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PAIN AND PRIVILEGE

"ARE YOU CALLED TO PREACH? THEN PREACH AS THOUGH GOD HIMSELF WERE SPEAKING THROUGH YOU. ARE YOU CALLED TO HELP OTHERS? DO IT WITH ALL THE STRENGTH AND ENERGY THAT GOD SUPPLIES.

DEAR FRIENDS, DON'T BE BEWILDERED OR SURPRISED WHEN YOU GO THROUGH THE FIERY TRIALS AHEAD, FOR THIS IS NO STRANGE, UNUSUAL THING THAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU.

INSTEAD BE REALLY GLAD — BECAUSE THESE TRIALS WILL MAKE YOU PARTNERS WITH CHRIST IN HIS SUFFERING, AND AFTERWARDS YOU WILL HAVE THE WONDERFUL JOY OF SHARING HIS GLORY IN THAT COMING DAY WHEN IT WILL BE DISPLAYED.

BE HAPPY IF YOU ARE CURSED AND INSULTED FOR BEING A CHRISTIAN, FOR WHEN THAT HAPPENS THE SPIRIT OF GOD WILL COME UPON YOU WITH GREAT GLORY.

DON'T LET ME HEAR OF YOU SUFFERING FOR MURDERING OR STEALING OR MAKING TROUBLE OR BEING A BUSYBODY AND PRYING INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S AFFAIRS.

BUT IT IS NO SHAME TO SUFFER FOR BEING A CHRISTIAN. PRAISE GOD FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING IN CHRIST'S FAMILY AND BEING CALLED BY HIS WONDERFUL NAME."

1 Peter 4: 11-16
("Living New Testament")



L. BOXHALL . . .
President, Tasmania District Conference.

TUNNEL VISION

SOMETIME ago I heard the term, "tunnel vision," used in respect of a driver. It was said the driver was a road safety risk because his vision was always and only immediately ahead. He had "tunnel vision."

I have thought about this sort of vision in relation to our Christian work and witness — as individuals, as churches, as a brotherhood, as part of the whole Church. There is a sense in which tunnel like vision is an asset. Most of us react favourably when we read ". . . let us run the race that we have to run with patience, our eyes fixed on Jesus the Source and the Goal of our faith" (Hebrews 12: 1, Phillips). Also, Philippians 3: 14. Verses such as these have a good sound; they are definite and forward looking. Further, it is good to learn of churches and departments deciding on a programme and setting in with a will and determination to achieve the objectives. This sort of tunnel vision appeals to us too.

Tunnel-like vision can, however, be our undoing as well as our driving force. When our straight ahead look excludes an awareness and concern and involvement in what is about and around us we run risks. There is harm and danger in the individual who is so pre-occupied with one aspect of Christian witness and service and experience, that he fails to stop and give right of way or encouragement to another who is also witnessing and serving although travelling by a different route. True, the roadway of life has its imposed stopping places. Pressures, sickness, trouble, finance limitations — these and

SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH (9)

Laurie Boxhall spent most of his early boyhood living in country districts because his father was a policeman. When his parents moved to Hobart he became a member of the Collins St. church. He has held positions of D.S. supt. secretary and teacher, Explorer Club and C.E. leader, cricket club captain, church secretary, deacon and trustee.

Laurie served in the A.I.F. and the war helped him meet his wife of the Strathalbyn church, S.A. They lived in S.A. for 3½ years after the war and two of their four children were born at Strathalbyn. Their eldest son, Graham, works with the church at Alston, Queensland. Their eldest daughter Jeannette, married Giacomo Day of Merredin, W.A., and they live in Hobart. Ron attends Matriculation College and Anne is at High School.

Laurie is a Commonwealth Public Servant. He has served with the P.M.G. and Social Services Departments and for the last twelve years, with the Commonwealth Taxation Office in Hobart. He has had responsibilities for organisation and staff training and is now Personnel Officer.

Laurie and Joyce share Presidencies this year as Joyce is President of the Tasmanian Women's Conference. They are both Daylight Saving fans.

other stop signs halt us. At these times one looks around and becomes more aware that others are also on the move for their Lord and Master. How much better, though, to have a wider vision at all times and so be aware as one moves forward that the road of service to Christ is a shared road.

I see harm in the Church which suffers from acute tunnel vision. Let that Church say, "We preach Christ crucified" and let it concentrate its main energies on that. Let that other Church decide that its priority of effort and time and money in a particular period is the improvement of its facilities, or the support of brotherhood departments, or the mounting of some particular programme of outreach or some other project which seeks to honour God and extend his kingdom. Let that Church do these things but let it not see only itself at work for God. The sea may surround that Church or separate it from most others — or maybe the separation comes from the vastness of rolling plains, or the tangle of concrete buildings and crowded streets, or from tropical forest—but let that church look through its own efforts and over and around these physical features and be aware of sister Churches also at work in love, service and witness for the same Lord and Master.

Such an awareness draws us from country towns and from cities, from the highways and the byways, to journey forward together powered by His love and ready to allow others, indeed ready to assist and encourage others, to join the onward flow of God fearing, God serving, heaven-bent travellers.

By Lloyd Cooke

(The suspect humour of Peter Cook and Dudley Moore has caused (oven) the A.B.C. to pre-record their public presentations —; which leads me to say:)

*Sure we welcome you — as a canary a cat —
Or as a chicken a circling hawk!
As welcome as a cricket tour by 'you-know
Which'-team!
You're as welcome as sparrows to West Australia
Or contetti inside a church!
Oh! We'd love to have you! sure!
Like we look forward to the six months'
Annual visit of our mother-in-law!
Goodness! no offence meant! But I hope
the silver-fish find your passport!*

BOYS OF THE BANNED

*We welcome you! Sure! we welcome you!
Like a snail welcomes salt into its shell house —
As much as a dog appreciates a thunderstorm —
Or as a cat is welcomed in a dogs' home!
You're as welcome as a wet day for a wedding —
Or pork at a Jewish festival!
Welcome as a cloudburst at a Sunday School
picnic —
As half a grub in a bite of apple —
As water in a petrol tank —
As grit in a slice of sponge cake!
You're as welcome as an oil slick on Long Beach —
Or effluent on the 'posh' Gold Coast!*

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

By PETER McPHEE

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL is fighting a war of conscience: its primary weapon, moral pressure; its objective, the freedom to follow one's conscience.

It was founded in 1961, the inspiration of one man, Peter Benenson, a British lawyer, and in these ten years it has gained the support of so many dedicated people that there are over 10,000 members scattered through about fifty countries. These members are usually organised into groups of a dozen or so people, each group concerning itself with three individuals being denied freedom of conscience by their Governments.

In most countries of the world people are still regularly imprisoned for differing in some way from the majority, for being conscientious objectors, for clinging to their religious beliefs, for wanting to organise trade unions, for disagreeing with the policies of the Government of the day. In many cases the sentence is made worse by enforced hard labour and solitary confinement, or torture.

The Governments that detain them plead the security of the State, some with more justification than others. Most of these detentions are disgraceful, disqualifying the countries concerned from being called democracies.

Amnesty International exists to put pressure on Governments to release their "prisoners of conscience," now defined by the organisation as "any person who, while not advocating or practising violence, is imprisoned or otherwise persecuted and detained because of his opinions, beliefs, religion or race." And the evidence is that Governments can sometimes be shamed into releasing the people they hold.

Amnesty has done this by being politically impartial, by employing researchers to investigate reasons for imprisonment as fully as possible, and by concentrating the efforts of its membership. Thus a group of persons can concern themselves over one particular prisoner.

He can be told of their interest. This gives him the first thing that every prisoner needs — hope. The Government that detains him can be asked to justify its actions, which it rarely can do if its critics are well-informed about conditions in that country. The record shows that a good many prisoners have been released, that more Governments are becoming sensitive about the image they present, and that at least conditions may improve for those who are not released. Here is a portion of a letter received by a Melbourne group from a Rhodesian who has been detained without trial since 1963:

"In your letter you have made reference to the help you are giving me as being trifling or very slight. I must say that before being adopted by the group of you kind-hearted people, there was no help. All that was prevailing was sadness. You have and you are rendering me and my family help which words fail to express. I say to you, good friends, never underestimate your good work: it is godly to us. Please think and pray for us until we are through this painful and trying period of our life."

Inquiries about Amnesty International can be addressed to the Secretary of the Victorian Section, Driffield Crescent, Sassafras, 3787.

Readers could send messages of encouragement to the following three women prisoners:

MRS. LARISSA DANIEL — the wife of the Russian writer Yuli Daniel. She was first arrested in August, 1968, when together with some friends she staged a non-violent demonstration in Red Square, Moscow, against the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia. The following October she was brought to trial and sentenced to four years in exile on charges of "violating public order." She is now in a remote locality of Eastern Siberia and working in a wood-processing factory carrying heavy logs. As a result of the heavy work and the inadequate diet there has been a steady deterioration in her health. Her husband Yuli has this year been released after serving five years hard labour at Potma in the Volga basin for "slandering the Soviet state" in his short stories. He has not been allowed to visit his wife since his release.

Send your cards to —

Mrs. Larissa Daniel,
SSSR, Irkutskaya oblast, stantsiya Chuna,
U1 Kirova, dom 47, Bogoraz L.I.

MRS. ELENI VOULGARI — sentenced to 10 years in prison in Greece in 1966. Her crime was that her family sheltered her brother-in-law, a former resistance fighter, and that she had taken him to see family friends. The rest of the family were arrested in 1954 but she was out of the house at the time and managed to avoid arrest for the next seven years. When her mother was released in 1961 she went with Eleni to see the Prosecutor who assured her that there was no need to obtain a special "liberating decision" to clear her name. However, in August 1966 she was arrested and tried by court martial in November and convicted. She was pregnant when arrested and gave birth to a son in Averoff prison. She was not a member of a political party and had expressed no political views — her "crime" is that of association with a relative.

Send your cards to —

Mrs. Eleni Voulgari,
Averoff prison, Athens, Greece.

MRS. LILIAN NGOYI — will be well-known to those who have read the account of the African women and their struggle against apartheid in the books "If This be Treason" and "Tomorrow's Sun" by English-born Helen Joseph. Lilian Ngoyi was a member of the African National Congress and in 1954 was elected National Vice-President and later Transvaal President of the Federation of South African Women. After Congress's declaration of its Freedom Charter in December 1956 she was arrested and charged with high treason, and along with 156 others was involved in the great Treason Trial of 1956-61. Since her acquittal she has devoted her whole life to the struggle against apartheid by working amongst and organising women. She is now serving a second five-year banning order which restricts her from moving more than one mile from her home, or from communicating with other banned people. She is a widow with two children.

Send your cards to:

Mrs. Lilian Ngoyi,
9 870 h Nkungu Street, Orlando West 2,
P.O. Phirima,
Johannesburg, South Africa.

WHO? (or What?) IS A JEW

By Dr. A. G. ELLIOTT

THE New Testament writer who was most definite about where he stood in regard to nationality and race was the Apostle Paul. To the Galatians he wrote in general terms, indicating clearly that in the Gospel "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus". (Gal. 3: 28). Moreover, to the Corinthians this "Hebrew of the Hebrews" expressed himself in even more particular and personal terms concerning himself — "Are they Jews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I". (2 Cor. 11: 22). Of course, this was written long ago, in the 1st century. Only this year, however, in this second half of the 20th century — the question of defining who or what is a "Jew" arose once more.

NEWS ABOUT JEWS: The traditional definition of a Jew is anyone who has been born of a Jewish mother — or one who is a convert to the Jewish faith. It has been customary also among many authorities, following the line of Rabbi Israel Mattuck, in his standard work, "What Are the Jews?" to regard the modern Israeli as stemming from the Hebrew of the Old Testament. It has also been assumed that collectively they represent not so much a "race" or a "nation" as a religion. Others have asserted that they are a religious group possessing national and racial characteristics.

Strangely enough, a recent controversy has developed in Israel itself on this very problem. Benny Shalit and his wife Anne, a couple living in modern Israel and declaring themselves to be "Jews", have been attempting for nearly four years to have their children registered as "belonging to Israel" (that is, of what is technically known as "Jewish peoplehood") but of no "religious affiliation". This unusual request is simple when understood. It is because the Shalits declare that though they are ethnically Jewish, they are both atheists — and wish their children to be atheists also. In their view, there is a difference, and in fact a notable one, between being "a national" and having a "personal religion".

NEW VIEWS ABOUT JEWS: So widespread have been the discussions on this issue that Dr. Yehuda Bloom, Professor of Law at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, is reported to have stated that the criterion relating to the determination as to who is a Jew — is not really one of biological significance, but is rather a matter of national and spiritual identity. In addition, the Supreme Court of Israel brought down a ruling that a man can be of Jewish nationality without being of Jewish faith. It seems, therefore, despite the virulent opposition of the strictest Rabbis, that the Ministry of the Interior in the Israeli Government is bound to register an individual in accordance with his own definition of what he means when he says he is a Jew!

A somewhat similar situation confronts us here in this country — when folk persist in hiding behind the fiction that Australia is a "Christian nation", or that Western Civilization or the Western Block of nations is intrinsically "Christian". For, in actual fact, the standard of life and conduct, publicly and privately, is so often far removed from the will of Christ!

GOOD NEWS FOR JEWS: The current Jewish Law of Return makes provision that any Jew migrating to modern Israel from anywhere in the world may acquire Israeli citizenship. Furthermore, most Jews have regarded themselves as a distinct ethnic-religious group. They have believed, and with some justification, in view of their checkered history and the verdict of the centuries — that as "the seed of Abraham" they represent a national entity. They have also believed that as "the chosen people" they have a spiritual heritage.

One of the ever-pressing problems of our day, however, is that though the Hebrew claim to a national entity is being rigorously realised in political Zionism and the fight for freedom against an enclosing Arab world, their spiritual heritage has been sadly neglected and the God of their fathers largely forgotten.

It certainly does seem to be a rather shallow solution to the current Arab-Israel confrontation to dismiss it as just another "political incident". Surely the destinies of these peoples partially presented and partially explained in the Scriptures of the Old Testament, must cause us to realise that God is in this too. In fact, the inter-meshing of international affairs in the 20th century, particularly in the storm centre we call the Middle East, should bring us back in no uncertain fashion to the Biblical maxim that inevitably God is concerned in the stuttering tactics of men and of nations.

How frequently, in pondering this enigma of the so-called "chosen people", we have been reminded of those cryptic couplets

"How odd
of God
To choose
The Jews —"

And also the assuring response

"What rot
Why not
I s'pose
He knows —"

Other generations as well as ours have been confronted with this same problem. Yet all must acknowledge that God alone is the Final Arbitrer.

To those thousands of Jews who are represented by Benny and Anne Shalit, with no faith and no hope, the word of the Hebrew Psalmist who wrote so long ago is still applicable — "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God" (Psalm 14: 1).

To those equally large numbers of Jews who reject the Shalits' claim but follow the hard-bargaining attitude of the Rabbis — the word of the Holy Spirit, through Paul in Romans 9, is surely the only hope. The only lasting "Good News" for the Jew is to be found in the Lord Jesus Christ. The "seed of Abraham" according to the flesh has but a limited heritage; but the "seed of Abraham" according to the Spirit are "the children of the promise".

Those of us who are non-Jews, who, as Paul reminds us — through the "blindness in part" of the Jews — have come to know the Lord and become children of the Promise, should pray and work in order that these sons of Abraham according to the flesh may come to know him too.

GO WEST

— WHERE THE ACTION IS!

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MISSIONS UNDER FIRE

(NEW YORK). The attitude of Christians in the West is partly responsible for the cry "Missionary, go home" now being heard in one Third World country after another, said Dr. Philip Potter, director of the W.C.C.'s Commission on World Mission and Evangelism (C.W.M.E.). He was speaking at the 50th anniversary of the International Missionary Council. (The I.M.C. united with the World Council of Churches in 1961 and became the C.W.M.E.).

By their attitudes and actions, Dr. Potter said, Christians of the West have been saying to the Third World Christians, "We don't need you." Third World Christians believe that in order to discover their own integrity and selfhood they may need at least for a while to dispense with missionaries who represent the structures of foreign missionary domination.

Dr. Arthur A. Glasser, dean of the Graduate School of Missions, Fuller Theological Seminary in California, reported on missionary developments among conservative evangelicals. He stressed a widely shared feeling among evangelicals that those related to the World Council of Churches were neglecting the task of winning men to faith in Christ while over-emphasising service and reconciliation.

Dr. Potter said that the W.C.C. staff was not "sounding the note of the Gospel" in the same way as in the past. "We are communicating the Gospel in the context of the realities of today's stormy weather," he said. Noting that they might use different language from conservative evangelicals, he said they were no less committed to evangelism.

When Dr. Glasser spoke of wanting to put "the ship on an even keel" (i.e., balancing evangelism and social action), Dr. Potter replied, "How can a ship be on an even keel in rough seas?"

Meanwhile in Milwaukee an East African black church leader, the Rev. John Gatui, seemed to be illustrating Dr. Potter's thesis when he urged the Church to rid itself of the "Vasco da Gama" mentality. Speaking to 2,500 members of the Reformed Church in America attending Mission Festival '71, the general secretary of

the Presbyterian Church of East Africa said: "Behind the Western attitude of 'having something to share with their fellow men' lies a wish to continue past images and an excuse for not facing the challenge of mission in their own countries."

He said, "missionaries are accepted in the Third World out of kindness, to avoid tribal conflicts by providing a neutral force, and to keep from taxing the local church for projects that can be received free from Western churches. Nothing can be gained by evading the facts of life and delaying the day of confrontation," he maintained.

Dr. Jose Miguez-Bonino of Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, told the Reformed gathering that U.S. Christians could not avoid a political role.

"You cannot be neutral," he said. "Your church, your money and your people will either reinforce the pattern of domination and exploitation, or participate in the struggle for liberation."

He claimed that decreasing money given by churches for missions, the uncertainty and confusion of many missionaries, and the criticism from overseas churches and social scientists, constituted evidence that the traditional missionary enterprise was "sick unto death."

Meanwhile a veteran Methodist missionary, Dr. Harry Denman, described America as "the greatest mission field today." He told the 60-member governing board of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism in Colorado Springs, "I don't think the U.S. can evangelise the world. We are imperialistic, we are militant, we are still dropping the bombs."—E.P.S.

PROBE OF TORTURE CHARGES

(Cape Town). The Synod of the Cape Town Diocese (Anglican) has called for an official inquiry into allegations that people have been tortured and have died while detained under South Africa's security laws.

A resolution passed overwhelmingly at the synod meeting Oct. 18 demanded that detainees be seen once a week by a judge, be given adequate medical attention and be allowed weekly visits by a clergyman of their religious faith.

"The synod is deeply disturbed," said the resolution, "at the allegations, taken from affidavits and sworn evidence, of torture inflicted upon people detained under the security laws, including deaths in detention."

The resolution came as the Rev. Ber-

nard Wrangmore, an Anglican priest, entered the 61st day of a fast in protest against the death in detention two years ago of a Cape Town Moslem leader, Imam Abdullah Haron. Mr. Wrangmore is calling for a judicial inquiry into the death which, the government says, resulted from a fall down the stairs.

Meanwhile, in Johannesburg the Black Sash, a movement of white women opposing apartheid, demonstrated against security laws and police practices. "Stop Detentions Without Trials," read one sign. Another said, "Rev. Wrangmore is Right." Owen Cardinal McCann, chairman of the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of South Africa and the chief rabbi of Johannesburg, B. M. Casper, are also backing the Anglican synod's effort to get an investigation of brutality allegations.—E.P.S.

WORD TALK — GORDON MOYES

No. 41 — MATTHEW 25: 15
(N.E.B.)

"According to His Capacity."

In the parable of the talents each was given a varying amount to be used "according to his capacity." Literally this phrase means "according to each servant's respective ability." The word used for "ability" or "capacity" is translated in other parts of the New Testament by the words "able" (39 times), "can" (147 times) and as a noun meaning "power" or "mighty work" (153 times). Closely connected with this phrase is the use of the word "talent" (15 times in the New Testament). A talent was a denomination of weight of gold or silver and was used by most of the ancient civilisations. By the 17th Century it had come to mean the gifts God gives to a person. A Talent became our ability in any field. "Talent" therefore had two meanings. It was what we have, and how we use what we have. The word "stewardship" is often used to express our discharge of our talent.

FOR TODAY:

Our University Biology Professor demonstrated how we use in normal breathing only about one-tenth of the capacity of our lungs. We know that a human has remarkable resources of physical strength that can be called upon in emergencies. In normal times few of us use our capacity to the full.

Obviously not everybody has the same talents. Jesus suggests this in the diversity of the talents given to the servants. Christian people are not expected to make an equal contribution in God's work but are expected to have an equal commitment to it. There is a definite equality between the elder who makes public prayers and the lady who washes communion glasses.

Remarkable things happen when we develop our ability to the full. Colonel Sanders at 69 was a failure who could only do one thing well—cook chicken "finger lickin' good." Starting at that age he built a world-wide commercial empire. In the stewardship of our finances we need to learn to give according to our capacity. This is the point for the praise that Jesus gives to the widow whose small gift was according to her capacity whilst wealthy gifts were not up to the capacity of the giver. Churches likewise are called to serve according to their capacity not according to their comfort.

Why was the slothful servant called wicked? (v. 26). After all, he had kept his master's resources safe. He was wicked in that he was an observer only in the work of his master. He had no commitment. He failed to live up to his capacity. He tried to preserve his ability by not using it. Therefore he lost it. Most adults know in their lives that unused abilities which were developed in childhood have since been lost.

In the stewardship of our talent, Christians are expected primarily not to be successful, clever, revolutionary or notable but faithful according to their capacity.

UNCENSORED

WHERE TEENAGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS TELL IT LIKE IT IS

TOPIC: "The Jesus Revolution movement is the complete answer to the growing gap between the Church and today's teenagers."

There is an increasing dissatisfaction with existing religious institutions (the churches!), particularly among the young. Yet this has been accompanied by an increase of interest in Jesus Christ and his teachings. The Church has in many instances concealed the whole meaning of his teaching. It has affirmed its dogmas on the most obscure verses in the Bible while the most clear and precise passages are ignored (e.g., the Sermon on the Mount — read it!).

And as if this is not enough! Do we need to mention the Church's deep-rooted prejudices, its hypocrisy, its negativism, its cheap grace, its religious jargon, its legalism, its power politics, and all its trivialities and ridiculous trappings?

It is at times of social upheaval and religious crisis that new movements of the Spirit are born. We are living in such times. Jesus started a movement which has been perverted, distorted and generally fouled up — particularly by the ruling classes (the religious leaders, the politicians, the moneyed). They officially embraced Christianity after their failure at discrediting and suppressing it. They have not entered the Kingdom themselves, and they have prevented others from doing so! Some young people are rediscovering what Jesus actually said — and the Church is being exposed.

A note of warning: while the Jesus Revolution may be the teenagers' answer, the name itself does not give God's stamp of approval to it. Many will use it to their own ends! Beware of wolves in sheep's clothing!

Power to the people! All power through the Spirit!
KINGSLEY J. BEDWELL (Qld.).

Having recently visited New York, I observed it to be a city susceptible to gimmick and fad. Here one sees hippies, drug addicts and Jesus People walking side by side. The trend towards the Jesus Revolution is evident in slogans and texts scrawled on train windows and advertisement hoardings in a vandalistic fashion. However, in this variety and multiplicity of gimmicks, I am not able to discover in the characteristics of the Jesus Revolution Movement, anything which is superior, as surely I would if it were the working of the Holy Spirit. In Greenwich Village, I observed a brazenly-clad young girl with a rather revealing blouse bearing upon each breast the words, "Jesus Saves." I felt this was holding His name to ridicule. I cannot see that the cult provides a complete answer to the problem. Whilst superficially there are many commendable aspects of the Movement, I find myself wondering whether it is deep rooted enough to have a lasting impact, or whether it is not that of which we are warned by the scripture which says: "Not everyone who calls me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven." One is left to determine whether this is something constructive leading to the closing of the gap, or whether it is not that form of emotionalism which is so often condemned by the Church itself. Would not such foundations lead the teenager to mere shallow Christian living?

RODNEY YOUNG (Vic.).

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

JESUS FREAKS

To the Editor,

I'm not sure that I like this "Jesus Revolution" that we read about amongst the erstwhile hippies and junkies! What a colossal nerve these kids have got taking Christianity from under the very noses of those who've had it all their lives, and wrapping it up in their sort of idiom. No wonder they call them "Jesus freaks". I'd say that they are well named, except that I remember that another lot of informal, excited, no lumbbug young Christians were once called "fools for Christ's sake".

The pictures you see of these "Jesus people" in the magazines don't look like what you'd expect of church folk. It's not very respectful to the Lord to be proclaiming his name while long haired, bare footed and wearing what looks like grandad's dressing gown. Yet as the wife says, "They had bare feet and long hair at the last supper." And Jesus had a gown with no seams . . . a sort of poncho.

But I still don't understand why these Johnny-Come-Latelies are having such phenomenal success when the recognised denominations are struggling to keep their heads above water. For instance at our church we've been praying for a revival since I was a boy, and in a lot of other churches too. What is the Holy Spirit doing giving a revival to a bunch of hippies when the recognised Churches have had their application in for so long? It seems that revival is breaking out everywhere except where it should be.

Of course when the Jerusalem youth got all excited about Jesus, waved palms (today it's flowers), and shouted out, the religious leaders wanted them shut up. If there was going to be a revival it would have to have official sanction. Jesus said, "If these hold their peace, the stones will cry out!"

Could it be that these "Jesus revolution" kids are the stones crying out, because my lot have held their peace!

Up the Jesus revolution! But I'm not sure that I like it!

TERTIUS.

HAVE YOUR SAY !!

"UNCENSORED" is a feature of the "Australian Christian" where teenagers and young adults can have their say. We call it "Uncensored" because we think that young people should be able to say things in their way and in their words. You, too, might have thoughts about the "Jesus Revolution." Send them in.

Naturally, we have to observe the proprieties of Christian Journalism, and there are also limitations on space. Within these limits, which apply to everyone, "Uncensored" is uncensored.

The above topic was suggested by young people in three different churches and we invited two young men to write mind-starter comments.

WE INVITE YOUNG PEOPLE TO WRITE ABOUT THE TOPICS DEALT WITH ON THIS PAGE. MAKE IT SHORT AND SHARP AND QUICK! If you have anything to say to the churches, this is the place to say it.

Your suggestions for topics are also invited. Write to the Editor, "The Australian Christian," 119-125 Hawke St., West Melbourne, Vic., 3003.

Ministers, youth leaders, etc., etc., draw the attention of your young people to "Uncensored" and encourage them to be in it!

Interstate

AIM FOR HOME MISSIONS

(NORTH PERTH, W.A., J. K. Robinson.) At the Amazing Grace Crusade conducted by W. Gaunson, of Northam, three decisions were made. Brotherhood churches supported us in prayer and attendance. . . . B.S. anniversary programme had the theme "New Worlds for Old." K. Duffy, of Scarborough, was guest speaker . . . J. K. Robinson will serve the church a further twelve months to January, 1973 . . . Elders have set an aim of \$250 for Home Missions offering.

BOARD PLANS AHEAD

(BRIGHTON, S.A., C. E. Curtis & K. J. Harvey.) Following visitation programme Board spent full weekend discussing and planning programme for 1972. There is strong support for team ministry and continuing outreach. Eight adults have been added to membership by transfer and two by baptism . . . Packed services have marked all grade anniversaries. C.L.C. materials are providing excellent opportunities for youth and adult study groups. . . . Choir presented Gilbert and Sullivan "Trial by Jury." . . . Lounge facility is now in constant day and night use for small groups. Moves to extend youth ministry into community with open structured programme using Coffee Lounge.

ELEVEN DECISIONS

(BASSENDEAN, W.A., D. Thorpe.) Attendances have increased, and there have been 11 first decisions . . . Wahlunga Park was recently the venue for a church family picnic . . . The men of the church are to renew a side fence, replacing it with asbestos . . . The ladies held their final evangelistic night meeting on Nov. 15 when Mr. Thorpe spoke on "Consecrated Minds." . . . Kelvin Willis of W.E.C. Youth Crusade was recent gospel speaker.

NEARLY 70

(PRESTON, Vic., G. J. Crossman.) G. R. Stirling, Vice-Principal of the College of the Bible, was guest speaker at the 69th church anniversary. At the P.S.A., the Church of Christ Choral Society presented a cantata. Mr. Crossman spoke at night . . . The joint ministry with East Preston is continuing satisfactorily and will continue through 1972 . . . The church was saddened by the deaths of Mrs. Elsie Jenkins and Mrs. Jean Spargo . . . Mr. Crossman will conclude his ministry with us in June, 1972 . . . The recent Monster Fair, directed by L. Webster, realised \$850 through the sale of goods.

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PRIEST DROP OUTS

CITING the celibacy requirement as the primary reason, a Vatican survey has revealed a large-scale increase in the number of Roman Catholic priests who in recent years have left their ministries.

The number of priests who have quit rose from 563 in 1964 to more than 2,000 in 1970. Based on this rate of increase, future projections indicate that some 20,000 priests will leave the priesthood in the next five years.

Though celibacy is given as the main reason for the priests' departure, other motives cited are church discipline, loss of faith, and "a growing dissatisfaction" with the priestly role.

— "Christian Century."

FOCUS ON INDONESIA

(SUNNYBANK, Qld., V. G. Boettcher.) Professor Rex Ellis, B.A., B.D., told the church of his visit to Indonesia and outlined the great need for missionary enterprise there . . . C.W.F. conducted a White Elephant stall at local shopping centre and netted \$35 towards installation of glass doors between chapel and vestibule for mothers with children . . . Combined Sunnybank-Acacia Ridge C.W.E.F. concert raised \$105 for missionary enterprises. Sewing done over the past months for our missions was also displayed . . . Ladies connected with the cricket club of the church raised \$44 in a street stall which made the club debt free after purchasing new equipment . . . Special "Youth and Friends" services have been largely attended. The Oct. meeting was conducted by Keith Willey (a blind New Hebridean) and his party of 10 dark people.

GIVING CHALLENGED

(MURRAY BRIDGE, S.A., A. H. Coleman.) A Planned Giving Programme was conducted recently by H.M. Director, Keith Horne. Murray Bridge is the first S.A. country church to have such a programme. With no debts and able to pay its way, the church's aim was to increase its outreach in a responsible, practical way. Offerings have increased by 40%; maintenance of local work and buildings has been assured; the church has voted to contribute \$400 per quarter to brotherhood work, an increase of \$1,000 yearly . . . Y.P. group contributed \$6 to Bible Society and \$20 to Carnarvon Hostel Fund from Japanese Night Social and sale of wall plaques they had made . . . Mrs. M. Jarvis passed away recently.

SEVEN AT ASHBURTON

(ASHBURTON, Vic., C. E. Watson.) At a special family church service on Nov. 7 seven young people from this year's Discipleship Classes made confession of faith . . . Three families shared a Parent Dedication Service . . . Group leaders met with the Board at an after-service lunch to plan for 1972. Programme highlights were discussed and a calendar arranged.

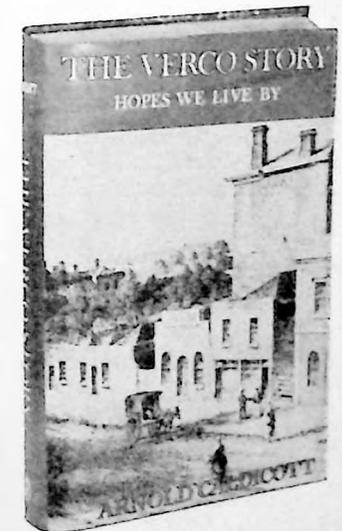
FAREWELL TO STUDENT

(TOOTGAROOK, Vic., D. W. G. Holmes.) A farewell was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins and Adam, and cheques presented from church and S.S., in appreciation of help given by Warren at Tootgarook. On Nov. 14 "a play" was conducted by Mr. Jenkins. All young people took part.

TO AID TEACHER PROJECT

(CHELSEA, Vic., D. Oakes.) \$106 was raised by Good Companions at street stall to send teacher to New Hebrides and for church finance gap . . . A "S.S. Special Day" replaced the "singing" anniversary when a youth tea was held for scholars and parents. Items by kinder and other depts. followed, merging into the 7 p.m. service at which G. Lord (Tech. school chaplain) was speaker . . . 35 Explorer boys and leaders attended combined hike and barbecue in rain at One-Tree-Hill.

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THE DAY OF THE RADIO

THERE are fewer missionaries in North Africa today than at any other time since the modern missionary movement reached there almost a century ago. Yet it is an undisputed fact that more Muslims from Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia are hearing, and responding to, the Christian gospel than ever before.

Governments in those countries have been quietly shedding expatriate missionaries; as independent countries their right to do so is unquestioned. But the action taken has boomeranged as workers expelled from North Africa have concentrated on radio and correspondence course work based in Southern Europe and directed back across the Mediterranean.

It is this upsurge in broadcasting, mainly from Trans World Radio at Monte Carlo, together with increased facilities for Christian witness by correspondence, that has turned the apparent defeat into a remarkable story of advance. Statistics show that the major response to Arabic gospel broadcasting now comes from North Africa, not the Middle East. — "Brit. Weekly."

MORELAND TO CLOSE AFTER 62 YEARS

THE Moreland Church of Christ has maintained a strong witness in the Brunswick-Coburg area and through brotherhood and mission enterprises for 62 years. With a membership of 76, including 12 isolated, weekly communicants average 40. There is no building debt, is self-supporting, and has fine buildings in good condition, but the church will hold its last meeting on Sunday, December 12.

The area has changed. The church now finds itself in an industrial district where over 80% of the population is Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox or Muslim. Attempts to draw migrants into our conventional worship patterns have proved fruitless.

The membership is loyal, but ageing. Our young people are mostly to be found serving in other churches as they move from our district. There are three other churches within three miles and although we entered with enthusiasm into the Brunswick and Coburg Regional Board, and considered combining some meeting centres, no action was taken. Instead the Brunswick Council, through the Properties Corporation sought to acquire our chapel site for use as a car park to encourage trading in nearby Sydney Road.

After much prayer, this was accepted as God's leading and the \$60,000 from the sale of the site will be held in trust by the Properties Corporation to commence a new work north of Melbourne, except for the first \$5,000 interest which will flow to the Regional Board in recognition of Moreland's responsibility to that Board. The contents of the buildings have been made available free of charge to other churches, with priority given to Regional churches.

When the Moreland buildings are no more, her work and influence will live on in the former members serving in other churches, in the furniture or furnishings in other chapels, and in the new work to be established in the future by Conference.

This is a very sentimental time for each Moreland member — past and present. We believe that what we are doing is God's will. Pray with us for peace in times of questioning, for guidance in future developments, for acceptance in other church communities, and for resolution to serve as and where God calls. (See advert. below).

—W. A. Jenkins, Secretary.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

"The New Testament Church in the Present Age" was the theme of the 57th Southern District Conference at Dover, Oct. 30-31. Members from eight churches took part in the Conference meetings.

The President, K. G. Mundy, of Dover, welcomed delegates and visitors and Reg. Hardwicke, of Highcroft, conducted the opening devotions.

Afternoon group discussions were led by W. Flett, of Nubeena. Saturday addresses were by R. Kallmier, of Copping, on "The Love of the N.T. Church", and B. J. Golder, of Hobart, speaking on "The Heart of the N.T. Church."

K. G. Mundy presided at the Sunday communion service, with C. R. Edmunds of Invermay, speaking on "Who is Jesus Christ?" W. Flett gave the final address on "The Response of the N.T. Church." Organist was Mrs. Elva Orr, of Launceston.

The excellent meals of Conference were supplied by the ladies of the Dover church and served in the Assembly Hall of the Dover Area School by the school Mothers' Club.

Appreciation was expressed for the hospitality given and the good work done by the small number of members at Dover. Geoff. Mundy, secretary of Dover church, was also Secretary of Conference. The next Conference is planned for Nubeena.

—Allan J. Orr.

Tasmania "QUARTERLY MEETING"

Our Tasmanian churches met for their sixth "Q.M.", Nov. 6, 1971. Twenty-three people represented the local congregations.

Women's Conference reported a record Camp '71 of 55 in number. Mrs. Strack of Melbourne was guest study leader. In recent months, Tas. C.W.F. groups have contributed over \$2,600 to local State and Vic.-Tas. needs. Holiday billets are needed for "Bethany" youngsters as soon after Christmas, Day as is possible. Appreciation was again expressed for the real Christian service of the staff at "Bethany", the Morfew's and "Aunties" Shirley Byard and Heather Scott. The D.C.E. and Social Service committees are undergoing changes in structure, and these topics produced discussion and comment. Bicheno Camp Centre continues to develop as John and Colleen Harrison give valuable service.

Collins St. church will be celebrating its centenary next year. Invermay and Margaret St. churches have conducted L.I.F.E. Seminars recently. Over 120 people attended the final service of a mission conducted by Pat Kavanagh with the Copping church, making a great impact on this rural area.

State Convention will be held at Launceston on April 22 and 23. A word of farewell was said to the Pfeifer's and Kallmier's by President Boxhall, on behalf of the churches. These families leave the State after three years' ministry.

Bob Farmer, of the Health Department, presented—with the aid of overhead projector and film—a broad outline of the type and extent of drug problems in our country.

The next quarterly meeting will be on Feb. 12, 1972, at Bicheno.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

(BAYSWATER, Vic., Dr. K. Bowes). More than 200 enjoyed centenary dinner. The chairman was Dr. K. Bowes and the soloist, D. Barter. Honoured guests were J. Alabaster (Conf. Pres.) and Mrs. Alabaster, Mayor of the City of Knox, Cr. White, and Mrs. White, and Rev. T. Ugalde (Knox Inter-church Council). The centenary offering of \$1,100 is for provision of a bed at William Angliss Hospital, also for play equipment to assist one-parent families in the community, and for future development of church property. A comprehensive historical display arranged by Mrs. Norma Clinton created much interest—also a brochure of the history of the early church. Capacity congregations enjoyed a day of wonderful fellowship and inspiration. Guest speakers were Principal Williams (C.O.B.), H. Prime (S.A.), D. Hibbert, A. H. Coleman (S.A.). Artists were the Yukana Singers and Mr. and Mrs. W. Tabbernc.

CHELTENHAM ADDITIONS

(Vic., G. K. Moyes). During the five weeks of October there were thirteen decisions for Christ at the evening services and two additions by transfer. At a buffet supper to honour those who had come into membership during the past year, nineteen other adults indicated their desire to accept Christ and come into membership of the church. . . . During 1972 an Evangelistic Mission has been arranged with a former member of the Billy Graham Crusade team, the Rev. Norman Pell. . . . A book of devotional articles by Mrs. Florence Rosier is being published by the church. . . . The church is planning Special Summer Studies during January for the third year.

ART SHOW AT DONCASTER

(Vic., A. E. White, A. W. C. Candy). At the end of October, 350 paintings and an array of craft work were displayed at a very colourful art show organised by the C.W.E.F. 37 paintings and much craft was sold. Nett profit from the venture was \$430 and this will be equally distributed to the Churches of Christ Social Homes for the elderly. . . . The ladies recently raised \$36 for Onemda Retarded Children's Centre at Donvale. . . . The Young People raised \$62.50 and tins of food have been collected by the B.S. for the European-Australia Christian Fellowship. . . . C.Y.F. gave \$20 for the Autistic Children. . . . The church gave \$150 to Hospital and Charities Sunday. . . . Viv Curtis recently showed slides to the Men's Society of his exotic experiences in Japan with Lil, Geoff. Wilcott and "Christie."

\$541 FOR DAY'S PAY

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). The Day's Pay offering has reached \$541. . . . Church gave a tea to honour Veterans in Christ (over forty years' membership). Gerald Thomson, from Red Hill church, was speaker. . . . Cricketers held first church parade for the season. . . . Mr. Grainger chaired the Remembrance Day service held in Box Hill City Hall. . . . Senior Good Companions are Victorian sports champions for second year in succession. . . . Explorers held presentation night after hike and barbecue finishing at Ferntree Gully National Park. . . . At C.W.F. annual meeting Mrs. G. Clare was elected Pres., Mrs. H. Smedley, Sec., and Mrs. L. Ware, Treas. . . . Recent missionary visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Partridge from Papua, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kramer, from Tennant Creek.

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STATE AID

To the Editor,
The Council for Defence of Government Schools is not, as Dorothy Cant states, merely trying to persuade our Government to withdraw State Aid. The campaign is also to have the High Court rule upon the validity of the whole body of laws introduced by the Commonwealth relating to financial assistance to church schools.

It was the intention of the founders of the Constitution that "the power to deal with religion in any form should be clearly denied to the Federal Parliament," Justice Higgins put this argument when proposing that Australia incorporate America's 1st Amendment as the basis of Section 116. This was agreed to and reads "the Commonwealth shall not make any law for establishing any religion or imposing any religious observance . . ." What better way of establishing religion is there than to use public money to finance its educational indoctrination programme?

This view has been advanced by D.O.G.S. Last June the American Supreme Court unanimously supported this view by ruling state aid unlawful in America because it violated the American 1st

Amendment, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." If the High Court rules state aid unlawful in Australia it will remove state aid from Federal politics.

D.O.G.S. believe this is in the best interests of the nation, of the citizens, and of the different religious groups who are being encouraged to segregate educationally.

The current wave of lunacy and terror in Ireland is the logical outcome of 50 years of state aided church school segregation. The cure is association not segregation.

—L. J. Hutchinson,
Hon. Secretary, D.O.G.S.

STATE AID

To the Editor,

The enthusiasm of Dorothy Cant ("A.C." Oct. 30) for State Aid for non-State schools seems to have obscured the realisation of the important issue of separation of church and state and also of the illegality of State Aid, in respect to Section 116 of the Constitution.

That Government oversight and aid for "efficient, etc." non-State schools will provide better opportunities for all Australian children is highly questionable.

Many State schools are starved for so many essentials of modern education, and are working under poverty conditions. How are the children's opportunities to be improved if the needed money is given to an outside system of education?

The excuse to them is "no money!" Yet we see the elusive millions stream forth magically for non-State schools!

State schools are grimly worsening. In 1970, 56% of Victorian High Schools had to curtail normal programmes.

Frustrated teachers are going on strike or resigning because of the nerve wracking conditions under which they labour.

Last year 673 permanent and 1,111 temporary teachers left, a total loss of 1,784.

This is not only a secular issue, but a religious, a spiritual one, deep beneath the surface.

May the D.O.G.S. succeed in their efforts!—(Mrs.) J. D. Cooke (Vic.)

NATIONAL SERVICE

To the Editor,

A number of young men, including Christians in particular, have felt that they cannot in conscience comply with the National Service Act.

"Christians for Peace" (Victoria), an interdenominational group, believes that those who in sincerity take such a stand should be supported. Those seeking further information may contact "Christians for Peace," c/o 124 Napier St., Fitzroy, Vic., 3065.—K. Stodden, Sec.

CARNARVON WORK PARTY

THE Work Party is sponsored by the Federal Board of Christian Education in conjunction with the Federal Aborigines' Mission Board. Fifteen young people will spend six weeks in July and August next year without salary, building four flats for elderly Aborigines at Carnarvon. Other young people and youth groups are raising money towards their expenses and for the project itself.

Novel 21st Birthday

At a 21st birthday celebration in S.A. guests were invited to bring donations towards the work party. The celebration raised \$283. Those concerned wish to remain anonymous.

New Addition to Team

Ian Tagg, a plumber from Chelsea, Vic., has been added to the work party. Ian is 22-years-old. He is active in C.E., C.Y.F., Explorer Boys' Club leadership and tennis administration. Ian said, "I would like to use my talents to help other people less fortunate than myself. I feel this is a great opportunity to get a real insight into the mission work."

Why the Sacrifice?

Why do young people offer to spend six weeks without salary working on such a project? Here are some of the reasons given by other applicants:

"I have the urge to get out and do something different in life — something to help someone else instead of myself all the time."

"I feel this is a worthwhile project to assist some of our Aboriginal people. I have experienced a work camp situation in a small way and I know its personal value in experience and fellowship, apart from any help we can give others."

"So that I might be of service to my fellow man in the name of the church and use

the experience I have gained in life in a more practical way than before."

"This way I feel I am giving a small amount of my time to help extend the Lord's work in Australia."

"I feel that this is a way in which I can do something for my Lord and also find out more of our Aborigines' Missions. I will be better able to appreciate what our money is going into and why our missionaries are going there. I feel it would be a valuable experience."

"I have felt a responsibility. I have shared already in this kind of work as an Australian Volunteer Abroad."

"There is a need. I want to help before family ties prevent my taking an active role in such work parties."

A number of older people also made enquiries about the work party. It is evident that many people when given the opportunity are ready to make sacrifices in order to serve others and to promote God's work.

Audio-Visual

An audio-visual (slides and tape) has been prepared to promote the work project among youth groups. It is available through the Federal Board of Christian Education, 217 Lonsdale St., Melbourne, Vic., 3000. Enquiries can also be made through State Departments of Christian Education.

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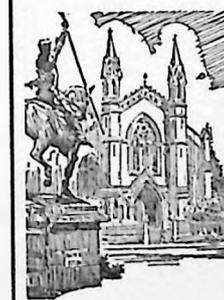
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December 5: "It's Later Than You Think!"

December 12: "Would You Believe . . . A Cross?"

This will be the Farewell Service for Dr. and Mrs. Jones & family and a luncheon for all will be provided. Special: Sun., Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.: Special Christmas Carol Service with Peter McCallum Hospital Choir conducted by Miss Jean Milne.

TRIP TO PHILIPPINES

(BURWOOD, Vic., I. A. Allsop). Congratulations to Gayla Didsbury who was chosen as the Victorian representative for the youth study tour of the Philippines arranged by the Australian Council of Churches, and the Protestant churches in the Philippines . . . The men of the church held their second annual breakfast at the Grotto Restaurant on Oct. 30. Guest speaker was Gordon Moyes. David Parkin, captain of Hawthorn football team, read the lesson . . . C.O.B. students, Paul Burnham and George Warren provided musical items . . . Young people participated in a 24-hour Starvation during a recent weekend. This resulted in raising \$200 for World Christian Action.

ABORIGINES FEATURED

(CHATSWOOD, N.S.W., C. G. Taylor). Dr. D. Crowley addressed the Adult Bible Class on the subject of the Aborigines . . . Children in B.S. were awarded books on the basis of their results in the recent Scripture examinations . . . Mr. and Mrs. Colin Wrigley entertained the C.W.E.F. with slides and a talk about their two years in Canada . . . Heather Taylor is home again after a few days in hospital for observation after a road accident.

SHOP AND CHOP

(SHEPPARTON, Vic., R. E. Hillbrich). Several car loads travelled to Melbourne for a tour of the Social Service Homes and the College . . . Mrs. Rankine, Past-Pres. C.W.F., addressed Afternoon Women's birthday. The ladies conducted another successful Opportunity Shop . . . Men's Club visited Radio Australia—also conducted a wood chop at property of W. Walker, of Wunghu, raising \$100. 10 members helped Freedom from Hunger collection . . . Evening Ladies' Fellowship had visit from High School Chaplain, Rev. L. Wilson, also David Cooper, Educ. Dept. psychologist . . . Teenager group held barbecue at Kialla property of A. Stone . . . Good Companions' Club were hostesses to the Yarrowonga "Goodies" who visited for weekend and were accommodated in the church hall . . . The S.S. sponsored a team from Mill Valley Ranch for Saturday and Sunday programmes.

THINGS TO COME

QUEENSLAND
NOVEMBER:
 24 Home Missions Offering.
DECEMBER:
 5 Hopeland Harvest Thanksgiving.
 12-17 Midnets' Camp (7-9 yrs.) at "Camp Cal."
 17-23 Junior Camp (10-12 yrs.) at "Camp Cal."
 25-Jan. 3 Senior Camp (15 yrs. +) at "Camp Cal."

NEW SOUTH WALES
NOVEMBER:
 29 N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal, Burwood, 10 a.m.
DECEMBER:
 3 N.S.W. C.W.F. Monthly Meeting at Stanwell Tops Centre, 11 a.m. Christmas Programme — Wollongong Ladies.

VICTORIA
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 28 Annual Offering, H.M. & Evng.
 30 C.M.P. Christmas Dinner, 5.45 p.m. at the Centre.
DECEMBER:
 4 C.E. Christmas Treat for Aged.
 4 "Exodus"—Youth Programme.
 11 Social Service Homes Annual Garden Party for Christian Guest Home.
 12 Eastern District Kirk and Kofee.

ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

(BUNBURY, W.A., G. Carslake). Ron, Cook from Mandurah, led the church in a six-day series of feature meetings. Included were coffee hour meeting, "Birds of the Bible" series with Reg. Taylor, and barbecue service. There was one decision . . . The Y.P. raised \$53 and S.S. \$30 towards the State Youth project for Carnarvon . . . Members attended the S.W. Annual Conference at Collie when the feature speaker was Dr. Blackmore, Psychiatrist Supt. of Claremont Hospital . . . A night tennis club has been formed.

NOW 91

(ASCOT VALE, Vic., P. Richter). David Moncur celebrated his 91st birthday. He is always in his place for morning service. . . . Recently at communion service Mr. and Mrs. Richter sang in harmony and Mrs. Richter gave the message . . . Mrs. Harold Patterson was a recent visitor. Her husband, H. J. Patterson, was once minister here . . . When 17 ladies met for C.W.F. morning coffee, \$12.80 was raised to aid special projects. Our group sold hospital buttons to raise \$9 for the Will H. Clay Nursing Home.

YOUTH RESPONSE

(TOOWOONIBA, Margaret St., Qld., Dr. A. C. Caldicott). Youth for Christ (largely sponsored by our church) drew 1,100 to after-church screening of "The Restless Ones" in a local theatre. 20 decisions were registered . . . Y.P. concert presented the musical production "Tell It Like It Is" directed by the Joy Tones (Thurrowgood-Greenwood families) . . . 17 have been baptized in recent weeks . . . Aileen Draney has been welcomed home on furlough from New Guinea and is now on deputation work . . . Steve Rogers and E. Watson were guest speakers at S.S. anniversary.

HELP FOR CAMP CAL.

(ALBION, Qld., Barry Benz). 60th anniversary celebrations included special meetings with the theme "Design for Better Living." Ted Watson, Southport, was guest speaker at Sunday meetings and five young people made decisions . . . A donation of \$200 and an interest free loan of \$400 have been made to assist the programme for extension of Camp Cal. at Caloundra . . . On Nov. 13 the church arranged a sight-seeing tour of Brisbane for 21 people who have difficulty in moving about the city.

PICNIC WASHED OUT

(HORSHAM, Vic., D. J. Marr). The S.S. picnic at Natimuk Golf Links was washed out with rain in early afternoon, Nov. 6 . . . Mrs. N. Mackley is 1972 C.W.F. Pres. and Mrs. P. Finlayson is Sec. . . . Congregation met in Methodist church for a combined rally with B. & F.B.S. The B. & F.B.S. representative also spoke to C.W.A.F.

CHRISTIAN NURSES

(BALWYN, Vic., W. W. Saunders). "Time to Care" was the theme of service conducted by Box Hill Hospital Nurses Christian Fellowship, when nurses participated, and the message was given by Asst. Matron Miss Joan Turnham . . . Previous Sunday Nth. Williamstown Ministers with Arthur Haskell conducting and K. H. Pitt was speaker . . . S.S. picnic was held at Emerald, and church family picnic on Cup Day at Wattle Park . . . Week-night prayer meetings have almost trebled their numbers.

MARRIAGE REAFFIRMATION

(BRIAR HILL, Vic., R. Baxter). 31 couples attended a community project, "Your Marriage and You" with lectures on all aspects of the marriage relationship by Dr. R. M. Myerscough and Dr. D. Oldmeadow. The culmination was a Marriage Re-affirmation Service followed by the "wedding breakfast" . . . C.W.F. have launched an organ fund with a donation of \$50 . . . A constitution for the church has been accepted by the congregation . . . Financial assistance given by Ivanhoe church to help meet land debt has drawn to a close. The church deeply appreciates the help given . . . Cricket club, now fielding three teams, attended the film "The Cross and the Switchblade."

49th FOR IPSWICH

(Qld., E. Stevens). Theme for 49th church anniversary was "Consider Jesus Christ." Bruce Roberts, Harlaxton, a past minister, was guest speaker. The anniversary tea on the Sat. evening was followed by an Inspirational Rally. The church choir and local artists supplied a musical programme. At the Sunday evening service a young man confessed his faith in Christ. The church choir and local soloists again assisted in the services . . . Mr. and Mrs. E. Stevens attended graduation service at the College of the Bible . . . Recent visitors have been Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy, of Geelong, Vic. John is a Phantom pilot at Amberley Air Base . . . Overseas Missions Sec., Ron. McLean, addressed the church on Nov. 14.

STOP AID TO PAKISTAN

UTRECHT. A number of prominent Dutch Christians have pleaded with their government to stop all aid to the Pakistan Government until it finds a political solution in accordance with the will of the people of East Pakistan.

The 70 who have signed the statement expressed the conviction that Sheikh Mujibur Rahman should be accepted as a partner in the talks as the most authoritative political leader of East Pakistan. It also said all arms deliveries to Pakistan must be stopped, and the rich countries should give guarantees that they will share a reasonable percentage of the cost of the Indian refugee programme.—E.P.S.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

NO D.O.G.S. ALLOWED If there were an enquiry into some aspects of Australian Rules football, one would hardly expect an unbiased judgment from a committee comprised mostly of rugby enthusiasts. The Senate Standing Committee on Education, Science and the Arts has given the appearance of being just as unfair, according to the Protestant Federation.

The subject was not football, but "The Role of the Commonwealth in Teacher Education." The enquiry closed last week without hearing submissions from six groups which oppose State Aid. The organisations include the Councils for the Defence of Government Schools in N.S.W. and Victoria, the Loyal Orange Lodge, and the Victorian Protestant Federation.

The latter group declares that there is definite evidence of bias in that four of the six members of the Committee were educated in private schools, three in Roman Catholic schools, and all come from parties which favour State Aid.

The four recognised political parties favour State Aid, but one would expect that the Committee would at least try to appear impartial and hear submissions from all sections of the community.

GOOD GRIEF! Advertisement for Capitol Hill Church of God, Oklahoma City, in a U.S. newspaper: "Attention Cardsharks and Christians! You'll be surprised at what you don't know about the Evils of a Deck of Cards. Learn the origin, name and meaning of each card and shudder to learn why it was so named. See Rev. Lawrence J. Chesnut in the pulpit with a full-deck proving every researched fact . . . hear his interesting, informative, blood-chilling message in a service you will never forget."

BROADCAST ANNIVERSARY

(GEELONG, Latrobe Tce., Vic., T. R. W. Holmes). The 114th church anniversary service on Nov. 14 was broadcast over 3GL at 11 a.m. The youth rally at night had vocal items from "Choralists." Speaker for day was B. McMurtrie, York St. Ballarat. Soloists were Mrs. J. Tripodi . . . Geelong now has five congregations with combined membership of approx. 600. . . . The Conf. Pres., J. Alabaster, spoke on Oct. 31 . . . At recent annual business meeting the following were appointed: Secretary, D. Drayton; Treasurer, P. Drayton; B.S. Supt., A. L. Carr; Elders, A. Jones, J. Smail, D. Drayton and A. W. Carr. Deaconesses are Mrs. Joy Williams and Mrs. J. Kennedy.

WEDDING BY LADY MINISTER

(WARRACKNABEAL-BRIM, Vic., Miss N. Hall). "Warracknabeal wedding first in Australia by Church of Christ lady minister." History within the church was created when Miss Norma Hall, minister of the circuit, married the circuit secretary's daughter, Miss Glenda Wardle, to John Luck, on Oct. 30. Jean Crisp was organist, Mrs. Mavis Wardle, soloist. The historic ceremony was held in Warracknabeal chapel. K. J. Harvey was M.C. at the reception in Brim Memorial Hall. Arthur Haskell and Noel Wardle brought items during the reception.

LECTURER AS GUEST

(MOSMAN, N.S.W., D. W. Smallbone). Special evening services were held during November with Graeme Chapman, Senior Lecturer of Woolwich Bible College, as guest speaker . . . Nov. 14 was open day for kindergarten when parents and friends saw work in that department.

VICTORIAN C.W.F.

The President, Mrs. J. Preston, welcomed 110 delegates representing 42 churches to the November Council meeting. Mrs. J. Iggulden outlined the work being carried out through the Southern Family Life Service based in Beaumaris.

A list of voluntary work that members of the C.W.F. were engaged in was read out, following which, Mrs. Holloway led in prayer of dedication.

Mrs. L. Watson took the theme of devotions from Psalm 31: 15. The prayer of intercession was given by Mrs. Page, Mrs. Dangerfield, on furlough from Thailand, spoke on her work there during the last eight and a half years.

A letter of resignation was received from Mrs. Kemp, Assistant Secretary, in view of her approaching marriage.

Mrs. K. Clencie, convener of the Christian Education Committee made the following announcements: a list of suggestions to help plan a balanced syllabus was now available; the Dept. of Christian Education would like the services of anyone who could give casual help in their office; the Rita Roberts Lodge at Monbulk is available for bookings by church or family groups.

Next Council meeting Dec. 3, 10.30 a.m. Speaker: Miss Aileen Draney.—M.N.

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PLANNED GIVING SUCCESS

(STRATHMORE, Vic., S. K. Bannon). Planned Giving programme success is reflected in raised offerings . . . All auxiliaries helped on stalls for "Spring Fair." . . . C.W.F. conducted programme at Westhean Baptist Ladies' Guild featuring women's work. Westhean ladies conducted a meeting at our C.W.F. Mrs. Holloway told of Social Service activities . . . Explorer boys and leaders conducted morning service . . . Good Companions and leaders spent a week-end at Hall's Gap. Girls are preparing gifts for "Uncle Claude."

VICTORIANS!!

(Suburbanites in particular)

Notice is hereby given that at the twentieth hour of the eleventh day of the twelfth month of the year of the great flood of the Yarra, festivities will commence at the Mitcham High School (enter from Springfield Road opposite Church of Christ), for the purpose of wishing Farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Heard and family.

Friends of the abovementioned family are ordered to be present!

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

BIRTHS

BURTON (nee Ewers)—Ross and Shirley (Nollamara church, W.A.) welcome with love God's gift of a darling daughter—Caroline Ruth—born on her Daddy's birthday, October 28.

KING (Chessel)—Greg. and Jan. are excited to announce the arrival of bonnie Samantha Jane, borne at Bunbury, W.A., on November 18, 1971.

ROBERTS (Robottom)—Jan and Doug., of 125 Atkinson St., Templestowe, Vic., welcomed with love a daughter—Megan Kate—on Nov. 4, 1971. Sister for Mark, Lisa and Cara.

ENGAGEMENTS

PENDLETON - ROBOTOM — Mr. and Mrs. L. Pendleton, of Robinvale, Vic., together with Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Robotom, of Jika St., Heidelberg, announce with pleasure the engagement of Evelyn and Ian.

STIRLING-BROADFOOT—Mr. and Mrs. Les Stirling, 105 Spring St., Regent, Vic., together with Mr. and Mrs. Alec Broadfoot, 4 Columba St., North Balwyn, announce with much pleasure the engagement of Heather and John.

MARRIAGE

FALLOT-BOND—On November 27 at 5.30 p.m. at South Perth Church of Christ, Mr. J. K. Bond will officiate at the marriage between his son David and Dianne FalLOT, 76 Banksia Tee., South Perth, W.A., 6151.

GOLDEN WEDDING

MR. & MRS. CLIFF P. HUGHES have much pleasure in announcing the celebration of the 50th anniversary of their wedding. It was solemnised at Prospect Church of Christ, S.A., by the late E. J. Pater-noster on December 14, 1921. They give thanks to God for His goodness to them, and also for the happy fellowship of a beloved family, and for many friends.

SAPPHIRE WEDDING

EARLE-CHANDLER—Congratulations to our parents, Howard and Lal., on the 45th anniversary of their marriage solemnised at Boronia, Vic., Church of Christ, Dec. 1, 1926 by Principal Scambler. Love and best wishes from Marjory, Ail., Edna, Leslie, Kathleen, Jim and grandchildren.

SILVER WEDDING

SAUNDERS (Barton)—Ron. and Alice Saunders, 22 Main St., Beverley, S.A., 5009, are happy to announce the 25th anniversary of their marriage on December 14, 1946 at Margaret St. Church of Christ, Launceston, Tas., K. W. Barton officiating. C.O.B. contemporaries and other friends are invited to share in our celebrations on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 2.30 p.m.

DEATHS

MORFFEW, Albert Victor—Of 139 Ather-ton Rd., Oakleigh, Vic., formerly of Hart-well church, passed away suddenly on Nov. 16. Beloved husband of Edith, loved and loving father of Elva (Mrs. A. Orr, Laun-ceston), and Ray (Hobart); father-in-law of Allan and Gwen; loved grandfather of Geoffrey, Douglas, Malcolm, Trevor and Michael. "At peace with God."

SIREs, Irene Amelia — (Suddenly) on Oct. 26, beloved wife of Cecil Wilfred, loving mother of Mary (Titter), Edwin, Irene (Horne), Temple, Rac (Symons), June (Bartlett), Robert, Sharon (Ruediger), and Alison (Jones); loving mother-in-law of Arthur, Carlene, Raydon, Gwen, Robert, Jim, Shirley, Arthur and Alan; grandma of 35 grandchildren. Aged 66 years. "In God's care."

IN MEMORIAM

JENKIN — In affectionate memory of Frederick Thomas, who passed away at Kerang, Vic., on Dec. 4, 1964. "Like falling leaves the years go by, But loving memories never die."

MARTIN — In loving memory of my dear wife, Edna, devoted mother of Marcia, Trevor and Kylie, loving daughter of J. Sewell, called home November 21, 1970. "A year has passed since that sad day, You closed your eyes to pass away, You left us gently without saying goodbye, But memories of you will never die, Tender thoughts, silently kept, Of one we loved and will never forget."—Your loving husband, Jack.

WATERS (Nicholas John)—Called home Nov. 25, 1964.—Remembered by his wife and family. "In God's care."

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Mrs. V. Dowling, Carolyn Sinnett, Mrs. Pauline Stanley, Andrew and Tony, Ann Springall, Redcliffe, Qld.

Rosemary Younger, Margaret St., Launceston, Tas.
Mr. and Mrs. P. Smith, Brighton, S.A.

Ray Bell, Wyoming, N.S.W.
Rodney Maddocks, Hornsby, N.S.W.
Gavin Woodward, Parkdale, Vic.

J. Jamieson, G. Collins, Chelsea, Vic.
Roslyn Jenning, Thomson, Vic.
Heather Frilay, Susan Jacobson, Hurstbridge, Vic.

Philip Stevens, Russell Vickery, Mani-ford Heights, Vic.
Mrs. C. Sommers, Fullarton, S.A.
Gilbert and John Gillespie, Sheppar-ton, Vic.

Robin Wells, Geo. Tate, Richard, Rodney and Martin Parry, Gary and Collette Hills, Vicki Cox, Darryl Seip, Wendy and David Shepherd, John Franklin, Miss L. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Erlandson, Reed Mortensen, Tony Williamson, Toowoomba, Qld.

Wayne and Merrill Kirk, Tony and Julie Andri, Juanita Merrell, Keith Aubrey, Cherie and Vicki Tassicker, Neil Jacques, Tony Page, Bassendean, W.A.

Geoffrey Payne, Clyde Allison, Black Rock, Vic.
Dianne Nolan, Warwick Bonney, Graham Thompson, Albion, Qld.

MEMBERSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bawden, from Glen-elt; Mrs. V. Charlesworth, from Prospect; Mr. and Mrs. V. Oliver from Brighton Gardens; Mr. and Mrs. F. Toy, from Torrensville, to Christies Beach, S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Merv. Dieckmann and Carol, from Annerley to Sunny-bank, Qld.
Mrs. Holmes, from Stafford to Red-cliffe, Qld.

Geoff. Bryan, Mrs. Beth Bryan, Fred Westover, from Maylands, W.A. to Bassendean, W.A.

MARRIAGES

Delma Lambert to John Matveyeff, Parkdale, Vic.
Kaye Smedley to John McKenzie, Shepparton, Vic.

DEATHS

Mrs. Elsie Jenkins, Mrs. Jean Spargo, Preston, Vic.
Mrs. A. L. Martin, Red Cliffs, Vic.
Mrs. Ida Cuddy, Mrs. Horbury, Dar-ren Mark, Parkdale, Vic.

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101st

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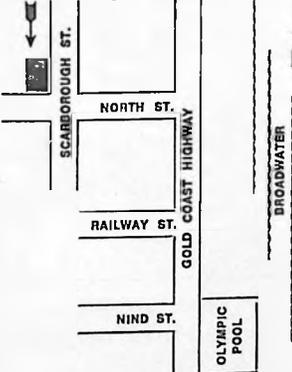
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DEATH

DOWMAN — At Repatriation Hospital, Heidelberg, Vic., on Nov. 4, Philip, loved and loving husband of Lily, of 24 Cowper St., Sandringham, loved father of Alan (2nd A.I.F., dec.), Betty (Mrs. Whitehead), Mavis (Mrs. Pitcher), Judy (Mrs. Bray-brook), and David; fond father-in-law of Dave, Reg., and Brian; Grandad of Ken, Lois, Kerry, Lecanne, Wendy, Andrea, Linda, Kerry, Robbie, Darrin, Craig and Alan. Great-grandad of Rory and Kim. "At rest after much suffering, in God's care."

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NATIONAL SERVICE

THE newly-formed Social Questions Committee made its debut at the W.A. Conference by presenting a motion for the repeal of the National Service Act. The motion was returned for modification and re-presentation within six months. Conference 1971 comprised about 100 delegates and there was some doubt as to whether delegates would return for special meeting. However, 85 delegates came for the later discussion, many from country centres, more than were present at some of the normal business meetings of Conference.

Although the original motion was not passed, the view prevailed that it touched a vital issue and therefore should not be dropped. It was felt that it was also important for the brotherhood to gain experience in resolving controversial matters.

The new motion as sponsored by the Social Services Committee was as follows:

"Bearing in mind the responsibility of the Australian Federal Government to ensure the defence of its people, this right being guaranteed under the United Nations Charter, Article 51, however,

"Believing that the lives and lands of others must not be ravaged in order to protect our own and

"Believing that basic freedoms and human rights must exist for all equally or they do not exist at all and

"Desiring the recognition of non-violent resistance as a legitimate method of national defence and

"Realising that freedom of choice must be as wide as possible in a truly democratic society

"The Churches of Christ in Western Australia (Incorporated) in Conference assembled therefore urge the Federal Government to:

1. Repeal the National Service Act (1951-66/68/70).

2. Make greater efforts to create an adequate, permanent voluntary defence system.

3. Establish a compulsory national service training for all 20 year old males for short period (to be determined by Parliament) with trainees to serve only in Australia and her territories and able to choose their training in either conventional methods of warfare or techniques of non-violent action: this training to be available to female volunteers.

WOMEN OF THE WEST

Mrs. Turnell, assisted by the Geraldton C.W.F., tape recorded the morning meditation for the November meeting. Soloists were Mrs. D. Plenty and Mrs. W. Robarston led in prayer of intercession.

Seventy-six ladies represented 22 C.W.F.'s, Miss Vera Dean and Mrs. Humphrys were welcomed after illness.

Home Mission Focus. Mrs. Wells, H.M. Supt., gave an encouraging report of the great unfinished task of W.A. Home Missions. New suburbs and towns are being developed and there is a great responsibility. Mrs. F. Drennan, C.W.F. President, gave a brief account of the seven years' history of the young Dianella H.M. church. First meetings were held in the school. There is excited interest as the members watch their B.S. unit and manse being built. It is hoped that they will be ready for use by the end of the year. The Rivervale church is now self-supporting.

Committee reports: Mrs. C. W. Digwood:

4. Provide for conscientious objection to all forms of National Service."

For background reading "Civilian Resistance as a National Defence" (Pelican). Edited by Adam Roberts, was recommended.

A. F. Cant, Chairman of the Social Questions Committee, moved the motion, and stressed that the motion itself was not condemnatory of warfare, and that it recognised the right and necessity of governments to organise for defence.

Mrs. Betty King, in seconding the motion, pointed out that many eminent people advocated militant non-violent action when other methods, such as conciliation, arbitration, and peace-keeping efforts had broken down. Dr. Jerome D. Frank was quoted as saying that experiments in non-violent action were a groping toward new principles of conduct more compatible with survival as a human species. Mrs. King said that non-violent action was an alternative to military service which was compatible with Christian ethics.

Those who supported the motion did so with strength and conviction. Those who were against it included delegates who genuinely believed that such issues were outside the scope of the gospel. Some also felt that non-violent action was still too militant to be compatible with Christian principle.

The motion was passed by a good majority.

Kelvin Parry, Conference President, opened the meeting with a reading from Matthew 5: 38-48, a portion of the Sermon on the Mount. This reading and Mr. Parry's impartial chairing did much to set the high tone of the proceedings.

Prayer — appreciation was expressed of the Day of Intercession — women throughout the State including the Aboriginal women on the reserve at Onslow and the W.A. students at Kenmore, kept half-hourly watches from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Overseas Missions: Mrs. R. Ryall — In contrast with the great joy shared by the Christians on Aoba Island when Margaret Luhrs and Ray Warry were married was the concern for the bondage and sorrow for our Indian Christians and missionaries facing false accusations and threats of imprisonment as they work and witness for Christ and the church.

Village Fair at Carinya. \$1,051 was raised for the nursing section of the new Joondanna project.

Over 100 attended the picnic afternoon tea at King's Park for senior church members. Items by Barry Godard's children's band were much appreciated.

—Dora Gordon, Sec.

HELP GIVEN

(ALBANY, W.A., E. B. Clapp). The men have organised "busy bees" to carry out necessary work on our widows' properties, and for the maintenance of church grounds . . . C.W.F. raised \$60 in various ways, for the upkeep of our mission boy at Carnarvon . . . Primary and Upper Bible Schools celebrated their anniversaries. The Upper School theme was "Caring for God's World in the Space Age." . . . An Evangelistic Crusade will be held in Jan., 1972, with K. Duffy, of Scarborough, as missionary . . . Our average Lord's Day service attendances are a.m., 54; p.m., 25.

C.W.F. AT MORAWA

(W.A., A. Anderson). Mrs. G. Lake, of Geraldton, chaired C.W.F. Northern Districts Conf. Mrs. Ledner and Mrs. Ryall from Perth spoke of overall women's work. Incoming President is Mrs. R. H. Carslake . . . Series of three Fact and Faith films has been screened . . . S.S. presented anniversary programme at Dalwallinu . . . Mr. and Mrs. Heier have moved to Perth . . . Ladies held two sewing days making patchwork rugs . . . Mr. and Mrs. G. Sosnie were in Morawa en route to Carnarvon.

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PROSPECT MINISTRY

(S.A., S. Neighbour). When Mr. Neighbour closes his ministry at the end of 1972 R. H. Sercombe will serve here . . . A Junior Girls' Club has been formed led by Misses D. Wood and F. McRae . . . The annual business meeting followed a barbecue lunch after morning service. Each member received a typed copy of the reports from each church department . . . A Marriage Vows Renewal Service was held in October . . . On Nov. 7, the Grote St. church band, "The Light Brigade," conducted evening service. A choir of girls assisted the instrumentalists. Afterwards a musical fellowship and coffee hour attracted a large gathering . . . Recent speakers have been S. Matthews, R. Allison, B. Ricketts, A. R. Jones, J. Mildrim and J. Wise.

C.W.F. "BONSAI"

(ASCOT PARK, S.A., S. R. Baker). Guest at C.W.F. monthly meeting was Mrs. Neacham who gave a demonstration of the art of Bonsai. Grocery parcels were brought and Christmas gifts for hospital visitation . . . 16 were present at mid-week Prayer and Bible Study at Mr. and Mrs. Magarey's home recently.

NEW CHAPEL

(BROOKLYN PARK, S.A., W. Philp). The new chapel was opened on Oct. 17 with nearly 400 present. The thank-offering was \$1,022, bringing total giving to over \$16,000 during the four years since the project commenced. Ladies' groups provided full carpeting and all cleaning equip-

ment. A plaque was unveiled by I. J. Chivell who also gave the address . . . Three basketball teams won premierships. Tennis club has three senior teams plus morning junior teams . . . B.S. anniversary services were held for nursery, kinder and junior groups. All groups to Youth 3 are active and being re-located in completed building complex.

ORANGES & HOT WATER

(LOXTON, S.A., D. R. Smith). Successful orange picking "bees" have been held and the church is confident of installing hot water service in the manse . . . Six Nailsworth young people have paid two visits and assisted minister in worship services. Local families provided hospitality. This is most encouraging for a small church with few to accept leadership responsibilities . . . A ladies' fashion parade realised \$50 . . . S.S. scholars attended Junior Camp at Barmera for Riverland churches. Camp concluded with a P.S.A. for parents and campers.

MINISTER TO LEAVE

(FULLARTON, S.A., N. Gavros). The church received with regret the resignation of N. Gavros as from the end of 1972. . . . At church anniversary on Nov. 7, a special offering of \$127 was received for furnishing bedrooms at Carnarvon Mission. H. Long was guest speaker. Guest artists were Mrs. J. Oxenberry and H. Coggins. . . . I.C.E. and guest artists presented "Fabulous Fullarton Follies" to raise \$51 for State C.E. work, and \$30 for C.W.F. project . . . At B.S. anniversary Louise Gavros was pianist and N. Gavros conductor. L. Payne, Pres., C.E. Union, and N. Gavros were speakers . . . C.W.F. Pres. is Mrs. E. Chigwidlen. Miss A. Harkness is Sec. . . . State C.E. Prayer Breakfast was

held at Fullarton on Nov. 6 . . . Church was shocked by sudden death of Tom Christie . . . An elderly lady has made the good confession.

FOR FREEDOM FROM HUNGER

(MAGILL, S.A., R. Clymer). Eighteen members went door-knocking for Freedom from Hunger and \$450 was raised . . . Youth representatives met with Board members to discuss the needs of youth in the church programme . . . The evening services have been varied with overseas students from Watlie Park Teachers' College participating in one evening service and Dr. John Court, Senior Lecturer in Clinical Psychology, spoke on "Censorship" at another . . . At the Women's Fellowship birthday meeting the Salvation Army Songsters presented the programme.

SECRETARY GOES NORTH

(CHRISTIES BEACH, S.A., Graeme Smith). Mr. and Mrs. Murray Bawden, Darren and Sonia, were farewell on leaving for the Northern Territory. Murray, who was church secretary, was particularly active in church building extensions. They will be greatly missed . . . C.W.F. ladies, assisted by the men, presented a lively variety programme as their Fellowship Birthday celebration at Everard Park Christian Rest Home . . . A drive along the south coastal area for the pensioners of our district, culminated in a church tea and service.

ONE DAY'S PAY

(MAYLANDS, S.A., N. S. Moore). 23 church folk acted as collectors for Freedom from Hunger appeal and collected \$322 . . . Church offering for "One Day's Pay" project amounted to \$223, this money is also given to alleviate overseas distress. . . . A working bee resulted in two rooms of our property being repainted . . . A family social evening was held by the B.S. on Oct. 30 . . . A young man declared his faith on Nov. 7.

VISITORS TO WHYALLA

(S.A., A. D. Sander). A. R. Jones visited Whyalla in his capacity as Patron of Supporting Mothers' Association. With him was the founder of the group, and Sunday Mail social correspondent, Helen Caterer. . . . M. Knight, secretary of Christian Mission to the Communist World, visited the church. Other churches wanted to see film "Voice of the Martyrs." . . . Ladies completed project for the year to install hot water service in the manse . . . First meeting in homes of Young Adults group was for social evening.

PANEL FOR YOUTH

(PORT LINCOLN, S.A., Brian Hill). S.S. anniversary was conducted by Brian Williams with Rev. John Maddern, Methodist church, as guest speaker . . . Panel to answer questions at Y.W.F. comprised a chemist, a school teacher, a minister and a social worker . . . Young people meet in homes after Sunday evening service . . . The Koened family, who are to go to Korea as missionaries, and Miss Moore, on furlough from Ethiopia, have been Sunday evening guests . . . At guest evening service the film "Calvary" was shown and young Aboriginals sang, accompanied by their own guitars . . . The J.C.E. held a well-attended "Talent" evening.

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"ONE WAY '71" AT DAPTO

(N.S.W.). After 12 months of prayer and intensive preparation it began when 130 invited guests sat down to a catered dinner. Aid. Frank Arkell from the Council, and Ron. Hewitt, from State Conf., brought greetings. Musical items were given by the Crusaders and Keith Robinson. The missionary, Des. Nelson, spoke informally of the purpose of the mission. The first four nights had attendances of 150, 85, 140 and 134. There was gospel music by the Shallows, the Renisons, Country Sound and the Corrmal Task Force. In our first week there were nine confessions of faith from Dapto, and three teenagers from the Campbelltown church indicated faith in Christ. We are indebted to the churches of Wollongong, Warrawong, Nowra, Bowral and Campbelltown for their support in prayer and attendance.

HOSPITAL STORYTIME

(INVERELL, N.S.W., R. Craig). The C.E. has undertaken a "Storytime" project to place a cassette tape recorder with pre-recorded Bible stories for children in the children's ward of the district hospital. . . . Three boys gained S.S. examination honours: Howard McFetridge (88 marks), Stephen Mackie (88) and Glenn Dick (90). . . . The C.W.F. provided funds for the re-painting of the S.S. Hall. . . . Phil Letherby, from Woolwich Bible College, spoke at morning and evening services and visited Delungra for monthly service in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hamilton. . . . At B. & F.B.S. annual Rally, Ken. Coulson, area representative, screened the latest film "Ongoing Vision."

MISSIONARY FAREWELLED

(TAREE, N.S.W., R. B. Whan). Miss Dorothy Holstein was farewelled by Taree church on leaving for India for further service with the Overseas Mission Board. She is one of our three missionaries at present in the field overseas. Presentations were made by way of cheques from the church, the C.W.F. and B.S. . . . Two have been recently added to church as baptized believers. . . . The Pres. of the N.S.W. Conf., R. Bartholomew, visited the church on Oct. 31.

KERAM PROJECT

(WYOMING, N.S.W.). The Keram River project closed on Oct. 24, having raised \$607 in eleven months. . . . Mrs. Una Lewis, C.W.F. State President, spoke at C.W.F. anniversary on Oct. 27. . . . Good Companions and Explorers recently gave

a combined display of activities and hand-work. . . . In Jan., 1972, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison and Catherine will be leaving us to take up the work at Carraman and Mr. and Mrs. Gurney will commence a ministry in Feb., 1972. . . . Broadcasting station 2GO Gosford went "on air" on Nov. 19 with a half-hour devotional programme each Sunday morning—our presentation will occur once every eight weeks. . . . A married man was baptized on Oct. 10. . . . At a picnic lunch on Oct. 18, members met the Aboriginal Deputation team. At night, Alan Bonney, Peter and Vina Jamieson spoke of their work, accompanied by slides brought by Don. Butler.

BIBLE SOCIETY FEATURED

(HORNSBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). The annual meeting of the Hornsby branch of the B. & F.B.S. was held in our chapel. The film "Penzance Pathways" was screened and guest artists were the Ratten Sisters who also sang in the gospel service. . . . J. Ellerby is home again and doing well after being in hospital for an operation. M. Bartholomew also required surgery as a result of an accident at his work. He also is doing well. . . . J. Ellerby was elected a life member of the Gladsville-Hornsby Soccer Association.

TWO PRONGED MISSION

(BEXLEY NORTH, N.S.W., J. H. Regouby). Allan Webb gave a week's special messages to the church on the working of the Spirit of God. This was followed by two weeks' evangelism with Eddie Gabbert. Mr. Webb spoke to a men's breakfast, 21 present; and Mr. Gabbert was guest at C.W.F. Intensive visitation was carried out. There have been five additions to the church, with three others welcomed by transfer. . . . C.W.F. anniversary had Mrs. B. Wylie as guest speaker. . . . C.W.E.F. and C.M.S. combined in a road safety night of instruction and films by County Council officers.

"KOOKY" AT CHURCH

(EPPING, N.S.W., K. Farmer). B.S. anniversary speaker at Primary and Kinder afternoon was Kit Bergen and "Kooky" from Channel 9. At night Mrs. Rae Freckleton spoke. . . . C. Cole, of Dept. of Social Service, and Ron. Hewitt, Conf. Sec., were recent speakers. . . . Church annual business meeting was held as family tea, and business discussed around table. . . . Mr. Farmer spoke at church anniversary services. . . . C.M.F. and C.W.F. held a combined meeting when Mr. Plowman of Yates Seed, was speaker. . . . G. Smith, Director of Social Service in W.A. and Mal Garvin, also spoke recently, and Mr. Garvin spoke at Young People's meeting.

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OBITUARY

SHAW, Mrs. Hannah Louise

Mrs. Hannah Shaw was a member of a large family who lived in the Stawell (Vic.) district. She attended school at Congongella and in 1918 married Clarence Shaw. She became a devoted member of the Stawell community and her church. Mrs. Shaw attended services regularly and was always willing to help in any way possible. Many a student, Home Missioner and minister stayed in her home. She was a faithful and loyal woman. Among Mrs. Shaw's achievements were her prizes at the Royal Melbourne Show. For two consecutive years she won the aggregate in the Home Craft section. This God-given ability led her to help others. She was a keen gardener. She was a faithful wife devoted to her husband. After a brief stay in hospital Mrs. Shaw died on Oct. 28, aged 82 years.—R. L. Baxter.

SIRES, Mrs. Irene

Irene Roberts was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. Roberts, members of the church at Balaklava, S.A., 67 years ago. She gave her heart to the Lord at an early age, believed to have been at the Chandler-Clay Mission during the ministry of the late W. Beiler. She married Cecil Sires of Balaklava in 1927. They had three sons and six daughters. At no time were the exacting duties of the farm and home made an excuse for neglecting services of worship and S.S. All including Mr. Sires, became members of the church at Balaklava. One, now Mrs. A. Titter, spent two years in training at the College of the Bible. Upon retirement from the farm Mr. and Mrs. Sires transferred to the church at Enfield

Heights in 1962. Their own home has been open house for many. In need of surgery Mrs. Sires entered hospital on Oct. 21 and unexpectedly died on Oct. 26. The funeral services at Williamson's Parlours and at the Evergreen Cemetery were conducted by the writer and R. Sack, minister at Enfield Heights. A fitting tribute was paid to her life and work. She is survived by her husband, her nine children and their life partners and 35 grandchildren. We commend them all to our heavenly father for his comfort and love.—W. N. Bartlett.

SMITH, May Alberta

The church at Shepparton, Vic., records the life and worthy witness of one of her stalwart members, affectionately known by all who knew her as "Nana" Smith, who died in her 87th year. Always young and vital in her outlook she was indeed a grand Christian lady. With her late husband, Ben, who predeceased her nearly 20 years ago, she was baptized and received into the membership of the church during the ministry of Lars Larsen in 1928. The degree of her dedication, faithfulness and loyalty was demonstrated in a variety of ways. Her unbroken attendance at the morning and evening services was an indication of the way in which she maintained a strong witness. She was intensely interested in all aspects of auxiliary work, particularly the Afternoon Women's Fellowship. The large gatherings at both chapel and cemetery, also a personal tribute by R. Clydesdale, an elder and life-long family friend, were an acknowledgment of the greatness of her life. With members of her family, especially her two daughters, Mrs. I. Clarke and Mrs. G. McCarthy, and sons Fred and Les., we rejoiced in her wonderful life. Both services were conducted by the writer.—R.E.H.

WURMBRAND SUPPORT

Pastor Richard Wurmbbrand's mission "Jesus to the communist world, Inc." received gifts totalling nearly one-and-a-half million dollars last year, according to audited figures issued recently.

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BIBLE BEHIND IRON CURTAIN

The Commonwealth Secretary of the Bible Society in Australia, the Rev. J. R. Payne, has returned to Canberra after an overseas visit. He spent several days on official Bible Society business in Poland and Rumania.

This included a visit to the Patriarchate Press in Bucharest, where he saw a run of 60,000 New Testaments being printed on special Bible paper supplied by the Bible Society. This printing was a sequel to the 100,000 Bibles printed in 1968 and distributed to members of the Orthodox Church throughout the country.

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VISITING EVANGELISTS

(NORTHCOTE, Vic., G. Marsh). G. Stirling, R. Lawton and D. Smith were special speakers at three Sunday night evangelistic services. Y.P. tea preceded two of the services . . . Good Companions held a fashion parade to aid their 1971 project.

"TEEN WEEK" MISSION

(CROYDON, Vic., A. B. Clark). Not least of the opportunities in the exciting challenge to the church is the regular appearance at our services of approximately 40 young people with little or no religious training or background. We have sought to meet this challenge in various ways and as part of the overall programme we held a "Teen Week" mission during Oct. Allan Male from Qld. was leader and many artists assisted on various nights. Prominent Christian laymen were interviewed each evening.

BUSY MONTH

(CHADSTONE, Vic., B. Jenkins). Features in October included the Underground Evangelism film "To Russia with Love," "The Challengers" played and spoke after a youth tea following a teenage camp at Rose's Ranch, near Macedon; a baptismal service when Peter and Lorraine Down were baptized (they are active youth leaders at Chadstone); twenty country cousins came down from Echuca for a weekend; an Explorer "Lads and Dads" camp at Rosebud, and a church barbecue at the camp on Sunday. On the fifth Sunday we all shared in a combined service at the Anglican church.

PLAY AT THOMSON

(Vic., K. Caulton). Church of Christ witness was given on Oct. 24 when the Geelong Interdenominational Drama Group presented "The Ladder." The minister took part in the play. Keith McGregor led opening worship which included communion and the closing when a young lady made her confession . . . Speakers on Oct. 31 were Graeme Cann (Leprosy Mission) and John Alabaster, Conf. Pres. . . . New officers include K. McGregor who replaces D. Simper who has been Supt. since commencement of S.S. W. Readhead is treasurer . . . C.W.F. President is Mrs. G. Westbury and Sec., Mrs. M. Anderson . . . On Nov. 7, Roslyn Jenning was baptized and received into fellowship. Dr. T. Banks led evening service.

VISITING MINSTRELS

(NTH. WILLIAMSTOWN, Vic., K. H. Pitt). Our "Minstrel Group" visited Balwyn church on Oct. 23 when the theme "Who is this Man Jesus?" was presented in song. Mr. Pitt spoke on the theme . . . The film "Journey to the Sky" was screened here on the 23rd. A "Supp-Inn" followed. . . . Church members and auxiliaries cooperated in a "Mini-Market" and achieved an amount in excess of \$750 . . . Working bee-cum-picnic was held at Camp Waterman on Nov. 2 at the same time making our contribution as a church to the upkeep of this important brotherhood property.

PROFITABLE FETE

(SWAN HILL, Vic., R. E. Pritchard). Successful C.W.F. fete on Oct. 29 realised \$340. C.M.F. toy stall brought in \$60 . . . R. C. McKenzie (Christian Educ. Dept.) was guest speaker at anniversary services . . . Two members have been added by transfer.

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PART-TIME MINISTRY

(WEDDERBURN, Vic.). For 14 weeks the church was fortunate to have Mr. and Mrs. Russell Banks living in the church manse and giving a part-time ministry. In October they stayed for a further four weeks . . . Walter Veith, of Mission Enterprises, spoke at Midlands District Rally. . . . The S.S. building has had the wooden floor replaced by concrete, making the building much more solid . . . The S.S. replaced the usual anniversary with an outdoor programme and barbecue. Prizes were presented on the following Sunday evening. . . . Recently Baden Jackel and C. Jackel went on a trip among Aboriginal folk . . . The furnished manse at Wedderburn is available for any minister over coming holiday period.

FUTURE CONSIDERED

(HURSTBRIDGE, Vic., H. L. Pletzsch). Official Board have met with H.M. representatives to plan future work . . . Ilox Hill and Doncaster continue to assist at morning services . . . The S.S. anniversary theme was "Jesus, the Light of the World." Plays and singing were presented by Senior school and Kindergarten. A presentation was made to Miss Marilyn Pletzsch after six years' service as Supt. Two S.S. scholars were baptized recently . . . Church expresses sympathy to Mrs. Rose McIntosh in the death of her son, Jim, in a farm accident.

CARILLON BELLS

(MANIFOLD HGTS., Vic., A. Stevens). A service of dedication was held when carillon bells and amplification equipment were given to the church in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Mountjoy and the late Arthur McKay (former elder. . . . The Temple Day offering was \$500. . . . 5 p.m. winter services were used to develop fellowship. Invitations were given for tea with 10% extra in attendance . . . Five sharing groups were formed after the Lay Witness Mission last year . . . Four were baptized at recent service . . . 42 attended the film "Cross and the Switch-blade."

PRINCIPAL AT ANNIVERSARY

(MORWELL, Vic., A. B. Gaunson). Principal E. L. Williams was guest speaker at church anniversary services. After family lunch, Mr. Williams spoke on the work of World Christian Action. At special evening service Kinder-Primary scholars joined with Mr. Gaunson in song . . . Young Adults held a successful barbecue at Little's farm at Hazelwood . . . Evening service has returned to 7 p.m.

BUILDING DEBT REDUCED

(EAST PRESTON, Vic., A. Fletcher). Combined activities with Preston continue especially in young people's work. Good Companions competed in sports, seniors gaining second place . . . Sunday morning discussion group used the booklet "Stir" and involvement in Force Ten and Freedom from Hunger have developed . . . A Sunday evening "special" for 12 to 20

years group gave informal, youth participation and fellowship . . . C.W.F. is a vital force in church life . . . We extend Christian sympathy to Mrs. Bryant whose husband died following serious illness . . . The Temple Day offering on Nov. 14 is expected to clear church building debt.

TEMPLE DAY RESPONSE

(RED CLIFFS, Vic., J. F. Sara). Temple Day offering was \$530 . . . Girl Guides and Brownies joined us for their annual church parade . . . B.S. anniversary and "Back to Church" tea, with 150 guests, was held the first Sunday of Red Cliffs Golden Jubilee celebrations. Keith Pitt was guest speaker . . . C.W.A.F. held 39th birthday with Mrs. Sara as speaker . . . Paul Cameron and Leslie Perry are now working in Melb. . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Cook have returned from W.A. impressed with work at Carnarvon and Norseman.

BROTHERHOOD SHARING

(HORSHAM, Vic., D. J. Marr). Stanton Wilson, Conference Secretary, met with Horsham and Haven churches on Oct. 23. . . . A combined service with Methodists was held in our chapel on Oct. 24. Rev. Outhred was speaker . . . Girls' Good Companions travelled by bus to Melbourne to complete in sports programme . . . The play "The Road to Damascus" was presented on Oct. 31. Director was R. Evans. . . . C.W.F. afternoon group held annual meeting on Nov. 2 and elected Mrs. C. Sherriff as President and Mrs. H. Butler as Secretary for 1972.

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LAMINGTON DRIVE

(BENDIGO, Vic., M. D. Keatch). During recent lamington drive, 43 dozen cakes were made and sold by ladies of the cake stall . . . Young people attended camps at Axedale and Warracknabeal . . . B. Martin spoke to the C.W.E.F. on first aid . . . A car rally was held to aid the coming Fair . . . Mrs. W. Ireland has undergone surgery . . . R. McKenzie, D.C.E., was guest speaker on Oct. 31 . . . Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Morshead and family in the death of Mr. Morshead's father . . . At youth service on Oct. 31 three Y.P. delivered sermons.

VISIT FROM THE OUTER

(FOOTSCRAY, Vic., F. B. Alcorn). 26 members of The Patch church visited us for fellowship tea and evening service . . . Gifts were brought for hospital visitors when the Evening Fellowship sponsored a film evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Leach. The Fellowship visited Mount Royal Hospital and provided tea and a gift for 48 patients . . . Explorer boys, led by G. Hall and K. Saunders, presented a Boys' Sunday play . . . A presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Green on their return to Mildura . . . A focus on the B.S. activity involved five classes on Oct. 24, in puppet play, story and song.

BAPTISM AT PARKDALE

(Vic., D. Stow). Gavin Woodward was baptized on Oct. 30 and another young man confessed Christ . . . On Nov. 7, Rodney How showed a film on India . . . Good Companions shared in evening service on Nov. 14 . . . C.W.F. members attended Bayside luncheon, Nov. 8, at Frankston church . . . On Nov. 21 the church participated in Contemporary Worship . . . The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Ida Cuddy, a member of long standing. Instead of floral tributes, gifts were received for Cancer Relief totaling over \$135.

OPEN AIR SERVICES

(NOBLE PARK, Vic., T. Giles). On Oct. 31 after morning service, a barbecue lunch was held at Belgrave, followed by an open air service with singing group "Folklore" and A. Avery as speaker . . . Church visitation and evangelism campaign with H.M. Dept. is progressing well . . . On Oct. 15 young people's fellowship had an evening at Luna Park.

\$250 FOR MISSION

(DAWSON ST., BALLARAT, Vic., F. C. Hunting). Women's Evening Fellowship held a coffee party at the home of Mrs. Jack Price. \$250 was raised in a special effort to help buy bedding for Carnarvon Mission. Successful house fellowship meetings were held at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Len. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rappkins . . . "Big Sound in Music" in Ralph Carmichael style was provided by special orchestra. Alan Avery was guest speaker as congregation thrilled to singing old gospel hymns in this new style . . . For Mt. Clear S.S. anniversary children were trained by Howard Tresize. Afternoon story was by Max White. Evening was taken by Frank Clark . . . Arthur Stanley in hospital following surgery . . . Church lost two members—Miss Franklin and Mrs. Jo Lenthall.

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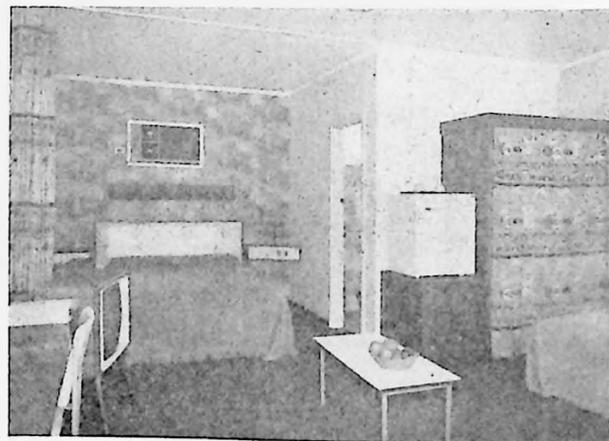
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THREE MOUNTAINS

Name these three Bible mountains. Answers next issue.

1. On its slopes Moses saw the burning bush, from it he brought down the tablets of the law, and at the entrance to one of its caves Elijah heard a "still small voice."
2. Not very high, it is one of the best known mountains in the world. The whole Jewish people made it a place of pilgrimage, and it has often been used as a name for the Christian church.
3. From its slopes, Jesus looked down upon the city of Jerusalem and wept over it. The Garden of Gethsemane is located upon it.

THREE LOVE STORIES (see last issue)

1. Isaac and Rebekah. 2. Ruth and Boaz. 3. Moses and Zipporah.

"WHO broke your window, Mrs. B.?"

"My husband, dear. He ducked."

PATIENT: Tell me, doctor, in plain English, just what's wrong with me.
Doctors: You're just plain lazy.
Patient: Now could you give me the medical terms to tell my friends?



"ARE YOU SURE YOU LOOKED EVERYWHERE FOR THAT OTHER ORDERING WAITER?"

Contributions invited — Send to Jay, The Australian Christian, 119-125 Hawke St., West Melbourne, Vic., 3003.

EXPERIMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

(TRARALGON, Vic.) We are faced today with the prospect of having to take far more literally the words of Jesus, "Go . . . make disciples." This is the time when we must do a great deal of thinking and experimenting in outreach for the church. Traralgon church has been involved in some exciting new experiments to reach out to people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Three of these have involved children and young people.

Team teaching has been introduced to the S.S. resulting in greater numbers of children being catered for in the various grades. A Junior Stamp Club has begun. Starting with something in which the children are interested, it has endeavoured to foster that interest by teaching added skills in the collection of stamps. At the same time we have made use of that interest by using stamps to illustrate the message of Jesus Christ.

A third experiment involves the Intermediate S.S. class. It is the age at which children feel too old for S.S. The new concept involves a camp one month; church, lunch, study in month two; and barbecue, study and service on Sunday night in month three. The class will meet once per month. 19 young people attended the first session—a study camp—a big increase on the class of three that had been meeting.

The church at Morwell is preparing for a Planning Conference. It should be an exciting adventure — looking ahead to see what might be, planning a programme that could bring it into reality, and then working to make it a reality.

50 YEARS AGO

Sunday Concerts. When the Mayor of Hawthorn, Vic., gave permission to the municipal band to give Sunday night concerts in the local Town Hall, there was a strong protest by Protestant churches, but the Council, by a small majority, endorsed the Mayor's action. The question was made an issue at the next elections and two new councillors were elected who opposed the Sunday concerts. Following a further protest from the churches, the Council by eight votes to four, voted to discontinue them. Here and There. At the Mildura mission there have been 95 decisions . . . Clarence Lang commenced a two week mission at South Yarra, Vic.

Picture Shows. The picture show is a force to be reckoned with in modern civilisation. It has found its way everywhere, and absorbs a considerable portion of the spare time and cash of the people, particularly the young. It gives information in concentrated doses. Youth lies back and learns without effort, learns much it need not know, laughs boisterously, weeps secretly, thrills with exquisite joy, shudders with the agony of hell, all in three hours at sixpence half-penny a sitting!

THE LAST WORD . . .

PRAYER

Come in, God,
Come in with your fire
And kindle me.
My faith won't believe.
I have stirred it
With a poker,
And stoked it,
And soaked it
With combustible reasons,
Including fifteen to show
That you actually do exist.
But it won't burn.
My faith is a clinker, God.
Make it a red-hot coal.

—Colin Campbell,
"Christianity Today."



If you have knowledge, let others light their candles by it.



The gossip I hear
Is hard to excuse,
Since I never gossip!
I only spread news!

—S. Omar Barker.



"Darling," sighed the enraptured young man, "When I think that tomorrow is your birthday, and when I think that a year ago I didn't know you . . ."

"Sweetheart," murmured his darling, "don't let's talk about our past. Let's talk about my present."



Half an inch, half an inch, half an inch shorter,
The length is the same for mother and daughter.
When the wind blows, each of them shows,
Half an inch, half an inch, more than she oughter.

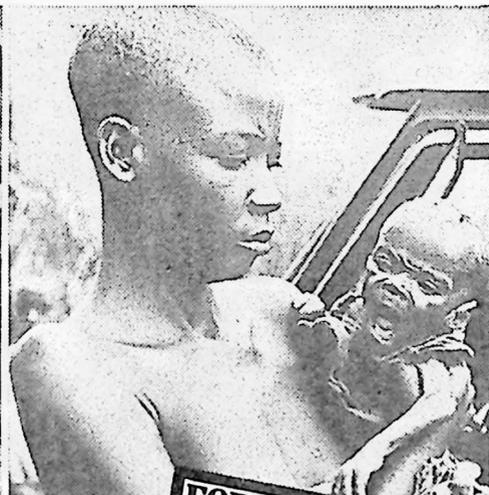


Money never makes a fool of anybody,
It only shows him up.



The daughter was not an experienced driver. When she reached home at last she told her father: "I've scratched the front mudguard a bit, Dad. If you want to see it, it's on the back seat."

Some children have a lot in common



He was born in a manger. A dirty, smelly, noisy, unlovely place. Which gives Him a lot in common with many modern babies. Those born on Calcutta footpaths, in muddy rice paddies, in unused sewer pipes where refugees shelter, in dirt-floored huts among pigs and fowls. Remember them when you celebrate His birth—the ones whose conditions He chose to share, and of whom He said "inasmuch . . ." Remember them through the Christmas Bowl, the churches' joint programme that helps mend millions of lives shattered by hunger, poverty, war, ignorance, disease and despair. Has your church ordered Christmas Bowl material—envelopes, leaflets, posters, Sunday School aids—from your state World Christian Action office? There's still time. But for millions of people, it's running out fast.

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