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A BEGINNING . . .

THE tall window shutters on either side of the lovely church at Nakhon Pathom were fastened back, and a pleasant breeze tempered the hot Thai sun. In the sanctuary, with its three, wide, shallow steps, two bowls of roses and chrysanthemums added colour and beauty to the simple, yet attractive furnishings. The thin white cross on the far wall proclaimed the central theme of the Faith, in a language understood by God's people the whole world round.

The word "Pathom" in Thai means "a beginning". Nakhon Pathom is one of the points from which Buddhism was disseminated throughout Thailand. The tall orange-coloured chedi, the central building of the great Buddhist temple, like a great bell with its handle pointing skywards, can be seen from the church grounds. But a few weeks ago there was a beginning for the Thai Christian community in Nakhon Pathom, and especially for Acharn Silawej Kanjanamukda, recently returned from two years theological study at Overdale College, Birmingham, the ministerial training institution of British Churches of Christ. Although not yet formally ordained, (he is pursuing his studies with a view to this next step), Silawej, known to many in Britain as "Dang", was being installed as minister of the Thai Christian Church in Nakhon Pathom. It should be noted that the first given name of a person (Silawej in this case) is the one by which he is commonly known; the family name (Kanjanamukda) is rarely used. But in all formal situations a title (e.g. "Acharn" = "Teacher") is always prefixed to the person's name.

The service had been planned by the Official Board of the church, under the leadership of the two lay elders, Mr. Chalot and Mr. Ophat, and Charles Mull, the resident missionary from the Christian Church (Disciples), U.S.A. The sermon and the

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By HAROLD F. GROSS

installation were taken by the Moderator of the (United) Church of Christ in Thailand, Acharn Wichin, and Richard Carlson, the field secretary for the Disciples, led in the closing prayer and benediction.

A group of young people made a fine contribution to the service by singing the 23rd Psalm in English to "Crimona". One verse was sung as a solo by the daughter of one of the elders, and the words of another verse were recited by a lad as the tune was played.

In his address, Acharn Wichin pointed out five marks which characterise the good Christian pastor, as set out in the Epistles to Timothy. Such a man must have a strong personal faith in and commitment to Jesus Christ. He must know Christ as his own Friend and Lord. He must not be ashamed of the Gospel, or be embarrassed in presenting it. A young minister must overcome any prejudices on that score by setting a high example in his personal life, of faith and love. He must be tireless in his work, in season and out of season pointing men to Christ. And with patience he must carry the responsibilities of his office, and make the sacrifices his calling lays upon him.

It was an auspicious beginning for a ministry from which much can be expected, and your prayers for the church and its new minister, and all its leaders, will help to consolidate what was begun.

"LOOK AT THE LILIES!"

*Up from the dirt they push their slender
Being — a green stem — robust with life.
With mute mouth — yet they shout their
Message, but only to those who have the
Listening ear.*

*They nod approval to the universe, and
Sway to the rhythm of the wind which whisks
Across the world the mighty chorus of affirmation
To all creation.*

*Small — fragile thing! You declare your
Maker in your tender beauty, and in the
Great cathedral of open spaces, you are — in
Yourself — a call to worship.*

Leslie Weatherhead said, "Jesus does not try to prove God's providence. He just says 'Look at the Lilies!'"

By LLOYD COOKE

*You are our reminder of love's infinite care,
An arrow on life's roadside pointing to the
Architect who lives in the midst of years.
You chastise us for our disbelief, and your
Frail majesty rebukes our void of trust.
I look at you — the lilies of the field,
And I am glad there's you — and God!*

GOD BLESS YOUR NEW YEAR!

DURING 1970 Dr. John Wesley White, one of the Associate Evangelists of Dr. Billy Graham told me of a young minister who rejected all the traditions of his church but who was up-to-date on everything else. The story had started before he came into the picture with some other ministers: A young man who was leaving the home of his wealthy father was given a brand new red Ferrari. He wanted God's blessing on it from some minister who understood the speeds that this car was capable of doing.

He went to a Church of England vicar and asked, "Would you mind blessing my new red Ferrari?" The vicar replied, "We conduct a blessing service for ships, for babies, and for animals. Take your red Ferrari into the church and I will . . . by the way, what is a red Ferrari?" So the young man went to several ministers all who gave the same response, except one (who was very strong on baptism) who replied, "Well, we don't usually have a blessing service, instead we baptise by immersion, and if your friend would like to be baptized . . ."

At last he found a young minister up-to-date with all the latest paper-back theology and he said to him, "Would you mind blessing my red Ferrari?" To which the minister replied, "Wow! A red Ferrari! 175 mph at 8,500 rpm's! Twin overhead camshafts! 480 horsepower! Triplelined fuel injectors! Yes sir . . . but say . . . what is a blessing?"

Although many people use the phrase "God bless you" they have little idea what it means. Most of the cards we received at Christmas time had the message "God bless your New Year." What does "God bless your New Year" really mean? Blessing means happiness, but more than that it means the deep abiding peace that comes with the assurance that with God's help everything will work out for your own good. J. B. Phillips translates Romans 8: 28, "We know that to those who love God everything that happens fits into a pattern for good" and that is what we mean when we say "God bless your New Year."

May God grant that you will have a good life

What is a good life? Donald Horne in his book "The Lucky Country" declares that the average Australian with his beer and sunshine and girlie magazines enjoys the good life. That is not what Paul means when he talks about everything that happens fitting into a pattern for good. He indicates that a good life has joy and sorrow, laughter and pain, light and shade, reunions and partings, birth and death. Well he knows "All sunshine makes a desert."

Rembrandt is acknowledged as a great artist. He used the chiaroscuro method — heavy areas of darkness to dramatise the light areas. He used the shade to give a concept of light. In 1956 I wrote of Rembrandt, "Artists, it is said, must suffer, must know anguish and despair before their art can take depth, strength, universal appeal and the powerful impact of simplicity. It seems a cruel requirement, but in Rembrandt's case it proved to be true. As his burdens grew heavier, his art grew greater. Out of his pain came forth some of the greatest masterpieces the world has ever known."

You will have to work at it

Goodness just doesn't drop into your lap. So many people don't work at life, they merely exist. Their impact comes

By **GORDON MOYES**

simply from their presence. A recent newspaper article declared, "Spalding, England: Jack East, 89, has made a lasting impression in the Pigeon Inn here. After 70 years as a regular drinker in the Lincolnshire pub, he has worn a hollow in the tiled floor. 'I must have bought enough pints to buy the place twice over,' says Mr. East, who used to quaff up to 20 pints of draught beer a day, but now limits himself to 2 at lunchtime. 'I've never drunk in any other pub and the only thing that has changed here is the price of the beer.' In appreciation of his loyal drinking habits the brewery which owns the 200-year-old tavern presented Jack with a 5 gallon keg of beer at the regular spot by the bar which no-one else ever uses."

I know others who have made the same impression on life!

But life is meant to be lived not just dribbled out. It is what we make of it that counts. For centuries the giant rugs of Persia were made by a weaver who sat high above the rug calling to many young boys who handled the shuttles with the different colours. If a mistake was made it was never cut out but woven into the pattern. It takes a skilful weaver to weave bad mistakes into a pattern that is good. Our New Year prayer for you is that you will work hard this year to weave into your life all that happens, so that even the dark threads and the blood red mistakes all take their place in a pattern for good.

It will take faith

This sort of living requires a dimension beyond ourselves, a perspective that comes from beyond our time and above our work. We need the assurance that as we run back and forth there is above us a Weaver who is making the pattern for good in our lives. Only with this confidence can we live confidently. "To those who love God, everything that happens fits into a pattern for good."

I have just finished reading "The Day the Summer Ended" which tells of Betty Nesbit, who suffers from Multiple Sclerosis. She tells of the agonising difficulties she faces day by day and concludes: "I think when the light has gone out from my eyes and my brain no longer thinks, Betty Nesbit is finished. I have rejected God because I saw the world in such a terrible state. I have learned that it is harder not to believe than to believe, for you're on your own . . . No matter how much anyone loves you, they still cannot bear one tiny bit of your pain. I have learned to face everything by myself!" And if you reject God that is the right conclusion. You have nothing else but despair and death.

May God bless your New Year! Not by shielding you but by giving you strength; not by making your way easy but by making you sturdy; not by giving you sunshine only but by making you smile even in the shadows.

May God bless your New Year.

HIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES

By I. J. CHIVELL

THE one who ministers is human, with human frailties, limitations and needs. And he must remember those to whom he ministers are likewise human, and this should relate his preaching and teaching to their common life, and temper his judgment of them with mercy.

And all of us must remember that the one we serve was also human and in his glory he sympathises with our weaknesses. We are human, but our humanity has been renewed for we have become new people in Christ. We retain our humanity but our humanity has been touched by Divinity. To quote the apostle Peter we "share the Divine nature." Among the privileges which the renewing grace of God has conferred upon us is the honour of being Christ's ambassadors. Using the various translations of Paul's words to the Corinthians, "We stand in Christ's place" — "We speak on behalf of Christ" — "We are his personal representatives."

What a humbling thought! We are his personal representatives. No wonder Paul exclaims "Who is sufficient for these things?" It is true of all Christians that they are in the place of Christ, but in a specific sense it applies to those who are set aside by the Church to be its ministers. At the Fourth World Conference on "Faith and Order" at Montreal, 1963, among other things, they said: "Christian ministry is a responsibility laid upon the entire Church of Christ. Nevertheless the Church must entrust some of its members with particular responsibility for equipping all to fulfil the common ministry, and these the Church ordains as ministers." They also said "The ministry of Jesus Christ provides a model for all ministry."

(1) PREACHER

We are his personal representatives when we stand in the pulpit to bring the gospel to men and women.

Jesus came preaching! We must give attention to preaching! There are many people today who are excellent public speakers! No longer does the art of public speaking belong to preachers and politicians. The Good News from God deserves the employment of the best techniques of today, the concentration of an ordered mind and diligent preparation.

We stand where Jesus stood, and preach what he first preached! He was the prince of preachers! His ministry was a model for our ministry! We should never cease to wonder that we are his personal representatives. This will lead us to preach on the big themes — to plunge into the depths and not be satisfied to paddle on the beach.

(2) TEACHER

As the personal representatives of Jesus Christ we are to teach whatever he taught, and this teaching is not limited to the pulpit. We need to saturate our minds with the N.T. until the mind of Christ is in us, and we are thinking his thoughts after him. We need to keep abreast with what the theologians of today are thinking, but not to use their language.

The truth of the gospel must become so much a part of our thinking that we can apply it in our own words to the various situations in which we find ourselves. Our teaching of individuals in the study, in their homes, and as we converse with those we meet on the street will probably accomplish more than our carefully chosen theological terms which come bouncing off the pulpit on Sunday.

(Mr. Chivell, Secretary of the S.A. Conference of Churches of Christ, gave this address at the Graduation and Ordination Service, College of the Bible, 1971).

(3) SHEPHERD

About two hours a week are spent in the pulpit. Effective ministers today work a 60-hour week, so this will give us 58 hours out of the pulpit for study, administration, and pastoral care.

Peter writes: "Be shepherds of the flock God gave you, and look after it willingly, as God wants you to, and not unwillingly. Do your work, not for mere pay but from a real desire to serve. Do not try to rule over those who have been given into your care, but be examples to the flock."

Don't be persuaded that we have more important things to do than to call on people. We need to adjust our calling to the situation in which we find ourselves. Some calls we can only make at night, but we can still do a lot of calling during the day.

If we have the Shepherd heart we will devise various ways we can meet our people. Meet them and get to know them we must. As we do so, we will find starters for most of our sermons, and those sermons which germinate in the soil of common day encounters will be the best we preach.

The tempo of today's life and the permissiveness of our society, have multiplied the problems which people have. And with the multiplicity of problems has come a multiplicity of services — Social workers, marriage guidance counsellors, probation officers, psychologists — a specialist for almost every problem. But these do not dispense with the minister of the gospel. His work is crucial. He will take up where these others leave off — Isn't this what we mean when we say, Christ is the answer?

(4) EXAMPLE

Is there any need to underline what Peter said to those who are shepherds: "Be examples to the flock"? What we teach they will expect us to live by. Our word will be effective insofar as it is coloured by our own experience.

There are not various standards of conduct in the Church — One for minister, the elder and the deacon and one for the "church member." It is the same standard for us all.

Nevertheless because we are set aside to represent the congregation, and because it is basic to our call to be a minister, our people will expect us to be examples to them.

If we preach forgiveness — and we surely will — then we must be forgiving. When we urge people to pray, then we must make time to pray. Undoubtedly we will tell our people to witness to the gospel — then we must set them the example in every appropriate situation. What we are the Church will become under our ministry.

Books are important and do not neglect the reading of them. But people are more important. And as we move out into the community it is not simply to be a "good fellow," to be socially accepted, to get on as many Committees as we can, and get our name and photograph in the paper. We go as the representatives of Jesus Christ. And sometimes our representation will make us unpopular. "Alas for you when all men speak well of you." We must not hesitate to apply the mind of Christ when we are in association with the people of our community, be they our member of Parliament, the Mayor of the city, professional or business man. This can lead to conflict, but the representative of Christ must not avoid it.

Where the action is, where brotherhood challenges discrimination, where people fight and struggle against forces which

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degrade their humanity and destroy dignity, where right confronts wrong—there God is, and there his representative must be.

(5) **THE CONGREGATION** is involved in this ministry. It is mutual. They support the ministry financially, they undergird it with prayer. Their Christian living, their sacrificial service in the life of the congregation and their kindly encouragement of their minister are tremendously important.

If you wish your minister to be a better minister than he is now, don't go off into a huddle and criticise him, and draw odious comparisons between him and his predecessor or neighbour, but come alongside, put your hand on his shoulder and encourage him. I grew up on a farm. My father taught me that I would get a better response from my 10-horse team by speak-

ing calmly, giving a friendly pat and gentle encouragement, rather than by shouting and whip cracking. Your minister is not a horse to be broken in, harnessed and set to work. But he will respond to encouragement.

In the Jerusalem Church, there was a man with a generous spirit, a kindly disposition. I imagine him with a beaming smile and a friendliness which was contagious. Joseph was his name, but the apostles gave him a new name which was more descriptive of his ministry. They called him Barnabas, which means Son of Encouragement.

Barnabas in the pew will put virility and power into the pulpit. Each of us in our respective positions are the personal representatives of Jesus Christ.

50 % AMERICANS

In an article in "The Christian Century", Don Luce, who spent 12 years in Vietnam, draws attention to the plight of American-Asian children. More than two million American men served in Vietnam in the past ten years as soldiers, construction workers, embassy officials, and advisers. They have fathered 400,000 children by Asian girls. For political reasons the United States has virtually ignored their existence. It shows no concern for their future, says Luce, as it shows no concern for their mothers during pregnancy.

According to a World Council of Churches team of which Luce was a member, the number of bar girls, prostitutes, and temporary wives in Vietnam in 1969 was between 100,000 and 300,000. A year later a Vietnamese Congressman put the number at 400,000. Most of the girls come from rural areas or city slums, have no

special skills, but quickly become accustomed to a relatively luxurious life. They earn between \$200 and \$300 a month. When the war ends most of them will be without jobs. Will they be content to go back to the farms where the average monthly wage earning is about \$20?

Some Good News from India

With fighting between India and Pakistan, the plight of thousands of refugees, famines and floods, the news from India in recent months has been most discouraging. Some news items concerning our mission work in India have also been disturbing, but a recent letter received from Mr. Waghmode, Secretary of the Conference of Churches of Christ in Western India conveys encouraging news concerning the plans for the future work of the Conference. A number of well qualified Indian brethren have been selected to take over responsibilities from missionaries. This does not mean that our missionaries are at this stage returning home, but with a sense of new urgency they are preparing the Conference to accept full responsibility. Mr. Waghmode said, "We have done the

spade work in selecting personnel and we are trying to follow it up. While we are doing this and are trying to implement the change, we need constant prayerful support."

The work that our missionaries are now doing could be the most challenging in the history of our work in India. We request that you pray as never before for the work in India. When Indians take over responsibilities from missionaries, our responsibility as a brotherhood to maintain prayer and financial support remains.

In India there are thousands in dire physical need, but millions do not know the peace that Christ can give. May we have a God-given concern to convey the message of salvation to this land.

THEOLOGIANS SUPPORT KÜNG

(Marburg, Germany). Some 290 leading Protestants and Roman Catholics in Europe and North America have signed a declaration of solidarity with Dr. Hans Küng of Tübingen, two of whose books are under investigation by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome. They support Dr. Küng's demand for "an unconditional and unrestricted access to the pertinent dossier of the Holy Congregation . . . so that he may respond in every appropriate manner out of a full knowledge of the objections brought against his books." ("The Church" and "Infallible? An Inquiry.")—E.P.S.

VIC. TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE

(Vic.). The alliance is planning its deputation work for 1972. Speakers are available for church services and/or other meetings. Films and literature are available on request.

We would be pleased to receive invitations or enquiries from churches, or other bodies who are interested in our "Education for Abstinence" programme or any other of the Alliance activities. Write or phone: 3rd floor, Methodist Church Centre, 130 Lt. Collins St., Melb., 3000. Phone 63-1285 (Melb.).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Division of Christian Education of the A.C.C. held its biennial meeting at Southport, Qld. Churches of Christ were represented by G. D. Rose (S.A.), R. C. McKenzie and A. G. Mathieson (Vic.) and R. W. Lawton (Fed. Board of Christian Educ.).

Stimulating papers were presented on Children's Ministries (Rol. Giese, Meth. Fed. Board), Youth Ministries (Dr. Denham Grieron, Meth. D.C.E. Vic.) and Adult Ministries (Ken McIntyre, Melb. Anglican Diocesan D.C.E.).

Richard Lawton, Rol. Giese and Dr. Cliff Wright (Executive Secretary of the Division) reported on the Assembly of the World Council of Christian Education, held in Lima, Peru.

The Division agreed to an A.C.C. proposal that it become the Council's Commission of Christian Education, and should form part of an overarching Division of Education, along with Commissions on Public Education and Tertiary Education.

A.B.C. TO SCREEN LEPROSY FILM

Richard McKeown, Secretary for Australia and South-East Asia of the Leprosy Mission, has announced that the Australian Broadcasting Commission has purchased the exclusive television rights of the Mission's latest 30-minute sound colour film "Freedom from Bondage." The A.B.C. plans to show it in 1972 twice on each of their entire network of television stations.

The A.B.C. did the same with the film "Making Men Whole" in 1970.

"Freedom from Bondage" has been recognised as one of the finest films produced on leprosy, and has created a great interest in all States.

A.B.C. screening dates will be announced. "Freedom from Bondage" depicts the work of the McKean Rehabilitation Institute in Northern Thailand, and of the Leprosy Mission personnel who are working in this Institute as seconded workers to the indigenous Church of Christ in Thailand. It covers all phases of a modern approach to the problems of leprosy.

NO DAMAGE

(MACKAY, Qld., A. C. Risson). During the cyclone there were heavy winds but no damage to property or personnel . . . Working bees have painted the church and chapel and made improvements to chapel.

APPRAISAL

AN ASPECT of world affairs that often disappoints all those (and this would surely include all Christians) who want to see international disputes settled by peaceful means — is the relative ineffectiveness of the United Nations. The U.N. has not been able to prevent recent wars, with all the bloodshed and misery they cause: it was not, for instance, able to prevent or stop the recent war between India and Pakistan.

Though it does many other things, the U.N. was set up mainly to preserve world peace. It seems to have failed in this purpose. Should we persevere with it?

When the U.N. fails to take action to prevent or stop war, this is usually because one of the Great Powers has used its veto in the Security Council. Many people therefore blame the veto provision in the U.N. Charter as the reason for its ineffectiveness. But it is surely a mistake to blame the veto: what should be blamed is what the veto represents — the refusal of the Great Powers to admit the right of the other nations of the world to judge their actions or their interests. Yet we should also ask, in fairness, whether we can justly expect the Great Powers to submit themselves to this judgment. Such judgment is also likely to be self-interested.

The veto in the U.N. Charter reflects the realities of power politics, and for that reason is a valuable device. Without the veto, resolutions would be carried which would be meaningless. A decision which a Great Power was determined not to accept could be carried out only by recourse to a major war. The veto is a safeguard against the setting up of a meaningless, impossible situation.

But it is also a fact, of course, that the U.N. has not been able to impose its decisions upon minor powers either. To be able to do this it would have to possess a world police force, overwhelmingly stronger than the forces of all but the Great Powers. And the example of the one occasion when the U.N. made use of an international force, very much smaller than those of a Great Power, does not make one confident that this would be successful. The example, of course, is The Congo. The force used was perilously small — in fact there was one occasion when the Katanga army defeated it — yet the U.N. has been on the verge of bankruptcy ever since because a number of the

Is the U.N. of any use?

By DR. DESMOND CROWLEY

members have refused to pay their share of the costs of maintaining it. The U.N. is unlikely to raise even such a small force again.

Moreover, a U.N. force has to be invited to the territory of one of the forces involved in the dispute. If no nation is willing to admit the force, the U.N. is powerless.

For the U.N. to become fully effective, the world will need to become a community — a community where all are prepared to accept majority decisions. And these decisions would need to be reasonable, just, and fair. This would mean that Australians, for instance, would have to accept decisions that went against important interests of ours. We are not yet ready for this, nor are other nations.

We accept majority decisions within our own nation, often with bad grace, only because we have sufficient sense of community — of brotherhood, if you like. The U.N. will be fully effective only when it reflects an adequate measure of world community, or world brotherhood.

And the nations would then need not to 'play politics' overmuch in their voting, but to reach reasonably fair decisions, on the merits of each case. (We may well ask to what extent we achieve this in our national community, where the issues are not usually as serious as in the area of world affairs.)

Is the U.N. useless, therefore? Should it be scrapped until world community is achieved?

I think not. The U.N. is a valuable and important instrument of world politics. It is an institution where the nations are obliged to justify their actions; where they are under a moral obligation to state or argue their case instead of having recourse to force. It has caused nations, even the Great Powers, to be more reasonable and more accommodating.

Moreover, though often moving us to despair when it mirrors human imperfections, the U.N. is, very slowly to be sure, fostering the emergence of a world community. That will not be achieved in a day or a year.

But who would have believed, twenty years ago, that by 1972 there would be a European community?

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"READERS' DIGEST" ATTACK

THE ecumenical movement was thrust into the spotlight in the United States last month with the publication in the mass-circulation magazine "Readers' Digest" of an attack on the World Council of Churches in general and the Programme to Combat Racism in particular.

Several church leaders have issued statements denying the substance of the attack, among them Dr. Robert J. Marshall, president of the Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Roy C. Nichols, Methodist bishop of Pittsburgh; Dr. Kent S. Knutson, president of the American Lutheran Church; and Presiding Bishop John Hines of the Episcopal Church.

In an editorial the *Christian Century* pointed out that Clarence W. Hall, the *Digest's* roving editor who wrote the article, does not admit that the race grants were for medical, relief and educational

programmes, not for guns. And he quotes only white critics of the W.C.C. and not the donors of funds for the anti-racism grants—"one such is Queen Juliana of the Netherlands."

Nor does he acknowledge "that some erstwhile critics of the grants now support them, or that most African churchmen support them."

A memorandum prepared by the New York Office of the World Council of Churches notes that relief of human suffering has been a major part of the Council's work since its inception (Palestinian refu-

gees, Nigerian relief, Pakistani refugees). These grants have never implied endorsement of tactics used by the recipients, "nor do they imply approval of the politics of either party involved in a conflict where a relief effort is necessitated."

"Funds can be used only for programmes consistent with the purposes of the Council," says the memorandum. "No funding has ever been given to finance violence."

Granting that the *Digest* is "fully entitled to take a position of opposition to W.C.C. action," the memorandum states: "What is regrettable is . . . that its disagreement is expressed with unsubstantiated charges, misstatements of fact, distorted reporting, quotations of statements out of context and the degree of dependence for opinion upon unnamed persons identified only as 'tourists,' 'dissenters,' 'insiders,' 'spokesmen,' 'observers.' The total effect of these articles is to present a false picture of the World Council of Churches."

—E.P.S.

S.A. & W.A.

INTER-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

(KALAMUNDA, W.A., D. M. Hughes). Over 100 were present at inter-church fellowship . . . Miss Merle Peacock was speaker at Kinder and Primary Depts. anniversary . . . C.W.F. conducted successful jumble stall—collection of goods for Aborigines . . . Mr. Way is with us after a long illness.

OPEN AIR COMMUNION

(VICTOR HARBOUR, S.A., T. Lawrie). After Sunday morning service in the open at Green Hills, a picnic lunch followed . . . The Men's Fellowship was invited to tea at Adelaide Bible Institute . . . The Women's Fellowship brought Christmas cheer gifts for patients of "The Southern" . . . A S.S. graduation service has been held . . . Of four baptismal candidates on Dec. 5, two were Robyn and Ian Warren. The Warren family was farewelled at an after-church social on leaving for Adelaide.

CO-OPERATIVE MINISTRY

(DULWICH, S.A., C. H. Dow). A service in Gartrell Memorial Methodist Church marked the inauguration of a co-operative ministry linking that church with Dulwich Church of Christ and Rose Park Congregational Church. The Churches of Christ Conf. Pres. took part. Chas. Dow was preacher. A covenant communion service was held in the Church of Christ led by Milton Drake who will commence a ministry here in Feb. next. The preacher was L. L. Hunt (Methodist), and worship leader was A. C. Johnston (Congregational).

WOMEN OF THE WEST

Mrs. Cook, Mandurah, prepared the December meditation on the theme "Walking with Christ." Mrs. John Curtis brought the message in song. Mrs. T. Beck led prayer of intercession.

Sixty-six ladies represented 21 C.W.F.'s. Special welcome was extended to Mrs. Lance Fisher and Mrs. Drown. Included in the many special functions prior to Christmas was an afternoon tea for Miss Kay Williams, teacher missionary from the New Hebrides en route to Kalgoorlie for holiday. Mrs. Armstrong's Christmas monologue was much appreciated.

Prayer and Praise Points

- For the support given and the results achieved at the "Village Fair."
- For the 90 Aboriginal men and women and the three white people baptized at Onslow.
- For the day with the missionaries and children from our Aborigine Mission fields to be held at the Zoo in January.
- Pray for a strong witness from our full-time workers, pastors and church members in their jobs and in their lives that the Christian church may be built up.
- Pray for missionaries and those in positions of leadership that they will be given the measure of wisdom, understanding, patience, love, physical health and spiritual strength needed for the task in hand.—Dora Gordon (Sec.).

The Church and Justice

(Switzerland). Churches were reminded of the Christian obligation to be concerned with matters of overall justice by Dr. Alan A. Brash, director of the Commission on Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service (CICARWS) of the World Council of Churches and chairman of its Programme Unit on Justice and Service.

Discussing some of the issues raised by the integration of justice and service concerns within the World Council of Churches, the director said clearly it was not enough in South Africa merely to assist the victims of unjust laws. "The injustice of those laws must be challenged in Christ's name."

In addition Dr. Brash maintained, "the churches must be aware of the influence of their service programmes to individuals on the total situations within which people live." Pointing to cases where aid may do a little good here or there but overall strengthens a situation characterised by injustice and endemic poverty, he said there was no alternative to making "existential decisions" about whether to continue a programme in each case.

Dr. Brash went on to stress that the commitment to justice and service pro-

grammes had to be combined with two other insights. The first was the obligation to care for those who suffer. "It may be that our efforts to achieve justice and reconciliation have to be speeded up but with the clear recognition that the service obligation will have to be met."

The second insight that has to be manifested programmatically, the director explained, was that the churches in their caring are dealing with Jesus Christ. "If our service is ultimately divorced from mission in Christ's name and for his sake, it becomes no more than humanitarian," he emphasised.—E.P.S.

"MAN ALIVE"

(CHRISTIES BEACH, S.A., G. Smith). "Man Alive" was the study topic for a camp of 20 teenagers . . . Mrs. D. Lewis displayed gifts and cards at manse coffee hour. Proceeds were for Overseas Missions . . . A trading table in the shopping centre raised \$150 for church improvements . . . Christmas Tree parties were held for Cradle Roll, Kinder and Primary children . . . B.S. juniors led evening Christmas service.

"CARING"

(ELIZABETH, S.A., R. Sercombe). "Caring," a poem written by Mrs. P. Russell and set to music by Mrs. N. Schmelzkof, was featured by ladies' choir at annual C.W.F. service. Mrs. E. V. Lawton was guest speaker . . . Proceeds from a "Paddy's Market" at the home of Mrs. S. Burger were used to buy church hymn books . . . Men's Fellowship came out of retirement and have held two good meetings.

CHRISTMAS BOWL

(MAGILL, S.A., R. Clymer). Offering for the Christmas Bowl has passed \$300. . . . On Jan. 16 a representative of the Aborigines' Evangelical Fellowship was speaker. The Fellowship had just completed its federal meeting at Port Augusta.

FILMS AT NORTHAM

(W.A., W. Gaunson). At the church annual meeting the World Vision film "Target China" was screened. A youth tea preceded the showing of the film "The Lost Generation." . . . A Christmas feature was a play presented by the Senior School . . . The B.S. picnic was held at Leschenaulte.

SECRETARY HONOURED

(FORESTVILLE, S.A., J. A. Luff). The church records its appreciation of 22 years of faithful service on the retirement of G. J. McKennay from the office of church secretary. He was re-appointed as elder for a term of three years . . . Ron. Wilson is the new church secretary . . . The Conf. Pres., W. N. Bartlett, was guest speaker at the 52nd church anniversary. The Tasma Trio provided music.

CAROLS FOR CENTENARIAN

(FORESTVILLE, S.A., J. A. Luff). The J.C.E. sang carols at the home of W. R. James now in his 100th year. Afterwards church officers conducted a communion service . . . The church extends sympathy to the family of the late A. H. Lovell. It was in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lovell that the decision was made to commence the church here. The church gives thanks to God for the life and service of their brother, "A.H." During 51 years he was church secretary, treasurer, chairman of the board, president at the Lord's Table, choir member, I.C.E. leader, and Supt. of the B.S. for 12 years. He was also B.S. Supt. at Edwardstown for ten years.



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Midget Camp Up-dated

The 1971 Midgets' Campers wore the "up-dated" T-shirt designed by Kevin Barwick, Church School Supt. at Murarrie, and a commercial artist.

Since 1967, the year of the first Midget Camp with 28 campers, the special T-shirt has become a tradition for the 7-9 years of age and the leaders.

This year 91 campers, with a total of 144 in camp, wore T-shirts with the symbol showing a boy with hair longer than the previous one, wearing floral "jams" and on the surf-board a female "midget" proudly confident of her "Farely's" ability to bring her safely ashore.

Beyond all this was the continuing approach to this age group to train them for Christ.

Sixteen 13-15 year old Tweenagers were selected to assist as "In-Service Training" class.

Parents and friends drove the midget campers to "Camp Cal" to share in the opening exercises and afternoon tea. Margaret McNab, a Dalby High School teacher, was in charge of this camp under the Director.

Juniors (10-12 years)

An action-packed programme of learning, loving, laughing, swimming and studying characterised this camp.

Lyn Parry, Assistant to the Director, was leader. Day craft groups of floral art, plaster of paris, art, news writing, play-acting and singing activities complemented evening programmes.

The Queensland Department is grateful for the Vic.-Tas. Dept.'s assistance in having the Queensland In-Service Training Scholarship winners each year to share in the Victorian camps.

Our camps this year were the best yet

because of this interstate co-operation. Scholarship winners were Wendy Brooks (1968), Jenny Stevens (1969), Jan Sauer (1970) and Keith Enchelmaier, the current awardee is in Victoria for the present camps.

Senior Camp

For the 15 years plus age group, the extra long Christmas-New Year break resulted in 10 days of learning and studying for our Senior Youth.

On the two Sundays included in this holiday period inspiring services were conducted with the emphasis on Senior participation.

Opportunities were numerous to speak to young people who indicated their concern to be following God's way. Ministers will be notified in all cases so that an effective follow-up will be carried out for all enquiries.

Cyclone Althea's "death throes" occasioned some anxiety on Dec. 27. Having caused great damage to Townsville and Magnetic Island when it crossed the Queensland coast on the 23rd, the cyclone swept down through Central Western Queensland bringing much needed rain to that area. As it regenerated when re-crossing the coast near Caloundra the severity of the winds made us take precautionary measures.

All campers were moved from the wooden dorms to the concrete block sleeping quarters and told to exercise great care. Fortunately, no damage was caused to buildings.

Cyclone "Althea"—Magnetic Is.

Althea did not live up to her Greek derivation of "healing" when she swept in across the Queensland coast at Townsville. "Camp Irwin," the Department's campsite at picturesque Nelly Bay has been reported

as totally destroyed except for the concrete ablution block.

This ablution block was the only skeleton left for a family holiday at "Camp Irwin."

A further report will detail the actual damage.

NEW BAPTIST BOOK MANAGER

(Vic.). Keith Milne has commenced as manager of the Baptist Book Store, Russell St., Melb.

Mr. Milne, who is a deacon and B.S. teacher at the Glen Waverley Church of Christ, is well qualified to serve as book store manager, having trained at the College of the Bible for three years, worked as a manager with a large retail organisation for six years and served for the past six-and-a-half years as manager of the Scripture Union Bookshop, Melb.

He sees this new appointment as an opportunity not only to promote Christian literature within the Baptist churches, but also to be of service to and cater in a realistic way for ministers and members of Churches of Christ and the wider Christian public.

MINI-MARKET

(GARDINER, Vic., L. S. Dewberry). A mini-market conducted by the C.W.F. brought in \$500, half of which was allocated to local church needs and half to others. In addition the sweets stall gained \$25 for the S.S. . . . Recent speakers have been Leonard Thompson, of Churches of Christ in Madras; Miss Aileen Draney from New Guinea, and G. R. Stirling, College of the Bible . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. Parsons have returned from missionary service in Borneo, and a service was conducted by the elderly citizens' club . . . Three S.S. scholars were baptized recently . . . David Hutchins is entering the College of the Bible, and Miss Rosemary Hughes the Melb. Bible Institute.

WORD TALK — No. 43

GENESIS 11: 27 — 25: 11

Three-quarters of the Book of Genesis tells the stories of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. These are some of the oldest tribal histories in the world. Different strands are woven together to produce some remarkable narratives. Abraham was with one of several migrations of people from Mesopotamia about 2000 B.C. Archaeologists today have tremendous interest in the Aramean people of these migrations. Abraham's missionary call to leave home, possessions, relatives and worldly ambitions behind and to commit himself in trust to God provided the source for the Jewish nation and three of the most influential religions of the world. Jews, Mohammedans and Christians look back to Abraham. He had twin concerns: his tribe and his land. The stories reflect the promise of God to give him both and of his constant failure to trust God.

As Abraham grows in faith so he learns to trust God until he becomes a prime example of faith. Abraham and Sarah failed because of fear and anxiety to trust God in Egypt and Gerar but God always provided even as he did at Mt. Moriah. When Abraham died he laid instructions for Isaac concerning Isaac's future wife — she was to be of his own kin and one who wanted to live in Canaan. Even when dying he expressed concern for the future of his tribe and his land. (Chap. 25.)

"Abraham believed the Lord and He reckoned it to him as righteousness" (15: 6). Paul was to use this verse again

and again. But it took years for Abraham's faith to overcome his constant anxiety and impatience with God. FOR TODAY

The life of Abraham illustrates the fundamental nature of faith and sin. Faith is believing in God, in his ability to fulfil his promises and in his loving care no matter what. Faith is a personal response to God. It is not the checking of a series of intellectual beliefs or reading an orthodox creed. It is complete personal trust in God. Sin is conceived in doubt and nourished by anxiety. It is the unwillingness to trust God but instead to trust personal actions as being best for the contemporary situation. Sinful acts are sinful because they are the fruit of sin — the refusal of God and the assertion of self.

Abraham's faith was confirmed when his anxiety for his tribe and his land was replaced by his trust in God. When he changed his land and his tribe to His land and His tribe faith was confirmed. Faith today must be expressed as personal commitment.

Frequently our impatience and anxiety tends to undermine our faith and trust in God's provision. Full commitment requires not only action in faith, but a willingness to wait and trust in God's provision.

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WHEN a guest speaker at a church camp was speaking of the economic effects of the continuing Arab-Israel conflict, a youth interrupted him and asked, "What has all this to do with the gospel of Christ?" Behind the question was the conviction that Christians should "stick to religion" and keep out of politics, economics, and anything else that is not obviously and specifically evangelistic.

Evangelism is still the first business of the church, but that business is concerned with the whole of life. William Booth built his whole cause on the linking of evangelism and social concern. The Christian gospel is for the whole man in all the world. We cannot preach effectively to man unless we know him, and we cannot know him unless we know something about the world in which he lives.

It is obvious that we need guidance if we are to develop a Christian appreciation of all that is happening in our world of rapid travel, instant communication, and accelerating change. We cannot possibly keep up with all the books and journals

in even one area — although we should at least try to keep ourselves informed.

One thing we can do is to make use of people with special abilities, interests, or opportunities to share with us their understanding of the world of our day. In doing this we are inviting men and women to write in a series called "APPRAISAL". We are fortunate in having available a large number of folk who are well equipped to give us guidance. Not that we should agree with them simply because we print their views. What they say will be their own opinion and they will be well satisfied if you think seriously about important issues, whether you agree with them or not.

Unfortunately, our limitations on space do not permit these viewpoints to be expressed in depth, and we realise that the writers will suffer frustrations in having to offer opinions without being able to develop their reasons. But we do offer this series as a serious attempt by a Christian journal to look at what man is doing with the world God gave him.

The first "APPRAISAL" is on page 6.

EDUCATION APPOINTMENT

(KENSINGTON PK., S.A., W. Bartlett). The church congratulates Lyall Braddock on his appointment as the first Chairman of Advanced Education in this State . . . The Cornish Choir again delighted with Christmas carols . . . Eastern District churches held combined prayer meetings here. K. Allanson of Dulwich church led a discussion on co-operative services with neighbouring denominations . . . C.W.F. street stall gained \$100 for church funds.

BARRY BAKER FOR N.G.

(RINGWOOD, Vic., G. W. Barnett). Barry Baker, who served for three years as a "maintenance missionary" in New Hebrides, and was a member of a New Guinea work party, will return to that territory to serve with the Wycliffe Bible Translators. He will look after electrical installations and machinery and will assist in missionary service . . . The church surprised Mr. and Mrs. Barnett with a special 25th wedding anniversary celebration and made a presentation . . . The church has honoured W. F. Nankivell by naming him Elder Emeritus . . . Church executive officers are: Chairman, Max Moody; sec., Bruce Greig; and treas., Colin Lawn.

WALK AGAINST WANT

(PRESTON, Vic., G. J. Crossman). Recent visiting speakers were Dr. Alan Brash and Rev. Harvey Perkins . . . 23 members of Preston-East Preston combined C.Y.F. joined in Walk Against Want . . . Mr. Salisbury and Mrs. Izett recovering after recent illnesses.

THINGS TO COME

VICTORIA-TASMANIA

JANUARY:

- 22-27 Form 2, Girls' Camp at Monbulk.
- 28-31 Grade 4, Boys' Camp at Monbulk.
- 28-31 Banksia Holiday Camp (16 years and over).
- 28-31 F.O.Y.A. Visit to Adelaide.

FEBRUARY:

- 2 Good Companions' Annual Dinner.

QUEENSLAND

FEBRUARY:

- 4-6 Expo '72 Leaders' Weekend—"Camp Cal."
- 6 Youth Leadership Diploma Course commences.
- 6 Annual Service "Hostel Year"—Kedron.

PORTLAND MINISTRY

(Vic.). The Portland church has appointed B. Duff to a part-time ministry from June, 1972. It is anticipated that Mr. Duff will work at his secular trade in a part-time capacity. The appointment has been made under the auspices of the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of H.M. & Evang.

YEARINGA SERVICE

(KANIVA, Vic., G. M. Mathieson). A Christmas service at Yearinga had G. Champness leading and G. Mathieson speaking . . . 32 scholars and eight teachers took part in S.S. anniversary. Reg. Dyer is Supt. Mrs. A. J. Goldsworthy, Mrs. Ross Gordon and Mrs. B. Kuchel trained the children.

YOUTH SERVICE

(ROCKHAMPTON, Qld., B. M. Nowitzke). A gospel service with a difference resulted when youth led the meeting on Dec. 5. N. B. Johnson, J. L. Deighton and J. Ford shared the address.

CHURCH IS 101

(CASTLEMAINE, Vic., J. Byrnes). Jack Edwards, from Norlane, was guest speaker at the church's 101st anniversary. "The Challengers" musical group gave items . . . Y.P.F. treated older folk to a tea and social at their break-up . . . Deacons, deaconesses, wives and husbands, met at the manse for an "appreciation night" with Mr. and Mrs. Byrnes . . . C.W.F. sent a gift of \$12 to "Fairhaven" Girls' Home in W.A.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

IN DEFENCE OF THE CHURCH AT LAODICAEA

To the Editor,

I'm not too sure what John had against the Church at Laodicaea. It was neither hot nor cold. No extremists! Isn't that a good thing?

The singing was just right. Not dragged but not too lively and undignified. It was a friendly church. Not aloof, but not too dependent on each other. They believed in prayer in dignified language in church, but not lively praying in earthy language that seemed to be the craze. They were evangelistic; glad to have new members, but not wanting to ram religion down people's throats. They were all for the gospel as long as it saved people into being respectable pledged members, and provided they didn't get saved so far that they wanted to have crazy notions of bringing Christ into politics and community life and things like racism and war. When the minister put up new ideas they weren't wet blankets, breaking his heart by saying such things as "We've tried that before and it didn't work." No! They willingly let the minister do anything he wanted to as long as he didn't involve them. They didn't mind giving to missions as long as no one expected them to give their sons as missionaries. After all what would happen to the world if all the bright young men were missionaries or ministers!

I must confess that I rather like the Church at Laodicaea. No extremists! Neither hot nor cold! No fanatics of either the right or the left! But I must confess that I'm a bit worried about the "spew thee out of my mouth" bit in the Laodicaea story. I looked up the N.E.B. to see if it expressed it a little more politely. It didn't.

TERTIUS.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

PERFIDIOUS ALBION This ancient assessment of England's national morality gave way to the image of British fair play and cricket. Critics are now suggesting that the Home-Smith Rhodesian agreement will again earn for Britain a reputation for perfidy.

Suddenly, the Rhodesian leaders, so lately denounced as traitors, are counted worthy to enter into a gentlemen's agreement with Britain. In 1968, Harold Wilson told the House of Commons that Ian Smith was a liar, that the rule of law had been perverted and subverted in Rhodesia and that the rebel colony was a police state. A change of heart can take place, but there is little evidence that there has been a change in the white Rhodesians. The change is in the British. Sir Alec Douglas-Home was Prime Minister when he announced five principles that Rhodesia must honour before independence would be granted. 1. Unimpeded progress toward majority rule. 2. Guarantees to safeguard the Constitution. 3. Immediate improvement of the political status of the African. 4. Progress towards ending racial discrimination. 5. Any settlement to be acceptable to the Rhodesian people as a whole.

These principles were rejected by Rhodesia which went ahead without Britain's blessing and declared its independence. The United Nations imposed sanctions and Ian Smith's Government methodically set about making Rhodesia a permanent white man's paradise. One of Smith's measures was to divide the land equally between the whites and blacks — between 250,000 whites and 5,000,000 blacks. Britain tried negotiation, but Rhodesia was a long way off. Force was said to be out of the question, but Britain has shown itself ready to use force in Ireland. Sanctions could have worked. Pressure on nations which defied the U.N. such as West Germany, France and Japan, were having results, and Rhodesia's isolation from the world was hurting the rebels more and more.

Now comes the Home-Smith agreement and the general view (apart from that of the governments of Edward Heath and Ian Smith) is that the white Rhodesians have been given practically all they wanted and been asked to surrender very little. On paper the agreement gives ultimate majority rule to the black Africans, but estimates as to when this could happen vary between 40 and 60 years. That is, if the white Rhodesians act honestly and responsibly towards the blacks. In the light of what has happened, it would be incredibly naive to expect Smith's men to surrender their gains.

No wonder Smith laughed loudly when he was asked when he thought Africans would rule in Rhodesia. But it is no laughing matter for the Africans, and it is no laughing matter for the Christian church which should mourn for the Africans and weep for the British if this act of perfidy is ratified.

GOOD GRIEF! In 1976, when the U.S.A. celebrates its 200th birthday, Mexico intends to present a giant statue of Christ as a "monument to peace and goodwill among men." Taller than the Statue of Liberty (presented by France) it will be made of steel with marble facing and be erected in Corpus Christi Bay, Texas. The figure will be hollow with elevators carrying sightseers to the head of the statue to an observation tower situated in the crown of thorns!!!

MINISTERS' WIVES' ASSOC.

(Vic.). The Vic. Ministers' Wives' Assoc. will meet at the Blackburn church, Monday, Feb. 21, 10.30 a.m. Speaker: Mrs. Stanton Wilson.

Members living in Blackburn will provide lunch for all who attend. Phone 842-3157 and book your lunch. A warm welcome is extended to all members.— Iris Page, Sec.

HAMPSTEAD GDNS. MINISTRY

(S.A.). Mr. and Mrs. Williams were presented with a cheque at their farewell on leaving to commence a ministry at Kadina. L. P. Austin will start a five-year ministry here on Feb. 6 . . . R. Todd has resigned as treasurer on being transferred to Sydney. . . . David Grant has returned after two years in Darwin . . . Carol singers visited Northfield Hospital.

GRANDSON BAPTISED

(AINSLIE, A.C.T., C. H. J. Wright). G. R. Stirling, former minister, baptized his grandson, Mark Butler, on Dec. 12. There were three baptisms during Dec. . . . Special Dec. features included the Dickson High School Choir, a Christmas Carol Pageant, and a Christmas Church Family

Luncheon at which each family received Churches of Christ almanacs . . . Mr. and Mrs. S. Moignard are returning to Jamaica for a further two years.

Y.W.L.

(CLOVELLY PARK, S.A., A. W. Morris). A Young Worshipers' League has been commenced with 25 members . . . Cricket Club held car trial and barbecue to boost funds . . . 1972 C.W.F. Pres. is B. Page, I. Morris is sec., and M. Messent is treas. C.W.F. raised \$25 at family barbecue and slide evening . . . The Girls' Brigade held a fancy dress break-up . . . Members are working hard for Talent Scheme, one effort raising over \$100.

ACCEPTED FOR SERVICE

(MANIFOLD HEIGHTS, Vic., A. E. Stevens). Jennifer Douglas has been accepted to work with the Evangelical Society of Australia . . . An Open Air Carol Service was led by Geelong West Salvation Army Band, choristers, and visiting artists. Newly-formed Youth Choir was a feature of carol service Dec. 19 . . . Ladies Aid, "Cent Phials," newspaper drives, and "Time and Talent" netted \$140 for church building fund.

"ALTERNATIVE CENTRE"

(HORNSBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). 136 attended the 8.30 a.m. Christmas Day service. "My Christmas Gift to the Lord" resulted in \$248.43 set aside to assist "The Alternative Centre," an environmental treatment clinic for drug-dependent and socially maladjusted youths with the ultimate aim of leading them to Christ . . . The Boys' Brigade conducted a car-wash in the church grounds which are behind the Westfield Plaza shopping centre . . . A young lady has been baptized.

LOSS AT NAMBOUR

(Old., R. McLean). The church has farewelled Mr. and Mrs. K. Winter who have transferred to Brisbane . . . C.W.F. made a donation of \$30 to mission work in New Hebrides . . . E. T. Hart was a recent speaker.

FIRST FOR YOUTH

(TWEED HEADS - COOLANGATTA, N.S.W., D. Paddon). Following the formation of a Youth Group our young people took part in our first youth service, led by R. Whitaker . . . C.W.F. entertained women from the B. & F.B.S. Auxiliary of the Gold Coast. Mr. Dodd showed a film of response to the gospel in Africa. 15 to 18 ladies attended each meeting . . . Each guest was presented with a gift when ladies entertained folk at the new nursing home for the aged at Tweed Heads.

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HISTORIANS

(CHATSWOOD, N.S.W., C. G. Taylor). Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Hayward have compiled an historical survey of the Chatswood church . . . A marriage recognition service was held for those married here . . . 26 girls of Girls' Brigade held a camp at Narabeen . . . The Boys' Club held a gymnastics competition with a judge from Bjelke Petersen's . . . G. Pieremont has succeeded R. Single as C.Y.F. Counsellor. . . . A parent dedication service was held for the second son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Porter . . . The B.S. made a presentation to Miss Heather Taylor in recognition of her services.

TWO FOR TERRITORY

(INVERELL, N.S.W., R. Craig). Alan Mackie and Robt. Mapham are settled in to work in New Guinea. Alan, a carpenter, was sponsored by Rotary of Inverell, to help with a missionary building programme. . . . 20 campers and leaders attended a J.C.E. camp at "Paradise East." Two girls accepted Christ. David Sawley, a J.C.E. leader, has been farewelled on transfer to Sydney . . . C.W.F. break-up was at the home of Mrs. Nora McIntyre. Mrs. Lyndal Newman, Lyn and Denis, were farewelled on moving to Tamworth.

FOUR BAPTISMS

(HORNSBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). There were four baptisms on Dec. 5. Morning speaker was C. Cole, Social Service Director . . . 30 attended C.W.F. break-up on Dec. 3 . . . Boys' Brigade held a week-end camp.

ROCKDALE'S 84th

(N.S.W., L. Wylie). The Rev. Norman Pell was guest speaker at the church's 84th anniversary. Soloists were Steven Williams (present member), Mrs. McDonald and John Clinch (past members) . . . \$50 worth of B.S. reference books were given as the Rita Jamison Memorial. A visitors' book and suitable stand comprise the Will Oldfield Memorial. A bequest from the estate of the late Gladys Green of \$3,135, was mentioned and \$200 from the estate of the late Florence Holmes, towards church debt reduction . . . Our Temple Day target of \$1,000 was reached.

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GOOD NEWS EACH SUNDAY

(LIVERPOOL WEST, N.S.W., O. R. Clark). "Good News for Modern Man" will be the scripture version used for one morning reading for a trial period of six months. . . . 40 young people attended a church camp at Blackheath . . . Lectures on Presiding, Reading and Public Speaking are being conducted . . . Deacons were elected at the December annual business meeting for the first time.

DECISIONS AT EPPING

(N.S.W., K. Farmer). Six young people made decisions recently . . . A gospel service was broadcast over station 2CH. Miss Lynne Henningham was soloiste . . . Members provided parcels for distribution at Mt. Druit . . . David Bailey, a Woolwich College student, was farewelled following his service at our church . . . Ten families shared in a family camp at Stanwell Tops. . . . The church annual barbecue arranged by Men's Fellowship, was at Mr. and Mrs. Elsmore's farm.

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Greek I: S. Warwick.

Greek II: J. Horne, L. Wallace.

Greek III: T. Kallmier.

—A. G. Elliott, Principal.

LOSS TO HAMILTON

(N.S.W., W. D. Howard). Members and visitors farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Carlin and Mr. and Mrs. Combridge and family who have left the district. Mr. Carlin served in many ways and often occupied the pulpit. Mr. Combridge has been student minister at Hamilton and will now serve at Lane Cove. Suitable presentations were made . . . Service on Dec. 5 was broadcast over 2KO . . . The church offers sympathy to family of Mrs. Downs who died recently.

N.S.W. MEN'S WORK

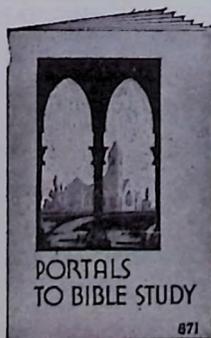
The highlight of the year was the annual dinner at Beverly Hills church where C.W.F. prepared a meal for 110.

Charles Nutt was chairman and greetings were given by the Conf. Pres., Ron. Bartholomew; Keith Marshall of the Baptist Men's Association, and Dave Watt, President of the Victorian C.M.S.

Grace was led by Jack Regouby, soloist was John Morris, and John Camlin introduced the guest speaker, Eddie Gabbert from the U.S.A., sent out from the Oklahoma Antioch Christian Church by "Revival Fires."

The Beverly Hills team were winners at the Indoor Bowls competition at Round-Robin night when 40 men took part, teams coming from as far as Caringbah and Asquith. David Logan is complimented for such a successful time of fellowship.

The committee's project for 1972 is the purchase of a duplicator for the Enmore Mission to migrants.



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Victoria

NEW GUINEA SERVICE

(WEST PRESTON, Vic., A. J. Storay). A New Guinea service featured Judy Dalton, missionary; David Carins, former patrol officer, and Mrs. Green and Mrs. Booth who visited the Territory. Mr. Ambrose, Gen. Sec., Missionary Aviation Fellowship, spoke and screened a film . . . Elizabeth Green, a fully qualified librarian, is taking over the church library . . . C.W.E.F. arranged a break-up concert to entertain 100 people, including 30 from Mont Park Hospital . . . Basketballs, dressing gowns, and pyjamas, were sent to Norseman Mission, and \$75 was sent to Leprosy Mission.

NEW BUILDING CONSIDERED

(BERWICK, Vic., R. A. C. Hollard). The annual meeting considered the proposed new building complex to be erected on land purchased in Lyall Rd. B. Crowden was added to the eldership. W. Fletcher is board chairman, A. Funston is sec., and B. Mayall is treas. . . The C.W.F. helped to clothe an Aboriginal child, visited an Aged People's Home and visited Surrey Hills C.W.F. . . The evening service will be at 7.30 p.m. during the summer.

GLEN WAVERLEY IS 18

(Vic., R. B. Elbourne). The Conference Secretary, Stanton H. Wilson, was guest speaker at 18th church anniversary . . . Sporting clubs had basket tea and assisted in evening service . . . Good Companions and J.C.E. conducted evening service . . . 44 C.Y.F. members and leaders held a camp at Somers . . . Explorers' Club gained 1971 awards at combined presentation night.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

(HAMPTON, Vic., J. E. Paver). All district churches shared in combined service in Community Centre on Nov. 28 . . . Afternoon Women's Fellowship raised over \$'00 in 1971 . . . There was one decision on Nov. 7 . . . Church is saddened by the death of Mrs. Dinwoodie, a member for 31 years.

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VICTORIAN C.W.F.

At the December Council meeting Christmas devotions were presented by the Black Rock C.W.F. Mrs. Lola Brown was soloist. 143 delegates represented 52 churches. Miss Aileen Draney, on furlough from New Guinea, spoke on the loveless life that is led by the New Guinean women.

Prayer of Intercession was given by Mrs. G. Barnett. Camp offerings of \$60 for

1971 are to be donated to the Janefield Training Centre Memorial Chapel. A camp for country C.W.F.'s will be held at Hall's Gap, March 17-19. Registration forms will be available in New Year.

Dates to remember: Monbulk Camp, Feb. 25-27; March effort, March 14; Hall's Gap Camp, March 17-19; next Council meeting, Friday, Feb. 4, 1972, 10.30 a.m. —M.N.

DUTCH FAMILY INTEREST

(WARBURTON, Vic., C. Jackel). Several Dutch families have shown interest in the meetings at Warburton . . . Mr. and Mrs. Reichelt have purchased the local taxi service and will transfer from Collingwood. . . 37 attended the Ladies' Guild break-up. Mrs. Boer gave the message . . . G. Higgins (A.I.M., Moree, N.S.W.) presented a slide message at the prayer meeting . . . Holiday visitors are welcome at meetings conducted Sundays, 3 p.m., at home of Mr. Boer, Riverside Drive, Warburton.

ACHIEVEMENTS FOR HUNGER

(KEDRON, Qld, R. Sansome). Leanne Haigh and Janice Brooks and their class at Wavell High School won a bus trip to the north for collecting more than any other Australian school class for the Freedom from Hunger campaign . . . Three families have been lost to Kedron because of transfers to other States of the Monsons, the Agnews, and the Rules . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ron. Mutzelberg are leaving for England. Ron's place as church secretary has been taken by Gordon Plane.

CHELSEA SYMPATHY

(Vic.). The sympathy of the church is extended to Mrs. Gourlay in the death of her husband.

INCREASED GIVING

(WARRAGUL, Vic., I. R. Mullen). A Planned Giving Programme led by Ted Keating resulted in pledged offerings of \$105 weekly. With other giving the officers are budgeting for an income of \$132 weekly. A recent board decision was to give 10% of offerings to brotherhood departments and 5% to local and other causes . . . The Ministers' Fraternal used our church as a base for a "starvation" highlighting world hunger. The church hall was also used for H.S.C. examinations . . . Peter Jenkins has presented the church with a stereo record player . . . The Cheltenham Church Choir presented the cantata "Night of Miracles."

TEMPERANCE FILMS

The following temperance films are available free of charge: 1. "5 to 7.30 The Cocktail Hour." 2. "Narcotics The Decision." 3. "L.S.D. Insight or Insanity." 4. "Marijuana." 5. "Thinking about Drinking." 6. "Drinking — How will Charlie handle it?"

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THEN AND NOW

(HORSHAM, Vic., D. J. Marr). As part of the S.S. anniversary, senior scholars presented the cantata "Christmas — Then and Now." . . . The film "His Land" was screened to close A.C.E. programme for year. An empty Christmas Tree benefited Bethany Children's Home . . . The tennis club held a church parade.

70 YEARS IN CHURCH

(WARRNAMBOOL, Vic., C. R. Perkins). Mrs. Sumner died at the age of 96 years, over 70 of which were lived as a member of the church at Port Fairy . . . Miss Glenyce Lovett is home on furlough after four years' service as a missionary in Laos. . . The C.W.F. raised \$180 at a church fete and gave a cheque for \$190 to pay off manse debt.

YOUTH SPECIAL

(LATROBE TCE., GEELONG, Vic., T. Holmes). John Smith of Campaigners for Christ spoke at youth service followed by "Afterglow Coffee Hour." Items were given by "The New Creations" and new local group "The G.B. 6." . . . Dr. and Mrs. Morris entertained youth group at dinner in their home . . . B.S. held evening to give gifts for overseas relief work instead of receiving Christmas gifts . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay White of the Methodist church were baptized in our chapel.

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Church News

½ CENTURY OF WEDDINGS

(MARGARET ST., Launceston, Tas., C. J. Robinson). C. H. J. Wright was guest speaker at 87th church anniversary, a feature of which was an invitation to all married at Margaret St. since 1913. These joined wholeheartedly in a litany of thanksgiving. A tribute was paid to organiste Mrs. Margaret Stevens who played for most of the weddings over a period of more than half a century. Her first wedding was that of Elder Emeritus J. P. Foot. Her daughter, Mrs. Helen Jones, was guest soloiste. The choir under Barry Birtwistle, rendered appropriate anthems. A meal was served to over 150 guests . . . G. R. Stirling was a recent visitor . . . Rosemary Younger was received into fellowship after baptism . . . The church looks forward to the coming of Dean Hamilton in Jan.

SERIES CONCLUDES

(ECHUCA, Vic., B. W. Brown). Weeks of visitation preceded a special series of "Friendship and Outreach" meetings with Barry Jenkins of Chadstone as guest speaker. A youth feature was a hayride and sausage sizzle. Along with some young men of the district, three of our B.S. girls made decisions for Christ.

PAGEANT BY MEMBERS

(NOBLE PARK, Vic., T. Giles). Members took part in a pageant "Christmas, Then and Now." . . . Recent speakers have been W. White, D. Smith and N. Thomas.

FURTHER TERM

(MT. EVELYN, Vic., D. Kernick). Mr. Kernick is to continue as pastor for a further two-year term . . . Ladies have commenced a home Bible study group . . . Young people went "late-night shopping" for Christmas gifts for elderly folk, and went carolling at "The Outlook," local old people's home.

B.B. GIVE DISPLAY

(DEVONPORT, Tas., E. W. Taylor). The Boys' Brigade held a spectacular display in the Town Hall for 300 people. Some boys and their leaders went to Hobart to assist a newly-formed company . . . Pioneer girls held a week-end camp. They also visited elderly members and sang and presented flowers . . . After family tea on Dec. 5, prizes were presented to upper S.S. scholars. Then followed items and testimonies and an audio-visual of Bicheno by John and Colleen Harrison.

TO ALL CHURCH SECRETARIES!

A Special Request

The Red Hills, Vic., Church of Christ, would like to hear from Church Secretaries of members taking up permanent residence in the Mornington Peninsular area. This would assist in preserving continuity of membership within the church.

T. Smith, Secretary, Red Hill, Vic., Church of Christ, Hodgins Rd., Hastings, Vic., 3915

PLANNING SESSION

(BORONIA, Vic., D. R. Olafsen). The officers' board met at Monbulk for a two-day planning conference with members of the H.M. Dept. and D.C.E. . . . A tinned foods appeal helped the European-Aust. Christian Fellowship. Alan Matheson of the E.A.C.F. was interviewed by the minister at a church service . . . A young marrieds' group has been formed . . . Mr. Olafsen has accepted the church's invitation to extend his ministry for a further term of three years . . . D. D. Stewart has suffered a severe stroke and is a patient at Will H. Clay Hospital.

DAY'S PAY FOR OTHERS

(KNOXFIELD, Vic., D. W. Nancarrow). \$243.40 was received for Freedom from Hunger as a Day's Pay Thanksgiving Offering . . . Church Family Camp was held at Cowes, Phillip Island . . . Girls wore flowers in their hair and bright clothing when Knoxfield, Bayswater and Boronia Girls' Clubs combined for an Indonesian Night to raise money for New Guinea Missions.

BROOKLANDS OUTREACH

(KINGAROY, Qld., A. A. Clarke). Members conduct fortnightly outreach meetings at Brooklands, a country centre. . . . The Evening C.W.F. have made school uniforms for girls at Eidsvold . . . Recent speakers have been E. T. Hart (Social Service Dept.), Miss B. Arnold (Asia Pacific Missions), Miss Aileen Draney, on furlough from New Guinea . . . A young man has been baptised . . . Elders are Sir Chas. Adermann, Maurice McNicol, and Bert Whitnall. Don. Hutton is new B.S. Supt. in place of Mrs. Hoskins who was Kindergarten and upper school Supt. for 11 years. . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. Lord and family have moved to Toowoomba . . . Dr. Peter Whitnall has completed his finals and has been appointed to Ipswich Hospital.

GOLDEN WEDDING

(OWEN-LONG PLAINS, S.A., L. W. Marshman). Mr. and Mrs. Digby Daniel recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary . . . Sunday morning services were combined with Methodists during January. . . . A lady has been received into membership by rededication . . . On alternate Sunday evenings Long Plains will hold Bible Study and prayer meetings.

FAREWELL AT MITCHAM

(Vic.). 200, including representatives from other churches, shared in a farewell evening to the Heard family . . . C.Y.F. presented an evening programme portraying the symbols used for marriage, baptism and communion . . . A C.W.F. apron parade arranged by Jan Gluyas and Jan Gerard raised \$150 for Freedom from Hunger Campaign and local church projects. . . . J. Cracknell, N. Staley, and Mrs. D. Quantrelle were elected to church board. C. Gray is chairman.

FOR MISSIONS

(FOOTSCRAY, Vic., F. B. Alcorn). Auxiliary offering of \$450 will be given for mission work . . . E. Stevens of Ipswich, Qld., was a recent speaker . . . The Baptist Youth Choir provided a recent Sunday evening programme . . . Migrant families were invited to a family social programme. . . . A Christmas play written and produced by Lynette Ashlin was presented on Dec. 12.

ORGANISTE RETURNS

(IPSWICH, Qld., E. Stevens). The church organiste, Mrs. Mavis Fraser, has resumed her duties after six months of disability. . . . Marion Zaunbrecher has given splendid help for two years at Leichhardt S.S. and youth fellowship. A Victorian, she has been a student at Kenmore College. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ian Adams have been holidaying at the manse. Mr. Adams, who will minister at Maryborough, Vic., gave the message on Jan. 2 . . . Miss D. Coward, B.A., has a teaching appointment at Townsville University.

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(MERREDIN, W.A., D. A. Good). In 1969, the Adult Native Educ. Dept. asked the Merredin Women's Fellowship if they could help teach aboriginal women to sew. The Minister's wife, Mrs. Fitch, Mrs. Bray and Miss D. Bray accepted the challenge and began classes which have exceeded expectations. Every Tuesday afternoon the sewing machines are busy running up clothes for the children and dresses for mothers. One woman started with pessimism, but was soon enthusiastically making a colourful patchwork quilt. When Mrs. Fitch moved away, Mrs. Banks came into the team.

There has been a marked improvement in the work of the women and growing confidence among the nine who enrolled. Next year the sewers will learn how to cut their own patterns.

All the materials are of excellent quality and, with the scissors, pins, cottons, etc., have been supplied by the Department. The helpers are paid for their service, and the money they receive is passed to the church to help with much needed finance.

The church hall is also used once a week as a Play School Centre run by the Adult Native Educ. Dept. of Children of Aboriginal and European parents. As many native children were not ready for Kindergarten, they started school with a sense of failure. The Play Centre conducted by a Methodist lady with assistance from mothers is helping to prepare children for school and provides opportunity for mothers to know and understand each other.

New Christian Training Centre

(N.S.W.) A new Christian Training Centre will commence in February, 1972, to prepare and train young people to lead and spread the "Jesus Revolution" in Australia and overseas.

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REVIEW

"GO!" (Federal Board of Christian Education).

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The set of the sail determines the way the ship will sail. The Federal Board of Christian Education, concerned for the direction in which leaders will go, publish a journal in January, April, July and October. Its name, "GO!" bespeaks the motive of the journal. It gives direction to leaders in relation to Christian education, worship programmes, social service action, overseas missions, Aborigines, evangelism, stewardship and property. "GO!" is for ministers, members of church boards, auxiliary and committee leaders and others interested in the whole programme of the congregation.

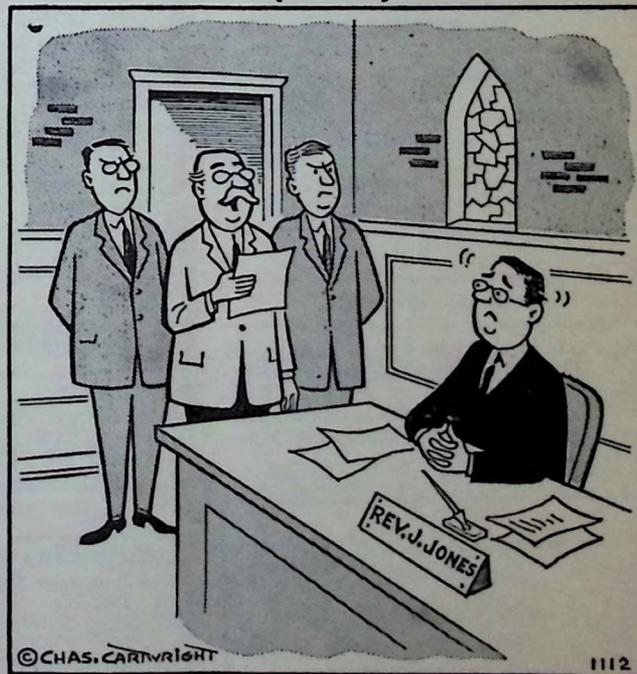
The editor is Richard W. Lawton, and front line men contribute articles born out of practical experience. Leaders in church work are conscious of a need for constant stimulus in the work under their control and the need of the Holy Spirit's initiative in the direction of their activities.

A man who touched literary greatness several generations ago related how in the days of his boyhood he visited farmer relatives. With a cousin he was directed by his uncle to help feed a calf. Gripping the rope around the calf's neck they tried to tug the calf to the bucket without success. A country lass on the side line observed their failure and her laughter ridiculed the boys' strenuous effort. They challenged her to do better. Accepting the challenge she walked over to the bucket and dipped her fingers in the milk and then inserted them in the mouth of the calf and then led the calf with ease to the bucket of milk. In his manhood the literary genius related the incident and said that ever since that day he had respect for the persons with the "know-how."

The Federal Board of Christian Education is to be commended for the production of a journal with "know-how" qualities and with clues in "setting the sails," and in providing the initiative for action so necessary in leadership. The editor and contributors are driven forward by the belief that today's best is tomorrow's starting point and so each issue provides for advanced planning and describes the resources available.

—W. R. Hibburt.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"The Budget Committee has a report from the Ladies' Auxiliary that your wife was seen trying on a mink jacket!"

BIRTHS

LOWREY—To John and Marlene, a daughter—Narissa Jane—born December 15, 1971, at Jessie McPherson. Sister for Nicole Marie.

WESLEY (Smith)—June and Don welcome with love, Melinda June, born December 10, 1971, at Geelong, Vic.

ENGAGEMENTS

ALCORN-ALLISON—It is with much happiness that Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Alcorn, 6 Hill St., Sunshine, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Allison, 28 Potter St., Black Rock, announce the engagement of Dorothy and Russell.

ALDERSLEY-BUSSEY—Mr. and Mrs. G. Aldersley, 22 Bayview St., Williamstown, Vic., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy, to Stuart, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bussey, North Williamstown.

GRAY-DEASE—Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Gray of Thornbury, Vic., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of Dulcie Irene, their youngest daughter, to Peter William, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. N. Dease. Present address: F/9, 39 Eildon Road, St. Kilda, Vic., 3182.

HEMMINGS-BROUGH—Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hemmings, of 11 Auvergne Ave., New Town, Tasmania, are happy to announce the engagement of their younger daughter, Margaret, to Rodger John, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brough, of 225 Elgar Rd., Wattle Park, Vic.

MARRIAGE

WHEELER-GETHING—The marriage of June Lesley, only daughter of Mrs. May Gething, Ivanhoe, Vic., to Denis Roy, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wheeler, Perth, W.A., was solemnised at the Church of Christ, Ivanhoe, on Saturday, December 11, 1971 by Mr. J. McCormick and Mr. E. W. Roffey.

ROLL OF HONOUR

BADE—In proud and loving memory of our only son and brother, Captain Kenneth W. Bade, 101 Battery, 4th Field Regiment R.A.A., killed in action South Vietnam, January 8, 1966. — Inserted by Mum, Dad, Ruth and Keith.

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GOLDEN WEDDINGS

LANGFORD-STEWART—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Langford are happy to announce the 50th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated by the late Mr. Horace Kingsbury on Jan. 21, 1922 at Church of Christ, Swanston St., Melb.

STREADER-WALTERS—The six children, together with members of a loving family, announce with gratitude to God, the 50th wedding anniversary of Edgar and Olive Streader (Boort, Vic.). The marriage was celebrated in the bride's home at Woodbrook on Dec. 27, 1921, Mr. John Frederick Gibbons officiating.

WILMOT-DUFF—Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wilmot announce with pleasure the 50th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated Jan. 18, 1922 at Church of Christ, Margaret St., Launceston, by P. R. Baker. Present address: 10 Neika Ave., West Launceston, Tas., 7250.

DEATHS

DINWOODIE, Ida Frances—On Dec. 4, at a private hospital in Brighton, Vic., wife of Percival (dec.), mother of Ronis (Mrs. Chapman, dec.), sister to Margaret (Mrs. Littlejohn), Florence, Robert (dec.), Leslie (dec.), and William (dec.); grandmother of Graham and Lesley; mother-in-law of Lindsay. "Called to a well-earned rest."

MONCUR—On January 8, in hospital, David, of 61 Francis St., Ascot Vale, Vic., beloved husband of the late Ethel, and loved father of Dorothy (Mrs. Sterling) and Colin, fond father-in-law of Basil and Mollie, dear "Pa" of Alan and Shirley, Ron and Lorraine, Beth and Leigh, Barry and Lorraine, and Gay; loved great-grandfather of Deborah, Karen, Brent, Sally and Joanne, and loved brother of Mabel (Mrs. Richards). "In God's care."

SALTER, Rose Agnes—Of 7 Joffre Street, Croydon, Vic. (late of Prahran). On Dec. 2, 1971 at Prince Henry's Hospital, loved sister of Perce; loved aunt of Harry, Rose and Roy. Aged 80 years. "In God's care."

TAYLOR, Arnold—On December 10, 1971, at Glenlyn Private Hospital, Vic., beloved husband of the late Edna May (Bon), loving father of Neil and Adrian, fond father-in-law of Margot and Rosalie, loved Pa of Cameron and Jacqueline. "In God's care."

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(This notice was received for the December issue but was accidentally omitted. We regret the delay.)

EDWARDS (Amy Gracie)—Treasured memories of my precious wife, Amy, who passed away on Jan. 7, 1971. "My sweetheart, safe in the arms of Jesus."—Inserted by her loving husband, Norman.

LAWRIE, Dona'd—Fond memories of our loved one who was called to higher service five years ago. "We'll meet some day in the promised land, Where farewells are never spoken, We will clasp each other hand in hand, And that clasp will never be broken."—Lovingly remembered by Marge, Brenda, Noel, Peter and Kerry.

MOTT, Clement E.—In loving memory of our dearly loved husband, father and grandfather.—Mabel; Margaret and Peter; Lindsay and Margaret; Michael, Simon and Amanda.

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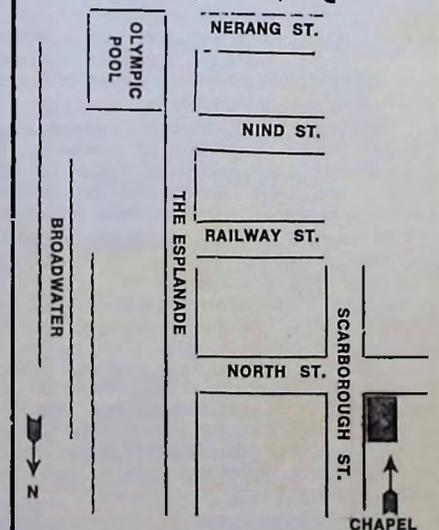
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RANDALL T. PITTMAN desires to express his sincere thanks to the many relatives and friends who by visits, letters, cards, telegrams and telephone conveyed greetings to him on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday, and to all who made the celebration in the hall at the Hampton church on the afternoon of January 9 a time of rich, spiritual fellowship.

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Victoria . . .

POLICE AT YOUTH SERVICE

(CROYDON, Vic., A. B. Clark). Ralph West, a police officer of Northcote church, was speaker at recent youth service . . . Frank Lawson is the new church secretary . . . The Boys' Club has visited the fire station and has been ice-skating at Ringwood . . . Good Companions made toys for the Thanksgiving Party held at Croydon on Nov. 15 . . . The opportunity shop managed by Mrs. M. Munro is making good progress.

85 NEW MEMBERS

(BLACKBURN, Vic., E. W. Roffey). A special programme recognised 85 members who have been welcomed into the church here in the 70's . . . Greg. Strack will serve as student minister at Dunolly next year. His place here will be taken by Peter Nelson of Margaret St., Launceston. . . . John Grant, captain-coach of Essendon Cricket Club, was speaker following a cricket club church parade.

CHANGE AT HURSTBRIDGE

(Vic.). Following the resignation of H. L. Pietzsch after nearly eight years, the Dept. of H.M. & Evang. will oversee the student ministry of Garry Wake, commencing in Feb., 1972. The churches of Box Hill, Doncaster and Ivanhoe continue to give support . . . Don. Mynott and Walter Belot, secretary and treasurer, respectively, have been re-elected after 11 years' faithful service . . . Missionary giving has a goal of \$300 for the year. \$65 was received in two months, plus \$25 for Pakistan appeal.

YOUNG PREACHER

(MARYBOROUGH, Vic., C. Muller). Ron. Kennedy was preacher when youth took the evening service on Nov. 14 . . . Committee with Ian Steed as leader has been formed to entertain elderly members and shut-ins. Transport, fellowship and entertainment are provided . . . Good Companions and C.W.E.F. conducted combined Fair and Apron Parade . . . Good Companions entertained Ballarat group.

THE PATCH FAREWELL

(Vic.). A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. W. Condron took the form of a barbecue in the church grounds. A cheque and gifts were presented in appreciation . . . The S.S. has forwarded a money gift to the Overseas Mission Board as a Christmas gesture for personal use by our missionaries in India . . . C.W.F. has planned Christmas Cheer project . . . Mrs. Beament and Miss Tockness are on sickness list.

CLIMAX AT BAYSWATER

(Vic., Dr. K. Bowes). The culmination of the centenary celebrations was given over to youth. Judy Hampson presided, assisted by Elaine Davis, Bernie Sanders, Paul Hills and Janice Clinton. Wayne Clinton was pianist, organist was Frank Perry, and Merv. Finger was speaker . . . At family service all auxiliaries participated and the Yukana Singers gave items . . . Dr. G. Whiting, A. A. Avery and E. W. Heard led an afternoon "Think-in." . . . In a service combined with the Methodists, their minister, Rev. Ugalde, was speaker.

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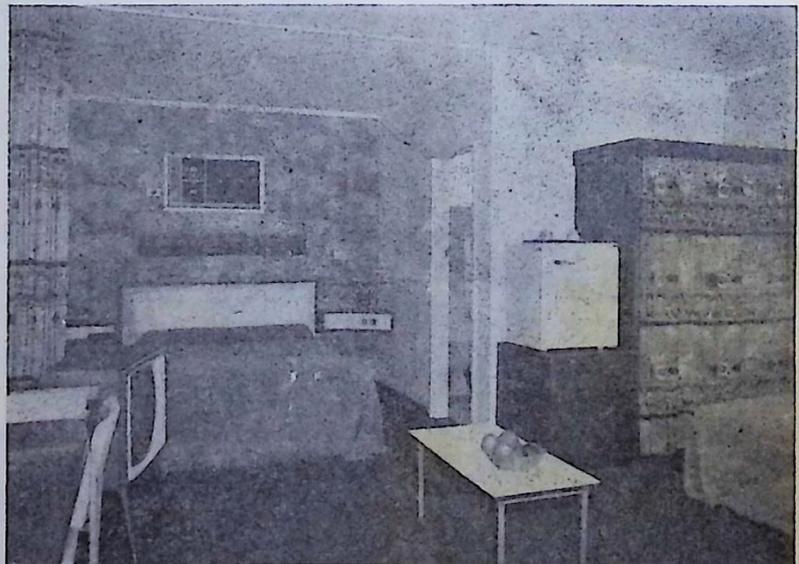
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It was Harold Finger on the radio-telephone offering to take us to Pangi for the official opening of the new South Pentecost District Council House.

We were picked up in the Landrover about half an hour later and taken to Ranmawat to join the launch for the trip down the coast. At Ranmawat, the British District Agent, Darvil Wilkins, had called in to see if we would like the more com-

worked together to explore their functions and to build this centre for their operations. This day was the culmination of all the ground work. The French and British District Agents had been invited, but only the British representative was able to be present.

The Chairman of the Council announced the singing of the National Anthem—both verses. Even the District Agent had to look in the hymn book for the words, and like many others probably did not know that there were two verses. John Liu read from Romans 13 in the T.E.V. N.T. Next there was prayer and a hymn. The Chairman invited the District Agent to make a "small talk" and declare the Council House open. The speech was made in Pidgin and the wicket gate ceremonially unbolted and thrown open. Council members and invited guests and members of the public filed in and took their places along the forms, others stood outside looking through the open sides or squatting under nearby coconut palms.

Inside, the meeting was in the hands of Pastor Simeon Aru. We sang "Stand Up For Jesus" and prayed for God's blessing on the island and its people and councillors. The Chairman made a speech of welcome to the District Agent and a presentation of articles normally presented only to a Big Chief or No. 1 man. Mr. Wilkins responded fluently in Pidgin. He traced the development of prosperity in the islands from the planting of one coconut to the time when they are now literally covered with coconuts and the backbone of the island's economy. He linked the establishment of the local Council with the first planting, saying that this thing which was planted must grow until it provides for the security and good of the whole island.

Mr. Finger gave an address which he based on Romans 13. He spoke of the need for all government to be seen as God's instrument for law and order. The proceedings concluded with a further hymn and prayer. The day concluded with a "kai" (a feast) of laplap, chicken and other island dainties, washed down with coconut milk.

At a polite opportunity we boarded the Ranmawat launch, brought down by some of the young men, and made a pleasant trip home, stopping with Mrs. Finger at a couple of villages for medical visits. We came away realising that so much of life which we take for granted has yet to be fought for, laboured over and developed among peoples in developing areas.

[Mr. and Mrs. Clapp, from Albany, W.A., where Mr. Clapp is minister, recently visited the New Hebrides]

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3. We know the names of his mother and grandmother, but not that of his father. Two N.T. books are addressed to him and Paul calls him "my son."

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NEGLECTED SONG

These are the birth moments
Of a newly born year:
Hearken, the cry life-filled
Of the laughter and tear.

Here is the hour, fast born
And the hopes of the man
Held in the heart's wishing
Since creation began.

This is the birth: lonely
As the world faces fear:
These are the hours singing,
But the world will not hear.

—James Neill Northe.



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