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MISS HAZEL SKUCE, MISSIONARY TO INDIA, AND DR. AND MRS. CHAE, CHRISTIAN LEADERS FROM KOREA, MET WHILE VISITING MYLO HOUSE, CHURCHES OF CHRIST HOME, TOOWOOMBA, QLD.

CANBERRA IS DISTURBED . . .

By C. H. J. WRIGHT

One in Four Mentally Ill

A survey conducted last year by the A.C.T. Health Services Branch reveals that 26 per cent of the population of Canberra has some degree of psychiatric disturbance. Of the adults interviewed 7.67 per cent were moderately or severely disturbed. A further 18.4 per cent were rated mildly disturbed.

The unusual demographic structure of Canberra — a population younger and earning a higher income than the Australian average, living in a carefully planned city — led the survey team to expect a healthier result. It is rather startling that this city, which has been developed with such meticulous care and generous expenditure, where all the facilities for good living, and a minimum of pressures for bad living could have been expected, has in fact, one in four persons suffering from some form of psychiatric disturbance.

The Canberra community is unlike any other in Australia. A high percentage of people in the city have two jobs; working wives are more numerous here than elsewhere; high and low income earners live in close proximity to each other; loneliness is a characteristic of the composition of the city; the apparatus of government is thoroughly bureaucratic and impersonal and may lead to frustration and resentment; rents and living costs are high.

One of the significant things the report shows is that the unskilled workers have the highest rate of mental disturbance, and are in greatest need of psychiatric and welfare attention. Why?

Perhaps because Canberra had been so built, and had so many people who were reasonably well-to-do, that it took no account of those who were not. There were no places, as in the big cities, where low income earners could find some homogeneity — no Redfern or Balmain as in Sydney. Associating with people on much higher incomes led to the man of the family taking two jobs and working a lot of overtime.

Hidden Poverty

Canberra, generally thought of as an affluent city, has 10 per cent of households earning less than \$2,500. A survey taken last year revealed that the lowest income

earners were flat dwellers. 47 per cent of households classified as flat dwellers had an income of less than \$4,500. The most common household income at the date of the survey was between \$6,500 and \$9,500.

One reason why the problem of mental illness is high among the unskilled worker maybe his failure to seek treatment. A Canberra psychiatrist said that most patients receiving psychiatric treatment were middle class. The unskilled worker tends to treat himself by taking powders and tranquilisers.

Drinking Habits

One question asked in the mental health survey was "How much would you spend on alcohol weekly?" No report on this question has yet been made but it would be significant. Estimates for the A.C.T., and they can only be conservative, indicate that 90 per cent of the population drinks, and that of this number 6 per cent drink more

than five alcoholic beverages daily. The number of heavy drinkers is in the range of 5,000 people, and a further breakdown on this figure show 600 might be labelled "skid row" drinkers. Canberra's population is now 150,000.

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A Religious Problem

In past days the mentally disturbed would talk over their problem with the local doctor or minister. But today the general practitioner is too busy, and the minister does not enter into their consideration because they are "un-churched." Some people in need of ring Canberra Life Line. It receives about 70 calls a week from people suffering from the whole spectrum of psychiatric need: drugs, loneliness, alcohol, anxiety, marital distress and so on. More would ring if they realised help was available.

Every man needs self-respect, self-approval, self-esteem. These are as important to our mental and emotional health as food, drink and rest are to our physical health. If you really want to strengthen a person, to help him find resources of courage and happiness, then say or do something to increase his self-respect, his sense of value and worth as a person. In the last analysis this is a religious matter. There is nothing like the Christian gospel to give a man dignity and worth, the realisation of how much he matters to God.

Dr. Jesse Bader used to tell the story of a small girl who was lost in her own home town. She said to the policeman who found her, "If I could find the church, I could find my way home." She spoke more wisely than she knew. The church can do great things for our mental health and happiness. In the gospel and the fellowship offered by the church is the best medicine for a sick society.

Governor-General at Ainslie

THE pulpit Bible in the Ainslie Church of Christ is inscribed: "Presented to the Canberra Churches of Christ by Mr. and Mrs. Buffinton and family in whose home the Church met from July 8th, 1951 to April 18th, 1954."

This year, the Canberra Churches of Christ celebrate their Twenty-First Anniversary. A special service to mark the occasion will be held on Aug. 20 when the guest preacher will be C. G. Taylor of Chatswood, N.S.W.

Their Excellencies, the Governor-General, Sir Paul Hasluck, and Lady Hasluck, have accepted the invitation to be present at the 11 a.m. service. The scriptures will be read by The Right Honourable Sir Charles Adermann, K.B.E., M.P., who laid the foundation stone of the first building at Ainslie in 1953, and the Attorney-General, Senator The Honourable I. J. Greenwood, Q.C. The Ainslie minister, C. H. J. Wright, will lead the service.

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Enabling Officers

About 15,000 new residents arrive in Canberra every year, and settle mostly in new areas. They are distant from established centres, have no lines of communication, are in amongst lots of other newcomers, and need someone to be concerned about them and "put them in the picture."

Building will begin at Tuggeranong next year, a new satellite town, which will ulti-

ABORIGINES ARE IN BUSINESS!

— WITH HELP FROM THE CHURCH



FOR many years our missionaries at Carnarvon with Bob Williams, tribal leader and church elder, have been making itinerant preaching visits to parts north and east of Carnarvon. Onslow was one of the many towns visited with a reasonably large Aboriginal population. In 1971, Mr. Fisher relinquished the superintendency of Carnarvon Mission and he and Mrs. Fisher were appointed as full-time field workers on itinerant outreach. Mr. Fisher and Bob Williams conducted an initial survey of the north-west of W.A. and then because of the great need amongst the Aboriginal people at Onslow, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher settled in the caravan park and began day-to-day work amongst the Onslow reserve people.

Gradually results came as many responded to the claim of Christ and became baptized believers. Church services were commenced, first meeting being on the ground in the reserve in the open air. In recent weeks the men have built a bough shelter which they proudly refer to as "their church." In missionary work the practical goes hand in hand with the spiritual and from the outset Mr. and Mrs. Fisher endeavoured to help the people with housing, schooling, the handling of finance, etc., as well as handicrafts for men and women. A co-operative was formed and money pooled from which sheep were bought and killed and shared for meat amongst the reserve. As the fund accumulated the co-operative purchased an old truck in order to get wood for themselves. The gift of a chain saw from a church member in N.S.W. helped this venture considerably. A central enclosed area for the wood pile has been provided by the Native Welfare Dept., and wood is shared by the men.

After a good deal of pushing Mr. Fisher and the group were able to get the reserve lit at night with adequate lighting facilities. A move is afoot to improve the power available to the reserve so that things like washing machines, refrigerators, etc., can be more than a dream.

Last year a large building used as a cafe and situated in the town centre became empty. Mr. Fisher had the vision to see that here was an opportunity for the Aboriginal group to have a base from which they could further develop. An approach was made to the Office of Aboriginal Affairs in Canberra and after some months of waiting approval was given for a grant of \$10,000 to effect the purchase of the cafe and its contents, including the adjacent block containing a petrol bowser business and also a bulk fuel agency, at another block of land within reasonable distance.

The Aboriginal Co-operative to be known as the "Noualla Group" is now in the process of becoming an incorporated body. Mr. Fisher has been appointed by the people as secretary of the group and the Mission Board has agreed to give help, direction and training for leadership in the next twelve months when it is hoped that the Noualla Group will then be able to handle their own affairs. The Mission Board has indicated a desire to be of continual help and assistance to the Group as it seeks to develop and grow.

At the moment Mrs. Fisher is conducting sewing classes in the group's new headquarters and film nights and Christian meetings have also been held. Both men and women are working together cleaning up the building and the grounds in preparation for opening for business.

Now the Onslow cafe, petrol bowser and bulk fuel agency is a fact the Noualla Group are keen to get working and will need direction and assistance and much help in the next months. Most of these people are full blood illiterate tribal people and they are really thrilled to have a place of their own. The

Mission Board in an endeavour to keep up with their enthusiasm hopes to appoint a married couple to the Onslow field in the near future. The response of the brotherhood to the outreach work in the north-west of W.A. has been outstanding. The Victorian Christian Men's Society is greatly interested and has made enquiries as to how it can help financially. Beverley Hills church in N.S.W. sent a donation of \$2,030 to help meet the cost of a married couple at Onslow in the first year. The Winter Trust in N.S.W. have also forwarded \$750 for staff salary for Onslow.

The Aborigine N.S.W. Committee is currently running a million cents milk bottle appeal for the north-west of W.A. A milk bottle holds approximately \$10 worth of cents and so far this appeal has realised \$1,800. Many other contributions large and small have come in as people are catching this vision of the outreach of the gospel to the wide open door in the north-west of W.A.

With a resident missionary couple due to move into Onslow it is planned for Mr. and Mrs. Lance Fisher to recommence the work to which they were called. That is the further itinerant work into other areas like Roebourne, Port Hedland, Marble Bar and Meekatharra.

The Mission Board is most encouraged by the support of the brotherhood and we would seek your prayers for our missionaries in this demanding but rewarding work.

LINES FROM

LONSDALE STREET

The Vic-Tas. Conference Secretary, Stanlon H. Wilson, writes in this article mainly about food, some special women and a few men.

THANK YOU FOR THE FOOD WE EAT

For years past, the Victorian Christian Women's Fellowship has appointed annually a Ladies' Catering Committee which has served the brotherhood most acceptably under the leadership of Mrs. L. Lowry and latterly, Mrs. C. T. Bryant.

Last year difficulty was incurred in recruiting a committee to continue this splendid work. The C.W.F. Executive adopted a different method of meeting the catering needs of the brotherhood. It requested its secretary at that time, Mrs. K. H. Morris, to arrange for groups of ladies from different suburban churches to undertake the catering for a variety of functions at the Brotherhood Centre. This procedure spread the "work-load" and gave a greater number of ladies an interest and involvement in brotherhood service.

This arrangement having proved very satisfactory, has been continued by the C.W.F. throughout the current year. The name of the present Catering Supervisor is, appropriately, Mrs. Cook, of our Ivanhoe church.

I wish to record and publicly proclaim the grateful thanks of the Conference Executive to all concerned; to the C.W.F.

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LINES

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for its ready and willing co-operation; to the successive Catering Committees over the years; to those ladies of various churches who have shared the responsibility for catering for a number of functions. A word of sincere thanks is warranted for the men "from at home" who have helped in diverse ways such as chauffeurs and carriers of "goodies and gear" up those last six flights of stairs.

On the subject of carrying, we have more than once looked into the cost of providing a goods-lift and each time the price has been prohibitive. We encountered the same impasse when we investigated the possibility of installing a dish-washing machine — cost prohibitive! The Executive is grateful to male members of the Brotherhood Centre staff who have always been ready and willing to be carriers when their help has been requested.

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

When the last Catering Committee disbanded, it handed over its accumulated funds to the C.W.F. Executive, which decided to donate from these funds \$1,000 to the Conference Executive ear-marked for debt reduction on the Brotherhood Centre. For this "second-mile" in Christian service and stewardship not only the Conference Executive but the whole brotherhood is grateful.

"GOLDEN BAGS"

As is widely known, the Christian Women's Fellowship sponsors throughout the Vic.-Tas. churches an annual appeal known as the Golden Bag Project. This represents "over-and-above" giving by the women of our churches. At the beginning of each Conference year some deserving cause is nominated by the C.W.F. and publicised as the recipient of the proceeds.

In 1971-72 Conference year the project was the Brotherhood Centre — two-thirds of the total for the debt reduction and one-third for amenities. As a result, the Brotherhood Centre debt was reduced by \$1,532.

The amount from "Golden Bags" for amenities is \$766. To this figure the sum of \$20, an appreciated gift from the Ministers' Wives' Association, has been added.

WORD TALK No. 17

Onesimus was the slave whose conversion by Paul led to the writing of the little Letter to Philemon. Onesimus took the letter with him to Philemon and also took the letter to the church at Colossae. He was accompanied by Tychicus (Col. 4: 9). Evidently he came from Colossae as Paul referred to him as "one of yourselves" in that letter.

There is some debate concerning the background story, but probably Onesimus was the slave of either Philemon or Archippus. Both these men lived in Colossae where there was a church in their house. Onesimus apparently ran away and by so doing robbed his master of either goods or else his own personal service. He was converted by Paul in prison (Phile. 9-10) and became useful to him. In fact this word "useful" is a play on his name (Philemon 11). Even today apprentices, labourers and others frequently hear the cry "Hey, Useless!" He also became very dear to Paul, who refers to him as his child (Phile. 10).

Restitution must be made so Paul sends the converted slave back to his master. He wanted to go and defend him personally but because of his imprisonment was able only to write this letter of commendation. Paul only suggests acceptance by Philemon. He does not command acceptance, for loving acceptance cannot be commanded.

An interesting association may be made with Onesimus. Is he the Bishop Onesimus of Ephesus mentioned by Ignatius in his letter of 115 A.D.? This letter of Ignatius is so close to the letter to Philemon, and he makes the same pun on his name "useful" that it seems likely that the young man Onesimus later became the much-respected Bishop of the same area. This also would explain why this brief note of Paul's was preserved when presumably other such notes were not.

Last year the Conference Executive invited the C.W.F. Executive to nominate two women for membership on the Centre Management Committee. As a result this Committee is enriched by the counsel and business acumen of Mrs. Neal Cheal and Mrs. Netta Newham. These two ladies, along with Mrs. Cook (Catering Supervisor) are currently conferring with the Conference Secretary to prepare recommendations of amenities with costs for the consideration of the Centre Management Committee.

VARIA

Staff devotions conducted each Tuesday 10.05 a.m. are brief but appreciated. Among visiting speakers have been M. J. Savage (Conference President), Mrs. F. T. Morgan (C.W.F. President), Alan Webb (city minister), T. Ede (Lygon Street minister), W. R. Hibbert (on tape), and Mrs. Max Morrison, of Hartwell.

The staff, recently, at a short informal function celebrated the conferring of an M.B.E. on W. T. Atkin who will shortly conclude more than 27 years in the Department of Social Service.

The building needs painting, we know, but we also know that the time to paint either inside or out is not when a five-storey building is being erected next door! The Management Committee is grateful to Frank Richards for effecting some maintenance work and improvements at no charge to the brotherhood. The Board Room has been improved by the provision of a flip-chart and the hanging of two pictures—one of Victoria and one of Tasmania, as might be expected! The Board Room chairs have been re-upholstered!

The neighbouring construction now means that more of us live under artificial light. Being overshadowed by our neighbours has made it necessary to install fluorescent lighting on the first floor. Despite rising costs for the maintenance of an old and ageing building in the heart of the city, those who took the initiative in acquiring this property for the brotherhood have rendered the brotherhood a great service. Notwithstanding admitted limitations, it serves the brotherhood well and is an asset of increasing worth. The full wisdom of having acquired this site is I believe, a story yet to be unfolded to the pleasure and profit of the entire brotherhood.

ONESIMUS

FOR TODAY:

To modern minds this letter raises a serious question: Why didn't Paul attack the unchristian institution of slavery? Paul instead accepted the system (Col. 4: 1) but advocated a new institution — brotherhood in Christ — that eventually undermined slavery. Paul's approach was social change by evolution not revolution. Conversion, not social action, was his method.

But can the world wait for the evolution of brotherhood to overcome social injustice? Slavery is not the issue today but what of hunger, racism, war, economic exploitation of the under-privileged countries? The Third World cannot wait. Slavery lasted for 17 centuries of inhumanity before the sense of brotherhood overcame it. Some Christians today say we must turn from evolution of social conscience to more direct action.

You can defend Paul by saying he did not have the power to end slavery or that it was injudicious for the young church's growth to try, but we would say today that Christians should not use these excuses to prevent them attempting the impossible. Social action must join with spiritual conversion.

In building social relationships Paul was not afraid to use his friendship with one man to help another. So many people use their friendships to help themselves but Paul used it to help another. He reminds us that we are all debtors too and discharge our debt in service to others.

Every Christian can be "useful" to God when his heart is right. That usefulness only starts when we make restitution for past sins and face up to old situations and their possible penalties. GORDON MOYES

LEAVE THE DYKES!!

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, General Secretary, W.C.C., has made a personal appeal to President Nixon to use his authority to stop the bombing of the dykes in North Vietnam. On July 17, Dr. Blake wrote:

Mr. President:

You may recall that on April 26, I requested a meeting with you on behalf of a small group of leading American ecumenical figures to discuss the moral issues involved in the Vietnam war. Though I stated then that we would be willing to adjust our schedules to meet with you at your convenience, there is no indication of your willingness to discuss these matters with ecumenical leaders of your own country.

This obliges me to address you through a letter which I feel conscience-bound to publish at the time you receive it since publicity is the only channel left to me. The private conversation we have sought for three months has not taken place. I raise with you only one issue of supreme urgency and moral import.

For some weeks my colleagues and I have been alarmed by the ever more frequent allegations that the U.S. Military is pursuing a policy of intentional destruction of dykes in North Vietnam both by bombing and artificially induced rainfall. The aim, it has been alleged, is so to weaken the North Vietnamese dyke system as to provoke a "natural" disaster.

It is difficult to give credibility to such allegations, since the magnitude of the human suffering which major ruptures in these dykes would provoke is almost unthinkable. Of the 18,000,000 inhabitants of that country, more than 10,000,000 live in areas protected by the fluvial and maritime dykes. It has been estimated that more than 1,000,000 lives would be immediately lost if the violent floods which threaten the region each rainy season were

not contained. Many millions more would be left homeless, without food, and exposed to the diseases which ravage flood areas, with the result of still more thousands of civilian deaths.

In recent days we have made in-depth enquiries with Western Europeans who have personally witnessed the situation since late June, and are forced to conclude that:

The American explanation that the present weakness of the dykes is due to neglect by the population is untrue. Millions of cubic yards of earth have been added to the dykes to reinforce them in past months, work which has taken place under the most difficult war conditions. Some of these dykes have existed for thousands of years, and the Vietnamese are aware that their

very existence as a nation depends on the maintenance of this protection. The American protests that no intentional bombing has occurred, and that only "accidental" bombs have fallen on or near the dykes must also be untrue. Jean Thuoval, correspondent, reported in *Le Monde*, July 12, 1972, that he and other foreign journalists witnessed on July 11, repeated direct bombings by U.S. aircraft of the dykes they were then inspecting. Swedish television films made in late June show serious bomb damage to dykes some five days prior to their visit.

I am therefore forced to conclude that intentional bombing of dykes must be taking place, and make an urgent appeal to you to use your authority as Commander-in-Chief of the Military Forces of the U.S.A. immediately to cease this bombing. I further request that you stop the bombing in the region of the dykes in order that the people of North Vietnam can make the urgent, necessary repairs to avoid a catastrophe of unthinkable proportions.

THE BEGONIAS WILL BE GONE — BUT BALLARAT WILL BE THERE!

By STANTON H. WILSON,
Vic.-Tas. Conference Secretary

When I think of Ballarat, I think of begonias. Thinking this might give me a good "lead in" to inviting you to Ballarat for the Half-yearly Convention on August 12-13, I looked up "begonia" and found that it was named after a French botanist, one Michael Begon. Now, "Begon" is hardly a name to invite anyone anywhere. But there are other people whose names and reputation, simply to mention, assure one of a convention characterised by Christian fellowship and warm hospitality.

The Convention will be at Dawson St. with the three other Ballarat churches also our hosts. Large contingents are expected from Melbourne (only 112 kilometres away!) and other centres within that approximate radius of the beautiful and historic city of Ballarat. Such is the proximity of Ballarat that people who have regular Sunday commitments in their own local churches can make a leisurely day-

trip to the Convention on the Saturday and be back at home at a respectable hour in the evening. The Saturday programme is timed to close at 8.30 p.m. to make this possible.

Chaplain Glen Brown is the Convention speaker. Glen Brown graduated from N.S.W. Bible College in 1944 and had ministries in N.Z., N.S.W. and Vic. While at Footscray, he was President of the Vic.-Tas. Conference in the centennial year, 1964. In 1965, he accepted the invitation of the Principal Air Chaplain to the R.A.A.F. to serve as Chaplain. In that capacity he has ministered at Woomera and Edinburgh, S.A., Amberley, Qld., and presently serves at East Sale, Vic.

Glen Brown will introduce the Saturday afternoon programme to be conducted by the Adult Education Committee of the Department of Christian Education. The elective sessions will deal with practical issues confronting Christians today. In the evening, Glen Brown's subject will be "The Mountain of Pity."

On Sunday morning, the Conference President, Murray J. Savage, will preach and the Conference President-elect will preside at the Lord's Table.

An innovation of this Convention will be the opportunity to view a display setting out the work of the various Conference Departments. This exhibition will indicate some ways in which the brotherhood is working for "The Renewal of the Church" which is not only the Conference President's theme but which is one of the emphases of "Strategy for the Seventies" currently arousing renewed interest in discussion, prayer, Bible reading, self-examination and a fuller commitment to Christ.

The Half-Yearly Convention gives promise to be an enriching experience. If you register immediately and directly with the Conference Office (phone 663-2446) you will be late but not too late to ensure that you will have a part in a Convention which you simply cannot afford to miss.



GLEN S. BROWN

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

OPENING AT ACACIA RIDGE

(QLD., N. Newton). More than 450 attended the opening of the new church. The Old. Conf. Pres., L. G. Armstrong, represented the brotherhood. The \$16,000 A-Frame brick church on the corner of Bradman St. and Beaudesert Rd., is a shining example of self-help and Christian co-operation.

Building and furnishing costs were cut to a minimum by donations of work, materials, time and money from members and friends of the church.

Two glowing stained glass windows in abstracts of gold, blue and scarlet, were installed for only \$100, through the generosity of a Baptist friend, Noel Smith, of Brisbane Lead-Lighting Company.

The church has an overall effect of simplicity but is far from stark with a warm mustard carpet, the pulpit of rotary peeled

maple with a pale satiny gold sheen, and tinting in blue and gold. The tall white ceiling is indirectly lit and there are banks of spotlights on the heavy high beams.

The older building will serve as a meeting hall and S.S., and teen-age "coffee shops."

During the five nights of Teen-Week '72 at Acacia Ridge, over 1,000 people, mainly teenagers, heard guest speaker Gerald Parriott and singers Mick and Sandee Sampson from California.

AID FOR LIMBLESS

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). Assistance has been given for a New Hebridean to be fitted with an artificial arm and rehabilitated. . . . Recent speakers were K. Pocklington at Y.P. meeting; R. J. Callaghan at church on New Guinea Biama Tribe; and Mrs. Jolly at C.W.F. . . . Doncaster-Templestone Choral Society, led by Harold Blair, assisted in gospel service. . . . Box Hill came second in Indoor Regional Sports. . . . Bruce McFarlane and Jean Jeffery are improving after illness. . . . Christian sympathy is expressed to Doris Clark in the loss of her father.

IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

(NOBLE PARK, Vic., T. Giles). The church business meeting decided to add a porch and improve front of building. At the tea which followed A. Emmett spoke on work of Properties' Corporation. Miss Robyn Caudwell was soloist. "Faith United" group sang at youth service and coffee hour. Young people visited Aust. Window Glass Co. . . . Mr. Giles will continue his ministry for 1973.

FIRST \$400 IN FAITH

(MT. EVELYN, Vic., D. Kernick). The first progress amount of \$400 has been sent to designated missions as part of faith promise offering. . . . Area prayer cells for 1973 mission are being organised. . . . Ian Cook, missionary from Thailand, spoke on July 16.

HONOURS AT DONCASTER

(Vic., K. D. Horne). Hugh Cornell has received his Ph.D. for research in the field of bio-chemistry at the Royal Children's Hospital, and Miss Jean Milne received in Perth an award for outstanding achievement in the field of radiography. . . . Philip Leach (C.Y.F.) has left for the U.S.A. as an exchange student for 12 months. . . . The Family Life Movement conducted a sex education programme for Mothers and Daughters and Fathers and Sons. . . . On July 23, Mr. Manson, M.L.A., Lew Cameron (Mayor), H. M. F. Mears (Acting Town Clerk), ten Councillors, Council officers, staff and their wives attended an evening Civic Service. This was followed by supper in the hall. . . . Mrs. Jessie Taylor, wife of a Doncaster pioneer, died at the Church Rest Home, aged 99 years.

FIRST LADY

(BALWYN, Vic., W. W. Saunders). Mrs. Joyce Sharp is first deaconess to be appointed to Board of Officers. . . . Much activity and generous giving has enabled C.W.A.F. to donate \$240 to Gymnasium club, \$200 to church funds, and to other causes. . . . The 10 a.m. time for morning worship will continue. . . . The series of addresses by K. A. Macnaughtan is attracting interest. . . . Mr. Saunders has been invited to extend his ministry for three years beyond Nov., 1973.

S.S. IN RECESS

(STH. MELB., Vic., B. Newton, D. Stevens). Owing to lack of pupils the S.S. has gone into recess. . . . The film "Lost Generation" has been screened. . . . A young man made his decision. . . . On Girls' Sunday, Miss Anthea Nancarrow gave the sermon. . . . Mrs. Frost spoke on "World Problems" at C.W.F. birthday. . . . Mr. Stevens, of Henley Beach, S.A., sang several solos during his stay here.

A duet and solos were rendered by Mrs. F. Barber and Mrs. B. West.

The Superintendents of the Overseas Missions, Boys' Home and Young Men's Hostel and Social Service Committees each presented information of activities and requirements of their committee.

Miss Margaret Hillman from the Good Neighbourhood Council spoke on the work of the Council.

Our thanks and appreciation go to our hostesses, the members of the Epping Fellowship for their help and co-operation in making the day a success, and to Mrs. M. Edwards, of Caringbah, who officiated at the piano.

—I. J. Webb, Asst. Sec.

NEW SOUTH WALES C.W.F.

Epping church was the venue for C.W.F. Convention Day on July 13. A sing-a-long was conducted by Mrs. J. Touzel, of Caringbah.

The State President, Mrs. R. Wakely, presided. 150 ladies representing 31 fellowships attended. Numbers were depleted owing to the petrol strike. Devotions were presented by Mrs. G. Mackenzie, of Beverly Hills.

A panel comprising Mrs. Tulloch, Pres. Presbyterian Women's Assoc.; Mrs. Bacik and Mrs. Aldred, Social Workers; C. Bowser, Deputy Principal, and Rev. Stephenson, Chaplain, Gladsville Psychiatric Hosp., discussed questions regarding social problems.

ABORIGINAL EMBASSY DESTRUCTION

The President of the A.C.C., Bishop D. Garnsey, has protested to the Federal Government about the destruction of the Aboriginal "Embassy" in Canberra.

Bishop Garnsey said that the "Embassy" had been established to draw public attention to the denial of Aboriginal identity and of their claim for land rights.

"The removal of the 'Embassy' is another example of the Government's attempt to avoid this issue.

"It is obvious that the action has been taken to save the Government the continuing embarrassment of demands for Aboriginal rights to be recognised," said

Bishop Garnsey.

"The Aboriginal 'Embassy' has received a great deal of attention by the international press. Its removal will mean a further decline in Australia's reputation.

"Rather than removing the 'Embassy', the Government should have removed the causes for its establishment by introducing legislation to guarantee land rights for Aborigines," he said.

Bishop Garnsey said that telegrams had been sent to the Prime Minister and the Minister for the Interior protesting against the action and renewing the church's call for land rights to be granted.

SECRETARY AT SWAN HILL

(Vic., R. E. Pritchard). Stanton H. Wilson (Conf. Sec.) was guest speaker at church anniversary and Temple Day. Local Masonic Lodges held their church parade in our chapel. B.S., C.E., Junior footballers and Youth Fellowship combined for social evening on July 21.

BUILDING GOING UP

(ULVERSTONE, Tas., C. P. Clayden). Working bees are held every Saturday with women providing the refreshments. On July 8 men from Margaret St. came to assist in cementing the section between new chapel and existing hall. . . . There have been two recent baptisms in the Baptist church as own chapel is not yet ready. . . . Girls' Brigade has 24 members, four officers and one in training. . . . The young people raised over \$176 for the Carnarvon Work Party at a Wake-a-Thon. . . . C.W.F. missionary evening featured Borneo Evang.

Mission. . . . Ladies entertained folk from Elderly Citizens' Homes. . . . Direct giving each month has been maintained for Bethany Home. One of our young people, Miss Lynne Vickery, has joined the staff there.

"STRATEGY" FEATURES

(Gardiner, Vic., L. S. Dewbury). "Let's go with with Gardiner in 1972" programme includes minister presenting spiritual astronomy, stewardship emphasis, ladies' night and the cantata "The Glorious Appearing". . . . Mrs. G. Waterman spoke on New Hebrides and New Guinea before annual Overseas offering appeal. . . . C.W.F. groups visited Yooralla Home for Crippled Children and Oakleigh Guest Home with programme and party. . . . John and Barbara Richards, members of Work Party, Carnarvon, tell of much rain and slow supply of materials, plenty of jobs to do. . . . Our Living Link, Dorothy Geyer, missionary in India, is due for furlough in October.

HEAT AT LAST

(CASTLEMAINE, Vic., J. Byrnes). The long-awaited gas heaters have been installed in B.S. hall. . . . The Y.P. held their second coffee night. . . . G. Mathieson of D.C.E., was speaker at C.E. demonstration. . . . The second Missionary Convention will be held in August. . . . Young people are being counselled for discipleship.

NORTH SYDNEY ADDITIONS

(N.S.W., N. Flint). A number of young people have made commitments to the Lord. . . . On July 9, a B.M.M.F. film "Carriers for Christ" was shown. . . . A Monday to Friday prayer meeting, 7 to 8 a.m., has been commenced.

SATURDAY PRAYER

(NAILSWORTH, S.A., P. DeWildt). Young people meet for prayer every Saturday at 7.30 a.m. . . . Recent speakers have been E. W. Heard, Miss Hazel Skuce and Dr. Crowley. . . . Ladies' Fellowship entertained Elderly Citizens at Walkerville Nursing Home. . . . Mr. DeWildt is chaplain at the Girls' Hostel. . . . Youth from Long Plains were billeted with Nailsworth folk for camp reunion.

SEVEN FOR DISCIPLESHIP

(BEXLEY NTII., N.S.W., N. Merrick). There have been four baptisms and three other confessions of faith. . . . B.S. has helped B. & F.B.S. in providing funds to purchase 60 Bibles for Sth. American countries. . . . J. Regouby and family held fellowship afternoon prior to vacating the manse. . . . C.W.F. have had talk on Child Evang. Fellowship and Lapidary Demonstration by David Oldfield. . . . Members have raised \$41 for "Mile of Cents" appeal.

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OPEN FORUM

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

To the Editor,

In view of statements being made about the involvement of the Victorian Council of Churches in the 1973 Roman Catholic Eucharistic Congress I believe some clarification is essential.

In 1971, many churches were stressing the need for the renewal of the Church, and church leaders encouraged their congregations to participate in the various programmes. They included the study programme on Action for World Development, and the Eucharistic Congress Year of Pastoral Renewal.

To say that the Australian Council of Churches wanted Roman Catholic support for the Action for World Development programme is to ignore the fact that the programme was from its outset conceived and planned jointly by the Australian Council of Churches and the Catholic Episcopal Conference. It came into being as a national campaign before the Melbourne venue of the Eucharistic Congress was decided. There has never been any suggestion either in Victoria, or other States that "horse-trading" was needed to provide Roman Catholic participation. The July study programme stands alone as an ecumenical venture of outstanding magnitude.

The Study on the Eucharist within the R.C. Year of Pastoral Renewal has been primarily designed for use by their own people in October. The V.C.C. has not "sponsored" the study. It has been asked, and given help to those writing the study so that it might be used in ecumenical as well as R.C. groups. There has been consequent care to see that the content of the study does not offend the consciences of Protestants.

The extent to which it is possible to study such a document on an inter-church basis will obviously depend on the openness of Roman Catholics to allow such scope, together with the willingness of others to participate.

My plea is that we should not block off such possibilities for dialogue. They may serve both to sharpen our own understanding of doctrine which we regard as precious, and also to move us all closer to a fuller understanding of truth.

—Douglas Dargaville, Secretary, Victorian Council of Churches.

ABORIGINES IN S.A.

To the Editor,

B. Allen's disagreement with R. McLean's letter on Aborigines ("A.C.," May 13, 1972) requires an answer. In trying to interpret R. McLean's statement, we see no suggestion of "prayer alone." This is merely stated as a starting point, and sections 2-4 leave no doubt concerning active involvement in helping Aborigines.

Our real concern relates to the closing sections of B. Allen's letter. Firstly, while S.A. Churches of Christ do not at present work with Aborigines in their own State, it is not because of apathy or indifference. At the present moment, the Committee is closer to achieving this aim of being involved than ever before.

The State Committee encourages any

who have a real concern in Aboriginal work to be nominated from a church, elected by Conference, or to fill vacancies which may occur between Conferences. The S.A. Committee has at present an Aboriginal member, something that even the Federal Board in Perth is not privileged to have. Through this man we are able to gain fresh insights into the Aboriginal mind, and we are only too aware of the reticence the Aborigine has of meeting in church with white folk.

We pledge our continued support and interest in the welfare of our Aboriginal friends.

—J. E. Wehr, Secretary, S.A. Aborigines Committee.

LES PEACOCK

To the Editor,

It is 53 years since L. C. Peacock, F. A. Youens and I travelled from W.A. to enter the College of the Bible at Glen Iris. We roomed together the first year, and in the next he moved to "the slums", wooden rooms which were attached to the old stable and coach house, where the college chapel, office and library now stand. The change of location suited him as he could grab his racquet and be on the tennis court in one jump.

As a student he had everything. He was brilliant, good looking, and with personality plus. He had gone to college with the purpose of fitting himself more adequately for church work and took the studies in his long stride and had plenty of time for sports and was champion for

three years running.

He volunteered for missionary service, but was ultimately told that his heart would not stand up to the strain — something that left us wondering about our sports chumpon!

In later years I became minister of his home church, although he was then well established in the new cause at Inglewood. My admiration for Les has never diminished, and on my fairly frequent visits to W.A. I was always glad to accept the kind hospitality of Mr. & Mrs. Les Peacock. If I were asked to name what I consider was his most outstanding characteristic I should say, "a Christ-like humility." — W. J. Thomson.

CHRISTIAN POLITICAL PARTY

To the Editor,

It is pertinent to ask why there should not be a political party, membership of which does not muffle one's personal Christian witness. Better still, why should there not be a Christian political party which declares without secular restraint that Christ is the answer, not only to man's individual needs, but also to all society's ills.

In fact, such a party exists, though only in the embryo stage with a minimal membership. An initial statement of its constitution consisting of its faith, aims, structure and general policy may be obtained by any interested person from the undersigned by forwarding a stamped addressed envelope.

—Ian S. Robertson, 8 Seaforth Ave., Dover Gardens, S.A., 5048.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

"THE BRAIN BUSTERS"

To the Editor,

Another evil can be added to the classic modern evils of war, poverty, pollution and racism. It is the prevailing contempt for the ordinary man's ability to reason. It is contempt for his capacity to look at facts and make intelligent judgments. This contempt is shown in the many attempts to bypass his reason and to get at his emotions in order to manipulate him into supporting causes, both good and bad.

I am getting tired of attempts to assault my emotions and insult my intellect. Often I find it impossible to get at facts through the flurry of banners, shouting obscenities, accusations, smear words, name calling, inflammatory slogans, libel, half truths, twisted statistics, quotations out of context, and the emotive use of language. All of this happens from both sides of important life and death issues such as racism, Aboriginal land rights, abortion, migration, housing, national service, industrial unrest and women's liberation. Ordinary people like me want the facts in order to make our own judgments. But what do we get? People screaming at us, cajoling us and appealing to our prejudices, fears, hate, and self interest! On most issues it is getting harder to get to the facts through the mud being thrown from one side to the other.

It is bad enough to have advertising agencies assuming that potential buyers can't understand facts about soap and cars and But when those concerned with basic human problems set out to intelligence, then things are pretty sick. Once it was the church appealing to reason. But the fire and brimstone preachers had the major issues.

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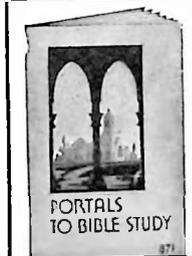
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NINETY-ONE registrations have been received for the National Youth Convention in Canberra, Jan. 5-11, 1973. Two years ago, at this time, only 24 registrations had been received for the Melbourne Convention.

Registration forms are still available from State D.C.E.'s and the Federal Board of Christian Education, 217 Lonsdale St., Melb., 3000.

N.S.W. MEN'S WORK

The Conference President's theme "Who Says Impossible" is being realised by this Department.

First, we had a project to purchase a Gestetner duplicator for the Church for All Nations at Enmore. An appeal to the men of this State realised \$54.80 more than the full cost \$419.20, which was used to purchase material for the machine.

Next, accepted a challenge from T. W. Bagley for a "Fix-it" team for the New Hebrides. Somewhat hesitatingly we again appealed to the brotherhood for volunteer workers to go to repair damage from cyclones and erect new buildings.

Already six men have applied. These come from Chatswood (2), Caringbah, Belmore, West Liverpool and Southport, Qld.

RENEWAL AND DISCOVERY

(BAYSWATER, Vic., Dr. K. R. Bowes). Geo. Mathieson, Field Worker, D.C.E., led the church in a week-end of "Renewal and Discovery." . . . Proceeds of a mannequin parade, organised by the leaders of the Good Companions, were for club funds. . . . The sympathy of the church is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller in the death of their baby (twin) son.

THINGS TO COME

AUGUST: VICTORIA
5 Tasmanian District Convention — Ross.
20 ANNUAL OFFERING — Department of Social Service.
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Some ministers and/or congregations may have missed out in our mailing. If so, a phone call to 63 1285 (Melb.) will quickly correct the situation.

CHURCH FOR ALL NATIONS

(ENMORE, N.S.W., R. C. Dixon). 2,700 letters advertising the B.S. were distributed in letter boxes. 30 new scholars have been gained. B.S. time was changed to 3.15 p.m. A presentation was made to Mrs. Parker, retiring B.S. Supt. Mrs. Dixon and Mr. Roose are new Supts. . . . The new toilet block is nearing completion under foremanship of Mr. Brown. All broken church windows have been repaired. . . . Migrant folk have looked in after seeing the new sign "A Church for All Nations." . . . Men from other churches continue to assist. The State Men's Committee led service on July 2. . . . Mrs. Ibrahim is slowly recovering from an accident.

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WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

ESAU'S VOTE? Congregationalists and Methodists have voted overwhelmingly in favour of entering the Uniting Church of Australia, by 80% and 85% respectively. The Presbyterian Church had a national vote of 75% in favour of union, but each congregation was also required to have a two-thirds majority in support of union. Only 49% of the local congregations voted the required majority. State and Federal assemblies will have to consider the implications of the voting, but there is great disappointment expressed by church leaders at the Presbyterian response.

As there are no great obstacles of belief and doctrine in the path of union, it may be asked why the Presbyterian vote was so different. The "Australian Presbyterian Life" had a question and answer section on the issue.

Question: "What concerns bulk largest in questions about the Basis of Union among congregations?" **Answer:** "Generally, questions about the future of property are most frequent. These are natural questions, but it is disturbing to find sometimes that they are the only issues which seem to concern people. As Christians, this issue of union presents us with an opportunity for renewal and a challenge to fresh commitment to the essential task of evangelism. We must be careful lest we vote for or against union merely on the grounds of property and finance, and so join Esau, who sold his birthright for a mess of pottage — for our birthright is the Gospel and the imperative to share this with all men." There is no great virtue in union, merely for the sake of numbers, but there is great value in union for the sake of Christ. To be one in Christ is to live together in harmony, to work and to witness together. How can Christians be agents of reconciliation in a fragmented world if they cannot heal their own divisions?

Union is not a matter which concerns only the three churches now voting on whether or not to form the Uniting Church. It concerns Christians everywhere. It concerns Churches of Christ also. That is why we dare to comment upon another church's business and why we are sad that the cause of union in Christ has suffered a set-back. But we are certainly not sitting in judgment upon the Presbyterians or any other fellow Christians. We probably need to be reminded that we ourselves have not made any great contribution to the cause of unity lately.

THE EMBASSY IS CLOSED It had to come down, eventually. But the way it was done, and the timing of the deed, brought renewed shame to Australia in our sorry record of our relationships with Aborigines. The Commonwealth can show restraint and even tardiness in dealing with pressure groups who have some power, but on the very day the Trespass on Commonwealth Lands Ordinance was passed, the police moved in and while they used force, they also showed restraint, and down came the "Embassy."

On the two following Sundays, the tents went up again and were again removed. Then, it was announced that the Government was considering the establishment of a permanent centre for Aborigines in Canberra, and the widest representation would be sought to ensure that the Aborigines' views would be known and considered.

Does this post-embassy statement mean that no such offer was made previously? Was it only after we were again put to shame before the whole world that we made a genuine resolve to consult with representative Aboriginal leaders on this matter? We do not pretend that the vexed question of land rights is easy to answer or that the Aborigines themselves have a generally accepted and qualified leadership to speak for them. We do not know. We do know, however, that any offers made after the "embassy" was destroyed could have been made before that event.

The embassy was removed in accordance with the law, but as Mrs. Eatock, the secretary-treasurer of the former Aboriginal Embassy, said, "Law is not the same as justice — not a new discovery for the black Australian." We believe it is high time for the Government to be as urgent and strong and resolute in seeking justice for the Aborigines as it was in enforcing the law against them.

GOOD GRIEF!! In Texas, U.S.A., the First Assembly of God Church in Corpus Christi, tackled the problem of Sunday School attendance. They announced a Mystery Family Contest. "One set of clues will be given each week in the church bulletin as to the identity. It will be a family who formerly attended First Assembly but who now attends no Sunday School. The first person to invite them to Sunday School and they attend, will be the winner." First prize, a round-trip, expenses paid holiday in Houston for two, including visits to Astroworld and the Astrodome!!

SIR DOUG AT DANDENONG

(Vic., A. A. Avery). Special "Focus" programmes were on Aborigines (Sir Douglas Nicholls), migrants (Miss Mary Fairhead, of Springvale Migrant Centre, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bosma, of European Christian Mission), and poverty (Rev. John Edwards, of Community Welfare Foundation . . . The Lowana Singers entertained at C.W.F. afternoon group birthday. Evening C.W.F. held their annual sports night, Ladies v. Men . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. Pitcher, in membership for over 40 years, were farewelled on leaving for Queensland. . . . The church was saddened at the death of Alf Smith who had held many positions in the church.

MESSAGE FROM ABERFAN

Mrs. G. Wichel, visiting her home church in Wales, has relayed a greeting from David Nuttal, Church of Christ minister at Aberfan, scene of the great disaster in recent years. Residents there still speak with tremendous gratitude of the help given by Aust. churches in their hour of deepest need.

MINISTERS' WIVES

(Vic.) Victorian Ministers' Wives will meet at the Brotherhood Centre, August 21, 10.30 a.m. Mrs. S. H. Wilson will speak on "Our Reflections on England and America." N.B. Would ministers' wives in Vic-Tas, going to Federal Conference in October, let me know as soon as possible if you would like to attend the Federal Ministers' Wives' luncheon at Inglewood Church Hall, Oct. 13, 12 noon. Cost \$1.50. Iris Page, 31 Maxia Rd., East Doncaster, Vic., 3109. Phone 8423157.

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FIRST FOR MEN

(CARDIFF, N.S.W., R. G. Smith). 27 men attended the first men's Fellowship Tea. Guest speaker was Alec. Bevan, President, Lake Macquarie Shire Council . . . K. Crawford of Home Missions was speaker at church Family Tea, July 9 . . . Mr. Will, Leprosy Mission, spoke at Girls' Brigade special night . . . Five Aboriginal students from A.I.M. Bible Institute, Singleton, were guests, July 15-16. A barbecue tea and concert were held at Aborigine Boys' Hostel, Cardiff. Student Frank Spry was speaker at a.m. service and all students participated at night with Rod. Bird as speaker. A young married couple responded to the invitation. . . Rex Gray is leader of the Boys' Brigade, replacing Mr. Robinson . . . The new treasurer is E. Wolfram.

TO ASCOT PARK

(S.A., S. R. Baker). R. Clymer has accepted an invitation to minister here from Jan., 1974. In the interim, C. L. Smith will conduct a part-time ministry . . . The resignation of D. G. Fenn as B.S. Supt. has been regretfully received after ten years' service . . . Visiting is proceeding in preparation for the forthcoming mission . . . 130 accepted invitations to a Family Fun night of table games of all kinds and hot dogs and pasties.

OPEN BAPTISTERY

(WARRAWONG, N.S.W., L. Wallace). Extensions to church will provide open baptistry, additional seating, a new school hall, and kitchen . . . R. D. Main recently retired from the Steel Works after 42 years' service. He has been appointed Elder Emeritus in recognition of long service as church elder . . . There has been an encouraging response to Faith-Promise Missionary Giving.

MISSION 2½ MILES FROM G.P.O.

(PADDINGTON, N.S.W., J. Timms). The church, with its 15 members, serves the most densely populated area in the Southern Hemisphere — 3 to 400,000. Attendance average 25 a.m. and 30 p.m. If readers know of anyone living in the area connected with Churches of Christ they are invited to write to Mr. Timms. . . Young people from North Sydney, led by John Flint, "lived in" at the chapel, visited young people and held a Sunday Rock Service attended by 150 . . . Literature has been presented in the area once a month. Bible Truth Publications in Ballarat have supplied over \$800 worth of literature—without charge to the church. . . There have been two adult baptisms.

JUNE-JULY EXAMINATIONS, HONOURS LIST

New Testament I: G. Deuble, N. Proellocks, L. Smith, S. Warwick, A. Whale.
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New Testament Exegesis IIA: N. Merrick.

GOSPEL TEAS

(INVERELL, N.S.W., R. Craig). Family Fellowship Gospel Teas have recommenced for winter. After a hot meal the folk stay around the table for evening service. Quite a few visitors are attracted . . . Extensive chapel renovations are being carried out by Church Development Committee, painting, plastering, new windows . . . Mrs. B. E. Winter, the wife of Herbert Winter, died on July 17 . . . A prayer and evaluation evening was held recently.

BACK FROM CANADA

(BROOKLYN PARK, S.A., W. J. Philp). New minister, commencing August, 1973, is Bruce Marriot, ex-South Australian, now in Canada. Chas. Dow will conduct an interim ministry after close of Mr. Philp's service. . . Church is saddened by the death of Syd Sherriff, secretary for 28 years . . . There were five decisions at long week-end camp by 65 young people at Longwood. . . Discussion groups in nine homes on Wednesdays in June averaged a total of 60. . . Many helped with Austcare and Salvation Army door-knock appeals . . . Malcolm and Marlene Beard, key workers, have been transferred to Sydney on employment transfer.

"PHARAOH'S TOMB"

(BELMORE, N.S.W., B. Armstrong). The young people organised a spectacular coffee house called "Pharaoh's Tomb." One building was transformed with Egyptology. Mike and Sandee Sampson of California were there and also conducted other meetings in church and the local school . . . At last men's meeting, Max Houghton spoke on company security, Garry Jardine on police work, and Frank Freckleton on the New Hebrides Work Party . . . Young people organised a night at "Godspell." . . . Members attended evening of instruction on the drug problem . . . Church visitation outreach programme is continuing.

Church History IIA: R. Aitken, I. Borham, R. Drown, N. Merrick, J. Morrow, L. Wallace.

Biblical Theology IIA: I. Borham, T. Kallmier, N. Merrick, J. Morrow, K. Rankin, L. Wallace, S. Warwick.

Psychology: G. Deuble.
Practical Missions: A. Whale.

History of Missions: G. Deuble, L. Haskey, R. Slack, A. Whale

New Testament Exegesis IA: K. Bond.
—A. G. Elliott, Principal.

TRAINING CLASSES

(GROVE ST., ADELAIDE, S.A., H. M. Long). Men's training classes in reading, praying, presiding and preaching have been held over the past month with 24 men participating . . . Monthly Missionary Rally guests for June were Bryan and Janet Ezard of W.B.T./S.I.I. telling of their pioneer language work on Ferguson Island. . . C.Y.F. has been giving programmes at Milang and Aldgate Valley churches. . . C.W.F. have made up a parcel of baby clothing for Kate Cox Baby Home. A "work day" at the home of the secretary, Mrs. J. Brooks, prepared used stamps for Overseas Missions. At last meeting, G. Long told of his work in Child Welfare Dept. . . The minister gave the Occasional Address at the Annual Church Parade of the Orange Institution.

YOUR CHILD—AND YOU

(ENGADINE, N.S.W., G. Warne). At a special programme for parents on July 14, one of Engadine's leading doctors, a Social Worker, and a Mental Health Counsellor, were discussion leaders. Many of the 65 present are eager to join in follow-up discussion groups.

DICKENS DRAMATISED

(HAMILTON, N.S.W., D. Craig). W. Lister, of England, presented a dramatisation of the works of Charles Dickens on July 22. Mr. Lister was guest preacher on July 2 . . . The film, "The Flame," was screened by the C.W.F. on July 8 with proceeds for the mission department . . . A B.S. reunion on July 9 brought together many past and present teachers and scholars at the tea table . . . Mrs. Menison is a patient at Royal Newcastle Hosp. and prayers are being offered for her speedy recovery.

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OCTOBER CENTENARY

(DUNOLLY, Vic., G. Strack). The church is active in preparation for its centenary celebration on Oct. 1. Mrs. Spiker will make and decorate a cake. The ladies will provide luncheon for visitors . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. Strack, parents of our minister, visited here. Mr. Strack presided at communion. Afterwards at United Church Hall, Mrs. Strack showed slides of her Indonesian visit . . . Mrs. Strack, Mrs. Ron. Gordon and Miss Sue Diamond have given valued assistance in providing church music.

SUPPORT FOR COLAC

(DAWSON ST., Ballarat, Vic., F. C. Hunting). Ladies from Ballarat churches visited Colac to support the faithful few there. Other Colac ladies were invited to programme conducted by Ballarat . . . C.W.E.F. President is Ellen Bentley and Secretary is Sylvia Peacock . . . Colin Hocking supervised team of young men who worked for and opened the "Black Hole" Coffee Shop. Others trained for witnessing . . . Trevor Holmes of Clayton was speaker at Challenge to Youth . . . At C.E. Mr. McKeown showed slides of Leprosy Mission . . . Vida Reed and Gladys Price are home from hospital.

EARLY SERVICE POPULAR

(MARGARET ST., Launceston, Tas.). The 4.30 p.m. winter services met with general approval by all age groups and resulted in improved attendances . . . Hymns were suggested for a "Top Ten" hymn service . . . Young people met at home of Mr. and Mrs. Younger on July 16 . . . Mrs. Reg. Green died suddenly on June 30.

REPAIR DAY

(WARRACKNABEAL, Vic., Miss N. Hall). Church ladies spent an afternoon repairing church hymn books . . . Geo. Chivell preached recently . . . Mrs. Lang was guest speaker on Children's Day, with several S.S. children taking part. All stayed for lunch . . . C.W.F. entertained Baptist ladies at special afternoon. Mrs. Harmer prepared the programme.

GOSPEL MINSTRELS

(NTH. WILLIAMSTOWN, Vic., K. H. Pitt). The Minstrel Group, led by A. R. Haskell, brought bright singing numbers and Bible passages on the theme "Jesus Christ-Come." . . . A tea for Good Companions preceded special service in which Miss Kerry Firth led the girls in their theme, "Outreach Friendship." . . . Mrs. M. Holloway told the C.W.A.F. about her work as Welfare Officer with the Social Service Dept. . . Proceeds from a Sunshine Choral Society concert went towards the C.W.F. project for clothing an Aboriginal child . . . Four young people have been baptized.

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Don Langley has been chosen as the Jaycees "Outstanding Young Man" in the Portland, Vic. community.

Mr. Langley was nominated by Portland Church of Christ.

He is 39 and married with three children.

The award was open for young men in the 18 to 40-age bracket—the age limitations within the Jaycees.

Jaycee members were excluded from the award.

Mr. Langley, a draftsman with Bruce Auty architects, was chosen for magnificent community service in a number of fields.

Some of the work he has done includes:
o Member of Portland Rotary Club eight years with a 100 per cent attendance record. Also chairman of Rotary projects committee.

o Treasurer of the Church of Christ lay preacher and a leading member of the

church's activities in Portland.

o Inaugural chairman of the Portland Technical School steering committee which fought for the school's establishment.

o Current president of the technical school council.

o Local chairman of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign and a regular collector for this organisation.

o In his work he has been associated with various building projects including the Jaycee kindergarten, Commonwealth Bank and a woolstore.

o In sport he is coach of West Portland Under 15 football team and club assistant secretary and co-manager and coach of Central Cricket Club juniors.

In his spare time Mr. Langley plays squash and is also interested in canoeing — having built his own 14-foot canoe.

FAREWELL TO NORSEMAN

(DEVONPORT, Tas., E. W. Taylor). A gift was presented as church farewell Miss V. Lawler to serve at Norseman Mission, W.A. . . . Older members meet for monthly fellowship . . . Ian Cook (W.E.C. missionary from Thailand) gave an illustrated talk . . . Mr. Taylor and other members attended opening of Nubena's new church building . . . There was a baptism on July 2, when young people took prominent part in the service . . . R. Dangerfield of O.M.F., was recent speaker.

SONGS FOR BLIND

(CAULFIELD, Vic., K. Berston). E.W.F. sang songs and led games at Blind Home at Brighton . . . Prayer time for revival is held weekly at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sault . . . Miss Campbell is home after operation and Mrs. Peet is in Numurkah Hosp. Gordon and Nell Lees have left for Canada; Greg, and Robyn Hamilton have returned to W.A. The church is saddened by the sudden death of Miss Ruby Gorler

TOYS FOR CHILDREN

(RICHMOND, Vic., D. Smith/P. Burnham). Youth Activity Centre distributed toys they made to Berry St. Babies' Home. After tea at church, they attended film screened for Leprosy Mission by G. Cann. . . . Feature of Girls' Sunday was a mother and daughter tea. At evening service Mrs. Barbara Andrews presided and ex-

plained Good Companions' activities and projects. 14 girls assisted with singing and Nicole Andrews read the Bible . . . A Fund Raising Committee has been set up to pay for repair of chapel . . . The church offers sympathy to Mrs. Winstone and her family in the death of Edgar Winstone . . . Church shared in Combined Pentecost Rally at Richmond Town Hall.

FAMILY SERVICE

(BAYSWATER, Vic., Dr. K. R. Bowes). A capacity congregation attended the family service and the presence of many parents and friends of S.S. scholars showed value of visiting campaign . . . Kevin Turner was speaker at the Winter Witness service at 5 p.m. with the theme "A Look at Life."

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MASON (Williams)—Daisy and Graeme are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Andrew Charles, at McKellar Hospital, Hamilton, Vic. Baby brother for Robyn, Peter and Paul.

MOTT (Cook)—To Margaret and Lindsay, a son (Caesarian)—Nicholas Eric—at St. Andrew's Hospital, on July 17.

RISSON (Stevens)—Anne and Roger (College of the Bible) are pleased to announce the birth of Simon Roger, on July 18, 1972.

ENGAGEMENT

THOMAS-FERRIS—Mr. and Mrs. Don Thomas, Belmont, Vic., happily announce the engagement of Heather, and Rodney Ferris, son of Mrs. D. Clark, of Box Hill, and the late J. A. Ferris.

DEATHS

COLLYER, Lancelot Oliver, of Boronia, Vic.—On July 27, 1972, aged 85 years. Loved husband of the late Juliet, loved father of Max., Peter and Warren; loved father-in-law of Nell, Phyl. and Helen. Grandfather of 9; great-grandfather of 11. **MCKENZIE**, Alexander—Passed away July 9. Devoted husband of Edna and loving father of Ian, Nancy, Kevin, David, Florence and Faye. A devout and faithful Christian at last face to face with his Lord.

MORRIS, Emily Violet Addy—On June 28 at a private hospital, dearly loved wife of H. W. Morris (dec.), loved mother of Murry, Lloyd, Clifford, Phyllis (Mrs. E. W. Coates, dec.), Ken, and Ruth; fond mother-in-law of Joyce, Con., Dawn and Merle (Morris), Ern (Coates) and Neale (Stanley); loving Nana to 19 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Lifetime service as a Christian.

IN MEMORIAM

BAKER, William — Aug. 3, 1967. Loved husband and father; and Colin, Aug. 17, 1964, dear son and brother. "Treasured memories."—Dot, Ralph, Beryl and Philip.

DORGAN, Charles—In loving memory. "A token of remembrance to one we shall never forget. His memory to us is a treasure. His loss a life-time regret."—From his loving wife, Betty, and family—Janice and Cyril, Wendy and Robert, Judith and Ron., and grandson, Mark.

FARRAR—In loving memory of my dear husband, John, called home August 6, 1956. "Like falling leaves the years go by, but loving memories never die."—Ada Farrar.

KEMP, Dr. William Alfred—Called home, August 15, 1970. "We bless God on every remembrance of him."

LAUNDER, Graham—In loving memory of our dear son and brother. "Until the day dawns."—Father, Mother, Malcolm and Joy.

MORTLOCK, Eli—On July 28, 1966. Loving husband of Sylvia. "We lost and Heaven gained. The truest man this world contained."—Ever remembered, Sylvia.

MASTERTON—Cherished memories of James George, beloved husband of Vida, loving father of Dorothy (Mrs. F. Dunk), David, Ken., and John. Called to higher service, August 16, 1958. "Ever in our hearts."

JENSEN—In loving memory of my dear husband, James, who passed away August 15, 1961. "Like falling leaves the years go by, but loving memories never die."—Remembered by his loving wife, May.

THANKS

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MEMBERSHIP

People are important and since 1851 the "A.C." has named new disciples, those who marry, those who die, and those who transfer from one church to another. But less many people move too often and MEMBERSHIP changes have demanded more and more space. The MEMBERSHIP section will therefore cease as from the end of August. DISCIPLESHIP, MARRIAGES & DEATHS will continue to be presented as a brotherhood service without charge.

Mrs. R. Hall, from Frankston, Vic., to Port Macquarie, N.S.W.

Mrs. Pam McCredden, from Blackburn; R. McCredden, from Box Hill to Croydon, Vic.

Elizabeth Thomas, from Belmont to Box Hill, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Muller, from Maryborough to Mildura, Vic.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Price, from Hindmarsh; Mr. and Mrs. S. E. M. Riches, from Christies Beach; Dr. and Mrs. P. Messent, from Unley; J. Halbert, from Unley; Mrs. Boxall, from Grote St., to Hawthorn, S.A.

Frank and Dawn Smith, from Hawthorn; Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls, to Blackwood, S.A.

Mrs. Ward, from Brunswick; Mr. Blackwell, from Ormond; Mr. and Mrs. Dyson and Malcolm, from Nth. Williamstown; Mrs. Sumpton, from Gardiner; Miss Joan Jackson, from Lygon St. to Carnegie, Vic.

(32 names held over)

MARRIAGES

Nancy Britton to Peter Rozek, Georgetown, N.S.W.

Lyn Rowe to David Hiscox, Warriawang, N.S.W.

Robyn Creer to Nicholas Pertsch, Inverell, N.S.W.

Joylene Tilley to Bruce Jahm, Bordertown, S.A.

Mrs. Jeffrey to G. S. Bartlett, Nails-worth, S.A.

Linda Strahan to Colin Dennison, Reservoir, Vic.

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Sharon Joyce Miller to Robert Arthur Peaker; Cecily Helen Malone to Ian Kelvin Tanner; Sandra Ann Klein to Bevan Cecil Griffin, Maryborough, Qld.

DEATHS

Mrs. A. Little, Glen Waverley, Vic.

Mrs. Vera Mercer, Perth City, W.A.

Mrs. Reg. Green, Margaret St., Launceston, Tas.

Miss Ruby Gorler, Mrs. B. E. Winter, Inverell, N.S.W.

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7.30 p.m. Sing-a-long.

7.45 p.m. Oriental Missionary Society Film: "Korea Today."

8.15 p.m. Churches of Christ—New Guinea

SUNDAY: August 20

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OBITUARY

CASSON, Evelyn

The church at Essendon, Vic., was saddened by the death of Mrs. Casson after a long period of sickness and frailty, at the age of 84 years. Mrs. Casson was born at Carlton in 1888, and came in contact with Churches of Christ at North Melbourne, and was baptized by J. E. Allan in 1905. She married William Casson in 1907. They bought their home in Ascot Vale, where she lived until her death, and transferred to the Ascot Vale church in 1916. In 1945 she transferred her membership to the Essendon church. She was always an active church member until recent years when failing health would not permit her to leave her home. Her love for her Lord was always evident in her life. When unable to attend church she listened to broadcast services. We give thanks for her Christian witness throughout her life.—C.S.B.

McARTHUR, Andrew

After an illness of several weeks Andrew McArthur died on May 22 in his 81st year. The church at Shepparton, Vic., mourns the passing of one of God's good men and deep sympathy and Christian love is extended to his family. He was born in 1851 and baptized at the Terang church in 1904. From 1915 to 1922 he was a member at Brighton. He served with the 6th Field Ambulance in the A.I.F. until 1918. From 1919 to 1922 he was Curator of Brighton City Council's Parks and Gardens. He lived close to his God in nature and saw God's hand in the fruit, flowers and shrubs he grew. He married Ruth Styles in the Carnegie church in 1920. They were three children, Norma, Ian and Neville. Transferred to Warrambrook he was secretary of the church there from 1922 to 1927 when the family moved to Orvala. He and his sons developed a fruit property in the soldier settlement scheme and it became one of the top properties in the area. The family joined the Shepparton church in 1927 and Mr. McArthur served on the Officers' Board. The McArthurs opened a florists and seedsmen business which grew and developed over 30 years. The Orvala property was sold in 1958. Among the businessmen of Shepparton the name of Andrew McArthur was synonymous with honesty and integrity. Reg. Hillbrick conducted the funeral service and the crowded chapel was testimony to the esteem and respect in which the family is held now into the third generation.—R.H.C.

MARLEY, Olive

The members of our churches at Carramar and Burwood, her family and a wide circle of friends, were greatly shocked to hear of the sudden death of Olive Marley, at her home on June 17. With her husband, George, and their family she was actively associated in local and brotherhood work of N.S.W. churches over many years. Born Olive Harris, she met with her parents and her older sisters at the church at Marriekville where her father was church treasurer. The family moved to Epping and at the age of 13 Olive was baptized, the first baptism in the then new building. Her family moved to Croydon and took member-

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PEACOCK, L. C.

Lesley Clarence Peacock died on May 20, 1972, but he will long be remembered in our W.A. brotherhood as a man filled with the grace of God and love for Christ's church.

He was the first scholar in the Haylands B.S. and was baptized by the late T. H. Scambler at the age of 9, and later became secretary of the School. In 1920 aged 18, he entered the College of the Bible where he proved a good student and keen sportsman. He was sports champion for three years in succession. After graduation in 1923 he returned to W.A. with the idea of becoming a medical missionary and enrolled at the W.A. University for the preliminary science course. However, a medical examination revealed a leaking valve in his heart which prevented any further thought of overseas service.

He then ministered to the Bassendoun church which proved very successful, particularly in regard to young people. He was also involved in brotherhood activities and as secretary of the Bible School's and Young People's Committee he was instrumental in bringing Andrew Hulston to W.A. to serve as part-time paid secretary to the Committee, and part-time minister of Ingwood church.

ship with the Burwood church, beginning a life-long association there. At Burwood, she married George Marley (well-known in musical circles). In 1951, they moved to Bass Hill and joined the church at Carramar. That church now will miss greatly one who served so faithfully, in so many ways. She gave herself in time and energy, quietly and unobtrusively and with hospitality. In the wider sphere she was a member of the State Christian Women's Fellowship Social Service and College Committees. In spite of all this involvement in the work of the church, her husband and family were her life. The service of remembrance at Burwood was conducted by W. Harrison, minister at Carramar, and L. E. Wylie, friend of the family. To George, her husband, Pam, Brian, Janice and Phillip, and their partners and families, we extend our loving sympathy and commend them to the God of all comfort.—L.E.W.

SHERRIFF, Sydney Harold

The sudden death of Sydney Sherriff on June 17, 1972, brought a sense of shock and sorrow to his family and the large circle of friends who knew him well. He was a foundation member of the Brooklyn Park (S.A.) B.S., and at the age of 10 years he made his commitment to Christ. The evidence of that commitment was seen in the faithful service he rendered to the church, particularly as secretary for 28 years, an office which he held to the time of his death. No task was too much trouble for him; he went so often beyond the course of duty to fulfil some extra service in his love for Christ and the church. The writer was assisted in the largely-attended service in the church by A. E. Brown and D.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

A special women's conference will be held at Vision Valley, Arcadia, N.S.W., August 4-6, 1972.

The conference will deal with the theme, "Purposeful Living," and related issues— "What happens at sixty years of age?", "How to avoid a Nervous Breakdown," "How to cope with your family," "Learning to cope with loneliness," "How to enjoy life to the full."

Guest speakers include: Mrs. Dorothy Hulme-Moir, wife of Bishop Hulme-Moir; Mrs. Anne Bosonquet, authoress and editor of "Christian Women"; Dr. Mary Lovell, Family Life Clinic, Sydney; Rev. Eric Stevenson, Chaplain, Psychiatric Clinic, Callan Park; Matron Betty Anderson and Mrs. Betty Davis.

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He entered his father's business in 1920 and continued as secretary and accountant until his retirement in 1966.

In 1931 he married Elsie May Jenkinson of Bassendoun. They placed their membership with the Ingwood church and have continued there ever since. Les served the church as deacon, elder, chairman of the board, organist, church secretary, B.S. Supt. and treasurer.

In brotherhood activities he was a member of the Conference Executive, Home Missions Committee, Youth Committee, Literature Committee, Advisory Board and Western Bible College Committee. He was W.A. Conf. Pres., 1945 and Federal Conf. Pres., 1946-48.

Les was a gracious Christian gentleman whose influence in the Ingwood church and the brotherhood will long be felt. The funeral service was private, but a service of thanksgiving was held in the Ingwood church on May 28, the large congregation testifying to his life and character. To his wife Elsie, daughter Marie and Beryl (Mrs. R. Hancock) and son-in-law Ron and his grandchildren, loving Christian sympathy is extended.

Bailler. A most impressive guard of honour formed by M.T.T. inspectors outside the Crematorium was a fitting testimony to the appreciation of those with whom he worked. Our sympathy is expressed to his wife and family, and we thank God for the memory of a life of dedication and service.—W.J.P.

WARMBRUNN, Norman John

Norman John Warmbrunn was born in Prahran, Vic., 1869. When he was 10-years-old, family moved to Barwick and in his mid-teens he became a member of the Burwick Church of Christ. On moving to Melbourne he was associated with the late Frank Butler at Nth Fitzroy church. Around 1909 he joined the postal staff in Hobart, and in 1912 married Florence Elvena Tolnall at the Collins St. church. Also in 1912 he was prominent in the Griffin Mission through which the Margaret St. Church of Christ, Launceston, commenced. In the next 26 years the Warmbrunns resided at Launceston, Devonport and Burnie. In the last two towns he was Sub-Collector of Customs. They were active in Tasmanian church affairs, in preaching and in administration. In 1933 he was local secretary for Federal Conference at Launceston; he was on various State committees, and was Conference President. He moved to Victoria and was in membership at Baiwyn and Hartwell and was an elder in both of those churches. His first wife died in 1956, and in 1958 he moved to Devonport and married Clarice Skirving, then Matron of the Launceston General Hospital. They continued in membership at Devonport where he was an elder until his death. Norman John Warmbrunn was buried at Barwick, Vic.—E. W. Taylor.

50 YEARS AGO

Presidents, Presidents elected at Conferences were: Vic. J. E. Thomas; N.S.W. A. T. Eaton; W.A. D. M. Wilson; Qld. E. Davis; S.A. Wm. Charlack; Tas. W. H. Nightingale.

Harkness-Bennett Debate, A four-night debate on N.T. Christianity was held in the Central Theatre between Robt. Harkness, Church of Christ, and Scott Bennett of the Rationalist Society. There were never fewer than 700 present. "Physically, Mr. Harkness is tall and thin; Mr. Bennett is of medium height, tending to stoutness. Mr. Harkness is a thinker; Mr. Bennett is a declaimer. Mr. Harkness is a long-distance man. Mr. Bennett is a sprinter. He did much better the first two nights than the last two. The third night he was very weak. He seemed as if he had shot his bolt. Mr. Harkness seemed to improve as the debate lengthened. On the third night he was very brilliant, and received round after round of applause."

BOOKS

"HISTORY OF THE EXPANSION OF CHRISTIANITY"

By K. S. Latourette (Paternoster Press). In seven volumes. Complete set in attractive slip case: \$40.60 Aust. Single volumes: \$5.80 each.

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LAW AND ORDER IN AUSTRALIA

By Paul Ward and Gregory Woods. (Angus & Robertson). \$1.75
 The authors are members of the Institute of Criminology at Sydney Law School. They write with vigour and directness where their view of the evidence warrants it, and with caution where the evidence seems to them to be confusing.

Asking whether crime is on the increase, they state that "recent statistics relating to the crime of robbery do show a clear and disturbing upward trend." Moreover, they believe as a direct and indirect result of a whole host of causes—population changes, urbanisation, unsatisfactory education (and even Women's Lib?), the incidence of crime will continue to increase.

But they see none of this as a brief for the rash of Law and Order legislation of 1970-71 which they believe to have been based on three false and dangerous assumptions, and to have been implemented with undue haste and without adequate professional consultation.—E. H. Arblaster.

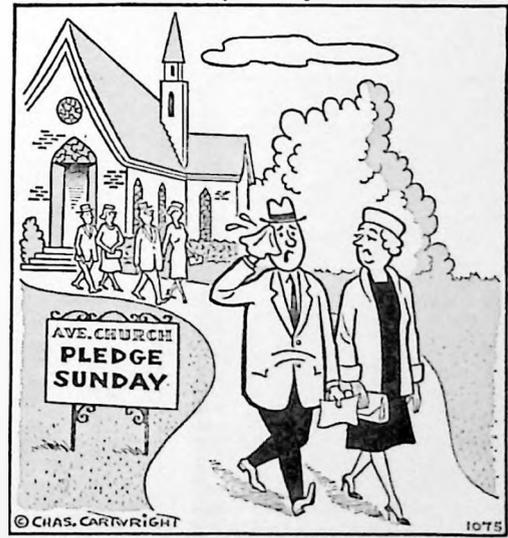
VISIT TO FIVE BROTHERS AND OTHER DOUBLE EXPOSURES

By E. Bash. (Concordia Perspective Series No. 5).
 How can we make familiar parables and other Bible passages live in a day when people worship novelty as one of their chief gods? Ewald Bash has a go with 26 Biblical passages. He introduces each with a modern parable of his own, and hopes that we may then read the original with new insight.

Judgment of his success is terribly subjective. However, six of his parables succeeded for this reviewer. They were extremely well done, e.g., "The Turtle Who Wouldn't Come Out" introduces a knowledge angle to the parable of the rich fool. The parable of the two sons is rammed uncomfortably close to home by "A Tale Told by an Idiot." The other twenty were interesting, but not striking.

It's worth reading as an exercise in stretching the imagination and lifting the vision, for when we let the Bible hit home it really hits.—R.W.L.

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MINISTER FOR SHEPPARTON

(Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. van Laar and baby Carla were welcomed as Mr. van Laar commenced his ministry. D. H. Smith of the H.M. Dept., conducted the induction service. Neville Doyle compered a fellowship welcome . . . Form 1 and upwards young people raised \$90 from a Wake-a-thon, when 15 young people stayed awake for 36 hours. Proceeds were divided between Austcare and local G.V. Centre for the Mentally Retarded . . . Two carloads from Mooroopna attended the Aborigines' Evangelistic Fellowship at Hawthorn Town Hall . . . Mr. van Laar has commenced fortnightly "Koinonia" meetings.

CROSSMANS FAREWELLED

(PRESTON, Vic.). A farewell service was conducted on July 9 by Mr. Crossman. Afterwards, following a brief service conducted by F. T. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Crossman and family were farewelled and presented with a beautiful floral arrangement and a television set. The Crossmans commence a ministry at Thornbury on July 16 . . . The C.W.F. celebrated the evening group birthday at the home of Mrs. C. McDonald. Mrs. Betty Goodwin presented Mrs. Crossman with an opal brooch as a memento of her work with Preston ladies.

BUSHWACKERS

(MARYBOROUGH, Vic., I. Adams). A "Bushwackers' Concert" was held on June 24 with all auxiliaries of the church taking part . . . The ladies have celebrated their birthday and held a Jumble Sale . . . C.W.E.F. held a "Hobby-Tex" night . . . Each month Elderly Citizens are entertained at a social and devotional afternoon . . . Youth groups and C.E. are growing in numbers . . . Mrs. F. Davies is recovering from surgery.

WARM NOW

(CASTLEMAINE, Vic., J. Byrnes). The long awaited gas heaters have now been installed in the B.S. hall . . . The Y.P. have held their second coffee night . . . The Junior and Senior C.E. groups held their demonstration July 16. G. Mathieson of the D.C.E. was speaker . . . Young people who indicated their desire to follow Jesus are now being counselled.

STUDENT MINISTRY

(TOOTGAROOK, Vic.). A church and fellowship S.S. tea on July 2 gave David Brown, new student minister, an opportunity to meet with members, friends and visitors . . . Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Pitcher were presented with a gift in appreciation of their many years of service in the S.S. . . . Recent speakers have been Padre Denby Holmes and Mr. Lanyon, a pilot working with Aborigines in Central Australia . . . Wes. Jenkins and Shane O'Brien are making good progress in hospital.

REACHING OUT

(ARARAT-STAWELL-ST. ARNAUD, Vic., R. L. Baxter). C.Y.F. were recent guests at Dandenong and also joined in N.W. District Camp at Lake Wartook . . . House meetings have been conducted at Stawell and Ararat in preparation for Friendship & Outreach programme with E. C. Keating in Sept. . . . Ararat-Stawell C.W.F. were entertained at St. Arnaud recently . . . G. Mathieson Jr. was a recent visitor . . . Methodist young people witnessed a baptism at Ararat.

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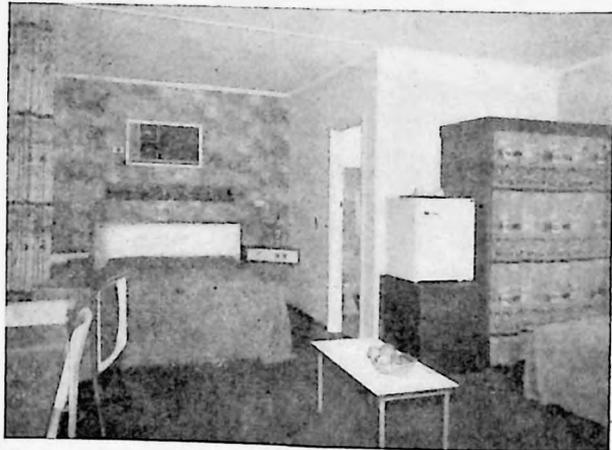
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N.S.W. WORK PARTY

A TEAM of six or more men will leave Sydney at the end of September to erect buildings at the Ranwadi High School on Pentecost Island.

The team is being sponsored by the N.S.W. Men's Fellowships. T. W. G. Bagley, who has served as a voluntary worker in the New Hebrides, is organising the work team and Don McElvenny will be team leader.

Mr. McElvenny will spend a day in Vila on the way to Ranwadi to inspect the site where it is intended to build the Churches of Christ Vila Christian Centre. He will later prepare plans for the proposed buildings.

We pray for God's abundant blessing on all members of the team in their preparation to go and their stay of several weeks in the New Hebrides (See also page 12).

SECOND TERM AT RANWADI

We are now into our second term work at Ranwadi High School. The problems of setting in are behind us and the school programme is starting to run smoothly. Nevertheless we have been having some problems, particularly with the supply of food. Our inadequate gardens were damaged by cyclones and out of school fees

will become capable leaders, rightly dividing the word of truth.

In the parable of the Sower, Jesus said that the good ground was he who received the word and understood it. It is truly good ground at Ranwadi, as the boys and girls are gladly receiving the word and are capable of understanding the deeper truths of the gospel.

By RAY WILSON

We have been buying rice to replace the vegetables that should have come from our garden. Even though villagers help in preparation of the gardens I don't believe we will be able to produce all our own vegetables until we have some mechanical means of breaking the ground. Eventually we hope to get a tractor but even if we were able to obtain a second-hand rotary hoe, this would be invaluable.

The school eats over a half a ton of root vegetables a week apart from greens and meat or fish. You can imagine the tremendous task providing this amount of food and this year we have already had to buy a great deal. We are finding that our school funds are running out too quickly.

As previously mentioned the Government is prepared to finance all new school buildings but will not assist in any way with a chapel. The spiritual growth of these young men and women is our prime concern. Their education though vitally important is secondary to this.

We are very concerned that at Ranwadi there is not one place that is set aside as a place of worship. Services and devotional programmes are held in a classroom inadequate in size and atmosphere. It would be wonderful if when the work team does come out, they could erect not only the classroom but the chapel as well. Some money has been received for this but far from enough.

In spite of these problems we are being richly blessed of the Lord. We are privileged to work with the best educated of our church youth, those who will be the leaders in our churches and villages. After the first term we are seeing some of them gaining confidence to lead in a service or give a sermon or devotional talk prepared by themselves. These teenagers will be with us for three years of secondary education. In that time we hope that they

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(Answer page 14).

FATHER'S PET (see last issue)

The boy's brothers sold him as a slave, and pretended that a wild animal had killed him. The boy, whose name was Joseph, was taken into Egypt. After many adventures, he rose to be the second most important person in the country. (See Genesis, chap. 37 for the beginning of the story).

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But when my children have a pain I don't know which to use, Because we have eight specialists From whom we have to choose.

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