . . . Prayer Study groups are proving beneficial . . . Recent gospel services have been conducted by Endeavourers and C.Y.F. . . . 37 Y.P. visited Williamstown church . . . New officers for C.W.F. are Presidents, E. Holden (afternoon), D. Gray-N. Reed (evening); secretaries, R. McCredden (afternoon), V. Henley (evening); treasurers, M. Smedley (afternoon), J. Jones (evening) . . . B.H. Explorers are overall champions for second year.

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## GARDENVALE TRANSFERS

(CAULFIELD, Vic., K. Berston). Mrs. Tippett, Miss Gorler, Miss Gray and Miss Haden have been welcomed in by transfer from Gardenvale. The church there has closed . . . The Girls' Brigade came first in district sports . . . A successful C.E.W.F. Carnival Night raised \$100 . . . There were many visitors prior to and after World Convention. 15 of our members attended the Convention . . . A combined S.S. and church picnic was held at Selby . . . The church is saddened by the death of E. Nuske and L. Ghys . . . Our minister's mother, Mrs. Berston Snr., is visiting from W.A.

## REGGIE THOMAS MISSION

(MILE END, S.A., N. Hodgekiss). In the first nine nights of the Post-Convention Crusade there have been 32 first decisions. 30 have already been baptised. Mile End members and visitors have been delighted with the preaching of Reggie Thomas, from America, the singing of the Rostvit twins and the accompaniment of Mrs. Thomas Snr. on the piano. Mr. Thomas Snr. also assisted. "Happy Hours" were conducted by the Rostvit twins Nov. 9-13 with an average of 80 children per day . . . Speakers on Federal Conference Sunday were Dr. A. Elliott and K. Crawford. On World Convention Sunday Reggie Thomas spoke and introduced his team. Many visitors met for lunch and afternoon programme . . . The church was saddened at the death of Mrs. Adelaide Green, a member at Mile End for 46 years.

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**BEYOND WORDS** Our language is inadequate to describe the immensity of the disaster that came to East Pakistan. When one person dies and he is close to us our grief is focused within one small family. Even then, we sometimes say that our grief is unbearable. When a tragedy like that of the Westgate Bridge takes the lives of thirty-four persons it joins a whole community in a shared sorrow for those who remain to mourn and to live out their lives in loneliness. We see the multiplication of grief but not the multiplication of resources to meet it. How are we then to react to a disaster like that which came out of the sea in the Bay of Bengal to snatch the lives of untold thousands in what may yet be recognised as mankind's greatest natural tragedy. The pendulum of calamity swings from estimates of the loss of 150,000 lives to as many as two millions. Lives lost can be reckoned in numbers and words can describe the broken places where man once lived, but man's agony cannot be measured or described. Man has himself caused much more destruction of human life. But in Pakistan man is not to blame. Neither his greed nor his hatred is responsible this time. Nor are we to blame God. We do not know the answer to the problem of pain and suffering, but we can know that when tragedy does come man and God suffer together. This is the message of the cross. The cross is not a theological or philosophical theorising about the causes of man's need, it is God's action to meet that need. In the cross there is not only God's act of suffering with man, there is also the promise of renewal. That is why even the calamity of Pakistan can be used for good. The cross bearing Christian church can focus God's love upon that area and upon those people. The disaster is not the cross, but the church can carry the cross of compassion to our brothers in Asia.

**STUPID** There is plenty of precedent for the withholding of names in certain court actions. The names of girls who are assaulted are never reported. Nor are children who appear in our juvenile courts. Why, then, was the name of that three-year-old girl revealed? The girl drowned her baby sister in a bath. It could surely be no more than a terrible accident, and the coroner said that no blame could be attached to the girl. Why then are we so stupid as to allow the whole world to know her name?

**GOOD GRIEF!!** An American company (A. I. Root of Iowa) recently sent out a letter advertising its beeswax candles. The promotional blurb went as follows: "The beeswax candle has such an expressive meaning. The beeswax candle represents Christ, born of a virgin mother, just as the beeswax is produced by the virgin bees. The wick of the candle symbolises the Soul of Jesus and the flame of divinity which absorbs and dominates both."!!

## NEW HYMNBOOK

The Federal Hymnbook Committee is seeking to finalise the worship material content of the new hymnbook. This could include material for use at baptisms, communion services, dedication of elders, deacons, and church school classes, and other special occasions. A sub-committee has prepared much material; representatives and individuals from most States have assisted. Further materials from any interested brethren for consideration should be mailed before February 28, 1971, to the secretary of the committee, F. J. Funston, 49 Hedderwick St., Essendon, Vic., 3010.

## HORSHAM BAPTISMS

(Vic., D. J. Marr). Three young people were baptised on Nov. 8 . . . P. Finlayson was speaker on Nov. 1 . . . The film, "To Russia with Love" has been screened . . . S.S. picnic was held at Natimuk Racecourse . . . November was Church Month with special features and items at each service . . . A news bulletin has been introduced. Homes are being visited by a board member. Members are invited to fill in a "Do Your Bit" questionnaire . . . C.W.F. groups are preparing a parcel for the Friebers at Chungribu.

## Happenings

A liquor licence has been granted for a hotel to be erected on the Gove Peninsula only 15 miles from Yirrakala where 750 Aborigines live, despite the consistent opposition by the Aboriginal Tribal Council to such a licence. Only the Federal Cabinet can now prevent the building of this hotel.

"The Spectator," the official organ of the Methodist Church in Victoria and Tasmania, will be a fortnightly instead of a weekly journal from the beginning of 1971, and will be printed by the offset process instead of letterpress.

The World Council of Churches has decided to allocate \$200,000 to organisations representing oppressed racial groups (including African guerrillas and Australian Aborigines) provided a pledge is given that the money will not be used for military purposes.

Of the adult patients admitted to general public hospitals between 16-20% of the males and 4% of the females were alcoholics. (Alcoholism Foundation of Vic.).

The estimated numbers (in millions) in the world's major religions are: Christianity 977; Islam 474; Hinduism 424; Confucianism 371; Buddhism 172; Judaism 13.

"World Call" for October lists the location, names and addresses of 147 overseas missionaries serving with the U.S. Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

## MINISTER BACK IN PULPIT

(DONCASTER, Vic., J. G. Shaw). Mr. Shaw has been regaining strength and has been able to return to his full ministry . . . The assistant minister, Bill Newton, was farewelled after two years' service, prior to his marriage to Glenda Byatt . . . The Board of Management has donated \$25 to buy Christian books for the library at Doncaster High School. . . . The C.W.F. (evening) has concluded a series of lectures under the title "Families Under Pressure." The ladies of the church continue to send food parcels to missionaries in India . . . 17 men recently attended working bee at Menbulk . . . The following were elected to the Board: J. Cutler, R. P. Miller, A. E. Tully, J. C. Berry. Les. Petty after 40 years' consecrated service as deacon and elder was honoured with Life Eidership . . . Christine Edwards was baptised . . . David Berry has returned home from Vietnam.

## IT'S A PICNIC

A picnic for ministers, their wives and families, will be held on Sat., Nov. 28 at the property of Principal and Mrs. E. L. Williams, Hallam Road, Narre Warren North (near Glenageles Golf Course). Arrive 2:30 p.m.

Pony rides for children, archery, ball game, tea at 5 p.m., barbecue facilities.

# South Aust. Queensland N.S.W.

## LAWTONS FOR THE U.S.

(PARK ST. UNLEY, S.A., R. V. Holmes). Dr. John and Mrs. Lawton have flown to London en route to Michigan Medical Centre, U.S.A. . . . Basketball girls from Blackburn attended morning service with Unley girls, following recent carnival games . . . Baptist young people conducted a recent service . . . At church anniversary and Temple Day visiting speakers were Dr. J. Daniel Joyce and Dr. Dean E. Walker of Milligan College. A visitors' book in memory of Miss Dora Gore, used for first time on Oct. 18, recorded names of many Federal Conference and Convention visitors . . . On Oct. 25, Dr. Hartzell Cobb, spoke. Every woman of the church shared with Sir Philip Messent, Mrs. E. V. Lawton, I. J. Chivell and A. D. Fyde in providing a special luncheon for people who had extended hospitality to them during tours to promote World Convention . . . The church is saddened by the death of an Elder Emeritus, A. E. Brooks, a valued worker for many years.

## ATTRACTIVE SERVICES

(BROKEN HILL, N.S.W.-S.A. Conf., T. Meares). A committee was formed to try to make the gospel services more attractive to visitors. Films and family teas have been very encouraging . . . Seven members attended World Convention . . . The S.S. picnic was held at Zinc Lakes.

## POST-CONVENTION MEETINGS

(PORT PIRIE, S.A., M. T. Lawrie). George E. Wascovich, of the First Christian Church, Atlanta, Georgia, U.S., held meetings here including a reception, women's coffee hour, men's meeting, family meeting and Sunday morning grand climax Communion and Family Service. Following the closing service Mr. Wascovich was flown to Adelaide Airport by Cessna, J. Feary, of Ballarat, Vic., helped with solo on Oct. 18 . . . Church and S.S. combined in a "bush" service on Davies' farm (visiting snake last its life!) . . . C.W.F. day group held a garden party at the home of Mrs. D. Hickey with 45 present. Proceeds were for N.D. Women's project and chairs . . . Seven Y.P. and minister attended Youth Camp at Woolshed Flat. . . Constable Morgan addressed C.W.F. on "Road Safety." . . . J. McNeil and D. Drilling addressed services on World Convention Sunday.

## CHANGE OF SPEAKER

(HIAWTHORN, S.A., C. G. Flood). The Post-Convention Mission at Hawthorn was disrupted when Dr. Jess Johnson was called back to the U.S.A. because of his daughter's involvement in a car accident. However, John Pierce, also from U.S.A., readily agreed to take over. The mission began with a morning coffee hour for 200 ladies. Mr. Pierce preached at the remaining night meetings but Russel Blowers from Atlanta was loaned to us from Glenelg for the Sunday afternoon rally in the Unley Town Hall. As a conclusion to the mission seven young people were baptized.

## DISTRICT VISITED

(ALBION, Qld., Barry Benz). As a result of the visitation campaign, most houses in the district have been contacted . . . Young people meet at 6.30 a.m. each Saturday for prayer meetings. . . . On Oct. 18 a large group of young people, led by Arthur Davis and Graham Boxhall, conducted the evening service at Stafford, as part of the effort to help this church . . . At morning service on Nov. 1 the opening service of the World Convention was viewed on T.V. sets located in the church building.

## SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

(NAMBOUR, Qld., B. A. Gaunson). Two of our oldest members recently celebrated birthdays. Mr. Kingston is in his 100th year and Mrs. Bade is 91 . . . The Gems of Joy Gospel Messengers held two special meetings. Five young people made decisions. George Jones was speaker. The singing of Ray Gillies and Robt. Gluyas was accompanied by electronic organ, guitar and clarinet . . . H. I. Walmsley from the Leprosy Mission spoke and showed films. J.C.Y.F. gave items and received prizes. Mrs. Gaunson handed to Mr. Walmsley knitted and crocheted squares for rugs, used stamps, and money collected.

## SIXTEEN NEW MEMBERS

(ACACIA RIDGE, Qld., N. G. Newton). Over the past four weeks 16 new members have been welcomed into membership. Our morning services have doubled in the last six months, averaging 90. There are 45 at the gospel services.

## MINISTER IN HOSPITAL

(KENSINGTON PK., S.A., W. Bartlett). Mr. Bartlett underwent surgery at the Wakefield St. Hospital. A Cremin is acting as interim minister . . . The World Convention Crusade for the Eastern Dist. at Clinton had Dr. H. Cole as speaker and Peter Fopp as song leader . . . The Norwood Salvation Army Choristers, Church of Christ Youth Choir, and Long Family Singers, and Miss Margaret Anson gave items . . . C. H. Dow spoke on Sunday night and a farewell supper was given to Dr. Cole at Kensington Pk. church. Two ladies were baptized by Mr. Bartlett on Nov. 8. The speaker was Rev. N. Hayward, Methodist minister. The soloist was Miss C. Fooks.

## SEVENTEEN GUESTS

(MAGILL, S.A., R. Clymer). On Nov. 15 the intermediate departments of the B.S. entertained 17 children from Morjalta Protestant Children's Home with games and tea. All attended evening service. Miss Judy Simpson, missionary on furlough from New Guinea, was speaker. She showed an audio-visual on New Guinea and our missionary work.

## \$500 EXPECTED

(ASCOT PARK, S.A., S. R. Baker). The C.W.F. Fair was held on a very wet Nov. 14. It is anticipated that \$500 will be cleared. The ladies worked very hard for this success . . . There were three decisions by young people on Nov. 8 and a baptismal service was held on Nov. 15. Robin Frost was soloist.

## WOMEN'S CONVENTION

(INVERELL, N.S.W., R. Craig). A Women's Convention "Coffee Morning" was held in the Anglican Hall for a representative gathering. Mrs. Kerle, wife of Bishop Kerle of Armidale, spoke on "Consistent Christianity." The films "Indonesia Today" and "Dangerous Journey" were screened at the annual rally of the B. & P.B.S. . . . A representative of W.E.C. spoke and showed the films when he visited here during the month . . . The C.W.F. decided to forgo their annual street stall. Money boxes are being distributed and will be collected at end of year . . . Young men conducted the monthly youth service with Trevor Dunshea giving the address.

## BUSINESS TEA

(EPPING, N.S.W., B. Mills). The best attended annual business meeting for years took the form of a tea with young people giving items and business being conducted around the table . . . 225 heard David Faingol as guest speaker at the church anniversary. Visitors returning from World Convention were present. . . . John Liu spoke recently and at an after-church fellowship was favoured on returning to the New Hebrides . . . I. Torode has been re-elected as elder. . . . B. Mills will continue his interim ministry until the coming of K. Farmer in February . . . The Boys' Brigade invited their fathers to a Father and Son week-end camp at Nepean River . . . Young people visited Rydalmore Psychiatric Centre.

## C.W.F. CONVENTION

(MURWILLUMBAH, N.S.W., E. Holt). Northern N.S.W. and Stm. Qld. C.W.F.'s met at M'bah for a Convention on Nov. 3. Guest speaker was Mrs. Francis of Brisbane . . . A young lass made her decision recently and another was baptised . . . Y.F.C. Qld. Director, Eric Leech, led a gospel service assisted by the "Psaltones," an outstanding musical group from Brisbane . . . Twenty-two attended a "Tweenagers" camp in Oct. at Mt. Tamborine with six leaders.

## TEN KIWIS

(HORNSBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). H. Gallagher, from Hawaii, was speaker on Oct. 18. Ten New Zealanders on their way home from World Convention were our guests on Nov. 1. Six members from Hornsby attended the Convention. J. V. Ellerby spoke on the Convention on Nov. 8 . . . At the B.S. anniversary Mrs. K. Farmer was guest speaker in the afternoon and Mr. Farmer at night. T. Smith conducted singing. H. Bishop is Supt.

## SPRING CAMPAIGN

(LOFTUS PK., N.S.W., C. D. Craig). The whole church has been revived by the Spring Campaign with Norm Harris as missionary. Attendance at all meetings has improved, collections have risen, the fellowship is happier, 80 came forward for redemption, decision or enquiry, and all are being followed up. Eight have been baptized and others are awaiting the opportunity. The Cottage Prayer meetings are being carried on, and visitation is continuing.

# Victoria . . .

## SELF TAX

(CHELTENHAM, Vic., G. K. Moyes). The church's "Self-Tax" project reached \$542. This will provide farm production study in Japan for an Asian student. . . . \$20 was raised by the S.S. for Aboriginal child support. Also for Aboriginal care the C.Y.F. gained \$80 from an excellent revue on Oct. 2 and 3 . . . The church secretary, G. Hilbig, arranged hospitality for 400 Americans en route to Adelaide Oct. 16-18 . . . Mr. Moyes' new publication "Mastering Failure" has been well received. 5,000 copies of titles in the series have so far been purchased . . . The Lowana Singers have issued a new 16 min. W. & G. record . . . Members contributed \$457 for Freedom from Hunger campaign . . . Recent speakers have included Lloyd Lambert (U.S.A.) who was also guest speaker at the Stm. Area Crusade in the Moorabbin Town Hall; Paul Walker, also of the U.S.; W. White and G. Chapman.

## SECOND TOP BOYS

(CHELSEA, Vic., D. Oakes). Explorer boys came second in Victorian championships, first in Beach Zone, co-winners of Aggregate Banner for Worship Programmes, equal first in Senior Club Work, second in Midget Club work, and first in Junior Club work . . . Stephen Fielder and Martin Smith won awards as Top Explorers of the year . . . "Guest Programme" feature was outdoor church at Churchhill Park, 5 p.m., Nov. 22 . . . Recent guest speakers have been M. Humphries (C.O.B.), V. Longthorp (Joint Board), D. Smith (H.M. & Evang.) and R. McKenzie (D.C.E.) . . . C.W.A.F. jumble sale raised \$80 for finance gap (\$1,500 p.a. gap between offerings and needs) . . . Neil Edney, an Explorer boy, was baptized Nov. 1, being first boy baptized in new chapel.

(TOOTGAROOK, Vic. Mrs. John Machin is home from hospital, and Mrs. Godley is improving in health after resting at Convalescence Hospital, Dromana.

## SOUTH SUBURBAN CRUSADE

(Vic.). Nineteen churches participated in the South Suburban Crusade meetings led by Lloyd Lambert, of Enid, Oklahoma, U.S.A. Meetings were held in the Moorabbin Town Hall on Oct. 11, 12, 13 and 14. Attendances were 1,050, 350, 400, 400, and there were 350 teenagers at a Coffee Hour. Ministers of the involved churches participated. Gordon Moyes, of Cheltenham, was Crusade chairman, and Laurie Barker, of Ormond, was song leader.

Mrs. Martha Lambert spoke to the women on Monday evening on the role of women in the church and what was taking place in her church at Enid. She said that her loves were in three categories: love for her husband; love for her family as a mother, and love for the church where she served with other women.

Lloyd Lambert's emphasis throughout the Crusade was on the love of God and the concern he has for the world. God alone has the answers to the problems

## VICTORIAN C.W.F.

The President, Mrs. M. Barnett, welcomed 111 delegates to the November Council meeting, including Mrs. Gladys Moore and Mrs. Holland from Tasmania, Mrs. Goby from South Africa and Mrs. Machin from Qld.

"I am Aware" was title of devotions presented in dramatic form by the Oakleigh C.W.F. evening group. Incessory prayer was given by Mrs. Lowry.

Colin Tutchell, Supt. and Sec. of the Burwood Boys' Home showed slides and spoke on the way in which the home is endeavouring to give the boys all the advantages of a normal home life. Reports were received from Mrs. Netta Newham on personalities at the World Retreat held prior to World Convention; Mrs. Jean Preston—Federal Conference and Mrs. Freda Morris—World Convention.

Next Council meeting, Dec. 4, 11 a.m. Devotions will be given by Mrs. Netta Newham, and Mrs. D. Strack will speak on her experiences in Djarkata at the 4th Asian Women's Conference.

—M. Nelson, Asst. Sec.

## BALLARAT OUTREACH

(DAWSON ST., Vic., F. G. Hunting). The annual meeting of the Combined C.W.F. of the Ballarat churches announced that \$1,111 was raised for the establishment of a new mission station at Goko on the Keram River, New Guinea. The station will be managed by Janet and Bill Bull, from New Hebrides. . . . Dawson St. deacons decided to raise giving to brotherhood departments from \$65 to \$75 per week, and also decided to subsidise the ministry at Thomson by \$8 per week for 1971 . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Greenlee, from Wichita, Kansas, U.S.A., were speakers here en route to World Convention. 400 were present at evening service, including 92 girls from W.A. Calisthenics teams here for competitions. A tea session for officers, leaders and teachers, was also addressed by Mr. Greenlee. Mrs. Greenlee spoke at combined C.W.F. annual meeting and told of women's role in the American churches.

of the world. He gave a strong warning to the teenagers about the use of drugs. He had many sleepless nights following visits to drug addicts. If people could see the horrors resulting from the use of drugs as he had seen them this would be a deterrent to any one.

When meeting with key personnel of the churches and S.S. teachers, Mr. Lambert explained the administration of the larger churches in America involving associate ministers, full-time secretaries, and office staff. The Christian Life Curriculum, now being used by Protestant churches in Australia, was very successful in the U.S. where it had been in use for three years.

The Crusade was a means of cementing the Churches of Christ in a great united witness and all who attended were challenged to a deep relationship with God. Eight made decisions for Christ at the Crusade.

Mr. Lambert was in Australia to attend the World Convention.

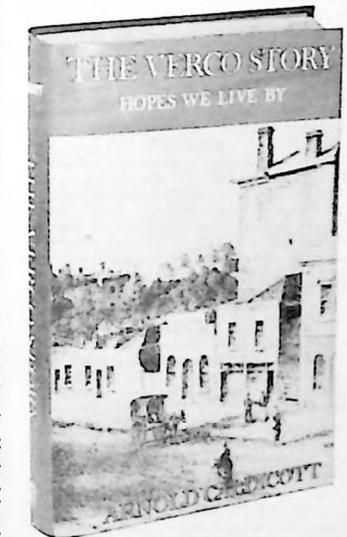
## EVANGELIST FROM HAWAII

(HARTWELL, Vic., M. J. Savage). Harold E. Gallagher, minister of Kaimuku Christian Church, Honolulu, has been conducting an evangelistic campaign here after attending World Convention. Mr. Gallagher also shared in the church and school outing to Sylvan Dam on Cup Day . . . The church elected G. Krute as elder, and E. Taylor as door-keeper . . . Mr. Savage gave a detailed report to the church on Federal Conference and World Convention . . . Max Morrison has returned from overseas after visiting his daughter in Canada. Mrs. Barton is home from hospital and is making good progress.

## REPORT ON CONVENTION

(ESSENDON, Vic., C. Badcock). On Nov. 1, Mr. Badcock, assisted by Mrs. Dorcen Strack and Sandra Veltch spoke on highlights of the World Convention. A number of the congregation was there. Combined with other churches evening service was held at "Our Lady of the Nativity." . . . Good Companions and their leader Mrs. Betty Hartney held a "Bake-a-thon" and raised \$23 . . . A street stall realised \$82 for the C.W.F. and a car wash by the C.Y.F. brought in \$40 for the Language Laboratory Project . . . S.S. picnic on Cup Day was held at Riddell.

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**STIRLING - MUDIE** — The marriage of Heather Stirling of Glen Iris, Vic., and Douglas Mudie, of South Camberwell, will take place at the Church of Christ, Gardiner, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, 1970.

**SILVER WEDDING**

**MORRIS - ROFFEY**—Robert, Chris and Bronwyn with love and joy, announce with thanksgiving to God the 25th anniversary of their parents, Alan and Ivy Morris, married at Lane Cove Church of Christ, N.S.W., on December 1, 1945, by E. C. Hinrichsen, assisted by H. J. Paterson.

**THANKS**

**DAVID MONCUR** and his family express their sincere thanks to his relatives and his many friends who by cards, letters, telegrams and their presence at his "At Home" contributed in making his 90th birthday a very happy occasion and one which he will always remember with pleasure.

**DEATH**

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**BOOKS**

**"THE VERCO STORY."** Hopes We Live By.

By **Arnold Caldicott**. (Keswick Book Depot). \$6.00.

This is a book which will hold particular interest for South Australians, but which should also have an appeal far wider than the borders of that one Australian State.

For those who want to learn more of 19th century England and the personal and poignant aspects of the transportation system; for those who want to re-live early American history with its turbulent taming of a great continent; for those who want to recapture the grace and chivalry of a past age, where the family was regarded as a divine institution and the wedding of church and home became the bulwark of the nation; for those who want to appraise themselves of our great Australian heritage, both material and spiritual; or for those who may just want a real-life story told with sincerity and simplicity . . . to one and all, this book has something to offer.

James Crabb Verco, founder of the Verco dynasty in this country, emerges from the pages of this book as a very human character—a man of ability, a man of integrity, a man of simple faith and purpose—a craftsman whose work was the outward expression of his inmost soul, a builder whose edifices still stand today—not only as monuments in stone, but as "living" stones in the church and heart of the nation. The story follows James Verco from birth and family background, through many experiences of his personal, religious and business life, to the eventful years: there is cause for laughter—and tears—as the story unfolds. The interwoven incidents of the Lewis; Haigh-Smith encounter add breadth to the story, and reveal the James Verco characteristics which underlie the basic principles by which he lived.

"The Verco Story" is an attractive volume, with apt and interesting illustrations in colour and in black-and-white. It is not doctrinal in style, but fully identifies "the hopes we live by" with the Restoration Movement and the growth of Churches of Christ in Australia.

There must be other families who have made a similar contribution to our church and nation, whose story is yet to be written. Perhaps the success of "The Verco Story" will bring others into the field and give us more books of this quality—of which today we have all too few.—Marjorie Buckingham.

**"HADDON OF GLEN LEITH."**

By **Murray J. Savage** (Associated Churches of Christ in N.Z.). \$1.40.

Arthur L. Haddon was so identified with our churches in New Zealand that some are . . . the life" was a quotation which had a real relevance, and it was evident that new forms of evangelism such as this can speak loudly to the youth of today. Ray McKenzie, Director of D.C.E., closed the Explorer Year, and a hush came over the pavilion audience as he led in prayers of thanksgiving.  
An informal barbecue under the stars ended the programme.

Churches of Christ in New Zealand from 1930 to 1960 cannot be studied effectively or understood without seeing the dominant role played by Arthur Haddon.

But he is also a part of the Australian heritage and this inexpensive book should have a place in our church libraries and upon the bookshelves of those interested in our developing history.

Murray Savage has put us all in his debt by writing this book and in doing so has reminded us of some of the stories that have yet to be written—those of A. R. Main and T. H. Scambler, for example.

(Copies from the Federal Board of Christian Education, 217 Lonsdale St., Melb., Vic., 3000).

**"CONFOUND THEIR POLITIKS."**

By **G. W. Target**. (Norfolk Press through Jordan Books). \$3.80 (paperback \$1.90).

The sub-title is "An Elector's Guide to the Traditional Game of Who Governs?" We have always known that politics is often a dirty business, but it is also often as stupid as it is dirty. Mr. Target looks at the British political scene but apart from the party names and leaders, quoted, it could just as easily be Canberra instead of London. This is not a history of parliamentary procedures but a quick journalistic look at politicians, their words and their actions, in an election year. There are sufficient examples of evasion, trickery, deceit, appeals to prejudice, bad temper, and childish behaviour as to make us wonder how a country can expect to be governed well.

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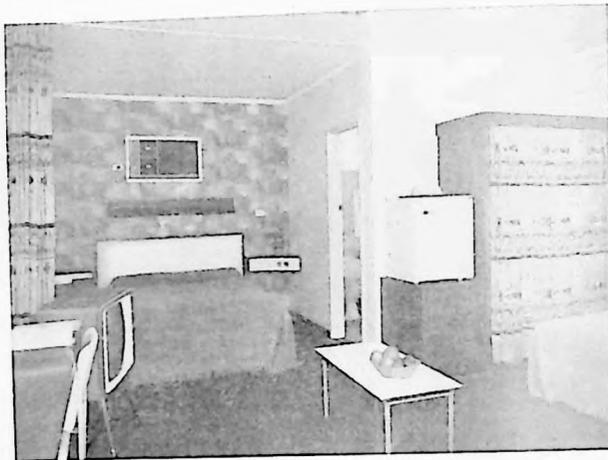
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## SAFARI TO YOU YANGS

By L. L. SMITH, Chief Explorer

Flinders Peak, 1,154 feet above Port Phillip Bay, and highest point in the You Yang Mountains near Geelong, Vic., was the objective of over 300 boys and girls for the D.C.E. Safari.

This was a joint venture of the Explorer Boys' Clubs and the Good Companions Girls' Clubs, organised to emphasise the "exploring" theme of these four-fold clubs.

The clubs safaried from far and wide, to meet for their annual hike and barbecue. The emblem of the cross, the square and the circle was flying at the top of a temporary mast at the assembly place where the barbecues glowed on, during the morning drizzle, and where boys were bowed as thanksgiving was offered for the evidence of God's handiwork. The massive granite boulders and the pitted ancient gums gave evidence of the Eternal Creator.

The massive tor at the summit bore a plaque announcing that the explorer Matthew Flinders stood there to survey Port Phillip Bay in 1802. A sense of eternity must have impressed the youngsters as they scrambled up the half-mile, and then stood where Flinders stood.

A programme of orienteering, rock scrambling and treasure hunts added to the natural challenge of a day in the out-of-doors, climbing a thousand-foot mountain. There is no doubt that programmes such as these weld strong and abiding links in Christian fellowship that will not only enrich the lives of those who participate, but enrich the churches who support them.

## 300 AT EXPLORER NIGHT HIKE

Drive miles with your club leader, out past the last suburbs, up into the misty Dandenongs as the sun sets, through cloud and fog to the peak of One Tree Hill. Switch on the torches and set off past the first guide-post with its hurricane lantern, along the muddy path under the dripping tree ferns.

Nearly 300 Explorer boys and leaders did this, including strong delegations which travelled 100 miles or more from Ballarat and Bendigo, as a fitting end to their year of exploring with their Explorer Boys' Clubs.

At the end of the track a generator chugged away pouring light between the gum trees and into the concrete pavilion where the cups and trophies were set out for the end-of-year presentations.

Box Hill Club received the prized Cup for the Champion Metropolitan Club for 1970, followed by Chelsea, Footscray, Burwood, North Fitzroy, Carnegie, Chadstone, Parkdale, Cheltenham and Dandenong—the top ten boys' clubs in our churches. In the Country Zone, Bendigo with 314 points took the Newham Cup, with Dawson St. (Ballarat), second on 292 points, followed by Toolgarook,

Broken Hill (N.S.W.), York St. (Ballarat), Red Hill, Traralgon, Shepparton, Norlane, Peel St. (Ballarat), Maryborough and the new club at Wyoming, N.S.W., in that order. Over 67 clubs took part in the various activities conducted during the year by the Explorer Auxillary of the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Christian Educ. The Will Newham Shield for the Most Improved Club went to Black Rock club. Stephen Fielder and Martin Smith, two boys from Chelsea Explorer Club, won the awards as Top Explorers of the Year.

After the presentations the organiser, Harvey Miller (Knoxfield) was able to refer to the difficult path of the night hike, and to the guide-posts whose hurricane lanterns showed the way through the forest. "I am the way, the truth and the life" was a quotation which had a real relevance, and it was evident that new forms of evangelism such as this can speak loudly to the youth of today. Ray McKenzie, Director of D.C.E., closed the Explorer Year, and a hush came over the pavilion audience as he led in prayers of thanksgiving.

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"What did he say?"

"He told me to leave school."

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# THE LAST WORD...

## WHICH ME!

Within my earthly temple there's a crowd;  
 There's one of us that's humble, one that's proud,  
 There's one that's broken-hearted for his sins,  
 There's one that unrepentant sits and grins,  
 There's one that loves his neighbour as himself,  
 And one that cares for naught but fame and pelf.  
 From much corroding care I would be free  
 If I could determine which is me.  
 —E. S. Martin.



Liberality consists less in giving a great deal than in gifts well timed.

"Everyone is meant to be present at the Lord's Supper, there is an invitation to all; the church is not responsible for getting everyone present, but it is responsible for seeing that everyone gets the invitation."—Ernie Southcott.

Knowledge and timber should not be much used until they are seasoned.



Show me a man who cannot bother to do little things and I'll show you a man who cannot be trusted to do big things.



Some people itch for success when they should be scratching for it.



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