



THE  
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IS  
COMPASSION

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# THE WORD IS COMPASSION



## CALLED TO CARE

"IN THE LIGHT OF OUR NEW UNDERSTANDING, THE CRUCIFIXION WAS SEEN AS BEING COMPLETELY RELEVANT TO OUR SITUATION.

WE COULD NOT ACCEPT A GOD WHO REMAINED INDIFFERENT TO THE SUFFERING OF HIS CREATURES. THE CRUCIFIXION, HOWEVER, TOLD US THAT GOD WAS IN OUR MIDST, SUFFERING WITH US. WE DID NOT KNOW THE FULL ANSWER TO THE MYSTERY OF SUFFERING, BUT WE COULD SEE THAT SO MUCH OF IT WAS CAUSED BY 'MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN,' BY SELFISHNESS, BY GREED AND BY ALL THE FORCES OF DEATH THAT WE READILY SUPPORT IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF LIFE . . .

WE STOPPED COMPLAINING ABOUT OUR OWN PLIGHT. FAITH WOULD NOT SAVE US FROM IT, BUT IT WOULD TAKE US THROUGH IT. SUFFERING NO LONGER LOCKED US UP IN THE PRISON HOUSE OF OUR SELF-PITY BUT BROUGHT US INTO WHAT ALBERT SCHWEITZER CALLS THE 'FELLOWSHIP OF THOSE WHO BEAR THE MARK OF PAIN.'"

— Ernest Gordon.



GEORGE SMITH  
(Western Australia)

"Compassion is not condescension or pity. It is a word with the strength of steel, built into the caring role of the Church by the example and teaching of Jesus. In recent years, the Church's role in social service has been aided by the techniques and expertise of many specialised fields, enabling compassion to be exercised through Homes, Hospitals and Welfare Centres."



E. T. HART  
(Queensland)

"Break compassion into its components and you find 'Compass.' Immediately we discover the ability to draw circles or look in every direction be it North, South, East or West. Thus compassion is seen at its best when we draw the circle of love around some human need or walk through this world with eyes wide open discovering need in every direction."

CHARLES COLE  
(New South Wales)



"Compassion is not just a word. It is people. Compassion is a man using his strength on behalf of the weak, it is a woman seeing the face of her child in every child. It is a young man spending himself for others. Compassion is the church singing hymns about God's love in Christ. And it is the church transposing those hymns into time, effort, money, and love in action."

W. T. ATKIN, M.B.E.  
(Victoria-Tasmania)



"The word compassion leads me to think about the concern of Christ for others because the scriptures record on a number of occasions, when Christ saw persons who were in need, that he was moved with compassion and took action to give relief and blessing. The word compassion means practical action."

A. R. JONES  
(South Australia)



"Compassion is pity or sympathy towards those in need. But it is more than a passive quality. The neighbour in the Good Samaritan story showed practical sympathy. To do likewise means helping the hungry with food and clothing, befriending the lonely and the aged, visiting the sick and the prisoner, helping the helpless who know not what to do."

## VICTORIA-TASMANIA



MIRIAM HOLLOWAY  
Welfare Officer and Superintendent  
of Vic-Tas Women's Committee.

F. M. COMBRIDGE,  
Incoming Director.



### THE MEANING OF WELFARE

WELFARE means different things to different people. Some people are able to contribute to the "Welfare" or "Well-being" of others. The Department tries to assist people by contributing to their well-being. Gifts of food, clothing, and cash are given with the hope that a measure of human dignity may be retained or restored.

Men on restricted incomes due to illness, unemployment or pensions are often helped. Assistance with food and lodging for a week or ten days is often given to a man once he gains employment, so that he is fed and housed during the period before he receives his first wage.

Families are assisted in many ways where adversity is due to unemployment or illness.

We have no magic wand to wave, so we may need to help some families in a variety of ways over a period of years. There is no short cut to raising people or even sustaining them at an acceptable level.

Welfare takes COMFASSION, TIME and MONEY.

### SOCIAL SERVICE

HOMES  
HOSPITALS  
COUNSELLING  
WELFARE  
CHAPLAINS  
SOCIAL QUESTIONS  
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP  
ASSOCIATION

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### YOU ARE GIVING A SERVICE

WHEN you give to Social Service you not only give an offering, you provide a service: you provide for the poor and needy, who in their poverty find pensions inadequate to meet sickness and high rents and maintain a decent standard of living. You provide a lovely Hostel for girls who come from the country to the city for advanced education and work. You provide a Hospital Chaplain who gives comfort and help to the sick and dying. You provide two lovely homes for the aged where they find gracious living and every care. Our Homes in South Australia often care in cottages, bed-sitting rooms and infirmary to 156 aged people. You provide counselling services for individual, marriage and family problems. You provide a course in Preparation for Marriage for young people facing this most important experience in life. You provide a Committee to study social issues and to provide information to enable you to make right decisions on these matters that concern you.

You provide service where it is needed and when it is needed.

Give your offering on August 20 knowing that you are providing a service to someone in need.



New Home planned for St. George, Adelaide, S.A., offering 48 bed-sitting rooms, and costing \$380,000.

## QUEENSLAND



Chapel in the Chalmers Courtyard,  
Mylo House, Toowoomba, Qld.

### FAMILY CARE FOR 500

CONCERN for people both spiritually and physically is emphasised in the provision of Homes and Hostel in Queensland. Total care for 500 people is provided in five Aged People's Centres at Brisbane, Toowoomba, Maryborough and Southport with two new centres in building at Boonah and Bribie Island. The Students' Hostel caters for 29 girls and the first Family Group Home at Maryborough for 13 children. "Glen Eagles" at New Farm in the heart of Brisbane provides 97 units housing 150 people in two modern Twin Towers, one of 14 storeys and the other 11.

All avenues of social concern are handled by the Committee. Every type of counselling together with practical help in provision of groceries, clothing and blankets is undertaken as the need arises. C.F.A. continues its wonderful work at the point of finance. Consumer Credit Counselling together with expert legal advice and advice on pensions, sickness benefits and allied matters are constantly attended to. Gael and Hospital Chaplaincies are provided and the spiritual work of Chaplains in all homes undergirds the work.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

THROUGH the Social Service Department (the Director is Charles Cole) the churches build a bridge of caring into the community and become involved in many ways—through welfare agencies, through counselling and pastoral care, through assistance in effecting adoptions, gaining employment, and finding accommodation. Opportunity shops, street stalls, sales of newspapers, bottles and used furniture, provide approximately 50% of the money required for general welfare work.

### SPECIAL AREAS

**Youth.** In caring for youth, the Department maintains Dunmore House at Pendle Hill, and a Young Men's Hostel at Marrickville. Dunmore House cares for 25 boys, from 7 to 14, mainly from broken homes, or are orphaned or neglected. The Hostel accommodates ex-Dunmore boys and other young men.

**Homes.** Geriatric care and retirement provision is offered at Bingley Hall, Hornsby; Croydon Guest Home; Ashwood House, Pendle Hill; and Retirement Settlements at Thirroul and Mayfield. Further building work has commenced or is planned for Pendle Hill, Thirroul, Mayfield, Forestville and Epping.

**Chaplaincy.** Voluntary Chaplains in hospitals, institutions, prisons, and industry, are available by arrangement with the Department. A part-time chaplain in industry has been appointed for this year and Robert Aldred will combine this ministry with his care of the Pendle Hill church.

**Social Questions.** A functional committee considers such issues as unemployment, poverty, abortion, censorship, alcoholism, drugs, youth morality, etc., with a view to giving Christian guidance to churches and to find answers for these social problems.

**Welfare Traders Ltd.** This is a registered trading organisation which diverts all profits to brotherhood work. Most of its workers are voluntary.

**Advisory Services.** These are provided in the areas of property, housing, leases, pensions, benefits, and hire purchase.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### CHRISTIAN WELFARE CENTRE

THE Christian Welfare Centre is now in its 23rd year of operation and assists between 3,000 and 4,000 people every year. It engages in chaplaincy work in hospitals, children's institutions, and prisons.

The Centre conducts two houses for short-term emergency accommodation, operates two station wagons and a large furniture trailer. Service for migrants is a major area of work and since July, 1971, a Social Worker (under the Commonwealth Immigration Grant-in-Aid) has been on the staff to assist with the migrant work-load.

Finance for the Centre is assisted by an income of \$7,000 p.a. from the Budget Shop and by a State Government grant of \$2,500 p.a. However, further financial assistance is required and the Department looks to churches and individual donors for continuing help.

The staff includes the Director, Gus Smith, a secretary and Work-room Supervisor. There are over 180 persons on the honorary staff and in Task Force, the latter being groups of young people who carry out community tasks such as painting houses, gardening, visiting the aged, and so on.

### Homes for the Aged

Established in 1954 the Good Pastors Home (secretary: R. H. Davey) had current assets of \$100,000, with additional new buildings at Joondanna worth \$200,000. 88 persons are accommodated in Lodges at Sunbury and Mt. Lawley, and 175 people in 142 homes at Sunbury, Joondanna, Mt. Lawley and Sunico.

### Bethesda Hospital

Bethesda Hospital had 3,073 in-patients last year and 390 out-patients. Its facilities are regularly being up-graded and a new public address and radio system has been installed, together with new theatre equipment.

Bethesda Hospital contributed \$2,500 towards the construction of a hospital on our New Guinea mission field and will provide \$2,500 annually for its maintenance.

## □ SOCIAL SERVICE



# OUR COUNTRY

MANY Australians are browned off with the wide brown land and the lucky country has turned sour. Many of us still act as though folk born in other lands are privileged to make their home here, but our confidence is waning.

The Social Service Departments of our churches have many interests ranging from children's homes to hospitals for the aged, from handouts to the poor to counselling for the distressed. They also act as Social Questions Committees and they are not likely to run out of questions for many years to come. This last continent to receive the dubious blessings of civilisation is in real trouble in almost every way. Our material prosperity is a poor return for what we are paying. We may have much less of real value to pass on to our children than we received from our fathers, and maybe we should tone down some of the golden promises we make to prospective migrants.

**Cities.** Australia is the most urbanised nation in the world. 86 out of every 100 people live in cities and towns but we have done less than most other countries to solve the problems of urban life. Educationalists, sociologists, town planners, and almost any who is qualified to have an opinion are almost unanimous in saying that the quality of life is deteriorating rapidly, not only in Sydney and Melbourne, but in Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Hobart — and in the rural areas where the departure of the young people has impoverished the country without enriching the cities. There is unrest, frustration, violence and poverty. Our reaction is one of shock, then shoulders are shrugged and it is back to the footie and the gambling.

**Nation of Gamblers.** Australians have an international reputation as incorrigible gamblers. They bet on anything that moves — horses, football, cars, dogs, bikes. Legal and illegal gambling adds up to more than \$2,500 million a year. N.S.W. is probably the worst place for gambling. The place is littered with poker machines. The Eastern Suburbs Leagues Club recently announced a year's profit of \$1,300,000, after paying \$430,000 in poker machine taxes. Victoria has resisted pressure for poker machines, but has succumbed to lotteries, has introduced Tatts-lotto, and is about to launch football pools ("I would be horrified if . . . football pools . . . came to pass." — Sir Henry Bolte, 1969)). Tasmania's Wrest Point Casino is well on the way, and we are about to go on the biggest gambling spree in our history. The young, of course, will be a main target and it is estimated that, already, 75% of the 16 to 24-year-age group are gambling.

**The Drug Scene.** Marijuana and narcotics are claiming more and more victims, and again those victims are youthful. The Minister for Customs says that the flow of drugs into the country cannot be checked and it is up to the parents to take more responsibility. If this is the solution, the prospects are not bright. The adults in society are shocked by the excesses of youth, but they themselves set a bad example of indiscriminate drug abuse. A survey in Manly, N.S.W., revealed that while 8.9% used marijuana and 0.9% took narcotics (mainly young people), 34% of those interviewed used sedatives and tranquilisers, and 82% drank alcohol. A Salvation Army survey claims that one in every 20 Australian males is an alcoholic and one in every 25 females is a drug dependant.

**Babies, Abortion and Disease.** In Victoria alone, there are about 4,500 babies born each year to unmarried women and girls. A lecturer at the University of Tasmania said that one girl in every ten becomes pregnant during the three-year course. The South Australian Government thinks that part of the answer is a more "liberal" abortion law and introduced one. In the first year under the new Act there were 1,330 legal abortions. In the next six months there were 1,024, nearly 100% increase! The politician who was Attorney General at the time of the new law said, "If this upward trend were to con-

tinue indefinitely, I would be perturbed." How long is indefinitely? Indications are that the upward trend is continuing.

There is a world-wide increase in the incidence of venereal disease as part of the price being exacted by the permissive society. Those seeking treatment are younger today. Children of 11 and 12 have been treated at Australian clinics.

**Road Unsafty.** Australia has the highest road accident rate in the world, 28 for every 100,000 population. Since 1939, 21,000 more Australians have been killed on our roads than in all the wars in which we have been engaged. Although alcohol is a recognised factor in more than 50% of the fatal accidents, alcoholic drinks are still presented through all of the communications media as being a socially desirable and even a necessary means to the good life.

**Divorces.** As divorces become more common, they are treated more casually. The children are the worst hit. What may be an escape for the parents, can be a disaster for the children. In one recent year in N.S.W., there were 4,880 dissolutions of marriage. Desertion was given as the commonest cause, but desertion is often the end result but not the cause of the breakdown. Being a church member is no longer the safeguard for marriage that it once seemed to be. Of those 4,880 divorces, the following breakdown of church association was given: Church of England 1,706; R.C. 920; Presbyterian 499; Methodist 429; Baptist 74; Congregational 57; Greek Orth. 55; Hebrew 22; Church of Christ 18; Lutheran 18; Salvation Army 16; Seventh Day Adventist 9.

**The Aged.** Although we have many splendid homes for the aged, the problem is too vast for the churches to hope to meet anything like the total needs. Society is losing ground and the waiting lists are growing longer. The care for the aged is a community responsibility and, although the churches must do more and more, community concern and community resources are necessary, and that means massive aid by the Commonwealth and State Governments. Dr. Shepherd, of Victoria's Mount Royal, said, "Old age is for many in this State, as it is in most parts of the world, a crippling financial burden and a time of social degradation . . . A real look at geriatric services, new educational programmes for the general public, as well as professional people, are urgently required." In the meantime, since the one million Australians over 65 cannot apply any political pressure, there has been little more than statements of good intention.

Our church departments are not likely to be short of Social Questions for a long, long time. They are going to need all the help that we can give them. Let us support their practical welfare agencies and let us encourage them as they face up to many questions that as yet have no answers.

**SOCIAL  
SERVICE  
SUNDAY  
AUGUST 20,  
1972**

**LET  
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BE  
COMPASSION  
AND  
GIVE . . .**

## YOUTH AND THE CHURCHES' ARM OF COMPASSION



CATHERINE McCANN



NOEL HOLMES



EVAN VERGE



LORNA KICKBUSH

WE live together in a social community which has many inequalities, both inbuilt and emerging. Christians are unavoidably part of this community and thus have a responsibility to be actively involved in its structure and social concerns.

Guided by Christian love, we must be concerned about people and their problems and participate in their moves to a fulfilled life.  
—CATHERINE McCANN (Vic.)

THE Christian lives inside love for others. He accepts responsibility to be aware of need. Social Service = Christian Contact. Compassion requires searching for contact. The greatest demand on a Christian is also the greatest happiness he can experience. Happiness is not a reward for what you have done. It is the proof that what you are doing is fulfilling.  
—NOEL HOLMES (S.A.)

SOCIETY is so often unaware of the problems and sufferings of its people. God has given us the insight to see the needs of others. He has instilled his love and mercy in us, so that now we are able and willing to serve people in need.

Christ was a Social Service man. He saw the needs of people and helped. He healed the sick, suffering and lame, he restored sight and gave food to the hungry.

I thank God for Christ's example.

—EVAN VERGE (W.A.)

SOCIAL Service immediately brings to mind Homes for the aged, the sick and the children. It's wonderful to care for the eventide of life and those with special needs. The women of our Fellowships do a mighty work by visiting, teaching handicrafts, leading services and sometimes just talking to folk.  
—LORNA KICKBUSH (Qld.)

NOAH was the hero survivor of the great Flood and the discoverer of how to make wine. He was the ninth descendant of Adam and the first to be born after Adam's death. God's first law was one of obedience and whereas Adam disobeyed God, Noah obeyed and his obedience was a hallmark of his character (Gen. 6-9). Hobeaws places him in the line of faith (Heb. 11: 4-7). The ark was made of resinous wood "gopher" (Gen. 6: 14), covered with pitch and containing coils for his family and for the animals. They survived in the ark for seven weeks.

Chapter 9: 20-27 is a difficult section. Noah is "the first tiller of the soil" in direct contrast to 3: 23 where Adam is so regarded. In this passage Noah's reputation is that of the inventor of agriculture, the developer of vineyards, the discoverer of wine fermentation, and its first victim. Many scholars suggest that this passage belongs to another tradition other than to the blameless hero of the flood. They suggest that this section deals with the transition of man's early life from the nomadic to the settled.

In the New Testament Noah is regarded as a hero of faith (Heb. 11: 4-7), an example of God's salvation in a wicked world (2 Peter 2-3), and as an example of conditions on earth at the end of the world (Matt. 24: 37-39, Luke 17: 26-67).

From 1929 when excavations in the Tigris-Euphrates Valley revealed widespread floods at a similar time to Noah there has been little question concerning the existence of a flood in this area where he lived. Ten different cultures speak of such a flood and a variety of heroes are referred to.

#### FOR TODAY:

In 1972 is Noah merely to be relegated to the kindergarten as some sort of antediluvian Dr. Dooblittle? But Noah is no dead issue. He is mentioned as surviving on Mt. Ararat in Josephus, the Koran, in the writings of Marco Polo, in the discoveries of a 1916 Russian expedition, in the photographs of 1952 U.S. Archaeo-

## NOAH

logist, in the 1952 discovery of hand-tooled wood 5,000 years' old preserved in the ice at 13,800 feet, higher than any habitation or human structure, and in August 1972, SEARCH, an American archaeological expedition, will seek to bring the rest of the wood from beneath the ice.

Some aspects of Noah's life have meaning for today: Noah spent much time in obeying God and had little time for disputing God's plan. Most of us today talk rather than build. Children love to hear the story of the pairs of animals ("How did he take the lilies?") but the flood itself is no more central to the story than the far country in the story of the prodigal son for the basic point of Noah's deliverance is far more mature than most children can comprehend—it is the story of salvation by God's grace over man's sin. The N.T. correctly uses Noah as a symbol of God's grace and deliverance and makes a parallel between his time and the time prior to the second coming of Christ (Matt. 24: 37-39).

Noah stands as typical of all great men who have achieved mightily but who fell victim to themselves. Drunk Noah lies naked and shameless—the man who was the world's first saviour of the human race was also its first drunk.

"Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." But we always live on the edge of doom. Destruction constantly awaits to flood over mankind. We need only to split the atoms, monkey with the genes, loose the poisons and man's foolish sin will once more destroy him. We live so early by God's grace.

The ark is often seen as a symbol of the Church saving only some. And like the ark some say "they couldn't stand the stench inside if it were not for the storms outside!" Preachers like Noah, may preach and pray for all men but in the end it is God who shuts the door. — GORDON MOYES.

## NABALCO DENOUNCED

THE A.C.C. has strongly criticised the aluminium company, Nabalco, for shielding a party of visiting Swiss journalists from the true facts of the Aboriginal situation in Australia. A group of nine journalists visited Australia to attend the opening of the bauxite mining project at Gove (Northern Territory).

The Council is sending a letter to Swiss Aluminium, which is the major shareholder in Nabalco, pointing out that the journalists are receiving a biased view of the situation of the Aboriginal people.

A protest is also being made about Nabalco's treatment of church and Aboriginal groups wishing to present Aboriginal views to the journalists.

The General Secretary of the Australian Council of Churches, the Rev. F. G. Engel, said that there was evidence that the journalists had been brought to Australia largely to counter public criticism in Switzerland of the project.

"A tightly-organised schedule of engagements with company and government officials left little time for the journalists to assess both the true facts of the Aboriginal situation in Australia and the reason for the criticism that has been levelled at Swiss Aluminium," said Mr. Engel.

"The meeting was offered publicly by Nabalco when there was already an arrangement for the journalists to meet the Swiss Consul-General at the same time. It was subsequently put to the journalists that they should not refuse this prior invitation."

Mr. Engel said that the criticism was not about the economics or value of the project, but because the land rights of the

Aboriginal people at Yirrkala had not been taken into account.

"There has been an attempt made by Swiss Aluminium to explain away the criticism as merely a passing political question because this is a Federal election year in Australia."

"This is completely untrue. The moves of the churches to have land rights granted to the Aborigines go back for more than ten years. The Yirrkala people have been struggling since 1963 to get their historic claim recognised, and continue to do so in spite of the Supreme Court judgment.

"The issue is a long-standing one about the rights of a minority people whose cultural values, especially their relationship to the land, have been consistently denied or destroyed by the white majority."

"The deliberate attempt by Nabalco to shield the Swiss journalists from this issue is one more stage in the 200-year-long process of suppressing the legitimate claims of the Aboriginal people," Mr. Engel said.

#### WINTER SCHOOLS

The Annual Winter School was held at the College of the Bible on the four Wednesdays of June. Eighty-five enrolled for the course. The theme was "Renewal" with special emphasis on small group experience as a means of personal, church and community renewal. Reference was made to informal, unstructured growth and mutual support groups as well as to structured groups. There were studies on group goals, group maintenance, and the group in relationship to the individual. There were workshop experiences of the different sorts of groups. The final night was spent in discussing the family as a group, especially in its experiences of Christian faith and life. Leaders of the school were George Mathieson, Mrs. Lorraine Clencie, Dr. K. R. Bowes and Rev. R. F. Geise.

A parallel school was conducted by the team at Geelong, with 30 enrolled. A further 29 schools, ranging in number from three to forty, were held in W.A., S.A., Tasmania and Victoria.

In Victoria the Winter Schools were part of the "Strategy for the Seventies" programme. The Conference Executive and the College of the Bible made a set of the Winter School notes available for all churches registering for "Strategy for the Seventies." Five-hundred sets of the notes have been distributed for all of these purposes.—G.R.S.

#### ■ A.B.C. Radio

#### "PAUSE A MOMENT"

In all States from Monday, July 24, to Friday, July 28, 1972, will be taken by George Smith, Director of the Christian Welfare Centre, Perth, W.A.

#### CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN VICTORIA & TASMANIA

## HALF-YEARLY CONVENTION

### BALLARAT (DAWSON STREET)

Saturday and Sunday, AUGUST 12, 13, 1972

THEME: "THE RENEWAL OF HIS CHURCH."

Christian Bookstall and Brotherhood Display.

Discuss Brotherhood Concerns with members of Departments.

#### SATURDAY: 12.30 Lunch

1.30 First Session: Topic "Sharing Others' Concerns." An interest-packed programme.

5.30 Fellowship Tea

6.30 Service of Song, Inspiration, Challenge. Song Leader: Vic Berry. Speaker: Chaplain Glen S. Brown. Presiding: Murray J. Savage (Conference President).

NOTE: Saturday Evening Session will close before 8.30 p.m. to allow day visitors from Melbourne, Geelong, Horsham, Maryborough, Castlemaine and Bendigo areas good travelling time to return for Sunday if necessary.

#### SUNDAY: 11.00 Preaching & Communion Service.

Presiding: Eric F. Patterson (Conference President-Elect)

Speaker: Murray J. Savage (Conference President).

Subject: "The Lady I Love."

Visitors who are able to stay for the Sunday Morning Service are invited to be guests at lunch in the homes of members of Ballarat churches.

REGISTER WITH YOUR LOCAL CHURCH SECRETARY NOW. COME BY THE CAR-LOAD. IT WILL BE A GREAT DAY.

#### NEW C.E. TRAINING MANUAL

The Advanced Leadership Training Manual is now available from the National Christian Endeavour Office or State Unions.

The manual was prepared by Rev. Fred Nile, National Director of the Christian Endeavour Movement, for use in Leadership Training Schools and Seminars.

It contains 15 lectures which cover a wide range of subjects, such as "The Learning Process," "Staging and Presentation," "Question Technique," "Aids to Instruction," "Discipline," "Discussion Leadership Techniques," "Group Dynamics," etc. Work sheets are also included for analysis, assessment and evaluation, together with planning sheets for Programmes and Seminars.

For further information please contact your State Union Office or the Australian C.E. Union, Box 5093, G.P.O., Sydney, N.S.W., 2001.

#### BLAKE PRIZE FOR RELIGIOUS ART

The judges for the 1972 Blake Prize competition for religious art are the Rev. Julian Miller, the Rev. N. C. Webb, Peter Laverty, Guy Warren and Stanislaus Rapotec.

The Blake Prize was first awarded in 1951 and the aim of the Society is to stimulate the interest of artists and the public in religious art.

The 1972 prize of \$1,000 has again been given by the Commonwealth Banking Corporation. Entries will close on Sept. 13.

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## CHURCHES AID BANGLADESH

LOCAL churches in Bangladesh working through the National Christian Council have so far completed 15,000 houses throughout the country out of a total programme of 40,000. In addition, some 51 projects are in operation to assist villages with the construction of irrigation canals, the provision of tube-wells, and the encouragement of agriculture.

These local programmes are being supported to the tune of \$3.2 million by the Bangladesh Ecumenical Relief and Rehabilitation Service (B.E.R.R.S.), which groups various church agencies together with the World Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation. Recent allocations made by B.E.R.R.S. bring the total church programme in operation in Bangladesh to over \$8 million, out of a projected \$13 million budget for the next 12 months.

Three-thousand tons of "miracle" rice seeds purchased by B.E.R.R.S. in the Philippines for the Government of Bangladesh has arrived in the country and is now being planted. Farmers in seven districts (Chittagong, Chittagong Hill Tracts, Noakhali, Sylhet, Comilla, Bakerganj and Patuakali) have paid a subsidised price for the seeds, which should produce 400,000 tons of rice for harvesting in November. —E.P.S.

## WORLD DEVELOPMENT VISITORS

A Philippines lawyer and a leading black African churchman are visiting Australia during July as guests of Action for World Development.

The lawyer is Jeremias Montemayor, a Roman Catholic layman, who is founder and President of the Federation of Free Farmers and a consultant to the Council of the Laity in Rome.

The African churchman is the Rev. Canon Burgess Carr. He is of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Liberia and is General Secretary of the All Africa Conference of Churches.

Both men have had wide experience with development movements in their own countries and in other parts of the developing world.

Mr. Montemayor visited Sydney (July 14-19), Canberra (July 19-21). He is in Melbourne (July 21-26), Adelaide (July 26-29) and returns to Sydney (July 29-31). He will also tour some provincial areas.

Canon Carr visited Sydney (July 10-14), Townsville (July 14-15), Brisbane (July 15-17), Melbourne (July 18-20), and is in Adelaide (July 20-23) and Perth (July 23-25).

# WOOLWICH CONVENTION

"In Christ - - - Empowered - - - Abiding - - - Victorious"

Principal Dr. Elliott presided at the Woolwich Convention at Burwood on July 8, with the theme "In Christ." The musical programme was provided by Mrs. David Gowans, soloist; Russell Ritchie, organist; and Don. McLennan, pianist.

The afternoon song session was led by Robt. Brown, and the address on "In Christ - Empowered" was given by Ken Booth, Aust. Director for W.E.C. Maurice Pieper conducted a Missionary Panel consisting of Roy Dixon, of the Church of All Nations, Enmore; Tom Scotland, editor of the missionary magazine "Soon," and C. G. Taylor, N.S.W. Conf. Pres. Ray. Ewers, Chaplain with "The Navigators" at the Univ. of N.S.W., spoke on "In Christ—

Abiding." A College Panel, with Peter Pitts as chairman had Laurie Haskey, Trevor Kallmier and Nigel Merrick as panel members.

The evening rally praise was led by Franklyn Elliott, followed by a College Focus in which Roy Aitkin and Mr. Pieper took part. The special speaker was Rev. Neville Horne of the "Back to the Bible Broadcast" on the theme, "In Christ—Victorious."

At the tea-table the Burwood church was thanked for their co-operation, and also the College Ladies' Committee who provided afternoon tea and assisted with the evening meal.

## HAWTHORN HARVEST

(S.A., B. H. White). Thirteen new members have been welcomed, five by faith and baptism and eight by transfer. . . . Three 8-week courses in "Transferrable Concepts" are in progress, each course on different days and times to cater for all. . . . "Challenge in Stewardship" programme commenced on July 16 with E. W. Heard as 11 a.m. guest speaker. The week of meetings includes Church Family Dinner, July 23. . . . Miss Ruth Buxton, recently returned from Russia where she studied music under an Australian scholarship, spoke to C.W.F. on "Christians in Russia."

## DRIVE FOR COURT

(CROYDON, Vic., A. B. Clark). Recent fund-raising for new tennis court featured mystery car tour, tennis tournament, progressive dinner which raised \$41, and a Snow-Ball Drive. . . . Max Moody was study leader at a camp for Youth 1 and 2. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bullock have been farewelled to Queensland after being here for seven years. . . . Junior and senior Good Companions took part in Girls' Sunday service. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have both been in hospital for surgery. . . . Bruce Skillicorn, from India, is meeting with us.

## 50 YEARS AGO

Murder of Dr. Shelton. . . . Our American churches established the first Christian mission in Tibet. Dr. & Mrs. A. L. Shelton were transferred from China to Tibet in 1903. In 1920, Dr. Shelton was captured by brigands but eventually released. But news has come that he was murdered by robbers near Batang in Feb. 1922.

Mallala's Jubilee. Mallala church, opened in 1872, celebrated its jubilee.

Brunswick Expands. The church has erected a hall at the rear of the chapel to serve the Kindergarten and Primary Departments on Sundays and young people's activities during the week.

## OPPORTUNITY SHOP

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). Since it was commenced four months ago, the Blackburn Opportunity Shop has raised \$3,500. . . . Explorers aim to raise \$1,600 for a second dormitory in New Guinea. . . . A Chaplain has been approved for Box Hill High School, for which we contribute \$100 a year. . . . Alan Page, Vic-Tas. Sec., O/secs Missions Comm., screened New Guinea slides of Ted and Dora Gray. . . . Mrs. E. McFarlane was the only foundation member at C.W.F. Birthday progressive luncheon. Mrs. F. Morgan, C.W.F. Pres., was speaker. . . . Mrs. Grainger is improving after illness.

## PLANNED GIVING

(MILDURA, Vic., T. Lawrie). Planned Giving Programme conducted by E. C. Keating of the H.M. Dept., resulted in 53% increased giving and reached a target of \$250. 67% of the membership pledged. 90% of the members attended the dinner, catered by the church ladies led by Beryl Nankivell, and served by the Dareton ladies. . . . In Home & Family Week couples were invited to renew their marriage vows as part of an act of dedication at a morning service. A parent dedication service was held. . . . Members are participating in Action for World Development studies. . . . J. Chivell, from S.A., was guest speaker at the Sunraysia Conf. Sir Doug Nicholls spoke to the youth. Mildura was host church to Sunraysia Women's Conf. Ruth Mansell was president.

## DEVELOPMENT LEADERS

(BLACKBURN, Vic., E. W. Roffey). 12 members trained as group leaders for the programme "Action for World Development". 40 members have enrolled. Rev. Brian Walsh spoke on A.W.D. and screened a film. . . . Margaret Goddard (nee Arnavethy) is with the Work Party at Carnarvon, W.A. . . . Recent features have included Tennis Club church parade, a C.W.E.F. Fashion Parade, and a C.Y.F. Dawn Communion for 50 in the Dandenongs. . . . Afternoon and evening C.W.F.'s have held work days for Dorcas Society, Hospital, and for Enid Fisher at Onslow, W.A. . . . Greetings have been received from the vicar of St. John's, Tipton, England, where Ron Tandy grew up. St. John's is 1,100 years old. . . . Four members formed an interview panel for questions on obscenity, censorship and Christian attitudes.

## RELIGIOUS FILM FESTIVAL

Redd Harper features in a new colour motion film entitled "God Loves People" to be presented at The Gospel Film Ministry's Annual Film Festivals showing across Australia during August and September.

More than two hours of colour motion films will be shown each night for five nights at each of five capital cities — Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth.

Two new colour films produced by Ken Anderson Films will be shown at the Film Festival—"The Peacemakers," filmed in Vietnam, and "The Littlest Apostle," in which a businessman and his family follow the steps of the Apostle Paul.

Other films in the Festival are "Though I Walk Through The Valley," "Son Worshippers and "No Need to Hide."

• See pages 20 and 22 for further details.

# STATE AID CHALLENGE

THE Council for Defence of Government Schools (Vic. Branch) announces that its solicitors, acting on behalf of citizens throughout Australia, have approached the Prime Minister, the Federal Attorney-General, the Premiers, and Attorneys-General of every Australian State, to allow them to proceed before the High Court of Australia in challenging the constitutional validity of the following Commonwealth legislation: (a) States Grants (Independent Schools) Act 1969-1972; (b) States Grants (Science Laboratories) Act 1971; (c) States Grants (Secondary Schools) Act 1971.

The solicitor's letter states in part — "Our clients desire to commence this action at the relation of the Attorney-General and we would be obliged to receive your fiat to proceed in your name."

"Public opinion indicates that a large section of the Australian community is opposed to 'State Aid' to private and denominational schools. It would be in the interests of all parties to have this question determined by the High Court in accordance with the law."

The Council for Defence of Government Schools (DOGS) feel that the State and Federal governments will support this application to take the issue to the Court, since it is a question of "law and order". A group of citizens, who wish to take a contentious question before a Court rather than to demonstrate in the street, would expect to obtain government approval for this action. We presume that any government would not, by its own intent deny a group of citizens access to the High Court of Australia, when a question of the validity of vital laws is involved.

The Council for Defence of Government Schools (DOGS) are well aware of the various government policies on State aid. We do not ask them to change their policy

## CALL TO PREVENT NUCLEAR TESTS

The Australian Council of Churches has proposed an international Government-level meeting to prevent further nuclear testing in the South Pacific and has requested the Australian Government to take the initiative to have the meeting convened.

The Council also reaffirmed its opposition, expressed last April to the French Ambassador (to which no reply was received) to the current nuclear tests being conducted in the South Pacific, and commended the Prime Minister of Australia on his recent strong protest to the French Government.

## EXPELLED FROM TAIWAN

After serving as a missionary in Taiwan for more than 20 years, Harry Daniel Beeby, professor of Old Testament and acting principal of Taiwan Theological College, was expelled, with his wife, for an "unfriendly" act against Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist regime.

The Taiwan Presbyterian Church (with 200,000 members, the largest Protestant denomination) issued a public statement asking that Taiwan be not handed over to mainland China, but that general elections be held to allow the 15 million inhabitants to express their views independently of the Nationalist Government. Beeby said that he supported the statement but that it was not only his personal view. It was "the will of the church."

but merely to concede the rights of a group of citizens to have their case heard in the Court.

The Council for Defence of Government Schools in conjunction with other interested bodies have set up an "Opposition to State Aid Legislation" Fund and contributions can be sent to P.O. Box 4869, Spencer Street, Melbourne, Vic., 3001.

## OPEN FORUM

To the Editor,

I read with dismay A. Webb's letter in which he charges the Federal Overseas Mission Board with lack of faith and vision. I would like to challenge the brotherhood to face reality.

Over 14 years ago at a meeting representing the whole of Churches of Christ in Australia, H. Finger and myself were set apart to begin the work in New Guinea. The brotherhood pledged itself to stand behind us and support us fully.

We came into an area where literacy varied from 0% to, in a few villages, 5%. Infant mortality was 40% in the best places and 60% in others. Economic income averages from \$10 to \$40 a year per adult male and the Word of God was unknown except from some primitive beliefs adopted from Roman Catholic teaching mixed with animism and cargo cults. Sorcery, fear fighting and dying prevailed. If we, the churches, don't provide schools they remain illiterate, if we don't provide medical attention, they continue to die unnecessarily, if we don't help with advice and practical guidance they will remain economically helpless. If we don't preach the Word of God there isn't anyone else to open their eyes to God's way of life, in the foreseeable future.

In those 14 odd years eight churches have begun functioning with approx. 400 members. Four have pastors with various amounts of training. In this next year we expect four more churches to start and at least 150 baptisms. We expect the growth to continue similarly each year. We have over 5,000 adherents scattered over 50 odd villages up to 100 miles apart. Every month new groups of people ask us to help them.

Is this lack of vision and faith on the part of the Board? Perhaps the Board have reason to have lack of faith, not in God who has worked wonderfully, but in the churches. For two years I patrolled on foot an area bigger than the island of Aoba in the New Hebrides, because no outboard motor could be bought. It was approved each year by the Field Council and also the Fed. Board. The lists were circulated to the churches but it wasn't until my third year of such hiking that some individual Christian gave generously

## JOURNAL'S MISSION FULFILLED

Now that self-government has been achieved in Papua New Guinea, the Minister of State for External Territories (the Hon. A. Peacock) has announced that the journal "Australian External Territories" has been published for the last time.

An excellent production, it has been telling the story of the development of the Territories of the Northern Territory, Norfolk Island, Papua New Guinea, Nauru, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, and Christmas Island.

With the new chapter of independence beginning in Papua New Guinea it is felt that the journal has fulfilled its main purpose as a forum of ideas on social, economic, and political development.

The reasons for closing the journal are probably good but many will miss its interesting and informed comment.

## OVERSEAS MISSIONS

enough so the outboard could be purchased. Several times the field has had to restrict purchase of fuel and patrols have had to cease or be curtailed by walking. There have been three crises when virtually the mission ceased to function and we on the field began to draw up lists of which missionaries would have to retire first. These events have prevented people we are already contacting from hearing so much of God's word. The field does not now present a budget. We know we won't get the finance we need. We know the Board would approve it but the churches don't raise it. Is this lack of faith by the Board?

The missionaries have repeatedly spent money from their salaries to keep up essential work. The missionaries have diverted money approved by Board to help their personal costs, because it would hinder some of these N.G. people hearing God's word.

We have had a list of men and women needed by the field, published often. The Board has circulated the individual churches and advertised in the "Australian Christian." In a land dominated by male attitudes, the mission operates with twice as many women as men. The request for some personnel has been unfulfilled for many years now, though not for want of trying by the Board. Where are these men that are available? We would like to see some here. Is it lack of faith or vision by Board that we are understaffed? The list of people required for N.G. is long. The Board has published it often.

It is my dearest wish that every man and woman in every country hear the word of God. Yes, let us go to Indonesia. But my friends, open your eyes, I am beginning to lack faith—not in God but in the brotherhood which only 14 years ago pledged itself to a task. We have presented a five-year plan to the Board. It lists our manpower requirements for continuing what has been commenced and the following up of those openings that we can actually see. Dare I have faith that these people to whom we committed ourselves 14 years ago will not be left with a window opened offering a bright vision and then see it closed because we couldn't continue? — Frank W. Beale, New Guinea.

## OPEN FORUM

### "CAPTIVATING CAPE"

To the Editor,

The last inward mail brought a copy of the March '72 issue of "The Australian Christian." The article "The Captivating Cape" is alarming in its lack of recognition of Christian endeavour and by its prejudgment.

Readers of this article would have been better served if the three travellers had done more research on the area within which they proposed to evaluate the church's work. A small measure of local history and some basic Christian anthropology would have enlightened their judgments of what was happening within the tribally-intact communities which they briefly visited.

The travellers, for example, arrived in the community referred to in the article's fourth paragraph late on a Sunday morning. The family service and Sunday school (fairly attended under attendant circumstances and in view of the seasonal opportunities) had already ended for the day. Accepting the criticism of the minister, the Christians are young in faith and do well to worship with some regularity at least once on a Sunday and then at the family thanksgiving. A minister may have other disciplines open to sharing. However, a concern to head-count without a knowledge of the ways of a tribally-knit society at a given time is not adequate for a report of this kind.

Again, and in reference to the same paragraph, the (to the local church, unexpected) visitors were informed of language work in progress as a preparation for literacy and for Bible translation. They were also given some information on the semi-literate and non-literate levels within the population where the local languages remain the primary vehicles of communication. But how could realistic evaluations of spiritual effectiveness be made without an understanding of local society and culture? And I believe that the final sentence about the only Bibles that could be found is in large part a comment on the travellers' lack of communication and disrespectful to the value system of the Aborigines concerned. What is needed is a wholesome support of the work in Bible Translation already begun within this great area of the "denominations," by members of the Summer Institute of Linguistics, and of help already given by the United Bible Societies.

There is also a real and acknowledged need for D.A.I.A. employees who will witness for Christ and his teachings. There is no place for those who would bring disunity but there surely is a need of shared "concern for the basic fundamentals that link the churches together as simply 'Christian.'" I could not respect efforts to divide a Christian family or to add to the burden of seekers.

Yes, there is much to be done, as the authors say, but it needs to be done in the Gospel's way of rejoicing in each other's good, and, as Paul says, "Help carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will obey the law of Christ." (Gal. 6: 2).  
—Michael W. Martin, Edward River, via Cairns, Qld.

## ABORIGINES

To the Editor,

As Don P. Butler ("A.C." May 27) points out, "Australian Aborigines are now in the limelight." The "provocative questions" ("A.C." May 18) at the S.A. Conf. together with the attack on the apparent philosophy implicit in the Aborigines Mission Board report to the Vic. Conference, herald a new era in our involvement with Aborigines. Hardly a voice was raised in support of the report. Even after the charges of racism appeared in press and on radio it seemed as though no spokesman could be found to defend it.

One of the concerns of the report was the complete omission of any statement of policy on the complex but basic issue of the rights of Aborigines. Such rights as those claimed by white society—land, education, family, judgment by a just legal system, just wages, etc. The special issue of the "A.C." devoted to Aborigines gave no expression, for example, of land right policy. The report to State Conference made no mention of the issue. The latest report of the Board's work ("A.C." May 27) gave no guidance as to what is our policy.

If we are to continue in welfare work then we will need to take seriously these basic human rights. Can the Board indicate to us action taken on the land rights issue? Is serious consideration being given to alternatives to our children's homes (which involves basic family rights)? What are the plans for phasing out white administration and policy making? What action is being taken to ensure the continuance

of Aboriginal culture, for example, missionaries speaking Aboriginal languages, church services in indigenous languages and worship grounded in Aboriginal values and traditions (a fundamental right of all minorities)?—Alan Matheson (Vic).

Comment by Don. Butler, Secretary, Fed. Aborigines Mission Board

The original policy of our Aborigines Mission work was the spiritual salvation and material assistance of Aboriginal people. However, we must move with the times and such things as education, change of children's homes for the physical salvation of children to boarding homes for parents to send their children for educational reasons, adult education and training in independence and Aboriginal leadership have been part of our Mission work in recent years.

As a Mission Board appointed by the church we stand behind the right for Aboriginal people to own their own land and we have taken part in protests and discussions on land rights and on mining company take-overs of huge lumps of Aboriginal tribal land.

The report submitted to State Conferences had to be limited as this reply here must also be, and it was only a report on our Mission activity and not a statement of policy on Aboriginal welfare, etc. Mr. Matheson's concern and interest is very much appreciated and we need continually to re-assess our Mission work in the light of Aboriginal development.

(MORE "OPEN FORUM" ON PAGE 9)

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### HOLY COMMUNION

To the Editor,

*My wife's father likes to talk about the good old days when our churches taught the issue of "the one cup" versus the many little hygienic glasses. With a glint in his eye he tells how the radicals won the day. I've sometimes wondered whether it was such a victory.*

*We have just been having holidays, and one Sunday we worshipped in a little village Anglican chapel. There was something very exciting about seeing whole families go up together to the table of the Lord to partake from the one cup. It was probably more like the original supper than our form which looks more like handing round the things at a picnic than a family gathered round a table. Perhaps neither form approximates the full family meal of the first century observance of the Lord's Supper.*

*There were quite a number of teenagers there. Without exception they were following the order in their little books, coming in at the responses and kneeling, standing and sitting at the appropriate times. There was a lot of activity. I couldn't help thinking what a good idea it was for active teenagers. Our active young people tend to occupy themselves passing notes and with other diversions.*

*I'm sure that an Anglican visiting one of our services would see some things that impressed him. It would be interesting to have a communion service that used the best of all traditions.*

*I've always been prejudiced about calling it "Holy Communion." But if "holy" means "belonging to God" then maybe that's what it is. It's easy to slip into thinking that it belongs to us.*

*Statistically more Anglicans get hepatitis than any other Christians in the community. Maybe the one cup is not a good idea after all.*

Yours hygienically,

TERTIUS.

## P.S.A.

Speaker: Mr. CHAE of the Korean Churches of Christ  
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# WOMEN OF THE WEST . . .

The President, Mrs. D. R. Manning, presided at the July Auxiliary meeting.

With "The Fruit of the Spirit" as the theme for the year, each month a "fruit" is presented in the morning meditation being conducted by past presidents. Three veteran past-presidents shared together in presenting their fruit "Peace" this month. All in their mid-80's they were well able to speak from personal experience that through the grace of God they had overcome many difficulties and knew his peace that surpasses knowledge. They are Mrs. M. Smillie, leader, Mrs. J. Bridge, the message, and Mrs. C. Humphreys, pianist. They were presidents during the Second World War years. Mrs. J. K. Robinson led in prayer of intercession.

"Bambarra Training Hostel" is now the recognised name of the hostel for Aboriginal students at Yokine.

Prayer and Praise Points:

- That the Longmore Detention Centre

will be re-opened to the ministry of our churches.

- For those who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially Mrs. Drummond, one of our Aboriginal women whose baby was drowned.

- For Bob Williams and Alfred Ranger, our Aboriginal members in hospital.

- For the language barrier that is broken down when pamphlets written in Greek, French, German and Italian are distributed to these nationals by our hospital visitors.

- For the Home and Aborigines Missions Committees as they liaise regarding the Lord's work in the North-west of W.A.

- For the 100 New Guineans attending discipleship classes and those who instruct them.

- For the 18,000 who have completed the Bible Correspondence Course.

—Dora Gordon, Sec.

## GOSPEL POPS

(HARVEY, W.A., H. A. L. Clark). On June 18, young people led Gospel Pops service featuring Christian singers and composers . . . \$70 was raised at special Overseas Mission evening . . . C.W.F. conducted afternoon concert at Elanora Lodge, Bunbury, and shared an afternoon with Mandurah C.W.F. . . . Members attended S.W. Conf. Rally at Busselton.

## YOUTH SPEAKS UP

(ARANA HILLS, Qld., G. Staddon). There was lively discussion at a youth service on the amount of say young people should have in church activities, dress, and dating. Different generations expressed open and honest opinions . . . Mr. Gilcrest used his puppets to bring the gospel message.

## MANY DECISIONS

(GEORGETOWN, N.S.W., I. Borham). Ian Borham is conducting a student ministry. During recent weeks there have been eight decisions and 11 others have indicated their desire for a closer walk with God . . . 15 members are participating in Action for World Development.

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### DUNMORE BENEFITS

(LIDCOMBE, N.S.W., P. A. Pitts). Vegetables and groceries were presented to Dunmore House as a Harvest Thanksgiving when the boys visited the church. . . . Coffee Bible study mornings have been conducted fortnightly by Mrs. Heather Pitts for ladies outside the church. . . . Recent services have been led by S. Smith, K. Walker, D. Herbert (Woolwich), L. McKenzie (W.E.C.), and by the ladies with Mrs. D. Smith leading. . . . Monthly combined prayer and Bible study meetings are shared with Auburn. . . . The ladies recently made a large presentation of Tupperware and saucepans to Norseman Mission.

### TO SERVE WITH M.A.F.

(FULLARTON, S.A., N. Gavros). Past and present members at church and after-church fellowship farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Poulsen who have been accepted for M.A.F. work at Bougainville. . . . Overseas Mission offering was \$346. Approximately \$950 will be given this year for Overseas work. . . . Average weekly giving for the year was \$103 (local) and \$50 (for others). . . . New B.S. teachers are Christine Aitken, Mrs. V. Creeper, R. Picken. . . . The C.W.F. pres., Mrs. Dillon, led the June C.W.F. devotions. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gavros helped I.C.E. prepare table decorations which won 1st prize at State C.E. Convention.

# WHITE PAPERS

## ON LIFE AND FAITH

**TO BETHANY, WITH LOVE** The churches of Ascot Vale and Newmarket were strong in their day and sent many of their sons and daughters to develop causes in new areas, but the depleted numbers in the area still reach out in effective service. When the Newmarket church closed a couple of years ago, the members joined the Ascot Vale congregation and proceeds of the sale of the Newmarket property were invested and the interest devoted to the ongoing work of the church. In our issue of July 8 we told the story of Tasmania's Bethany Children's Home. One response to that article was a decision by the Ascot Vale church to send \$400 as a gift to Bethany, and we understand that the money is already on the way. Which reminds us that it is never churches which close, only buildings. The church itself in Ascot Vale-Newmarket is alive and well and open for new opportunities for service.

**HARD-PRESSED!** In the Melbourne "Age" recently, John Larkin surveyed the religious journals based in Victoria and said, "It's a hard road for the religious press." Many of the difficulties are financial. Because church membership is not keeping up with the population . . . "some of the papers are having troubles with their circulation figures. The best most can hope for is to hold what they have. We are not likely to see anybody closed up, though, because the churches are quite capable of carrying any losses, and willing."

We would have thought that not some, but all of the church journals are having troubles. And it is not nearly good enough "to hold what they have." Costs and postage rates can increase so dramatically that last year's circulation which paid the bills, won't pay them this year.

"The Australian Christian" is not planning to go out of business, but we certainly don't expect our road to become easier to travel. Our paper is an essential medium of communication and the loyalty of church members will surely ensure our continuing service.

Incidentally, Mr. Larkin did not refer to "The Australian Christian" in his survey, although our journal, commenced in 1898, is probably the oldest of the Melbourne based papers. We would like Mr. Larkin to know that we are making a survey of the significant Melbourne daily newspapers. We shall, of course, omit the "Age!"

**FAREWELL TO AN EDITOR** While on the subject of church papers, we record with sadness the retirement of W. S. Noble, for 16 years editor of "Presbyterian Life." Unlike most of the editors of religious journals, who are ministers before they become journalists, Mr. Noble was a professional journalist who came to "Presbyterian Life" from the Melbourne "Herald." In a farewell attended by leaders of his church, both the pen and the person of Mr. Noble were highly praised. He "had displayed unflinching skill and fairness, and a great brotherliness in meeting people" and "had exercised an acceptable and faithful ministry over a wide area of service." The acting editor of "Australian Presbyterian Life" is R. A. S. McDonald.

Mr. Noble served all of the religious journals as Convener of the Australian Religious Press Association. He is succeeded in this office by Gerald Davis, editor of "Church Scene."

**GOOD GRIEF!** Would you believe? . . . one of the reasons for the establishment of the Church of Satan in the U.S.A. was that it would free persons from the controversial elements of the established churches. You know how the Christian churches have dissensions? Well, sadly, the Detroit "congregation" of the Church of Satan is having its own strife and division. The "Babylonian Grotto" has been dissolved and the "First Occultic Church of Man" set up in its place. When last heard, the "Master" of the Grotto and the "Founder" of the Church of Satan were calling each other names in public and generally demonstrating that whatever may be the cure for disunity, Satan doesn't have it!!

### YOUTH AND THE CHURCH

(CARNEGIE, Vic., M. S. Giezendanner). An extensive programme is attempting to bring young people of the district back to church. . . . S. H. Wilson was guest speaker at Temple Day service. \$940 was received for special offering to help repay loan on Christian Educ. Centre. . . . Recent speakers have been Reg. Hillbrich, former minister, and Rev. Max Brewer, B. & F.B.S. . . . Kindergarten and Primary Depts. held a picnic at the Zoo. . . . The C.W.F. has purchased new heaters for the church.

### SLOW LEARNERS HELPED

(MERRIEDIN-BRUCE ROCK, W.A., D. A. Good). Bruce Rock United Women's Fellowship has sponsored an opportunity shop for two years, led by Mrs. O'Brien. \$1,500 has been raised for the Kellerberrin Slow Learners' Hostel. . . . Mrs. G. Bray, of Merredin, has celebrated her 96th birthday. . . . Both churches are involved in Action for World Development combined studies. . . . K. Patterson, H.M. State Organizer, and Rev. Jenkins, of Temperance Alliance, have visited here recently.

## FINGER LICKIN' GOOD

(SCARBOROUGH, W.A., K. J. Duffy). The church and hall extensions are under way. A thankoffering of \$3,105 was contributed to the building fund by 157 who shared in the "Finger-Lickin'-Dinner" on July 2. After dining, fellowship, chain Bible verses and items by the Scarborough Trio, five responded to the gospel invitation. . . . Geo. Smith and R. Davey Snr., were speakers on July 9. There were two further decisions. . . . Sumat Hiwale of India is the church's new Living Link. . . . Aboriginal Pastor Cedric James spoke at C.W.F. Real Australia Night. C.W.F. was also host to Claremont Hosp. patients at afternoon gathering. . . . Much prayer offered for baby Kyle Williams, new son of David and Anne Williams during illness and hospitalisation.

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Vaughan P. L. Booker, sentenced in 1970 in Philadelphia, to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife, has been accepted as a candidate for the Episcopal priesthood in the U.S.A. He intends to become a prison inmate-chaplain.

There was an increase of over 50% in scripture distribution last year throughout Papua New Guinea.

The United Methodist Church in the U.S.A. has suffered a loss of 518,000 members in the past four years.

When the Bank of Korea showed the design for the murder of his wife (\$25), it had an engraving of Buddha on one side and a famous Buddhist temple on the other. Christians and Confucianists protested, but it was the protests of another religious group which caused the note to be redesigned: the Buddhists said it was an insult to link the Buddha with money.

Some relaxation in Russia is seen in the departure of 7,000 Jews from the Soviet Union in recent months. Most of them went to Israel and included a large number of professional people.

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## SCHOLAR DRIVE

(PORT PIRIE, S.A., M. T. Lawrie). Following new scholar drive a S.S. tea for scholars and parents had 80 present. At the youth service afterwards a Junior singing group made its debut and "Peppi and the Runaway Bible" was screened. C.W.F. Paddy's Markets raised \$110 . . . Panel of speakers in C.W.F. programme on "Social Problems" were a Social Worker, Policewoman, Minister, and Youth Worker. . . . Miss Hazel Skuce told of mission work in India . . . Y.P. of United Parish are combining for activities and services.

## TWO BAPTISMS

(UNGARRA, S.A., K. Edwards). Two young men were baptized at a communion service on June 25 . . . The ladies met with Miss Thelma Bungey, to view slides of her work in Kenya with Africa Inland Mission. . . . Young people gave John Telfer a farewell evening on leaving for Carnarvon with the Work Party.

## \$230 OPPORTUNITY

(HENLEY BEACH, S.A., G. Setsman). The C.W.F. opened an Opportunity Shop and raised over \$230 in the first week . . . The church discusses "Strategy for the Seventies" at special monthly meetings . . . A complete church directory is being published . . . A parent dedication service was held . . . The Women's Christian Temperance Branch has been revived . . . Nine teams have been entered in girls' netball.

## NEARLY 100

(FORESTVILLE, S.A., M. Munyard). W. R. James has just died, three months short of his 100th birthday. He came from Broken Hill in 1922 and was in membership until his death. The J.C.E. went regularly at Christmas time to sing to him, and periodic visits were made by members of the board. The short communion service at his bedside during these visits was appreciated. He was officer, elder, and chairman of the Board for many years . . . A "gospel tea" will be held monthly during winter, and 6 p.m. services are being held.

## THREE BAPTISMS

(HAMPESTEAD GDNS., S.A., L. Austin). Three young girls have been baptized . . . Special evening services commenced on July 2 with a family tea followed by "on-the-spot" interviews with Mrs. Aileen Woolford and Frank Broadbent. The church was full . . . Afternoon entertainment by "Orana Singers", sponsored by Friendly Circle and Ladies' Bible Study Groups, raised \$54 for Underground Evangelism. . . . C.W.F. held progressive luncheon.

## CATERING GIFT

(FLINDERS PARK, S.A., H. S. Prime). The Catering Committee has handed \$600 to the church treasurer to help pay building debt . . . The C.W.F. raised \$170 to help equip a room at Morialta Children's Home . . . There have been four baptisms and one confession . . . E. W. Heard of the H.M. Dept., has been conducting a Planned Giving Campaign . . . Mrs. Woolford was guest speaker at C.W.F. annual church service.

## PRESIDENTIAL SUBSTITUTES

(KENSINGTON PK., S.A.) While the minister, W. Bartlett, was absent on presidential duties, the pulpit was occupied by K. Chatfield, Mission to Lepers; Colin Stock, J.E.W.; Dr. T. Thomas; Rev. L. Carr, a representative of Gideons; and A. Norris . . . The "Kingdom of God" was theme for youth service at which Chris Loxton presided. Afterwards the folk singing trio "The Yandermans," assisted by Allison Blaskett and Leonie Burton, with Heather Burton as pianiste, provided the coffee hour music. Comper was Brent Atherton.

## 43 FOR A.W.D.

(MAYLANDS, S.A., N. S. Moore). 43 people of varying ages are involved in "Action for World Development" programme. On Sundays, Mr. Moore gives a resume of previous week's discussion . . . Miss Hazel Skuce of India was recent speaker . . . A concert arranged by S.S. teachers aided fund for hospital equipment for New Hebrides . . . The a.m. service of July 2 was recorded for broadcast through station 5DN . . . Bob Brown, newly-

appointed pastor to Aboriginal people, spoke at night on July 9 in National Aborigines' Day service. Afterwards a C.W.F. rally was held to support their project to aid Aborigines.

## SURGERY FOR MINISTER

(FREMANTLE - HAMILTON HILL, W.A., H. R. Fitch). Mr. Fitch has been hospitalised for surgery . . . On June 11, young people quizzed the minister at gospel service . . . C. W. Sagers has been appointed an elder. T. Marshall has taken over the office of treasurer, held by Mr. Sagers for 28 years . . . Recent speakers have been Brian Stitt, Frank Raymond, Ray Vincent.

## ATTENDANCE UP

(GERALDTON, W.A., P. R. Lethby). Visitation has resulted in attendance increase . . . S.S. picnic featured a car trial. . . . Mr. Lethby attended ministers' retreat in Perth . . . Church Council has agreed to change of worship time to 9 a.m., followed by All-Age S.S., commencing Aug. 6 . . . Films "Sun Worshipers" and "Ultimate Adventure" have been screened . . . Chaplaincy at High School will be shared by Ministers' Fraternal.

## REG. SACK WELCOMED

(MORAWA, W.A.). A. Walkington, Fed. Conf. President, conducted the induction service on July 2 when Mr. and Mrs. Sack were welcomed into the ministry. Mr. Sack had been his S.S. teacher at Bassen-dean . . . Margaret Harris, of Dallwalinu, was farewelled on her departure for the New Hebrides . . . June Friendship meeting used programme in C.W.F. Handbook, "Patterns for Living." Mrs. Wells, of Perenjri, displayed her collection of bottles at July meeting . . . R. H. and L. Carslake are recovering from illness.

## PARISH SHINDIG

(DULWICH, S.A., M. J. Drake). 180 attended a "parish Shindig," a social evening for the three congregations of the United Parish. Mr. Drake, comper, was awarded the "B.D.M." (2nd class Order of the Best Dressed Minister!), and the Congregational minister was awarded the "D.S.O." (Dry Sermon Order). This was in fun, and it was a good night with a devotional session preceding supper.

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## DECISIONS ON COAST

(TWEED HEADS - COOLANGATTA, N.S.W., D. Paddon). Six Open Air Campaigners led by Don. Strelten visited here June 16-18. There have been two recent baptisms . . . C.W.F. visited Murwillumbah ladies for their anniversary luncheon. . . . Two functions in aid of the Manse Fund have been an Ikebana demonstration and a Tip Top Bread demonstration . . . Mrs. Welsh has placed a beautiful tract rack in the church as a memorial to her daughter, Joan, who died in March . . . Mid-week Revival Fellowship meetings are being held in homes . . . Chas. Cole, Social Service Director, was speaker on June 25.

## KEDRON IS 43

(Qld., R. Sansome). Les. Armstrong, Conf. Pres., was speaker at 43rd church anniversary on June 18. Mr. and Mrs. Barry Benz from Albion led the evening worship . . . On the 17th the youth group invited the church family (in appropriate dress) to a "Hillbilly Happening at the Kedron Korral" with the Blue Grass Band, community singing and local artists.

## MISSION PLANNED

(MURWILLUMBAH, N.S.W., D. Eagling). The church is planning a 1973 mission with Eddie Gabbert . . . There have been six recent decisions and four baptisms . . . Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Archer from Sydney have linked up with the church . . . Mrs. Wakely, N.S.W. C.W.F. Pres., was guest speaker at C.W.F. anniversary.

## MARATHON EFFORT

(CHINCHILLA-HOPELAND, Qld.). Out of 27 aged between 8 and 66 years who set out to walk 16 miles to raise money for a bus for Eidsvold, only an eight-year-old girl did not finish, and she walked 14 miles! Even a few 5-year-olds joined in for the last two to four miles. Over \$500 was raised . . . On June 4 at Hopland, four were welcomed by transfer and one by baptism. 100 shared in fellowship at tea, and Lyle Morris and a group from Eidsvold showed slides. An Aboriginal girl sang at the gospel service.

## PRESENTATION TO ELDER

(IPSWICH, Qld., E. Stevens). Fred Norwood was presented with a N.T. in appreciation of faithful service over the years as elder and deacon . . . D. Usher of Gatton was guest speaker at combined S.S. and church anniversary at Leichhardt. The film "Breaking Point" was screened on Sat. night . . . Ipswich will celebrate its Golden Jubilee this year.

## VENEZUELAN SPEAKER

(BURWOOD, N.S.W., M. H. A. Pieper). Guest speakers at 53rd anniversary were Alan King of W.E.C., Venezuela, and Don. Norling, Belrose . . . Over 30 confessions of faith have been recorded over past year. . . . Recent speakers have been Brian England, Boys' Brigade; G. K. Moyes, R. Greenhalgh, Ron Kallmier, K. Crawford . . . Trevor Kallmier is leading youth work which is at an all-time high . . . Nick and Helen Blaskow have been reaching young people at Westfield Shopping Centre through "Talk-in-Point." This effective witness has resulted in the baptism of a young lady.

A father and two sons recently made confessions of faith . . . Mike and Sandee Sampson, U.S.A., will conduct singing sessions at Westfield Shopping Centre. High School sessions and evangelistic rallies, in August.

## GUEST FROM CANBERRA

(NTH. TURRAMURRA, N.S.W., J. G. Shaw). Family tea on June 30 introduced week of special services with C. H. J. Wright of Canberra as guest preacher . . . Bridal gowns were modelled (many by original wearers) at C.W.F. wedding memories evening. Presentations were made to longest and most recently married brides. Mrs. Shaw led worship . . . Girls' Brigade collected \$120 for Austcare . . . Rev. J. O'Hara of World Vision was recent speaker.

## ALL-AGE EDUCATION

(HORNSBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). The All-Age Christian Educ. Programme commenced on July 9, at 9.30 a.m. It incorporates the B.S., the newly-formed Bible Study groups, and the communion service. R. Kallmier, Director of the D.C.E., has been conducting Leadership Training Classes. At the communion service, Mr. Oldfield gives a summary of the morning study . . . While Mr. Oldfield was at Albion on July 2, P. Bonser and Mr. Nicholls conducted services here.

## CHARTERS TOWERS

(Qld.). The church is still carrying on without a minister. Local men take services . . . Miss Pam Weston is home on furlough from Bible Translators in New Guinea and has also assisted church . . . H. Walmsley of "Mission to Lepers" spoke on June 25 . . . Mrs. Duval is again hospitalised.



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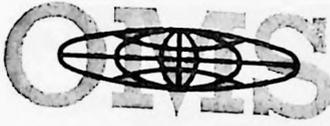
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**ANDERSON-STEEL**—Mr. and Mrs. K. Anderson, of Stavell, Vic. (late of Kyneton), together with Mr. and Mrs. C. Steele, Box Hill, are happy to announce the engagement of Judith and Colin.

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### MARRIAGE

**WHITING-TREZISE**—The marriage of Judith Margaret, eldest daughter of Mrs. V. Whiting, Bentleigh, to Russell John, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Trezise, Richmond, took place at Scots Presbyterian Church, East Brighton, Vic., on July 15.

### SILVER WEDDING

**COON (Davis)**—Nell and Greg., of 18 Wilsons Rd., Doncaster, Vic., announce with pleasure the 25th anniversary of their wedding, celebrated at the Church of Christ, Doncaster, on July 26, 1947, by Russell Banks.

### DEATHS

**BROWN, Elsie**—July 5, daughter of late M. and P. Dall (St. Kilda), sister of Andrew, Annie, Ruby, Ethel (all dec.), loved wife of late Vic. "Always remembered."—T. and W. Barringer.

**BROWN (Drakeford)**—On July 7, Maude Eliza, loved and loving wife of the late Frank Spencer, dear mother of Norman (dec.), Beryl and Bettye (Mrs. Davis), mother-in-law of Stuart, grandmother of Ross.

**GORLER, Ruby A.**—With great sorrow the ladies of Gardenvale Christian Women's Fellowship announce the sudden death of their beloved friend and president, Ruby, on July 16, 1972. "Until we meet again."

**MARLEY, Olive Doreen**—June 17, 1972 (suddenly), at her home, Robertson Road, Bass Hill, N.S.W., dearly loved wife of George, and loved mother of Pamela, Brian, Janice, and Phillip; fond mother-in-law of Frank, Robyn, David, and Judith; and loved grandmother of Leanne, Nicola, John and Annette. Aged 57 years. "Beyond the sunset, O glad re-union."

### DEATHS

**MERCER, Vera Silvester**—On July 2 at St. Anne's Hospital, Mt. Lawley, W.A., loving wife of Leslie, loved mother of John and Claire, grandmother of Susan and Steven and sister of Jean (Mrs. Geary) and Eva Burt.

**PRESTON, Harold William**—At Traralgon, Vic., 27-6-72, dearly loved husband of Elsie, father of Phyllis (Mrs. K. Crowley, Adelaide, S.A.), Beryl (Mrs. J. Newton, Sale, Vic.), and David (Traralgon); loved and respected father-in-law of Keith, John, and Jennifer; fond grandfather of Alison, John, Rachel (Crowley); Melissa (Newton); Susan, Mark, Jacquelyne (Preston); and friend to all. "A man after God's own heart."

**VAWSER, H. L.**—Of Subiaco, W.A., on July 11, just five days before his Diamond Wedding anniversary. This tribute of love and remembrance from his wife, Eva, his two sons, Harold and Mervyn, and their wives, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**WINSTONE**—On July 3 (suddenly), Edgar Allen, 7 Waltham St., Richmond, Vic., dearly beloved husband of Ruby Myrtle, loved father of Robert, Douglas, Ronald, Betty (Mrs. Hughes) and Iris. "In God's care."

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Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Herron, Val and John to Harlaxton, Qld.

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Mrs. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. D. Holt, Mrs. C. Holt, to Chinchilla-Hope-land, Qld.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Pitt and Rhonda, Belmont, Vic.

E. C. Brumby, Mrs. W. G. Brumby, from Townsville; Miss Lucille Goodwin, from Maryborough, to Kedron, Qld.

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Vivienne Jenkins to Ian Kinleyside; Mrs. L. Friebel to John Alexander, Ararat, Vic.

Wendy Yarde to John Ashburn, Hampton, Vic.

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### DEATHS

J. Gordon, Hobart, Tas.

Harold W. Preston, Traralgon, Vic.

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**BUILDING PLANS**

(NOBLE PARK, Vic., T. Giles). Plans are ready for improvements and additions to front of church building . . . The Good Companions conducted the p.m. service on June 25 on theme "Outreach and Fellowship" . . . C.W.F. held a coffee morning at home of Mrs. Guinness . . . Barry Jenkins represented Overseas Missions on July 2 and the "Faith United" group took part in p.m. service and coffee hour.

**MEN'S SPECIALS**

(PEEL ST., BALLARAT, Vic., W. Mills). Guest speakers at special men's meetings in June were Tom Varney, former instigated alcoholic; Ron Barnes, former Director Melb. City Mission; K. Turner, Mitcham, and R. McKeown, Leprosy Mission . . . Tapes have been exchanged between Marrieds' Group and former minister, John Timms . . . A Mother and Daughters' tea commenced special meetings for ladies . . . C.M.F. visited School for Deaf Children . . . There have been two decisions.

**MISSIONARY CONVENTION**

(MANIFOLD HEIGHTS, Vic., A. E. Stevens). Featured at the Missionary Convention, June 23-25, were Leprosy Mission (Miss J. McLennox); Wycliffe Bible Translators (Ed. Bentley); Jungle Aviation and Radio Service (Roger Adler); Churches of Christ Overseas Missions (Ron. Muller); and Aborigines Missions (Mr. and Mrs. J. Thorpe). The church is currently supporting Miss M. Archbold, former member, working with Wycliffe Bible Translators in New Guinea . . . C.E. paraded at 5 p.m., June 16-18 and shared in service. Items were given by youth choir.

**NEW STYLE BUSINESS**

(MITCHAM, Vic., K. Turner). The half-yearly meeting was held on a Sunday. Hot buffet luncheon followed morning service, with business to follow and evening service at 5 p.m. The Blackburn young people conducted a creche to allow husband and wife participation . . . Auxiliaries have been conducting evening service.

**S.S. SPACE RACE**

(CHADSTONE, Vic., B. J. Jenkins). Is your S.S. attendance decreasing? Change the format to start a "Space Race" to the Moon. This was done for second term and results are encouraging . . . July evening services are featuring Australia's responsibility to overseas countries. This is in conjunction with Action for World Development programme.

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That target has been achieved and more is yet to come. Some groups raised many dollars selling pumpkins kindly donated by S. Gilmour.

Many youth groups engaged in a variety of other activities to raise money. The money will attract a two for one Government subsidy and will help provide flats for elderly Aboriginal people at Carnarvon.

**PREPARING TO TRANSLATE**

(PRAHRAN, Vic., I. Bunnett). Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Grayson told the church of the work they hope to do as translators after training with Wycliffe Bible Translators. . . Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Speirs, Mrs. Squirell, Mrs. Davey, Mrs. Cruse and Derek Parker are ill. . . Teenagers attend evening service then go to the manse for study and discussion. . . 24 young people were in camp at Belgrave Heights . . . Colin Bunnett assisted with Ballarat Camp at Monbulk.

**CAMP REUNION**

(HOBART, Tas., L. G. Cooke). The church was host to Tasmanian camp reunion over long week-end. Carl Clayden of Ulverstone, was guest leader . . . Recent speakers have been A. E. White, of Vic., and R. Buckland, S.U., Tas. . . Evening services in winter months are held at 4.30 p.m. . . The church has been saddened by the deaths of B. Bradshaw and J. Gordon.

**EVANGELISTIC EMPHASIS**

(VEST PRESTON, Vic.). A hundred prayer partners are sought for the Evangelistic emphasis for July and August. . . When a team visited Echuca for a youth service, Lorraine Bertram and Ron. White were interviewed on Adelphos Coffee Shop. . . The Men's Club sponsored a programme for preparation for retirement led by B. Carlton, of Dept. of Social Service. . . Y.D.'s visited the Church of All Nations to see how language difficulties are overcome and work of translations and language laboratories. . . Ian Cook on furlough from Thailand interested Juniors and Youth 1 with his "many purpose cloth" and model of a Thai house.

**VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.**

At the July council meeting 156 delegates heard Deaconess Hilda Fisher, State Secretary of the Methodist Home Mission League, speak of conditions at "Fairlea" Women's Prison and of the rehabilitation programme there.

Mrs. J. Dow led in devotions. The prayer of intercession was given by Mrs. D. Smith. The Bring-and-Buy Day held by the Hospital Visitation Committee resulted in \$110. The clothing parcels for Aboriginal children are due in at the August Council and may be forwarded free of charge if sent

**Engaged Couples**

The Department will conduct another series of evenings for Engaged Couples commencing on September 20 for four Wednesdays at the Brotherhood Centre.

**New Chairman**

Mr. L. Barker was elected chairman of the Department at its last meeting. Because of other departmental commitments, Dr. K. Bowes resigned as chairman but remains on the Department. Tributes were paid to his leadership of the Department.

**Co-Ed Camp**

A busy camping programme is planned for the August school holidays including a "Co-Ed Camp" for Forms I and II young people at Hall's Gap.

**MT. EVELYN ADDITIONS**

(Vic., D. Kernick). There have been two baptisms and one received into fellowship by transfer . . . The film "To Russia with Love" has been screened . . . Mr. Smith is in hospital following a stroke . . . The ladies meet fortnightly for prayer and Bible study . . . A good number of young people attend mid-week Bible study.

**CLOTHING FOR ABORIGINES**

(MARGARET ST., L'CESTON, Tas., M. D. Hamilton). The C.W.A.F. has completed and despatched more than its quota of clothing for Aboriginal Missions . . . John and Colleen Harrison have sent a taped message of their work with the girls at Nourseman. A return message was recorded. . . The 4.30 winter time for evening service is well attended . . . Shirley Street is C.W.E.F. Pres. . . The Winter School studies went well.

**WORD AND MUSIC**

(SURREY HILLS, Vic., K. J. Clinton). Wayne Clinton and John Lindsay led in music and testimony at a youth service. . . C.Y.F. combines with Watfle Park and Camberwell with Russell Allison as counsellor . . . Good Companions shared in 5 p.m. service on Girls' Sunday, followed by a barbecue tea . . . At a thanksgiving service for the harvest and our daily work, members brought symbols of their daily occupations to the platform.

**C.M.F. AID WORK PARTY**

(ORMOND, Vic., L. Barker). O. Reeves was re-elected Pres. of C.M.F. R. Kenley is Sec. C.M.F. forwarded \$70 for Work Party going to W.A. . . 250 attended homecoming service.

to the Blackburn Railway Station, marked Churches of Christ, Aborigine Committee Clothing Appeal.

Would contributors to the Indian Bible Women Fund please note that the collector is now Mrs. Sommerville, Flat 9, 23 Hawthorn Grove, Hawthorn, 3122.

Dates to remember: Monbulk Camp, Sept. 22-24; Missionary Rally, October 3, 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. in the Brotherhood Centre.

Next Council: Friday, August 4, 8 p.m. Speaker from Health Education Centre. Topic: Drugs.—M.N.

**OBITUARY**

CLAY, Mrs. Florence Ethel  
Mrs. Florence Ethel Clay died on May 14, 1972, at the age of 94 years. She was born at Redfern in 1878 and gave her heart to the Lord at an early age. In 1898 she married William Henry Clay of Auburn, N.S.W. She spent the major part of her life with Mr. Clay in church and Social Service work. She was a great help to her husband, supporting him in many ways and providing encouragement in the early days of struggle in the Social Service work in October, 1967, she and her husband entered into residence at the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh, Vic., and in July, 1970 they were admitted to the "Hall section" where she sat by her husband until his death in the same month. Shortly afterwards Mrs. Clay suffered a fall and became bed-ridden. She was a good patient, beloved by all in the Home. It was a privilege to minister to her. Even in the last months she expressed her gratitude in the words, "Thank you for coming." Mrs. Clay is survived by her son, Dr. Les. Clay, of Rosebud, two granddaughters and several great-grandchildren. Although her life on earth is ended her influence will be felt by all who knew her. The private funeral services were conducted by the writer at Oakleigh and at the Springvale Crematorium.—T.V.W.

FRENCH, W. S.  
On June 7 our greatly-loved Wal French passed quietly from our midst after ten weeks in hospital. A devoted family, a sorrowing church fellowship and indeed a whole brotherhood of churches mourns the passing of one of God's good and great men. "Brother Wal" as he was affectionately known by so many, committed his life to Christ under the ministry of Cyril Flood at Hurstville (N.S.W.) over 42 years ago and ever since has been intimately associated with this church. It was here that he married Thelma Wendos and two daughters, Robin and Jill, were born and entered the church. For many years he was B.S. Superintendent. He served as deacon and for two periods was secretary, the latter for some twelve years during which he was also a beloved elder. His whole life was built around the church and it was here that he made such an immense contribution. The church leaned hard on Wal for advice, guidance and leadership and often he would be found in his pulpit graciously exhorting the people of God and proclaiming the Gospel which he loved so dearly. Just a week before his illness he confided to the writer something of his own personal desire to commit himself yet more fully to the Lord's work. For 20 years Wal conducted annually a series of public concerts for the Youth Department and had a practical interest in the work of Dunmore House and its boys. Wal French was a most successful businessman and was widely known for his high standards and integrity. He was a lover of good clean sport and until his illness regularly played a game of golf. Never was he happier than when with his family all of whom just adored him. His teaching and example have caused them to follow in his steps and all are serving with distinction and devotion in the Kingdom of Christ. His wife, Thelma, though herself infirm in health, has borne with wonderful faith and true Christian dignity, the ordeal of seeing her dear one suffer. Her witness has been an inspiration and challenge to us all. The gay, radiant, friendly and loving servant of Christ is with us no more. It was the appropriate wish of the family that following a private service of committal there should be a memorial service with praise and victory through Christ the dominant note. It was the writer's great privilege to conduct this service on Saturday morning following his passing.—Lloyd Jones.

LOVERIDGE, Miss Laura  
Miss Laura Loveridge died on June 26 at the age of 80 at the Nubeena Nursing Home, Woodville, S.A. She had been one of our most loyal members at Croydon, S.A. Miss Loveridge was baptized in the old Newcad Tabernacle 65 years ago at the age of 15, and she remained in membership with the Newwood church until 1942. For the last 30 years she had been a most faithful member of the Croydon church and, apart from sickness, was never absent from her place at the Lord's Table. Even after she entered the nursing home her contributions to the work of the church were faithfully put aside each week. Right

up to the time of her death she did her utmost to help maintain the work of the church which she loved so deeply and served so faithfully. Her passing was an answer to her prayers, for during the last months of her stay in hospital she often expressed the wish that "the Lord would take me home." To her sister, Mrs. Longo, to her nieces and nephews, her relatives and friends, we extend our heartfelt sympathy in this time of bereavement, while we give thanks to God for a good life, lived to his glory. Services at the funeral parlour and graveside were conducted by the writer.—F.B.B.

PRESTON, Harold William  
The churches of the Latrobe Valley, Vic., have been saddened by the death of Harold William Preston on June 27 at the age of 67 years. He was born in Dorby, England, migrated to Australia and in 1928 married Elio Ford in Melbourne. During the war he served in the 2nd A.I.F. in the Middle East at Tobruk and in New Guinea. He was baptized at Albury in 1944. After a course at Melbourne University he joined the Australian Paper Manufacturers as Personnel Officer and gave exceptional service in counselling. He was a member of the Moreland church where he also served as a deacon. Harold and his family came to the Latrobe Valley in 1951 and became involved in the building of the Maxwell church. Later he shared in the establishment of the church in his home town of Traralgon. He served as elder at both Maxwell and Traralgon. Harold took a great interest in community affairs and was a Shire Councillor, on the Borough Council and later on the Traralgon City Council. He was a leading figure in the creation of the City of Traralgon. He was Mayor of the city, 1962-63. He was a Justice of the Peace, and was involved with the establishment of the Marriage Guidance Council in the Valley where he was a counsellor. He was on the Latrobe Valley Development Committee, as a Director of the Building Society, and as a Legatee. He worked for many years on the Traralgon Inter-Church Council and was chairman of the High School Chaplaincy Committee. A large crowd, representing people from his many interests, attended his funeral in the Traralgon church which he had helped to establish. The Mayor of the city and three other councillors acted as pall-bearers. Sincere sympathy is expressed to his wife, Elio, son David, and his daughters Phyllis (Mrs. Crowley, Ascot Park, S.A.) and Beryl (Mrs. Newton, Sale, Vic.)—D.E.S.

SMITH, Albert Arthur  
Albert Arthur Smith was born in the Rocks, N.S.W. in 1895, and became an apprentice sailmaker. In World War I he went to the Middle East, England and France. He was badly wounded and invalided home. He married at Kingsford Church of Christ where he served as S.S. Supt. During the depression years he worked in local churches at Kingsford, City Temple, Erskineville, and Five Deck, and in brotherhood and charity causes. Mr. and Mrs. Smith spent some months as Superintendent and Matron of the Boys' Home. Mr. Smith being primarily responsible for the purchase of the Pendle Hill site. He rejoined the Army in 1940 and went to Malaya, where he was again wounded. While in hospital, the Japanese overran Singapore and he was prisoner with the 8th Division for 3½ years. He endured a great deal, including the Inhuman Burma Railway pro-

ject, and suffered a period of ill-health. He was held for his work among fellow P.O.W.'s. After release and recuperation he joined Australia's post-war Army in Japan and Korea. For his service in Korea he was awarded the Order of the British Empire, presented by the Queen in 1954. After eight years in business, Mr. Smith retired to Huntley's Point and then to Eastwood. For the past 18 months Mr. and Mrs. Smith were faithful in attendance at Epping. Mr. Smith served his God and his fellowmen with dedication and selflessness.—K.W.F.

**SHEA, Mavis**

The young church at Keller East, Vic., was saddened by the sudden death (by road accident) of Mavis Shea on April 22. Mavis was born at Brunswick, and was the only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mutimer, who were caretakers of the Prince's Hill State School. Her only brother was killed in the R.A.A.F. during World War II. She was educated at the Australian High School, and had been employed by the Victorian Railways, Austral Printing & Pub. Co., and for the last 18 years at James Miller & Co. She was baptized in 1929 during the ministry of J. E. Webb at Moreland. In 1938 she married Bert Shea. The home was always a caring home, and both their mothers were cared for in the home prior to their deaths. In 1945 they transferred to Keller East, and Mavis was serving as church treasurer on the Management Committee at her death. She was active in the C.W.F., constantly presided at the Lord's Table and was a great supporter in the pioneer work. She exercised forthright leadership in establishing the first full-time ministry at Keller East in co-operation with N.H. Essendon. Most of her Christian life was spent at the Moreland church where she served as B.S. teacher, assistant to the church treasurer, and was involved with Y.P.S.C.E., Phi Beta Psi and girls' gymnasium work. She was deeply involved in the establishment of Moreland's Women's Evening Fellowship, the first meeting being held in her home. She played a major leadership role in the State C.W.E.F.—she was a foundation member on the Executive from 1943 to 1963, served as President (1950-51) and Secretary (1952-55), and was one of several who did field work among the churches. She was instrumental in commencing women's camps, and in 23 years of attending these camps could say in this year she had attended every year. When the Moreland church closed last year she wrote: "Memories are not masonry, people are not property, fellowship is not furniture, friendship is not fittings, love is not land." It was here that her role as mother was developed. She firmly accepted her responsibility and has shared her love with those who have shared with the family. She was quick to recognize sham, impatient with apathy. Loved reading and studying the scriptures. She did many new things to improve herself—undertook C.O.B. extension course, music, literature studies, woodwork. A very practical woman, and many will remember the help given to them, and other little tasks that few knew about. Deep in her heart she was dedicated to love and friendship. With all this she was a most understanding and faithful friend in all her work she was scrupulously honest, capable, a good decision maker and always ready to assist. To her husband, Bert, and her family we express Christian love and sympathy.—E. C. Ols.

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**AUXILIARIES LEAD**

(BENTLEIGH, Vic., B. Heyworth). June evening services were conducted by the Officers' Board, young people, C.W.F., and the Good Companions, respectively . . . Ron. Roberts, Home Director, Overseas Missionary Fellowship, spoke on July 2.

**GUILD EFFORT**

(SUNSHINE, Vic., G. Bradley). The Ladies' Guild raised \$95 at a street stall for work of church . . . At Guild Birthday Mrs. Sandra Hocking showed slides of cathedrals in England and the Continent, and Mrs. Norma Johnston entertained at the piano . . . The film "Link of Love"

has been screened and a generous offering given to "Word Vision" . . . L. Barlow and G. Sonvic were recent speakers. . . Ian and Sandra Hocking have left to make their home in Perth . . . The sympathy of the church is offered to Mrs. Bruce in the death of her brother.

**GIRLS' OUTREACH**

(BAYSWATER, Vic., Dr. K. R. Bowes). "Outreach Friendship" was the theme for Good Companions when they observed Girls' Sunday. Miss Betty Handasyde was interviewed by Dr. Bowes and appealed for more leaders to assist with growing club. The newly formed Good Companions' Choir was led by Mrs. West, of Knoxfield. The girls shared in tea after the service.

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also strongly support: they are, Gelineau's translation of  
the psalms (Fontana paperback) and Leslie Brandt's "Good  
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whether it accorded with the scriptures. Thomas Campbell, a  
migrant minister from Ireland to Pennsylvania in U.S.A., sought  
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Table, and wrote a document, "A Declaration and Address"  
arguing for Christian Unity. His son, Alexander, arriving from  
Britain, entered heartily into his father's thought and work.

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### TWO A PENNY

By Stella Linden and David Winter. (Hodder & Stoughton), 90c.  
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By J. Oswald Sanders. (Zondervan Publishing House, Grand  
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eirenically, "Although permitting tongues, Paul appears to dis-  
courage too great emphasis on this gift."

We need such a book as this to quicken our interest in the  
doctrine of the Spirit, and to deepen our desire for a fuller  
experience of His working in our hearts and lives.—J.E.B.

### BREAK OUT

By Herbert Brokering. (Concordia).

The song of a few years ago had the first shot at us: "they  
all live in little boxes, ticky-tacky boxes, and they all come out  
the same." Most of us still live in boxes, boxes like possessions,  
exams, monotony, loneliness, grief, wounds, war, committees,  
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# Victoria . . .

## FIFTY PLUS ONE

(THORNBURY, Vic., V. Quayle). The Conf. Pres., M. J. Savage, and A. A. Avery were guest speakers at church's 51st anniversary . . . The church is preparing for the commencement of G. J. Crossman's ministry in July. Mr. Quayle is serving as interim minister . . . An all-auxiliaries' mini-market raised \$200 for a Mini-bus for youth work . . . The Youth Council has been reformed.

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## THERAPY OF SINGING

(BAYSWATER, Vic., Dr. K. R. Bowes). Features of an informal evening service by candlelight were community singing, songs by guest artist, Russel Knight, and the Yukana Singers. A buffet tea was enjoyed after the service . . . 50 Guides and Brownies and their leaders attended morning service.

## MINSTRELS BUSY

(NTHL WILLIAMSTOWN, Vic., K. H. Pitt). The Minstrel Group has given concerts at N. Town Methodist Church and Strathmore Church of Christ . . . The Billy Graham film "The Lost Generation" was screened on June 4 . . . S. H. Wilson, Conf. Exec. Sec., was speaker at monthly Family Service . . . C.W.F. held a cake-stall resulting in \$38, and sponsored a display of antiques, arts and crafts prepared by Mrs. V. Wallis . . . C.Y.F. have packed "Viet Kits" to assist World Vision and screened their film "Link of Love" about Child Care Support . . . There have been two baptisms.

## HELP FOR OTHERS

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. Grainger). Y.P.E. made up 80 kits for Vietnam at cost of \$80, donated \$200 for beds at Banmatmat College, and have \$45 in hand for an adding machine . . . Leprosy Mission contributions were \$175 . . . Frank Jones and the Explorers provided and stacked wood at home of invalid . . . Many attended C.O.B. Winter School . . . Cyclist Gary Fromhold won 238 mile marathon race . . . Lil Muller improved after hospitalisation, Julie Chesterfield after surgery and Ron Webster after illness . . . Sympathy is expressed to Merle Marchant in the death of her mother, and to Mrs. Hammond in the loss of her brother.

## GIRLS' SUNDAY

(NTHL FITZROY, Vic., J. E. Searle). A girls' group sang and others took part in a Girls' Sunday service led by Mrs. J. Aghan, with Mrs. Garth Nelson as speaker . . . After-school activities are held two days a week and two camps for young people have been held at week-ends recently at Marysville . . . "Youth Yac" is a special young people's service in the Youth Centre every second Sunday at the same time as normal evening service . . . Collingwood church exchanges presidents and readers once a quarter.

## VISITORS TO HURSTBRIDGE

(Vic., G. Wicke). The church has been assisted by K. D. Horne and J. Carmel of Doncaster, and the Antioch Quartette . . . Mrs. J. Holloway of the Social Service Dept. was guest speaker at C.W.F. anniversary . . . Mr. Wicke interviewed Geoff Genet of the Carrington Work Party. Members gave \$18 towards expenses . . . The church unanimously agreed to go ahead with building extension for B.S. work . . . H. Pietsch was appointed elder on the retirement of Nat Welch who is moving to Qld. . . The annual period evening services are held at 7.30 p.m.

## GEELONG WINTER SCHOOL

(LATROBE ICE, Vic., R. V. Amos). C.O.B. Winter School at the Terrace held its final session on June 29. Instructors and others journeyed from Melb. each night . . . On June 25, girls were entertained for Girls' Sunday tea. At night "The Ecclesiast" (4th Brigade Girls) sang songs. Alan Carr, B.S. Supdt. was interviewed by Mr. Amos on his projected trip to Carnarvon with the Work Party. After church members farewelled him from the manse . . . The ladies of the combined churches visit the McKellar Home for the Aged each month and lead a service of song and witness.

## OVERSEAS MISSIONS

# Solomon Island Evangelists in New Guinea

On Wednesday, June 14, men, women, young people and children started arriving at Bunam. Some had travelled two or three days by foot and paddle canoe to be here. The local people made their visitors welcome, made room in their houses and shared their food. An air of expectancy could be felt.

On Thursday there was still a steady stream of people heading in this direction.

By JOYCE BOLTON

Missionaries from Gokto (Bill and Janet) and Mui (August Ben) arrived. Then the sound of an aircraft was heard, a shout went up and everyone ran towards the airport.

Was all this excitement? We were all looking forward to meeting a man of whom we had heard much in past weeks. A lot of prayer and preparation had taken place for this day.

Amal comes from the Solomon Islands. He is a very mature Christian, an inspiring preacher and totally committed to God. His face literally shines with joy when he speaks of his Saviour. We sat and listened to his message that evening, three times on Friday, three times on Saturday and again three times on Sunday. We had planned two meetings for Sunday but due to popular demand the preacher had to forgo his afternoon rest. Our church building was full for every meeting—an average of 300 at each meeting.

Several people came for counselling and lives were dedicated to God.

During this time we heard reports from our stations at Bunapas and Tumba, where they, too, are having meetings with a special preacher from the Solomon Islands. Many hearts have been greatly challenged and much deep thinking done. Some folk who had come to the Lord some years

ago realised anew their need of Jesus and their responsibility in his church.

These men from the Solomon Islands have come to New Guinea for more than four months. Everywhere they have been has experienced great blessing from God and we praise him that we were able to share in their ministry.

Now we have to work to see that the enthusiasm doesn't leave with our visitor. The work has only begun. New churches will be coming into being in the months ahead. Counselling and instruction must be given prior to baptism. People from villages many miles away must be nurtured and encouraged, a big job for the missionaries.

We need your prayers, this is your part of this great work. The missionaries and pastors are going to be very busy indeed, just physically it is a monumental task before them. Spiritually, they will need to lean solely on the Lord for strength and wisdom.

Please pray, and pray again. Many people in New Guinea have come to know their Saviour, many more are still searching. The fields are more than ready for the harvest and the workers are indeed too few.

## NEW ARRIVAL

Cinda Elise Harrison was born at Wewak on June 20. Congratulations to Marie and Geoff. Harrison who are on our mission staff at Bunapas, New Guinea.

## 36 NEW GUINEA BAPTISMS

Miss Aileen Hardie reports: "It was a thrilling and humbling experience to witness 36 baptisms at Gregebu last Sunday.

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He was a good-looking boy but not always wise. His father spoiled him and his brothers were a rough lot. The boy felt that someday he would be a great man, and he kept on telling others about it. This made his brothers angry, but they should not have done what they did to him. (What was it? Answer next issue).

## THE BUSINESS MAN (see last issue)

When the businessman came back he asked for reports. All had done well except the man who had been given \$1,000. All he had done was to bury it in the ground, and dig it up again when his master came home. His master was very angry. When Jesus told this story he wanted us to know that we all have abilities and should use them, not hide them!

"Is your mother home?" inquired a visitor of a small boy who was mowing the lawn. "You don't suppose I'm cutting this grass because it's too long, do you?" replied the boy.

## KNOW YOUR FISH (2) The Angler

An angler is a fisherman, and the angler fish does its own fishing. It has its own line and bait. It has a thing like a fishing rod trailing from the tip of its nose, with a tiny luminous bait. It hides in the seaweed and waves its line to and fro. The bait attracts small fish and prawns and when they are within striking distance, the fish opens its very wide mouth and snaps it shut with the victim inside.

THE boys' club treasurer made his first annual report. The councillor asked, "What is this item, V.I.T.A., \$2,000?" The boy replied, "Well, I couldn't account for \$2, so I put it down as V.I.T.A. — vanished into thin air."



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# THE LAST WORD . . .

## CONTACT

But as we meet and touch each day  
The many travellers on our way,  
Let every such brief contact be  
A glorious helpful ministry.

—Susan Coolidge.



Real joy comes not from ease or riches  
or from the praise of men, but from  
doing something worthwhile.

—Wilfred T. Grenfell.



God grants liberty only to those who  
love it, and are always ready to guard  
and defend it.—Daniel Webster.

## FAMOUS LAST WORDS

"Grow in spiritual strength and become better acquainted with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." (Peter).

### REMEMBER?

Remember when "hippie" meant big in the hips,  
and a "trip" involved travel in cars, planes  
and ships?  
When "pot" was a vessel for cooking things in,  
and "hooked" was what grandmothers' rug  
may have been?  
When "fix" was a verb that meant mend  
or repair,  
and "be-in" meant merely existing somewhere?  
When "neat" meant well-organised, tidy and  
clean,  
and "grass" was a ground cover—normally  
green?  
When "groovy" meant furrowed with channels  
and hollows,  
and "birds" were winged creatures like  
robins and swallows?  
When "fuzz" was a substance real fluffy  
like lint,  
and "bread" came from bakeries; not from  
the mint?

When "roll" meant a turn, and "rock"  
was a stone,  
and "hang up" was something you did with  
the phone?

It's "Groovy, Man, groovy!" — but English  
it's NOT.  
Methinks that our language is going to  
pot!

"World Communique."



The young film director was furious.  
"Why," he wanted to know, "do they  
always have to show the films when the  
cinema is empty?"



Father is washing up in the kitchen. In  
comes his son, who asks:  
"Dad, what's a bigamist?"  
"A man who washes twice as many  
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