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ABORIGINES MISSIONS

"There is no distinction . . .
. . . for you are all one in Christ Jesus!"



IN ABORIGINES MISSIONS

WITH the appointment of D. P. Butler, Superintendent of Norseman Mission, to the position of Federal Organising Secretary, it has been necessary to make other replacements from experienced members of the Mission teams.



Mr. and Mrs. Graham Butler have been appointed to Norseman Mission. Mr. Butler will be both Superintendent of the Mission and Field Superintendent for the Goldfields district, which includes "Fairhaven" Training Hostel at Esperance, the Children's Homes, Centre, Outreach, etc., at Norseman, and the expected developments in the Kalgoorlie district in the near future. Graham and Heather Butler spent five years at the Carnarvon Mission, where they made a splendid contribution to the work and then took charge of "Fairhaven" Hostel upon the retirement of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stevenson. Their work at "Fairhaven" has been outstanding, and it is good that in their new position they will still be able to give some guidance and encouragement to this work.



Mr. and Mrs. R. Rogan are to be sent to Norseman to the Superintendency at "Fairhaven" Training Hostel at Esperance. For the past five years Mr. and Mrs. Rogan (Rog and Betty) have been important members of the Norseman mission team, and have had some very responsible positions. Their work with older young people from the desert area has been especially noteworthy, and they have made a significant contribution to the high esteem in which Norseman Mission is held in the handling of what might be called "difficult" cases. They have spent some time relieving at "Fairhaven", so the responsibility of this Esperance leadership will not be new to them.

More workers required. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are due to leave the superintendency at Carnarvon Mission early in 1971, and at the time of writing, the Board had not been able to make an appointment to this position. Prayer is asked for the choosing of the right persons with spiritual maturity and leadership qualities for this important position, and also for the appointment of house-parents and others to bring the staff again to full strength.

ONSLow - ONFAST

THE Spirit of God is moving in a wonderful way amongst the Aboriginal people of the North-West of Western Australia. This is especially evident in Onslow, a dusty, sleepy town 900 miles north of Perth and 300 miles from the mission station at Carnarvon. Here in the past six months 35 people have been baptized, with more wanting to "go into the water" each time missionaries from Carnarvon visit them.

I accompanied Ray Schmitt, a mission worker in Carnarvon, to Onslow on one of his regular visits early in January. He is widely accepted by the Aboriginal population of the town as a brother in Christ. He was the first white man ever to be invited to a district law meeting of the people. Ray, Lance Fisher, Bob Williams, Jim Joseph, Allan Bonney and other mission workers travel to Onslow each fortnight to conduct services and counsel the new Christians.

Our time at Onslow started early Sunday morning after the journey from Carnarvon. We spent an hour moving from group to group on the reserve talking to the people. I was utterly bewildered as I tried to remember the many names, and who was related to whom. At a gather up Ray made use of charts to present simply and clearly the audience with Jesus Christ. The changed lives of several present bore clear testimony to the power of Christ in the life of a believer.

At a very moving communion service under the trees on the reserve about 30 Christians remembered their Lord,

using two slices of bread served from an enamel plate and a cup of water. Following this service, we moved over the sandhills to the ocean where Ray and Stanley Hubert immersed seven people.

On Monday we visited the seven patients in the local hospital and the inmates of the local jail, where we spoke to the prisoners of the difference Jesus makes.

The work at Onslow is the result of an outreach trip seven years ago when Bob Williams and Lance Fisher visited the town. The hostile reception they received as they spoke of the Lord then, and on subsequent occasions, has changed completely. Now the people are only too willing to have the missionaries visit them. The Christian people have made a strong witness to their own people and white townfolk.

As we left late on Monday afternoon following a prolonged time of saying goodbye, my heart was thrilled to have witnessed the Holy Spirit at work.

The north of Western Australia is a challenging place. The need for full-time spiritual workers in Onslow, at Roebourne and in Port Hedland should challenge a concerned Australian brotherhood to new thinking, praying, planning and giving. Truly the fields beyond our northernmost church at Carnarvon are white unto harvest.

By A. W. MOYLE

ABORIGINES MISSIONS HIGHLIGHTS

By DAVID G. HAMMER



NEW PANEL VAN FOR OUTREACH.

CYCLONE

THE year 1970 included a cyclone at Carnarvon. This caused only a small amount of structural damage to mission property, all covered by insurance. It also destroyed a number of trees on the mission. While these do not represent financial loss, the loss of shade and wind-breaks (and dust-breaks) which took years to provide, is of importance.

FIRE

It also included a fire at Norseman Mission which destroyed the workshop building which housed the two lighting plants. The lighting plants, a large quantity of mission equipment and missionaries' personal tools, as well as the building, were all lost. It has been truly wonderful, however, to see the response of the brotherhood, without any appeal being made. The \$3,000 or so in gifts from the church members, plus insurance of \$4,000 and a special gift of \$8,000 from the Commonwealth Office of Aboriginal Affairs, has made excellent replacement possible. All missionaries' tools have been replaced, a larger new automatic-start diesel lighting plant is in operation, and two large steel-framed buildings are nearing completion to replace the one burnt down.

MINISTRY

On the credit side must be reckoned the great encouragement of the coming of the first full-time minister and his wife to the Carnarvon church which has grown out of Mission beginnings of some 25 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have fitted in well, and are a tower of strength to mission and community. There have been a number of decisions.

OUTREACH

The "outreach" work is another high spot. One of the valuable "project" achievements of our churches enabled the replacement of the Carnarvon Land-rover with a new panel van suited for this work. Bob Williams, Lance Fisher, and others have been able to visit Onslow and other areas in more comfort than previously and the wonderful movement of Aboriginal people to the Lord at Onslow in particular, with a number of baptisms towards the end of the year, has set a seal upon this work.

FINANCE

The improved financial position of the work has been another feature of the year. Thanks to the faithfulness of the brotherhood in its gifts (with special mention of the N.S.W. "Walkabout" which provided \$2,600), and a number of other factors—higher Government subsidies in some aspects of the work, less capital expense on buildings and school bus replacements, etc.—the overdraft has been liquidated. We are facing additional costs, however, in adjustments of missionary salaries, etc., which will be felt in 1971.

NORSEMAN

For the future, there are many possibilities. The provision of \$40,500 by the W.A. Government for a new section at Norseman Mission Children's Homes, will enable the much-needed development to go ahead. Norseman Mission has been over-

crowded for some time, and in spite of every effort to meet it, the need amongst children and young people is growing.

HOSTEL

A working-girls' hostel at Kalgoorlie, which would be a valuable complement to our "Fairhaven" Hostel at Esperance, seems to be likely of fulfillment this year. The Government is more than interested—having offered to build and equip such a hostel, and place it in Mission hands.

INVOLVEMENT

A word should be said also of the growing involvement of Aboriginal people in their own affairs. We are extremely happy to have a growing number of Aboriginal members of our Mission staff—not Aboriginal missionaries as a special class, but ordinary missionaries in full standing who happen to be of Aboriginal descent. At the same time, we cannot close our eyes to significant events in the whole field of Aboriginal affairs. A willingness to accept leadership and take responsibility in their own affairs is only to be commended, even if there are (inevitably) mistakes being made! The role of the white missionary changes, but the work goes on.

THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA

For a variety of reasons, the Aborigines Mission work in W.A. is better known to our Australian brotherhood. More urgent need, more spectacular development and more Government help are perhaps some of the factors. Carnarvon, Norseman and Esperance all represent a very wonderful work and we rejoice in what God has done. There is faithful work being done in many other places also, only some of which are listed under the Federal Aborigines Board. We thank God for this work. Board work includes:

Eidsvold, Queensland. The new chapel enables a Christian Centre-type of ministry to be performed. Lyle Morris travels widely and has made contact with many small groups of Aborigines from this centre. The local work has suffered in the removal from the town of several Christian people who were keen helpers, and more help is needed. Work amongst the children is encouraging.

Balladonia, N.S.W. This settlement, having performed a valuable ministry over the years has now been closed. Families are housed in conventional homes in Gilgandra and other towns. The property is being disposed of.

Moorepark, Vic. The ministry is faithfully continued amongst Aboriginal and other people in the area, and Roy Gydesdale's help over many years is greatly appreciated. Regular services are held in the chapel, and a fine fellowship is experienced. The numbers grow as seasonal workers come into the area during the fruit season.

Cummcragunga, Vic. The Echuca church and minister (B. Brown) pay regular visits to this settlement. Religious instruction is given in the school and a helpful ministry is performed amongst the families there.

Northcote, Vic. Doug Nicholls, well known for many years of work at Fitzroy, still conducts services and provides help to Aborigines in the city of Melbourne, as far as his work with the Aborigines' Advancement League permits. Meetings are held in the A.A.L. Hall.



A "FAIRHAVEN" GIRL

A GOOD YEAR AT "FAIRHAVEN"

By GRAHAM BUTLER,
Superintendent of "Fairhaven" Training Hostel, Esperance, W.A.

As a family we have enjoyed the experience of the past year at "Fairhaven," and have learned some lessons. We have found hostel work very different from Missions. With a family such as ours, we have found that a family within the large "Fairhaven" family has its problems, but the Lord has graciously undertaken.

Our Sunday meetings have been good. A young lady who has come to work in Esperance shares with us in our morning services. Some of our evening services have been outstanding, especially during the visit of Mrs. Finger, Laura and Leith from the New Hebrides. Some 80 people turned out for the meeting. We have also shared in evening meetings with other churches.

Christian Endeavour break-up (with about 70 present), our Church Christmas Tree when many of our married Aboriginal couples and families joined with us, and our Students' Graduation were highlights of the close of the year.

One of the pleasing features of the year is that many of our working girls have accomplished a full year in the same job. Most have saved well, and are quite able to pay their own fares for their vacations.

There have been many enquiries from different places for girls to come to "Fairhaven" in 1971. At present we are taking it quietly, hoping to be able to interview each girl before accepting her. We feel that it is very important that we should only take girls who really want the help, employment, and training that "Fairhaven" can provide.

IT is a real pleasure to report that the happy spirit among the family at "Fairhaven" has continued. Our girls very successfully completed the basketball season with their second premiership. They have now commenced the night basketball season with men's rules. They turned out for their first match in new uniforms which they are paying for themselves.

We have been planning for the holiday period over December and January for some time. Apart from our twelve girls who are employed on a full-time basis, all the other girls either went home for holidays, or to some place we arranged for them. Two of the girls joined the Norseman Mission party for a holiday at Waterman's Bay Campsite.

REMINISCENCES

IT is now over six years since we, as a family, left South Australia to enter the work of our Aborigines Missions as house parents to 25 girls at our Norseman Mission. It has been our pleasure to be in this girls' home for over five years and only in 1970 did we relinquish this position because of the duties of the superintendency at Norseman.

We have always endeavoured to present the love of Jesus Christ to the children by word and by life and it has been a joy to see the response of many of the children to the Gospel. We know that not everyone who hears becomes a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and this has been our experience too at Norseman. While many have accepted Christ as Saviour and Lord, there are still many who have heard, but who have hardened their hearts to the message of the Gospel. This saddens us of course, for as we live amongst the children, we grow to love them and treat them as our own. However, we have come to rest in the Lord, knowing that they have heard the message of salvation and in prayer, we can bring

From DON BUTLER of Norseman

them to the Lord and so believe that even yet they might come to him.

There have been times of difficulty and sickness and worry over the past six years also, when it would seem as if it was difficult to carry on and yet we have seen God's faithfulness, upholding, strengthening, restoring, and seeing us through times of disappointment and depression. This, too, has brought joy to our hearts, for out of trials and difficulties we have entered into a deeper experience of his presence.

Over the years the work has developed at Norseman and today there are about 100 children under our care. Very close connections have been made with the Child Welfare Dept., and the Native Welfare Dept., and a very good spirit of co-operation exists between the Mission and these Government Departments.

With the building of our new Centre Hall in Norseman four years ago, it became possible for the first time for the Mission staff and children to worship and have fellowship with our adult native folk and their families in the town. Here, too, we have seen a developing work under the leadership of Alan Pallett as our town folk move towards independence and

FROGS, TURTLES, CHILDREN, ... AND CHRIST!

NGAIRE FRASER writes entertainingly of day-to-day activities at Carnarvon Mission

THE times shared with others and the gradual awakening in me to Christ as my ALL have been very wonderful and have helped to lead me into this life with a capital "L"—which to me, is living every moment as if Jesus is coming the next.

You may call me the "Heinz" girl although I haven't quite reached the 57 varieties yet, but since I came to Carnarvon two years ago I have enjoyed sharing the work in most sections.

I would like to share a few of my experiences with you. The main thing seems to be, in any situation—*don't lose your sense of humour!* For example, when at Junior Boys I had to fish two dozen big fat tadpoles out of the bath and then found turtles marching happily up the dormitory.

There was the time Caryl and I spent living at the back of the dining room. We felt it was most considerate of us to share our bath and bedrooms with about 80 frogs! Then again you haven't lived until you've worked with Criss Jones at "Windana" section and experienced her "last load" in the washing machine—the whole Mission gets a clean sweep — hair brushes, sand shoes, bath mats, organ covers, beach



MISS FRASER

bags, combs, plastic sandals and her husband's boiler suit — the whole lot into the machine! In the same section, there is the adventure of getting three little boys and eight teenage girls and four smaller girls off to school with the last bell about five minutes off . . . "Have you got your lunch? Where's your hanky? Pull your trousers up. Tuck your shirt in. Where's your reading book? Clean your teeth. Take a jumper." And from the girls . . . "Miss Fraser, tie my ribbon. Where's my blouse? I've got a button missing. Have you seen my school bag? I've got a sore. There's no hankies left. THE BUS IS GOING!" Z-O-O-M! . . . then a quiet hush as they are all off to school.

Peace for the day? Well, comparatively, because it is then that the general routine of cleaning, sewing, washing and ironing begins, frequently interrupted by exciting little happenings like morning and afternoon teas and scratching sand-fly bites! When the children are home of course, the happenings are noisier and more frequent.

One night at Senior boys, one boy who is not very interested in Christ, informed me, when I spilled macarochrome all over a pair of Sunday trousers, that I'd better pray! Also, when they introduced me to their pet rabbit and I asked what it ate, "Peanut paste and lollies of course!" I mean to say, of course, how stupid of me!

Often the kids will just come in and out of the flat where I live with Edna, to play records or read, or get their hair done or just to talk. One of the boys wiped his muddy feet on my beautiful fluffy mat—"Well, whoever heard of mats that weren't to wipe feet on!"

"Miss Fraser, I'm a Christian!" was the cry that greeted me when I entered "Windana" section one night after we had had a visit from Ben Mason, Denzil Humphries and Ron Bonnoy. God's timing was just right and many of the children put their trust in Jesus.

Since this break-through, a group of girls have been meeting at my place once a week and we share together and sing and do something for others and then pray together for others and for each other.

Many little things that happen are really lovely, unforgettable experiences. Some of the girls and I were racing to the top of a hill to have a look at the wild flowers, and when we arrived, the sight was just breathtaking, as a carpet of pink, white, yellow and blue wildflowers stretched out in front of us. Christine just turned to me and said "Look, Miss Fraser, all the flowers marching off to church to thank God for making them."

I certainly thank my God for making me, as I share in this thrilling, and exciting Christian life, and as Bob Williams said after his return from World Convention, "It's wonderful to see everyone all mixed together at the Cross."

And to me, the thing that makes life really worth living is to know that God wants to use — even me!

A GOSPEL OF TOTAL CONCERN

By LANCE M. FISHER

A FAMILY moved into Carnarvon 12 months ago. They had lived in a State house in Geraldton but came north seeking employment. The only housing available in which to house eleven people was a small two-roomed iron building on the native reserve. They were not accustomed to these conditions, the noise, fights and ghetto living. The father became ill and was hospitalised in Perth, the illness finally diagnosed as a nervous disorder.

Christians ministered to his needs in hospital whilst the family were encouraged and cared for as best could be. Upon the father's return from hospital they moved into two transition dwellings at "Oolyarra" area on the Mission property. Employment was found for the father and sons, the family being knit together in a peaceful atmosphere. Now they have moved to a new house erected in the town by the Native Welfare Department.

If the story finished there it would be fragmenting the gospel, for through hospital care, housing and educating, they have come to know the Christ as Saviour and Lord. The



A FAMILY GROUP AT CARNARVON.

mother, father, teenage son and daughter, then the married son and wife have been baptized, giving their praise and thanks to God.

How important it is to realise that the gospel is one big heap of good news and cannot be made into separate piles. Jesus Christ is the good news and applies it to all of life. Jesus taught about the whole, the oneness, the body with all its parts being a complete unit.

This is the work of the Holy Spirit today, to make a complete unit of each individual, so expressing fullness of life each day. The work we do, the sport we play, the house in which we live, the clothes we wear are all a part of the person but are so often separated and called "social."

Today, in ministering to Aborigines, the love expressed in life by the outworking of the indwelling Holy Spirit is related also to employment, housing, health, food and education. This is the involvement of the Federal Aborigines Mission Board — to present the Christ of God as the Way, the Truth and the LIFE.

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WORDS TO TREASURE

Understanding The Teenager

By

Dr. WILLIAM LAMERS

Young men and women of today must make essentially the same decisions made by our grandparents and great-grandparents: to stay or not to stay, to heed the jaded voice of experience or listen to the siren call of the unknown, the far away and the forbidden. They must face a world made by adults, owned by adults and ruled by adults. They want freedom and say we give them regimentation. They ask for values and we give them prices. They ask for ideals and we give them rules. They look for recognition and we criticise them for their nonconformity. They ask for understanding and we tell them how tough we had it in the old days. They ask for a way out and we tell them there is no more great frontier. We give them a number, envelop them with a curriculum, tell them to love their neighbour, force them to fight our wars, expose them to mediocrity on television and bombard them with the idea that sex is good because it sells cigarettes and automobiles — but, warn them that sex is not for them.

It is not surprising that some of the young people of today seek their own great frontier; a place where they can be free from competition with adults, free from adult standards and slogans, and free from the fear of adult intervention. This is the world of the hippy; the coast of nonconformity, the land of illusion and the home of those who have no home. It is said to be a valley of enchantment, love and understanding that can only be entered by those who share a common mistrust for all things adult, and who are willing to share a few deep drafts of smouldering hemp, or to swallow boldly the potent contents of an unmarked capsule.

In this brave new land there is no struggle, no prejudice, no fear, no want, no pretence, no inhibition—only love, trust and honest concern. And the possibility of arrest, habituation and rejection by family and friends.

The teenager is impulsive; for him time is of the essence. The now is all-important and tomorrow may never come. Teenagers live in constant fear of being misunderstood, mistrusted and rejected. They yearn for peer-acceptance and are suspicious of adults who accept them as they are. Partly to establish an identity of their own and partly to prevent acceptance by adults, they establish habits of dress, styles of hair and tastes in music that define them clearly as members of a group who can determine styles and make decisions.

The fact that so many succeed in mastering the difficult tasks of the teen years is due to their stamina and emotional flexibility and essential appreciation of the values and attitudes that have proven to be worthwhile to our parents.—"World Communiqué."

WORD TALK —GORDON MOYES.

No. 22—MATTHEW 7: 29 JBP.

"Ring of Authority."

When Jesus came teaching, people were "astonished at the power behind His teaching, for His words had the ring of authority" (Matthew 7: 29). "Authority" in the New Testament is usually associated with the word "power." Hence, when Jesus says "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Matthew 28: 18), this can be translated as "all power is given to me." But this interchangeable translation is not always acceptable. For example, "He gives us power to become sons of God" (John 1: 12) not just the authority. In Hebrews 13: 10 you will see that the sense requires the use of "authorly" rather than "power." But the most unusual use of this word "authority" is Paul's inexplicable use in 1 Corinthians 11: 10, where he declares the authority is to sit upon a woman's head like a fascinator. In fact, one translator even puts it "A husband must keep his wife's head in control!" What Paul really means is uncertain, but we get the ideal.

The authority of Jesus was recognised as distinct from the scribes. In spite of their constant appeal to ancient authorities. His authority was different even from the prophets; with their "Thus saith the Lord." It was he himself who had the ring of authority. He claims authority to teach (Mark 1: 22); to forgive and heal (Mark 2: 10); and to exorcise demons (Luke 11: 14-20). He claims all authority over life and death (John 10: 18) and accepts all authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28: 18). Paul confirms this by indicating His authority over the whole universe (Ephesians 1: 21).

FOR TODAY:

Around the world there is a crisis in authority. The authority of the state, of parents, of traditional moral standards, of the Church, and of the judiciary is openly attacked and criticised. Jesus had no external evidences of authority such as we see in those in authority today. He didn't compel obedience. His authority came from three sources. Firstly his personal qualities. There was the power of personal influence because he was so able in so many ways. We don't question the authority of Sir Donald Bradman in cricket, or Sir Robert Helpmann in ballet. It was the personal qualities of Jesus that allowed people to recognise his authority. Secondly his authority was conferred upon him by God. Paul rightly says: "There is no authority except from God" (Romans 13: 1) and Jesus constantly recognised that his power and authority was derived from the Father. Read his prayer in John 17. Thirdly, he received his authority because men recognised it within him. Many people find it hard to accept authority that they cannot see. The authority in Jesus was obvious.

In a world of chaos, where the traditional authorities are being challenged, his abiding authority is our reference point when all else changes.

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BUT IT'S NOT A LAUGHING MATTER!

THE FAMOUS radio psychiatrist, Dr. Joyce Brothers, who recently visited Australia, spoke eloquently concerning the ironic exchange between the American Indian and the white man.

The early settlers introduced the Indian to liquor. The Redskin took to firewater with a liking that persists to this day, and the psychiatrist cited impressive statistics to prove her point. In direct proportion to his alcohol consumption there is a high incidence of liver ailments among Indians.

But the Indian gave the white man tobacco, which he had used sparingly but for which the white developed a strong attachment. Lung cancer, virtually unknown among Indians, now takes a steadily mounting toll among white smokers.

The Indian, for all his cirrhosis pains, has a sardonic laugh at the coughing spasms of his white neighbour.

"Australian Baptist."

BEAZLEY'S BUZZ * IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

DR. GEO. W. BEAZLEY is the President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Council on Christian Union, and the Chairman of the nine-denomination Consultation on Church Union (COCU) in the U.S.A. He made a whirlwind one-day visit to Adelaide on his way home to Indianapolis from the meeting of the W.C.C. Central Committee in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

He spoke to our Ministers' Fraternal about Disciples of Christ and Christian Union. From his experience in COCU he claimed that the more churches involved in a union consultation the easier it is to make progress. No one church can dominate such conversations, and one is freed from an unreasonable adherence to one's past. By contrast, bi-lateral negotiations, such as between Disciples and Baptists, always seem to bog down into an impasse.

In a large group, he said, one finds some strange bedfellows. Three discoveries he had made were: that Disciples of Christ are not typically Protestant; that Disciples have a great deal in common with Episcopalians; that Disciples owe a lot to their Presbyterian heritage. He emphasised the common ground we share with Anglicans, Orthodox and Roman Catholics in our understanding of the Lord's Supper. Together we treasure its centrality and frequency, and like the others we even have a "gut-feeling" for the real presence, though we do not use the traditional terms to describe it.

In the third place Dr. Beazley claimed that Disciples of Christ are discovering a lot of new things about themselves. For example, they begin to see the unbiblical nature of their autonomy, and the need to put aside both that and an equally erroneous heteronomy in favour of a more biblical theonomy.

Dr. Beazley sees three major strands as making up Disciples' tradition: restoration, Christian union and evangelism. They must, however, be kept in tension, for as imbalance occurs, our witness becomes distorted. We need, therefore, to be constantly re-reading the history of our movement through the eyes of the present.

We must also be concerned to get back to what the scriptures are saying, being mindful that truth is being conveyed through other denominations than our own, even on such jealously guarded doctrines as baptism and ministry. Dr. Beazley said that since becoming involved in COCU he had been compelled to study his Bible more closely and more honestly than ever before. We must realise that we cannot contain all that God is saying in our own tradition. There must be a free passage for truth in the spirit of frank honesty.

Dr. Beazley feels that he has made three important discoveries through his involvement in COCU. First, that Christians do already have a unity in Christ, however they distort it. When they sit around the table of consultation they soon forget their denominational and racial labels and seek in dialogue for truth. Second, that the ministry of the laity, especially that of the eldership, is of great importance. In

By TOM R. MASON

trying to explain this to COCU he found he was successful only when he invited them to the Cane Ridge Meeting House and demonstrated in a Communion service what he had been trying so hard to convey in words. Third, the unity of the church is not something man can devise, but only what God can give. In consultation they often found themselves at an impasse, like the Hebrew slaves at the Red Sea, but God always opened the way. Like Abraham they had to go out in faith not knowing where they were going.

* Dr. Beazley publishes a monthly newsletter on Christian union matters. It is called "Beazley's Buzz."

Dr. and Mrs. Beazley also met with a representative group from Victorian churches and brotherhood departments at the Brotherhood Centre in Melbourne on Wed. February 24.

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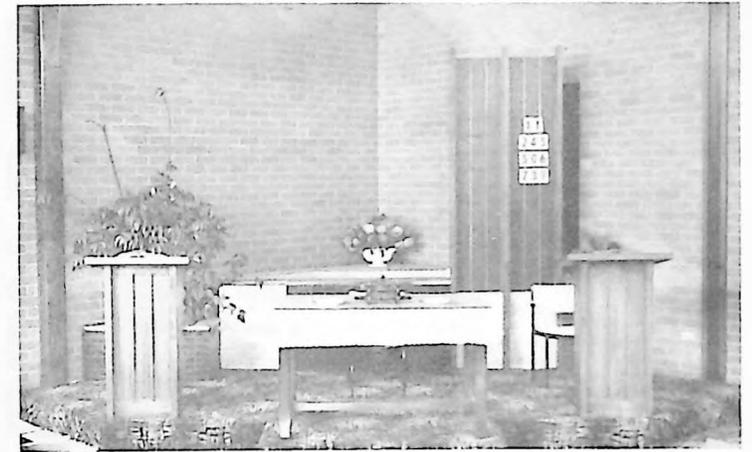
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(Vic.). More than 250 shared in the Dedication Service for the new worship and education centre opened by the Footscray church on Feb. 20. The new location is in Gordon St. about a mile from the previous site in Raleigh St.

Former ministers were present, including D. D. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart from Boronia, Vic. and Denzil C. Ritchie and Mrs. Ritchie of Goodwood, S.A. The Mayor of Footscray, Cr. T. Green, responded to the welcome to visitors and spoke on behalf of the municipality. The address and prayer of dedication were offered by the Conf. Pres., K. J. Clinton, A. R. Haskell, Chairman of the Properties Corporation, R. Drayton, the architect, and Mr. Ritchie also took part. Musical items were presented by Miss Dorothy Alcorn and the Footscray church choir. Buffet tea was served.

The feature of the new building is the square chapel seating approx. 140, and which is surmounted by a shallow pyramid and spire. Continuous glazing high in all four walls gives the appearance that the roof is suspended like a canopy over the congregation.

The chapel is approached through a large foyer which, because of large view windows, can cater for an additional 40 worshippers. The kindergarten room is also strategically placed and equipped to provide further overflow accommodation.

The lounge and minister's study have been designed to facilitate counselling work, as well as providing an informal fellowship centre and a place for smaller meetings or discussion groups. There is

a large hall for B.S. classes and youth clubs, a Primary Department, and a well-equipped kitchen. At the rear of the property there is a concreted car park which also serves as an outdoor play area for clubs.

For three weeks prior to opening day, church members engaged in an intensive visitation campaign to 1,000 homes in the vicinity of the new church. Descriptive literature was left with householders to inform them of church, auxiliary and fellowship facilities.

The culmination of this work was a week of fellowship and witness meetings from Feb. 21 to 28. Guest speakers were Vice-Principal G. R. Stirling, A. E. White, editor of "The Christian," and ministers of local Baptist, Methodist, Anglican, and Presbyterian churches.

• VIC.-TAS. CONFERENCE

BUSINESS INFORMATION

The Conference Secretary draws attention to the following extracts from the Constitution:

"ADMISSION OF CHURCHES:

Churches desiring to affiliate with Conference shall make application in

Vic.-Tas. Conference April 25-30, 1971

writing to the Conference Secretary at least six weeks before annual Conference" (i.e. not later than March 13, 1971).

NOMINATIONS:

"The report of the Nominations Committee shall be forwarded to the churches four weeks before annual Conference" (i.e. not later than March 27, 1971) "such report indicating that additional nominations, except for the office of president-elect, may be made by affiliated churches only, in writing, with consent of nominee, such nominations to be forwarded through the church board

to the Conference secretary, not later than one week prior to the opening day of Conference" (i.e. not later than April 17, 1971).

"NOTICE OF BUSINESS—

Six weeks' notice in writing shall be given to the Conference Executive setting forth all proposed motions to be brought before the annual Conference, such to be signed by the proposer" (i.e. such written notice should be received by the Conference Executive not later than March 13, 1971).

"ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION. —

Amendments of and additions to this Constitution shall be considered only at six weeks' notice of the intention to move such amendment or addition shall be given in writing to the Conference Executive" (i.e. such written notice should be received by the Conference Executive not later than March 13, 1971).

—Stanton H. Wilson.

"R.A.P."—UNDERGROUND CHRISTIAN NEWSPAPER

A new monthly experimental Christian underground newspaper entitled "R.A.P." has been released.

The paper is designed to reach the 70% or 80% of young people outside the church or any other organized youth movement. The joint editors are the Rev. Fred J. Nile and Colin Kirton, of Sydney. "R.A.P." has been produced in association with the "A.C.E." Magazine and members of Newness Youth.

C.Y.F.'s, churches, youth groups, etc., are invited to purchase bulk supplies at 5 cents each and distribute to youth at high schools, universities, camps, beaches, disco's and wherever. "R.A.P." can either be given away freely or sold for 5 cents a copy.

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"TELL THEM THEY'RE SINNERS"

To the Editor,

Phew! I've just come up for air. I've been reading about all the preaching and conversions in the New Testament. The wife thought I must be sickening for something, but I was only doing some research.

You see, a fast-talking, confident, personable young man came to our church to run some sessions on evangelism. His theme was, "Convince people that they are hell-bent sinners, and you'll win them to Christ." At question time I got up and innocently asked, "Could it be possible sometimes to win a person to Christ without telling him he is a sinner? Maybe to tell him that will put him right off!" The personable young man gently and graciously and systematically flayed me alive in public. His final thrust was, "No man can come to Christ without first admitting that he is a guilty sinner!" So I've been looking up the New Testament.

In all the sermons and conversions only twice does any one say anything about being sinners, and both those sermons were preached to Jerusalem Jews who had committed the sin of crucifying the Lord. In all of the other sermons and conversion stories people are told about the living Christ and are asked to believe in him. Jesus himself simply said to hard-swearing fisherman Peter, who must have been a sinner if ever there was one, "Follow me!" And the prodigal son who started on a big speech about what a wicked sinner he was, was cut off half way through by the father, and was showered with the father's gifts simply because he had come home.

I also found a verse from the Lord that said, "He that comes to me I will in no wise cast out." I guess that applies whether or not some one is convinced by a fast talking, confident, personable young man that he is a sinner.

By the way, I thoroughly enjoyed digging into the Bible. Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS.

OPEN FORUM

MINISTERS

To the Editor,

In the "A.C." Feb. 6, '71, I believe Mr. Male has missed the crux which faces the ministry in Churches of Christ in Australia today. Advertising or not advertising vacancies and/or availability will not touch the real issue.

The plain facts are that we have three colleges preparing more than 100 students for the ministry with scarcely a vacant pulpit (in Vic. at least) into which they may be placed. From time to time we receive urgent appeals from the colleges to recruit young men for the ministry and we receive some attempt at a rationale for recruitment in these circumstances. However, it seems idle to use a "probable drop out" figure as justification for recruitment when it is precisely those who, either by choice or by force, must go through the trauma of "drop-out," ought to be one of our major concerns.

We ought not to close our eyes to the fact that too many ministers in the middle years of their life, with a wealth of experience behind them are being forced to find a new occupation outside the ministry simply because in the eyes of many churches they are too old. There is no guarantee of continuing employment in the vocation for which men are trained and equipped but family educational and other commitments could be at a peak at that very time. There is very little evidence that the brotherhood is much concerned about this or about the future for those who are now being recruited to our colleges.

Paradoxically the situation works in similar vein for the churches. The very church which is most in need of capable and trained leadership is the church which is unable to afford the services of such leadership in evangelism and pastoral care. Whilst the experienced minister must often restrain himself for another occupation, the smaller church must lumber along as best it can without adequate ministry.

The real challenge facing the churches and the ministers is whether they are prepared to face the only viable solution to the question of the ministry in the churches. That is, are the churches prepared to accept a "placement" system for the ministry?

The adoption of a placement system would ensure two things—a continuity of ministry in the churches, preventing the dissipation of the results of years of work in the long gaps between ministries which often occur in the present "call" system. Secondly, the placement system would ensure a continuity of employment for the minister, especially if the system were to be coupled with the payment of stipends from a central fund to which all churches contributed on a per capita membership basis. The smaller

church being relieved of the crippling task of finding the whole salary for a full-time ministry and sharing the strength of the stronger.

Some will ask how the Holy Spirit could work in the system—for my part it does not seem that the Holy Spirit would have more problems with a placement committee than He must have now with dozens of church boards and ministers!—R. N. Gilmore (Vic.).

CRUSADE FINANCE

To the Editor,

The South Suburban Crusade held in the Moorabbin Town Hall prior to World Convention has just finalised its financial concerns.

The churches involved were Bentleigh, Bentleigh East, Berwick, Black Rock, Brighton, Carnegie, Caulfield, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Dandenong, Frankston, Hampton, Noble Park, Oakleigh, Ormond, Parkdale, Red Hill, Springvale, Tootgarook. The evangelist was Lloyd Lambert minister of Emd Central Christian Church, Oklahoma, U.S.A. Attendances were 1,050, 350, 400, 400. Eight made decisions.

This crusade was a means of cementing the participating churches in a great united witness, and it was felt that every few years they could share in similar crusades.

A wide advertising campaign was carried out and printed hymn sheets were prepared for each meeting. Finance for the crusade was received by levying the churches on a per capita basis, which resulted in an income of \$495. Offerings were received and after all expenses were paid the balance of \$200.90 has been donated to the Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism.

Would all participating churches accept this as a statement of the crusade's finances?

—South Suburban Crusade, Vic., Gordon Moyes, chairman; Alf Knee, sec.; Chas. Ferris, treas.

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(BRIGHTON GARDENS, S.A.). On Feb. 6, 1971, K. J. Harvey and C. E. Curtis were inducted as joint ministers of the church. In his induction address, C. H. Dow said, "There are no guarantees when a church ventures out in faith." However, this experience of pioneering new fields is not new to this "lusty young teenager" of a church with only 16 years of existence under its belt! Under the ministries of A. F. Cant and C. H. J. Wright, dynamic and stimulating leadership was given to the church as it reached out to serve the community. To keep pace with the growth a second utility hall had to be built in 1960 and in 1966 the sanctuary was opened.

In February, 1969, K. J. Harvey was appointed minister of the congregation and immediately the church entered another phase of enthusiastic and creative

programming. A planned giving programme at the commencement of the decade of the 70's doubled the church's resources to help the church to realistically accept its missionary responsibilities. Mr. Curtis, well known in S.A. for his great love and interest in people has now commenced to work with Mr. Harvey. With their complementary abilities, functional areas of responsibility have occurred naturally. Mr. Harvey will continue to give leadership in the areas of administration, programming (particularly amongst youth) and Christian education. Mr. Curtis will accept responsibility in the area of pastoral care. Both men will share in the preaching and worship functions of the church. Having spent eight years in a team ministry at Bordertown, Mr. Curtis brings a lot of maturity and understanding to this unique adventure in faith. Both men will

be known as the ministers of the congregation.

The church has a membership of 321 with approx. 350 in the Bible School. A virile through-the-week programme covering Boys' and Girls' Brigades, 17 basketball teams, eight tennis teams, teenage and young adults' groups catering for study, service and fellowship needs plus many active fellowship and service groups amongst adults is indicative of the life of the congregation in the community. With the appointment of a team ministry the church is gearing itself to increasing ministry and service within the wider community. It is with a great sense of confidence and faith in the leading of God's Spirit that the church launches out in the name of Christ to bring the message of God's love and grace to those in need.

Other features of the opening of College included an Orientation Day and a New Student Induction Service. Orientation Day gave students the opportunity to discuss their courses and other phases of College life. A highlight of the day was the session entitled "Growth in Faith" dealing with personal faith and devotion, sharing faith in the College community, and faith expressed in College worship. The New Student Induction Service was conducted by the Student President, Geoff Benson, setting apart new students for their new commitment and encouraging the whole student body to a corporate life in Christ.

Forty-eight students are enrolled for 1971. 29 of them are married, 13 living in married quarters at College, 19 are single. Three students have applied for enrolment in 1972 and inquiries from other intending students are invited.

Sinks and sink heaters have been installed in three of the flats in the old homestead. These are the gifts of the ladies in South Australia. Victorian ladies have supplied soft furnishings for the new flats. Several women's groups in Vic. S.A. and W.A. have contributed towards the washing machine in the new flats.

W. Tabbernee has commenced as a part-time lecturer. E. L. Williams continues as Principal and is lecturing part-time.—G. R. Stirling.

• C.O.B.

Unperturbed by the Weather

Melbourne had been sweltering for days. It had to end sometime with the usual thunderstorms and accompanying deluge. It did, right in the middle of the College of the Bible Inaugural and Garden Party at precisely 5.57 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20.

Heavy rain had already drenched many suburbs and kept many families at home. However, about 250 people arrived and hopefully began tea under the big trees. Tea was over and the next session was arranged for the big lawn alongside the married students' new flats, which were to be duly opened by representatives from four States. The rain came and by 6.10 p.m. everybody was accommodated in the chapel and library, wet and happy. The Inaugural continued with community hymn singing, student items and the declaration of the flats open, by K. A. Jones, representing the Federal Vice-President, L. J. Butler, who was in N.Z.

The four new flats cost \$22,500. The disposal of another property for \$18,000 made the building possible. Gifts towards the \$4,500 deficit are tax-deductible.

During the inaugural the Principal presented prizes as follows:

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| L. C. McCallum Prize | George Warren |
| M. S. Noble Prize | Graham Chapman |
| Old Boys' Prize | Geoff Benson |
| F. G. Dunn Prize | Wm. Tabbernee |
| F. M. Ludbrook Prize | Paul Williams |
| E. F. Winter Prize | D. R. Smith |
| Emma C. Hovey Prize | Fam Bowers |
| Elsie Trezise Prize | Robyn Haskell |
| William Grindrod Prize | Brian Beck |
| Chown Memorial Prize | Ken Duffy, Harvey Clark, Doug Good |
| Skinner Prize | Keith Fechner & Peter DeWildt |

College opened the 1971 year on Wed., Feb. 17, with a large gathering of families and friends of students and other interested people. The following new students were welcomed:

- David Buller (N.Z. via N.S.W.); Ian Carmel (Vic.); Alan Fletcher (W.A. via New Hebrides); Kerry Haythorpe (S.A.); Rodney Lloyd (Vic.); Peter Nelson (Tas.); Dennis Ryle (S.A.); Dare Stevens (S.A.); Glensy Russettberg (Vic.); Judy Williams (Vic.); Rodger and Pat Windsor (W.A.).

VICTORIA-TASMANIA CONFERENCE

PRESIDENT-ELECT

The Vic.-Tas. Conf. Executive and Nominations Committee announce that M. J. Savage, Minister of Hartwell church, has been appointed President-elect of Conference for 1971-72. Born in Christchurch, N.Z., Murray J. Savage was baptised at 15 in the church where his maternal grandparents were foundation members. After apprenticeship to the engineering trade he entered Glen Leith College of the Bible in 1932 and graduated after being awarded the Reid Memorial Scholarship for the highest aggregate marks in Biblical Studies.

After a further ministry in N.Z., Murray J. Savage returned to Australia in 1966 to become the minister of Hartwell, Vic., church where he is currently serving.

M. J. Savage pursued studies at Otago and Victoria University Colleges. He served our churches in New Zealand in a number of effective ministries. He spoke at World Convention in Melbourne in 1952 and was President of the N.Z. Conf., 1956-1957. In the Dominion he

attended several Faith and Order Conferences. He was a member of the Joint Commission on Christian Unity and Secretary for the N.Z. Inter-church Council for Public Affairs. He was minister of Perth City Church, W.A., and editor of the State paper, "The Western Christian." He preached the W.A. Conference sermon in 1960.

The designate President-elect has always been actively involved in brotherhood work. He is the Secretary of the Federal Dept. of Christian Union and editor of the Federal Dept. of Christian Literature. He is the author of "Achievement"—a history of the N.Z. Churches of

Victoria and Tasmania. He is the author of "Achievement"—a history of the N.Z. Churches of



MURRAY J. SAVAGE

Christ Mission in Southern Rhodesia, and of "Haddon of Glen Leith," a biography of the late Dr. A. L. Haddon, Principal of Glen Leith, N.Z.

Murray Savage was married in 1936 to the former Miss Isabella Donaldson and they have a grown-up family of two daughters and two sons.

STUDENTS MINISTER

(RICHMOND, Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. Don McKay and family were farewelled after serving two years' successful part-time ministry. Gifts of appreciation were made by the church and C.W.F. Garth Nelson, C.O.B., was given a gift for valued assistance over the year prior to his departure to serve elsewhere . . . A welcome was given to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Durham, who will live at the manse, and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Smith and family, who are living at the college . . . The introduction of Youth Activity Centre, a new look for S.S., began with enthusiasm.

JOINT MINISTRY

(PRESTON, Vic., G. J. Crossman). The joint ministry with East Preston commenced in Feb. with Mr. Crossman as senior minister, assisted by Alan Fletcher, former missionary now completing studies at the College of the Bible. At a service of dedication on Feb. 21, 130 represented both congregations. As an act of renewal of dedication, all members shared in the Lord's Supper . . . As part of the C.I.O. lessons, the Intermediate Dept. of the church school visited the Planetarium.

NEW AT THOMSON

(Vic.). The congregation of 120 included representatives of the four Geelong churches when Kevin Caulton was inducted as minister by Dr. C. Warmbrunn, deputy chairman of the Dept. of H.M. & Evang. Over 80 remained for the buffet luncheon. "Meet the Minister" sessions are being held in various homes. Attendances at night have more than doubled . . . Recent visiting speakers have been K. J. Clinton, Conf. Pres., and M.B.I. students Graham Middleton and Brian Crouch . . . The church is grateful to J. Small who served as voluntary interim minister . . . Preparations are in hand for the S.W. Dist. Conf. to be held here.

NTH. WILLIAMSTOWN IS 83

(Vic.), K. H. Pitt). K. J. Clinton, Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres., was guest speaker at the 83rd church anniversary . . . Recently, a focus on the work of "World Vision" was given by Graeme Irvine, General Sec. for Aust. Evangelistic outreach, social welfare, child care, and missionary challenge were featured. An offering of \$17.75 was received . . . C.W.F.A. first session was an historical tour of Williamstown, with lunch in the gardens . . . World tour films were screened at evening C.W.F. to their Aborigine Mission project.

SECTS CONSIDERED

(YORK ST., BALLARAT, Vic., B. McMurtrie). A series of addresses on the various sects was given over a period of five Sundays . . . Larger numbers are attending both services . . . The Radcliffe family are leaving Ballarat to reside in Qld. . . The Davies family suffered a great loss in the death of their mother, Mrs. W. Sanders . . . Mrs. G. Smith, Mrs. G. Osborne and R. Brown are all making good progress after surgery.

GYMNASIUM GIFT

(BALVYN, Vic., W. W. Saunders). The Girls' Gymnasium has given \$70 towards the work of the church . . . Mrs. Doreen Gordon is making progress after surgery . . . Evening services revert to 7 p.m. as from March 7.

PROMOTION SUNDAY

(DAWSON ST., BALLARAT, Vic., F. C. Hunting). On Promotion Sunday the S.S. scholars were presented with prizes by Sir Arthur Nicholson who also gave a testimony to the influence of Christian education and of Christ in his life. Barry McMurtrie gave the address. John Allen, Trevor Close and Stan Chappell from the Adult School spoke of the value of Adult

Christian education . . . Noela Mobbs was guest speaker at "Challenge to Youth" and also addressed the church. . . The annual business meeting was preceded by a family tea and devotions. . . Mavis Rapkins is making good progress following a car accident and has returned home . . . The S.S. picnic was held at Hepburn.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

(NORLANE, Vic., W. J. Edwards). Malcolm and Beth Humphries were welcomed at a social evening recently. On Feb. 21, G. R. Stirling, conducted an induction service for Mr. Humphries as Associate Minister. Soloist was M. Hughes of Doncaster. It is hoped that with Mr. Humphries working alongside Mr. Edwards the effective Christian service to the community will be increased . . . Miss Susan Pope and Frank Smith are convalescing after recent illnesses . . . The new church secretary is Don Wesley. Miss Marlene Zaunbreker has returned to Kenmore College following vacation at home.

CONVENTION ECHO

(CROYDON, Vic., A. B. Clark). Slides from the World Convention were shown on Feb. 21, also recorded music of the choir. Soloist was Mrs. Beryl Baker . . . Prayer meetings continue in the homes. . . Both C.W.F. groups met on Feb. 23 to hear Mrs. Barnett of Women's Conf.

M.P. AT ORMOND

(Vic., L. P. Barker). Don Chipp, Minister for Customs, spoke on the question of drugs at our after-church session, Feb. 21 . . . Plans are under way for the purchase of a new organ . . . A dedication service was held for S.S. teachers . . . About 50 young people attended a camp at Dromone. When the Y.A.F. go to Echuca, Mr. Barker will exchange pulpits with their minister, B. Brown.

TASMANIAN CONVENTION

The Churches of Christ District Conference at Devonport on March 27-28, will take the form of a convention for the first time in many years. This follows amendments to the Constitution which allow time for only predetermined essential business and appointments at the annual gathering.

The usual time-consuming business sessions have been re-located to the "quarterly meetings" of the churches, which are held at a central town in the State. At these meetings two delegates from each church, committee representatives, ministers and Conference Executive members meet to discuss the work of the churches during a day of fellowship and sharing.

So we look forward to a grand time in Devonport for fellowship and for the preaching. Dr. Lloyd Jones, Swanston St., will be the Convention speaker.

—W. Flett (Conf. Sec.).

CHURCH & GREEK COMMUNITY

(MILE END, S.A., N. Hodgekiss). A significant decision has been made by the members of the Mile End Church to allow the Greek Evangelical Church, a small independent group, to worship in the Mile End Church hall from March 7. They will hold services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., including S.S., and a mid-week prayer meeting on Wednesdays. The presence of this group of Greek speaking people, who observe the Lord's Supper weekly and practise believers' baptism, is looked on as a challenge by the Mile End people, and an answer to prayer. The church is located in an area now settled predominantly by Greek people, and language has been a barrier to effective witness with them. Our own services will of course continue as normal, but there may be some areas of co-operation in the future between the two churches.

THINGS TO COME

- VICTORIA**
- MARCH:
- 5-8 C.Y.F. Walkabout.
 - 6 Central & Nthn. Dist. Conf., Pyramid Hill.
 - 6-8 D.C.E. Adventure Canvas Camp (Boys).
 - 12-14 Intermediate Teachers' Seminar, Mambour.
 - 13 Sth-West. Dist. Conf. at Thompon (Geelong).
 - 14 Annual Offering: Aborigines' Missions.
- QUEENSLAND**
- MARCH:
- 22 Swim Carnival.
 - 19-21 Women's Camp — "Camp Cal."
 - 20 West Moreton Annual Conference.
 - 27 Kenmore Christian College Open Day.
- NEW SOUTH WALES**
- MARCH:
- 20 "Open Day," Woolwich Bible College, 3 p.m.
- TASMANIA**
- MARCH:
- 27-28 Tasmanian Convention, Devonport Church of Christ. Guest preacher: Dr. Lloyd Jones.
- WESTERN AUSTRALIA**
- MARCH:
- 9 Aborigines' Missions Feature in the South Perth Hall, 7.45 p.m.
 - 16 All Day of Prayer for Conference and the work of the Brotherhood.

Mr. & Mrs. FLOOD FAREWELLED

(HAWTHORN, S.A., Colville Smith). An informal after-church gathering was held to farewell Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Flood as they left to take up a ministry in the Berril, Barmera and Loxton circuit after three years at Hawthorn. On Feb. 7 an induction service was conducted by Albert Glastonbury. The interim minister is Colville Smith, also a member at Hawthorn. Mr. Smith will be the part-time minister until the arrival of Brian White in 1972.

QLD. MINISTERS

Roger Clark, Woolwich to Maryborough/Hervey Bay; Ross McLean, Chinchilla/Hopelands to Mambour; Peter Burnham, Kenmore to Camp Hill; Ron V. Holt, Zillmere to High School Chaplaincy in Vic.; Rob Holt, Bundaberg to Dalby; Alex Surtees, Home Missions to West Moreton Circuit; Des Stow, Kenmore to Parkdale, Vic.; Bruce Gaunson, Kenmore to Morwell, Vic.; John Sara, Kenmore to Red Cliffs, Vic.; David Hammer, W.A. to Kenmore Christian College; Roy Acland, to Tweed Heads, N.S.W.

Dr. BEAZLEY IN S.A.

(MAYLANDS, S.A., N. S. Moore). Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Beazley, of the U.S.A., were present on Feb. 21, and Dr. Beazley gave the address. For the first time, two of our ladies assisted in a morning service by reading the scriptures on Jan. 31. The church was saddened by the sudden death of Les. Brown, a very loyal and willing member of the church. Recent speakers have been E. Jones, W. Heath, Collin Daniel, and A. J. Ingham. Scholars graduated within the B.S. at the opening session on Feb. 7. The S.S. picnic was held on Feb. 13. Special educational and recreational programmes for youth have been arranged to follow the regular C.E. societies on Friday nights.

PREACHER-TEACHER IN S.A.

Dr. K. Morgan Edwards is visiting South Australia and will give a series of lectures and lead seminars on the relevance of preaching. Dr. Edwards is Professor of Preaching at the School of Theology, Claremont, California, U.S.A. His Adelaide programme is:

March 23, 7.30 p.m. (Way Hall): "Strip the Listener of all Pretences."

March 24, 2 p.m. (Parkin-Wesley College): "Techniques of Preaching."

March 21, 7.30 p.m. (Way Hall): "Preach the Heart of the Gospel."

March 26, 2 p.m. (Parkin-Wesley College): "Prospect of Personal Holiness."

March 26, 7.30 p.m. (Maughan Church): "Ways of Calling for Social Transformation."

The lectures are open to all ministers, local preachers, and other interested people of any denomination.

MISSION INVOLVEMENT

(BASSENDEAN, W.A., D. Thorpe). Aileen Hardy, having proffered twelve months' voluntary mission teaching, is now settling in at Tung, New Guinea. Murray Tassicker has been selected to join a later working party for the construction of a mission hospital. 30 young people shared in a long week-end camp, Feb. 26-March 1, at Mandurah directed and guided by Messrs. Thorpe, Brand and Sharp, and Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs. Brand and Mrs. Dawson. Follow-up friendship is now being arranged for the evangelistic visitation carried out in the new suburb of Lockridge in the latter part of 1970, when a number of B.S. scholars were enrolled.

ELIMINATE RACISM

At the request of the Aust. Council of Churches, Sunday, March 21 is being observed by Christian communions as an International Day for the Elimination of Racism.

Christians are becoming increasingly concerned by evils engendered by racism in many forms—intolerance, suppression, blind violence, bitterness, and discrimination—and the churches are trying to bring Christian insights and positive action to bear on the situation.

Accordingly, the A.C.C. created two special bodies, a Commission on Race Relations, and a Commission on Aboriginal Development. The former Commission has been preparing for the United Nations Year for Action on Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination in 1971.

It is hoped that all congregations will lend general support and in particular promote some local observance of the International Day on March 21.

Materials for this purpose are available from the office of the Council of Churches in each State and include a pamphlet "Race, 1971" for distribution to the congregation, a recommended list of books and pamphlets for reading and study, and an order of service which may be used as a whole or adapted for local use.

Chaplains to Secondary Schools

Enquiries are invited from Ministers and Deaconesses preferably with some educational background and interested in State School Chaplaincy Appointments.

Terms and conditions available on enquiry from:—

The Director,
The Council for Christian Education in Schools,
55 Exhibition Street, MELBOURNE, Vic., 3000.

CHANGE FOR SPRINGVALE

(Vic.). The minister, K. Turner, is leaving Springvale at the end of 1971. M. Munyard (Assoc. minister) and family were farewelled at a dinner held in their honour at Springvale South. He has since taken up a student ministry at Red Hill church. B. Ryall, student at the C.O.B., was welcomed as assoc. minister.

Miss M. Randall is serving as a nursing sister on the mission field in New Guinea. Four young people have been welcomed into membership through faith and baptism.

MINISTER WELCOMED

(MT. COMPASS, S.A.). Mr. and Mrs. Brian Beck were welcomed with a social evening. Roland Pitman inducted Mr. Beck into the ministry of the church with an almost full attendance of members and visitors. Mrs. Beck's mother, Mrs. Bell, her cousins Laurel and Gordon Wilson and their family, were also present. Six members attended the Stn. Conf. meetings at Murray Bridge. We regret losing Keith and Rita Jacobs and their four children who are now residing near Murray Bridge.

CHURCH DIARY

(HAMPTON, Vic., J. Paver). At recent annual meeting W. Hoggett, D. Brown and R. de Jager were added to the officers' board. An attractive church diary has been prepared and distributed. Special emphasis is being laid on evening services during February and March with special artists and guest speakers. B.S. commencement day was celebrated by joining the church at the morning service. Six new scholars have been added.

SERVICE FOR ANTARCTICA

(BLACKWOOD, S.A., H. G. Norris). Over 1,000 shared in the three Christmas Sunday services. There were 550 at 11 a.m., 285 at 7 p.m. and over 200 at the midnight Youth Service. The S.S. children meet with the church in the morning and the communion is transferred to the evening for that day each year. The 11 a.m. service was tape-recorded and a copy was sent by a lady of the church to her husband at the Mawson Base in Antarctica. S.S. attendance on Feb. 14 was a record 273.

NEW CLUB

(TOOTGAROOK, Vic., Warren Jenkins). W. Jenkins Snr. has formed a tennis club among the young people. A number of members are recovering from recent illnesses, including Mrs. D. Davies, John Machin, Mrs. Clencie and Mr. Fenny.

H.M. DIRECTOR RETIRES

(Qld.). Alex Surtees, Home Missions Director for seven years retires from this office at State Conference. It will be a fitting opportunity for the brotherhood to display its gratitude for his sterling, sacrificial service to the State.

His new sphere of dedicated activity will be as minister to Rosewood, Mt. Walker and Rosevale churches in the West Moreton district.

Mrs. Surtees is recovering from surgery to both her hands and this has placed an added burden on an already overworked Director.

N.S.W. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Conference meetings this year will take place from April 29 to May 2 at Enmore Tabernacle and at the Sydney Town Hall.

EXAM. SUCCESSSES

(N.S.W.). Former and present students of Woolwich Bible College were successful in recent external examinations at university level.

At Macquarie University, successes were achieved in the research fields of the Preliminary Master of Arts examinations by Graeme Chapman (Church History), Dennis Nutt (History), and George Elliott (Anthropology and Linguistics). At the Univ. of N.S.W. Keith Farmer was successful in Psychology; at Sydney Univ. Garry Walker gained passes in Greek and English, and Trevor Kallimer in History and Psychology, and at the Univ. of New England, Russell Craig passed in English and Psychology, and Robert Smith in Greek. David Beavis and Des Croot both did well in their studies at the W.A. Institute of Technology, while Ron Kallimer, Philip Letheby and Raymond Smith gained good passes in the Melbourne College of Divinity examinations.

KEITH FARMER INDUCTED

(EPPING, N.S.W.). At an induction service for Mr. and Mrs. Keith Farmer, David Mansell, Conf. Pres., gave the charge to the minister and congregation. Dr. Howard Peak, Macquarie St. cardiologist, spoke at a young people's tea and the gospel service. Musical items were presented by "Rhythmairs." Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mills' interim ministry concluded in Jan. They were farewelled to take up a student ministry at the Lidcombe church.

OPEN DAY — WOOLWICH

(N.S.W.). This year the official "Open Day" at Woolwich Bible College will take the usual form of a brotherhood gathering in the College grounds on March 20 at 3 p.m. A special feature will be the introduction of Graeme Chapman, newly-appointed Senior Lecturer.

Happenings

The largest ever attendance at a Sunday School was recorded recently at Hammond, Ind., U.S.A., when 11,348 were present in classes taught by 400 teachers. Over 100 church buses brought people from every part of the city.

Marc Boegner, a World Council of Churches president from 1948 to 1954, died in Paris at the age of 83.

Herbert Hoare, a leader in the Qld. and Aust. Temperance Movement, died at the age of 91.

The guest speaker at the Qld. Temperance League's annual conference was Trevor Young, a N.Z. Member of Parliament, and a member of our N.Z. churches.

This month, Billy Graham will receive the International Brotherhood Award of the National Conf. of Christians and Jews in Cleveland, U.S.A.

Over 210,000 children have been helped by Barnardo's Homes since the little Irish doctor began work in 1866 in a donkey stable with food, tuition, Christian instruction—and boys.

Plans are under way for the heads of several churches in New Zealand to make a fact-finding tour of Vietnam in 1971.

"K.A." NIGHT

(UNLEY, S.A., R. Holmes). The first "unconventional evening service for 1971" was entitled "K.A." night. Directed to both Kids and Adults it featured guests from Radio Station 5KA, Adelaide. The General Manager of the station, Neville Bradley, presented a recital on the electronic organ while announcer Des Jay brought a testimony in word and song. Youth Choir members Lyn Docking, Helen Baker, Noel Holmes and Rick Trevackis contributed modern gospel songs, and in place of the sermon the minister interposed the programme with "commercials."

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Where the Camping Never Ends

(Qld.). In the Sunshine State, camping activities are at a high premium. The Department plans camps throughout the year and with local churches conducting youth, family and Officers' Planning Weekends, the camps at "Camp Cal" is fully occupied all the year.

Holidays make the longer camps more enjoyable and the Christian Education Department's closely graded camps make full use of these opportunities.

Midgets (7-9 years). Five days with 83 Midgets, 17 trainee-leaders (13-15 years), 14 leaders and eight cooks and staff assistants add up to 121 people all sporting the distinctive 1971 orange coloured T-shirts. Imagine the scene as the swarm of orange clad campers arrive at the edge of the surf. A witness in itself to the other bathers, that the church still cares for those "of such is the Kingdom of God."

Juniors (10-12 years). 70 Juniors plus leaders and staff enjoyed the seven days of fun, study and fellowship. The programme is geared slightly higher than Midgets and relevant for the enquiring, enthusiastic Junior. This is where the action is! Programme accent is on sport and creative activities. Juniors are in the life cycle of doing and discovering.

Teenagers (13-15 years). A somewhat neglected age-group in our church programming as a whole in Australia. They are very important in the structure of Queensland's developmental plans. Entering the "no-man's land" of adolescence they need special attention if they are not to become casualties from the experience and if they are to emerge as young adults in a few short years.

A troublesome period for most teenagers, the Teenagers (in between youth and adulthood) present tremendous possibilities to those who courageously plan their programme to channel their naturally rebellious natures.

This camp always includes the practical rules of social etiquette, and the practising of the knowledge gained by inviting a partner to share in a specially prepared four-course dinner. Formal gear is the order of the day and the evening is capped off by the leaders acting as waiters and waitresses.

Miss Teenager 1971 was Janelle Muller of Toowoomba, and Master Teenager was Russell Schafer of Annerley. Their names are placed on the honours roll at camp as the winners of the 5th Annual Miss and Master Teenager Award.

Seniors (15 years plus), allows a maximum of freedom whilst expecting and receiving in return the optimum of responsibility. Studies are geared to the level of participants and debates run hot on all issues, without reserve, from Vietnam to Victory in Christ. A "bridge" is allowed for (a) mature Teenagers to come up to Seniors when they are

15, (b) for 15-year-old Teenagers to experience both worlds of Teenagers and Seniors, and (c) for the slow-maturing Senior to have the extra safety of remaining another year in the Teenager bracket.

Expo '71 (18 years plus). A travel pool, originated four years ago, whereby churches remit \$10 to assist the payment of fares to the weekend Leadership Training experience of those in outlying areas.

Beris Gwynne and Jane Brumby of Townsville flew down to share the weekend with 58 others from many churches. Some churches were unable to attend because of floods.

Lectures on the Department's text Luke 2: 52 were delivered by Ken Wiltshire, B. Econ. (Albion), Youth Conference President '70—"Spiritual Research"; Graham Boxhall, B.A. (Hons.), (Albion), lecturer at Q.I.T., "Education Today"; Gail Wiltshire, B.A., B.Ed., A. Mus. A. (Albion), "Creative Drama"; Noel Culbert (Ann Street), Youth Conference President '71, "Physical"; Lyn Miller (Assistant to the Director), "Musical Appreciation"; Jan Sauer (Albion), Immediate Past In-Service Training Scholarship Awardee; A. C. Male, Dip. R.E. (D.C.E. Director), "Social Responsibilities."

All of the churches represented gave a report of their activities of the past year and their aspirations for this year. Noel Culbert, school teacher, major in psychology, trained in Psychology Corps National Service, formerly Youth Director of Brisbane City Mission, special teacher in Queensland's Guidance and Special Education Branch, was inducted as Youth Conference President 1971.

His task will be to co-ordinate activities of youth groups in the State and control the Department's major physical activities of sports day, swim carnival (both in their 22nd year) and Youth Group Exchange Programme (3rd year).

FIELD OFFICER

Rod. Feldhahn, graduate of Kenmore, has worked with the Dept. as Field Officer for one year, under the Order of Stephen. At no salary, that also is sacrificial giving—Rod. will serve this year representing the Dept. at churches preaching at services.

He plans to complete two units and gain his B.A. at the Qld. Univ. before entering the full-time "paid" ministry. He'll still be sacrificing then!

YOUTH CONSULTANT

Along with the Director, A. C. Male, Assistant to the Director, Lyn Miller, Rod. Feldhahn as Field Officer, Noel Culbert, Youth Conference President, we have expanded this year to include Graeme Arnew as Youth Consultant.

In an attempt to cover realistically the vastness of the whole State, more men are needed to spread around the churches

representing the Dept. Graeme works for B.P. (Aust.) and in his spare time his exceptional talents will be employed in serving the Dept. in church services as a guiding hand to youth groups.

It is hoped to train sufficient youth leaders both male and female to cover the whole State so that church zones will have Dept. consultants available to them.

YOUTH GROUP EXCHANGE PROGRAMME 1971

The three-fold purpose of the Youth Group Exchange is: 1. Fellowship with another group. 2. Exchange of programme ideas. 3. Active participation by young people in the local services.

Youth from city churches will visit their matched country churches from May 28-30, and country young people will pay a return visit to the city churches, Sept. 24-26.

Matched youth groups for 1971 are: Acacia Ridge-Nambour; Albion-Murwillumbah; Annerley-Maryborough/Hervey Bay; Ann Street-Margaret St., Toowoomba; Arana Hills/Stafford-Crown St., Toowoomba; Boondall-Reina; Camp Hill-Kingsgar; Hawthorne-West Moreton; Ipswich-Leichhardt - Southport; Kedron-Boonah; Kenmore-Gympie; Moorooka-Ma Ma Creek; Murarie-Gatton; Redcliffe-Marburg; Sunnybank - Chinchilla/Hopelands; Wynnum-Harlaston; Zillmere-Dalby.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE QLD. 1971

"Participate" is the theme, with 1 Corinthians 3: 9, Matthew 5: 16, James 1: 22 as texts.

E. C. (Ted) Keating, Field Officer, Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Home Missions and Evng. is guest speaker.

Conference commences with Ministers' Camp at "Camp Cal", April 12-14; Arana Hills "Brotherhood Night", Feb. 15; Women's Conference Session, Feb. 16; President's Reception, April 16; Conference Reports and Discussion, Feb. 17; Brotherhood Communion Service and Induction of Conference President, 1971/72, Brisbane State High School Auditorium, April 18.

Mr. Keating is expected to address several sessions at Ministers' Camp, the Brotherhood Night at Arana Hills, give a brief greeting at the President's Reception, stimulate thought in the "I Challenge the Brotherhood" session on Conference Saturday, and preach at the Combined Communion Service at the Brisbane State High School Auditorium. Apart from these duties he has been scheduled to speak to the Kenmore students on today's trends in evangelism.

Folk from provincial centres requiring hospitality at Conference, particularly Friday night following the President's Reception, are urged to contact the Conference Secretary, Kevin Ludgater, 61 Manstead St., Wellers Hill, Qld., 4121.

BARNSTORMING TOUR

"Northern Missioner," Doug. Willis, based at Charters Towers, has had a heavy itinerary to cover 12 places in 11 days, between Feb. 12 and 25 he spoke at the following places: Kingaroy, Chinchilla, Toowoomba (Margaret St./Harlaston), Gatton, Rosewood (West Moreton Circuit), Boonah, Meeting with Home Missions Committee, Albion, Camp Hill, Kedron, Sunnybank, Southport, Maryborough.

MINISTERS, CHURCHES, AND ENTERTAINMENT

By E. P. C. HOLLARD

"They Did It Again"

For 14 years the Youth Choir has presented a Gilbert and Sullivan opera with great distinction. It is an event in the musical world of the city, in the fellowship world of the brotherhood, and always attracts large crowds. This year an extra night had to be used to cater for the attendances.

Three superb leaders, Albert Glastonbury, the founder, John Hall and John Mathieson, have maintained a superlative standard. Young people, who, 14 years ago, were mere babes, are now the singers and actors! From the group have come ministers, missionaries and church leaders. And our people love them, and support them no matter what the temperature!

"The Yeoman of the Guard" received their usual splendid treatment, and the crowds are now ready for next year.

Minister moves

• The five churches on the Murray have agreed upon a dual ministry, and at present Cyril Flood is leading them and is domiciled in Berri. Doug. Smith, from Glen Iris, has joined him and will live at Loxton. This is a short-term arrangement as Keith Fechner of Glen Iris will move there in 1972.

• Port Lincoln church is again full time, and more self-supporting as Brian Hill moves in to follow the splendid part-time ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Stan. Riches. The Riches made quite some sacrifices to make this possible, but it has worked out very well.

• Several men have indicated that they will be concluding their present ministries at the end of this year. After eight years at Unley, R. V. Holmes will complete a fine service. J. A. Luff will conclude his work at Forestville. Brian Ricketts has gone from Dulwich church and C. H. Dow will assist them for the rest of this year.

• Hawthorn awaits the coming of Brian White and in the meantime Colvin Smith will serve in a part-time capacity. Murray Williams plans to come out of Hampstead Gardens but his plans are not announced as yet. A. H. Coleman has come from W.A. and is settled in Murray Bridge. Roger Brown has come from the circuit at Barmera-Loxton-Walkerle and is at Edwardstown. Glen Iris graduate Brian Beck is in his home state at Goolwa-Mt. Compass circuit.

• Queenstown-Semaphore churches are now in circuit and announce that G. A. Selsman is to complete his ministry and will be succeeded by P. R. Whitmore who will complete at Nallsworth after some years of valued ministry.

People

A familiar face missing from the Brotherhood Centre has been Miss Dawn Chivell. Whilst awaiting the coming of the new Director of Christian Education Dawn accepted a very heavy load of work, and gave herself unsparingly. Few will have any awareness of the way in which she drove herself for the churches. She cracked under it, but we are delighted to report that she is making good headway and should be back in "the office" soon.

Two expatriot Kiwis have retired from full-time ministry and are now resident in Adelaide. Harold Greenwood after many years' service in several States, and latterly in Goolwa-Mt. Compass, has "retired" to a kind of assistantship to Ron. Saunders and the churches at Beverly-Cheltenham. And Mr. and Mrs. Horace Cave have moved from their last full-time church in the Mildura area and are in Adelaide.

The new Christian Education Director, Gerald Rose, has moved in and is quietly making his presence felt. Christmas Camp is always a good place for new directors to be fully assessed, and 120 campers apparently felt that he was "the goods!" He is soon off to Red Cliffs for the camp there from Feb. 27 to March 6. He is taking 30 or so from Adelaide to join the "Coasters." He announces a "workshop in experimental worship using natural environment" and the campers themselves will set the programme from their own experience.

Chaplain John Baker has padded the wards of Adelaide Hospital for several years with telling effect. Now it has been his turn to look for visitors! A spell as a patient has put the esteemed John on the receiving end. They let him out to marry his elder daughter!

This and That

Some of us recall the years when Blackwood church had a little building on a corner out in the hills. Then the city came to meet it and today's large population is the result. And the little church is a big church and growing bigger. An excellent plant handles a great programme. Now the church has decided to purchase a property opposite for future use. The cost of \$13,000 in such an attractive area bespeaks some sound businessmen at work! Harold Norris will be completing his Blackwood ministry at the end of the year.

Henley Beach church still smarts from the tragic loss of Jack Maxted some weeks ago. Undaunted, the church is planning ahead and is to build a manse. The Maxteds, worked from their own home. The pulpit is being supplied by I. J. Chivell and A. M. Norris until a new minister is called.

Brooklyn Park church announces a building programme involving the demolition of the old chapel and the erection of a new one. Tenders have been accepted and the work should be in hand soon. Will Philip continues as minister in this church.

The old North Adelaide property has been disposed of after a long history, but it will continue to live in the future. The sum of \$19,500 will be put in trust through the Church Extension Department as "The North Adelaide Church of Christ Trust" and will be available for financing church building programme. The beneficiaries of the interest will be Home and Overseas Missions and Aborigines Missions.

St. George's Rest Home is about to enter into a major programme. Renovations to two wings and the conversion to a modern infirmary of 27 beds, air-conditioned, will be completed by the end of April. This will make St. George's into a fine property.

The Stn. Dist. Conf. meets each year in a mid-week session, and has now decided to make a new approach. Next year the conference will be a Sunday afternoon and night affair and will go to Murray Bridge.

Oh! Calcutta! Oh! Adelaide!

Yes, we are living right up to our new found image as the permissive State, the sinful State, the place where everything goes. It has been suggested that "Ichabod" might be put up in neon lights at all borders, but it has been found unnecessary at the W.A. border, the dust would hide it, and maybe a pot hole would claim it! It's a long cry from the days when S.A. people proudly boasted that there was a "sound of righteousness" from within their domain. Not any longer. Now "Calcutta" is geared to go soon. However, at long last there seems to be a stirring from among the churches.

It was heralded by one of Adelaide's fine journalists, John Miles, who put us all on the spot in a Saturday article. The Salvation Army declared itself, and now it seems that others have caught the message. A group of concerned citizens met at Holy Trinity Church the other night to formulate a protest to the Government. They were representative, and in making themselves known one man said, "I'm here because of my wife and six children." Bless him! May his tribe increase before the dispensers of dirt and the salesmen of sex get their hooks into the minds of his children. He's going to have to do some homework. The whole gamut of church life was represented and action is needed. If the move gets off the ground, if people will append their signatures, if churches will stand up and be counted, then maybe, I say maybe, we may regain some of the respect which S.A. has forfeited.

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HARWARD—On February 14, to Judith and Brian, a son—Anthony Grosvenor.

LEACH (Burch)—Rob and Thelma are pleased to announce the arrival of De-Anne Kim on February 24 at Box Hill. (132 Maroondah Highway, Croydon, Vic., 3136).

ROBERTS (Watson)—Eleanor and Ian welcome with love their daughter—Meagan Narelle—born at Mitcham, Vic., on February 17, 1971. Both well.

ENGAGEMENTS

COVENTRY-SONSEE—Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Coventry, of Lower Templestowe, Vic., formerly of Clovelly Park, S.A., take pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Jill, to Don, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sonsee, Hamilton Hill, W.A.

JONES-BENSON—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jones, of Underbool, Vic., together with Mr. and Mrs. Les. Benson, of Morwell, happily announce the engagement of Ruth and Geoff.

WALKER-BAKER—Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Walker, of 8 Rose Drive, Doveton, Vic., announce with pleasure the engagement of their daughter, Sandra, to Barry, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. S. Baker, of Heathmont.

APPROACHING MARRIAGES

FIMMELL-NEVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Fimmell, of Mill Lei via Mount Gambler, S.A., have pleasure in announcing the marriage of their eldest daughter, LeRay May, to Brian Jeffrey, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. R. Neville, of Netley, S.A., to be solemnised at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Mount Gambler, on Saturday, March 13, 1971 at 2 p.m.; T. R. Mason, minister of Colonel Light Gardens Church of Christ officiating.

LEE-BYARD—The marriage of Christine, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lee, 20 Forster St., Launceston, Tas., and David, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Byard, 14 Broadview Cres., Launceston, will be celebrated at Invermay Church of Christ on Saturday, March 20 at 4 p.m.; Mr. C. J. Heier officiating.

GOLDEN WEDDING

ROGERS-DIX—Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Rogers announce with pleasure and gratitude to God the 50th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated March 8, 1921 at Rainbow. Present address: 100 Jamouneau St., Warracknabeal, Vic., 3393.

DEATH

STONES—On Feb. 11, Edward Lewis (Ted), 70 Prospect Hill Rd., Camberwell, Vic.; beloved husband of Doreen (Tine), loved father of Allan, Kevin and Shirley; father-in-law of Dorothy and Dianina; loved Pop of Gregory, Bronwyn, Leanne and Craig. "A patient sufferer at rest."

IN MEMORIAM

CLAYTON—Loving birthday memories of Pamela who died (accidentally) March 9, 1964. "Forever in our hearts."—Inserted by her family and friends at Springvale, Vic.

HARVEY—Loving memories of my dear husband, Charles, called home on March 4, 1963, loving husband of Rose and dear father of Raymond and Gladys (Mrs. Stoneham). "Resting where no shadows fall."—Loving wife Rose.

TRICKEY, William Thomas—March 3, 1966. Loving memories of a devoted husband and father—Dorothy, Lynden, Lols and Noel. "Beautiful memories cherished forever. Of the happy years we spent together."

TRICKEY—Treasured memories of our dearly loved son, Will, called home March 3, 1966. "Resting in the everlasting arms."—Sadly missed by his loving Mum and Dad.

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Mrs. N. PFEIFER HONOURED

(MALVERN, Vic., I. R. Adams/K. Verge). Mrs. N. Pfeifer spoke on Feb. 14. Mr. Adams made a presentation on behalf of the B.S. and Mr. Holloway on behalf of the church in recognition of Mrs. Pfeifer's 15 years of service. Mrs. Pfeifer has moved from the district . . . The church was saddened by the death of Reginald P. Clark, of Hobart. Mr. and Mrs. Clark were members at Malvern for over 40 years before moving to Hobart. The funeral service was conducted by Robert Pfeiffer, associate minister at Hobart and a former Malvern B.S. student, while Mr. Clark was Supt. . . . Max Moody, Laurie Pinger, James Holloway, Les. Robinson, Fred Illingworth and Tus. Benson were recent preachers.

CONTINUING MINISTRY

(HURSTBRIDGE, Vic., H. Pletzsch). The church was unanimous that Mr. Pletzsch continue in this the seventh year of a pioneering ministry. The church is now debt free, a committee has been appointed for property extensions, and the officers are making inquiries for suitable land for future development . . . Growth of B.S. is remarkable considering distances many of the children have to come — Klinders 26, Senior School 45, teachers 10 . . . N. Webb has charge of the discussion prayer group each Friday evening . . . D. Mynott (Sec.), Mrs. H. Pletzsch and Miss E. McAfee are organisers . . . C.W.F. group is led by Mrs. R. MacIntosh . . . R. Williams is assistant secretary . . . Thanks to Box Hill, Doncaster, Briar Hill and Ivanhoe for leadership at the communion service with presidents and readers.

NEW AUXILIARY

(ECHUCA, Vic., B. Brown). A programme for the year has been organised . . . A new auxiliary is an "evening fellowship" of every 1st and 3rd Wed. for ladies of the church who cannot get to the afternoon C.W.F. Mrs. Brown is President and the opening meeting was successful . . . On Feb. 28 at a "family day" G. R. Stirling was our speaker morning and evening, and at an afternoon basket tea . . . The church is saddened by the loss of H. Malne, Snr., a long and faithful member of the church.

MEMBERSHIP DROP OF 22%

(KANIYA, Vic., R. C. Bolduan). At the annual meeting the secretary reported a drop of members on roll from 124 to 97. Four members and two in fellowship were lost by death, twelve members were transferred, and sixteen were removed from the roll by revision. Four were gained by transfer. The previous year four were lost by transfer and four by death making a total loss in two years of 35 or 27%. This indicates how country churches are suffering from depressed rural conditions . . . C.W.A.F. have 19 on the roll, C.W.E.F. 17, C.M.F. 19, and the C.F.A. reported 20 contributors . . . On Feb. 14 one adult and four young people confessed their faith in Christ . . . A C.Y.F. group has been formed with Hazel Jewell and Les Wheaton as leaders . . . The S.S. is active with 34 on the roll.

"MINIBULK" CHANGES ITS NAME

(Vic.). On Feb. 21 over 350 people gathered at Camp Waterman Monbulk, Victoria. There was first an Induction Service for A. George Mathieson, newly appointed part-time Field Officer with the Dept. of Christian Educ. in Vic.-Tas. K. J. Clinton, Conference President, assisted in this part of the service.

Then there was the official opening of "Minibulk." After a short history of the "Minibulk" project (which was dreamed of, built, paid for, used for its first camp, and opened officially, all in 12 months!) the Good Companions' Leader, Miss Rita Roberts, handed over a cheque for \$1,928.46! Girls from Good Companions Clubs throughout Victoria had raised this money — a truly wonderful achievement.

Then came a dramatic moment when the name "Minibulk" was changed. The unveiling of the plaque showed its new name, "Rita Roberts Lodge," in honour of many years of faithful and sacrificial service by the Good Companions Leader.

An inspection of the Lodge and afternoon tea followed. It will be used for small group camping, up to 30 persons. Applications for its use have already come from seven groups.

It was a great day at Monbulk and we want to thank all Good Companions and others who made the "Rita Roberts Lodge" a reality in one year.

— R. McKenzie, Director.

FACING CHALLENGE

(ROBINVALE, Vic., E. K. Morrison). All auxiliaries are resuming to face a challenge to increase membership, attendances and effectiveness in presenting claims of Jesus Christ. The same challenge is also presented to church. . . . Youtharama, with a Youth for Christ team from Geelong, is planned for Labour Day weekend . . . The secretary and family represented church at welcome to new minister of United Church, Rev. A. Edwards and family. . . . Trevor Ibbis was farewelled on promotion to the Mildura branch of the A.N.Z. Bank . . . High School teacher, W. James, and his wife have been welcomed.

REVIEW PLANNED GIVING

(DANDENONG, Vic., A. A. Avery). A Review Planned Giving programme commenced on Feb. 8 with Ted Keating as leader. A Family Evening on Feb. 12 had Alan Rowe and Brian Jacques as entertainers. The Board is expecting a great increase in the total giving of the church . . . On Jan. 24 a 5 p.m. picnic tea and service was planned with the Mitcham, Ringwood and Bayswater churches. Heavy rain forced the function into the Dandenong church hall. Items were given by The Claytons, The Yaknna Singers, and trumpeter Danny McDowell. Ted Heard, minister of Mitcham church, was speaker . . . Baptismal services were held Jan. 31 and

Feb. 14 . . . A Teachers' Dedication service was held on Feb. 7 followed by a Parents, Teachers' and Scholars' luncheon for 130. Colin Bowers is the new S.S. Supt. Youth III programme has been introduced for scholars of Forms 5 and 6 and older . . . Lora and Bill Rogers have been accepted as students at the Melb. Bible Institute.

GEELONG BAPTISMS

(LA TROBE TCE, Vic., T. R. W. Holmes). At the evening service on Feb. 7, G. T. Grigg and Roslyn Williams were baptised . . . T. A. Comer and Graeme Ritchie have undergone surgery and are recovering satisfactorily.

GIFT TO THE PATCH

(Vic., W. Condron). The gift of platform furniture from the church at Footscray is gratefully acknowledged. Twelve of our membership have been in fellowship with the late Raleigh St. church so the gift has a special nostalgic interest! . . . Gifts and donations from S.S. scholars and friends have assisted six needy families contacted through our own local social service . . . W. Compston spoke to scholars at graduation service, Feb. 7, and later presided at morning worship . . . Afternoon and evening C.W.F. groups have amalgamated and prepared a programme for the year . . . P. Wood and E. Beament were recent speakers.

S.A. & W.A.

TEACHER DEDICATION

(ASCOT PARK, S.A., S. Baker). At morning service, Feb. 7, a teacher dedication service was conducted by the B.S. Supt., D. G. Fenn, and S. R. Baker in preparation for the re-opening of the school. At night a song service led by R. Duffy preceded the meeting. Two guest items were given by the trio, Mrs. Loman and Mr. and Mrs. Sugars . . . Ray McDonald has been in hospital for surgery, and is now home and recuperating . . . Recent speakers were D. G. Fenn, D. C. McDonald and Daryl Thoday.

CHURCH PAINTED

(ENFIELD HEIGHTS, S.A., R. C. Sack). The church interior has been painted by contract and attention is now being given to church grounds . . . Miss M. Purvis has resigned as Kindergarten Supt., due to coming marriage. Mrs. R. Bunyon is new Supt. . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. Filmer were farewelled on entering Adelaide Bible College for missionary training . . . Introduction of discussion groups at mid-week meetings has improved attendances . . . Mrs. Sack is making steady progress in hospital and is coming home at weekends. Mrs. R. Debois is recovering after a major operation . . . Plans for 1971 include increasing missionary emphasis and a L.I.F.E. programme in June.

INVITATION ACCEPTED

(MANDURAH, W.A., R. Cook). The minister has accepted an invitation to continue to serve at Mandurah . . . Because of the establishment of Alcoa works at Pihjarra, 12 miles distant, we are hoping that more church families will move to this district . . . The annual meeting appointed M. Livingstone as sec., Miss Flo. Schurmann, assist sec., and Miss Kath. Workman as treas. . . . Mrs. Cook is president of the ladies' work assisted by Mrs. E. Wooders and Mrs. Jess Kennedy . . . B.S. recommenced with 40 children . . . Mr. Cook helps with the Police Boys' Club and the youth fellowship is in his care.

CHURCH MOURNS MINISTER

(HENLEY BEACH, S.A.). The church was shocked and saddened by the tragic death of its pastor, W. J. C. (Jack) Maxted, on Jan. 19. His spiritual leadership and pastoral guidance will be sadly missed. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Mrs. Maxted and her family. To I. J. Chivell and G. Mathieson we express our thanks for their services during January.

LIVING LINK

(LENSWOOD, S.A., H. E. Paddock). C.W.F. are now supporting Miss Edna Lincoln of Carnarvon as their Aboriginal Living Link . . . Christine Pollard made her decision on Jan. 10 . . . A Coffee Hour was held to express our best wishes and support to Wayne and Helen Filmer as they enter Adelaide Bible Institute for two years' study.

WOMEN OF THE WEST

The President, Mrs. G. A. Ewers, welcomed 59 ladies from 20 C.W.F.'s to the February Auxiliary meeting.

The interesting activities shared during the vacation period included fellowship with the veteran missionary, Miss Edna Vawser, during her brief 24 hours in Perth. 50 attended a missionary morning tea when Mr. and Mrs. John Bolton, New Guinea; Mr. and Mrs. Ron. Jones, Carnarvon; and Mrs. Alan Fletcher shared greetings and Miss Vawser who has given 45 years of missionary service in India, was guest speaker. Miss Vawser explained briefly how the percolator tank projects operate and enables the Indian nationals to obtain food for work.

The annual picnic at the Zoo for the children and missionaries from the Carnarvon and Norseman missions was well supported and the day of fellowship a rich experience.

The Fourth C.W.F. Convention at the Keswick campsite was shared by 80 ladies. Some lived in and others visited daily.

All of our fields were represented by

GOLDEN WEDDING

(TORRENSVILLE, S.A., A. E. Brown). Mr. and Mrs. Mal. Young of Torrensville celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary with an "at home" on March 7. Their many friends from the church wished them the best of Christian blessings.

WESTERN ORGANIST

(BALAKLAVA, S.A., James Dow). Donald Cook, organist from City Church, Perth, presided at the organ here for two services. The church appreciated this ministry . . . Mr. Dow led a teachers' dedication service on Feb. 14 . . . Mr. Jenkins of Long Plains and Stan Shepherd (Pres. N.D.C.) were recent speakers. . . . A number of ladies attended the ladies' women's conference at Long Plains. . . . Margaret May matriculated and four young people gained leaving certificates.

PERTH CITY CHURCH

(W.A.). Roger Ryall has been inducted into the ministry here by the Chairman of the Board, J. J. Collingwood. A public welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Ryall and family on Feb. 4 heard messages of welcome by Harry Heyhoe (Conf. Pres.), Dr. Broughton (City Baptist), Mrs. G. A. Ewers (Women's Aux.), Mrs. J. S. Bridge (City Women) and J. J. Collingwood (City Church) . . . The annual meeting on Feb. 18 elected A. M. Bell, D. A. Cook, G. A. Ewers, R. Harrison, A. B. Povey and C. F. Povey to the board.

VACATION B.S.

(KADINA, S.A.). A Vacation Bible School during Jan. had 53 children enrolled . . . There were six decisions at the close of O. R. Clark's ministry . . . Local members, with occasional visitors, are caring for the preaching while the church is without a minister . . . 35 young people attended a youth camp with Brian Fleckets as study leader.

missionaries. Their contributions were challenging and stimulating. The theme "Partners in Prayer and Practice" was developed throughout the total programme and the Bible studies from Timothy 1 and 2 gave good teaching and instruction. Mrs. J. K. Bond's study at the Auxiliary meeting of Paul's prayer from Eph. 3: 14-21 gave greater insight into the depths of God's Word.

Prayer and Praise Points:

- For the respect the Indian Government has for Misses Edna Vawser and Hazel Skuce because they have proved themselves trustworthy and dependable in connection with the percolator-food for work projects.

- For the restored health of Mrs. John Bolton.

- For the marked increase of giving to the budget.

- For the new Federal Aboriginal Missions secretary, Don. Butler and his family.

- For students attending Bible Colleges in preparation for service.

—Dora Gordon, Sec.

NEW AT FREMANTLE

(FREMANTLE - HAMILTON HILL, W.A., H. R. Fitch). Mr. and Mrs. Fitch were welcomed on Feb. 19 as they began their ministry. The Conf. Pres., a representative of the local Ministers' Fraternal, and representatives of the auxiliaries expressed greetings and welcome . . . A teenage girl made her decision on the 21st . . . Our four students have returned to the College of the Bible and Kenmore after preaching and helping at both centres.

NOT RETIRING

(BLACKWOOD, S.A.). In a news item in "A.C." for Jan. 23, under the heading "No Further Term," it was stated that the minister, H. G. Norris, would not be accepting a further term of ministry. This item was not intended to imply that Mr. Norris is retiring from the ministry, but that after eight years at Blackwood he felt that he should close his ministry there. He will, of course, continue in the ministry and will be available for another church.

VISITORS TO MORAWA

(W.A., A. Anderson). Visiting speakers have been B. Thygesen of Kenmore College, and N. Simpson of S.A. . . . Carol Pola and Betty Butler gained good passes in Junior examinations. They are furthering their education in Perth . . . Roger and Pat Windsor have entered the College of the Bible, L. Huxley, of Dalwallinu, showed slides of recent stay in New Guinea. He has entered Woolstich College . . . Prayer meeting attendances have increased . . . The Nthn. Dist. Conference Executive meeting and half-yearly fellowship were held at Peri Denison on Labour Day holiday . . . Mrs. Anderson is president of the C.W.F. . . . The working bee held on the land being crept by the church ended with fellowship tea.

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LAOS INVASION CONDEMNED

(Geneva). The World Council of churches once again called attention to the flagrant violations of human rights in the continuance and expansion of the Indo-China war.

In a letter to governments that are either directly or indirectly involved and the traditionally neutral Scandinavian countries, the World Council's Commission of the Churches on International Affairs said, "We dare not allow ourselves to become numb to this seemingly unending conflict and unbounded destruction of life and human dignity. . . . Confronted by the tragic news of the invasion of Laos by South Vietnamese troops supported by United States forces,

we are compelled once again to call the attention of the churches, the governments involved and world public opinion to the flagrant violation of human rights in the continuance and expansion of the Indo-China war. We dare not allow ourselves to become numb to this seemingly unending conflict and unbounded destruction of life and human dignity."

The letter was sent to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of North Vietnam, South Vietnam, Cambodia, U.S.A., Laos, U.S.S.R., People's Republic of China, Thailand, France, Great Britain, Poland, Canada, Burma, India, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Provisional Revolutionary Government in Vietnam.—E.P.S.

CHURCH TO STUDY RACE ISSUES

About 100 Australian church and general educationists will attend a national consultation on racism in Australia in November.

The meeting, being arranged by the Division of Christian Education of the Australian Council of Churches with full participation from Roman Catholics, will be held at Southport, Qld., Nov. 19-24.

The purpose is to examine ways in which both secular and Christian education could help eliminate racist attitudes.

The six-member planning committee for the consultation is based in Melbourne and includes two R.C. Church educationists whose work concerns them particularly with the lay apostolate.

The planning committee comprises the Rev. Dr. C. J. Wright (Methodist), convener; the Rev. K. McIntyre (Anglican), the Rev. Father F. Little (R.C.), the Rev. Father W. G. Smith (R.C.), Dr. Barry Pitcock (Quaker), and R. Lawton (Churches of Christ).

ENDEAVOUR COPIED

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). Recent visitors were so impressed with J.C.E.'s that they plan to commence a group at their church. . . . The Norm Wurst family has returned to New Guinea after a furlough. . . . The church is open for prayer each Wednesday, 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., on behalf of coming Jubilee. . . . C.W.F. held picnic at Dromana Safety Beach. . . . Mrs. Will Wigney is in hospital. . . . Tributes have been paid to the wonderful witness of Mrs. Price, aged 97, who died suddenly. . . . Volunteers are wanted to take the ladies from Emmaus to a picnic at National Park, Fernree Gully, March 23, at 11 a.m. Contact H. Smedley 89-6658 (Melb.).

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OBITUARY

ARMSTRONG, William

William Armstrong was born at Lidcombe, N.S.W., in 1893 and resided in the Lidcombe area all of his life. For a large part of this time he conducted his own business. He joined the Lidcombe Church of Christ in 1914 and entered into active fellowship. In 1919 he married Ernestine (Nena) Stieh of Auburn. They followed a family of four girls, Carol, Grace, Olive, Daphne and two boys, William and Bruce. Bruce is presently serving in the full-time ministry at Belmore, N.S.W. The couple celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in 1969. Along with his wife, Mr. Armstrong lived out a life of faithful service for the Lord as he continued in the fellowship of the Lidcombe church for 56 years. He served as B.S. Supt. for 21 years, and also as Choirmaster and song leader. He served as both deacon and elder. He liked to be early when attending a meeting at the Lord's house and he was always ready with a friendly word of welcome, a smile and a warm handshake as others arrived. He was especially on the lookout for visitors and strangers who came in and would seek to make them feel at home. His car was regularly used for transporting people to and from the church services.

He loved to sing well known hymns as he went about his daily tasks. He displayed an interest in the overall activities of the church. He suffered a stroke on Nov. 25, 1970, and died the same day. The church at Lidcombe was crowded to capacity for the funeral service. There were representatives present from a number of Churches of Christ indicating that Mr. Armstrong had become known and loved in church life beyond the bounds of Lidcombe. He was also well respected in the community and a large number of local residents were also present.

CLARK, Reginald Percy

Reginald Percy Clark died in a private hospital in Hobart on Jan. 7, 1971. He was born at Brunswick, Vic., in 1889. His grandfather had been a Baptist minister in S.A. R. P. Clark made his decision for Christ in a Harvard mission at Brighton, Vic., in 1905 and was baptized by F. M. Ludbrook. In 1901 he had paid a visit to his cousin, Mrs. Albany Bell, in Perth, President McKinley of the U.S.A. had just been assassinated and standing in front of A. Bell's shop he saw a picture of McKinley in the window, framed in strips of black licorice. Although only a boy he began to think of all the things that could be done with licorice and it ultimately became his main vocation in life. He was the "inventor" of Cure-Em-Quick. He was imaginative and venturesome in all he did and possessed an unconquerable optimism so that despite setbacks he came to all business people in his generation he succeeded again.

He was a popular S.S. anniversary and youth speaker and his illustrated talk on "The Tallest Story in the World" is still remembered. As one of the first members of the Social Service Committee, he was one of the first three to stand as bank guarantor for its work. He was one of the first to fly as an air passenger across Australia and recorded his experiences for the "Aust. Christian." In 1912 he married Miss Elsie Hayden who later served as Women's Conf. President.

Their family of two sons, Ernest and Ruloh, and daughter Rona, achieved success academically and in their professions. For many years the membership of this family was at Malvern-Box Hill where a great contribution was made to the work. Mr. Clark being

secretary of the church for years. Mr. and Mrs. Clark's hospitality and kindness was memorable. For three years during World War II he was a Y.M.C.A. secretary with headquarters in Colombia. To Mrs. Clark and family deepest and sincerest sympathy is offered.—W.J.T.

ALLEN, Alice Thornbury

Miss Alice Allen died on Dec. 3, at the Will H. Clay Nursing Home, where she had been a resident for some months. The last 12 years of her life were shadowed by illness, the last five causing her to be housebound. Miss Allen was a quietly gentle soul, with a fine sense of humour which her infirmity failed to destroy entirely. Hers was a life of loving service. She was a woman with a real faith. She was baptized at Lygon St. on June 23, 1912, in a service conducted by Rev. Ennis and Horace Kingsbury. She became a member of the famous Century Bible Class, and retained her interest in it for many years. Fifty years ago she transferred to Surrey Hills (Vic.) and remained a beloved member there for the rest of her life, except for one brief period when the family moved for a short time to Chelsea. In 1934 she returned. Her deep trust in her Saviour made her a helper with the Spirit of her Lord. As one of the family said, "She lived her life for others." She cared for many of the family when her sister's husband died suddenly she gave her life to making a home for her and her two small daughters. She helped greatly in rearing these two girls whilst their mother worked, thus becoming a second mother to them. She had very capable hands, and was always helping someone, and it was wonderful what she did for others, thus following the example of her Master who went about doing good. The funeral service was conducted at the Surrey Hills church and later at the Box Hill Cemetery, by the writer.—R.V.A.

MOTT, Clement E.

Some lives make a very deep impact. The life of Clem Mott was one such, and when he died on Jan. 19, at the age of 58, the church at Surrey Hills (Vic.) lost a beloved and respected member. He was kind, generous, concerned, and dedicated to the church of Jesus Christ. He was baptized on Nov. 4, 1923, by J. E. Searle, at Moorabin, near the Swan Hill district. His love for the church remained a constant factor. On removal to Melbourne he was with the church at East Kew for three years, then at Mont Albert for nine years. The last 22 years had been spent at Surrey Hills. In each church he held high office, and gave fine service. At Surrey Hills he was secretary from 1951 to 1954, and for the next 17 years he served as treasurer. He also served as a B.S. teacher, and was president of the tennis club. In later years he served most acceptably as an elder. For a brief time he was the treasurer of the Conf. of Churches of Christ in Victoria. In 1959 he was appointed an honorary director of the Austral. Printing and Publishing Co., succeeding the late Alfred Ernest Kemp.

Thirty-two years ago he married Mabel Washbourne at East Kew, and a very happy marriage has produced a most satisfying home into which two children—Margaret and Lindsay—were born. To Mrs. Mott and Margaret (Mrs. P. Wing Tang) and Lindsay, and their families, we express the sincerest and deepest of Christian love.

He was a man of many interests. He began work at 15, as a clerk in a solicitor's office in Swan Hill. On moving to Melbourne he was employed in the firm of A. L. Lane, a sharebroker, whose seat on the Stock Exchange Clem Mott bought in 1935. Following a brief partnership in 1960 he became a sole trader, being the principal in C. E. Mott & Co. He played an active part in the Masonic

Order which he joined in 1946, holding high honours. In 1964 he joined the Committee of Management of the Burwood Boys' Home, and was a most valued member.

Services at Surrey Hills church and Springvale were conducted by the writer and sounded notes of triumph and victory.—R.V.A.

FISHER, Elsie Emma May

From the day on which she decided to belong to Christ at the age of 17, Elsie Munn's never wavered in the simplicity of her trust in Christ and the vividness of her awareness of the Lord's presence at all times. She was baptized by Thos. Hagger at North Richmond (Vic.), and was married to Alexander Fisher in 1906 at North Richmond by Pastor Greenhill. Their partnership of service lasted for almost 60 years, and left its imprint on many lives at North Richmond for 15 years. Moreland for four years, Gardiner for 21 years, and Mt. Evelyn for 16 years. Ill-health made a return to Box Hill necessary and the remaining years were spent under the watchful care of two loving daughters.

All of the children, Alice (Mrs. Banks), Theo (U.S.A.), Lance and Corree, have wonderful memories of their mother and their own lives testify to the magnetic attractiveness of her faith in Christ. Mrs. Fisher never ceased to thank the Lord for the wonderful blessing that all of the children shared in the work of the Kingdom. In a recent visit to Blackburn as guest preacher, Theo paid tribute to the impact of his parent's faith on his own life and ministry and to his mother's abiding trust which still included a keen sense of humour. Although unable to understand why her own life should extend for a further four years beyond her husband's death, she solemnly met each day knowing that the Lord was her Shepherd.

THOMAS, Mrs. Hilda Anne

The widow of the late J. E. Thomas died at Kiverton Park Hospital on Nov. 17 at the age of 92. Mrs. Thomas was born to Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Verco, in Adelaide in 1878. T. B. Verco was the youngest son of James Crabb Verco who had association with the Magareys, which means that Mrs. Thomas lived in a line of contact with the very beginnings of the witness of Churches of Christ in Australia. She was baptized in her early years. She was organist at the Strirling East church when J. E. Thomas came to preach there as a young man of 20. Romance began and flourished, but for all its strength, it had to give place to the call of God to a gifted life. On return from training at Lexington, Kentucky, U.S.A., James began a ministry at Grote St., Adelaide, and Hilda Anne became the lady of his manse for the future years. How wise he was. At Grote St., S.A., and at Lygon St., Balwyn, Swarston St., and North Williams-town, Vic., they served in wonderful ministries of lustre, energy, enthusiasm, growth, conviction and "blissness," in which the wife and mother played her quiet, competent role. Mrs. Thomas was renowned for her open hearted and open house hospitality. All the "Thomas manses" were large homes with especially large dining rooms. James invited people galore to the manse for lunch — for tea — to stay overnight. Mrs. Thomas matched her husband's genial, impulsive and spontaneous hospitality with a gracious, winsome receptiveness. For many of the 25 years of her widowhood she was an active member of the Gardiner (Vic.) church where the well-attended funeral service was conducted. We thank God for her labour of love, her work of faith and her patience of hope. Our sympathies were expressed to Ruth, Allan, Colin, Don and all other loved ones.—L.S.D.

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BOOK REVIEWS

CAPTIVES OF THE WORD

By Louis Cochran and Bess White Cochran (Doubleday & Co., New York). U.S.\$5.95.

Once begun we found it hard to put down this book which tells the story of our movement from Thomas Campbell, rebelling against the absurdities of the multiple divisions in the church of his day and seeing clearly that such divisions ranked as a major sin within the churches, to the doorstep of the 1970's when the Restoration Movement itself has split into at least three apparently irreconcilable groups to mock the dreams of the pioneers.

Louis Cochran, who wrote "The Fool of God," the biographical novel of Alexander Campbell, here teams with his wife Bess White Cochran, a former newspaper reporter, former editor of "World Call," the international journal of the Christian Churches, to give us a book that is well worthy of a place in every church and college library and every minister's bookshelf.

The book is confined to the American streams of the Restoration Movement. Indeed, the volume is one of the series of books on "Religion in America." It is, however, familiar territory for many Churches of Christ members who will in turn be proud and inspired, but sometimes also saddened as they read of the high hopes and splendid endeavours of the big names that belong to all of us in our Movement, but sometimes saddened as they read how the issues of slavery, instrumental music, missionary activity, and ecumenism took their toll of the dream of unity.

When we survey the divisions that have stained the modern Restoration Movement we are inclined to become nostalgic about the day before yesterday and long for the wholehearted and full-blooded witness of Thomas and Alexander Campbell, Barton Stone, Walter Scott, "Raccoon" John Smith, Moses Lard, Isaac Errett, etc., and imagine that those men were in harmony always with each other and always lived up to their hopes and convictions of unity.

Sadly, this is not so. Sometimes they quarrelled bitterly, and sometimes they failed to live up to their own ideals and capacities. But we need to know the truth and this book tells it. It is a gripping story of men and women with a great vision of one church with one Lord, who lived and died for their ideal with devotion and courage — sometimes stained by their frail humanity.

Before we sit in judgment on their weaknesses, we do well to remind ourselves that the New Testament Christianity that we speak of restoring was not always Christian. One has only to read the letters to the church at Corinth to realise that some very unchristian practices resulted from the adoption of unchristian principles. The leaders of our movement were not Corinthians, but they were not perfect.

They were men who were strategically placed to make a strong witness to the need for unity among Christians, and they discovered together the way that unity could be achieved. If they failed in reaching the target they were able to see, it is a failure that we share with them.

Whether you feel that we are aptly described as "The Church With Three Faces" or if you think that the church which began to unite all of the churches has itself split into three streams, diverging more and more from each other, you will find almost every page of this book both interesting and thought provoking.

DIARY OF HOPE

By Lucy Gray (Baker Book House). \$3.50.

The dedication page of this book reads, "To Norm, May God the Father and Christ our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace. (1 Tim. 1:2 TEV)." That is itself a victory, for it is written by the wife of an alcoholic who lived through the frustrations and heartbreak of marriage with a victim of a self-inflicted disease from which there seems to be no cure.

For 25 years she had been hoping he would change. For 25 years he had said, "I really see the light now and I am going to stop drinking." She believed him for all of those years, but at last she accepted the fact that he would never change and had to decide what she would do.

This book is a collection of her reflections about herself and her life with Norm. It is not a happy book with a happy

ending. At the book's end, Norm is still an alcoholic, but Lucy is different. She found a faith and a new hope that enabled her to accept the things that could not be changed and to live one day at a time in love.

This is recommended reading for those who wish to understand those who live in such a frightening relationship. It is also recommended for wives who have such a husband as Norm. The Bible verse and simple prayer that accompany each meditation may be just what is needed to see them through the days of defeat and the nights that have no ending.

THE GREAT LIGHT (Luther and the Reformation)

By James Atkinson. (Paternoster Press).

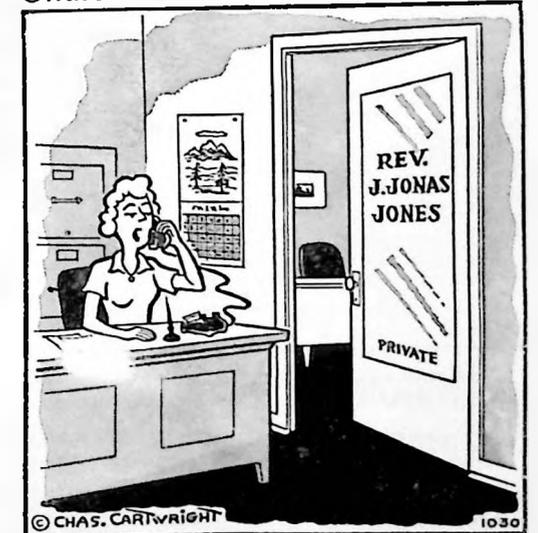
This is another of the many books published at the time of the 450th recognition of the Birth of the Reformation on Oct. 31, 1517, when Luther placed his 95 theses on the church door which served as the usual university notice board. The book traces Luther's developing evangelism, his break with Rome, his trials, the support he gained from the German princes, his lectures, his translation of the scriptures, and the reconstruction of the church in Saxony.

Then the book goes on to show how the Reformation seed took root in other lands. There are chapters on Zwingli and the Swiss Reformation, Calvin's influence towards Protestantism, the Catholic reaction in England, and the work of John Knox.

The story of the Reformation is set in the days of great social and political change and Atkinson has the true historian's knack of emphasising the essential factors. However, in a book covering such a wide period of time and so many reforms at work in so many different places, it is inevitable that there is a suggestion of over-simplification.

It is a scholarly survey of the Reformation concerning which the final chapters have not been lived, let alone written. Catholics and Protestants are troubled and disturbed today by rebellion for the one and divisions for the other. Maybe, says Atkinson, "God is leading all his people through a painful renewal into a unity of truth greater than we have ever known."

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"Ho says he's out seeking a deeper understanding of his fellow man, Mrs. Jones, so he's probably at the baseball game."

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90th MILESTONE

David Moncur

Recently at the Ascot Vale church in Victoria, there was a little birthday party. At least, it started out to be a modest opportunity for a few friends to meet with Dave Moncur. It became a crowded and happy tribute to a man who has more friends than can be counted. They were there in all ages and sizes. It was evident that Mr. Moncur knows nothing about the generation gap which troubles a lot of people. Maybe it is because he still thinks young.

David Moncur was born in Dundee, Scotland, and, when six years of age, with his parents and other members of the family, came to Australia in the ship "Panmure" in a voyage that took three-and-a-half months. After a few moves around Melbourne the family settled in Ascot Vale. This was 80 years ago and Dave has lived there ever since.

He was an active sportsman and a first class cricketer. He played interstate cricket, with the Essendon District team as a wicketkeeper, and he played with the Ascot Vale Church of Christ cricket club. His first interest in the church came through his attachment to cricket. He played the game for 55 years always "behind the wickets." He also played church football.

Dave met Ethel Jordan at church and while he became interested in her, she became interested in cricket. They were married in the church which was so important a part of their life and where Dave was to continue in membership, service, and fellowship for 70 years (so far). He joined the church at his first attendance at a tent mission held on a block of land in the main shopping area. The mission was conducted by Nat Had-dow and Ernest Pittman and the young man Moncur was baptized by Percy Pittman.

Mr. Moncur has been active in every area of church life, and especially loved working with young people. He has always been keen on youth and still loves young people. Through sport he

exercised a splendid influence upon them, and he also taught them at Bible School. He later became Superintendent of the school and as he reads daily from the Word of God in these years of retirement he uses a Bible which was presented to him in appreciation of "long and faithful service." He gave over 30 years' continuous service in the Ascot Vale B.S.

He served as a church officer, as church secretary, and was a deacon of the church for more than 40 years. He was an original member of the first Kappa Sigma Pi Club commenced in Australia. Dr. A. W. Kemp was the first chaplain of the club, and Dave Moncur was the second and he served in this way for 30 years.

Dave Moncur was not only for local affairs, he was a good brotherhood man and was an Ascot Vale delegate to State Conference for 40 years. He probably hasn't missed a State Conference for 80 years and he still attends. He also turns up at Federal Conference and was at both of Australia's World Conventions.

Following his interest in cricket and football, Mr. Moncur became a bowler at the Ascot Vale Bowling Club, where he has been sending them down for 35 years. He has been President of the club for two terms, and still plays at least twice a week.

The Moncur home was always open house for visitors to church, College of the Bible students, and ministers. During World War II there was a big R.A.A.F. unit at the Melbourne Showgrounds (which is in Ascot Vale) and many airmen from interstate found a welcome with the Moncurs and through them into the fellowship of the church. Some of these old R.A.A.F. men turned up at the 90th birthday party, which, incidentally and appropriately, was called an "at home." It was, of course, at the church.

Mrs. Moncur died in 1961, and this was a great loss for David. They had shared their love and home and church in rich and joyous partnership. But he accepted this loss as he accepts every-

thing, as a part of God's plan. They shared a lovely life together, and he was grateful.

David Moncur, ninety years young, is still very fit, and with his quick, purposeful stride he looks much younger than his years. But now and again a kind of wistful yearning look comes into his eyes. We are not sure whether he is looking backward over the many experiences that have enriched his life, or whether he is looking forward to the fulfilment of his journey through life. From where Dave Moncur stands the view in either direction would be fine.

RELIGIOUS TV MAY BE CUT

(London). A dispute over the future of religious television looks likely to break out here. At present the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and the Independent programme companies are obliged by law to provide 70 minutes of religious broadcasting on Sunday evenings. But attempts are being made by the independent companies to reduce the "closed period," as it is termed, to 45 minutes.

A working party set up by the Central Religious Advisory Committee on Broadcasting (C.R.A.C.), the Independent Television Authority (ITA), the programme companies and the ITA panel is believed to have recommended a reduction in the period. They say facilities and producers are overloaded and if there is less time to fill, the result will be better programmes. However, some church people feel the change would only benefit advertisers who want access to more prime-time.

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R. P. Veal: "The situation is very grim. We are fighting to save about one acre of crop. We have managed to get a little water on to it but now we face what appears to be an All-India Sparrows-Convention. With no crops in the vicinity at all naturally we have all the birds here. From C.A.S.A. (Christian Agency for Social Action) I have just received 1,000 bags of wheat to keep the relief programme going for a little while. Thanks for the offer to help in this situation, maybe we could use some extra cash to give employment. The Field well allows us to pump for an hour a day still. Wells in the village are dry. The Irrigation Dept. is building a large irrigation dam just up from us where the girls go for washing. It is to cost Rs. 17 lakhs. (approx. \$204,000). Work has commenced on raising the road level. The actual dam construction may commence within a month. This will give employment to many in the area and be a boon to our wells when complete in two years."

Literature

S. P. Hivale: "At present besides the Friendship Centre work I am busy preparing Bible Studies on Luke. These are being prepared in the form of broadcast messages to be broadcast back into India from the Seychelles Islands. I like this ministry. When this series is completed it will come out for our own Literature Department."

There is a constant call for finance today from our literature workers in India, to enable them to publish more and more books and booklets, and tracts to reach an ever growing literate public. Recently we sent to them the last of the money on hand and have had to advise them that they will have to cease further publications till more funds become available. Richard Powell reported that on a co-operative Book Tour during November and December they sold literature totalling over Rs. 8,000.

Considering the purchasing power of many of the people reached this is a most encouraging return. It gives some idea of the open door to literature providing (1) it is available where it can be seen and purchased on sight; (2) the price is not too high; (3) there is an adequate supply of new books available on each tour. Here truly there is an open door to reach people with the gospel.

New Appointment

Ray Warry from Collingwood, Vic., has been appointed as a missionary to the New Hebrides. Mr. Warry is a cabinet maker and will serve at the Nasava Technical School. Last year he spent several months in the New Hebrides serving as a voluntary worker. He left for the field on Feb. 22.

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WHO SAID IT? (Answers, see last issue).

1. Calaphas, John 11: 50; 2. Pilate, John 18: 38; 3. Jesus, Matt. 20: 27; 4. The Fool, Psalm 14: 1; 5. Peter, Act. 10: 34.

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 Which accurately lands upon
 His atheistic nose.
 "Who threw that stone?" the speaker
 roars;
 At which a Cockney elf,
 Intuitively keen, retorts,
 "No one! It flew itself."
 So pathetic casually,
 Discomfited, and worse,
 Goes home to meditate upon
 This causeless Universe!

—S. J. Forrest,
 The Red Triangle, Australia.



When you can count on nothing else
 in the world, you can count on the love
 of God.

"If in this troubled world we can produce enough properly guided men,
 we won't need guided missiles."—Gen. D. M. Shoup.

The world is blessed most by men who
 do things and not by those who merely
 talk about them.—Jns. Oliver.



Quoting from an estate agent's list:
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When a fellow says, "Well, to make a
 long story short," it's too late.
 —Don Herold.



"When Abraham Lincoln said: 'All
 that I am I owe to my angel mother,'
 he was speaking of his stepmother."

"What was the name of the last motel
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