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TOP APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

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IN a large darkened room designated "the coffee house," a hard-rock trio, the Exkursions, turned the volume up full and also turned the festival completely around. They played late into the night. All the good stuff from the Beatles, the Mothers of Invention, Steppenwolf, and Blood, Sweat, and Tears. Mike Johnson and Leon Wilson were on guitar, and Phil Johnson on the drums; these guys were not just good, they were mind blowers. The effect was magnetic—these super-charged kids came on like gangbusters, and if you never knew it before, you knew now what "boss" means. When Mike began to wail his way through "Plastic People," those in the rear began to move up front. You somehow had to get with him, to indulge yourself in the full intensity of it all. It was loud—double-wow loud. But that's the way you have to hear these guys, right up front with those big speakers lifting you out of your seat, catching you in the mood, the passion, the force of it all.

THE CAMUS OF THE ROCK SCENE

Two hours of that sort of thing and you're ready — for "most anything." If your defences aren't down by then, they may never be. You're like granite, man, and there's no hope for you. So you knew it was coming, and you just hoped nobody would blow it, make the whole scene repulsive, as if the evening were one cheap trick to suck you in when your guard is down.

Mike sort of got things opened up a bit when he told us that we ought to listen to the Mothers of Invention. "Here's where the real questions are being raised—they are the Camus of the rock scene." Great. The kids laughed and understood. Older folks wondered what he meant, but one said, "You know, I'm beginning to like this stuff." Then it was Phil's turn to break through on us, to do his thing. And there was no stopping him. For the next fifteen minutes the Reformed Church in America witnessed as dazzling a performance on the drums as Joe Morello ever gave.

OFF ON THE GREATEST TRIP

But that was only part of his thing. When the solo ended, the exhausted audience thundered an ovation. Phil began to talk, low-keyed talk, loaded with "you know" and "dig that" and "getting my thing together." He had been in Vietnam, he said, and when he got out he looked up his old buddy, Mike, with whom he planned to get high, to take a trip, to get turned on. That's the way it had been for Mike and Phil before Vietnam—tripping on sex and drugs—and the way Phil saw it, life had nothing more to offer. But when they got together after Vietnam, Mike said he was already turned on. He had "found Christ" and was off on the greatest trip ever. Phil found this pretty wild. The Jesus he knew, he said, was a basic square who didn't know a thing about life, and as far as he was concerned, "you could stuff the whole idea up your nose." The only problem was, Mike didn't seem disturbed and kept the pressure on. Jesus, he maintained, was a living being who knew a lot more about squaring off with the enemy than the big politicians or military brass did. Jesus really knows where it's at. By comparison, everybody else is a phony. Phil didn't have too much

JOINT, ROCK & CHRIST

By DENNIS E. SHOEMAKER

stomach for that, but when Mike couldn't budge, he said he'd give it a try—he'd try Christ, meaning that meant.

What it meant is that a little while later, a new Phil emerged, a vital and winning Phil—a guy turned-on young man, who joined Mike and Leon as one of their rock group, the Exkursions—a very good rock group which I recommend simply on the basis of musical merit.

Together they began to make the coffee scene, telling night after night how Jesus Christ had turned them on, how he had saved them from a life with drugs, how he gave them a new respect for sex, how he introduced a sense of purpose for their lives.

TURNED ON AS NEVER BEFORE

Phil really came across. And when he said his piece there was a thunderous ovation. You could almost expect that. Here were these hippie-looking, long-haired cats with their crazy-looking clothes, playing music you don't ordinarily expect to hear in a Christian gathering, saying right out loud that Christ really changed their lives. Wow! It was just too much. No political controversy, no issues that seriously challenge the unity of this nation, nothing like getting in deeper or getting out altogether in Vietnam, nothing about our inability to feed hungry people, or the need to crack the vicious racism in this country—nothing but the personal appeal of Jesus Christ who had rescued each of these young men from the oblivion of their own despairing journey to NO EXIT.

You have to love the Exkursions. There's no way around that. They turned the festival around, gave it new direction—and actually handed it to the six hundred young people who were there. Suddenly the whole event belonged to the kids. Their thing was being done in their language, their dress, their music. And the Jesus they told about belonged to the kids. "He lets you do your thing," Mike said, "and that means we can play our music and dress us we want to. Jesus would never say our hair is too long. You know, nothing is impossible with him. So we go around the colleges telling people about that—that Jesus is really alive and with us here, right now."—W.C.C. "Letter on Evangelism."

I must go shopping

ONE of these days I must go shopping. I am completely out of generosity, and I must get some more. I also want to exchange the self-satisfaction I picked up the other day for some real humility which they say wears a lot better. And I must look for some tolerance which is being worn as jackets this season.

And the samples of kindness that I saw, well, I am a little low on that, and one can never have too much of it. And by the way, I must try to match some of the patience I saw on a friend the other day. It looks so becoming on him, and I think it might look equally well on me.

And while I'm shopping, I will try on that little suit of perfect charity they are displaying. I never thought I would be wearing anything like that, but I feel myself coming to it. And I must remember to get my sense of humour mended, and keep my eyes open for some of that inexpensive goodness. It is surprising how quickly one's stock of goods is depleted.

Chick Taylor,
—Quoted in "World Communique."

OUR MAN IN LATIN AMERICA

MEXICO CITY ENCOUNTER



By RICHARD W. LAWTON

SITE for the 1974 World Convention! Also the site for one of the seventeen "encounters" conducted by the World Council of Christian Education in Latin America in July, 1971, prior to its Assembly in Lima, Peru.

Mexico City can be highly recommended as a place to go and an experience to be experienced.

With seven million people, it is two or three times as big as Sydney, yet confined to a smaller geographical area. On the roads there seems to be ten times the number of Sydneysites!

It is a city of contrasts. Its fabulously modern architecture lies alongside cardboard-and-tin hovels. At the exit from the Metro, the world's most modern underground railway, I saw a four-year-old girl selling chewing gum to supplement her family's meagre income. On the streets, dapper business men rub shoulders with hoards of vendors and ever-present shoe-shine boys. Beggars, dirty and covered with sores, sit with their hands cupped far into the night and, when they can sit no more, lie in shop doorways to sleep.

We visited (and climbed) 5,000-year-old pyramids, surrounded by equally ancient temples; saw the remains of Aztec civilisation; went into Spanish colonial churches of the early 16th century; and drank coffee in a modern flat to the accompaniment of Reuben Olivares boxing on T.V., interspersed with ads for Pepsi-Cola and the latest exotic perfumes. What a mixture of cultures!

Revolution in Mexico is older than that of Russia, and more plentiful. There was a revolution here in 1857 and another in 1910, yet the government now is more stable than in most of Latin America. However, there is deep dissatisfaction, particularly among the intellectuals. Only three weeks before our visit, troublemakers intervened in a demonstration at the 100,000 student University of Mexico, and over 100 students were killed by machineguns.

Into this situation came 16 innocents bent on doing a brief but intensive week of study of the educational, particularly the Christian educational, situation in Mexico. Three came from the U.S.A. (including the world-famous Christian educator, Randolph Crump Miller), two from Mexico itself, and the others from Brazil, Uruguay, Canada, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, the Philippines, Western Samoa, India and Lebanon.

We were exposed to business executives, churchmen, T.V. producers, university lecturers, government officials, and students. Language was a problem but this was largely overcome by simultaneous translation through special earphones.

Education in Mexico is "compulsory," "free," "secular," and "socialist." However, two-and-a-half million children are not at school because they cannot afford the clothes, or they are needed to work in the fields, or their parents do not think it is important, or there are not enough teachers to go round. Critics contend that the government is too closely linked with big business and that the resultant practices are far from socialist. Free text-books are provided for all primary school children, but again the critics argue that these simply peddle the government "line." 27% of the Federal budget and 50% of the State budgets are spent on education, classrooms are being completed at the rate of one every 24 minutes, yet there is a continuing gap.

(R. W. Lawton, Director, Federal Board of Christian Education, visited Mexico City on his way to Peru to attend the Assembly of the World Council of Christian Education.)

Ninety per-cent of Mexicans are Catholic (although for some it is merely a Christian layer on top of the old Indian religions). The Catholic Church has wide differences within it. I saw churches in the City which, inside, appeared to be nothing but gold. At Cuernavaca, 45 miles away, there is a cathedral which is stark and bare. The statues of the saints have been removed ("We do not worship the saints, but only try to follow their example."). A large crucifix hangs there, "but it will not be there long; we shall replace it with a symbol of the Resurrection." The priest who guided us was dressed in a casual coloured shirt for "clerical dress would make a distinction between us and the people." There are no candles ("they are hangovers from the days when there was no electric light, and it has simply become a habit to use them"). There is no reserved sacrament in the sanctuary ("that is for the sick, not for the church building"). The Bible has a pre-eminent place and Bible studies are held weekly. "Good News for Modern Man" is the official version used throughout the diocese.

Of the 2% of Mexicans who are Protestant, more than half are Pentecostals—and they have a bishop! The rest are scattered between umpteen denominations. There is a National Council of Evangelical Churches, which entertained us to dinner one night, but it is weak and ineffective. Despite the existence of a new Latin American curriculum, which encourages the involvement of the whole congregation, most Sunday Schools use translations of materials from the U.S.A., which are hardly applicable to the Mexican situation. The standard method of teaching is that of a teacher up front telling the children. There are some very keen Christian educationists, but they are frustrated by churches which give little priority to the teaching of the faith. On the other hand, most churches have regular classes for adults, and do not confine Christian education to children.

I preached in one of the Disciples of Christ congregations in Mexico City, which will be our hosts at the 1974 World Convention. I managed only three sentences in Spanish, the rest was translated by Daniel Lopez de Lara, General Secretary of the Sociedad Bíblica de México (Bible Society of Mexico), and a foundation member of the ten-year-old congregation. There were about 40 worshippers present, including a retired missionary couple who came from the U.S. over 50 years ago, two lawyers, an ex-missionary who is teaching English at the University of the Americas, and a visitor from Oregon, U.S.A., who attended the World Convention in Adelaide and was appreciative of the ministry there of E. P. C. Hollar of Glenelg.

Following the service, the congregation held a business meeting to appoint a new pastor (their first for some time) —Antonio Tuma, formerly of Campus Crusade.

All the world is not like Australia. That could be one of the profound learning experiences of the 1974 World Convention.

THE RETARDED CHILD

By MARGARET MAIDEN

I write this article with a prayer that it may help someone. I write it as free from sentiment as I can, at the same time holding no claim to authority on the retarded child. My only claim is eleven years of motherhood, and any experience that this may include. These are my opinions, and in no way are they dogma.

Our daughter is suffering from Downes' Syndrome (Mongolism), a congenital condition incorporating reasonably obvious physical symptoms, that usually allow an early diagnosis. However, there are many forms of mental retardation, and whereas your child may not be equated with ours, the following observations may help.

First, this article will be of no help if you have not fully, deeply, wholeheartedly accepted the fact that you have a retarded child. It will be of doubtful value if you are at this moment, enjoying the ill-afforded luxury of self-pity. It will be of no value if you are angry with God, or man, or remorseful within yourself, entertaining guilt feelings, and feelings of retribution, that God's judgment has visited you in the form of your retarded child. God does not work that way.

I do not know how retarded your child is. However, I am thinking of those capable of being trained, as is every normal child.

Love in large amounts, is necessary. Without it, all effort is to no avail. This love must spring spontaneously, not irrationally emotive and sentimental, but rationally, tempered by sanctified commonsense. This sanctified commonsense tells me that though our child is special, so are my other children, that although this child needs so much love and care and attention, so do my other children. It tells me that I afford my child no less, but no more, than my other children. As much as is possible, I must endeavour not to "spoil" and pamper this child. As much as is possible, I must not be over severe. I must take the same amount of interest in this child's achievements, no matter how small . . . (such as washing

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DIVISION A SCANDAL

(Louvain, Belgium). Joseph Cardinal Suenens, of Belgium, said the division and the disunity of the Church was the "scandal of the world" and should not be accepted by Christians.

Addressing the 135-member Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches meeting, the controversial Roman Catholic prelate said Christians "must prepare with tenacious courage . . . the painful path toward unity."

He said the Church has permitted misunderstandings and "Berlin walls" to divide Christians since the quarrels of the 11th and 16th centuries. He called on the world's leading theologians to pave the way for the "visible unity" of all Christians.

The theme of the 12-day conference is "The Unity of the Church—the Unity of Mankind." Cardinal Suenens said to confuse the two tasks is to risk reducing the Church to a social service organisation, but to separate them is to ignore that "God loves all men."

The Church is no spiritual Red Cross but must proclaim without compromise the dignity and worth of man if he is to be saved from the technological jaws of modern society. This is very much needed if the unity of mankind is to be achieved, the cardinal maintained.—E.P.S.

hands correctly, eating well, good manners) as I do in the scholastic, musical and athletic achievements of my other children.

This sanctified commonsense prompts me to act no differently in public, than I would with my other children. It prompts me not to flinch with embarrassment when strangers turn to stare. It prompts me to restrain her from over affectionate gestures to all and sundry, keeping hugs and kisses within the immediate family. It prompts me not to be ashamed of loud singing in church services, or exclamations of spontaneous delight at a church tea, louder than all the others, and quite attention-getting. In such a situation, a quiet and firm remonstrance is just as necessary as it is for a normal child.

This training is no different from the training of a normal pre-school child whom people expect to be noisy and impulsive, yet also expect to be trained to behave in a socially acceptable manner. It is just at a different age level, and for a longer period.

This is a necessary attitude if the God-given trust of the task of rearing a child, whether he or she be fostered, adopted or natural, is to be successfully accomplished. This applies equally to the nurse with a sick child; the schoolteacher with the rebellious child; as it does to the parents with the retarded child.

Life is a gift. A child, any child, is a gift. Firstly, a gift, any gift, must be accepted, then treasured, no matter what value others place on it. Each gift is different but should be treated no differently. Each is unique and of intrinsic worth.

Characteristics of the retarded child, particularly the one suffering from Downes' Syndrome, are aptly expressed in the observation by a matron of a hostel for retarded children in Western Australia, when she says, "the everlasting simplicity and kindness of the children would oft-times shame their more highly endowed brothers and sisters. Some of them may be boisterous . . . others quiet, but one does not need to be with them for long, before seeing the sweetness of their nature shining through."

RESPONSE TO N.G. 'QUAKES

Australian churches have issued a \$100,000 appeal for relief and rehabilitation work following the two earthquakes which struck New Guinea last month. The 'quakes, amongst the strongest recorded in recent years, occurred within 12 days of one another. Loss of life was limited but the tremors and the tidal waves which resulted swept away villages and wiped out many institutions.

Churches in Australia, N.Z. and Britain have already sent \$28,000 as a first response to the disaster. It will be used for repair and reconstruction work. Among the church property destroyed were schools and colleges operated by the United Church of Papua-New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. The 'quake "shook buildings off foundations, damaged furniture and appliances, smashed crockery and destroyed water storage facilities." Hardest hit was Gaulin Teacher Training College, which suffered damage estimated at \$50,730.—E.P.S.

QUESTING



WITH
A. E. WHITE

Should church reports tell only favourable news? There has been a spot of bother in our church because the reporter referred to some real weaknesses. Should only the good be told?

Most newsmen would reply that both the good and the bad should be honestly reported. If our daily papers are guides to be followed, then it appears that the bad news should have priority.

Church journalism takes a much softer and kinder line. It will not expose persons to the embarrassment and ridicule that so often mar our daily press. Because we respect all people we are careful not to say the hurtful thing. We usually ask: Is it true, Is it kind, Is it necessary?

On the other hand it is dishonest to tell only the favourable news of the churches and to conceal everything that reflects upon the leadership and the quality of discipleship.

The N.T. letters can hardly be equated with modern church journals, but many of them were intended for public church reading and were the only kind of newspaper that was known. They did not hesitate to "tell it like it is!" Paul told the church at Corinth that he had heard that they were quarrelling and arguing. He even identified those who gave him the information: "those who live at Chloe's house." No attempt to protect his sources!

Paul told the Corinthians that everyone was talking about the goings on in the church, that Christ was getting a bad name, and that something should be done about it. Then he told them plainly what they ought to do to put things right.

He believed in bringing things into the open. Not for him the practice of politicians giving an appearance of solidarity in public, whilst quarrelling shamefully in private. Paul even confronted Peter in public on a matter of principle. Such honest and open dealing strengthened the church rather than weakened it.

News items which reflect upon the character of church members or which belittle their service usually have no place at all in our church journals. But we shall do more harm than good if we pretend that things are better than they are, if we say that the church is thriving when it is not, that the leadership is strong when in fact it is weak, that the stewardship of money is adequate if it is not, that the church is pulling its weight when actually it is pathetic in its witness, understaffed in its school, weak in its youth work, and deficient in its pulpit and pastoral ministry.

The Bible says that there is a time to speak and a time to be silent. The determining factor should be the same for each response. Will the church and the cause of Christ be helped or hindered? If the response is silent so far as the news report is concerned, this does not mean no action. There is an obligation upon those who see a need, to do something about it. A church reporter is not only a news gatherer, he is also a newsmaker and should use his resources to make good any weakness. If the response is to speak out, then the news should be true in fact, fair in comment, and considerate to those involved.

I suggest that if the news item might be regarded as unfavourable to the church's life and witness, then it should be cleared with the minister or an elder before it is submitted.

WORDS TO TREASURE

Whoever looks for God in nature or the universe really encounters nothing more than an unreal will-o'-the-wisp. This God is so great and so distant that he just can't concern me any more. If you have ever walked in the woods with the sun slanting down through the leaves, or if you have been overwhelmed at evening by the starry host which can be measured only in light years, at such a moment did you (cross your heart!) ever promise that you would change your way of living? Did you feel conscience-stricken? In such a situation, who has ever been overwhelmed by God's mercy and gone back to his family and his place of work a new man? A couple of pious thrills (which I readily admit might occur) can't switch my life onto a new track. When they fade away, I am still the same old Adam. My sins smell as sweet as the flowers in May, and they flourish just as they always have. Tell me how lofty God is for you, and I'll tell you how little he means to you. That could be a theological maxim. The lofty God has been lofted right out of my private life.

SMALLER THAN THE MILKY WAY

By
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in
"I Believe."

It is certainly remarkable but it is true. God has become of concern to me only because he has made himself smaller than the Milky Way, only because he is present in my little sickroom when I gasp for breath, or understands the little cares I cast on him, or takes seriously the request of a child for a scooter with balloon tyres. He concerns me because Jesus Christ takes my speck of anxiety and my personal guilt upon himself.

WORD TALK —GORDON MOYES.

No. 34: PHILEM. 6 (N.E.B.)

"Your Fellowship With Us."

"The only thing Jesus left behind was a living fellowship." (T. G. A. Baker: "What is the N.T.?" S.C.M.) This common fellowship was the bond of communication between an Apostle, a wealthy Christian, and a recently converted runaway slave. Paul and Philemon had a fellowship in the Christian faith, and now Onesimus joined them. No longer as a slave of his former master but as a brother in the faith. This Christian fellowship which we see illustrated in the little letter to Philemon indicates how readily Christ created new relationships between people. "There is neither Jew nor Greek (no racial barriers here!); there is neither slave nor free (no class barrier!); there is neither male nor female (no need for Women's Lib.); for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3: 28). Tremendous truth. Now fellowship!

In the O.T. the Hebrew word for "fellowship" was used to simply indicate that two things were joined together. The Hebrew word was used this way 27 times. It was not used of our relationship with God for the O.T. emphasised not our close personal friendship with the Father but our distance from his holiness. Yet the O.T. hope was for this fellowship with God when man had a new heart within him (Jer. 31: 33-34). In the N.T., "fellowship" was used some 46 times, mainly being translated as a secular term but Paul gave it theological depth. With him "fellowship" meant the way we were joined in partnership with God, with Christ, with the Holy Spirit, and with other believers. Christians now live in fellowship (Acts 2: 42) they share their material gifts, especially the offering as an act of fellowship (Romans 15: 26; 2 Cor. 9: 13); they lived within the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 13: 14); they had fellowship with God in Christ (1 Cor. 1: 9; 1 John 1: 3); and they shared fellowship with other Christians in the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10: 16).

Paul uses the word twice in Philemon in verses 6 and 17. The translations indicate that the fellowship they shared in Christ led to their partnership as comrades together.

FOR TODAY:

The complex character of modern society with its divisions, barriers, and walls demands a new sense of community. Alienation, loneliness and isolation are the marks of contemporary society. People need a meeting at depth for their own mental health. They need a caring friendship. The Church has the potential to meet these needs but it must make actual what it claims to possess. H. R. L. Shepherd in "the grand old days" of the 1920's criticised: "There is more true fellowship to be found in the pubs than most of our churches." Every Christian must make real the fellowship we have with Christ and with other Christians, firstly by increasing fellowship in our local congregation, then between Church divisions, and then with all of God's people.

H. M. Directors share Concerns & Plans

(Vic.) Directors of State Home Missions Departments conferred together in Melbourne. Those present were K. J. Patterson (W.A.), K. D. Home (S.A.), D. H. Smith and E. O. Kenting (Vic.-Tas.), K. E. Crawford (N.S.W.). Queensland was without representation pending the appointment of a director. E. W. Heard, the director-elect for S.A., attended for a part of the time. A wide range of matters was considered. Included in the discussions were the following matters.

Church Growth

An analysis of growing churches pointed to some common factors in all States. Membership involvement, membership conservation concern and strong pastoral concern were judged as significant factors. Churches which gave importance to discipleship classes, the evening service and special evangelistic emphases also shared significant gains. A planned church programme, cultivation of contacts and community outreach also played a part in helping churches to grow. The location of a church was influential. A congregation's commitment to an overall evangelistic emphasis and convictions about the Gospel were noted as significant. The discussions highlighted the need for further consideration of this important issue.

Rural Churches

Sympathetic attention was given to the changing circumstances surrounding the life of the churches in rural towns and districts of the Commonwealth. Farmers have a whole new set of changes in their economy, population density and

job opportunities. Questions for these churches include the sharing of the services of full-time ministers with other congregations in regional groupings and the development of the gifts of the members themselves for outreach and service into the surrounding community. An adaptation to change is required. Already through consultation with a number of our rural churches Home Missionary Committees have been able to assist with suggestions and to offer to provide such services as will supplement those which can be provided locally.

It is of importance to note that much of the history of our brotherhood was built around the small groups of farmers in many a country area who held to the faith and the virtue of the restoration of the New Testament norms and standards with very little full-time ministerial assistance.

Building Trends

A highlight of the conference was the session shared with R. L. Drayton, a Melbourne architect, on Trends in Church Building Design and Their Influence on the Programme of the Local Church. The remarks of Mr. Drayton, the supporting plans and illustrations stimulated helpful discussion. Because a building is the most expensive tool a church possesses, congregations need to get as much for their money as possible. Serious attention is required to siting and the purposes for which the building will be used. Buildings will always determine programmes and new buildings must be erected to take into account programme emphases. Thought was given to changing patterns in church programming and the significance of these changes for future church buildings.

N.T. FOR SERVICEMAN

(HORNBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). When young people conducted the gospel service on Aug. 1, the song leader was Ron. Black. The address was in dialogue form by Phillip Bonser and Darcy Geale. During the service Mark Wallace was farewelled and presented with a copy of the New Testament as he enters National Service.

VISIT OF D.C.E.

(MURRAY BRIDGE, S.A., A. H. Coleman). The State Youth Director, Gerald Rose, spoke to the church and also to S.S. teachers on Bible Study and teacher preparation and training. Teachers have shared in combined discussion and training group, with Presbyterian and Church of England S.S. teachers . . . Church annual meeting honoured Will Harper with the title of Elder Emeritus. E. Long was elected as elder and F. T. Schutz as secretary . . . C.Y.F. visited Adelaide for a night of bowling . . . Mr. Coleman is making good progress in the local hospital following surgery. Les. Buckley is convalescing at home. Alec Page is still in St. Andrew's Hospital. His condition causes concern and the prayers of the church are upholding his family . . . C.W.A.F. Pres. is Mrs. Vic. Hennig and Mrs. Dudley Harper is Sec. C.W.E.F. annual meeting elected Mrs. Bert Coleman President and Mrs. Jack Deed Secretary.

BROTHERHOOD UPDATE

(PRESTON-E. PRESTON, Vic., G. J. Crossman). The churches were challenged again to love and loyalty to Christ and the brotherhood in a series of six Sunday evening special services. Departmental leaders shared at the grass roots

level of local church life and the names of those participating sounds like a "Who's Who" of Churches of Christ.

A panoramic view of the total life of our churches was presented and among the questions considered were: Strategy for the '70's; the role of women in the church; are we training too many men for the ministry?; has preaching had it?; future shapes of the ministry; where do we go for Christian Union?; is our plea for unity still relevant?; is evangelism brain-washing?; have we too many churches in Victoria?; etc. We saw something of the church ministering to the ageing, and the church involved with human problems.

Earlier, A. S. Fletcher, our assistant minister and a former missionary, had shown us something of the situation in New Guinea and the New Hebrides.

NEW MINISTRY

(HAMPSHIRE GDNS, S.A., M. D. Williams). Lance Austin from Applecross, W.A., has accepted an invitation to a five-year full-time ministry from Feb., 1972 . . . A film evening sponsored by the Youth Club raised \$45.30 for the National Youth Project.

VISIT BY YOUTH GROUP

(NORLANE, Vic., J. Edwards). Thirty young people from Doncaster took a recent evening service, the theme being "Stand Up and be Counted." The speaker, George Warren, has commenced and different approach were much appreciated . . . A guest service commenced with a casserole tea, followed by a baptism. The speaker was Malcolm Humphries. There were two first dedications. 150 attended as a result of personal home visitation by church members.

SECRETARY RESIGNS

(ALBERT PK., S.A., B. L. Pryor). Due to ill-health the church and church school secretary had to resign. D. Duffield served the church in an efficient way in these positions. Mrs. O. Lawton is church secretary and John Osborne the secretary for the church school . . . The church school has been accepted by the churches using the Christian Life Curriculum as a demonstration school. Various schools visit the school as a part of their teacher training programme . . . The Boys' and Girls' Brigades recently held a successful review. The Boys' Brigade has collected over \$170 for Boys' Brigade Week . . . The Forum Committee (the church in action at the level of youth) recently sponsored Miss Ros Batty for a group training experience. Miss Batty also won the Youth Leadership award given by the Woodville South Rotary Club to an outstanding leader of youth within the district.

VARIED PROGRAMMES

(DANDENONG, Vic., A. A. Avery). The 5 p.m. Sunday Family services have included a film about the Australian Aborigines, "The Desert People," screened by Alan West. Each week a colour film is screened for children. A Girls' Sunday programme was held on July 25 and on Aug. 1, Ralph Lee, General Manager of the Melb. Stock Exchange, was interviewed . . . Alan Matheson spoke to the church about his work with a church team in Italy . . . Miss Shirley Williamson of the Y.W.C.A., has commenced two girls' clubs, one for 7-11 years for 40 girls, and one for 11-14 years for 16 girls . . . A parent dedication service was held on July 18 for two families . . . 30 young people from Youth 2 and 3 attended a camp at Belgrave . . . Our Junior Basketball team is still winning well.



SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH (3)

H. M. RISSON, President, Churches of Christ in Queensland.

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

THIS part of the 20th Century is a time of great stress, of great and rapid change. There is ferment in social and political spheres and now in the church. Yet Christ stands the same, yesterday, today, and forever.

Think on this: three-quarters of the world's people who have ever lived, are alive today; a greater part of them being young. Approximately one-third of the world's people live under some form of communistic rule and are loudly informed that paradise is in their own hands here on earth now. Materialism is their philosophy, the State is their god. In most communistic countries, Christian education of youth is forbidden with the intention that the Church will die out. Do we believe it will? There are signs that God does not. A recent meeting in Taiwan was of missionaries who were planning for the day when God will lead them into mainland China. One of those taking part was a descendant of Hudson Taylor!

Now reflect upon the first missionary movement. The church at Antioch was founded by refugees driven from Jerusalem in the persecution following the death of Stephen. Barnabas came to guide the growing group, then Paul was called. Later, the Holy Spirit sent both Paul and Barnabas to a larger mission. This enterprise was a spontaneous overflow of spiritual enthusiasm which affected the whole church. Paul and Barnabas were the representatives of the entire body of believers. Do we think and feel this way today?

Missionary work does not necessarily consist of travelling to India or New Guinea, or even risking one's life in an alien land. In its elementary form, mission work is the simple sharing of one's life in Christ with one who does not have it—whether he is across the street or across the world. It is an irrepressible urge straight from the Holy Spirit, to "seek and to save."

Missionaries are not an adjunct to Christianity, but a normal expression of its essential vitality. Jesus defined the work of the apostles in his last commandment, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations." That is our work, too.

This is being Christian, our very life, every moment of it presenting Christ, each of us a missionary right where we are; both as individuals and as a people. Neither the purpose nor the message can be altered without violating the intent of our Lord's command.

Christ created the church to convey the truth; the world needs that truth, therefore the Gospel must be preached until the work is finished. What is your Mission? Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever!

Horace M. Risson was born in Ipswich, Qld., where he attended Silktana Primary School, and the Boys' Grammar School. Subsequently he was educated at the Teachers' College, Brisbane, and became a resident at King's College. Except for a period of service with the A.I.F. he has been with the Qld. Education Dept. for over 30 years. In the church he has served as C.E. leader, D.S. teacher, deacon, church treasurer, and elder. His grandmother started the Bible School at Ma

Ma Creek and his father was well known as a lay preacher throughout S.E. Qld. Mrs. Risson is much involved with her husband in his presidential year, for she is President of the Christian Women's Fellowship. The Rissons have one daughter, Mrs. E. Watson, whose husband is minister at Southport church, and three sons: Adrian, minister at Mackay; Geoffrey, minister at Charlestown; and Roger, a student at the College of the Bible.

YOUNG MAN BAPTIZED

(ASCOT VALE, Vic., P. Richter). One young man was baptized recently . . . The C.W.F. has packed a parcel of clothing for an Aboriginal lass . . . David Moncur has been very ill but is now progressing favourably . . . The minister has been trying out new ideas in the S.S. . . . Boys' and girls' clubs are working well. Good Companions have been in camp at Ferny Creek.

STUDENT SUCCESS

(BENDIGO, Vic., M. D. Keatch). Graeme Smith won a technical studentship and a Commonwealth Scholarship. . . . A special offering was received for East Pakistan relief . . . Explorers' Club paraded on July 18, and Girls' Sunday was observed on July 23 . . . G. Cann screened a film on Aug. 1 and spoke on the Mission to Lepers . . . The Half-yearly Conference of C.N.D.C. was held on Aug. 7 at Echuca. Churches were well represented . . . The church is saddened at the death of Wayne Doolan. Sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. G. Doolan and relatives . . . Mrs. Lucy Sbr., has received a life membership badge and certificate from the W.C.T.U. for years of service.

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OPEN FORUM

(Letters should not exceed 250 words)

NEEDS OF INDIA

To the Editor,

J. Anderson in "A.C." July 10, uses the article by Miss H. Skuce in "A.C." June 12, to suggest that our missionaries were not giving enough attention to meeting the physical needs of people struggling for survival.

Some of the people, themselves, from among the teeming millions living in Calcutta's filth and poverty, have written asking for Bible Study courses. In spite of their physical want they want to know something of the spiritual life.

Christians of our Indian Conference are doing all they can to send financial help for the Pakistan refugees and have established a fund for this purpose. Our Board in Australia has already sent \$500 and \$2,000 has been promised. If more is received it will also be sent. (See "A.C." July 10, page 12).

The work of our Conference in India is located in an area frequently being declared as "famine". In an endeavour to lessen the plight of the poor people of the area a colossal scheme has been undertaken on a joint basis between our Mission, Christian Agency for Social Action, and the Maharashtra Govt.

Miss Skuce writes: "It is certainly not true that we are not concerned with the physical aspects of people's needs. On these programmes in the construction of percolation dams we are feeding 30,000 people per day on an average. There are 6,000 people in this relief work and each person receives supplies for an average five people per family for one day's work. The food provided is in the form of wheat and oil for cooking."

This article hit me where it hurt. I had been up the whole night before I read it attending a Relief Committee meeting and returning home. On return home the work awaiting me required another full day of activity. We have no 44-hour working week here."

A.P.R.O. recently published this statement from a representative who visited the area: "This Baramati Agricultural Development programme is one of the finest examples of joint community effort I have seen. Baramati is a chronically drought-affected area, but on visiting the area one finds evidence of a green oasis, and wells providing drinking water in an area which is now benefited by the large percolation dams. Thirty of these have already been completed, and an area of 4,000 acres benefits many a poor farmer. The animators of this scheme are S. Powar, Member of Parliament, Bombay, and Miss H. Skuce and other colleagues."

—B. V. Coventry (S.A.).

HYMN TUNES

To the Editor,

I would like to thank Tertius for his excellent letters. It is very psychologically healthy to have a good laugh at ourselves occasionally.

Secondly, I would like to ask: Isn't it about time Churches of Christ had their own hymn tunebook? Visitors from other denominations who bring their own pianist have a game like hunt the thimble before they can find tunes for the hymns they have chosen. Also members who wish to sing alto, tenor, or bass, would find owning a book with tunes as well as words, most helpful

—Merle Watson (Vic.).

[Ed.—The Federal Hymn Book Committee is currently selecting tunes for a completely new edition of the Churches of Christ Hymnbook. Compilation of the "words only" material is complete. The new edition, when published, will comprise a music/words volume and a words only book.]

INDIA

To the Editor,

May I suggest to J. Anderson ("A.C." July 10) that he ponder Matt. 16: 26, "What will it profit a man, if he gains (a week, or a year of physical life) yet lose his own soul" and again in Hosea 4. 10, "They shall eat, but not be satisfied—because they have forsaken the Lord." Surely the spiritual life must be our first concern.

Let's not belittle the promises of God, or his power for the faithful. With bold confidence, Paul wrote to the Philippians (4: 19), "My God will supply every need of yours, according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." May our faith ever increase, for God's glory and for the salvation of his people.—R. Loller (S.A.).

OUT OF PAGANISM

To the Editor,

T. R. Mason stated in his letter that people today were two or three generations removed from any understanding of Christian concepts. He must surely realise that the world into which the New Testament Church was born was predominantly pagan, pagan by much more than three generations. A great number of converts in New Testament days came direct from paganism with no long history background of Christianity. The three thousand who were baptized on the Day of Pentecost came from biased Judaism. They had been the crucifiers of Christ. Paul knew the need of teaching for these new churches and new converts and he went out on a teaching mission. This teaching like the teaching of the Epistles was addressed specifically to Christians, those who had already been baptized.

Yes, Christian baptism is the beginning of obedience and the faith that we express when we commit our lives to Christ is initial faith and must go on increasing and deepening. Surely the teaching of Sunday morning sermons and of the church school is designed to help us to grow in understanding and action in life situations.—Harold E. Greenwood (S.A.).

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

IMPERSONAL EVANGELISM

To the Editor,

Our minister makes me mad. He's so impractical. On Sunday he was telling us that there is no evangelism without us really caring about people until our hearts are well nigh broken for them at times. And he keeps calling them people when every one knows that when you are talking about evangelism you call them souls. It's much more impersonal! Our minister doesn't realise that getting involved with people takes so much out of you. And who has that sort of time anyhow!

Well if you're going to criticise you ought to come up with something better. So I've worked out a scheme of evangelism where you don't have to care too much about people. In fact you don't even have to meet them. Here it is:

1. On dark nights when there's not much on the telly, put hundreds of tracts in letter boxes. Leave tracts surreptitiously in railway carriages, buses and restaurants. (Not in pubs! You wouldn't want to be seen going into a pub, would you?)

2. Write "Eternity" on walls, along with all of the other graffiti.

3. Wear a "Jesus saves" badge.

4. Put "Prepare to meet thy God" in full view of the passenger's seat in your car.

5. Pray to God to send people to hear the gospel preached . . . and if possible to tidy them up on the way.

6. Support with your presence and money any and every effort of evangelism that doesn't bring you face to face in any responsible way with any other person.

7. Witness with your life, but keep your mouth shut.

8. When a visitation programme is on at your church, offer to make the tea.

9. Forget that Matthew 25: 34-40 is in the Bible.

10. At all times talk loud and long that the church should use the mass media to spread the gospel.

TERTIUS.

CANBERRA IS 20

(AINSLIE, A.C.T., C. H. J. Wright). The church celebrated its 20th anniversary with G. R. Stirling, College of the Bible, and Dr. Ronald Graham, Theological College, Lexington, U.S.A., as speakers . . . During Friendship Month, name tags were worn at all functions . . . On Student Day of Prayer worship was led by our University students, and guest speaker was Dr. H. Bradbury of the Aust. Nat. Univ. At an informal service on "Young People Today" speakers were T. J. O'Connell, Principal, North Ainslie

Public School, and K. Robinson, Student Counsellor of the Canberra College of Advanced Education . . . Kel Thompson, chairman of Ainslie Deacons' Board, has been appointed as Principal, Cessnock Technical College, and he and his family have moved from Canberra. Mr. and Mrs. S. Motgnard have returned after 18 months in Jamaica . . . Speakers at Young Adults' Dinner Club have been Senator Greenwood, Minister for Health and Keith Stephens, student at the A.N.U. . . . Members residing in the Belconnen area met on July 27 to discuss future moves of the Canberra churches in that satellite city.

FEDERAL CONFERENCE POSTERS

A limited number of large coloured posters has been made available by the Western Australian Government Tourist Bureau but unfortunately there are not enough to send one to each church. One has been sent to each of the larger churches throughout the Commonwealth as initial publicity, but all churches will later receive an official Federal Conference poster.

THANKSGIVING AT BALWYN

(BALWYN, Vic., W. W. Saunders). Thanksgiving Service had Doug. Smith as guest speaker and Barry Fry as soloist. The offering was \$753 . . . The Conf. Pres., J. B. Alabaster, was welcomed the following Sunday. . . . Canterbury Christian Players presented "Christ in the Concrete City" . . . Mrs. Preston was speaker at C.W.F. Members took part in Ecumenical Fellowship Concert at Church of England.

LIFE ELDER

(HORSHAM, Vic., D. J. Marr). A. Harmer has been made Life Elder . . . North-West District C.W.F. Conf. was held at Horsham on Aug. 3. Miss Hall, minister of Warracknabeal, was special speaker. New President is Mrs. Norm. Holland. 1972 Conference will be held at Dimboola . . . Four sessions of A.C.E. have concluded with Sgt. S. More, of Horsham Police, as speaker . . . At C.W.F. Evening Group 21st birthday, Dr. Leyton was guest speaker.

THINGS TO COME

- NEW SOUTH WALES**
AUGUST
 23 N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal, 10 a.m., Burwood
VICTORIA
AUGUST: CHAIN OF PRAYER—H.M. & Ev.
 23-Sept. 4 Boys' Camp at Moonbulk & Hall's Gap.
 Girls' Camp at Hall's Gap.
SEPTEMBER: CHAIN OF PRAYER—H.M. & Ev.
 3-5 P.O.Y.A. 5th Week-end (D.C.E.)
 11 East. Dist. Youth Day Ride.
WESTERN AUSTRALIA
AUGUST
 28 Car Trial, organised by C. of C. Women's Basketball Association.
 18-23 Mini-Mission at Christian Centre, with G. R. Stirling.
 30-Sept. 3 Junior Boys' Camp, J. Rhodes Camp Site, Waterman.
SEPTEMBER
 4-11 Adventure Camp in Stirling Ranges.
QUEENSLAND
AUGUST
 15, 22, 29 11 A.M. Comm.—"Operation Enlistment"
SEPTEMBER
 3-5 Men's Camp—"Camp Cal."
 11 West Moreton Hall-Yearly Rally (Rosevale)

DO SOMETHING!!

In Australia we are developing into a nation of people who love to have their say in political and social questions. The popularity of talk back programmes, petitions and demonstrations seem to illustrate this. But, have you been to a meeting recently when nominees for office were called for? The silence is usually deafening! It's becoming more usual to be vocal than vocational.

Recently, the Federal Board of Christian Education called for tradesmen volunteers to go to Carnarvon to build four flats for elderly Aborigines in July, 1972. Applications were gratefully received from some men and nearly as many ladies to join the team. However, in order to select a team containing all the types of tradesmen required, many more applications are required.

"Equality for all men" is our cry, but perhaps it's much easier to say than to do something practical about the situation.

The final selection of the team has been delayed to enable more to apply. If you feel challenged by the opportunity of serving among our Aboriginal people, here's your opportunity. (See page 13).

DEATH OF N.Z. CHURCHMAN

The death is announced of Keith E. Knapp of Nelson, N.Z., at the age of 66. Mr. Knapp was a practising barrister since 1936 and a former president of the Nelson Law Society. He had a long association with the Nelson Church of Christ where he served as an elder and as chairman of the Board. He was for many years a S.S. teacher and member of the choir. Mr. Knapp, who belonged to a well-known N.Z. Church of Christ family, represented the churches on the Overseas Missions Board and on the National Council of Churches.

H. F. GROSS FOR THAILAND

Harold Gross recently spent a fortnight in Melb., en route to his new appointment in Thailand. He has been assigned to the church-related boys' high school at Nakhom Pathom, 35 miles west of Bangkok, to teach English.

He will be under the authority of the Department of Education of the (United) Church of Christ in Thailand, in conjunction with "Christian Volunteers for Thailand" which is sponsored in the U.S. by the United Presbyterian Church, with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) co-operating. He has also been asked by the Christian Church to undertake other tasks that will be consistent with his teaching duties.

Nakhom Pathom was originally evangelised by the British Churches of Christ, but the American brotherhood now accepts financial responsibility. The Church of Christ in Thailand (mainly Presbyterians, Disciples, and Baptists, with other smaller groups) has recently moved towards a more organic structure. A recent graduate of our British Overland College, Mr. Slawej Kanjanamukda, is returning as minister of the church at Nakom Pathom.

Mr. Gross flew to Bangkok on Aug. 17 and commences duties on Sept. 1 His address will be c/o Bamrung Wittaya School, Mokara Rd., Nakhom Pathom, Thailand.

BOYS' LEADER IS LEADING APPRENTICE

JOHN ELLINGHAM of the Morwell Church of Christ was honoured as the Apprentice of the Year at the annual presentation of awards by His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, Sir Rohan Delacombe, in the Melbourne Town Hall on August 6.

John received the Silver Medallion as the Outstanding Apprentice Instrument Maker, and the Gold Medallion for Victorian Apprentice of the Year. This great honour is based on an assessment of scholarship, craftsmanship, and citizenship. As part of the list of credentials the Town Hall assembly was told of his "youth leadership in the Morwell Church of Christ."

He has been Leader of the Senior Boys' Explorers at Morwell for nearly five years. He takes his church membership seriously, participates in the worship services, and assists in property maintenance. He is a member of the Christian Education Committee, and a past President of the Young Adult Fellowship.

The cover photo shows John, aged 20, being congratulated by his fiancée Pam Brereton, of Traralgon. They plan to marry next April.

John is a fourth-year apprentice in instrument making and repairing with the S.E.C., and has six months of his apprenticeship to serve. He hopes to take later a Diploma in Electrical Engineering. In addition to the medallions, he won a three week around Australia air-trip, \$100 to further his education, and a special cash prize of \$500. He said that most of the money will go into the bank in preparation for his wedding.

The cover block is used by courtesy of the Melbourne "Age."

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

MEN OF GOD IN UNIFORM Peter Young, writing in "The Bulletin" under the above title, made a scurrilous attack on army chaplains. It does not merit a serious reply, but it does provoke a comment. It presents no evidence for its vicious generalisations; such as "One of the puzzling things about war is the alacrity with which men of God rush to get into the act" . . . "wearing their uniforms awkwardly" . . . "placing an inordinate value upon the pips and crowns . . . a rank which becomes the biggest single barrier between them and the troops."

He does not tell how he knows that the chaplain's motive for becoming a chaplain is to escape the current difficulties of parish for security and regimented congregations of National Servicemen.

But he does say that "there is still an undoubted place for the battalion chaplain—even if only for amusement value . . . But the Viet Cong have done remarkably well without them—and have shot better, too." This sarcasm and cheap journalism is apparently directed against all chaplains, but we find that it is really the Protestant chaplains he is shooting at. . . . the Catholics come out on top—due mainly to their careful selection and the fact that their padres live in the camps as single men. "As always, it is the Sallies who are the most accepted. Always earning their place in the ranks by their practical Christianity these dedicated men could well show the way to reform by their understanding of the fighting man's real fears and need for spiritual comfort."

The facts are that the Catholics are selected in the same way as the rest of the chaplains. They all live in the camps on exactly the same basis. The Salvation Army would be the first to agree that they do not have a monopoly of Samaritanism or practical Christianity. And none of the chaplains is there to improve the shooting!

On the same page as Young's article, there was an apology concerning an earlier article. They admitted that their facts were wrong, and that their unjustified comments had harmed certain men. In Young's article, the facts are also wrong, the comments unworthy of a serious journal, and men of integrity have been slighted.

Not all chaplains are as good as Studdert-Kennedy, but we doubt if any could be as bad as Young paints them all.

GOOD GRIEF!! Los Angeles news report: Three-and-a-half years ago, Donald J. Correll was told he would die within 12 months. He didn't. A Superior Court jury awarded the 49-year-old bus-driver \$40,000 in damages from the doctor who made the fatal diagnosis. Correll testified that the doctor's warning had prompted him to quit his job, losing 18 years of seniority and pension rights!

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Annie is looking forward to her many television appearances and the public meetings in Australia. For one short month, she will be a Bible Society ambassador — telling and drawing the Good News.

(See page 14 for Miss Vallotton's Itinerary).

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AUG. 30 to SEPTEMBER 5, 1971

- Monday, August 30—**
 Delegates' Dinner, 6 p.m., Central Meth. President's Reception, 7.45 p.m., Grote Street.
Tuesday, August 31—
 Plenary Addresses, 2 p.m., Grote St. Social Service, 7.30 p.m., Grote St.
Wednesday, September 1—
 Ministers' Meeting, 3 p.m., Cent. Meth. Ministers' Dinner, 5 p.m., Grote St. Overseas Missions, 7.30 p.m., Grote St.
Thursday, September 2—
 Women's Conference, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Grote St. Business Session, 7.30 p.m., Grote St.
Friday, September 3—
 Ministers' Wives' Luncheon, 12.30 p.m., Grote St. Business Session, 7.30 p.m., Grote St.
Saturday, September 4—
 Business 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Grote St. H.M./D.C.E., 7.30 p.m., Central Meth. Mission.
Sunday, September 5—
 Conference Sermon, 2.30 p.m., Flinders St. Baptist Church, induction of new President.

SWANSTON ST. MINISTRY

(Vic.). The senior minister of the Swanston St. church, Melbourne, will complete eight years of leadership of the city congregation at the end of this year. Dr. Lloyd Jones has advised the church that he will not be extending his ministry beyond then and the church has reluctantly and with deepest regret received this intimation.

SENIOR CITIZENS MEET

(BLACKBURN, Vic., E. Roffey). A Senior Citizens' Fellowship has begun under the capable leadership of Wilkie Thomson, meeting once a month in Fellowship Room, with average attendance of 44 over its first three months. . . . Four lads were baptized and received into fellowship at morning service . . . On Girls' Sunday Good Companion leaders assisted in the service, with Catherine McCann, Pres., and Miss Joy Little, speaker. Girls and their mothers afterwards had dinner in the hall . . . H. Steele and W. Carnaby were elected as additional elders . . . Tea in hall and service for Blackburn United Football Club had J. Birt, coach Eandon V.F.L., as preacher . . . A. Page Jar, M. McCann, and J. Cleverdon are all home after surgery . . . A Sunday night Readathon was held. The whole of Mark's Gospel R.S.V. was read spontaneously by the congregation.

FORUM

"Towards an Understanding of the Homosexual."

Tuesday, August 31, 1971

8 p.m.

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The CHRISTIAN goes to:

BURGMANN COLLEGE

Before a distinguished audience of academics, representatives of the churches, and community leaders, the Hon. David Fairbairn, Minister of Education and Science, opened Burgmann College at the Australian National University in Canberra on Saturday, July 31.

Burgmann College is a residential institution for university students and is sponsored by six churches: Anglicans, Baptists, Churches of Christ, Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians. It is one of three such church-related colleges, the others being the Catholic halls of Ursula and John XXIII. Other residential colleges at the A.N.U. are known as Halls of Residence and are run by the University. The purpose of Burgmann College is to help to bring the influence of the Church to bear on student lives and on the life of the University itself. With three substantial religious institutions on campus there is a strong argument for including theological studies in the University syllabus. It is also expected that Burgmann will become a centre for post-graduate theological studies.

The name Burgmann is that of the first Bishop of Canberra. It was not chosen by the Anglicans. (They had in mind all sorts of odd medieval names such as "All Souls"). The Council of the College decided that it should be named after a distinguished Australian Christian who had made a real contribution both to Canberra and to the life of the nation. Burgmann was a clear leader in this field. In a sense "Burgy" belonged to us all, being in the van of inter-church co-operation when denominational arteries were still very hard. He was known as a crusader for justice. Once an axeman by trade, he made common cause with the Australian worker in the struggle for better conditions. The irony of the situation though is that Burgmann was one term late in opening partly because of a lengthy "black ban" on the building by workers.

Bishop Kenneth Clements as Chairman of the College Council, presided and offered the prayer of dedication, this being amongst the last acts of a long ministry, prior to his retirement. Dr. David Griffin, a Congregationalist, is the first Master of the College, and spoke of the awesome problems of having students in residence before most of the bedrooms were complete, and when there was no kitchen, and when the whole thing looked like some gaunt ship in a sea of mud.

For opening day the whole place was transformed. Furniture, modern, utilitarian, comfortable, was in place. Picture windows framed the view of Lake Burley

Griffin. Gowned residents took visitors on tours of rooms and studies. And for a while the sun broke through with its blessing.

The Hon. David Fairbairn is a practising Christian and an erstwhile church organist. It was fitting for him to open the College as the Australian Government (meaning the taxpayers) had given \$1,350,000 of the approximate cost of \$1,800,000. Among the interesting facts given by the Minister is that 66% of Australian University students eventually graduate (86% in the U.K.) and only 37% graduate in the minimum time (50% in the U.K.). These facts favour the Burgmann system of using post-graduate students as tutors to assist undergraduates.

At the moment Burgmann is home for 183 men and 71 women. Students pay \$20 per week for room and board, but rising costs will make an increase inevitable. Costing in a big College needs to be done finely. It was discovered that by giving the students two pieces of fruit per day instead of one, as at other residences, the College costs had risen by \$1,325 a year.

The names of four distinguished Australians were mentioned at the ceremony, as having been honoured in the major rooms of the College. One of these was the late A. R. Main, one time Principal of the College of the Bible, and later of the N.S.W. Bible College. His name has been given to the Chapel-Meeting Room. One whole wall of this room is glass, and looks out over the lake. Other Churches of Christ names represented are Robert Campbell Edwards (Senior Common Room) and T. R. Morris (Students' Room). Among the Founder Fellows are the names of B. F. Huntsman and R. P. Morris. A number of Churches of Christ University graduates have been invited to become members of Convocation.

As far as is known Burgmann College is the first in the world to be sponsored by a group of churches at national level. It is expected that other churches will participate in the management and life of the College, and its debt. The College Council is widely representative of the Churches, the University, Convocation, and the residents.

It has been suggested by some that the place of the Church on the University campus is not in separate Church-related Colleges, but as confessing Christians in the secular Colleges. However true this may be, Burgmann and the two Catholic Colleges are tangible evidence that the Church is in tertiary education at the National University. —G.R.S.

TEMPLE OFFERINGS

(CHELTENHAM, S.A. R. W. Saunders). When the church celebrated its 47th anniversary, the chapel was open to receive Temple Day offerings. \$144 was received and paid off Mutual Fund loan. I. J. Chilwell was morning speaker and the film "George Muller Story" and tea preceded evening service. Visiting artists for the Saturday concert were E. Hayworth, Mrs. A. Fletcher, T. Fletcher, Mrs. P. Millikan, Miss J. Corney and the Bayly family. Local member entertainers were Christine Maguire, Helen Fletcher, Ivan Young, Gordon Scown, and E. Curle.

COMBINED BIBLE FEATURE

(GOOLWA, S.A., Brian Beck). The Methodist Church and Church of Christ held a united service in the Methodist church on Aug. 1, arranged in conjunction with the B. & F.B.S. The colour film "Outreach" revealed the distribution of the Bible in Asian countries. There were also Australian personal testimonies to the Bible being a guide and help in daily living. . . . At a recent gospel service each person was provided with pencil and paper to write down the answer that could be given to a non-Christian enquirer. "What does it mean to be saved?" answers were placed in a box at the door and the following Sunday Mr. Beck assessed the answers.

RETURN TO SERVICE

(ASCOT PK., S.A. S. R. Baker). When the 18th anniversary of the church was celebrated on Aug. 1, members of the original Board were present with the exception of the late C. Matthews. H. A. Stevens presided, S. A. Bull, J. E. Davis, K. Matthews and L. C. Keatch, past deacons, assisted at the table. Mrs. Pillar, organiste, Mrs. P. Crowley, soloiste, Mrs. M. Bull, and P. Fopp, a former elder, all took part in the service. R. H. Sercombe, first full-time minister, gave the address. The ladies arranged a luncheon for 140. At the gospel service, W. Philp, a former member, gave the call to worship and sang two solos, Miss I. Hollands, the first convert, read the scripture, and E. P. C. Holland, a former preacher, gave the address.

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(SOUTHPORT, Qld., E. Watson). Ross Franks has taken over the duties of secretary of the Southport church. . . . Gordon Montgomery, from Brisbane, spoke to our men's tea, July 24. . . . Southport will be host to half-yearly conference this year. . . . We appreciate the fellowship of so many visitors from other States. . . . The Burt family have transferred from Berry St., Nth. Essendon, Vic.

KEDRON CELEBRATES

(Qld., R. Sansome). For the 42nd anniversary a Saturday social evening featured old photographs and games. Vic. Parker, former Kedron minister, was guest speaker on Sunday. . . . Keith Drinkwater was guest speaker at a weekend camp at Tamborine Mt. for young people. When the group returned to church on Sunday night five reconsecrated their lives and one young lady made her confession of faith.

CHURCH APPOINTMENT

(NAMBOUR, Qld., R. McLean). One of the four newly-elected deacons, J. Sorenson, was also appointed Secretary. . . . Seven new families have been transferred to this church in the past six months. . . . The church evening service is at 6 p.m. for a trial period. . . . The church was saddened by the death of a foundation member, E. Kingston.

PROSTITUTION PROTEST

(BUNBURY, W.A., G. B. Carslake). The local church, with the Methodist and Apostolic Churches, presented a case to the local Town Council in protesting against its decision to support local legislation of prostitution. After considering the facts the Council reversed its decision and will oppose efforts to legalisation of prostitution here. . . . "Features at 7" have included a film, "The Colour Question," Y.P. presented a play "The Prisoner," and Mr. Lees of local Rehabilitation Centre, spoke. There have been four baptisms and another decision recently. . . . F. H. Griffiths was guest preacher at 69th church anniversary. . . . \$300 of the thank-offering aim of \$500 has been received. . . . The Y.P. presented a concert at Elanora Lodge and sang at the Gelorup Slow Learners' Centre.

AID TO PARENTS

(INGLEWOOD, W.A., K. J. Parry). Church school scholars participated in the service on July 11 and then viewed a film while a guest panel endeavoured to assist parents with answers to children's religious questions. . . . Groups are meeting on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings to study duplicated notes from the College of the Bible Winter School. . . . During August, church is conducting a special appeal to liquidate debt on hall. . . . A project has been commenced to assist Mr. and Mrs. L. Fisher in their outreach work in the north-west of the State. . . . School received an award in recent efficiency campaign arranged by the Youth and Christian Educ. Dept. . . . A Biblical fancy dress social was held on August 7 for members of the school and Girls' Brigade.

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DEATHS

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MINISTER FOR CHAPLAINCY

(MARYBOROUGH, Vic., C. Muller). Our minister has indicated he will become a school chaplain in 1972 . . . The Teenage Club visited the local hospital and distributed book-marks and literature to patients. Wes. Hellyer is in hospital . . . On Girls' Sunday the Good Companions paraded under the leadership of Mrs. Burton. At parent-girls' dinner on 27th awards were presented . . . Miss S. Richards is a patient at Will H. Clay Nursing Home.

PRESIDENT AT RESERVOIR

(Vic., A. Baker). The church celebrated its 37th anniversary. Speaker was Conf. Pres., J. B. Alabaster. Soloist was Terry Cliff. Visitors and present members had casserole luncheon. Good Companions and their leaders took part in evening service . . . A successful "Coffee Den" was held. Speaker was P. Edwards . . . The men have formed a Fellowship. R. Grayden is Pres. . . . A mini mission will be held in Sept. . . . Ladies from College of the Bible took Ladies' Fellowship meeting.

"FEATURES AT 5"

(GLEN WAVERLEY, Vic., R. B. Elbourne). "Features at Five" programme continues to create interest. Colour slides and a psychedelic poster display were featured with the theme "Colour my World." W. Tabbernee and R. V. Longthorpe have contributed to these special services . . . Seven young people and one adult were baptized at recent morning service attended by 176 . . . Mrs. B. Langford is now leader of Senior Good Companions.

"WITNESS OF CHURCHES"

(RINGWOOD, Vic., G. W. Barnett). In a July series on our witness, E. W. Roffey spoke on our history, Dr. Trevor Banks on our contemporary witness, Stanton H. Wilson on our churches around the world, and in three Wednesday evening meetings, Principal E. L. Williams conducted a Workshop in Christian Union . . . Other recent speakers were J. B. Alabaster, Conf. Pres., at the church anniversary, and G. R. Strling, of the College of the Bible. . . . On Girls' Sunday, the Good Companions and their leaders assisted at the service. Ringwood Girl Guides were present and were also guests at lunch . . . Mrs. A. Bond received 84th birthday greetings on Aug. 4 . . . Mrs. A. E. D'lar, an early member, has died . . . Mr. Barnett has intimated his intention not to continue his ministry at Ringwood beyond 1972.

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—J.E.B.

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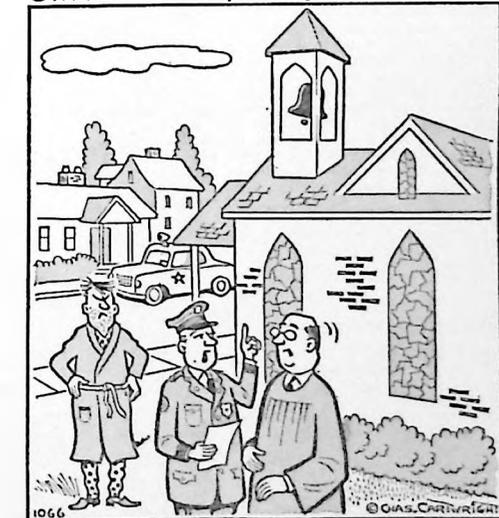
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(BAYSWATER, Vic., Dr. K. Bowes). C.W.F. paid a surprise visit to Mr. and Mrs. Bryant on their golden wedding anniversary. A gold flowered rhododendron shrub was presented by Mrs. A. Handyside . . . A lamington drive brought a net profit of \$100 . . . At an afternoon at Emmaus Guest Home the Yukana Singers, under the leadership of Mrs. Doreen West, entertained the ladies. Mrs. Val. Davis and Mrs. Audrey Shore also rendered items. The visitors also sang happy birthday greetings to Mrs. Huntington on the occasion of her 84th birthday.

ACHIEVEMENT AT CAULFIELD

(BANBRA RD., Vic., K. Berston). Ted Terry has been awarded the A.P.I.A.P. by the International Federation of Photography. Each year 16 persons throughout the world may receive this honour. He also received a major award at the Sydney International Exhibition of Photography. Miss Marj. Buckingham has received a German translation of her last published Christian novel, "Many Waters." Others of her books have been translated into German, Greek, French, Arabic and Afrikaans . . . Mission Outreach stands at \$1,791.00 . . . At a special youth night on Aug. 15 an audio-visual of the church's activities was shown. Youth Choir provided music with electronic organ . . . C.W.F. provided programme at Hampton Rehabilitation Hospital . . . Sympathy of church is expressed to Mrs. Radnell in the death of her brother. Mrs. D. Tidd continues to improve. Miss F. Henderson and Mrs. L. Atkins have entered hospital.

WHOLESALE HARVEST

(OAKLEIGH, Vic., T. V. Weir). The Harvest Thanksgiving services had a splendid display of fruits, vegetables and groceries. The theme was "My Cup Runs Over." Nearly \$80 was spent in purchasing the goods at wholesale rates and numerous other donations were made. As usual these goods were distributed to Burwood Boys' Home, College of the Bible, Christian Guest Home, Emmaus, and Will H. Clay Hospital . . . C.W.F. has forwarded goods to Norseman Mission including 270 coathangers, 110 soft toys, over 50 aprons and other articles. . . The church has lost one of its older members in the death of Ray Skinner. For over 50 years he served in various positions in the church, serving several terms as deacon and elder.

OPERATION EXCURSION

(MITCHAM, Vic., E. Heard). The Intermediate S.S. scholars followed an outing and tea at their teacher's home, by leading an evening service . . . At a recent commitment service adults dedicated their lives to Christ and sought further instruction. Discipleship classes are continuing . . . Girls' Sunday featured a fellowship tea, then mothers and daughters took part in the evening service . . . Men's basketball "firsts" are on top of the ladder. Four girls' basketball teams are playing well . . . Recent C.W.F. speakers have been Mrs. Morrison from Hartwell, and Miss B. Darah on leave from New Guinea.

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OVERSEAS MISSIONS

RETURN TO THE NEW HEBRIDES

On June 28 I arrived in Vila, the administration centre of the New Hebrides, after spending three days in Noumea. I made my last visit to the New Hebrides in 1967 and with rapid changes taking place, it was essential that another visit be made to become familiar with the developments.

Met Mrs. C. Saxby, from N.S.W., who was on the same flight from Noumea. She is the secretary for the N.S.W. Overseas Mission Committee. The Saxbys were en route to Aoba but I stayed in Vila.

by R. S. A. McLEAN

Had several days for discussions with British Government officers and to meet members of Christ young people studying at the British Secondary School and the Kawenu Teachers' College.

One of the important matters discussed with education officers was the possibility of establishing a post primary school at Ranwadi on Pentecost Island. The Presbyterians had agreed to establish a post primary school, and the Anglicans had similarly agreed.

Of all our existing school sites, the education officers felt that Ranwadi was the most suitable for us to develop a post primary school. At the annual meeting of the Overseas Mission Board last March it was agreed that if we established a post primary school that Ranwadi would be the most suitable site, and it was interesting to note that independently the education officers had reached the same conclusion.

It has been agreed by our Missionary Committee to accept this proposal, and it is now being considered by Island conferences.

A post primary school at Ranwadi will provide an opportunity for more of our boys and girls in the New Hebrides to extend their education beyond the primary level. The school will be co-educational with an opportunity for boys to learn wood-work and technical drawing and the girls to learn home economics, as well as the four compulsory subjects, English, Mathematics, General Science and Geography.

The Government will provide full salaries for all New Hebridean staff and a subsidy of \$1,644 p.a. for an expatriate headmaster, and \$1,260 p.a. for an expatriate class teacher. Allowances for equipment, maintenance of buildings and a boarding grant will also be available.

With the present development of educational work in the New Hebrides, we expect that within a few years the Mission's financial responsibility will be reduced considerably as increased assistance is given by the Government, and the people contribute through school fees. This will in no way restrict the work of Christian witness and religious instruction by both missionaries and New Hebridean staff. The present plan is to staff the Londua School with New Hebrideans.

I enjoyed fellowship in Vila with Samuel Vusi, our New Hebridean pastor, who is working amongst students and those who have gone to Vila for employment. Pastor Vusi conducts weekly meetings at the Kawenu Teachers' College, and British Secondary Schools, and I had the privilege of speaking to the students at the meetings held the week I was there. We had just packed up our equipment after the meeting at the British Secondary School at 9 o'clock one night when the duty teacher asked if we would mind having another meeting with a senior group of students whose pastor had not arrived. There was a real interest from the 60 young people as slides were shown of our mission work in New Guinea, India and South-East Asia. The people in the New Hebrides are realising that they too are called to go and send missionaries to other lands, and during this visit to the New Hebrides, I have found there is a real interest in the missionary challenge.

Pastor Vusi also visits prisoners in the British prison and I went with him to visit a young man whom I had previously taught at Londua. This man will be in prison for many years, and he welcomes Christian fellowship. Letters and magazines sent by concerned people in Australia have been an encouragement to him. He is studying the Scriptures through Bible Correspondence.

Churches in the New Hebrides are allocated a period for Christian broadcasting over Radio Vila and Pastor Vusi accepts this responsibility on our behalf. We have no church of our own in Vila, but the Presbyterian church has been made available for Pastor Vusi to conduct services for our people on Sunday afternoons. There is an urgent need to build a church and manse in Vila. However, little can be done until the Administration finalises plans for a new housing area for New Hebrideans.

I was advised that when this housing plan eventuates, land for churches will be allocated, and this will enable us to locate the church and pastor amongst the people. If we built on land we originally purchased in Vila for this purpose, the church would be remote and the pastor isolated from his people.

The expansion of our work into towns such as Noumea in New Caledonia, Vila and Santo in the New Hebrides is the result of an increasing migration of the people from the villages to the towns and is a challenge to both the Australian and New Hebridean churches to accept opportunities for witness.

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3. He was with No. 2 above in Phillipi where he was beaten and his feet placed in the stocks. An earthquake freed him.

(Answers next issue.)

"I've found a way to fool the foreman," said the Irish workman to his mate.

"How come?" asked the other.

"Well, I've been carrying this same load of bricks up and down this ladder all the morning and he thinks I'm working."

THREE BIBLE ISLANDS (see last issue): 1. Crete (Candia), 2. Cyprus, 3. Malta (Melita).

JUNIOR was given a treat in being taken to the Russian Ballet. After watching the girls dancing on tiptoe, he asked, "Why don't they just get taller girls?"

"APPLE-PIE ORDER"

A Puritan woman, Hepzibah Merton, inspired this saying. She used to bake two or three dozen pies at a time to last her family through the coming week. The pies were kept on a long shelf, and each was labelled with the day it was to be eaten. Large pies were for days when there was heavy work to be done; smaller pies for lighter workdays.

Hepzibah's "apple-pie order" became widely known, and today we use the term to describe real system or neatness.

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"Well, my dear, I was playing golf with a friend and . . ."

"What? At 2 a.m.?"

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THE LAST WORD...

ON COMING INTO CHURCH

Love is the doctrine of this church,
The quest of truth is its sacrament,
And service is its prayer.
To dwell together in peace,
To seek knowledge in freedom,
To serve mankind in fellowship,
To the end that all souls shall grow
Into harmony with the Divine;
Thus do we covenant with each other
and with God.

—Author unknown.



Auction: Where you get something for nothing.

The Church does not apologise for the fact that it wants all men to know Jesus Christ and to follow him. The Church's very calling is to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth. It cannot make any restrictions in this respect. . . . A Christianity which should think of itself as one of many diverse contributions to the religious life of mankind is a Christianity that has most of its foundation in the New Testament.—VISSEH 'T HOOFT.

Buy not what you want, but what you need. What you do not need is dear at a farthing.—Cato.



The greatest achievement of the ancient Romans was their facility for learning Latin.



Love is a feeling you feel when you feel you are going to feel a feeling you never felt before.



Anger is righteous if it has in it grief on account of what is happening to others, and not a grudge on account of what is happening to oneself.

—E. Stanley Jones.

When civilisation hits its peak,
We may all work a no-hour week.
—Arnold Glasgow.



He is so mean—if he spilled some iodine he would cut his finger so as not to waste it.



It was very hot and slushy like wind-screens, and smothered with mud and the car had several accidents. "Wouldn't it be a good idea to wipe the wind-screens" asked the passenger.

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