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Theme: "TO KNOW HIM . . . AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN."

With 750 ladies in attendance, the Conference was declared open by the President, Mrs. J. L. Pallot at the Christian Centre, Perth, on Oct. 11, 1972.

God's creation was beautifully displayed for us to enjoy, for both native and garden flowers adorned the Christian Centre—the handiwork of Mrs. G. Moignard.

The Scarborough Trio—Mesdames Bofey, Fitch and Maiden—gave several renditions throughout the programme. Miss Bettye Marcus and Miss Maureen Rule also inspired us with their solos. Mrs. Pamela Millikan was accompanist.

The President of the S.A. C.W.F., Mrs. W. H. Dillon, led in the opening prayer.

A special greeting was extended to missionaries present: Miss E. Lincoln, Carnarvon; Mrs. L. Fisher, Onslow; Mrs. K. Dover and Miss M. Rule, Norseman; Mrs. R. Rogan, Esperance; Mrs. R. Abbott, Yokine; Miss H. Skuce, India; Miss J. Hunting and Miss R. McAllister, New Guinea. Each of these contributed to the programme during the missionary segments, making particular mention of points for praise and prayer.

There were three representatives from New Zealand, Mrs. Trowbridge (first Secretary of Conference, 1941) and Mrs. Digwood (an officer of W.A. Fed. Exec. on three occasions) were honoured by the giving of an orchid corsage.

Fifty-four appointed delegates from all States answered the roll call, and Mrs. D. W. Beckingham (N.S.W.) responded on their behalf to the welcome. Mrs. Clarkson (W.A.) from the Federation of Methodist Women, responded on behalf of the kindred organisations.

The morning devotional session was led by the Qld. C.W.F. President, Mrs. L. G. Armstrong.

Reports and Business

Mrs. J. L. McIlwraith (Fed. Sec.) presented the Executive Report, and Mrs. R. H. Richards (Editress) in seconding its adoption, referred to the way God had directed in the production of the Handbook, and thanked all who had so willingly contributed articles or programmes. Several expressed appreciation of the edition, mentioning that other denominational groups had found the material helpful.

The Treasurer's Statement was presented by Mrs. A. W. Smyth (Fed. Treas.) and seconded by Mrs. D. Croot.

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Canberra leaders — Mrs. Gwen Faulkner, President, Aust. C.W.F. and Mrs. Doris Hobart, Secretary.

A Recommendation from Fed. Executive in regard to increasing the support of our Living Link—that it be raised from \$675 per annum to \$725 per annum (an additional \$50 per annum) to be shared by the States, was carried unanimously.

A Notice of Motion from the S.A. Women's Conference that the Editor of the "Australian Christian" be asked to give regular space to each State in turn, for articles recording the wider aspect of women's work, was carried.

Australian Church Women, Mrs. Pallot expressed appreciation to Mrs. S. Bloore who had represented her on several occasions.

World C.W.F. The Aust. representative, Mrs. N. Newham, presented the World C.W.F. report with emphasis on the relief in Vietnam project, and an invitation to Mexico City, 1974.

Because of the necessity of appointing an Australian W.C.W.F. representative to hold office from 1974, all States had been contacted prior to Conference, and Mrs. Gladys Mackenzie (N.S.W.) was elected unanimously.

The topic of the afternoon meditation was "The Responsibility of Making Him

Known," and Mrs. L. M. Pinner presented a personal challenge to profess and proclaim Christ's message to others today.

The message of the overall theme was emphasised in a beautiful character portrayal, "Women to be Remembered," presented by the W.A. ladies, produced by Mrs. K. Ballantine, and brought to a conclusion by Mrs. R. Richards.

Mrs. G. A. Ewers offered the Dedicatory Prayer after the members of the new Fed. Executive (located in A.C.T.) were announced. These are: President, Mrs. G. Faulkner; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. Fergie; Secretary, Mrs. D. Hobart; Assist. Sec., Mrs. L. Blythe; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Stephens; Editress, Mrs. M. Bubb; Committee members, Mrs. M. Dredge and Mrs. L. Burdett.

At the conclusion of the afternoon, Mrs. Ewers presented Mrs. Pallot a copy of "Good News for Modern Man" with the appreciation and love of all the women of the Commonwealth, and Mrs. Pallot responded.

Mrs. J. W. Gordon presented our thanks to God . . . and so came to a conclusion our 15th Federal Conference.

—G. Richards (Editress).

NEW IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Trentham, Vic., is a town with a population of about 750. It has a cold climate, with high rainfall and a moderate winter snowfall. There are Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian churches, but with no resident clergy. The Presbyterian Sunday School had closed, and the Methodist and Anglican Sunday Schools had three scholars between them, with no available teachers.

A combined meeting of the three churches decided to hold "Tuesday Bible School" from 3.45-4.45 p.m. at the Anglican Hall, within short walking distance from the local school. The Tuesday Bible School has a Church of Christ superintendent, and uses Christian Life Curriculum materials.

After six weeks there were 34 children enrolled, and two or three new ones coming each week. This represents half the town children of State school age. There are five teachers, two of them trained school teachers.

The programme commences with cordial, and ball games. In winter there was soup or hot drinks.

The Bible School has only primary school children, as secondary school children arrive home later from their school in another town. Plans are being made for provision for a teenage group.

Even the smaller children are coping with the extra hour that has been added to their day. The teachers are very willing to teach during the week. A break was provided over school holidays. Contact Mrs. Frances Emmett, c/o Mr. G. Emmett, State Saving Bank, Trentham, Vic., 3458.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY

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• THE 34th FEDERAL CONFERENCE

PERTH
1972

"A New Order"

The 34th Federal Conference at Perth will be remembered for many things. These are some of them:

1. The W.A. Churches of Christ have by far the best Conference facilities in our Australian brotherhood. It housed everything except the President's Reception.

On the top floor there were the offices of the Arrangements Committee where one could buy a stamp, cash a cheque, collect mail, book a tour, sit and think, or just sit and rest.

The basement was ideal for meals and still left ample display space for all church departments. The auditorium was large enough for all meetings except the massive Sunday afternoon closing session. A new concert hall is being built in Perth, but until it opens our Christian Centre is the city's largest and many visiting artists and groups have made use of it.

Opened in 1962 for the previous W.A. Federal Conference, this year it was announced that the full cost of \$337,000 had been met. The only debt is for \$12,000 for the elevator which was a later addition. All Conference departments have their offices there.

2. Federal Conference becomes a Convention at night and the one-man panel of speakers was an inspiration and challenge. Dr. J. Daniel Joyce, President of the World Convention, demonstrated that sermons need not be long or boring. But that is not what he was trying to demonstrate. His message was that faith still works, that God is still reconciling the world through Jesus Christ, and that the new order is already come if we will receive it. We shall print one of the messages in the next issue.

3. The business sessions were a model of efficiency. The President, A. H. Walkington, is an administrator by profession and with friendly, firm control he charted the course of business with precision and brotherliness.

No exciting new projects were unfolded. This could hardly be expected in view of the church's present recession. However, the door was kept open for Indonesia in the overseas fields and for Darwin on the home front. Pilbara in the North-West, and Broken Hill (S.A. Conf.) were also objects of concern.

4. The night crowds were marvellous, with 1,300 at the largest and 900 at the smallest meeting. The choir led by Charles Nelson was a musical treat, and the song leader, Len Jones, brought joy to the great congregations. Donald Cook at the organ, the pianists, soloists, and young people, provided a wealth of talent.

5. W.A.'s famed hospitality was turned on full, and in the homes and churches of the West friendships were made or deepened.

6. Then there was Allan Pyne, Secretary of the Arrangements Committee. Any Conference which starts with A. D. Pyne is ahead at the beginning and stays there. It was no surprise to learn that the Conference more than paid its way. But Mr. Pyne would be the first to protest that the success of Conference was due to the fine team work by all of the members of his Committee and the hundred others who volunteered or were invited to serve. Only the certainty that we would overlook some prevents us from starting to name them. But we were all grateful.

Not everyone was happy with everything. The public address system did not always function well. The upper section of the auditorium needs airconditioning (an expensive service that will probably have to wait until the elevator is paid for!). Some felt that some of the programmes were too long (a not unusual complaint over the years). And there was sadness felt in the absence of young people from the business and decision-making sessions of Conference.

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THE BUSINESS OF THE 34th FEDERAL CONFERENCE

(In the interests of space, a summary only can be given of the resolutions passed).

Personal Thanks and appreciation were voted to the President, A. H. Walkington, for his able chairmanship, and tribute was paid to him and to Mrs. Walkington for their devotion and leadership. Gratitude was placed on record for the work and witness of the late C. R. Burdeu who served the brotherhood in every State, and made a unique contribution to Churches of Christ history in Australia. Prayerful encouragement was expressed for Dr. Garfield Todd and his family in Rhodesia in the struggle for justice for all races.

Conference acknowledged with gratitude the service of R. A. Strongman as Treasurer of Federal Conference Executive and Federal Home Evangelism. Full recognition and appreciation were recorded of the contribution E. W. Raffey has made as Secretary to the Executive, 1964-1972.



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1974**

**GRAHAM GILMOUR . . .
President, Federal Conference
1972-74**

Preachers' Provident Fund. It was recommended that a Consultation be held in Sydney, 1973, between members of the P.P.F. and State representatives to consider superannuation contributions and benefits based on changing salary levels.

Hymn Book. The publication of a new Churches of Christ Hymn Book was authorised if the Federal Conference Executive and the Hymn Book Committee consider it feasible and practicable. Ugandan Asians. Conference expressed its keen disappointment at the failure of the Australian Government to declare publicly its willingness to accept a significant number of Ugandan refugees of Asian origin. The Government was urged to accept at least 3,000 such Ugandans and attention was drawn to the availability of the Resettlement Division of the Australian Council of Churches to assist in their settlement.

Non-Violent Action. Christians believe that nations should not have recourse to violence to solve their problems and that evil must be resisted and overcome and in the face of the almost endemic violence in most nations, Christians should be ready to take the lead in preparing for non-violent resistance to potential attack by invasion or guerrilla warfare. It was recognised

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that peoples and governments may see this as an idea before its time, but the Federal Government was urged "to provide training in non-violent civilian resistance, training in these techniques to be available to men and women on a voluntary basis."

Aboriginal Land Rights. Conference affirmed the right of Aborigines to own their own land, and recognised the religious, cultural, and tribal relationship between the Aborigine and the land. It was noted that this issue had become a matter for international concern. Conference requested the Australian Government to take urgent and immediate steps towards the granting of land title rights to Aborigines in the Northern Territory. The need was also stressed for adequate housing, employment, medical and legal aid programmes and, in particular, directed the Federal Aborigines Mission Board to make strong representation to the Royal Commission set up by the W.A. Government to enquire into Aboriginal welfare.

Overseas Missions. Conference passed the motion submitted by the Mission Board which, because of expanding responsibilities in India, New Guinea and the New Hebrides, allowed for only minor operations to be undertaken in Indonesia at present. The next Federal Conference will provide an opportunity to reconsider our involvement. Conference requested the Mission Board to circulate the document headed "Comments Concerning the Notice of Motion . . . Related to Indonesia."

The Mission Board was also granted permission to request a representative in each church to supply missions information, supply and prayer needs.

Nuclear Testing. Wholehearted support was given to the reports that the Foreign Affairs Minister, Mr. Bowen, stated that 15 Pacific nations, including Australia had agreed that a resolution condemning nuclear testing be brought before the U.N. General Assembly. The Government was urged to oppose further tests by the French Government in the Pacific area.

Racism. Conference condemned all forms of racial discrimination and expressions of social superiority and urged people of goodwill to work for an end to all forms of discrimination, especially in relation to Australian Aborigines and migrants, and that the legal and political rights, together with social and economic opportunities of all racial and ethnic minorities be established and maintained. The World Council of Churches was commended for its efforts to assist peoples oppressed or discriminated against on the grounds of race. All Churches of Christ members were called to an awareness of the seriousness of the world-wide problem of racism.

Financial Appeals. A financial appeal was authorised for the reconstruction of the Magnetic Island Youth Centre of the Qld. churches, which was wrecked by a cyclone in 1971.

The Federal Board of Christian Education was also given permission to send an annual letter of appeal to the churches asking for financial support.

Men's Work. It was agreed that each State should appoint two members to the Federal Department of Men's Work which will meet at the times of Federal Conference. An Executive will be appointed to handle business between Federal Conferences.

Economic Development. Because of the increasing gap between the rich and poor, the destruction of natural resources and lack of environmental planning, excessive control by foreign interests, and moral and spiritual stresses being placed upon individuals, the Federal Government was urged to study the optimum rate of economic development consistent with the full social development of the nation.

Unmarried Mothers. Conference considered that unmarried mothers and their children should be eligible for Commonwealth Social Service entitlements available to other unsupported mothers and their children and urged the Government to amend the Social Services Act to provide for such entitlement.

APPOINTMENTS & COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

WORD TALK No. 62

TIMOTHY

Timothy was a faithful companion of Paul, associated with him in several N.T. letters and the traditional recipient of the two letters addressed to his name. We know his father was a pagan Greek (Acts 16: 1-5), and his mother, Eunice, was a Jewish Christian, as was his grandmother, Lois (2 Tim. 1: 5). These women were probably not good Jews as Eunice married outside her faith, they took to themselves Gentile names and they did not have Timothy circumcised as a child, a rite which Paul completed to make Timothy acceptable to the local Jews (Acts 16: 3). He was converted at Lystra apparently by Paul (Acts 16: 1-5) and he became a faithful companion and minister.

On Paul's second journey the party came south to Athens when Paul, concerned for their youngest church at Thessalonica, sent back Timothy to confirm them in the faith (1 Thess. 3: 1-5). Timothy returned bringing news of their steadfastness in the faith. He was also sent as a special representative of Paul's to the difficult church at Corinth. This was a tough assignment and Paul doubted Timothy's ability to handle it, asking the church (1 Cor. 16: 10-11) not to be hard on him or to despise him "for he is doing God's work." This portrait indicates Timothy lacks self-confidence: "Put him at ease." (1 Cor. 4: 17-21) indicates that Timothy was unacceptable to some of the church members who wanted Paul to come personally. He offsets their disappointment at only having an inexperienced young man by stressing Timothy's faithfulness and friendship. Timothy's visit apparently had little effect for by the time of the second letter Titus is now sent instead.

Timothy is constantly mentioned as a faithful servant in the gospel, a title that was used of the Apostles themselves.

The letters to Timothy in the N.T. are generally thought to be pseudonymous but based upon the writ-

ings of Paul. Apart from the names of his mother and grandmother they tell us nothing about Timothy but a great deal about a minister's personal qualifications.

FOR TODAY:

Not every minister is a Paul. By reason of personality some are more like Timothy. Only arrogant people as were in the Corinthian Church will consider only dynamic leadership as authentic and overlook the quiet faithfulness of other true servants of God.

Without Timothy, Paul would have been lonely and discouraged, lacking in information and contact with the churches to whom he wrote. Within the total ministry of the church today they also serve who fetch and carry, visit and encourage as a Companion of the Way. Old church members who do not accept young Timothys as their ministers are arrogant and need the rebuke that Paul offered to them at Corinth. In every church with a dual ministry one is frequently looked upon as a Paul and another a Timothy but both men have a valid ministry for God.

Many mothers like Eunice have to bring up their child without the spiritual example or help from a father. Like Timothy many become fine Christians because of the mother's faithfulness in Christian example and teaching and often through the help of a grandmother like Lois. Sometimes a travelling evangelist will bring a young man to the point of commitment but it was the faithfulness of mother and grandmother who really brought him to Christ.

In today's complex church society our churches could use an emissary from the brotherhood to all churches to encourage, discipline, understand and help. Timothy's visits did a great deal in the developing of brotherhood among the early churches even though he did not solve all their problems.—GORDON MOYES.



W. T. ATKIN,
M.D.E., F.A.S.A.

o VIC-TAS.

SOCIAL SERVICE LEADERSHIP



F. M. COMBRIDGE

(Vic.) It was a memorable week for William T. Atkin, retiring Secretary of the Vic-Tas. Dept. of Social Service, and Secretary of the Federal Social Questions and Services Board.

On Oct. 31, at the Northcote Church of Christ, he was given a public farewell by a capacity congregation. Mr. Atkin was minister at Northcote when he became an officer of the Social Service Dept. as Associate Secretary to Will H. Clay. He remains in membership at Northcote where he serves as an elder. Mrs. Betts, sister of Mr. Atkin, proudly accompanied her brother.

D. L. Killely, Chairman of the Department, presided, and representative speakers included Max Fox, C.B.E., M.H.R. for Henty, the electorate in which the three Victorian Homes are situated. Mr. Fox has taken a keen interest in the Homes and has often attended functions in relation to them. Mrs. F. T. Morgan, President of the Christian Women's Fellowship, spoke for the women. W. W. Saunders gave the prayer of invocation.

The new Federal President of Churches of Christ, Graham Gilmour, sent a message from Canberra which read, in part: "Mr. Atkin's contribution to the work of the brotherhood over the years surely marks him as a real statesman, possessing rare gifts of mind, heart, and spirit. The high honour given him by the Queen merely confirmed what we already knew — that we had a man of great qualities of leadership and organisation in our midst."

Murray J. Savage, Vic-Tas. Conference President, said that Will Atkin is a part of our history and will be "numbered among the greats of our brotherhood." Rev. W. J. Johnston, M.B.E., who represented the many agencies with which Mr.

Atkin worked beyond our own church, said that Mr. Atkin would also be counted "among the greats of the community at large." He served the churches well, but he did not serve only the churches. He sought to meet the needs of all people.

The departmental representatives who paid tribute were F. M. Combridge and F. P. Chipperfield. The latter presented to Mr. Atkin a fine easy chair.

Ted. Grenfell, of Toowoomba, represented the Qld. Social Service Dept., and presented a book as a token of appreciation. A. R. Jones, Director of the S.A. Social Service Dept., was present on behalf of his State.

The Carr Brothers gave much appreciated musical items.

When Mr. Atkin responded, he referred to a dinner tendered to him the day before at the Christian Guest Home where 170 guests and staff gathered from the three Homes, all who could be there. He said that when he saw before him so many who were being so well cared for by the churches, he felt more than rewarded for the work and years he had given to the Christian ministry of concern for the aged. For 40 years he had been associated with the Department and for nearly 28 years as Secretary or Associate, and he gave thanks to God for the privilege of service and for those who had so well supported him.

At the same meeting, Frederick M. Combridge was set apart as Director of the Department, Stanton H. Wilson, Conf. Executive Secretary, offered the prayer of thanksgiving and dedication.

The next day, November 1, at Government House, Will Atkin received from the Governor of Victoria, Sir Rohan Delacombe, the insignia of the Member of the British Empire, awarded to Mr. Atkin earlier this year.

DUNOLLY'S CENTENARY

The Dunolly (Vic.) Church of Christ celebrated in October its 100th year of service to the community. The centenary started with a Thanksgiving Worship Service and the chapel was overflowing.

Present and past members turned out in force to renew friendships and talk over days gone by.

K. J. Clinton, who ministered at Dunolly in 1948 when a student at the College of the Bible was the guest speaker and his theme was "Today is the first day of the Rest of Life."

Five former students, R. Pfeifer (1966-67), W. Beanland (1955-56), A. Stevens (1952-54), J. Hindman (1943-44), and K. J. Clinton were very welcome guests for the big occasion.

Former Secretaries

Among those present were Maurice Beasy, church secretary in the early 1930's with his wife and family, and Mrs. Bessie Scott, who, with her husband the late Ray Scott, was secretary for 15 years from 1945 to 1960. Mrs. Scott who was organist for many years officiated at the centenary service.

Following the service a luncheon took place at the Town Hall and here again many incidents of church life were recalled.

Capacity Crowd

At 2.30 p.m. the visitors and friends joined in a capacity crowd at the Town Hall for a pleasant Sunday afternoon programme.

On behalf of the Bet Bet Shire Council, the Shire President, Cr. H. Bolt, extended a warm welcome to so many visitors.

Bert Stevens was guest speaker, Jim Spiker, Miss Andrea Nancarrow and the "Maranth Sounds," a Ballarat group, rendered special items both in the morning and afternoon. Miss Beryl Davy was guest pianist.

Greg Strack, present student, interviewed Mesdames Beasy and Dobson (nee Bryant, former Matron of Dunolly Hospital) on

the early days of the ladies' work within the church.

Miss Pearl Scott had the honour of cutting the centenary cake which was in the form of an open Bible, beautifully decorated and inscribed by Mrs. Spiker—"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism." A book on the church's 100 years of activity was available.

The day concluded with the ladies of the church serving afternoon tea.

CONFERENCE SADNESS

(W.A.) A gloom was cast over Federal Conference preparations when it was learned that Mrs. Banks died suddenly on Oct. 8. Mrs. Banks was the wife of Tom Banks, W.A. State Conf. President.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

(Vic.) The Youth Council of Vic. has published a booklet giving details of 97 summer holiday programmes with descriptions, places, dates, and names and addresses of contacts. Starting at grade 3, all ages are catered for in all kinds of activities, fishing and farming, skiing and swimming, work and play, Co-ed Fun Camps and arts and crafts, etc.

The booklet is free. Write to Youth Council of Vic., 131 Queen St., Melb., 3000.

D.C.E. NEWS

• George Mathieson will be continuing with the Department in 1973 as part-time Field Officer. His ministry has been greatly appreciated and we look forward to another year of service with him.

• The Tasmanian D.C.E. Secretary, Chris. Peart, visited Melbourne recently.

He reported that at a recent working bee at Bicheno Camp (on the east coast of Tasmania) over 40 young people were busily engaged around the camp property. Most of them were campers at Bicheno from last Easter camp.

• Twenty-six young people (13 couples!) attended the recent course for Engaged Couples conducted by the Department over four nights. Those assisting the Director were Dr. R. Killmer, F. Combridge (Social Service Dept.), H. Weedon (Real Estate) and Mr. and Mrs. K. Mitchell (Home Management).

DANDENONG FEATURES (A. A. Avery) Special activities included G. R. Stirling in a "Flashpoint" programme; a Family Tea and table-top meeting with music by the "Silvertones" and the "Living Waters." These were followed by house parties and a final meeting on Oct. 1. Four young people made decisions . . . Our new choir has been singing regularly at 11 a.m. services . . . \$130 was collected in Freedom from Hunger door-knock . . . Our tennis team won their section of the championships . . . C.W.F. Fancy Dress Party raised \$15 for their projects . . . The "Middle Marrieds" held a barbecue tea and screened the film, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"

FREE LOANS (Ormond, L. Barker). Interest free loans to assist hall debt have reached \$5,222 . . . Good Companions held a Wake-a-thon, with sponsors, for their project to furnish a three-bed ward at Will H. Clay Nursing Home . . . C.W.E.F. visited Red Hill for birthday celebrations. . . S.S. prize-giving was held at morning service with items by B.S. pupils.

TO SERVE CLAYTON. The church at Clayton, Vic., announces that Pat Kavanagh, of Albury, has accepted a call to the pastorate. Mr. Kavanagh will commence his ministry in Feb., 1973.

DOWN ON THE FARM (Warracknabeal, Miss N. Hall). The ladies' annual picnic was held at the Evans' farm. Following a casserole tea at which Mr. and Mrs. Friebe were guests, they showed slides . . . Vivienne Pollard has commenced nursing at the local hospital . . . Mrs. Stubbs and Mrs. Joyce are recovering after illness.

DEVONPORT DECISION

(Tas., E. W. Taylor). A young lad made his decision on Oct. 1 . . . Recent speakers and features have been: Miss Shirley Byard (Bethany Children's Home), P. Smith with Gospel Audio Visual, Family Tea; Brian England (Boys' Brigade officer) and W. Flett with audio visual of building of Nuheena chapel . . . J.B. and leaders paraded at Latrobe and attended weekend camp. Girls' Brigade and leaders joined in parade at Burnie . . . The church extends sympathy to Mrs. Bellehamers in the death of her father.

• Christian Endeavourers are advised that there will not be a Christmas Break-up on Dec. 8. Instead, the Endeavourers will be concentrating their efforts on the Christmas parties for the guests in our three homes on Dec. 2.

DAVID VERCO

David J. A. Verco died suddenly on August 18 at the age of 58. Because of ill health for the past three years he resigned as Director-General of Education in N.S.W. in Dec., 1971. He did, however, continue his interests in the field of education.

David was baptized at Enmore in 1930, beginning a life of complete dedication to Christ. While working in Melbourne he met and later married Marjorie Hare in 1938. They returned to Sydney and entered into membership with the church at Chatswood. Here David served as elder, choir leader and organist. Along with this he brought into the service of Christ and the church his gifts and talents.

In 1965 the church at North Turramurra was established and David was a foundation member and served in the many and varied fields as he had done at Chatswood.

He had served as N.S.W. Conference President, 1959-60, as Chairman of the College Board, member of the Christian Union Committee, and was appointed to or consulted by, committees appointed by Conference for special purposes, such as Finance Advisory Committee. Mrs. Verco encouraged the work being done by open house hospitality. His life and vocation were completely dedicated to Christ.

He graduated B.A. in 1934 and M.A. in 1937 from the University of Sydney. In 1947 he was appointed Principal Research and Guidance Officer in the N.S.W. Dept. of Education, Assistant to the Director-General of Education in 1958, Deputy Director-General of Education in 1963 and in 1969 he became Director-General. In 1958 and in 1968 he represented Australia at U.N.E.S.C.O. and I.B.E. conferences in Paris and Geneva. In 1963 he was resident in U.K. for three months at the invitation of the Ministry of Education, and in 1958 was resident in U.S.A. as Fellow of the Carnegie Corporation.

David's range of interests can be seen and appreciated by noting the Boards, Coun-

JONAH AT BOX HILL (G. A. Grainger). The drama "Jonah" was presented by the West Preston young people at a gospel service where Vinay Longthorp was speaker . . . Buels and J.C.E. led night service on Oct. 29 . . . Y.P.S. ferry cruise climaxed with a barbecue . . . Y.A.F. and C.Y.F. are collecting books to raise money for bulldozer for Kindarupa, New Guinea, mission . . . Mrs. T. Howells gave illustrated talk on Chicago at C.W.F. . . . C. Davis is now residing at Oakleigh Guest Home.

cils and Committees on which he was serving. From a few of these he had only recently resigned: Australian Advisory Council for Research and Development in Education; Fellow of the Australian College of Education; Advanced Education Board; Macquarie University Council; Fellow of the Senate of University of Sydney; member of the Art Gallery Trust; member of Board of Governors of the Conservatorium of Music; Chairman of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra Advisory Committee; Chairman of the Library Board of N.S.W.; member of Council of the Australian-American Association; member of American Field Service Scholarship Committee; member of N.S.W. Committee of United World Colleges.

The private funeral was followed by a memorial service at North Turramurra in the church he loved. C. G. Taylor, Conference President, and personal friend, brought tribute, and J. G. Shaw, minister of the church, gave the address.

The Senate of the University of Sydney have placed on record a minute expressing gratitude for the contribution made and the personal worth of David Verco. The detail of this minute is in keeping with the word expressed by the Vice-Chancellor of Macquarie University—"His personal capacity and qualities and deep knowledge of education made him a valuable member of the Council. No one who had the interests of education at heart or who had participated in its work but felt the severity of this loss to the community. Those who had known him and worked with him felt it very personally. With great courage and great devotion to the cause of education, he gave as fully as the strength that remained to him and which he had to husband with care would allow. Education in Australia has lost one of its best men, whether in office or retirement." Mrs. Verco is the recipient of messages of sympathy from the many fields of David's interest remembering also the family, Margaret (Mrs. Gale), Jim, Geoffrey and Elizabeth.—J. G. Shaw.

South Aust. West. Aust. Queensland

TENFOLD INCREASE (Croydon, F. B. Burt). When \$100 was distributed among members four months ago, they were asked to use their talents to increase the amount to \$400 by October. All expectations were exceeded when over \$1,000 was returned. As a result, \$90 will be given to each of the following: Aboriginal Missions, Hospital Chaplain, Overseas Missions, C.O.B., and Dept. of Christian Education. The balance will assist with repayments of church mortgage and a fund for a new organ.

MISS PUBLICITY (Henley Beach, G. Seisman). Miss K. Strudwick was chosen Miss Publicity Girl 1972 of the Girls' Brigade in S.A. . . . The church closed its evening service to attend combined meeting at Grote St. where guest preacher was Dr. J. Daniel Joyce, President of the World Convention.

MT. GAMBIER INDUCTION. Stan Neighbour was inducted into the ministry here on Oct. 15 by Graham Lawrie, of Keith. The H.M. Dept. sent greetings through Chas. Barnett, Pres. of the S.E. Conf. Representatives came from Bordertown and Naracoorte and after-service opportunity was provided to meet Mr. and Mrs. Neighbour.

VAL WOLF AT BERRI (K. Fechner). Val Wolf of Morwell, Vic., was guest soloist at Temple Day service and Saturday concert . . . Members are active in Prisoners' Aid Assoc. . . . The Board is considering a Planned Giving scheme . . . There have been three confessions of faith and two baptisms.

DAYLIGHT SAVING SERVICE (Glencel). During daylight saving period services will commence at 7.30 p.m. . . . Roy Arnold, C.O.B. student minister, will assist in Dec. and Jan. . . . The coming of C. H. J. Wright to minister at the end of 1973 is awaited with some impatience!

W.C.T.U. PROGRAMME (Strathalbyn, R. L. Oke). The local W.C.T.U. sponsored a youth programme compered by Richard Berry, and featuring "The Seasons" vocal group . . . Methodist ladies shared in C.W.F. meeting led by Mrs. Glazebrook . . . W. Philp, former minister, and Rev. N. Adcock were guest speakers at Children's Anniversary on Oct. 15. One decision was made at evening service . . . On 22nd, S.S. anniversary activities were led by the Supt., C. Edwards, with fellowship tea and prize-giving. Elder H. Filmer gave the address.

SPRING CAMPING (Brighton Gardens, K. Harvey, C. Curtis). There were two Adventure Camps—for Brigades and Youth 1; a church Family Camp with 170 participants in tents; and a Retreat for 35 "near and over 60's." Unstructured youth programme caters for 70 to 80 each Friday. Billiards, table tennis, T.V., records, chess, with focus during the evening. The informal setting creates many witnessing opportunities. There were ten decisions in last month . . . Men have accepted project to renovate primary hall. Interest free loans will cover capital required. Work teams are being organised under the leadership of seven carpenters . . . A Mini-Fair raised \$400 . . . Family Ball gave \$150 to C.A.A. . . . Six study groups meet during day, evening, and after school.

THE WOMEN OF THE WEST

Mrs. J. A. Stewart, Conference President, 1961, led the morning meditations for the October meeting on the Fruit of the Spirit, "Goodness" and with her daughter, Mrs. L. Michael, brought the message in song "The Mercy of God." Prayer of Intercession was led by Mrs. D. M. Hughes.

The President, Mrs. D. R. Manning, welcomed a number of ladies from Eastern States who had arrived early for the 34th Federal Conference. It was with a note of sadness that Mrs. Manning on behalf of the ladies spoke a word of farewell to Mrs. David Beavis, who with her husband and family, were leaving for study and ministry in the U.S.A. Mr. Beavis was minister of the Wembley church.

Nine ladies from the metropolitan C.W.F. attended the South-West Women's Conf. Mrs. White, Collic, is the new President.

Many spoke of the strength they felt through sharing in the Day of Intercession on Sept. 19. Half-hourly watches were kept throughout the day in the country and metropolitan areas.

Aboriginal people in the metropolitan area have been granted better housing and complete furniture, and furnishings are required for them. These are supplied under the guidance and advice of the Home Makers' Community Welfare.

Prayer and Praise Points:

• For eight decisions at the Midland Mission.

• That the Homes for Aged Aboriginal people are now a reality at Carnarvon.

• That we will desire only to know Christ and to make him known at home and abroad.—Doris Gordon (Sec.).

SEA BAPTISMS (Mandurah, R. Cook). Three young married women made decisions and two were baptized in the sea . . . Alex McKay was welcomed at an after-church supper on return from the New Hebrides mission field . . . Federal Conference delegates were entertained at afternoon tea on Oct. 9 and 16 . . . Les Armstrong, Qld. Conf. Pres., was a guest speaker.

ACCIDENT (Merredin-Bruce Rock, D. A. Good). The church and S.S. are saddened at the accidental death of Chris. Hutchings, aged 8 years. Sympathy is expressed to the parents . . . Combined service was held in Merredin with the Perth Musical Society leading in a choral act of worship. Mr. Good gave the sermon . . . Bruce Rock Opportunity Shop is sponsored by the United Women's Fellowship, and operated by Mrs. O'Brien. \$1,750 has been raised in its two years of operation. Proceeds go to Kellerberrin Slow Learners Children's Group.

EIGHT DECISIONS (Manning). Graham Carlisle, of Bunbury, conducted a mission over two week-ends. Two young people made decisions and six, who made their confessions earlier, were baptized during the mission . . . Twenty women came to a special "Coffee Hour" . . . Federal Conference visitors lifted attendances. Speakers on Oct. 15 were F. Hunting (Ballarat) and T. Ede (Lygon St., Vic.). Mrs. E. Hogben was soloist . . . Manning anticipates a full-time minister in 1974.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION (Harlaxton, R. Foletta). Convention speakers were C. Davis (F.E.B.C.), Harold Elvery (Gospel Recordings), and Rex Ellis. Faith-Promise pledges were used . . . Plans provide for extensions to chapel, extra seating, open baptistry, and additional class rooms . . . Float entered in Carnival of Flowers gained 2nd prize . . . The Qld. Premier, Mr. Bjelke-Petersen, spoke at recent C.M.S. meeting . . . There were three baptisms in Crusade conducted by Mr. Foletta . . . 14 have been added to the church through faith and baptism.

NEW SITE (Nambour, R. McLean). Services are held in the hall while extensions and alterations are made to the church after its removal to new site in National Park Rd. . . . Much voluntary work has gone into a set of flats to bring them up to "letting" standard . . . Mrs. Joan Francis of Brisbane was guest speaker when 72 ladies attended C.W.F. birthday . . . Guest speaker Mr. Gilchrist and his puppets were features of the S.S. anniversary.

BATTLE OF THE BOOK (Camp Hill, B. Cutchie). The C.W.F. won the "Battle of the Book" quiz on the Epistle to the Hebrews, by narrowly defeating the Boys' Brigade . . . 60 attended the first Wednesday night "All-Age" Christian Educ. Programme . . . A family camp was held at Caloundra. . . John Friebe recently showed slides of New Guinea.

WEED-END MISSION (Arana Hills, G. Staadon). Gerald Parriott was guest speaker for a week-end mission . . . 17 parents and 70 children attended B.S. picnic . . . Ian Berthelson and musical group were guests at youth service.

ORGAN RECITAL (Kedron, R. Sansome). Ted Brumby presented an organ recital of music by popular composers. An offering went to the Bible Society and the Christian Television Assoc. . . . Jim Edson (Campaigners for Christ) conducted a series of studies at youth prayer and Bible study. . . . Jeff Paxton (Principal, Qld. Bible Institute) was guest speaker at November youth service.

POVERTY 2000

This study, sponsored by the World Council of Churches, is being conducted by a research team at the Overseas Development group, Univ. of East Anglia.

Poverty 2000 is a project to estimate the scale and nature of poverty as it will be in the year 2000.

Income, employment, nutrition, education, health care, housing, national economic measures and development problems will be considered in countries of Asia, Africa and Europe.

CHURCHES CHORAL SOCIETY

(Vic.). This is the 18th year of the Choral Society's service. Performances have been given at our "Church Homes," a number of metropolitan churches, Belmont, Geelong, and Hamilton.

A recording of Val Wolf's new Cantata, "The Day of Pentecost" has just been released.

New members will be welcomed by the Society. Phone Mrs. Wolf at 728 1448 (Melb.) or the Secretary, R. L'Green, at 848 2969 (Melb.) if you wish to join, or if you wish to book the choir for your church.

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BORN AGAIN CHRISTIANS

To the Editor,

Some friends of mine will sometimes describe some one as a "real born again Christian." What they mean is that he dots all of his Christian "I's" and crosses all of his Christian "I's". His prayer life is constant and uncomplicated. He has the right doctrine and never unwittingly commits a theological "boo boo." He never misses a meeting. Emotionally he is always in high key. He never ceases to praise the Lord. He never takes his smile off, even at bedtime. Anything less than this my friends do not accept as a born again Christian.

I don't understand this. No baby is born an adult. No baby comes leaping into mature life. No baby gets right onto steaks. Surely "born again Christians", like other babies will grow at different rates. Not all will learn to talk as quickly and fluently as others. Some will crawl a long time before they walk. Like children some will be more reliable, more mature, stronger and more emotionally volatile than others. Perhaps some will never fully grow up. But surely they were born again from the time that they said, "Yes," to the Spirit.

As a "born again Christian" of average "physique," I make a plea to the "born again muscle man" to be patient with all of the born again Christians who have not yet become Christian supermen, and many of whom never will. Being myself a late maturer and a slow learner, I think I know how they feel when the more rapid growers flex their spiritual muscles in their faces.

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AMNESTY

To the Editor,

Recently a Victorian member of Amnesty International received the letter below in response to a Christmas card she sent to a political prisoner in Ghana:

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Each year Amnesty has prepared a list of "prisoners of conscience" from every type of country to whom we ask concerned people to send Christmas cards. There can be no doubt that these cards do represent a source of hope and joy to prisoners. Even if prison authorities in particular countries do not give these cards to the prisoner, they still serve as a reminder to governments that these men are in fact not "forgotten."

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MINISTRY IN CRISIS

To the Editor,

Many thanks to John Wise ("A.C." Sept. 30) for drawing attention to the crisis which is apparent to many and yet publicly ignored by our leadership. A crisis reflected in such movements as "the Worker Priest," "the Bishop of Southwark's Experimental Ministry" and "the East Harlem Community."

This crisis extends to the laity too and has nothing to do with loss "of first love," but a desire to communicate our insights about that quality of living known as the abundant life with those who have apparently failed to receive it. Words alone are obviously inadequate, innumerable sermons extolling the gospel have been preached, and countless books explaining Christ have been written.

To communicate our insights requires that we share our lives with the community, that we become involved in its needs and injustices (Matt. 25: 34-36). Does one wonder that ministers too want to be where the real action is? Failure to become involved has resulted in the church becoming a ghetto of separatism, being completely bypassed by the stream of life which calls for the compassion of Christ.

Let us be thankful of John Wise's warning and carefully review our church structure, programme and life to ensure that we are truly proclaiming to the whole world and not merely beating the air.

—Collin R. Johnson (Vic.)

THE MINISTRY

To the Editor,
Yes, most Christians are alarmed at the ministry of the church — when Christ is left out!

When ministers take Christ in all his power, wisdom and love, the ministry will be found exciting, challenging and growing, as they battle on for Christ, the winning side. If the promises of Christ are claimed and acted on, the power of the ministry will be unlimited. You can be sure that God will not leave one of his believers unemployed, ordained or not, paid or not, talented or not; all that is important to God is a willing, humble heart.

May I suggest that fellowship (sharing truths and experiences of the Lord) should be essential to the growth and stability of both pastor and congregation. "Seek the Lord while he may be found."

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WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

PEACE WITH SOMETHING Despite the cynicism many of us may feel, Christians would welcome an end to the killing in Sth. Vietnam. But let us not pretend that defeat is victory, that political expediency is the same as selfless concern, or that responsibility can be escaped simply by sending home the troops.

The Americans call it peace with honour. President Thieu wants peace with security. North Vietnam wants peace, with advantage, and its eagerness for a cease-fire signing, taken with the U.S.A.'s apparent reluctance for haste, does suggest that it is North Vietnam which will gain from the present plan.

The silent majority in South Vietnam are silent because they never have had a voice, but they probably just want peace.

It does seem less than just for North Vietnam and the U.S.A. to meet in secret in Paris to decide the fate of 17 millions of faraway people.

It will be a cruel irony if 1972's terms could have been achieved five, ten, or twenty years ago and that the dead, and the prisoners, the burned and the maimed, the orphans and the refugees, the fear and the misery of the cancerous conflict proved unnecessary; if the fine words of concern for a defenceless country's right to self-determination are lost in the rhetoric of election speeches.

We may well ask if the same effort, the same cost and the same manpower, had been directed towards a solution by peace rather than by war, whether a much better result could have been achieved. In any event, it certainly could not have been worse than what did happen. If some say that any other course but military action by the U.S.A. would have meant a surrender to the communists... this is exactly what the present cease-fire proposal is being called by many.

THE THREE MEANINGS When John Williams was twenty-one, his minister gave him a book as a birthday gift. It was "The Three Meanings" by Harry Emerson Fosdick. John says that this book has had a profound influence upon his life. "The Meaning of Service" inspired him to offer himself for service in the community, and he was elected to the Essendon City Council. He was the youngest ever Mayor of that city and served for two terms in that office.



JOHN WILLIAMS

"The Meaning of Faith" deepened his commitment to the life and witness of the North Essendon Church of Christ and ushered him into ecumenical encounter and involvement. "The Meaning of Prayer" has sustained him in his personal life and enriched his partnership with Christ.

Despite the busyness of his life, John still hungered for more specific Christian work and the chance came when the Bible Society advertised for a Field Worker for their Northern Queensland area based at Townsville. He obtained application papers but before he signed them he said to his wife, Kaye, that he would not go any further with the project unless she felt as he did. Kaye also has a deep faith and has given valued and long service in the church. She has also been active in community service projects and worked with "Lifeline." (Her brother, Bill Newton, graduates this month from the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, before ministering with Fremantle-Hamilton Hill, W.A.)

Kaye did feel as John feels, and when he signed the application papers it was with the assurance that they would be together in this new commitment.

They got the job, and on Nov. 2, four hundred citizens of Essendon met at the Town Hall to farewell them: Members of Parliament of every political party, business associates, councillors, representatives of churches, schools, and service organisations, family and friends, shared in a genuine tribute. The Rev. J. R. Payne, General Secretary of the Bible Society in Australia, was also there to emphasise the significance of the Bible for today and to welcome John and Kaye into their new task.

John has surrendered his shoe store to his sister, Anne, and he has had to resign from many offices and interests. He was a city councillor for 11 years, chairman of the Essendon Y.M.C.A., chairman of the Metropolitan Pig Market, member of Essendon High School and Technical School Councils, member of the Advisory Bureau, and also had an active interest in the Council for Christian Education in Schools, Essendon Jaycees, and the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. John and Kaye carry with them to the north two more meanings. "The Meaning of the Word of God," and "The Meaning of the Love" of those who shared with them in Victoria and will support them in their new life.

GOOD GRIEF!! In Victoria, the most popular sport is Australian Rules football. The highest honour to be won in the game is the Brownlow Medal, awarded to the player who receives the highest number of votes from umpires as the year's best and fairest player. This year, with hero-worshipping boys allowed to stay up late to view the counting, the Brownlow Medal award was turned into a T.V. beer-guzzling spectacular. The President of the Vic. Football League also heads up the State's second brewery!!!

Happenings

The Vic.-Tas. Conference Executive gratefully acknowledges anonymous donations received through the post — two gifts of \$15 and one of \$25. These generous gestures are deeply appreciated.

214 have registered for the National Youth Convention in Canberra commencing Jan. 1, 1973, including 25 from W.A., 21 from N.Z., 25 from Vic., 15 from Qld., and 119 from S.A.



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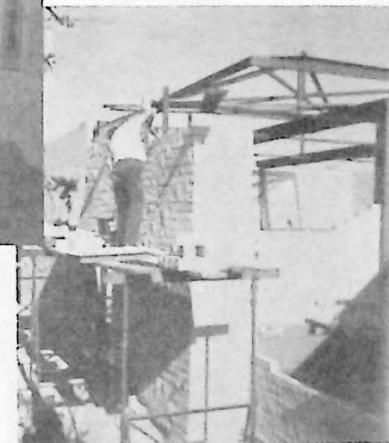
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EVANGELISM BEGAN WITH JESUS

THE Scripture tells how Jesus came "to seek and to save those who are lost." (Luke 19: 10). He intended to save as many as would believe and to build a church which would never perish.

The N.T. record of his life is brief, but it tells how he made every manner of personal contact in evangelism. He sought to win Pharisees, Sadducees, Herodians, and Zealots. He interviewed rulers of the Sanhedrin, Samaritans, Galileans, Greeks, Romans and other Gentiles. His incessant evangelism led him to deal with common people, wise men, publicans, harlots, children, soldiers, thieves, beggars, fishermen, taxgatherers and lonely women.

The Saviour sought to win souls under all manner of circumstances. He won several disciples while they were fishing. Matthew was won while collecting taxes. A woman was won at the well, a lawyer was won on the highway, another was won in a Pharisee's house, Zaccheus was won while on the street, the dying thief was won while on the cross.

Jesus used every method of evangelism. He captivated on his social engagements, and he utilised the quietness of private conversations. He preached with power, and he taught God's truth to all who would learn of him. From first to last he was ever about his Father's business of winning the lost. With Jesus, evangelism was a way of life.

THE GOSPEL IS STILL ABOUT CHRIST . . .

"I DON'T believe there is any hope outside Christ for the western world from any quarter whatsoever. In 40 years of journalism I have come across no other hope. Man needs to be born again. By that I mean that he must understand what Christ stood for and follow His way of life. Not only His teaching, but the very way He lived. Which includes, of course, the cross. People try to leave the cross out of the gospel but they can't because it's the heart of the whole thing. We need to be remade. We need to be born again not of this world. For if we belong to this world we share its hopes and desires, and these are disastrous. Unless our civilisation returns to where it began — which is with Christ — it will come to an end."

— MALCOLM BRUGGERIDGE

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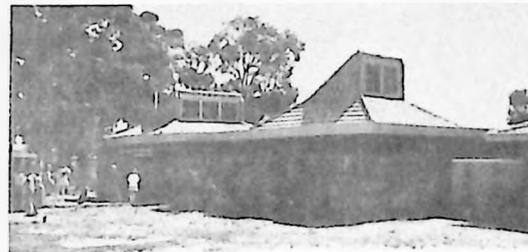
K. J. PATTERSON,
Director, W.A.

IN Western Australia careful planning and research identifies prospective "parish districts." This is done through the Properties Committee. Other States have similar bodies. The location of church building sites is forward planned and sites are forward purchased. When a given district is known to have members sufficient in number and leadership potential, Home Missions calls them together. When agreed, a church is formally constituted at an appropriate service.

The church and Home Missions are linked in the management and, as finance allows, through a paid leadership ministry. Communion is celebrated in a home or a school. A building fund is opened. A church school and a C.W.F. may be commenced.

Church and H.M. Committee reflect on needs which call for building facilities. After discussions, an architect prepares a master plan. When approved by church, Properties Committee, Home Missions and governmental authorities, a first unit segment is selected and drawn in detail for which capital finance is arranged. Tenders are called. The first unit is built, often a school building unit with areas for specific school departments. Members of the brotherhood's 500 fellowship subscribe about \$1,000.

The church's life and service focus about the newly opened unit. To spread the influence of Jesus into the homes and lives of their parish neighbours is their goal. DIANELLA, W.A.



CONTEMPORARY CHURCH BUILDING



By DON CRANSTON,

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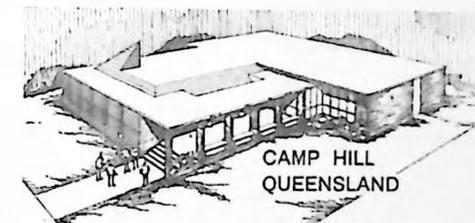
THE Christian Church, situated in a secular society, cannot live in the past, yet expect the progressive non-Christian to accept and follow its teaching.

Buildings are one facet of the church which must be constantly reviewed. Pulpit preaching no longer stirs the sinner to repentance. Bible Schools attendances are dwindling. Youth activities cry out for more space. Fellowship programmes require added facilities. These, and other local peculiarities, are the requirements which dictate the terms of reference for the architects of both new and altered church buildings.

New buildings must be designed with changing programmes in mind so that new activities can replace outmoded ones without the buildings becoming inefficient. Old buildings must be analysed to devise ways of changing their functions without destroying still valuable property. Consideration must be given to multiple use of all areas if value for money is to be obtained.

Modern building techniques and materials are usually most suitable for this multi-purpose type of building but this does not mean that churches should lose their beauty, remembering that each generation has its own definition of beauty.

The church must be prepared to assess regularly its programme and evaluate its buildings so that it can be truly relevant in the 70's.



THE MEANS — NOT THE END!

Planning new church projects is a specialised task for people such as architects, property committee consultants and the like. K. J. Patterson and D. Cranston have outlined some of the basic concepts and steps in this work. All of this activity is a means to gain an end. For Home Missions Department the end is quite clearly that of church growth. In the Book of Acts, the growth of churches in communities across the Roman Empire was integral to the progress of the gospel.

One of the concerns in missionary strategy today is that of church growth. Some missionary strategists like Donald McGavran have spent much time in analysing the factors influencing church growth on the mission field. Concern for church growth ought to be no less a concern in our local situation. Vital convictions, good leadership, adequate programming and helpful facilities are inter-related. Every congregation in our Australian brotherhood needs to take a fresh look at the issues of church growth and set some definite growth goals for the next five years.



D. H. SMITH,
Director, Vic-Tas.

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G. PARRLOTT,
Field Officer, Old.

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One church found inner renewal as the commitment of its members was re-expressed through a Planned Giving Programme, gaining fresh direction and hopefulness. Decisions resulted and ten persons have been baptized. Several churches are using morning coffee hours as opportunities to allow women to share their faith at significant levels.

Some churches had pastoral care conferences, members were trained to express their concern for each other and those people in contact with the church.

Evangelism has unlimited ways: by witness in the home, down the street, over the back fence, through youth and family camps, preaching and combined rallies, decisions are made and Christ is accepted into lives made new by him.



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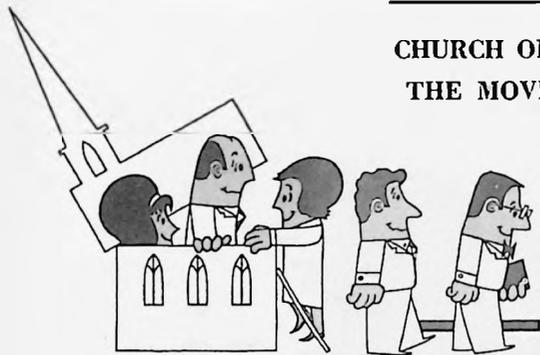
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— GORDON WEBBER

New South Wales Helps Churches Grow

THIS is one of the basic aims of Home Mission. Usually this is achieved by giving good leadership supported by a subsidy reducing over a five-year period. During 1972, twelve churches received help in this way. Asquith, Dapto and Loftus Park have relinquished subsidy ahead of schedule after receiving help for a period of six months, 4½ years and 2½ years respectively. This proves the value of Home Mission assistance in church development. This year subsidies have been granted to Campbelltown, Port Macquarie and Coff's Harbour.

Local church growth is also assisted by Programmes of Evangelism, Teaching and Giving programmes and general guidance on development of the work.

Old. on the move

GERALD PARRIOTT, from the U.S.A., began his work as Field Officer for Home Missions in January, 1972. A "Planning for Progress" meeting in July to formulate ideas as a basis for planning the progress of the church in Queensland for the next five years, was greeted and attended enthusiastically. Our emphasis is evangelism and our vision encompasses the world.

Doug Willis worked for three months in evangelistic endeavours in Africa with the Reggie Thomas teams. He reports more than 3,000 responses to the gospel.

Ron. Wilson, brother of Mrs. Gerald Parriott, arrived in October as minister to the Avenell Heights church in Bundaberg.

Vic.-Tas. Goals

IN 1973 the Department will celebrate a Centenary of service to Victorian churches. The appointment of Barry J. Jenkins as Inner Areas minister in 1973 is one of the major Centenary projects. Churches co-operating in the project are Ascot Vale, Brunswick, Coburg, Collingwood, Fitzroy North, Hawthorn, Malvern, Middle Park, Prahran, Richmond, South Melbourne, South Yarra and St. Kilda. Evangelistic concern and church growth are basic goals. Mr. Jenkins will act as a consultant to the churches.

There will be a statewide emphasis on evangelistic activity as a part of the Centenary observance. At Ulverstone the new chapel and facilities are expected to be completed in December. E. C. Keating will lead evangelistic work early in 1973.

S.A. Projects

THE Department has formed a research team to explore the leadership crisis in our churches. It will look at active churches and focus on the qualities of ministers who have given above-average performances.

The church at Windsor Gardens-Tea Tree Gully serves a growing area of 32 square miles. Recent "Exploration and Development" and Planned Giving Programmes run by Home Missions have given new strength and direction.

In a venture of faith, the Christies Beach church has been talking with the churches of the United Parish about a co-operative mission and the possibility of moving into the Morphett Vale area.

W.A. 1972 Highlights

★ At Dianella a new first unit was opened. ★ W. F. Thornton commenced our first ministry in mid-southern suburbs. Prospective centres are at Thornlie, Lynwood and Willetton. This is a joint ministry with East Victoria Park. ★ A church was constituted at Thornlie on July 2. Weekly celebration of communion began and a church school now meets. ★ A Crusade was held at Albany, a mini-mission at Dianella, and a mission at Midland. ★ J. K. Bond commenced a ministry at Midland assisted by A. W. Ladbroke in the hills districts. ★ P. G. Williams has been appointed to pioneer northern suburbs ministry to commence February next. Prospective centres are Vermont Gardens, Warwick and Whitfords. The present house church is at North Beach. G. B. Carslake will follow him in 1974. ★ Wembley Downs has called G. Chapman to a part-time ministry in 1973. Forward planning is taking place for development at Pilbara.

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NOVEMBER 26, 1972

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N.S.W.

CALL TO LIVERPOOL WEST (O. R. Clark). Robin Mitchell, Ma Ma Creek, Qld., has accepted a call to minister here and commences this month. Kevin Crawford, H.M. Director, gave assistance in this matter and also helped with "Teaching of Giving" with Mr. Clark and Brett Willis. . . . The church is grateful for the fellowship and service of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Clark. In church ministry and counselling he has done much beyond the call of duty.

FOUNDERS MOVE (Cardiff, R. Smith). The church has farewell Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smallman who have moved to Perth. They were founder members, commencing a S.S. in their home in 1940. . . . Robt. Aldred, Social Service Chaplain, spoke about hospital, prison, and social work, and we paid a visit to the Singleton Aborigines Inland Mission College.

10% FOR MISSIONS (Murwillumbah, D. Eagling). The church has pledged 10% of offerings for mission work. . . . Recent speakers have been Miss Hazel Skuce (India) and Ron Kallmier (N.S.W. Youth Director, at B.S. anniversary). . . . There have been four recent baptisms. . . . Prayer cells meet weekly in preparation for the Eddie Gabbert mission in 1973.

TWO WITH "FIX-IT" (Bexley Nth., N. Merrick). Mrs. Gwen Forrest, our B.S. secretary, and T. W. (Bill) Bagley, a deacon, are with the "Fix-It" team in the New Hebrides. . . . Instead of the usual two Sundays, the B.S. anniversary was held on a weekend with a Sat. afternoon tea, film, and evening demonstration, and with the school leading Sunday communion. . . . Young people from Newcastle were billeted here for a holiday weekend visit. . . . Ellen Fox has been baptized. . . . The church mourns the death of Len Malby, a faithful "doorkeeper in the house of the Lord" (see obituary page). Sympathy is also expressed to K. Smith in the death of his mother.

PRE-SCHOOL (Engadine, G. Warne). Pre-school kindergarten tenders are now in hand and final arrangements will soon be made. . . . The average attendance for the seven meetings of the mission with Eddie Gabbert was 60. . . . The church ladies conducted the evening service on Oct. 15. Mrs. Sandra Lancy told the children's story and Mrs. Lee Caspersonn gave the message.

INVERELL ANNIVERSARY (R. Craig). For the celebration on Sept. 22, 23 and 24, David Mansell was guest speaker. A Key-Man Dinner, Youth Rally and Family Tea were featured. Temple Day offering was \$299. . . . Church of Christ and Presbyterian young people combined for a camp at "Rockwell" station, with a team from the Univ. of New England leading the Bible studies. There were several decisions. . . . A Christian Convention, Oct. 6-8, featured Rev. Geoff Paxton, Principal, Q.B.L., Mrs. Hulme-Moir, wife of Coadjutor Bishop of Sydney, and Bob Jarman of S.I.M. . . . Miss Janet Clarke, of W.E.C., spoke to the church and showed slides of Ghana.

Victoria

KENWORTHY AT IVANHOE (J. H. McCormick). Rev. Alex Kenworthy, who conducts "Nightline" through 3AW, and Stan Bannion, School Chaplain, were guest speakers at the 55th church anniversary. Mrs. Pettigrove, a foundation member, was present. . . . Dr. J. Daniel Joyce addressed the church en route to Perth. . . . \$2,000 was received towards the manse fund at recent Temple Day.

COLLEGE REPRESENTED (Noble Park, T. Giles). On Oct. 1, Principal Williams was morning speaker and Mrs. Lawrence, C.O.B. housekeeper, was interviewed at night. . . . A Lay Institute for Evang. team conducted meetings Oct. 6-8. . . . The M.A.F. took part in service on Oct. 15 and screened a film.

BIG FISH (West Preston, A. J. Storay). Barry Jenkins spoke at service which also featured the play "Jonah and the Big Fish". . . . Explorers assisted at morning meeting. . . . A bus brought folk from various churches for a 6.30 p.m. service with Reservoir Baptist Youth Choir, Hilary Clifford, Denis Bayles and Rob. Hopkins. All then went to Heidelberg "Tune-In". . . . Major Charm Craig and Ron White were S.S. anniversary speakers. Earl Holtham led the music. . . . C.W.E.F. celebrated their birthday at Regent Dramatic Society's production of Sound of Music.

SWAN HILL MINI-MISSION (R. E. Pritchard). Barry McMurtre of York St., Ballarat, was guest speaker for four nights. Guest artists were the Maryborough Ladies' Choir and the youth group "Motion" from Ballarat. . . . There have been three additions. . . . Senior Youth Fellowship have completed interior decoration of kinder. room. . . . D. Prout was guest speaker at B.S. anniversary. . . . Mr. Sutton, the church's oldest member, died on Oct. 6.

"PILGRIMS" (Sunshine, G. Bradley). The "Pilgrims" instrumental and vocal group conducted recent service. . . . Ladies' Guild raised \$70 for the church from a street stall. . . . N. Carter, C.O.B., will commence a ministry in New Year. . . . Mrs. Smith, of Child Evang. Fellowship and Mr. Bradley were speakers at S.S. anniversary. J. Borig and D. Grant led the music.

AWAITING MINISTER (Preston). Until new minister commences in Jan., 1973, A. Fletcher, F. T. Morgan and K. Turtmann share pastoral duties and preaching. . . . There was a decision recently. . . . Four members attended Federal Conference.

WARBURTON ADDITIONS (C. W. Jackel). There were two confessions on Oct. 22. . . . 50 youth attended barbecue at local taxi service and then went to youth rally in Melb. . . . Following the success of the 1972 venture, the church will hold another Pre-Millennium Rally next Easter. . . . Following a fellowship tea with 40 young people, Mr. Jackel and C. Barton gave messages.

NEW MINISTER (Ringwood, G. W. Barnett). Doug. Smith, final year C.O.B. student, will minister here next year. . . . Mr. Barnett will be Chaplain at Box Hill Boys' High School. . . . Sunday morning addresses dealt with Racism, Literacy, Poverty, Acceptance, and Action. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Barnett attended Fed. Conf. and also visited Norsentan and Carnarvon. . . . The area in which our collectors worked gained \$1,434 for Freedom from Hunger — the best yet!

MINI-MARKET (Tootgarook, D. Brown). Over \$540 was raised at the recently held "Mini-Market". . . . Some members journeyed to W.A. for Federal Conference. Other regular attenders have been ill.

GIVING EMPHASIS (Nth. Williamstown, K. H. Pitt). Special emphasis on Christian giving was featured in addresses by Mr. Pitt for the 1972-73 planned giving programme; E. C. Keating (H.M. Dept.) spoke on giving at a young Christians' tea; and a combined auxiliary Mini-Market raised \$761. . . . C.Y.F. held a Walkathon to Werribee and raised \$533 to assist World Vision. Gordon Crouch, Dorothy Aldersley, and Sue Page gained prizes as top Walkathon money-raisers.

80% INVOLVED (Mitcham, K. Turner). A team of ten from the Institute of Lay Renewal conducted a Lay Witness Mission with participation by 80% of the membership. . . . Eight made decisions at the Sunday morning closing session. There has been a continuation through study and prayer time on most week nights in various areas.

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PREPARATION FOR NEW MINISTRY (E. Preston, A. Fletcher). A series of Friendship meetings for various age and interest groups has been aimed at improving relationships between members prior to commencement of new ministry next year. . . . Good Companions "Wake-athon" raised over \$100 for Guest Home improvements. The girls were paid by sponsors for each hour they remained awake. Many did so for 12 hours! They also shared in the annual sports day and gained first placings in Arts & Craft competitions.

70 FOR PRESTON. The Conference Pres., M. J. Savage, was guest speaker for the church's 70th anniversary. 101 members and former members were at lunch, and a time of "Real Joy" was conducted by F. T. Morgan in the afternoon. . . . The business meeting elected F. T. Morgan as elder, R. J. Mill as secretary, and J. Bates as treasurer. . . . Due to the illness of the two organisers, Mrs. H. Crossman and Miss A. Crossman, from Thornbury, are helping at the organ. . . . Four members attended Perth Federal Conference.

ARSON (Montrose, A. R. Horne, G. J. Chapman). A fire, deliberately lit, caused minor damage to the back of the chapel. The local fire brigade put out the flames in the nick of time. If the fire had continued any longer extensive damage would have resulted. . . . Neil Gilmore spoke on "Continuing Witness" at the church's 95th anniversary and his message was the basis for discussion at night. . . . The young people have turned an old room into a lounge (with purple walls, white ceiling, black and white curtains, red lighting and posters) which is now used by the whole church for meetings and discussions.

"HOSEA" (Oakleigh, T. V. Weir). The musical drama, "Hosea," was presented at the P.S.A. as part of the church's 56th anniversary celebrations, and on two other occasions during the week. This was an outstanding production for direction, acting, singing, costuming and stage presentation and will count as a highlight in the history of the church. The proceeds from "Hosea" were for the church's missionary project, the Christian Centre at Vila, New Hebrides, which now exceeds \$500. The Temple Day offering associated with the anniversary reduced the manse debt by \$830. Kevin Christensen was speaker.

WELCOME HOME (Nth. Balwyn, A. R. Pigdon). The church happily welcomed home Miss Dorothy Geyer on furlough from our mission field in India. . . . 43 attended the Church Family Camp at Mt. Macedon. . . . Members participating in the Freedom from Hunger Campaign collected \$575. . . . The Conf. Pres., M. J. Savage, was a recent speaker. . . . The Good Companions were second in the senior section at the combined sports day at Royal Park. . . . Our D1 badminton team were premiers for 1972 winter season.

CHORAL VISIT (Hamilton, R. W. Marshall). The visit by the Churches of Christ Choral Society was a time of inspiration for all. . . . \$65 was gained for the local chaplaincy appeal. The ladies looked after the catering and hospitality. . . . The Junior C.Y.F. film night raised \$25 for missions. . . . The C.W.F. held a street stall and also celebrated its 40th anniversary.

OBITUARY

AURISCH, Paul John
Paul John Aurisch was buried in the Lutheran section of the old Harkaway Cemetery on Oct. 10. He was 98. The funeral service was conducted in the century old Berwick Chapel where Mr. Aurisch worshipped for most of his life. He was a son of a German pioneer family, one of many German families who settled in the Berwick-Harkaway district, Vic. In the 1850's, Mr. Aurisch was one of the very early students of our College, graduating in 1914 and serving the church at Swan Hill for two years. He then returned to his beloved orchard and remained there until ill-health forced him to enter the Churches of Christ Nursing Home. His wife, Mrs. Ruby Aurisch, predeceased him in 1943. Paul Aurisch was a man who had very strong pacifist views and was not afraid to air them as opportunely afforded. Because he held these views and carried a German name, he found ministry in a time of war very difficult. He believed he could still serve the Lord from his farm during the week and assist churches at the weekend—which he did for many years. As the funeral cortege made its way up Hessel Road to the old German Cemetery, the church bell was tolled as a tribute to the life of Paul John Aurisch. His passing is mourned by his four children, Les, Beryl (Mrs. King), Frank and Violet (Mrs. Webb), his daughter-in-law Helen and sons-in-law, Charles and Bruce, nine grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. The sympathy of the churches at Dandenong and Berwick is extended to the whole family.—Allan Avery.

HOGAN, Malisa Grace
Malisa Hogan of Mentone (Vic.) was for the majority of her life actively involved in the life of the Church of Christ. It was during her 10 years at Essendon that Malisa became closely attached to the church. During the rest of her life there developed within her a deep personal faith. This was expressed through her active involvement in the church life at Chelsea and then at Parkdale. Two areas of service mark her life particularly. For many years she was superintendent of the Young Worshipers' League at Parkdale. Her faith shone through to those she supervised. Of even greater impact in later years was her ministry of letter-writing. She had words of comfort, encouragement and joy for people in sickness, sorrow, and in the happier events of life. As a true Christian she was loved and respected by all people she met. She will be greatly missed by her family, her friends and the church.—D.S.

RILEY, C. F. D.
The church at Hurstbridge, Vic. was saddened by the sudden death on Sept. 25 of Colin Frank Burdett Riley. He was a loving Christian husband, father and grandfather, a man of the word and prayer. Because of this he always manifested a keen interest in his fellow-men and this is reflected in his children who have been directed to service in other parts of the world. Colin Riley was born in Sydney. He was converted at 21 years of age in a Baptist Mission and immediately worked with the Churches of Christ inner city youth, and dorellita. He met Lucille, his wife, at their place of employment, and they were married in the Hurstbridge Church of Christ, joining the R.A.A.F. and moving to Melbourne, he took group services and Christian fellowships in the East Kow Church of Christ. After the war he moved to Revesby, N.S.W., and again took up youth work. Back in Melbourne he was very active in mission prayer groups, arranging the itinerary for missionaries home on furlough and taking many speaking appointments. He also worked with the Melbourne Rescue Mission, Child Evangelical Mission, and Borneo Evangelical Mission of which he was a Council member for some years. At the funeral service, H. Pietzsch, assisted by G. Wake, who read Colins favourite scripture, spoke eloquently of the high esteem in which he was held. At this time our loving sympathy is extended to Mrs. Riley, Colleen (Mrs. Keena, New Guinea), non-lay Geoff and Valerie-Ann, Keith (who is engaged in missionary service in Central Asia), Stephen and Mark, as we share with them in their sorrow.

WILLIAMS, Edwin
The sudden death of Edwin Richard Charles Williams brought a deep sense of loss to his wife and family, the Kaniva (Vic.) church, and to the community. Born in Kaniva in 1912, he was a staunch member of the church from an early age. For 32 years he was closely associated with the Lillimur church where he served as teacher, superintendent, church treasurer and assistant church organist. He was the essence of kindness and consideration for others; always eager to help and encourage and back his convictions with positive action. Many of his acts of kindness will never be known except by those to whom they were directed for he carefully avoided publicity of any kind. He is survived by his wife, Gae, and four sons, Gordon, Leslie, Murray and Stanley, and daughters-in-law Heleno, Hilary, Ruth and Gynetho. "Eddie" Williams will be remembered as a gracious, unostentatious, consistent Christian.
—G. Mathieson

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ELSMORE (Oliver)—Louise and Kenneth (Epping, N.S.W.) announce with pleasure the arrival of their first child, a son—Jason Scott—on October 16.

FLETCHER (Hayes)—To Margaret and Alan, a daughter—Claire Margaret—on October 23. A sister for Stuart and Megan. Both well.

ENGAGEMENTS

MCCORMICK-TIPPING—The engagement is announced with pleasure between Heather, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCormick, Ivanhoe, Vic., and Russell, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Tipping, also of Ivanhoe.

TAYLOR-JAMISON—Mr. and Mrs. Ron Taylor, 3 Cannes Ave., Carrum, Vic., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their second daughter, Glensy, to John, only son of Mrs. B. Jamison, 5 Levuka St., Seaford, Vic., and the late Mr. Jim Jamison.

DEATHS

CLARK—Elizabeth and Thomas Clark, of 107 Halifax St., Brighton, Vic., formerly of Falkirk, Scotland, passed away on 9th and 29th October. Loving parents of Helen (Mrs. Krone), David (dec.), Elsie (Mrs. Lanaway), and Tom; parents-in-law of Jack, Bert, and Elva; grandparents of Beth, and David Hounslow, John, Margaret and Ken Hank, Evelyn and Stewart Male, Jan and John Williams, Jan and Philip Krone; great-grandparents of Stephen and Michael, Nicole, Andrew, Douglas, Kate and Heather. "Our loved parents so soon reunited."

CLEMENTS—On October 9, Alice May, daughter of the late Thomas and Ellen Clements, sister of Thomas, Alfred, Eleanor (Mrs. Bullen), Edgar and Millicent (all dec.), late of Camberwell and Bayswater, Vic.; loved sister-in-law of Will Bullen, Elizabeth and Susie Clements (all dec.). In her 92nd year. "A life-time of faith in her Lord."—Loving Aunt of Will, Hilda and Lyle Yates, 9 Acacia St., Box Hill, Vic.

DURDIN, J. I. Ira—On Oct. 19 at Tumbay Bay, S.A., Ira, late of 62 Gladstone Ave., Kilburn, S.A., loved husband of late Jessie, loving father of Roma and Reg. Nankivell (Tumbay Bay), Laurel and Max Burton (Prospect), grandfather of seven, and two great-grandchildren. Aged 86. "So dearly loved."

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MIEN'S WOODCHOP (Shepparton, L. van Laar). The Men's Fellowship held a Hobbies Night and also raised \$140 from a woodchop and tidied up a section of the Shepparton Cemetery . . . "New Generation Singers" presented the folk musical "Natural High" in the Civic Hall and also participated in morning worship and S.S. . . .

At C.W.A.F. 50th Birthday, Mrs. Dunne showed slides of recent trip around Australia, including mission stations . . . Glennis Wade is assisting Gwyneth Wittick with Good Companions . . . Lindsay Grant, N.S.W. Aboriginal evangelist, spoke recently at Moorooopna . . . Boxes of goods have been sent throughout the year to Leprosy Mission and now "phials" are being opened.

VISITATION (Hurstbridge, G. Wake). A visitation programme is being conducted by men and women of the church. The follow up of morning coffee, house party and family service was led by E. C. Keating on Oct. 15 . . . The church is saddened by the death of Colin Riley (see Obituary) . . . Evening service has been changed back to 7 p.m. . . . Recent speakers have been J. Henley and G. Muller. Mr. Henley also spoke at S.S. anniversary on Oct. 22.

FUND AIM (Richmond, D. Smith, P. Burnham). The Fund Raising Committee's aim for \$500 for 1972 is well on the way to achievement . . . Ron. Muller spoke on New Guinea missions . . . 12 Young Adult Fellowship members presented a play . . . Mrs. Sandra Hunter has resigned from the Youth Active Centre after years of loyalty and service . . . Men from C.M.F. at Croydon, Nth. Balwyn and Essendon, assist with morning services.

QUEEN QUEST (Blackburn, E. W. Rofey). The Good Companions' Charity Queen Quest gained funds for their project — a 3-bed ward in our Nursing Home . . . C.Y.F.'ers spent Show Day on a Gippsland dairy farm . . . Several men gave their testimonies at a Fathers' Day service conducted by C.M.F. . . . "Tri-a-walk" for Community Aid Abroad raised \$57 . . . Two young women were baptized recently. . . . C.W.F. led an evening service with Mrs. Ron Muller speaking . . . C.W.A.F. entertained adult deaf and dumb folk to drive and afternoon tea . . . 24 leaders and Explorers camped at P.B.A. campsite at The Basin. Explorers also held a car-wash in the church parking area . . . 40 Freedom from Hunger door-knockers raised \$270.

MINISTER TO MOVE (Wedderburn). Norm Carter will conclude his ministry at the end of the year and will serve at Sunshine . . . Mr. and Mrs. Rod Clutterbuck of Charlton have joined our membership. . . . Graeme Cann of Leprosy Mission spent a weekend with youth groups and churches of the area. Pam and Jim Stearey told of their work with the Dani tribe in West Irian . . . The church joined the Midlands Dist. Conf. at Cairn Curran, Oct. 15.

OFFICERS' CHOIR (Box Hill, G. A. Grainger). In the gospel services conducted by church officers, an Officers' Choir was included . . . The Stewart family from Thornbury presented the gospel in song and story . . . Y.F.C. Flying Squad took Y.P.S.C.E. . . . The three cricket teams commenced the season with wins . . . Miss Payne from United Kingdom was recent visitor.

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A girl says, "My mother thinks I'm stupid. She's always telling me to do this or that. She ends up with the same words, 'If there's ever any problem, come to me.' Why can't I say something? We never discuss things. She simply lectures to me. I can't talk with her, because she's set the rules. My problems will never get to her." And so on.

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FAMINE . . . FAMINE . . . YET AGAIN — FAMINE!

"What is the use of coming to get this medicine. We are sick because we have no food." Large numbers are continuing to come to the Jamkhed Rural Clinic and hospital but almost all of them are now physically weak and making this same kind of pathetic utterance. The one positive

By B. V. COVENTRY

thing that we can all do is to pray. Recently we held a Sunday afternoon and evening prayer meeting for all the staff and other Christians." Thus writes Sister Holstein.

The situation all over Maharashtra is exceedingly grim. Sister Holstein continues: "We certainly are face to face with extreme famine conditions and feel very limited in what we can do to help so many starving people. A little girl was brought to the clinic and was really in a state of starvation. Her need of food was much more essential than her need for medicine. The mother, though not accustomed to begging, had been doing this from various ones in the village as she had no work and she saw her little girl becoming weaker and weaker.

"A two-year-old boy with T.B. of the spine came to the outpatients' section at

the hospital. The mother was informed that the boy would require plaster and at least two injections of streptomycin each week. She replied 'I can't afford the bus fare to come here for injections. I can walk to the village of Matkuli (quite some miles from her own village) for your weekly Friday clinic and get one injection, (then with an appealing mother's love), won't that do?' It won't really, but this is the best she can do, and all we also can do.

"Every day we watch the sky, and wait and hope. The clouds build up, but then comes the strong wind and they and any hope of rain are gone again."

Ray Veal, writing about a week later, said that the situation is becoming increasingly alarming. A water tanker is bringing water to Shrigonda, but it often breaks down and then no water is available as most wells are dry and even some of the pumps no longer yield any water.

On two occasions early in August between 400 and 500 able bodied village men sat down in front of the Government Officer's office and refused to leave until they had been provided a meal. They had no work and no food. Even if the return Monsoon due at this time is a good one it will be at least four months before there will be any relief from these conditions. If it is not good then there will be another 12 months of hardship.

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SKILL QUIZ

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

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2. The Prophet of Galilee was a frequent guest at our home, and he spoke of me as "our friend."
3. I was a part of what many call his greatest miracle.
4. Far from convincing his enemies, this miracle made them even more hostile to him and also to me. Who am I? (See page 18).

SIMPKINS: So the king touched my great-grandfather on the head with his hand and made him a duke. Can you match that one, old fellow?

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CHILD'S PRAYER—By Grownups

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I trust the state will always keep
A watchful eye on house and car
Nor let the war scare go too far.

Preserve my parakeet and pup
And may my stocks and bonds go up.
Remind me, too, when I shall wake,
To do some things for conscience' sake.
—Carl R. Brown

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CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

By DAVID LONGE

The Spanish explorer, de Quiros, first sighted the northern islands of the New Hebrides in 1606. He thought it was a part of Australia, so named it Terra Australis del Espiritu Santo — the farthest land of the Holy Spirit. Recently, on the small island of Tangoa, just off Santo, the mistaken naming suddenly seemed right! Ninety-five pastors of the New Hebrides met for fellowship, learning and renewal from the Holy Spirit. The pastors talked together and prayed together about their personal aspirations and problems.

Many of these men are poor. For some, inter-island travel was new. They arrived by tiny motor launch, trading ship and plane from nineteen islands of the New Hebrides archipelago which spans 400 miles of the Western Pacific. They came because Australian Christians made it possible through their gifts.

Some of the noblest pages of Christian history have been written in these little-known islands. John Williams and James Harris from the London Missionary Society were massacred in 1939. Polynesian missionaries followed and suffered illness and martyrdom. Many were eaten by cannibals. Presbyterian John Paton came in 1858. The "good news" gradually had its effect. But the first Anglican bishop of Melanesia, John Paterson, was to die a martyr's death in 1871. Head stones in a little cemetery near the Presbyterian Bible College, where the conference was held, reminded us of the high cost of following our Lord's missionary command.

At this World Vision conference, men shared in the results of missionary courage and faith. The four denominations were represented — Presbyterian, Anglican, Churches of Christ and Apostolic. Every pastor in the New Hebrides attended, except those who were ill.

"YES" TO N.Z. CHURCH UNION

(CHRISTCHURCH). All five negotiating churches have voted in favour of church union although the vote in the Anglican Church and the Churches of Christ is not as high as hoped.

In the Methodist Church a strong vote of 86% in favour showed the commitment of that denomination to union. Votes in the district synods had already shown that the leadership of the church is even more strongly in favour with an overall positive vote of 93%.

The Presbyterian vote of 70% in support of union was higher than some had anticipated. The active opponents of union were organised into the "Westminster Fellowship" but the vote showed that this organisation did not have as much popular backing as anticipated.

Anglican churches were bitterly divided. In the weeks before the vote large newspaper advertisements and television debates showed the depth of feeling both by the opponents and supporters of union. Anglicans voted 58% in favour of union with the active clergy 54% in favour and the retired clergy 47%. Only one diocesan bishop voted against the plan.

The Associated Churches of Christ had

World Vision New Hebrides Pastors' Conference — Left to right: Chairman, Rev. Fred Tapasong; Dr. Paul Rees, World Vision Vice-President; Rev. Joshua Daimoi, New Guinea; Dr. Stanley Mooneyham, World Vision President; Vice-Chairman, Rev. Henry Tevi.



When World Vision was invited to hold the Pastors' Conference, it was decided that major planning should be carried out by the pastors themselves. A prominent Presbyterian leader, Fred Tapasong, was appointed chairman. He greeted every pastor personally on arrival, whatever time of night or day. He led the conference with dignity and warmth. Many worked tirelessly to plan transport, registrations, food and programme.

Speakers included Joshua Daimoi, of New Guinea; Dr. Stanley Mooneyham, President of World Vision International; and Dr. Paul Rees, World Vision International Vice-President. Three New Hebrideans, John Abbil, Rev. Walter Lini and John Liu also joined the speaking team.

The conference began with an immediate sense of brotherhood in Christ. It ended with that sense of oneness confirmed. A brotherhood stretching across denominational and geographical lines. The men left that tiny stretch of coral with a greater understanding of their ministry. In a country where nationals have no citizenship, they talked much about the role of the church amid the political, economic and social changes confronting New Hebridean society.

The most significant thing to come out of this World Vision Pastors' Conference was spiritual renewal and encouragement. One pastor said, "I have discovered myself as a person."

The New Hebrides Conference was the eighty-sixth conducted by World Vision. Immediately prior to it, similar conferences were held in Uganda (650 pastors attending) and Sri Lanka or Ceylon (145 pastors). By unanimous request from the Melanesian Council of Churches and the Evangelical Alliance of the South Pacific, World Vision is considering a second conference in Papua New Guinea in 1974.

(David Longe is Communications Director, World Vision of Australia).

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