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THE "CHRISTIAN" GOES

## To CARNARVON



ACTUALLY, it was the work party which went to Carnarvon. "The Christian" went to the Work Party, when all the work was done and the Party was over.

It was no holiday for them. If ever there had been any glamour shone on the project, it faded on the first long day's work in the heat and mud and among the flies.

The job was to erect two buildings. One to house two adult Aboriginal couples and the other to accommodate four adult pensioner Aborigines. The project was organised by the Federal Board of Christian Education on behalf of the Aborigines Mission Board and there were sixteen volunteers; nine from Victoria, six from S.A. and one from N.S.W. The leading hand was John Richards, son of Work Party veteran, Frank Richards.

Apart from 13 men, John's wife, Barbara, was in the team. Alison Whyatt went with her husband, Bruce, and daughter Bronwen. Kevin Winch took his wife and three children. The other girl was Margaret Goddard, of Blackburn, Vic., who did most of the cooking. The rest of the men were Laurie Bird, Boronia, Vic.; Malcolm Boyd, Magill, S.A.; Allen Carr, Geelong, Vic.; Neil Ewart, Boronia, Vic.; Geoff. Genat, Doncaster, Vic.; Malcolm Hillier, Northcote, Vic.; Lindsay Parker, Kingston, S.A.; Graham Rawlings, Unley, S.A.; Ian Tagg, Chelsea, Vic. and John Telfer, Ungarra, S.A.

Young people throughout Australia raised money for the expenses for the team, but some of the members paid their own way.

It was a big adventure, but the task was practically completed when the team left to go home. Some of the party learned new skills and they all made new friends and gained new insights into the lives of old Australians and into the tasks, tensions, frustrations and fruits of the missionary.

Not that the fruits are always easy to find. The Work Party knew of Bob Williams as the only adult Aborigine working for the mission's prime purpose of evangelism. Those who had been to New Guinea could not help reflecting on the difference there. After a few short years, New Guinea has the nucleus of a self-supporting church. Among the Aborigines, after more years, more workers, and greater expenditure—the mission is still far from establishing an indigenous church.

But it should be quickly pointed out that the New Guinea mission is far from any town and from the white man's special capacity for corruption. In Australia, the Aborigines are near the towns where fringe-dwelling Aborigines have inherited poverty as a way of life. Their freedom to drink alcohol has destroyed almost every other freedom. Aborigines are exploited by the white man's lust and greed. Even the mission has to be guarded against those who would smuggle in alcohol. Some taxi-drivers have been known to charge Aboriginal pensioners \$7 for the journey of five miles to town. Some unscrupulous merchants take advantage of illiteracy to cheat the black men and women of their pension.

Yesterday's misery is sometimes repeated. A girl, neglected by her parents, will come to the mission, sick, under-nourished, and in rags. She will be received with love and all of the concern the Christian missionaries have for her body, mind, and spirit. They will seek to win her for Christ and to equip her for life, but at too early an age she will leave the mission, marry some boy, and in a few years her own children, sick, under-nourished, and in rags, will come to the mission to repeat the cycle.

They don't all fail, however. Bob Williams is not the only victory for Christ, but he is a notable one.

Bob has a simple faith. He grasps with reality what most merely hope for. When he wakes in the morning, his first word is, "Good morning, Lord!" His Lord is as real a presence in his

life as anyone could be. He talks away to God at any time and all the time. He wonderfully impressed the members of the team. He cannot read or write, does not know his age, and is a bit vague about the weeks and months, but he knows well that this is God's world and that the faith which transformed his life can change anyone.

They don't all fail. Dawn Noble came home for a sad visit—her brother had died. Dawn is no failure. She has succeeded as a Christian and also as a nurse. She is working in the Northern Territory.

They don't all fail. There are many others who found Christ in the mission and are carried safely by their faith into the towns and stations. Maybe the mission story is not all success—but the church story in the city suburbs is not all success, either!

The Work Party was too busy to do much except the main task of building in which they were assisted by some of the missionaries, but the team members did see something of the children with which the Carnarvon mission is mostly concerned. They live at the mission and go by bus to school and church. The missionaries try to strengthen any family ties. Where there are no family ties, they try to be good substitute parents.

The boys play football. Australian Rules, of course! Their team is called the Gasecoynes, named after one of Carnarvon's hotels, which is named after the river. Each of the four hotels sponsors a junior and a senior team, completely outfitting it down to the boots. The boots, however, barely last to half time before they are thrown away for greater freedom. Matches are played on Sundays, but out of respect to the mission, the games with our boys are played on Saturdays. Our team hasn't won this year. At least, not until recently, when they won three games in a row — by forfeit. Their opponents preferred to go to the races! The girls have two night basketball teams and are just as keen on sport as the boys.

We have talked more about the people than the buildings, but the people are more important than the buildings. At one stage, team members even wondered if they were accomplishing anything worthwhile. Would the Aborigines live in the homes when they were finished? Do they really want to dwell under a roof with walls and doors? The Government insisted on gas stoves being fitted, but would the people rather use an outside barbecue fire? Most of the questions were answered one day at a normal mission prayer session when Bob Williams thanked God that when he is next away on a mission to his own people, his wife, Mary, will have the comfort and security of a home. The way will be clear for more journeys for his beloved Lord. The other couple to share with the Williams are also thrilled.

This has been a good year for Bob. For years he wanted to visit his people at the Mount Margaret Mission, but illness or other obstacles prevented him. Not that this worried Bob. If he didn't go, it could only be because the Lord did not want him to go. This year, the year of the Work Party, he went. It was the Lord's will, and Bob has no doubt about the homes. They, too, are plainly the Lord's will.

Well, the homes are built, and the team has gone home. Some of them will take a while to catch up on their finances. Although travel expenses were paid for some, wages were lost. It is estimated that most of them are down at least \$1,000 in wages. They don't mind that. They served willingly and even gained by the trip.

They know at first hand the story of the Aboriginal mission, about those who serve and those who are served. They have all been enriched in spirit and some of them have made deeper commitments. Every other work party has resulted in at least one member going back as a missionary. Maybe . . . ?

We all owe a debt for what was done at Carnarvon this year. The project was conceived in compassion and achieved with sacrifice. But we cannot pay our debt to the Work Party. They have already been paid in the Lord's coin. But we could well be ready to make our own sacrifice for the Lord's work when the opportunity comes.

In the meantime, keep listening! The "Fix-It" team from N.S.W. is in the New Hebrides, and have yet to tell their story.—A.E.W.

## "COMMITTED TO FELLOWSHIP"

By R. NEIL GILMORE

AT Federal Conference in Perth, Neil Gilmore, who represents the Australian churches on the World Council of Churches Central Committee, and just back from a meeting of that committee at Utrecht, Holland, addressed the pre-Conference session of the Department of Christian Union.

The theme of the Utrecht meeting was "Committed to Fellowship." Mr. Gilmore felt a sense of disappointment on two levels. "Some of it arises from the fact that we are stuck with the English word 'fellowship,' which we use to express everything from our oneness in Christ to having a cup of tea together. In English it is a fairly shallow word. We couple it with 'commitment' which means the giving of oneself. I am not sure that any of the churches anywhere are prepared to give themselves to one another in any ecumenical way. I felt that we did not make progress."

The feeling was shared by others. Professor Hendrikus Berkhof of the Netherlands said at the end of the discussions. "Mr. Chairman, I know that there is no fellowship in this room today. How do I know it? Because I was told to my face, 'I can have no fellowship with you because your skin is white.'" John Huxtable of the Congregational Union in Great Britain reported a similar experience.

"You cannot," said Mr. Gilmore, "even within the Church, escape the radical divisions which are running through mankind today, and which we saw manifested in their ugliest fashion at the Munich Olympics. If the World Council survives its next Assembly at Jakarta, it will be because of our oneness in Christ. If it does not survive, it will not be denominational divisions which will shatter it. It will be the lines of race and culture. The major threat to mankind today lies in the divisions of race and culture. You cannot enter relationships with the people of Asia and Africa and with the American Negro without being made sharply aware of this. The situation is not getting any easier."

"When we talk about 'fellowship' we talk about the root word of the W.C.C. The basis of membership is that a church confess the Lord Jesus Christ is God and Saviour according to the Scriptures."

"Such churches enter into a fellowship. The W.C.C. can never become a super-church. It can never become more than a fellowship of churches. Many of the 263 member-churches have traditions going back almost to N.T. times and most of them believe, as we do, that they are New Testament churches and follow the N.T. as they understand it."

The Roman Catholic Church is not in membership with the W.C.C. but it does send observers and there is no doubt that many would like to see a closer link. Mr. Gilmore thinks there are real difficulties in the way of this.

"Perhaps the most difficult area of growth is with the R.C. Church. Some Protestants are fearful of what might happen to us in closer relationships with the R.C. Church. But membership of the R.C. Church in the W.C.C. poses a greater threat to the R.C. Church than to any Protestant member. At a public meeting recently a R.C. priest asked how I saw the difficulties of his Church entering the W.C.C. I replied that "the biggest obstacle to us in the W.C.C. and to the R.C. Church is your self-understanding. Despite the 2nd Vatican Council, you still see yourselves as the Church. It is not easy for a church which sees itself as the Church to enter into fellowship with other churches whom it must consider in some ways to be non-church, or un-church, or less than the Church. Nor do I see it easy for the R.C. Church to enter into such a fellowship and be prepared to be voted down, for in no way could the Catholic Church muster a majority of votes in a World Council Assembly, let alone in the Central Committee. And when a Church which understands itself as the Church can enter into a fellowship where it can be voted down by something which is less than the Church, then you face difficulties." The Catholic priest, Secretary of Melbourne's Eucharistic Congress, said, "I quite agree!"

### SUFFERING TOGETHER

The W.C.C. is a growing fellowship, not only in numbers but in depth. Mr. Gilmore suggested that growth in depth comes when churches suffer together. An illustration was the meeting in Addis Ababa when there was a world-wide reaction against the Programme to Combat Racism and the first \$200,000 grant was made. "We met with all the pressure of opinion against us. . . . There was a deep sense of unity as we suffered together, and as we knew that what we were doing was being misunderstood; we were being misrepresented, and lies were being told around the world. Alan Brash, Director of Inter-Church Aid, said, 'If you go ahead I may lose millions of West German deutschmarks, but you go ahead.' There was not a single vote against it. We had suffered and the depth of our fellowship grew."

### ACTION WITH COMPASSION

Action is built into the World Council structure, but never for action's sake. It is always action with compassion. "Whether you talk about Nigeria and the \$12,000,000 operation for relief; or Bangladesh with \$8,000,000 already spent and a further \$5,000,000 to follow into what is a bottomless pit of suffering; or in the Sudan, it is an active compassionate fellowship. For 17 years there was war in the Sudan, now there is peace. Christian leaders were called in to help with the negotiations. After the agreement was signed, it was asked why the politicians turned to the churches for help, and the reply was simply, 'the Programme to Combat Racism. We know now that you are not just men of words, but men of integrity and active faith. We wanted men whom we could trust!'"

"The whole of the active fellowship of the W.C.C. is undergirded at a theological level by the faith and witness unit. The present major study programmes concern the Future of Man, Human Settlements, Violence and Society, among others, and all find their focus in the study session planned for Bangkok later this year entitled 'Salvation Today.' The opening statement says, 'The Christian's salvation is in Jesus Christ. There is no salvation apart from him, yet his salvation is for all men. We believe that God has acted and still acts, and Jesus the Saviour is the focus of God's saving acts who brought to the world salvation by his incarnation, life, death, and resurrection.'"

When asked about the charge that the W.C.C. in its Programme to Combat Racism was supplying arms, Mr. Gilmore said that one man sat down and worked out what arms could be purchased by the \$10,000 which was given to the Africa National Congress . . . the answer is, one sub-machine gun and about 1,000 rounds of ammunition! "But we in Australia can go to Indonesia and give away millions of dollars worth of Sabre-jets and nothing is said. The press reported the charges that the W.C.C. was supplying arms but did not think it worth mentioning that one group returned the money because it could not use it for the stated purpose. It did not buy arms." "No," added Mr. Gilmore, "the outcry came because this money was placed into black hands, and it is felt that black hands cannot be trusted."

All of the grants made under the P.C.R. have been followed through and it is known exactly how they were used. And it is significant that because of the P.C.R. the governments of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Britain and Holland have all made contributions to the same groups assisted by the Programme to Combat Racism.

Mr. Gilmore said that he was ashamed of the Australian churches, which have given less than \$2,000 to P.C.R. "When the Aust. Council of Churches' Executive wishes to help land development for the Aborigines, we are embarrassed. We were hoping to obtain \$100,000 for the Aborigines from the P.C.R., but we ourselves have given less than \$2,000 to the Programme to Combat Racism."

## NEW PRINCIPAL APPOINTED

The Board of Management of the College of the Bible of Churches of Christ in Australia announces the appointment of Dr. K. R. Bowes, M.A., S.T.M., Ph.D., as Principal-elect of the College. Dr. Bowes will succeed Principal E. L. Williams, M.A., who will retire on Dec. 31, 1973.

Dr. Bowes comes from one of our well known Adelaide families. He was brought up at the Unley church where he was baptized, and later gave notable leadership to the young people of that church. During this time he was majoring in history at the Adelaide University from whence he graduated Master of Arts in 1958. While at Unley he met and married Rae Ritchie.

On scholarship he went with Rae to the Australian National University in Canberra to study for three years for his Doctorate of Philosophy in History. During these years he and Rae worked hard for the development and growth of the new Canberra church, especially with the young people. Dr. Bowes served on the church board and his wife was secretary of the C.W.F.

From Canberra Dr. Bowes entered the College of the Bible, and while engaged in a ministry with the churches at South Melbourne and Mitcham, completed the College course, graduating in 1962. In 1963 he studied at Yale University (U.S.A.) for his Master of Sacred Theology.

On returning to Australia, Dr. Bowes was appointed to the Faculty of the College of the Bible. He has been teaching New Testament Studies, Christian Missions, Philosophy of Religion, and Christian Education. Dr. Bowes' outstanding contribution is in the field of New Testament Studies. His work in Christian Education

has also been assisted by his practical experience in the leadership and later the chairmanship of the Victorian Department of Christian Education, as well as his long membership of the Federal Board of Christian Education.

Dr. Bowes brings to his new office an unquestioned dedication to Christ, very high academic qualifications, a gracious Christian spirit, a warm friendly nature, a contagious enthusiasm, a keen mind, a steadfast loyalty to the witness of Churches of Christ, and an outstanding ability to expound the Scriptures. It is the belief of the Board of Management and the Faculty of the College, that God has raised him up for this position.

Dr. Bowes, with his wife and four children, will live at the College.

According to the Constitution of the Federal Conference, the College Committees in W.A. and S.A., the College representatives in Tasmania, and the Federal Conference Executive were all consulted concerning the appointment. We are pleased to report unanimous endorsements from these bodies. The College Board has confidence that this appointment will be accepted with enthusiasm by the whole Australian brotherhood, and that our people will support Dr. Bowes with their loyalty and their prayers. The appointment also has the warm endorsement of the College Faculty.

—F. P. Chipperfield, Chairman.  
—G. R. Stirling, Secretary.

### SECOND JOB MINISTER

In N.S.W. an Anglican church was in financial trouble so the minister took another job as cleaner at the Town Hall. He thought his gesture would stimulate better giving. Instead the offerings fell by a further 40% and the man is to be moved to another parish.

The Dean of Armidale says that since the rural recession affected church giving, six of his thirty priests have worked in secular jobs as well as at their church tasks. They include jobs as a T.V. mechanic, Housing Commission officer, book-keeper for a garage, teacher of retarded children, and cleaner.

### FOUR IN ONE MINISTRY

(Vic.) Even in these days of much cooperation between churches, it is not often that a man finds himself the official minister of four churches!

That, however, is the situation in the co-operating churches in Churchill, a residential town in Gippsland's Latrobe Valley. Anglican, Churches of Christ, Methodist and Presbyterian folk share together in one congregation.

A new minister is needed in this area, and an advertisement was published recently giving some of the possibilities.

### • WOMEN'S WRITE

## ARE YOU CHICKEN?

By HELEN JONES

You're just plain chicken! Ever had someone say that to you? In plain talk chicken means coward! A person who is afraid to die, afraid to go all the way, afraid to follow the herd. They call you chicken if you won't smoke. You are chicken if you won't drink or don't swear. You are chicken if you can't brag about your indulgence in shameful sex. Today, a person who refuses to act like a heathen, is considered to be some sort of a nut. Prisons and reformatories are overflowing with people who have been convicted for murder, assault and battery, drug addiction and immorality. And many of these boast — at least I'm not chicken!

Our roads are over-run with would-be hot-rodgers, playing the chicken game. In America in 1959, in one state alone, more than 25 teenagers died playing chicken. Young people are being lured and seduced into sin and corruption by others who have sold out to the devil. Some cool operator or slick chick will lead an innocent person into a trap, and then jeer, "Come on. What'samatter? You chicken or somethin'? Why don't you get smart!" People are throwing their morals to the wind, just so they will be accepted by some big shot sinners.

A real chicken is one who breaks down under pressure. One of these days God is going to put on the pressure. He is going to see how big and brave and smart people will act then. The Bible says, "It is appointed you once to die, but after this, the judgment." Every Catholic, every Protestant, every Agnostic, every Jew, will stand before God and be judged for every wicked word that came out of his mouth and every sinful deed he did. When God puts on the pressure "every knee shall bow . . . and every tongue shall confess." Every eye will behold Him on that great day.

The end of time is approaching. People feel something world shattering is going to happen. It will be worse than floods, earthquakes, famines or other calamities. God is warning people everywhere that the end of time is near. Communistic leaders are getting ready to press the launching buttons that will fill the skies with missiles. China is getting ready to march with its millions, Africa is shaking itself from sleep like a mighty giant. America is torn in two with troubles. Crime, delinquency, drug addiction, sex, hate, fear are spreading around the world like a cancerous disease. Fear is causing heart attacks around the world.

Remember, a chicken is one who breaks down under pressure. A chicken is afraid to die. The Bible says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." God is putting the pressure on you right now. Forget what other people think of you.

Jesus will return again — the Christians will be taken, the others will be left. Are you going to be left behind when Jesus comes again? Are you going to be chicken?

## NEW UNDER THE SUN

By HAROLD F. GROSS

Associate Churches of Christ Missionary in Thailand

The Chinese community in Thailand forms a significant section of the population, and like most overseas Chinese the older generation tenaciously seeks to preserve Chinese culture and to transmit it to oncoming generations. The Chinese Christian community in Nakhon Pathom stems from people with Baptist origins, originally refugees from China itself. Services of worship are traditionally in Chinese, but it is one of the signs of the times that the young people of the church now insist that the sermon at least should be translated into Thai. The congregation has a pastor, Mr. Pichai, a young man trained in Hong Kong, and among the pillars of the church are Dr. and Mrs. Chen. Dr. Chen is Superintendent of the small Christian hospital next to Bamrung Wittaya, where I teach.

On July 16, 1972, a new set of church buildings was officially opened—the Chinese Church Sanctuary, a lower hall, rooms for various purposes, an apartment for the minister and his family, and guest quarters, are all embraced within the one complex, costing well over 1 million baht (£26,000 sterling — no small sum in Thailand). There is a large open baptistry.

The governor of the jungwat (province) was present at the opening, as were other civic dignitaries. Choirs and other representatives were present from other churches, both in Pak II (our church diocese), and further afield. The address was given by Acharn Nira, Vice-Moderator of the Church of Christ in Thailand.

### C.W.F. CAMP

(Vic.) 91 ladies, many of them new campers, were in camp at Monbulk, Sept. 22-24. Sing-a-longs were led by June St. Aubyn and Iris Page.

Three members of the Work Party to Carnarvon showed slides and movies of their experiences in W.A. Quiet times were prepared by the Prayer and Evang. Committee and Mrs. Linda Morgan, C.W.F. President, led the communion service. Camp offering \$357.3. Josie Weedon, a C.W.F. member, and Barry Jenkins, guided studies on Communicating. The film and study next morning complemented each other. The Monbulk premiere "Come Blow Your Horn" was an entertaining interlude.

This camp programme will be repeated at Monbulk, June 15-17, 1973.

—Helen Banks, Camp Convener.

### BOYS' HOME AIDED

(HORNSBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). Hornsby members actively supported the Boys' Home Fete on Sept. 23. The ladies and Mr. Oldfield conducted their usual stalls and the young people ran a Teenagers' Stall. In all, Hornsby's contribution was \$363 . . . On Sept. 24 a presentation was made to Ron Black on leaving to commence National Service.

### SPIRIT WILL NOW COME FROM PUMPS

(Vic.) "Frankston City Council has favoured an application for a service station on the corner of Beach Street and Dandenong Road. A Mobil station will replace the Church of Christ on the north-west corner of the intersection."—(Extract from a recent news item in the Frankston local paper).

Contrary to the implication the sale has not yet been completely finalised; however, it is a planned transaction, for the church recognising the need of greater facilities, purchased land in Cranbourne Road to develop the Peace Memorial Chapel. Under the leadership of Ray Patterson (minister), members have been involved with the H.M. Dept. and Ray Drayton, in planning seminars, and drawings now submitted to the church for approval.

Much interest has been generated and a works committee formed to ensure the minimum delay on completion of sale.

We trust the "true spirit" will continue to guide and direct the planning.

### LOAN REPAID

(WAGGA WAGGA, N.S.W., P. French). The building loan has been repaid in full, 12 months ahead of the target date. Giving for all purposes totalled \$10,886 for the year just ended . . . A. Powell and W. Casperson were elected elders . . . Now in his 84th year, Harry Snowdon has retired from the Board of Deacons . . . The church has adopted a special project to raise \$250 this year towards Enmore Church of All Nations' Simultaneous Translation System . . . \$120 was provided for expenses for Work Team for New Hebrides.

### HISTORY PROOF

(FAIRFIELD, N.S.W., I. Berthelsen). The film "Crossroads of History" gave archeological proofs of biblical history. Mervyn Curran (science teacher) gave a testimony to his faith . . . Sam Honanish (Lebanese migrant) made his decision . . . Doug. Carron, originally from Inverell, has died after nine years of illness . . . The book of James (Living N.T.) is being studied at evening services.

VISIT FROM BLACKWOOD (Ascot Park, S. R. Baker). Fifty young people from Blackwood came for tea on Sept. 24, for which our ladies catered. The young people provided their own organise and preacher for the evening service. One girl read the scriptures, another gave a testimony, and a choir of 21 gave items led by Peter Johnstone. There were other items. There were four decisions: three girls from Blackwood and Donald Penno from our church. . . . Mr. Baker is improving after suffering a virus infection. Daryl James, of our church, at Arny school at Balcombe, made his decision at Cheltenham, Vic.

# 1972 C.W.F. CAMP

Sixty women shared in the 9th Tasmanian Women's Camp at Clayton's Rivulet, Ulverstone, Sept. 22-24.

All arrangements were ably carried out by the Tasmanian Women's Conference Committee, supported by group leaders, devotional leaders, caterers and all present.

The studies on "Strategy for the Seventies" were presented by Mrs. G. R. Stirling, of Victoria, who stressed the need for women to play a real part in the pastoral work within the church and the community. Women have many opportunities to build bridges of friendship by being aware of, and sharing faith with, those in need. Ventures in Friendship programmes, sources of contact, programme planning and resource materials were carried out and discussed in groups and later shared in assembly. "Role Plays" to demonstrate probable visitation reactions were staged and criticised to assist women in this field of outreach.

On Saturday, campers viewed progress on the new church building at Ulverstone and Colin Orr explained plans for future

development.

In lighter vein, it would appear that many of our women have given up lucrative opportunities in the entertainment world, if the camp concert was any indication! There are many who would like to get a glimpse into that "Little Snap-Shot Album"!!

"The Agape" service on Sunday morning will long be remembered. The quietness and dignity with which this was conducted by Mrs. Stirling was a deeply moving and enriching experience.

Mrs. Iris Robertson, President of Tas. Women's Conf. Committee, thanked all who had shared in the success of the camp with special mention to Mrs. Stirling.

Words of appreciation and a farewell gift were made to Mrs. Lloyd Cooke who, with her husband, will take up a new ministry at Blackwood, S.A. For the past 10 years Shirley Cooke has been actively interested in women's work in Tasmania, serving on the State Committee in several capacities including that of State President. —G. E. Moore.

## South Aust.

ACCEPTED FOR COLLEGE (Blackwood, H. G. Norris, B. V. Coventry). Sue Sampson has been accepted for the College of the Bible for 1973. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wojcik and children from Canada are worshipping with us. . . . B.B. camp included 15 boys and three officers. . . . Mrs. G. T. Fitzgerald is now at "Helping Hand" Centre, North Adelaide. . . . Young people conducted an evening service at Ascot Park. . . . 150 attended end of season basketball tea. Team members took part in evening service.

BEVERLEY CELEBRATES (R. W. Saunders). The small B.S. of 30 children and eight teachers celebrated its anniversary on Sept. 24. Led by Supt. Phil Saunders, with Kinder children singing, the church met with visitors for an afternoon "Contemporary Communion." This was followed by inspection of renovated Kinder room, slides, records, etc. Upper school children took part at night with responses, audio-visual made by themselves, and dramatization. Cheltenham church closed its evening service to share here. For a church with 24 members it was good to see so many and to share in the keenness of the teachers.

vis-à-vis Asia, by monopolisation of the resources of this continent and by discouraging S.E. Asian countries from supplying us with their goods (tariffs, etc.), our military system and alliances have become more important. World development is not going to occur if we are intent on making ourselves secure in our wealth, which National Service attempts to do.

To proclaim the good news of Jesus the Christ, we must confront the National Service Act, recognising that this is just the beginning of the breakdown of our military structures. We must repent of our racial egocentricity. We shouldn't be intimidated by fears of a breakdown in "law and order." Christ's love makes everything new, and laws which perpetuate an order which guarantees our security while preventing others from sharing equally in the world's resources must be opposed, if our lives are to be renewed.

—Mike Topley & Alf Martin (S.A.).

### LOST LOVE

To the Editor,

I refer to the word from John R. C. Wise ("A.C.," Sept. 30) that "it is no longer sufficient or reasonable to place the blame and responsibility with the minister." No longer! The problem existed way back in the first century A.D., with the first-named of the seven churches of Asia (Rev. 2: 1-7). If ever a church had a promising beginning, it was the one at Ephesus! It was here that the Apostle Paul ministered for three years in the early days, to be followed by Apollos, mighty and eloquent in the scriptures! Then came Timothy, Paul's son in the faith, in which faith he was well nurtured by his mother and grandmother. Last, but by no means least, the city was the centre of the mature ministry of the beloved John, who himself radiated great love for the brethren.

Yet God, who saw their works, labour, patience and hatred of evil, had to say: "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." Is that our basic problem also? Have we left our first love?—Joseph Plummer, Vic.

# SOUTH PACIFIC TALES

Wading ashore on the island of Nguna, with two specially bound Bibles clutched firmly to his chest, David Cohen, Bible Society Deputy General Secretary, N.Z., felt humbled as he realised that these were the first complete Bibles printed in the language of the people ever to reach that island. He later shared in an inspiring thanksgiving and presentation service on the very day in which the bulk supplies of the Bible arrived in Vila for distribution. The operation synchronised with the release of Scripture Union Bible reading booklets in the Ngunaese language.

On Wallis Island, Mr. Cohen was present when the first book of the Bible published in the Wallis language was distributed. On Ascension Day morning, on the steps of the parish church, the Bibles were put on sale and the response was most exciting.

### Opportunities in Zaire

A report from M. Gaston Mwenda, Church Relations Secretary of the Bible Society of Zaire, indicates the new opportunities for the scriptures. A Methodist bookshop received a delivery of 4,000 copies of the revised Second French New Testament. Almost at once an order was received from the sisters in charge of the

"Daughters of St. Paul" R.C. bookshop asking for 2,000 copies.

### New Testaments on Demand in Holland

New Testaments in today's English, German and French have become increasingly popular in the Netherlands. Since the Bible Society offered the three together at a reduced price, hundreds of sets have been ordered. At the National Education Fair the set became the most ordered item from the whole range of Protestant and Roman Catholic Bible Societies' publications. These versions are used in high schools for language teaching.

### Getting through the barriers

No Bible Society work is being done in North Korea and no international contacts are possible. However, since November, 1971, T.E.A.M. radio HLKX has been broadcasting a ten-minute programme of scripture read at dictation speed every day. The Korean Bible Society pays \$500 to produce these programmes, which consist of scripture reading and music.

### "And now I am a Christian"

"I am a graduate. I received a New Testament. I studied it and now I am a Christian." This was what the writer of a

recent letter to the Bihar auxiliary of the Bible Society of India had to say. At Vishakapatnam, in Secunderabad, the Bible Society secretary, with voluntary help, distributed 4,000 T.E.V. New Testaments to graduates on convocation day. The Bible Society of India has traditionally encouraged the free distribution of scriptures to students, who are thus confronted with the Word of God at a crucial time in their life. In one centre the Principals of two colleges would not allow New Testaments to be distributed on the college premises, but just as the Bible Society representatives were leaving Christian lecturers at the colleges came to them and offered to distribute out of college hours. In this way all the final year students received their New Testaments. In addition to New Testaments for graduates, copies of the four gospels are given to those who matriculate and gospels and selections to those passing through middle and primary sections of the educational system. In 1972 some 51,000 New Testaments, over 1,000,000 portions, and 200,000 selections were distributed in this way.

### CZECH BIBLES FOR AFRICA

For the first time since World War II, scriptures have been produced in an East European country for export outside the continent.

One thousand copies of the Kuranko N.T. are ready for despatch to Sierra Leone, West Africa. 5,000 Baoule N.T.'s and 10,000 diglot Baoule/French gospels have been ordered for the Ivory Coast.

## OPEN FORUM

### WILLIAMSTOWN-KERSBROOK

To the Editor,

The otherwise excellent report on the ministry of Queensland's Conference President ("A.C.," Sept. 30) refers to his ministry at Williamstown-Kersbrook, S.A., in 1951-53 as being the first circuit arrangement of these two fellowships. I served these two churches in a circuit arrangement in 1920-22. There were others before me.

The Kersbrook church was originally one of several "Christian" churches which were independent of each other and in no way connected with our movement. Kersbrook was the only one of these churches to identify itself with us. The Kersbrook chapel is one of the oldest of our S.A. church buildings.

It was served by two ministers for more than 60 years. I lived in the nine-roomed house built on 40 acres of land by the first minister, for which I paid 10/- a week rent. Kersbrook in my time had the minister conduct the morning service, followed by the communion presided over by an elder. At Kersbrook in 1921 we held the first Good Friday all-day services for the two circuit churches, which afterwards included Gawler, when I became the first of our ministers in that town. These Good Friday united services have continued for 50 years without a break.

Williamstown was a church in our own tradition. Those were the days of the carbide gas lights when sometimes the evening service was interrupted while some one replenished the carbide drum. I served these two churches on alternating Sundays. I would travel by horse and buggy to Williamstown on the Saturday, arriving in time to conduct a youth study group and remaining over the Sunday. At this chapel they had what was known as "The prophet's chamber." There was "a bed, and a table, and a stool (or chair) and a candlestick."

(2 Kings 4: 10), a safe and a fireplace. When I arrived at the chapel and entered the little room food enough and to spare was always provided in the safe—cakes and scones, scalded cream and jellies made from berries that were known to grow only in the Barossa Ranges where these churches are located. Stables and buggy shed were also provided.

I have happy memories of my ministry in these churches and some not so happy, such as driving the 11 miles separating Williamstown and my home at Kersbrook in cold and blinding rain, and one winter Sunday morning when they had to lift me from the baptistry after baptizing five people. My legs felt frozen and I could not move them. We did not use waders for protection. "John the Baptist never used waders, why should we?" I was told. Continued blessings on these two churches.—R. Raymond, W.A.

### NATIONAL SERVICE

To the Editor,

We urge all people to oppose the National Service Act by non-compliance or the encouragement of this. The Act expresses both our nationalistic desire to remain at least as rich as we are, and our cultural chauvinism.

Our defence system is partly a reflection of our xenophobia; it is a part of our racist society. It protects us, we think, from the consequences of S.E. Asian countries having governments which will not tolerate foreign economic or cultural dominance. Even today we are so fearful, that the racist assertion that "we will defend Australia from Communism, even if we have to go abroad to do so," is still acceptable. This aggressiveness shows a total lack of understanding of the rights and value of other people developing in their own way.

The National Service Act reveals what we think about action for world development. Since the gold rushes of the 1850's, we have feared Australia becoming an attractive place for Asia's surplus population. As we have become more affluent,

### WORD TALK No. 61

Saul is the first King of Israel and the greatest shipwreck of the Old Testament, where he is mentioned 400 times. He played a transitional role between the loose tribes under the Judges and the strong monarchy under David and Solomon.

Israel lived under the domination of the Philistines who subjected them politically, defeated them militarily and exploited them economically. Israel needed a man to stand up to them.

Saul went searching for some lost asses when the prophet Samuel anointed him into service. He accepted military leadership and freed the captured territory of Jabesh. His appointment by Samuel, his leadership success and popular election led to his coronation (1 Sam. 9-12). There was a revival of Israel's spirit, and victory over the Philistines followed until his final defeat at Gilboa. Saul took upon himself the role of the prophet, being impatient with Samuel.

Saul's relationship with David declined continually. The boy hero-musician (1 Sam. 16, 17) was given tasks closer to the king and was a success in battle. As Saul's jealousy increased he attempted to destroy David (1 Sam. 8-27) by murder, family marriage, involvement in battle, by breaking his closest friendships, by capture, assassination and relentless pursuit. But all he did was to enhance David's significance and reputation, drive him into attracting a band of professional soldiers, and to distract himself from his main task as king and the threats of his real enemies. At the end of his life he sought the witch of Endor in a sad attempt to lighten things (1 Sam. 28). Next day in battle his army was defeated, his sons killed and, wounded, he suicided.

### FOR TODAY:

In every time of national crisis the man of the hour who saves the nation is hero-worshipped. Frequently he

# SAUL

handles the peace less well than the war and his private life than the nation. No man has been so much reviled in our lifetime as Churchill. His physician, Lord Moran, reveals in his own private life that Churchill suffered from many of the same deficiencies as Saul. It is hard to be a hero and a human.

Saul went out after asses and found a kingdom. This is one of the most frequent experiences of life. Big gates swing on small hinges. Ruth gleaned in a field and finds Boaz, and her descendants include David and Jesus. Archimedes in the bath and Newton under the apple tree both found what they were looking for in strange places. Columbus stopped at a convent for a drink of water and came out and found a continent. Wilfred Grenfell stopped at the tent of a visiting evangelist and came out a missionary to the icy north. It is when we are searching for donkeys that our destinies are decided!

Saul as king assumed for himself the role of the priest. State-Church relationships were over the same. The monarch quickly becomes "the defender of the Faith." The irony of history is that the faith frequently has to be defended from the monarch.

Saul's life illustrates the mental condition of many contemporaries. The psychologist finds great interest in his behaviour pattern: jealousy, bad personal relationships, persecution complex, a sense of desperation, an inversion of priorities, a mistaking of internal pressure for external troubles, remorse and guilt, disturbed behaviour, running about in the nude, seeking help from a medium — all of these are well known symptoms of mental derangement. Suicide is the frequent end. What a different life Saul's could have been if at his side there had been a prophet like Nathan or Isaiah. Every person under stress needs a personal Counsellor.

—GORDON MOYES.

# ADELAIDE FLASHPOINT

In a busy ten-day visit, G. R. Stirling made a fresh presentation of the College of the Bible across the city in a varied series of meetings.

Two good programmes for Youth Flashpoint at Edwardstown and Nailsworth churches gave contact to interested young people through an after-church fellowship led by John Halbert, M.B.E., and a lively youth breakfast with Peter de Wildt and the "This is Life" Singers.

## Family Flashpoint

120 shared in the "something for all ages" family night, Peter Johnson led enthusiastic hymn singing which set the mood for the evening. Mrs. Dillon, Women's Conference President, gave a welcome. Items were provided by young instrumental and singing group "The Light Brigade" and by vocalist Petrea Johnson. A knockout Bible Quiz was won by Flinders Park. Sharing their Christian experience were Gordon Scown, a personnel officer, and his wife, Sandra, a school teacher, from Cheltenham who were interviewed by Mr. Stirling. Mr. Stirling urged deeper understanding between young and old and the importance of God in family life.

## Flashpoint Women

Ladies seated around small tables with bowls of "nibblers" responded to the spirit of informality and sharing, when told by G. R. Stirling to stand by someone they had never met before, and find out as much as possible about each other in three minutes. This feeling was further stimulated by animated discussion in small

groups on the subjects of coping in the days before modern appliances, personal worries, and the value of prayer in life's pressures. Christian women shared their faith and experiences of God in interviews with Mr. Stirling. Mr. Stirling spoke of the needs of children and young people, and the urgent necessity of a mother's powerful and patient Christian witness springing from deep personal relationship with God. Family prayer was followed by supper provided by the local ladies.

Nearly 300 women attended the meetings on three nights at Clovelly Park, Brooklyn Park and Kensington Park. The form of each meeting was the same, with welcomes by Mrs. Dillon, Mrs. Saunders, C.O.B. representative, and Mrs. Bartlett, wife of the President of General Conference. Mr. Stirling conducted interviews with Peg Walladge (Blackwood), Nancy Fletcher (Cheltenham) and Sylvie Potter (Magill). Items were provided by Mrs. Helen Austin (Grote St.), Nailsworth ladies and the "Tasma" trio.

The initial men's breakfast was cancelled because of the petrol shortage.

The H.M. Director, Ted Heard, shared with the College of the Bible Committee in preparations. Secretary, Barry Heath, Kilburn minister, made detailed arrangements which led to Final Flashpoint, a Sunday afternoon rally at Grote St. church, led by John Mathieson with the Henley Beach church choir and a youth trio singing. Before preaching Mr. Stirling was questioned by panelists, Mrs. Marlene Hammersmith, Ken Allison and Trevor Lockett.—E. W. Heard.

# WATER STORAGE TANK FOR NORSEMAN

For many years Norseman Mission has faced problems with the supply of water. The main pipeline covering a distance of almost 450 miles passes through the mission property, stopping at the town of Norseman. Breaks in the pipeline have occurred over the years with continuous regularity resulting in the mission being deprived of water sometimes for days at a time. When a breakdown occurred a couple of years ago there was no water to fight a fire which broke out in the engine room workshop at the mission, resulting in the total destruction of the main workshop and engine room and a lot of valuable equipment and machinery. With around 100 children plus workers and their families on the station the shortage of water at such times has caused embarrassment and hardship.

It was decided to apply to the Government for a grant to erect a large storage tank which could be held in reserve for use during such times of difficulty. The cost of a 30,000 gallon tank and lengths of 4" piping was submitted at \$7,500. At the same time the University of W.A.

Engineering Branch were looking around for some project which they could undertake to give practical experience to their third year students. Their approach to the Dept. for Community Welfare resulted in the Norseman storage tank being presented for consideration. A quick visit to Norseman by Mr. Butler (Federal Board Secretary) and Ben Kooperman, Federal President, Engineering Students, and Mark Hewitt (W.A. University) resulted in the University of W.A. accepting the project of erecting a 30,000 gallon water storage tank, complete with roof and connecting piping. A work party of twelve third year engineering students under the control and leadership of a tutor and lecturer will go to Norseman in late November to build the tank. Already the site has been selected, levels and soil samples taken and samples of aggregate and sand taken for analysis.

The mission folk at Norseman are praising God for the provision of this reserve water supply which will not only ensure relief for washing, bathing, etc., but will also provide a means for fire protection.

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## Anniversary Services

Sunday, October 29

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5 p.m.: Fellowship Tea.  
7 p.m.: Gospel Service, Mr. Gordon Stirling.

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HAWTHORN (Vic.)

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**GEMS OF JOY** (Bassendean, D. Thorpe). For nine nights and two Sunday mornings, the Gems of Joy Gospel Messengers, led by Geo. Jones, ministered to an enthusiastic church. Meeting numbers reached 210. There were well-supported prayer meetings. Families and individuals took their stand for Christ and are being counselled in discipleship. At the close a love offering of \$410 was presented to the team.

**BAPTISMAL SERVICE** (Fremantle-Hamilton Hill, W.A., H. R. Fitch). A young man and three Fremantle B.S. girls were baptized on Sept. 10 . . . A men's tea on the 3rd preceded Fathers' Day service which featured a men's choir . . . Fremantle C.M.W.F. speaker told of work at a C.W.D. assessment centre.

**EFFICIENT S.S.** (Kalgoorlie, R. Taylor). The S.S. gained second place in State Efficiency Campaign. The annual picnic was held at King of the West Lake. Features were swimming, softball, races and a sandcastle competition . . . A Paddy's Mart for school equipment realised \$66 . . . The Temple Day offering will be used for urgent renovations for church building . . . A J.E.W. Rally was conducted by John

Brighton on Sept. 16. An audio-visual "The Holy Land" was presented on Sept. 23 . . . 18 attended J.C.E. Orange and Flower Sunday. They presented gifts at the hospital . . . The C.W.F. held a sewing day at Norseman . . . Slides of Woolwich College were shown to promote College Month.

**BALGA MISSION** (L. J. Cox). A mission was held in the Balga High School hall in Sept. with the Gem of Joy team of Geo. Jones, Geo. Binstead, Allen Sharper, Carrol Mollenhauer, and Jenette Peters. 278 attended and there were 21 first decisions. 570 children were contacted in the R.I. class. A vacation school had average attendance of 43. Ten are interested . . . Balga is a new work started in 1971 and prior to this mission there were 17 decisions.

## JESUS FESTIVAL

(Vic.). 2,000 young people are expected to attend the first Victorian "Jesus Festival" at Belgrave Heights, March 23-25, 1973.

The weekend will be called "Youth Happening '73". Already a number of church youth groups have booked accommodation.

Application forms will be available shortly. Details and booking for accommodation can be arranged through Youth for Christ, 747 Burke Rd., Camberwell, phone 82 1528 (Melb.).

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### REDUNDANT

To the Editor,

"Without an evangelistic thrust a local congregation will quickly become redundant in the community." So wrote our minister in the "Messenger." It looked a bit narrow to me. And I didn't know what redundant meant anyway. I looked it up in my Webster. It means superfluous. It set me thinking.

Surely a congregation with a community service thrust wouldn't become redundant. Then I thought of Apex and the Lions' Club doing it so much more spectacularly and the social agencies doing it so much more efficiently. I also remembered that hospitals and schools once belonged exclusively to the church.

Well surely a congregation with a fellowship thrust wouldn't become redundant? Doesn't Alan Walker talk about the need for mateship? Then I remembered that for straight out mateship you've got to hand it to Rotary, the Masons, the R.S.L. and the pubs. And if the church is just another social club, I can think of others with more startling programmes!

Then surely a congregation with a social action thrust wouldn't become redundant. But I realised that local branches of the political parties and the pressure groups have got the social action and the political fields all sewn up. And in any case there's no real agreement in our congregation on any of the political and social questions.

I began to see what the minister meant. Take the church away and mateship, community service, and political and social action will go on. Then I realised that the only thrust that the church has all on its own is the evangelistic thrust. Only the church can tell people for sure that God is real, that Christ changes lives, and that God in Christ has revealed the answers to the basic questions about human life that people are asking. Maybe it's when the church tries to compete for the limelight with all of the other agencies, instead of doing the job she was sent to do that she becomes redundant.

I'd like to think that our congregation will still be mixed up in fellowship and service and social action, through the agencies that have the clues. But I can see that if we lose our evangelistic thrust we will become redundant.

There I am using that word again. Redundant!

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# OPEN FORUM

## ASIANS FROM UGANDA

To the Editor,

So two hundred Ugandan Asians will be permitted to come to Australia. It is to be earnestly hoped that this is but the beginning of a greater response by the Australian Government.

All the evidence suggests that because of qualifications and life style these political refugees would make a valued contribution to Australia. In fact if they were British or Northern Europeans they would be precisely the people our immigration officials would be seeking.

Four years ago Australia was able to give special consideration on humanitarian grounds to some thousand Czechoslovakian political refugees. These refugees from Uganda, victims of a political decision over which they have no control, deserve the same consideration.

However, if this initial number of two hundred is the limit of our concern it is a pitiful gesture and is to be deplored. If the Australian Government goes no further it stands condemned on a policy that smacks more of political expediency and prejudice than genuine concern.

This Centre strongly urges the Government to continue with more determined effort in providing new life and opportunity for a more significant number of these victims. It should not be beyond us to provide for a figure closer to 3,000.

—Alan Matheson, Vic. Council of Churches Ecumenical Migrant Centre

## "THE CHRISTIAN"

To the Editor,

Cognisant that circulation of "A.C." is falling and subscriptions accordingly, the church at Doncaster, through its Board, discussed this matter. It felt it could not add to the subscription list because the existing interested membership is already committed.

However, the board realises that the cost of paper has increased, ink has gone up and you cannot dilute it further. But the paper is a jolly good magazine that keeps our brotherhood together, both in Victoria and interstate, and the church should swing into action.

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—John C. Berry (Vic.)

## CHRISTIAN ACTION

To the Editor,

The current emphasis on "Action for World Development" raises questions as to what is specifically Christian action and what is not, and invites the query whether Christians should be involved in the latter.

A comprehensive reading of scripture cannot fail to produce the strongest evidence that Christians ought to be taking positive, compassionate action to remedy not only man's spiritual plight but also his material needs. However, while the call to "set where the action is" sounds reasonable enough, so also is the dilemma of those challenged who can readily name a

dozen areas where the action is, and are in a quandary as to which is their proper post.

We submit that the basis for Christian action is not man's compassionate nature, nor his neighbour's need, but the direction of the Holy Spirit. Too much appeal has been made to our sympathies, too little concern has been shown to determine what the Spirit is saying.

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As we have committed ourselves to contesting the Federal electorate of Hawker in S.A. we feel justified in appealing for the prayer support of concerned Christians throughout the Commonwealth.

—Ian S. Robertson & John K. Steele, (8 Seaforth Ave., Dover Gardens, S.A., 5048).

## BURGMANN COLLEGE

To the Editor,

For the first time in the life of Burgmann College it can report on activities of past members, and on "traditional events" which have now happened for the second time.

This vital community which six churches have established at the Australian National University has a number of novel features which have contributed to what does function as a large and harmonious family.

Residents comprise a good balance in academic experience from first year up through doctoral students, in faculty, in State of origin, in sex, and in religious allegiance too. All residents belong to the one corporate body, which has taken significant initiatives in the provision of extra amenities. One of the most successful of these is an old player piano, bought complete with 150 rolls. All residents are entitled to the occasional use for special guests of what had been originally designed

as the (Campbell Edwards) senior common room and the (Grenfell Price) private dining room.

Most importantly for the finances, the College has remained essentially full for this, its first complete year of operation.

We, councillors and residents, are very proud of our College, and of the reputation it is gaining in the A.N.U. We would like to show it to you, the members of one of the churches which participated in its establishment. The Master has issued a warm invitation. You are welcome to visit the College at any time. Indeed, particularly in slack periods such as vacation time, friends of the College are encouraged to stay there for a few days, at moderate cost, should business or holidays call them to Canberra. Enquiries may be addressed to The Master, Burgmann College, P.O. Box 1345, Canberra City, A.C.T., 2601.

—John Richards (Hon. Treas.).

## COME NORTH!

To the Editor,

Recent statistics have revealed that at present Queensland is the State with the greatest rate of development, the lowest per capita unemployment figures, and the greatest measure of decentralisation.

There are many large towns and cities with small struggling Churches of Christ or with no witness to the Restoration Movement at all. How about some of our members from southern States doing themselves a bit of good by bringing their families to live in the sun, and building up our witness for New Testament Christianity while doing so?

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—David G. Hammer, Qld.

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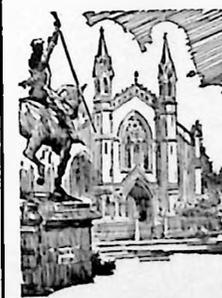
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## PRINCIPAL AND SENATOR AT CHAPEL OPENING

(Vic.) On Saturday, November 11 at 3 p.m. the new chapel and facilities at Berkwick will be officially opened. E. L. Williams, Principal, College of the Bible, will preside and Senator I. Greenwood will deliver the address. Full details appear in an advertisement in this issue.

The new complex has been planned to provide facilities for the various programmes which take place, there is sufficient space to conduct eight separate S.S. classes. Hearing aids have been installed. An invitation is extended to all to come and share in the opening ceremony.

## 99th HOSPITAL SUNDAY

(Vic.) Hospitals and Charities Sunday will be observed in Victoria on Oct. 22. Leaders of all churches commend this appeal.

Churchgoers are urged to give their support, especially as there has been a gradual decline during the last five years.

Distribution is made on the basis of need, half to hospitals, half to charities.

## NO SMOKING!

The Executive of the Catholic Women's League was given permission to use the facilities of the Church of Christ, Margaret St., Launceston, Tas., for their State Annual Conference.

When the Catholic ladies were inspecting the hall and kitchens they saw "No Smoking" notices in the hall. Their secretary pointed out that their Archbishop was a very heavy smoker and the church secretary was asked if special permission be granted to him. Jim Harrison replied that it was a standing order of the Margaret St. Board. The Archbishop must have been somewhat amused by our stand as he mentioned it at the opening session of the Conference and from there the press took it up in the "Mercury" as follows:

For years members of the Catholic Women's League have been trying to get the Archbishop of Hobart (the Most Rev. Dr. G. Young) to give up smoking, but without success.

He was stumped at last, however, when he attended the annual meeting of the League in Launceston yesterday.

The opening was held in the Church of Christ hall, where smoking is prohibited.

"It will go down in history," he told his audience, "that they did in fact reform the Roman Catholic Church."

## THINGS TO COME

### VICTORIA-TASMANIA

- OCTOBER:**  
 28 D.C.E. F.O.Y.A. Programme.  
 28-29 Tas. St. Dist. Convention, Nubeena.  
 30 Boys' Explorers' Annual Dinner and Meeting.

- NOVEMBER:**  
 CHAIN OF PRAYER—H.M. & EVANG.  
 4 Tas. Dist. Convention: Quarterly Meeting at Ross.  
 17 C.O.B. Graduation & Ordination, Lygon St.  
 25 D.C.E. F.O.Y.A. Programme  
 26 ANNUAL OFFERING—D.L.P.T. OF H.M. & EVANG.  
 28 C.F.A. Annual Meeting.

### WEST AUSTRALIA

- NOVEMBER:**  
 4 South-West Conference, Bridgetown, 2.30 p.m.  
 10 "Impact," Youth Department's Monthly Programme, Christian Centre, 8 p.m.  
 11 Carinya Village Fair, Plantation Street, Mount Lawley, 2 p.m.  
 14 Women's Auxiliary H.M. Rally, Christian Centre, 7.45 p.m.  
 17 Aboriginal Mission Christmas Tree, Christian Centre, 7.30 p.m.

## FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

(Vic.) Middle Age — A Beginning or an End?, Fulfilment or Frustration?, Facing Life Positively. A series of three panel discussion sessions will be held at the Family Life Education Centre, Marriage Guidance Council of Victoria, 46 Princess St., Kew on three Thursdays at 10 a.m.-12 noon on Oct. 26, Nov. 2, and Nov. 9.

Subjects likely to be discussed are—living with change, drugs, contrasting responsibilities, facing grief, the menopause, communication between family members and preparation for retirement.

**PRAYER FOR MINISTER** (Hampstead Gdns., S.A.). The church is in prayer for Lance Austin and his family. Mr. Austin's resignation due to ill health was received with regret. A. R. Jones is serving as interim minister . . . There have been two recent decisions . . . The theme of the B.S. anniversary was "The Living Bible." Offerings go towards purchasing these Bibles for scholars . . . Noel Fraser at the organ and other artists presented a musical evening to aid Gestetner fund.

**REMEMBER SEPTEMBER** (Margaret St., Tas., M. D. Hamilton). "Remember September" was theme when 48 young people from Tasmanian churches met at Launceston for week-end of study, tours, sport and involvement in services at Margaret St. and Invermay . . . Mrs. K. Younger and Jennifer had successes at Devonport Eisteddfod in singing and piano/forte . . . Sunday evening services have reverted to 7 p.m. . . The church regrets the death of H. Gullidge and G. Cartledge.

**NEW ORGAN** (Margaret St., Launceston, M. D. Hamilton). A new pipe-organ was dedicated at an afternoon service on Oct. 1 and a recital was given by Allan Bynon of St. Paul's Church of England. The organ was locally built for \$6,800. The choir rendered items. Barry Birtwhistle is choirmaster . . . A large group of ladies attended annual C.W.F. camp.

## SOUTH GIPPSLAND (Vic.) Church Anniversary

Toora Hall

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Sunday, November 5

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 7 p.m.: Gospel Service.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

25TH

## Anniversary Celebrations

Sunday, November 12

- 11 a.m.: Speaker, ROY RAYMOND.  
 1 p.m.: FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON.  
 2.30 p.m.: PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON  
 Recollections, Items, Birthday Cake.  
 7 p.m.: Speaker, DES. NELSON.

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## WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

**THE NAME OF THE GAMES** The Olympic Games ushered in a reign of terror that must make us ask if society as we know it can survive. Men with nothing on their minds but sporting rivalry were savagely gunned down. Innocent Arab villagers were killed in ruthless reprisal. Then the postman was enlisted as the messenger of death as, with business papers and family notes, he delivered lethal letter bombs. This is a game that groups other than Arab terrorists can play and we cannot know what the new horrors will be like, but we can be fairly sure that they will come.

It is the Olympic Games, however, that will symbolise 1972's shame. The ancient Olympic Games were not perfect. The contests gradually lost their early idealism as they became professionalised and fiercely nationalistic. But they lasted for nearly 1,200 years. The modern Games, restored in Athens in 1896, and given to the world as an opportunity for the youth of the world to compete in friendly rivalry and to build international goodwill, may not survive one century, let alone twelve.

For a time we forgot the nasty prelude of the Rhodesian expulsion with its undertones of racism and nationalism, and people everywhere were spectators of The Happy Games where young men and girls vied for honours on track and field, in the stadia, and in and on the water.

Then the Arab terrorists invaded the Olympic Village to kill and be killed. Not everyone was numbed with shock and horror. To some, the murderers were hailed as heroes and those of them who died were regarded as martyrs. We may rightly condemn the vicious attack upon innocent sportsmen as the ultimate in criminal savagery — without forgetting that many Arabs, dispossessed of their homeland by the building of modern Israel, have suffered, and are suffering, great injustices. But the unspeakable crime of Munich did nothing to help the Arab cause; it deepened the hatreds, widened the rifts, and brought that kind of violent retaliation in which the innocent suffer more than the guilty. The XXth Olympiad lost its claim to be The Happy Games. Designed to efface the bitter memory of the 1936 Berlin Games, Germany, the site of the century's worst racist crimes, was demonstrating that it was back into the fellowship of nations committed to international goodwill. This was not to be. The lasting memory of the Munich Games will be that more Jews died on German soil.

Avery Brundage, for 60 years a crusader for the true Olympic spirit, reviewed his last Games with deep sorrow as he deplored the nationalism, the commercialism, and, finally, the stain of crime which had marred the Games. But they must go on, he said. Indeed, they should go on, for what hope is there for the world if the young cannot even meet together in sport? Christians should add to hope, the faith and love which are also necessary for goodwill among men. Christians have a responsibility to remove the causes of ill-will and to promote freedom, justice and peace. These cannot wait for Montreal, 1976. Indeed, unless some progress is made, Montreal may have nothing but a stained flag and an unfit torch.

The loss of the games would be sad, but we could survive it. But the present senseless killing and useless reprisal may well be taken up by other groups suffering real or imagined injury. The name of the new Games is terror and it would well end all others.

**GOOD GRIEF!!** The West Australian branch of the Transport Workers' Union has sacked two staff workers who went on strike. Ronald Bellamy and John O'Conner, organisers in the union's Perth office, stopped work in a dispute over use of the office after office hours. The branch's committee of management met to review the situation but refused to comment!!

## MINISTERS

To the Editor,

How refreshing it was to read of the openness of John C. Wise ("A.C.," Sept. 30) in questioning today's relevance of a full-time, ordained, paid ministry to the mission of the church in its present structure.

I consider we tie our ministers down to committee, and organising activities, to such an extent that we don't allow them time to fulfill the things that they consider God would have them do—let alone

be a husband and father in the same completeness as that of their neighbours. It is one thing to choose to be ambassadors of God and another to have to do what other Christians expect them to do.

I don't know the real solution but let us open our ears, and eyes, to this problem and God will surely work with us through it, so that our men who have willingly undertaken sacrificial training might have the same opportunity as ourselves. To do the things that God would have us do.

—Mrs. Dorothy Clarke (S.A.)

## Happenings

The National Production and Marketing Director for the Bible Society in Australia states that 160 tons of Scriptures in 7,000 cartons, were despatched from the National Distribution Centre, Revesby, N.S.W., in 1971 to Bible Houses in Australia and overseas.

Stan Smith, Wimbledon tennis champion, said in a BBC interview: "Living as a Christian and believing in Christ is more important than tennis. I may never win any more titles; but that's not really as important as the rest of my life."

Official Australian sources state that alcohol influences 59% of those convicted of serious crime; alcohol costs Australia \$740,000,000 in lost productivity and sickness, and 50% of road deaths involve alcohol.

200,000, mostly young people, attended a week-long rally of music and messages in the U.S. Guests included Johnny Cash and Billy Graham. No-one was arrested.

The Old Teachers' Union has told a Government enquiry into religious education that churches should not be allowed to teach religion in State schools.

R.C. elementary and secondary schools dropped 25% in enrolments in last five years. Reasons given were rise in costs, loss of teaching nuns, and changes in R.C. attitudes since Vatican II.

**CRUSADE WITH PARRIOT** (Chinchilla-Hopeland, Qld.). A Crusade for Christ was held in Chinchilla with Gerald Parriort. 206 attended the Sunday morning service with visitors from Dalby, Kingaroy, Murgon and Roma . . . Average for the five nights was 101. There were two baptisms and one further decision . . . The musical "Tell it like it is" was presented at Hopeland. The Hopeland church has purchased a new organ.

**BACK FROM W.A.** (Magill, R. Clymer). Malcolm Boyd showed slides and told of his visit to Carnarvon with the work-team. . . . The State C.E. Choir conducted the evening service on Sept. 24 using the theme "What is happiness?" . . . During recent months at irregular intervals the night meeting has been in the form of discussion groups . . . Dr. John Court, Senior Lecturer in Psychology at Flinders Univ. and National Vice-Pres. of Community Standards Assoc., spoke on Oct. 8 at the invitation of the church's Moral Action Committee.

**ROCK MISSION** (Rockhampton, B. M. Nowitzke, Qld.). Eddy Gabbert was evangelist for "Follow After Christ Today" Mission. There were 14 decisions for Christ. A prayer meeting was held at the top of Mt. Archer each morning of the mission. There have been 31 decisions this year . . . A social followed the recent anniversary service at Morgan . . . Salwin Dickfos and family have transferred to Bundaberg. "Sal" was C.Y.F. leader and song leader. . . . John Zervos is leaving us for National Service training.

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The religious education of the children has always been considered important and the various denominations have catered for their needs by regular church services and religious instruction which were held in the multi-purpose hall, but a need had been felt for a long time for a beautiful place set apart solely for worship and religious instruction.

In 1968 a small group of interested people: Chaplains, Superintendent, staff members and friends of Janefield set up a

committee to build an inter-denominational chapel and religious education centre. The Churches of Christ were involved from the inception. An appeal was launched; functions were held by church and community groups, private schools were asked to help as were parents of the children and friends of Janefield. Businesses and trusts were approached. School children responded magnificently and show much interest in the venture. The State Government was asked and agreed to give \$1 for \$1 up to a maximum of \$20,000 plus half the cost of furnishings.

The building was planned by architects and the chapel cost \$43,890. The work was supervised by the architect from the Public Works Dept.

The chapel is an "A" shaped building of concrete masonry bricks. The coloured sanctuary window is in antique glass and the two lower chapel windows in cathedral glass. Religious instruction rooms are at the rear of the chapel.

A beautiful bell was donated by the Country Fire Authority at Ballarat. The ornamental gardeners did a great deal of work to beautify the surroundings. Due to the magnificent response from the community and the assistance given by the Government, the chapel will open free of debt.

The chapel will be dedicated by the heads of the Christian churches and officially opened by the Minister of Health on Sunday, October 29, 1972 at 3 p.m. All are welcome at the opening.

## N.S.W.

**"FIX-IT" TEAM DEPARTS** (Chatswood, C. G. Taylor). After a farewell at Burwood church, the "Fix-It" team left for the New Hebrides on Sept. 25. Two members are from Chatswood, Don McElvenny and John Dickson. On the 24th, Mr. McElvenny gave an informal talk to the church on the planned work. . . . Another Family Camp was held at Stanwell Tops with North Turramurra church. . . . Youth are helping with a district Coffee Shop called the House on Fire Youth Centre. . . . After returning from an overseas visit, F. Stephenson showed slides and spoke to the adult Bible Class. . . . We are happy to announce that Mrs. Taylor is home from hospital. . . . Recent speakers have been R. S. A. McLean and K. Crawford. . . . Miss Dorothee Perkins has commenced work at Orange Base Hospital. B. Perkins is on a five weeks' overseas trip to U.S.A. and Sweden. . . . The Dorcas Fellowship visited Mt. Druitt church on Sept. 26.

**25% INCREASE CHALLENGE** (Hurwood, M. H. A. Pieper). The church is accepting a challenge to increase its missionary faith-promise offering by 25% for 1973, representing a rise of \$1,000. . . . Dr. and Mrs. Yoon Kwon Chae of South Korea addressed the church and showed slides to the chil-

dren. . . . Mike and Sandee Sampson from California conducted a Week of Witness and were received enthusiastically in five High Schools and a R.C. college. They also sang at nine sessions in the Westfield Shopping Centre. A three-night crusade climax resulted in four confessions of faith. Another confession came from the Westfield witness.

**BAPTISM AT HAMILTON** (D. Craig). Glenys and Jill Bender were baptized in September. . . . Guest speaker on Sept. 10 was W. Lister of Derby, Eng., who returned to England on Sept. 12 after eight months with his daughter, Mrs. Camps. He preached at churches in N.S.W. and interstate during his visit. Mr. Craig made a suitable presentation on behalf of the church. . . . "The Soul Purpose" group from Maitland shared in the church's 49th church anniversary on Sept. 24. . . . Prayers are still offered for Mrs. Menston, recovering from her recent serious operation.

**NORM HARRIS MISSION** (Nth. Sydney, N. Flint). At a Norm Harris Mission in Sept. a number of commitments were made. . . . After the screening of the film, "The Son Worshippers" on Sept. 3, a young man made his decision. . . . A rock service was held in Aug. . . . On Sept. 18 the church held a dinner to farewell Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence who were leaving for Japan.

**BROADCAST RESPONSE** (Telopea, N.S.W., J. Bacik). An evening service broadcast over 2CH was rewarded with five enquiries. . . . D. Crawford and P. Saxby have been elected as elders. . . . Sunday afternoon discipleship classes are being conducted. . . . Mrs. G. Ratten is out of hospital after a serious accident. . . . Ladies' Fellowship and the Hi-Teens entertained girls from "Brush Farm" child welfare centre. . . . Once a month the evening service takes form of a guest night with visiting artists and speakers, followed by an informal cup of tea.

**WORK PARTY PREVIEW** (Hornsby, D. A. Oldfield). At an after-church fellowship on Aug. 27, W. Bagley showed slides of missionary work in the New Hebrides to publicise the team of men going to the New Hebrides to do re-building work. . . . A young lad was baptized on Sept. 10 and a teenage lass responded to the invitation. . . . On Sept. 17 a church fellowship lunch was held at Prospect. This lunch came out of our new set up with the All-Age Christian Education, now well under way. The Communion Service now commences at 10.40 a.m. and concludes about 11.30 a.m.

**DECISIONS AT PADDINGTON** (N.S.W., J. Timms). There have been four recent decisions, and two young people from another church have requested baptism and will be immersed after counselling. . . . 13 girls were in school holiday camp at Bowral. Mr. Timms led the studies. Three of the girls made decisions. . . . The new manse plans have been passed by the Council and work will commence in February. A Day Kindergarten will be conducted by the church for 25 children.

**\$100 "BIKE-A-THON"** (Maylands, N. S. Moore). A "Bike-a-thon" by Intermediate scholars, teachers and friends was held at Morialta Children's Home and made \$100 to purchase a cow for the use of the Home. . . . The J.C.E. raised \$40.60 to be shared between the B. & F.B.S. and C.E. Headquarters. . . . Symbols of our daily occupation were on display on Industrial Sunday, Sept. 17. At night, Mr. Hayes and Mrs. Glazebrook from the Dept. of Labour, were speakers. Linked with this day was the "One Day's Pay Offerings" with \$223 being given for overseas distress. . . . The church mourns the deaths of Mrs. Blanden and Mrs. Biggs.

**LISMORE CRUSADE** (H. C. Wheat). A fortnight Crusade with Eddy Gabbert ended on Oct. 1, with 23 making a stand for Christ. Nine have been baptized, and three others have placed membership here. One has volunteered for full-time service. Average attendance was over 100.

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**LACY (Bucknell)**—Sheryle and Ian happily announce the arrival of Narelle Jayne at Stanistreet House, Bendigo, Vic., on Oct. 4. Sister for Darren. Both well.

**MAY (Clemens)**—To Jeff and Jeanette, of C.O.B., a daughter—Amber Alice—Sept. 25, 1972. I told you so.

### APPROACHING MARRIAGE

**ALDERSLEY-BUSSEY**—Mr. and Mrs. G. Aldersley, 22 Bayview St., Williamstown, Vic., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy, to Stuart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bussey, Williamstown, at Williamstown Church of Christ, on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 4.30 p.m.

### ENGAGEMENTS

**CHISLETT-CHAPMAN**—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Chislett, of Block 34, Red Cliffs, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chapman, El Paso, U.S.A., announce with pleasure the engagement of Faye and Wally.

**DORGAN-TURNER**—The engagement is announced of Janice, eldest daughter of Betty and the late Charles Dorgan, to Cyril, second eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Turner, Glenroy, Vic.

**LIDDELL-TAGG**—Mr. and Mrs. A. Liddell, 11 Wilson St., Cheltenham, Vic., announce with pleasure the engagement of their eldest daughter, Sue, to Ian, second eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Tagg, Edithvale, Vic.

**SMITH-DAVEY**—It is with much pleasure that June and George Smith, 23 Coleman Way, Karrinyup, W.A., join with Lorna and Dick Davey, 29 Westborough St., Scarborough, W.A., in announcing the engagement of Julie and Richard.

**SMITH-POWER**—Mr. and Mrs. G. Smith, 39 Karnak Rd., Ashburton, Vic., are happy to announce the engagement of their younger daughter, Heather, to Greg., only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Power, 24 Craig St., Blackburn Sth., on Sept. 15.

### IN MEMORIAM

**BOWMAN**—In loving memory of my dear husband, Phil, passed away November 4, 1971. Loved father of Alan (dec.), Betty, Mavis, Judy, David, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. "In sadness we remember, But joy cometh in the morning."

**BUCKINGHAM, Alec**—Cherished memories of my beloved husband, passed away suddenly Oct. 29, 1957. "Til the resurrection morn."—Sadly missed by his loving wife, Florence, Emma St., Caulfield, Vic.

### IN MEMORIAM

**CROUCH (Bessie)**—October 20, 1962. In memory of a loving wife and mother. "God has her in his keeping. We have her in our hearts."

**CUDDY, Ida Sophia**—In loving memory of my dear wife and our loved mother who was called home on Oct. 25, 1971 after much suffering, borne with true Christian grace. "God has you in his keeping. We have you in our hearts."—Tom, Colin, Rita (Mrs. Phillips) and families.

**GHYS, Lawrence**—Treasured memories of a dear husband and father who was called home (suddenly) on Oct. 25, 1970. "Forever in our hearts."—Ida and family.

**JONES**—In loving memory of dear Freda, passed away October 22, 1961. — Loving memories by sister-in-law Elsie M. Thompson.

**RICHARDS**—In loving memory of my dear husband, John Loftus, who passed away Oct. 30, 1958; also Oct. 1, 1959, grand-daughter, Glenda Williams. "So dearly loved."—Ethel and family.

**SIMPSON**—Cherished memories of Frederick Horace, called home October 19, 1965, dearly loved husband of Amy, loving father of Joan (Mrs. R. M. Walker), Barbara (Mrs. B. C. Fleming); loved Pa of Donald, Ian, Janet and Margaret. "Until the day dawns."

### DEATHS

**HURREN, Percival George**—On Sept. 26 at home, 226 Blackburn Rd., Blackburn, Vic., aged 76. Loved husband of Doreen, loving father of Ronald, step-father of Valmai (Mrs. Collier, N.Z.) and Beryl (Mrs. Graham), father-in-law of Stella, Peter and Bruce. Grandpa to the children. "Sweet peace, the gift of God's love."

**WILLIAMS**—At the Nursing Home, Brisbane, on Oct. 3, Vi, beloved wife of Percy, devoted mother of Yvonne. Loved by members of Brighton, Vic., C.W.F. "At home with the Lord she so dearly loved."

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## TED KEATING AT BERWICK

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**FOR THAILAND** (Bentleigh, B. Heyworth). Mr. Heyworth will conclude his ministry in Dec. Heather, Bruce and family will serve with O.M.S. in the new year and eventually will go to Thailand. They will remain in membership here. R. W. Marshall will commence a ministry in 1973. 5 p.m. winter services have featured films, musical evenings, youth meetings and a weekend of Renewal and Discovery with Geo. Mathieson (D.C.E.). Final 5 p.m. service was a Senior Citizens' Service, with over 100 present for afternoon tea and meeting.

**LIFE GOVERNOR** (Box Hill, G. A. Grainger). Eric Hammond was honoured with a Life Governorship of the Burwood Boys' Home at the opening of "Dr. W. A. Kemp Lodge". Explorers took part in both Boys' Sunday services. They had a basket lunch at Eltham Park. Tribute was paid to the devoted work of the late Mrs. Marge Mullen among young people. 1972 cricket captains are John Jeffrey, Frank and Russell Barker. John Farmer gained first place in senior section, Explorers' knowledge project. C.Y.F. and Y.A.F. had conducted tour of the C.O.B. Mrs. Dagnall and Mr. Marshall from England are worshipping with us. "BREAKTHROUGH" (Chadstone, B. J. Jenkins). "Breakthrough" Coffee Club held in school holidays for teenagers. Special service on Oct. 1 enabled members to meet Kevin Caulton, minister from Feb., 1973. The C.W.F. will sponsor a World Vision orphan. Mrs. N. Pfeifer has accepted the position of church secretary.

**HORSHAM COMMITMENTS** (D. J. Marr). The Y.P. encouraged by two commitments at Coffee Club, followed by three decisions by Horsham young people at Ballarat. John and Evelyn Friebe are on furlough from New Guinea mission. They spoke and showed slides at C.W.A.F. birthday meeting. Visitors came from Haven, Dinboola and Warracknabeal. Several ladies visited Hamilton C.W.F. I.C.E. has disbanded but older youth club has become Y.P.S.C.E. with about 30 attending weekly.

**G.R.S. AT HAMPTON** (J. Paver). G. R. Stirling, Vice-Principal, C.O.B., conducted two evening Sept. services, the second with College men participating. There have been two decisions. Explorer boys took part in service on Sept. 17 and on Oct. 1, a panel asked questions of the minister. Ladies have supplied a new stove for the manse.

**HELP FOR HOSPITAL** (Harcourt, J. Spiker). Donations totalling \$10 and handmade articles were given to Hosp. Visitation Comm. Ron Brooker from North Balwyn was speaker for B.S. anniversary. The Youth Club has an average attendance of 17. The C.W.F. and C.E. visited Alexander Home for the Aged in Castlemaine and entertained folk with a musical concert. \$90 has been given to brotherhood work. Two car loads of C.W.F. members joined in Dunolly centenary celebrations.

**M.A.F. MAN TELLS** (Red Hill, P. Richter). Ron. Kingsley, flying with Missionary Aviation Fellowship in New Guinea spoke to church on M.A.F. Under direction of Mr. Richter, young people have opened a Coffee Shop where district youth play games, records, have biscuits and coffee and absorb spiritual food.

**TEAM MEMBERS** (Springvale, T. Holmes). Members have served on teams of Lay Witness Missions at Echuca, Forestville (S.A.), Mitcham and Noble Park. 22 are involved in an Experiment of Discipline and Discovery. A Time and Talent project is being conducted. Junior and Senior Good Companions came first in their Zone Festival. Following an outing by boys and parents, and Explorer family tea, the boys conducted the service on Oct. 1.

**40 YEARS AS ORGANIST** (Camberwell, R. V. Longthorp). E. A. Peters has completed 40 years as organist and choirmaster. E. J. Miles, former minister, was guest preacher at the 56th church anniversary. W. F. Nankivell, also a former minister, presided. Mr. Longthorp presented an audio-visual at night with the Telford sisters, ductists, assisting. Mr. and Mrs. Cox and family have been welcomed into membership. C.Y.F. held camp at Tynong. Mrs. C. Brown and Miss Clara Brown have been in hospital.

**SIX TENNIS TEAMS** (Croydon, A. B. Clark). The tennis club has six teams in the summer competition. 30 took part in the "Freedom from Hunger Door-knock" and raised \$260. Recent speakers have been M. J. Savage, Conf. Pres., and P. Nelson, Blackburn. Evening group ladies featured an upholstery demonstration for the birthday meeting where money was raised for missionary funds. C.Y.F. concert involving various auxiliaries raised \$36 for the building fund. Two speakers from Prayer and Evangelism Committee spoke at C.W.F. afternoon group.

**DECISIONS** (Warburton, C. W. Jackel). Two married ladies have six teams in the decision for Christ. Miss Dawn Martin addressed Ladies' Guild. Another lady expressed her willingness to commit to Christ. A two-hour session conducted by a Russian lady, after visit to Russia, was a feature. 10 a.m. S.S. has been started, led by Mr. and Mrs. A. Mills. Coffee mornings for ladies are proving a real help in gathering in non-church ladies. The church is assisting Underground evangelism, J.E.W., Aborigines Missions, and other evangelistic causes.

**ONE DAY'S PAY** (Bayswater, Dr. K. R. Bowes). The "One Day's Pay" offering for underprivileged people exceeded \$200. R. Coyle was guest speaker at church school anniversary which included a display of the work of the scholars. A dramatic presentation, "I would be true," was the evening feature. Scholars participated in readings and songs. Singing was conducted by Daniel Hills and Wayne Clinton was pianist.

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# OBITUARY

## BRYDSON, William

William Brydson, better known to his friends and family as "Pip," was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1898. Twenty-nine years later he came to Australia and remained here the rest of his life. A businessman, he settled in Bend, N.S.W., until the depression forced him to move to Lismore with his wife, Joan, and children, Bill, Jim and Lyn. He became active in the Presbyterian church, serving as a deacon. While in Lismore, he and his family attended a mission conducted by E. C. Hinrichsen, as a result of which their two sons were baptized, and the whole family began worshipping with the Lismore Church of Christ. After leaving Lismore, he returned to Bend, and joined the Paddington church where he served as a deacon until Aug. 31 this year when quite unexpectedly he suffered a heart attack, and died within a few hours. Those who know William Brydson will find the memories of his associations will never grow dim. His love, friendliness, concern for others and energetic service; his devotion and consecration, will all be greatly missed, as will his broad accent, twinkling eyes, and strong handshake. As a true Christian gentleman he was honoured and respected by all and will be greatly missed by his family, friends and the church at Paddington.—J.T.T.

## JEROME, Mrs. Jess

Mrs. Jerome, of Briar Hill, Vic., died on Aug. 20, after a very brief time in hospital. Formerly of Middle Park, where she was married to Rupert Jerome by the late Will Graham, Mrs. Jerome moved with her husband to Briar Hill. They were in membership with Northcote for many years. They faithfully attended and helped in the church at Northcote and it was here that their daughter and two sons grew up in the faith. When the church was begun at Briar Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome transferred from Northcote. Mrs. Jerome gave her whole membership to the new church, where she became active in a manner she had been unable to be at the older and more distant church. Mrs. Jerome will be remembered as a forthright, but humble woman, eager to encourage and be helpful. The minister of the church, Mr. Baxter, being in hospital at the time, A. B. Wilbers conducted the service at Briar Hill and Springvale Lawn Cemetery. The sympathy of many is extended to Mr. Jerome, Barbara (Mrs. Holmes), Peter and Tony.—A. B. Wilbers.

## MULLEN, Marjorie

Marjorie Mullen was still a baby when her parents transferred their membership from Hawthorn to Box Hill, Vic. She remained in Box Hill until her sudden death at 48 years, on Sept. 16. During those years she grew through the B.S. in which she shone in examinations, and also won a gold award for many years' unbroken attendance. Later she became a B.S. teacher. As a pianist she served several auxiliaries, and for 22 years did typing and duplicating of the weekly church paper. All auxiliaries called on Marj. for typing work, which she did cheerfully, disregarding her own convenience. She married in 1945 and developed a very close knit family together with strong friendships. She belonged to the women's work was active in C.Y.F.; at one time led Junior Endeavour; was "Auntie" in youth camps; and involved herself in all aspects of church life. The members of Box Hill church extend loving sympathy to George, Ian (minister at Warragul), Valida, and other relatives.—George Grainger.

## OTTREY, Albert George

Friends remember Mr. Ottrey as a very gracious Christian gentleman with a deep faith in Christ. He loved the church, rarely missing a service or a prayer meeting. He also loved people and would not miss an opportunity to help anyone who was in need.

Mr. Ottrey joined the Harvey, W.A., church in 1905. He became an officer in 1934 and an elder in 1954. Many members will never forget the inspiring way that he read the scriptures or his many messages in song. He loved Christ and was never ashamed to talk about his faith with others. This was particularly true in the home where he shared his faith with his family. Members of the church remember him as a much loved Christian

brother. Born in Victoria in 1884, Mr. Ottrey moved to Harvey in the late 1890's and worked in the district until he called him to serve on the ballroom of France. On returning he took land as a Soldier Settler in Harvey. In 1919 he married Miss Amelia Livingstone with whom he shared the next 40 years. Mr. Ottrey lived a long and full life. By the quality of his life and by the depth of his faith he contributed much to all who know him. To his family, Tom, Norm, Mavis, Lella (Mrs. Jones) and Joy (Mrs. D. Turner, England) and their families we extend our love and sympathy.—H.A.L.C.

## REED, William Thomas

On Sept. 10, Bill Reed left morning worship in happy mood, but at night his seat was empty. A visit to the home revealed he had died suddenly during the day. After a boyhood in Wallan, Vic., Mr. Reed moved to Brunswick and during a J. B. Wilshire mission at Morland he made his decision to follow Christ. With his wife, Mr. Reed had a big influence on young people at Box Hill. The Reed home was the venue of regular after-service sing songs, and at camp, Mr. and Mrs. Reed acted as camp parents, in over fifty years at Box Hill, Bill Reed occupied several offices in the church, and played with the church sporting auxiliaries. He was a man of great energy and in spite of medical advice to retire he still kept busy. A practical Christian who disliked any fuss, he died as he would have wished, at home, quickly and quietly, while busy on household chores, after a visit to the Lord's Table, and on the Lord's day. The church extends its love to his daughter, Mrs. Kevin Mitchell, his son, Doug, and other loved ones.—Geo. Grainger.

## SMILLIE, Mrs. Marjell

Although born in Prahran, Vic., in 1892, Mrs. Marjell Smillie, formerly Marjell Pallett, lived most of her life in W.A. She was baptized in the Fremantle church in 1905, and moved to Claremont in 1917, where she married Thomas Smillie in 1921. She was church organist for 45 years, a B.S. teacher and C.W.F. President. Possessed of a good contralto voice she was a member of local, State and Federal Conference choirs. She was State President of the Women's Auxiliary Conference (1938-39), H.M. Supt. (1940-45), Prayer Supt. (1956-57), the first women's representative on the Federal Aborigines Mission Board, and attended all Federal Conferences from 1939 until 1966. For nine years she was a member of the Board of Management of Bethesda Hospital (1958-67) in the Claremont church she was a deaconess and when Claremont and Nedlands combined to form

the Dalkeith Road church this office was continued and she was also requested by the officers' Board of the new church to become the foundation C.W.F. President. The B. & F.B.S. received her active support over a long period of years. Mrs. Smillie died on Sept. 5, 1972, in her 81st year, after a long life of radiant Christian witness and fruitful service. The very large attendance at the Karrakatta Crematorium for a service conducted by J. Somerville, minister of Dalkeith Road church, testified to the love and esteem in which she was held. Her husband predeceased her six years ago. To her daughters Joy (Mrs. Leach, Sydney), Betty (Mrs. J. McFarlane) and Mavis (Mrs. A. Smyth) and their families Christian love and sympathy is extended.—J.K.R.

## WHITTAKER, John P. A.

John P. A. Whittaker died aged 71 after short hospitalisation. He was born in Beaufort in 1903 of farming parents and following marriage in 1925 he and his wife resided in Wangaratta, Vic. At that time church was being held in the home of G. J. Jackel. Both were baptized by the late Mr. Pratt at Yarra-wonga. He worked for a builder until 1931 and commenced in business as senior partner of Whittaker, Keir and Forester, Builders. This proved to be a successful partnership for many years and Mr. Whittaker's advice and help was sought from people of all denominations. He was building a Masonic Temple and a Catholic Seminary at the end time. He was secretary of Wangaratta church for 11 years prior to joining the R.A.A.F. in 1941 and serving in the Islands. His health was poor following war service. The family shifted to Caulfield in 1942 and attended Barbra Rd. church before transferring to Ormond in 1947, although Mr. Whittaker continued in business in Wangaratta until 1949. He later became a building inspector until health forced an early retirement. He served his Lord quietly, shunning publicity and praise. He and his wife would be among first visitors to those who were sick always seeking to do a humble and quiet ministry to those in need. He was an esteemed member of our churches whose passing will be sadly missed. He is survived by his wife, Gladys, sons Russell, Howard and Max, and their families. The services were conducted by L. F. Barker.—A. J. Krue.

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## Victoria

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**NOBLE PARK** (T. Giles). Miss G. Russen-berg gave the children's talk at a family service on Sept. 24. At 3 p.m. the Kinder and Primary school held their anniversary. Mrs. N. Giles was speaker and there was a puppet show . . . Recent speakers have been R. Pearce and R. Payne . . . Mr. Giles attended Y.P. fellowship camp at Healesville . . . After 11 a.m. family service on Sept. 17 the church held a family lunch and outdoor service.

**VISIT TO BENDIGO** (M. D. Keatch). David White of Maidstone was S.S. anniversary speaker on Oct. 1. An orchestra assisted the singing and the conductor was K. Lacy. A young lady confessed Christ at night meeting . . . Working bee cleaned church and grounds recently . . . Boys' Explorers took part in Boys' Sunday service . . . J. K. Martin was a recent speaker. . . Mrs. D. Doolan and Mrs. H. Langley are recovering after surgery.

**GOLDEN OCCASION** (Yarrowonga). The church honoured the treasurer, R. Caldwell, and Mrs. Caldwell on their 50th wedding anniversary. At a casserole tea they were presented with a gold coloured hearth rug. . . W. Nothrop and T. Jones lead the services as we still await a minister . . . Recent visitors included missionaries Max and Mary Davidson. Mr. Davidson was a former minister. They have returned to Ethiopia . . . G. Mathieson and R. Hurren were here for the church anniversary and also held a Saturday teacher training class for B.S. teachers. At night Ron Hurren spoke and screened a film. Mr. Mathieson spoke at both Sunday services . . . Mrs. Cowper and Mrs. Stephens are in hospital.

**HOSPITAL BROADCAST** (Castlemaine, J. Byrnes). The Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hareus, attended the Hospital Appeal service on Oct. 1, also representatives of the Hospital Appeal Committee and senior staff and their families. The service was taped by 3BO Bendigo and broadcast over that station later that evening . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. Corrie were leaders at a youth camp at Eppalock . . . Mrs. Holloway was guest speaker at C.W.F. on activities of the Social Service Dept.

**C.W.F.'s 25th** (Nth. Williamstown, K. H. Pitt). Stanton H. Wilson was guest speaker for C.W.F.'s 25th anniversary. A group provided a programme of Scottish Highland dancing . . . F. M. Combridge (Dept. of Social Service) spoke to B.S. and church on Sept. 11 . . . Mrs. Newell told the C.W.A.F. of her work at Kew Cottages. Visitors from district churches had casserole luncheon and witnessed a hat parade of spring models . . . Speakers at B.S. anniversary were David White (Maidstone), Miss D. Alcorn (Footscray), Mr. Pitt and Lindsay Firth (Nth. Wtown). Two scholars made decisions. Mr. Haskell was song leader.

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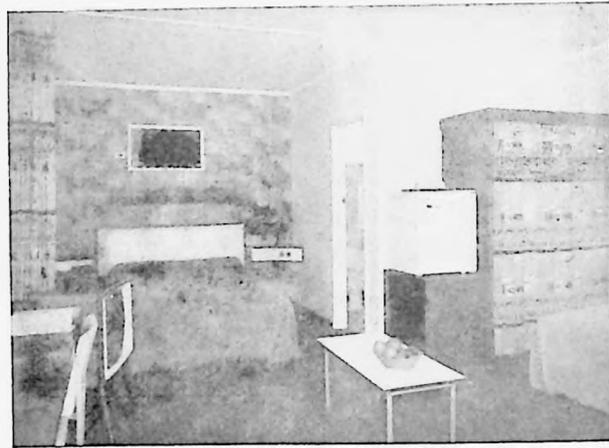
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By Naomi Turner. (Aust. National Univ. Press). \$8.50.

This book is about State Aid in the 19th Century. The aid was different and the society was different, but whenever the State and the churches become tied together it is a bad thing for the churches and, ultimately, a bad thing for the State.

Since the church in England was endowed and there were over 20,000 British convicts in N.S.W., it was assumed that what was good enough for England was good enough for the colony. Governor Bourke reported that "it will be impossible to establish a dominant and endowed church without much hostility, and a great improbability of its becoming permanent." He felt strongly that the churches' essential services should be encouraged and a new Church Act was passed in 1836 which provided for subsidies for church building and for maintenance of ministers in the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. Bourke's Attorney-General, a Catholic, drafted the Act, and his church was on the job before the ink was dry by requesting permission to bring out six new priests.

There is little doubt that Bourke's intentions were good, and that his basic objective was to unify the colony. Dr. Turner states, however, "it soon seemed that the Act in encouraging rivalry among the churches in the scramble for State aid, had intensified religious prejudices and fears. Each denomination was carefully watching the other lest it should be outstripped in the financial game and each seemed to be trying to outdo the other."

Churches, in addition to the four named, were growing in strength, but they were opposed to the principle of State aid. They did not believe that any church should receive it and they made no application for it. The Jews did, although on the basis of justice rather than need.

The Church Act was repealed in 1862 for a number of reasons. There was a growing conviction that the State should be neutral in religious matters and this was impossible so long as the government granted aid. In the Methodist and Presbyterian churches in particular it was felt that State aid was inhibiting the life and witness of the church. The repeal Act was fought with bitterness but was eventually passed, ending government support for churches and their ministers. Aid to religious schools was still being given, but its days, too, were numbered, and it is most remarkable to read this well-documented study of the divisive consequences of State aid, to see such aid so acceptable to every political party. It is to be hoped that Dr. Turner will also write about the decline, fall, and resurrection of aid for schools.

The book is warmly recommended.

### STRATEGY FOR THE SEVENTIES — KIT No. 2

"Enlarge the place of your tent . . . lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes," declared Isaiah to his nomadic people.

Unfortunately, there has developed in the church a tension between those who place a major emphasis on evangelism (lengthen the cords) and those who give first importance to membership conservation (strengthen the stakes).

Ministers and church officers' boards long have wrestled with this problem of emphasis and priorities in programming for the needs of the churches.

How to find the right balance between pastoral care and evangelism? Into this perplexing area of church life the Strategy for the Seventies Committee has introduced Kit No. 2 (Pastoral Care and Evangelism).

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The purchase of this kit is a worthwhile investment in the Kingdom of God. Congregations will be motivated to deeper commitment to Christ. New ways of sharing Christian faith and presenting the gospel can be discovered.

At Glen Waverley we have acquired sufficient copies for the elders, deacons and other key personnel. We are excited by the possibilities of this material. We commend the Strategy for the Seventies Committee on this venture which will make a positive contribution to our churches.—R. B. Elbourne, Glen Waverley, Vic.

### SPACED OUT AND GATHERED IN

By Jerry Halliday (Fleming H. Revel). \$1.70.

Jerry Halliday is an ex-drug addict and ex-revolutionary, but this does not make him pro-establishment, especially where the church is concerned. "Not that there's anything wrong with Church People. Some of my best friends are Church People. I even like Church People" . . . "Not that there's anything wrong with typical just-around-the-corner churches. Most of my best friends dropped out of typical, just-around-the-corner churches."

After 200 trips on L.S.D. and 100 on mescaline, Jerry is now on a trip with Jesus as a Jesus Freak. The book is a stimulating look at one corner of the Jesus Revolution and it is full of quotable quotes like . . . "and remember—God so loved the world that He did not send a committee."

### OPERATION OVERLORD

By Ewald Bash (Concordia). Perspective Series, No. 8.

This book contains nine unusual short stories. They are intended to set the reader thinking how he can live in the world for God. They are highly imaginative stories. Yet they raise questions like: How much is the church dominated by salesman images of what Christianity is about? Why is baptism a threat to tyranny? How much do we know? How is the humanness of a mentally retarded person respected? What is the meaning of failure? The stories may need re-reading several times for their meaning to come through. It seems a far cry from the Association of the Undead to real life and faith, yet it was Jesus who used the parable to teach us about life.—R.W.L.

### SITTING ON TOP OF THE WORLD

By Ken Chant (S. John Bacon). \$1.95

Eight racy chapters on the way faith works in daily experiences. Conservative in its underlying theology and practical in its overcoming faith recipes for successful living. The cover introduces Ken Chant as "pastor of the Georgian Chapel in Launceston, Tasmania (near Australia)."!!!

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"No thanks—he likes his copy of the 1937 Budget much better!"

# QUEENSLAND ACHIEVEMENTS

Ian Feeny (Ann Street) has won a Rotary Group Study Exchange Team award and left, with five other young fellows, for the U.S.A. in October for two months. They will be hosted by Rotarians en route and whilst in their exchange district of California. Included in the tour are many educational trips, as well as a two-day mule train ride to the bottom of the Grand Canyon.

"Ify" won this award against stiff opposition of other applicants, including doctors and solicitors. It was granted because of his outstanding contribution to church youth and community services (he has been in Shaftesbury since its inception in 1967) and involvement in many fields ranging from University study to catamaran sailing. His full-time occupation is with the Education Dept. as a teacher at the Spastic Centre.

Recently married to Cheryl Gager (Camp

Hill), the Dept. of Y. & C.E. congratulates Ian on this award.

Another young person from our church, Margaret McNab at Dalby, has just received notification of her 12 months' scholarship to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where she will undertake post-graduate studies as well as look at delinquency institutions.

Margaret is a member of the Dalby church and has assisted wonderfully within the Shaftesbury Centre. For one year she came in every weekend from Dalby to assist in the operation of the centre and drove back to Dalby on the Sunday. It is because of this sense of dedication and her concern for people that makes her a most worthy awardee.

Margaret is a B.A., Dip.Ed., and is doing two Divinity units towards her B.D. An accomplished pilot and musician, Margaret hails from Redcliffe, Qld., and the Y. & C.E. Dept. wishes her well in Canada.

**YOUTH SPECTACULAR** (Toowoomba, Dr. A. C. Caldicott). The first Sunday of Toowoomba's Carnival of Flowers featured its Youth for Christ Spectacular, originated and sponsored by Margaret St. Church of Christ. On Sept. 24 the Coronet Theatre was packed twice with 2,000 people (including 400 Roman Catholics and priests and nuns) to see the premiere screening of "The Cross and the Switchblade." The Joy Tones and Sound Motivators gave musical items, and Courier Mail journalist, Mary Fisher, gave her testimony . . . 29 first decisions were registered including some Roman Catholics. Offering totalled \$700.

**SERVICE MEDAL** (Redcliffe, D. Collins). For long and valued service to the Commonwealth, Don Rankin was invested with the Imperial Service Medal in a ceremony at Government House by the Governor, Sir Colin Hannah, on behalf of the Queen. . . Mrs. Amy Finger, H.M. Supt., spoke on H.M. work to the C.W.F. . . C.W.F. sent articles for the Sunshine Fair at Burdeu House, a parcel of clothes for an Aboriginal girl at Carnarvon, and a box to Judy Simpson, New Guinea . . . The B.S. presented E. T. Hart with \$40 towards the Children's Home. Mr. Hart addressed the church . . . E. Stevens of Ipswich was guest speaker at church anni-

versary. Thank offering amounted to \$286. . . The resignations of Phil. Smith, elder and church secretary, and Harold Pliint, elder, have been received with deep regret.

**ANN ST. IS 89** (L. G. Armstrong). Over 150 attended morning and evening services and fellowship tea when Ann Street church celebrated its 89th anniversary. Communicants totalled 130. W. J. Hagen, 99 years of age, and a member from the last century, was present . . . Eight members are attending Federal Conf. . . J. Flood has resigned as B.S. Supt.

**QLD. CENTENARY** (CHARTERS TOWERS). As the city celebrates its centenary, several former members have renewed fellowship while visiting their home church . . . Roy Acland of Southport, was guest speaker at recent "Coffee Hour." . . Townsville church is also assisting with services . . . W. Coward is home from hospital and well.

**DECLINE IN CHURCH MARRIAGES** A survey of church marriages in Africa shows that over the past five years in Kenya there were only ten Anglican church marriages, although there were 4,000 baptisms. The R.C. Church recorded 159 church marriages and 55,000 baptisms. One Anglican diocese in Uganda had only 14 marriages but 92,604 baptisms.

Among the reasons given are: Christian church marriages are more vulnerable to breakdown than those following tribal customs; church marriages are unnecessarily expensive and cumbersome; they are expensive not only because large demands for money are made but also because of western customs which have been adopted—expensive wedding gowns, large receptions at which beer and other alcoholic drinks are served.

# A KOREAN LOOKS US OVER

By DR. YOON KWON CHAE

Dr. and Mrs. Chae who recently spent four weeks visiting Churches of Christ in Australia, are now back in Korea. Concerning their visit, Dr. Chae wrote:

As a whole, I must say that I liked it. I liked what I saw. We saw the churches and her outreach arms through New Guinea, New Hebrides and India. I liked the unity of Christians — just about everybody knew just about everybody else in the Churches of Christ . . . everybody talked about "OUR church," "OUR Bible College," "OUR mission." I liked it. Also I liked the co-operation of the churches I found there — just about everybody talked about the Federal Conference in October and many were planning to go there. I especially appreciated the co-operation of the churches shown in the planning of our trip . . . from one city to another we flew like astronauts, but no time was wasted and not many pews were empty. We appreciated it.

Of course, if I have to squeeze it out, I can mention a couple of things more desirable. With a little more LIFE in the churches, I feel that Australian Churches of Christ could do the greater work for Christ. I would like to see more tears in the prayers, more preachers in the streets, more zeal for Christian service! The Christian faith is the matter of life and death. This world cannot be saved by the left over time, left over money and left over life. In fact, the Kingdom of Heaven was built upon the blood of Christ! Cry a little, suffer a little, die a little for Christ and then the Churches of Christ will LIVE!

Many things happened since we returned home. First of all, there were eighty children waiting for us to take them to the summer camp. We just had to take them to a lake called Kumkang-Myun.

And then there was something else. You might have read about it, but Korea had the worst flood in her history. The worst part of it was in the Han River which is not far from our home. In fact, from our

window, we could see just about everything — the water line going up higher and wider every minute until it swallowed the bridge, swallowed the houses and everything else in them.

Our Children's Home is considerably on the higher ground and there was no damage except a fallen down wall, leaking roof and a little pond on the playground. In the midst of the thundering rain, I kept crying, "God, save these children!" and the flood never touched our home.

The Government reports 528 dead, 405 injured and over 386,268 people lost their homes. But the number doesn't really show the agony and tears that swept through. I was out there for three nights with some dry clothes and rice and saw more than enough. An old man I grabbed was about to jump into the water seeing his only goat which was the life-line of his family float away. He wept for two whole days in the rain. When they start to lose, they yell and cry, but when they lose, they lose everything including the conversations and facial expressions. We took care of a number of flooded and lost children in our Home. In a school auditorium where the refugees were gathered, I tried to preach a sermon, but frankly I wished that I could produce the rice from my mouth instead of the words. Watching the hungry stomachs is so much more hungrier than having a hungry stomach.

But now the sun is shining again, and drying up the wet ground as well as the wet faces. I see God's rainbow that is stretching over to your land and we are thinking of you.

(The Overseas Mission Board is remitting \$500 from C.O.C.O.A. (Churches of Christ Overseas Aid) to Korea to assist Mr. and Mrs. Chae in relief work amongst children. See page 22).

## JAY'S COLUMN IS FOR Juniors

### SKILL QUIZ

(If you need one clue, 100 marks; 2 clues = 75 marks; 3 clues = 50; 4 clues = 25).

1. When Christianity began I was the most powerful man in the world.
2. Yet my name was only mentioned once in the four gospels and then only to fix a date.
3. I became powerful because I was adopted by an uncle who was perhaps the most famous dictator of all time.
4. Divine honours were claimed for me and my successors, and when Christians refused to give us this worship, they were persecuted. (Who am I? See page 16.)

WIFE: "Darling!"

Husband: "Yes, dear?"

Wife: "There's a corner torn off your pay cheque."

Husband: "Yes, dear?"

Wife: "What did you spend it for?"

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Joe: Because they're too biased.  
Jim: What do you mean?  
Joe: Well, it's bias this and bias that until I'm broke.

A YOUTH ran out of a shop, across the footpath to the curb, where he sprang three feet into the air with legs spread apart. He crashed to the ground and, as he lay in a heap, an elderly man who had been watching said, "Oh, my! Are you hurt?" "No," said the one in the gutter, "but I'd like to get my hands on the bloke who stole my motorbike!"

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# THE LAST WORD . . .

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Not alone, but with God I can.

Grief and sorrow I can bear;  
For fellowmen I can care;  
Not alone, but with God I can.  
—Gay Martin.



At every period in the history of the church the greatest sin of the Church, and the one which causes the greatest distress, is that she withholds the gospel from the world and from herself.—Emil Brunner.

"I will gather you together and bring you home again, and give you a good name, a name of distinction among all the peoples of the earth, and they will praise you when I restore your fortunes." (Zephaniah)

Too many people today ask, "What's in it for me?" instead of "What's in me for it?"



Memory is what makes you ask what you've forgotten to do.



When the new church had its first meeting, they hired the local cinema. The sign on the posters the first Sunday was "South Sea Sinners."



A man should never tear his hair  
When jilted by his lady fair.  
She isn't apt to be enthralled  
The least bit more if he is bald.  
—Richard Wheeler

Did you hear about the chap who invested all his money in the stock market? He put half his money into a paper towel company and the balance into a revolving-door firm. The result: he was wiped out before he could turn around.



## WORDS

Civilisation: Not a question of where it began, but when will it.

Dollars and Sense: Two commodities that don't necessarily travel together.

Man: Someone who's always in a stew and generally goes to pot.



One Sunday when the famous preacher was finishing his sermon, he fell off the platform on to the floor. Scrambling to his feet, he said, "This is the first time, in forty years of preaching that I have ever descended to the level of my congregation."

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