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**LOOK WHO'S  
IN THE  
BALLOT BOX!**

## ABORIGINES' HOMES OPENED

At 2 p.m. on Oct. 17, 200 people gathered at Carnarvon for the opening of the Churches of Christ Homes for Aged Aboriginal People.

Among them were H. G. Smetherham, Director of Social Services; A. M. Bell, President of the Churches of Christ Aboriginals Mission; Secretary, E. G. Meikle-

john, President of the Shire, and Mr. Johnston, Aboriginal Planning Authority.

Graham Butler, Field Superintendent of the Mission, welcomed everyone and introduced the visitors including 32 from the Eastern States who had travelled by charter coach to attend the ceremony.



Mr. Bell, President of the Churches of Christ, said the very considerable amount of work has been done in the past few years.

In his address, Mr. Smetherham mentioned that the first such homes in the area were a great need for such homes where people could live in their own homes. He then officially declared the homes open by turning a key in the door.

Bob Williams responded on behalf of the Aboriginal people saying how much they had appreciated the work carried out by the missionaries. He congratulated the mission on the manner in which they had built the homes and especially Lance Fisher who had commenced the idea.

Secretary of the Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Mission Board, Don Butler, said that the homes had cost \$49,000 to build and were subsidised by the Commonwealth Government on a \$2 to \$1 basis.

Project consists of two homes at present and possibly four more will be added at a later date. One home is built into two units for married couples, the other is built for single people and eight people can be housed.

They are completely furnished with T.V., gas stoves, washing machines, fans and all modern conveniences. They are delightfully painted with tiled floors throughout. The large verandah areas will keep them very cool.

Many people are waiting to move into the homes, the first of whom are Bob and Mary Jane Williams, and Dolly and Joe Butler.

### VONDA VAN DYKE

She was Miss America in 1965 — now she flies her own aeroplane, has inboard-outboard motor boats named after her, has written three books, made three records, and has been in two films, and is a dedicated Christian.

She is Vonda Kay Van Dyke, wife of Andrew C. Laird, chief resident of orthopedic surgery at a Miami hospital.

Her latest sacred record is entitled "Day by Day." The title song comes from the musical "Godspell."

### SIGHT AND SOUND

Radio. "With Heart and Voice" hymn programme A.B.C. radio on Sundays at 7 a.m. "Encounter" regular Sunday morning session of interest, information and, quite often, inspiration. A.B.C. radio 7.30 a.m. on Sundays. 7 a.m. in S.A. "Frontier" Review of religious events. A.B.C. Radio, Sundays 5.15 p.m. In S.A. 4.45 p.m. "Saturday Saints" A.B.C. radio on Saturdays at 10.02 a.m.

Television. William Barclay's talks on "Jesus Today." See your local programme for Sunday night sessions.



Mr. & Mrs. A. Pallett, Norseman Outreach Workers.

## WORKERS RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Pallett from N.S.W., have been reappointed to the staff at Norseman. Due to ill health these folk obtained leave of absence two years ago in order to regain strength and their return is most welcome. Alan's very loving and gracious nature has endeared him to the adult Aboriginal people in particular and it is in the field of outreach which Alan Pallett will be mostly used.

Outreach trips to remote and tribal areas are planned and Mr. Pallett's acceptance by the people will be helpful in this further contact. Liaison between

parents, child and mission will also be a part of Mr. Pallett's work and it is hoped that this will result in closer relationships. Above all Mr. Pallett will be able to witness for Christ and encourage Christians in these lonely areas.

Mrs. Pallett is active in helping Aboriginal children in project classes at Norseman school where she works for three days each week. This brings the children a sense of achievement and results in the development of a happy and outgoing personality.

## HOSTEL WORKERS NEEDED — NORTH WEST, W.A.

The W.A. Government has Aboriginal Children's Hostels scattered throughout the State and in the North West of W.A. there are hostels at Onslow, Roebourne, Port Hedland, Marble Bar, Meekatharra and Cue and in many other towns in this vast area. These hostels cater for anything up to 60 Aboriginal boys and girls sent in by their parents for educational reasons.

Here is a wonderful opportunity for Christian couples to move into these strategic places to work and witness for Jesus Christ. Government salary is generous to the Hostel Manager and staff are also well paid. Accommodation is provided for married couples and single workers. Much Christian contact can be made by word and by life not only to the children but

also the adult Aboriginal folk on the reserves adjacent to the town.

It is obvious that where there is a Christian influence there is a response from the people and on many reserves and camps little get-togethers of Aboriginal Christians are the direct result of Christian witness by hostel managers and workers.

Here is a challenge to married couples, young or older and single workers. A wide open door for work and witness for Jesus Christ is presented to us. Hardly any Christian work is being done in some of these areas.

Contact can be made to your State Secretary or alternatively to the Federal Secretary, D. P. Butler, 26 Marradong St., Mt. Lawley, W.A., 6050, phone 233672, who can advise of possible openings and developments in this field.

# COMMISSIONED TO COMMUNICATE

By J. DANIEL JOYCE

WORLD PRESIDENT CHURCHES OF CHRIST

RECONCILIATION is one of the special images in Paul's writing. In fact, it's the major category under which he interprets the work of Christ. Reconciliation. Don't be thrown off by that "re" on the front of the word. It usually means that if we can get back to something we've already known, then we are all right.

Reconciliation does not mean, in Paul's thought, getting back to something we've already known. It means two persons finding each other, and coming to some new moment of inward joy and exhilaration. Finding each other when they have been alienated from each other, and separated and estranged from each other, and experiencing the new moment of joy and exhilaration, when once they've found each other again. It is not exactly the same as justification by faith. We've often looked at that and said it means that you stand before the judge and the judge says, "I pronounce you not guilty. Even though you are, you have no penalty assessed." But that's not quite warm enough for this concept. Paul means something far greater. It is more like the father going out in the way to meet the prodigal son when he returns home, falling on his neck, and kissing him, and saying as he sobs, "My son, who was dead, is alive again. Nothing else really matters. Put rings on his fingers, shoes on his feet, kill the fatted calf, make the feast . . ." Not even time to listen to his son's confession of sin. "Father, I've sinned against heaven and before you . . ." He brushes all that aside and says, "Make the feast, kill the fatted calf." The important thing is: "My son, who was dead, is alive again." And he shouted, and wept, and rejoiced.

That's the picture of reconciliation in Paul, like that in the Epistle to Philemon. A slave, Onesimus, has gone away from his master to the big city and there he found the evangelist Paul, and Paul brought him to know Jesus. Then Paul sent him back home again to Philemon, saying, "I want you to receive him back as a brother in Christ. Receive him not as a slave. Receive him as you would receive me." Paul laid his own life on the line, his relationship to Philemon on the line. "You receive him as a brother in Christ." Paul brought them to know each other. That's reconciliation!

As you move on from the 5th chapter of 2nd Corinthians into the 6th chapter it's the same theme of reconciliation. There Paul is urging the Corinthians to receive him and his co-labourers and his term is "widen your hearts, to receive us." "Open your hearts to receive us." To be reconciled.

### DO YOU HAVE ANY WORD?

Some years ago, in 1968, I went to the Far East on a mission for the military, and I stopped in Hawaii, and one of my former students was the chaplain handling the Rest and Recreation flights, and I helped him work some of those flights for a day or two. The men would come in from Saigon and be loaded on buses and go downtown to their recreation centre, and the wives and sweethearts would be lined up on either side of the building. The men would come off the bus in single file and march down between the two lines of lovely ladies, and when HER man came in sight she would scream and cry and jump out in front. He would take her in his arms and literally carry her away. I never saw such heights of emotion in all my life as I saw in the reunion of husbands and wives. It was an emotion packed moment when lives were reunited.

(Dr. Joyce, guest speaker at the Federal Conference in Perth, gave the addresses at each of the evening rallies. The theme was "A New Order." "Commissioned to Communicate" was one of five messages available on tape recordings.)

But the next day there would always be one or two come back to the chaplain's office and say, "Chaplain, we've been apart for six months. We've now been together for 24 hours and we cannot find each other again. Something has happened in one life or the other or in both. We cannot find each other again. Do you have any word for us now?" And that's the worst problem one ever faces as a minister. I would rather handle any kind of a problem than that. Economic problems, employment problems, anything but the breakdown of basic human relationships.

When I was a pastor I would be called into a home and told, "John and I have decided to separate." or "John and I can't find each other anymore. Do you have any word for us now?" That is one of the deepest and most traumatic and soul searching ministries you ever have to perform, to try to mend human relationships when they're broken. And I used to be so shaken up when I got out of that house I'd run to the telephone and call home to see if my marriage were all right!

But reconciliation is great business. It's God's business. It is the ministry to which you and I have been called, commissioned to communicate God's love that binds people together.

### TO STAND IN THE GAP

A few years ago I was in Wyoming on a speaking mission with Dr. Jean Bartlett, and I heard him saying to ministers, "There is always a personal gap in life." He said that each one of us stands at least one person, one step, away from the full realisation of life's greatest realities, and somebody has to step into that gap to bring us together with life's deepest realities. I knew what he meant. The world is full of medicine, but the world is also full of sick people. The storehouse of knowledge is greater than it has ever been and is multiplying faster than ever before, but the world is still full of ignorant people. There are plenty of resources: God's grace and forgiveness and glory and all the rest to heal the broken spirits, but the world is full of people with broken spirits, discouraged, and depressed and purposeless. Someone has to stand in the gap. There aren't enough teachers, or doctors, or missionaries, or ministers, or priests, to stand in the gap between the person and the great resources to bring the two of them together. How desperately people are needed, lay people like you, to bring the great resources of God's love and grace and forgiveness and guidance, to bring patience to bear on the problems of life that are all around you. And God has given you and me the ministry to communicate his resources to the sick people of the world. That's our calling.

I am impressed with what Paul says in Thessalonians. "We came to you, not with flattering words of wisdom, not with any kind of esoteric language, not with any kind of sharpened logic, we came to you not with words of deceit, we didn't try to fool you or trick you, and you received us in the spirit in which we came and you knew God's word when you heard it. And we were so affectionately desirous of you that we were willing, not only to communicate to you the gospel, but to share our very selves with you, because we love you so much."

That's what it takes. It takes the sharing of a person, a pouring out of individual lives into other lives, getting to know people, to share the deepest and most significant things of life with them. If you want to communicate the love of God, you don't have to be a lawyer or solicitor, you don't have to

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## COMMISSIONED TO COMMUNICATE (continued)

be skilled in logic, you don't have to be an erudite person, you don't have to be a scholar, you don't have to be good in debate or argument, because we don't argue anybody into the kingdom of God. We used to try that, but if you win the argument, you lose the person. And the person is greater than the argument. But you do have to be a genuine person, you do have to be one who is authentic and one who is willing to share himself. You do have to love people, not any kind of ordinary love, you have to love them with some kind of precedent shattering love. The love Jesus spoke about when he said to his disciples, "God loves you this way — the hairs of your head are all numbered."

Three small boys stood before their mother one day, and the largest one said, "Mother, I love you this much," stretching out his arms. The next one said, "I love you this much," and he stretched his arms a little further. And the smallest one, seeing his inability to outdistance them said, "Mother, I love you more than I can reach."

God's love is always communicated to people in that dimension. It's greater than the wildest outreach of my imagination. Jesus says things about the love of God that I could

never have thought about had he not said it. His love is beyond the most remote outreach of my imagination or the most remote concept that I am able to conjecture. Beyond my wildest dreams his love reaches to get us.

That's the kind of good news he's commissioned us to communicate. You don't have to be an expert to communicate it. You've got to be a real person, and you have to love people, and be willing to share not only the word of your mouth, but to share your life itself. That's the kind of ministry he has given to us — the ministry of reconciliation — that men would see God's entreaty through us, he says, God beseeching you through us.

That is what God is depending on and some of us aren't doing much to let God's entreaty flow through us to people. You may not like that kind of ministry, but that's the ministry he has given us. We didn't ask for it, we didn't design it, God gave it to us. He reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God's entreaty would be seen in us; made and created and commissioned, and deemed to communicate his love and grace and forgiveness to people wherever they are.

## COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

# EIGHT ORDAINED TO MINISTRY

The Graduation Service of the College of the Bible was held in the Lygon St. chapel on Nov. 17, 1972. F. P. Chipperfield, Chairman of the Board of Management, led the service. Miss Vera Louey was at the organ. The chapel was packed to capacity.

Principal E. L. Williams brought to the platform and introduced the exit students and their wives and families. The exits then led the congregation in a special act of worship. Warren Jenkins called the people to meditation upon God's goodness, purpose and power. Warren Condon and Paul Williams read antiphonally, New Testament selections concerning ministry. A dialogue on "Ministry" involved Judy Williams, Bill Newton, Ken Ewers-Verge, and Roy Arnold. Stan Hince and Graham Chapman united with the congregation in a responsive prayer of dedication to the total ministry of the whole people of God. Anthea Nancarrow and Glynys Russenberg sang a duet.

The ordination was conducted by the Principal. The Ordinands, chosen by the Executive of the Federal Conference, were W. T. Atkin, M.B.E., past secretary of the Federal Dept. of Social Services; Mrs. K. Clencie, a guest lecturer at the College, and leader of adult Christian education for the Vic. C.W.F.; R. N. Gilmore, minister-elect of Churches of Christ in the A.C.T.; K. A. Jones, former housemaster and secretary, College of the Bible; Mrs. W. F. Newham, Australian representative to the World C.W.F.; E. P. Patterson, President-Elect, Vic.-Tas. Conf.; E. W. Roffey, immediate past Secretary of the Federal Conference, and Secretary-Elect of the S.A. Conference; and L. C. Withers, Chairman of the

Dept. of H.M. & Evang., Vic.-Tas. Conf. The words of ordination were spoken by the President of the Vic.-Tas. Conference, M. J. Savage.

The Occasional Sermon was delivered by the Principal-Elect, K. R. Bowes, M.A., S.T.M., Ph.D.

"Prove in practice that the Plan of God for you is good" (Romans 12: 2 Phillips). This was the challenge in the address given by Dr. Bowes to the congregation and ordinands. As people see that lives are being made vital because of commitment to Christ, our affirmations about God will have a new sense of authority. God is never irrelevant. When a person experiences His love, he has no doubts about the authenticity of the Christian faith. And that frees him to be audacious — and that's what following Christ requires. To respond totally is to prove the goodness of God, and to be glad that this is the way to which we have committed ourselves.

Eight students were ordained to various ministries: R. L. Arnold to Clovelly Park (S.A.); G. J. Chapman to Wembley Gardens (W.A.); W. H. Condon to Pascoe Vale (Vic.); K. R. Ewers-Verge to Albany (W.A.); S. W. Hince to Warracknabeal-Brim (Vic.); W. R. Newton to Fremantle-Hamilton Hill (W.A.); Paul G. Williams and Judith M. Williams to Northern Perth Suburbs (W.A.) and subsequently to New



Three of the eleven exits: Judith Williams, Glynys Russenberg, Anthea Nancarrow.

Guinea. The Ordination Prayer was led by K. J. Clintoñ, B.A., B.D., S.T.M., Dip.R.E.

To date twelve students have enrolled for 1973, two of them married and two of them women. There will be 46 students, 27 of whom will be married. Of the six women students, two will be married and will be studying with their husbands. The College opens in 1973 on February 21, at 9.30 a.m. The College Garden Party and the opening of the Pittman Memorial Library and the library extensions, will be from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24.—G.R.S.

## CONVENTION DELAYED

The Canberra Christian Convention is held annually on Queen's Birthday weekend. The 1973 date is uncertain because the Prime Minister (Mr. McMahon) cannot make up his mind whether Queen's Birthday will be observed on the same day in all States or whether each State will set its own date as at present.

## ON DEPUTATION

(Vic.) Missionaries sharing their story with Vic. churches have been Hazel Skuce and Jan Hunting. Miss Skuce concludes in Vic., on Nov. 26. Miss Hunting on Dec. 3.

Other missionaries programmed for Vic. are Mr. and Mrs. K. Ludgater, Feb. 4 to March 11; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beale, Feb. 19 to March 26; Miss Dorothy Geyer, April 8 to May 6, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bull, April 21-30.

## CAN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH HOLD ITS OWN?

Can Christianity stand up under critical pressure? Does the church have a future? What about "structures," "buildings," "programmes," "large meetings"? What do 2,000-year-old doctrines have to do with 20th century problems and issues? Does the church talk too much about doctrine and not enough about life? What's the purpose of going to church?

These were typical questions asked and answered during a four week's "Encounter" Course at the Briar Hill Church of Christ, Vic., designed to give both the believer and the sceptic an opportunity to hear Christianity put its case and then defend it.

There were no hymns, public prayers, items or Bible reading in the sessions. Each guest presented his case in about 80 minutes and then invited public comment. The fourth evening brought the three speakers back as a panel to face cross examination by a fourth guest.

Those taking part were: Dr. John Whitehead, Methodist, Chaplain Monash University, "I believe in the future of Christianity"; Fr. Bob Maguire, Roman Catholic, Army Chaplain, Watsonia Barracks, "I believe in the doctrines of Christianity"; A. E. White, Editor, "The Australian Christian," "I believe in the ethics of Christianity." Terry Lane, producer of Religious Programmes for the A.B.C., led the final session, "I Challenge That!"

Excellent enrolment leaflets were an indication of the high standard of organisation. A book shop was set up, and

supper was provided each night. Writing material was available and each speaker had access to modern teaching aids.

Everybody appreciated the course. It was provocative, challenging and inspiring.

## BELGRAVE HEIGHTS CONVENTION

(Vic.) The 55th Annual Belgrave Heights Convention, Dec. 26-Jan. 1, will again feature leading preachers from both Australia and overseas.

Of special interest will be the morning Bible Studies led by Archbishop Loane of Sydney. Two speakers are from the U.S.A., the Rev. Harold Fife, currently Minister at Large of the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade, and Rev. Charles Lake, Director of Youth Ministries of the Oriental Missionary Society. Other speakers are the Revs. R. C. Weatherlake and Peter Manton.

The Convention which is held in a large open-sided Auditorium with seating capacity for almost 2,000, attracts large attendances, with many staying in the area in youth camps, house-parties or in caravans on the delightful grounds. With

ing. The atmosphere was relaxed and casual and as all present were registered (having paid \$2 each) the same group attended each night. The cross section of speakers brought a similar response in registrations, and this was one of the biggest lessons we had to learn, viz. that we could all say something positive about the Christian faith and that when we say it together the community will listen.

It took a lot of planning and preparation but when we saw how much it was doing to people we knew it was worthwhile — and worth doing again! It was a different and valuable new experience in evangelism.

greatly improved roads leading from the city to Belgrave Heights the number of day visitors increases each year, and these are well catered for with good facilities including tea and canteen service together with ample parking for 500 cars.

## C.E. SUMMER SCHOOL

The Aust. C.E. Union's 6th Summer School of Leadership, Jan. 15-21, at Vision Valley, N.S.W., has the theme "The Jesus Way — Now." The School is open to all interested persons irrespective of age, denomination, or youth organisation. The speakers include Colin Bower, lecturer at the N.S.W. Bible College of Churches of Christ; the Rev. Norman Pell, and the Rev. Alan Walker.

Registration forms from Box 5093, Sydney, 2001.

## WORD TALK No. 63

# UZZIAH

King Uzziah of Judah reigned (783-742 B.C.) in glory surpassed only by Solomon. Under Uzziah, Judah reached her height as a nation. He was also called Azariah (a difference of only one consonant in the Hebrew) the first probably being his official name, and the latter a private name, for Uzziah was at the one time king and a private citizen. At the height of his power he caught leprosy and had to retire. From his secluded fort he ruled behind the throne while his son Jotham ruled in name. He came to the throne at sixteen years of age. It was told he reigned for half a century and archaeological evidence indicates a reign of 42 years until 742 B.C. In his latter days he was the centre of opposition to Tiglath-pileser in the west, the leader of a confederation of small states fighting Assyria.

The Book of Chronicles indicates the glory, wealth and significance of his reign. He was successful against the Philistines in the west and the Arabs of the desert in the east. Under his personal interest (like "farmer" George of England) agriculture bloomed. He built a strong standing army, armed with a new invention of mass murder — a catapult tower for firing masses of arrows and stones. His rebuilding of the copper smelters of Elath (2 Kings 14: 22) has been archaeologically verified and a ring with the seal of his son Jotham has been found at the site.

2 Chron. 26 dramatically tells of his sin which led to his punishment. Because he invaded the privileges of the priests he caught leprosy. From fear of contagion he was isolated in a small, well-defended palace. Prof. Aharoni in 1961 discovered a small, specially built fort of 8th Century construction just south of Jerusalem, and thought to be Uzziah's palace. 2 Kings 15: 7 and 2 Chron. 26: 23 told of his death and burial. In 1931 a

carved stone tablet was discovered on the Mount of Olives with the inscription — "Hither were brought the bones of Uzziah, King of Judah. Do not open!"

## FOR TODAY:

We look to Kings and Presidents for mighty deeds, and these men fill contemporary literature, but God works to the beat of a different drum. In times to come it is the little and insignificant who are often seen as the great, and the King or President for all his glory is only remembered for what he despised. So Uzziah is remembered mainly because in the year of his death Isaiah had a vision (Isaiah 6: 1). King Herod is remembered because of a Baby born in a barn in Bethlehem. Governor Pilate had the glory of Rome surrounding him and he despised a village carpenter, yet his name is repeated by 100,000 voices each week in the Creed that speaks of faith in that Carpenter. The glory of the Court of Spain is remembered because of Columbus "that mad sailor." The glory of Kublai Khan is remembered because of the poetry of a drug addict. The glory of Queen Victoria and the British Empire may yet be overshadowed by the writings of bearded Karl Marx in the British Library. It has been said that our age may be remembered in centuries to come not as the Atomic Age but as an era of the birth of the world Church.

The paradox of Uzziah's life is often seen — the glory of being King marred because he was a leper. Some people today still think that suffering and disease are brought as a punishment for sin. Jesus (John 9: 1-7) spoke against this and indicated (Matt. 18: 14) that frequently it is not the will of God that innocent people should suffer. — GORDON MOYES.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LOOKS TO THE FUTURE—

Some of our churches are starting to move away from the traditional Sunday morning S.S. pattern, it was reported to the annual conference of the Federal Board of Christian Education.

Classes are being held during the week; some are reverting to Sunday afternoon; some are coming up with new patterns of Christian education altogether.

In part, these moves represent creative responses to an Australia-wide (in fact, a western world-wide) decline in S.S. attendances, which has been accelerating since about 1962.

The moves are also being made in an effort to conduct Christian education in the most effective ways possible for the 1970's.

The Board recognised that the S.S. could not be separated from the congregation, and that the quality of life of the congregation as a whole was a powerful influence (for good or for bad) on the effectiveness of the Sunday school.

The Board determined to make available stimulating material to help local churches discover the most effective patterns in their situations.

State directors would be available to consult freely with churches who were raising questions as to the best ways ahead.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

The Board issued two calls to the churches:

o That they should recognise the place of young people in the life of the congregation, giving them much more a share in the ongoing work of the congregation and in the decision-making of the congregation.

o That congregations should examine critically what they are trying to do in their youth work, in the light of the

### ON TO 120 (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes).

The 120th year of service began on Oct. 15 . . . A week-long missionary convention was climaxed by the decision of two to devote their lives to missionary work. A minimum donation of \$50 was donated to all sharing missionary societies . . . Life-long member Frank LePage is Mayor of Cheltenham . . . The annual self-tax effort raised \$550. Ladies raised \$200 through apron sales. The C.Y.F. "Push-bath" raised \$2,500 and \$180 was donated by the opportunity shop to the church . . . \$375 was given to new Springvale church fund . . . Plans are advanced for new manse . . . 70 attended men's breakfast on Nov. 11.

**TEMPLE DAY** (East Preston, A. Fletcher) 200 attended Temple Day services. Past preachers present included T. V. Weir, C. Watson and T. Lane. A plaque was installed to mark this day when, after 20 years, the building is debt free, also the bequest of Mrs. Frieze, whose son Howard and family sang as a group at the service. . . . David Enwright, returning from Indonesia, will serve in N.Z. with W.E.C.

(Responsibility for political comment in this issue is accepted by A. E. White, 28 St. Kinnord St., Essendon, 3040).

**PREPARING DISCIPLES** (Prahran, I. Bennett). Two were baptized recently and others are being prepared . . . Mrs. Max Davidson, from Ethiopia, showed slides of mission work. Max was absent due to surgery prior to return to the field . . . S.S. anniversary took the form of a film night and a play by teenagers . . . The church has been painted white . . . Mrs. Squirrel, Mrs. Cruse, Mrs. Speirs, F. Sanson, J. McKenzie have been ill . . . Church mourns the loss of Miss Daisy Hahn.

### FIRE AT QUEENSTOWN

(S.A.). On Nov. 2, the Queenstown church property suffered a good deal of damage by fire. A police patrol called the fire brigade at approximately 2 a.m. The fire was burning in the education rooms at the rear of the chapel. Commencing in three places at the same time strongly suggests the fires had been deliberately lit. The prompt action of the brigade prevented what would have been total demolition. It is not yet known what is the estimated cost of restoration, but it is evident that it would be a considerable sum. The church met in their hall next to the chapel on the following Sunday to celebrate their 103rd church anniversary.

goals they are trying to achieve.

Again, State directors would be available to work with local congregations on these important matters.

### NEW CHAIRMAN

Keith Horne was elected chairman of the Federal Board. Now minister at Doncaster, Vic., Mr. Horne was formerly director of Christian Educ. in both Qld. and S.A., and H.M. & Evang. director in S.A.

Mr. Horne is only the third chairman the Board has had, following Ron Hillier and F. Morgan.

Tribute was paid to the chairmanship of Ron Hillier over the past six years. He had given outstanding service and solid loyalty in his leadership of the Board. Mr. Hillier will continue as Deputy Chairman.



### ANNOUNCING !

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## OFF TO THE COUNTRY!

Someone had an idea — "Let's take Conference to the country!" But . . . would it work? We are so used to going to Grote Street! What about the organisation?

Well, we tried it . . . and it DID work. On Nov. 2, three buses and several cars took ladies from the city to Murray Bridge. Others came from Southern and South-Eastern churches and even from the Murray. 188 answered the roll-call.

Our President especially welcomed Miss Jean Davis from North India. Devotions were given by ladies from the South-East.

Accounts of Federal Conference Ladies' Day and general activities by Mrs. Pederson and Mrs. Holmes brought pleasure to those who were unable to go themselves.

### VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.

The President, Mrs. F. Morgan, welcomed 73 delegates and visitors to the November Council meeting, including Miss Hazel Skuce on furlough from India and Mrs. Phyl. Lynch from "Fairhaven."

Hazel Skuce spoke of the success of the Community Development Programme which has been a means of approach to the non-Christians, and to the Literature Programme through which they are able to share the Christian faith with the people.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Allison and Mrs. Strack led in prayer of intercession. Report of Federal Conference Women's Day was given by Mrs. F. Morgan.

Nominations for Executive positions to be in the hands of the Nominations Supt., Mrs. J. Preston, prior to December Council.

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### LANE COVE'S 50th ANNIVERSARY

(N.S.W., A. W. Stephenson). G. R. Stirling was guest speaker for the church's 50th anniversary, Oct. 21-25. Mr. and Mrs. Elbourne also attended. The Deputy Town Clerk was present at the public welcome on Saturday. Mr. Stephenson presided at the broadcast communion service, and the Federal Member for the area, Sir John Cramer, read the lesson. The Mayor and Mayoress were present, also many past members.

At the P.S.A., Mr. Shirley led an orchestra and Mr. Elbourne gave the address.

At the Missionary Convention on Monday, the State Member of Parliament, Mr. McCaw, brought greetings. On Tuesday the young people's programme was arranged by R. Combridge, the student minister. A young lady made the good confession after Mr. Stirling's address.

The celebrations concluded with a church dinner on Wed. Mrs. Bennett, a senior foundation member, cut the birthday cake. Mrs. B. Verco, who sang 50 years ago when H. G. Harwood led the opening month's services in the Masonic Hall, again sang beautifully. The music for the hymn

We were particularly pleased that Mrs. Trowbridge, of S.A., was honoured as sole remaining member of the first Federal Executive. Special thanks were given to country ladies for their support in many ways. Special speaker was Mrs. E. W. Heard whose challenging message asked "What in the world is the church?", "What is the church in the world?" and "What is our involvement in the world?"

The Murray Bridge ladies prepared the church and provided morning tea and cups of tea with lunch.

We all voted it a most successful day and are starting to think about our next country visit.

In the meantime we have our Christmas meeting on Dec. 7 to look forward to — at Grote Street again.—A.M.S.

### C.O.B. C.W.F.

(Vic.). The College of the Bible Christian Women's Fellowship held their Thanksgiving Dinner at the Oakleigh church on Oct. 19. Dinner was served buffet style by the Oakleigh ladies. This allowed the girls to mix freely and especially to share with the wives of the exit students.

On behalf of the C.W.F., Marg. Carter presented a booklet and a verse of scripture to the "exits' wives." Bronwyn Arnold, Helen Condron, Robyn Jenkins, Bernice Macgill, Glenda Newton, Sue Verge and Judy Williams, Lesley Chapman and Julie Hince were unfortunately absent.

Jill Sonsee led a devotional service in which six girls drew thanksgiving thoughts from experiences of the year which were beautifully illustrated by large posters surrounding a cross. A rendition of "Love Triumphant" by Dorothy Alcorn brought the evening to a close.

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had been arranged by the late David Verco.

In preparation for the occasion, the church buildings were painted inside and out, the chapel was recarpeted, and a rose garden planted.

### MISSIONARY MONTH (Footscray, F. B. Alcorn).

October evening services featured Wycliffe Bible Translators, Sudan Interior Mission, M.A.F., Overseas Missions Dept., and Overseas Missionary Fellowship. . . . Family outing in church grounds on Oct. 14 included Trash & Treasure auction, car wash, produce stalls, Barbecue lunch, and Table Tennis marathon . . . Good Companions shared in recent sports day, and Boys' Explorers held week-end camp at Cowes . . . James Preston was speaker at C.M.F. . . . Mrs. Morgan (President, Women's Conf.) spoke at C.W.E.F. birthday.

**BERWICK MINISTRY.** K. J. Clinton has accepted the invitation given by Berwick church and the Dept. of H.M. & Evang., to assist in a weekend ministry during 1973.

## Victoria

**FOUR BAPTISMS** (Hersham, D. J. Marr). There were four baptisms on Oct. 15. Miss N. Hall of Warracknabeal was speaker. . . . Scholars participated when the B.S. met with church for a family service on Oct. 22 . . . A special night musical service featured Mesdames C. Butler, N. Hovey and W. Tucker, giving testimonies on favourite hymns . . . On Oct. 29, Don Kube was guest on electronic organ and Mr. Gibben of J.E.W., gave the message.

**FROM THE DEN** (Noble Park, T. Giles). Andrew and Roger Brough of Wattle Park's Daniel's Den, were evening speakers on Oct. 22. Other recent speakers have been G. Peers, John Purvis, D. H. Smith (Dept. of H.M. & Evang.), and S. H. Wilson (Vic.-Tas. Conf. Sec.) . . . Kindergarten children and their parents were visitors at a morning service . . . Prayer and discussion groups continue following weekend of Lay Evangelism.

**PRINCIPAL CONGRATULATIONS** (Bysswater). Our interim minister, Dr. K. R. Bowes, received many congratulations on being appointed Principal-Elect of the College of the Bible . . . The Methodists were invited to share their church anniversary with us and Knoxfield church in an informal candlelight musical evening. Miss Robyn Caudwell, of the C.O.B., was guest soloist. The Yukana Singers also assisted. Dr. Bowes and the Rev. Ugalde led congregational singing during which supper was served . . . Alan Matheson was speaker at the C.W.F. Birthday meeting. . . . The Yukana Singers have produced a stereo L-P record which will be available for Christmas.

**FOR HALL FUND** (Essendon, C. S. Badcock). Each auxiliary organised a stall for Mini-Mart on Oct. 27 and \$537 was raised for hall fund . . . "The Stirrers" provided music on Oct. 1 and Rev. P. Corney (Anglican) was speaker . . . L. Brooker was S.S. anniversary speaker on Oct. 15 . . . The Good Companions celebrated their 25th anniversary with a Fancy Dress social. Their recent Bake-a-thon realised \$35, 125 doz. cakes were sold . . . Churches in Buckley St., Essendon, combined on Oct. 22 for service at church of "Our Lady of the Nativity" . . . Net Ball Lamington Drive raised \$59.

**TERM EXTENSION** (Caulfield, K. Berston). Mr. Berston's term has been extended to Dec., 1974 . . . Guest speakers have been Ken Verge, Dr. Chae, Pastor Bob Brown, Aboriginal leader, and Paul Payne. Soloists were Kenneth Briggs and Ian Cousins . . . The appeal for the Korean Orphanage reached \$212; and Mission Outreach, \$262 . . . An organ fund has been started and the church has been trying out different electronic instruments . . . Miss Henderson has made her home at "Eleanor" Home and Hospital for the Blind, at Brighton Beach.

**BAYSWATER IS 101** (Dr. K. R. Bowes). Murray Savage, Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres., was speaker at church's 101st anniversary. . . . Mrs. Joan Tomkins has been baptized . . . The newly-formed "Young Marrieds' Group" held a barbecue and picnic at Badgers' Weir on Cup Day . . . The singing of popular and modern hymns was a feature of recent youth service.

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### "FOR THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE FAITH"

To the Editor,

The wife and I went along to an inter-church discussion in St. Chad's lounge. At supper I found myself seated alongside a priest. I was dead scared. I'd never been so close to one before. He was human just like the rest of us. And he talked like a Christian... with an Irish accent. And what's more he treated me like a Christian!

Stuck for something to say, I asked him, "Father, how are you feeling about this business of mixing with the rest of us?" His answer surprised me.

He said, "I'm very relieved! You know in my church we thought that a lot of Protestants were selling out on the fundamentals. We'd heard about 'the death of God' and all that. We thought that you had stopped believing in a personal God who is creator and saviour and judge. We Catholics pray about everything. We had an idea that you Protestants had lost your faith in prayer. We had heard that a lot of you no longer believed in the Virgin Birth, and that you no longer accepted the authority of the Holy Scriptures, and that many of you believed that our Lord was just a good teacher. And we sometimes wondered if you had rejected the ancient Christian moral standards on things like sex and marriage."

He went on with a lot more in the same vein. Then he said, "Believe me, we were scared of this ecumenical encounter. We wanted it, but we wondered what good it would do if the other churches had lost their gospel!" I said, "And what's your verdict now?" He smiled a wide Irish smile. "Meetings like tonight do me good. I find so many of you still standing for the fundamentals of the Faith."

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS

## OPEN FORUM

A. R. MAIN

To whoever may be able to help,

Working on a thesis dealing with the history of our churches I have become deeply interested in A. R. Main. Time permitting I plan working on a biography. I would be grateful for any information you may be able to offer. Recollections and assessments concerning his role as teacher, preacher, editor, and his conference contributions would be most helpful, as would personal details and insights. Mr. Main wrote often to correspondents who sought his help on personal and other problems. If these were kept and made available or photostated this would be much appreciated.—Graeme Chapman, Senior Lecturer, Churches of Christ Bible College, 41 The Point Rd., Woolwich, N.S.W.

### THE EVENING SERVICE

To the Editor,

It seems to me that the largest single obstacle to responsible experiment with our evening services arises from opposition to change. The majority of regular church attenders believe honestly and sincerely that in which they have been born and bred is what God requires. They bemoan the empty pews (and the even emptier ones at the evening service) but blame the emptiness almost wholly on either the absentees or the minister.

A few who find some help from the services but see an urgent need for reform, and a few who believe that what we do now is a travesty of the gospel will

be among those worshipping. Most, though, of those who are not helped by what they feel are irrelevant services have already slipped quietly away.

This is our dilemma. Any vote among the remaining members will be for "No change" or "Very minor change," and probably with a threat to stay away if the traditional patterns are tampered with. If the prophet with a vision that the worship that God requires must involve continual experiment goes ahead in face of this, his existing congregation are unhappy. The immediate result may be a further reduction in attendance.

Perhaps some other seekers-after-truth will write on how they approach the problem.—Roy L. Arnold (Vic).

### HEALING THE SICK

To the Editor,

Christ commissioned his church to heal the sick. The church that claims to be his has completely overlooked this and has referred this work of healing to an organisation unconnected with the church, whose methods are opposed to the Bible.

God in his creative work provided laws for the peaceful and happy working of his creation. Disobedience to these laws brings disease. Transgression is sin.

By neglecting to heal the sick the church has lost its opportunity to demonstrate its power and superiority over worldly organisations. After an extended working of his creation, I am convinced that the Biblical way is the only sure and safe way to heal the sick. I will be prepared to speak at any church interested in healing the sick.

—C. K. Milne (Vic).

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## SOCIAL PROBLEMS ATTACKED

A new organisation composed of scientists from 12 nations came into being on October 4 when representatives of scholarly organisations from the member nations signed a charter in London. This organisation, which will have its headquarters and staff of about 100 professionals in Laxenburg Palace, 16 kilometres from Vienna, calls itself the International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis. Participating are scientists from the United States, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, Japan, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, both East and West Germany, Italy, Bulgaria and Poland.

The new body is believed to be the first non-governmental, multinational organisation to attack large and complex social problems of world-wide scope. It will study the management of large communities, provision of health services for large populations, world-wide environmental and energy problems, and other matters that affect nearly all men. Priority will be given to a study of the world supply of energy resources.

Other projects under consideration are investigations of medical data handling to improve diagnosis and treatment, population control and genetic engineering, weather modification, international problems of ocean fishing, the management of sanitation and transportation services, the design of new towns, and the phased renewal of old towns.

### NEW GUINEA FAMINE RELIEF

The Australian Council of Churches and Australian Catholic Relief have contributed a total of \$20,000 for famine relief in New Guinea.

The grants, of \$10,000 each, are in response to an appeal from the Melanesian Council of Churches for assistance from Australian churches. Both the church agencies have opened New Guinea Famine Relief funds and will receive donations either through churches or directly from the community.

Contributions can be sent to: Division of World Christian Action, Australian Council of Churches, P.O. Box 111, Brickfield Hill, N.S.W., 2000.

Churches in Papua New Guinea are already deeply involved in the famine relief operation, providing transport and personnel for distribution of relief supplies.

The Melanesian Council of Churches has appealed for international church assistance totalling \$400,000.

## Welcome Home

### TO N.S.W. "FIX-IT" TEAM

An official "Welcome Home" to the N.S.W. "Fix-It" Team has been arranged as they return from our mission stations in the New Hebrides.

### ENMORE TABERNACLE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1972, 7.30 p.m.

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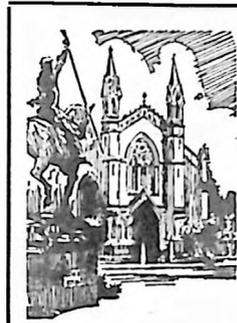
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# WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

**GREED NOT NEED** We are not telling readers how to vote on Dec. 2. As the daily newspaper editorials point out, this is not an election between ideologies and political philosophies. According to "The Age", in their policy speeches, "Mr. Whitlam abandoned socialist dogma for liberal reform . . . and Mr. McMahon embraced the welfare state."

When the nation chooses its managers on Dec. 2, the main parties expect the choice to be made on the basis of which side will give most to the voter.

The two main parties declare that there is now ample money for all kinds of things we couldn't afford before. There will be pre-schools for all who want them, more scholarships, no-fee universities. There will be housing help, increased social service benefits, the cavities in our dental programmes are to be filled, and there are prescriptions for better and cheaper health. Transport will be improved, decentralisation will be speeded up, the Aborigines will get more (but still less than justice and dignity), pensions will go up, and taxes will come down.

How taxes will come down is not clear, for if everybody is to get more and more and it is going to cost us less and less, the Treasurer will need some new, new maths to make his sums come out right. There is a vague suggestion that as the lower and middle income earners will have lower tax burdens the millionaires (individual and company) will have to foot the bill.

One thing is clear. If we are to spend so much more on ourselves, it is unlikely that we shall increase our aid to those most in need — in the Third World. Those of us who were deeply moved by what we learned in the studies on Action for World Development would like to stir the national conscience on behalf of Africans, Asians and South Americans.

Mr. McMahon and Mr. Whitlam had nothing to say about increased overseas aid. They have both decided that this election will be won on personal and domestic issues. They believe that our hearts are in our pockets and that where our hearts are, there will our votes be also.

Since the parties have announced what they think is important, what some of the rest of us think is important will have to wait until the Dec. 2 managers are known.

Then we shall have to continue our campaign on behalf of Aboriginal land rights, migrant education and integration, environmental and conservation problems, poverty in Australia, and on behalf of those outside Australia who wait for us to play a responsible role in the world family. We shall try to show that what is good for our distant neighbour is, ultimately, also good for us. In the meantime, vote for the best man you can find!

**GOOD GRIEF!!** A male accident victim was admitted by mistake to a female ward at New Plymouth Hospital (N.Z.) because of his long hair. A hospital board director suggested that young people should have "male" or "female" tattooed on an arm. Miss J. Crowley said it should not be necessary for a patient's clothing to be removed to ascertain his sex!

## Happenings

The Church of Christ in South India has celebrated its Silver Jubilee. The C.S.I., joining the counterparts of the Anglican, Methodist, and Congregational Churches and the Church of Scotland, has grown since union by 368,000 to 1,377,000.

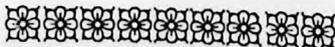
Twenty-four top African leaders of the Presbyterian Church in Mozambique have been jailed without reason being given.

The Government of South Korea is unhappy with the "orphan image" of its country developed by 20 years of child-care appeals by Christian groups in the West. National leaders argue that their republic is a "developed nation" and have criticised the content of some fund-raising appeals, the quality of child care itself, financial arrangements, and the standards of institutions.

The Westside Assembly of God Church (Ohio, U.S.A.) attendance jumped from 70 to nearly 1,000 in a year. The pastor credits door-to-door visitation and a vigorous "bus-ministry."

Astronaut James B. Irwin, asked to retire early from the space programme because of budget costs, did not take long to find a new job. He retired also from the Air Force and is devoting his full time to evangelism. His organisation is called "High Flight" and his recent visit to Australia was marked by crowded and responsive meetings.

Two hundred Roman Catholics and Protestants have signed a manifesto calling for greater religious freedom in their country, Portugal.



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**B.S. AWARDS** (Nailsworth, P. DeWidd). In the Churches of Christ Christian Educ. examination, ten received honours certificates, ten merit certificates, and 14 passed. Lynette Coombe received the President's Prize and Marie Taylor (teacher) the Charles Hillier Prize. Certificates and prizes were presented on Nov. 5 . . . The young people presented a concert at Loxton for "The man at college", raising \$170 . . . Ross and Malcolm Gaskin were speakers at the B.S. anniversary.

**WORLD COMMUNITY** (Balaklava, J. Dow). Mrs. Roffe, wife of Methodist minister, president, and Mrs. Morrow, from Adelaide, gave the message to a combined "World Community Day" service.

Herb Prime was guest speaker for church anniversary. After luncheon the young people and church choir presented a P.S.A. Mr. Prime spoke on his work as a chaplain . . . The church offers sympathy to Mrs. Pearl and family in the death of a husband and father . . . Reg. Shepherd was a recent speaker.

**MISSION PREPARATION** (Bordertown, R. Combridge). Neal Hodgekiss, of Mile End, led a week of special meetings. This was part of preparation for mission in 1973 with Kevin Berston . . . 50 leaders and youth attended Kingston camp in Oct. . . S.S. bike and hike excursion raised \$75 for the B. & F.B.S. . . . Two prayer groups meet weekly, also mid-week Bible study . . . Cheryl Milne has returned from Japan.

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## New South Wales

**FAMILY CAMP** (Nth. Turramurra, J. Shaw). The church combined with Chatswood for a Family Camp with Mr. Shaw as leader of studies . . . John Ryan, studying for the priesthood, was interviewed during an evening service . . . C.W.F. raised funds with progressive dinner . . . The Girls' Brigade won an award in a Divisional Concert.

**NORTHSIDE CHURCHES** (Nth. Sydney, N. Flint). The Northside Combined Churches held a picnic at Chinaman's Beach . . . A number of young people have been baptized . . . A B. & F.B.S. youth rally was held at the church.

**"FIX-IT" TAPE** (Chatswood, C. G. Taylor). The "Fix-It" team in the New Hebrides sent a tape-recording to the church featuring New Hebridean singing on one side and short messages on the other from Bill Bagley, Don. McElvenny, and John Dickson. The team was due home on Nov. 8 . . . Graeme Chapman is preaching in the absence of Mr. Taylor engaged on Conf. Pres. duties . . . B.S. prizes were given at open school and parents were invited to visit the classes. Graham Dickson won the Winter Trust Prize . . . C.W.F. raised \$100 for Dunmore House . . . Mrs. Joyce Lawson is recovering from unexpected encounter with bread van.

**CHURCH FOR ALL NATIONS** (Enmore, R. C. Dixon). Philips Industries have commenced wiring for Simultaneous Translation System, but work is delayed through lack of parts. Four interpreters' booths have been constructed in the back of the church . . . Mrs. Helga Coleman, a German migrant nurse, was baptized, the first Enmore baptism for five years . . . 33 children attended the second S.S. tea. Parents joined them for screening of Jungle Doctor filmstrip.

**HORNSBY FAREWELL** (D. A. Oldfield). On Nov. 5, Mr. and Mrs. L. Riggall, Mrs. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bartholomev and Scott, were farewelled on leaving for Port Macquarie. The church secretary expressed appreciation for their service to the church. Mr. Oldfield made presentations and A. E. Bell commended them in prayer . . . Guest speaker on Nov. 12 was John Friebe, a teacher-missionary from New Guinea, who also showed slides.

**MINI MISSION** (Tamworth, R. Ferguson). There were four baptisms during a Mini-Mission conducted by Roy Green-halgh recently . . . The theme of the S.S. anniversary was "Jesus Christ — Bridge over Troubled Water." Speaker was Ron. Hewitt. Kindergarten programme was entitled "Gospel Train." . . . Members of the B.S. have increased and a bus has been hired for transport.

**LADIES ASSIST** (Telopea, J. Baick). Ladies occasionally read the worship service scriptures . . . Recent speakers have been F. Stephenson, and Dr. J. Saxby, of C.S.I.R.O. . . . Mrs. M. Stimson spoke at B.S. anniversary . . . The Boys' Brigade car trial, No. 1 section camp at Lawson, and Girls' Brigade camp at Collaroy have been features . . . Mr. Baick has given two lectures on counselling and has visited Marrickville for Christian education service and Hurstville for Sunday lunchtime Bible study . . . Condolence is offered to the Oden family in the death of Mr. Wagner . . . Two young men have made decisions.

## Queensland

**GOLDEN JUBILEE** (Ipswich, E. Stevens). The Golden Jubilee at East Ipswich began with the S.S. anniversary on Oct. 29 with Barry Nowitzke as speaker and Don. Risson as song leader. The week of special meetings had local and visiting artists. The church choir and Salvation Army Male Voice Singers also contributed. At the anniversary tea, the Mayor of Ipswich, Mr. Finnimore, was present. E. Neumann and Miss Irene Cumming, pioneer members, cut the cake. The Temple Day offering was given to brotherhood work . . . Six decisions have been recorded at Leichhardt and one at East Ipswich.

**CAMP HILL APPOINTMENT** (Qld.). B. Cutchie will commence a three-year ministry after six months as part-time minister. He will continue work with Gospel Audio Visual . . . The Raven St. manse has been sold and the house next to the church renovated . . . The Boys' Brigade held week-end camp at Scott's farm near Ipswich . . . The film "Troubled Waters" was screened.

**GATTON EVANGELISM** (D. Usher). Among four baptized recently was a student from New Guinea. Mrs. Usher conducted an I.S.C.F. camp at Toowoomba for 30 High School students. There were six commitments to Christ . . . Seventy children are associated with the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade established this year . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Booth were farewelled on entering missionary service at Norseman. Following their testimony at church a lad made his decision . . . Three car loads travelled to home of Mrs. O. Lack at Greenmount for ladies' meeting.

**NEARLY FREE** (Dalby, R. Holt). The manse will be free of debt in about 12 months. R. Pedler and E. Wheeler were added to the Officers' Board . . . W. Hamilton, from Warwick, was guest speaker at S.S. anniversary . . . D. Usher represented Kenmore Christian College . . . Two B.S. scholars made decisions . . . Mr. Holt is song-leader for monthly Youth for Christ rallies.

**MINISTRY JUBILEE** (Toowoomba, Dr. A. C. Caldicott). Dr. Caldicott has completed 25 years' full-time ministry . . . Gerald Parriott, U.S.A., was guest preacher at the church's 90th anniversary. Despite torrential rain, services drew exceptional attendances . . . Mr. Parriott has organized steering committees in preparation for the Reggie Thomas Mission, 1973 . . . October offerings totalled an all-time record of \$2,250 . . . Greg. Deuble, Toowoomba student at Woolwich, has become Woolwich sportsman of the year.

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## Western Australia

**NEW ORGAN** (Fremantle-Hamilton Hill, H. R. Fitch). A Yamaha organ has been installed as a result of a special fund . . . Recent interstate speakers have been C. G. Taylor and A. H. Coleman at Fremantle and F. T. Morgan at Hamilton Hill . . . \$80 was raised at C.W.F. fete . . . The Fremantle B.S. anniversary was held on Oct. 22.

**QUEEN'S BADGE** (Bunbury, G. Carslake). Trevor Welsh of the local Boys' Brigade was presented with the Queen's Badge on Oct. 29 by Premier Tonkin at Founder's Day week-end. He received the highest marks in the State . . . Recent speakers were T. Ede, T. Banks, B. White and B. Waldeck . . . Locals assisted in serving meals during Federal Conf. tours . . . Members joined with Busseton and dug foundations and laid concrete for ablution block at Busseton camp-site . . . The Ministers' Fraternal is sponsoring four Bible studies on life of Jesus . . . Mr. Carslake spoke at two weeks of meetings in Perth at Manning.

**GEMS OF JOY** (Kalgoorlie, R. Taylor). The Gems of Joy team, led by Geo. Hones, conducted a five-night mission. Several churches combined . . . Tapes of messages by Dr. Daniel Joyce at Federal Conference are being appreciated at services . . . Mr. Taylor, D. Tonkin and Noel Blythe were S.S. anniversary speakers . . . C.W.F. conducted a successful street stall. Members are busy with Christmas gifts for missions . . . J.C.E. members went to Norseman for a rally on Oct. 21.

**300 AT SERVICE** (South Perth, D. G. Nelson). 300 attended the communion service for the 25th anniversary. A feature at the family luncheon was the large cake in the shape of the church buildings. There were two decisions. Keith Bullantyne, church secretary, told of the church's history, and Roy Raymond was a guest speaker. A souvenir booklet was distributed . . . Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Hyman have returned from overseas . . . Irene Munsie won a nurse's gold medal award in Tasmania . . . Sue Charles and Graham Hyman have applied for entry to Kenmore College . . . Elders and S.S. staff met at tea to plan future.

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## South Australia

**WORLD PRESIDENT VISIT** (Grote St., H. M. Long). There was a combined evening service here to support visit of Dr. Daniel Joyce, President of World Convention of Churches of Christ. The overflow crowd in the lecture hall heard the messages through the public address system. Sir Philip Messent presided, and Wallace Harford, Fraternal Delegate from N.Z. to 34th Federal Conf., also participated . . . "True Discipleship" by Wm. Macdonald was purchased by the officers and distributed to members after a series on that topic . . . A panel consisting of a matriculation student, a High School teacher, an electrical engineer, and a building consultant, asked questions of Mr. Long concerning training for full-time ministry . . . C. W. McDonald attended his last officers' meeting after long-term active officer service which goes back to Port Pirie, 59 years ago.

**MINISTER BACK** (Victor Harbour, J. Luff). Mr. Luff has been ill and the church gives thanks for his recovery . . . The C.W.F. catered for the 90th Birthday celebrations of Mrs. Lovelock . . . C.W.F. birthday was celebrated with a mannequin parade. Mrs. Bingham was guest speaker . . . Ladies met at the home of Mrs. Grear for morning coffee and for a meeting of Christian Women's Conventions International . . . Warren Burgess is being sponsored by Rotary to study ambulance services overseas for 12 months . . . The men met at the home of J. Bidgood for a movie film evening.

**RENEWAL** (Forestville, M. Munyard). The first programme conducted by the Institute of Church Renewal in S.A. was held here. Group leaders came from Victoria. 50 took part in a 24-hour prayer vigil prior to the sessions. 100 people were involved in all week-end meetings and 40 indicated their desire for deeper commitment. 60 are engaged in weekly prayer, sharing, and Bible study groups . . . Recent speakers have been I. Carter (Springvale, Vic.), Ron. Barling (I.C.R.) and E. W. Heard, S.A. H.M. Director. Mr. Munyard has been appointed S.A. representative for the Oriental Missionary Society.

**DEBT FREE** (Gawler, Williamstown, Kersbrook, R. V. Chamberlain). The Gawler manse is now debt free . . . Members of Gawler Pensioners' Assoc. were taken for an outing followed by a basket tea. Their "Merrymakers" choir shared in evening service led by H. Moyle, their president . . . G. Rose (D.C.E.) was speaker at Williamstown S.S. anniversary. Gawler also held anniversary. Circuit churches combined with Elizabeth church at Kersbrook. Mrs. N. Ross and Mrs. M. Ross were soloists.

**NEW VOICE** (Fullarton, N. Gavros). M. Munyard, of Forestville, was guest speaker at church's 47th anniversary. The S.A. C.E. Choir gave items at afternoon meeting. An offering of \$100 was given towards C.W.F. project for New Hebrides . . . V. Creeper is new C.W.F. Pres., A. Harkness is Sec., and G. Brown is Treas. . . A B.S. scholar made his decision . . . The Ladies' Guild visited guests at St. George's Rest Home . . . C.W.F. visited Arnott's factory and raised funds for their project . . . Mr. and Mrs. Kozned and family of the Gospel Slave Mission, on their way to the Philippines, spoke to the church.

## OBITUARY

**BINGLEY, Mrs. Clara**  
Mrs. Clara Bingley of the Hornsby (N.S.W.) church died at the age of 92. She was received into the membership in 1931 having been baptized by the late H. Priestly. Because of age and failing health she was not able to attend the services for the past seven years but prior to this she was most loyal and active in the local work. She was generous with her money in the Lord's work and active in her support of the Hornsby and District Hospital. Her generosity will ever be remembered in that she gave the land to the H.M. Committee upon which now stands the Garingbah church. In 1956 she gave her home, now known as "Bingley Hall" at Hornsby, to the Social Service Committee for our Senior Citizens. For sometime she lived in "Bingley Hall" but over the past few years she was in a private hospital at Burwood. Her was a good life. Her husband predeceased her some 40 years ago. Mr. Oldfield conducted the service at the Hornsby chapel which she loved and she was cremated at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium.—J.V.E.

**FRASER, Mrs. Mavis Doreen**  
Though the recent years had been marked by failing health, Mrs. Fraser had always been cheerful and uncomplaining. Right up to the time of her death Mrs. Fraser had been actively associated with the Arrangements Committee for the Ipswich (Qld.) church's 50th anniversary programme in November this year. Her sudden death was unexpected and a great shock to all. Mrs. Fraser's early years were lived in Perth. Her father—Mr. Dawson—was a deacon and usher in Lake St. church for many years. Mrs. Fraser joined the Lake St. church in 1926 when T. Hagger was minister. She was church organist here at Ipswich for many years and is greatly missed in the life of the church. The largest number of people who attended the services at the church and the crematorium paid a fitting tribute to the esteem in which she was held by those who had known her and had enjoyed her company and fellowship. We commend to the love and comfort of our heavenly Father, her husband, Alice Fraser, and the relatives.—E.O.S.

**HAHN, Dalry**  
Almost 60 years ago, a young woman came into the fellowship of the Prahran (Vic.) church. She was a quiet, cheerful person and endeared herself to all. Over the years she had been a very faithful disciple. She visited the sick whenever possible, supported all the work of the church in every way and was always present at working bees. Miss Hahn had only one arm but was very capable in the use of it. When Miss Hahn was absent for a week or two we know that she was ill. For a year or two she had not kept very well but it came as a shock to hear that she had died on Sept. 13. There was a large representation of friends and relatives at the service conducted by Ian Bennett.—O.D.

**MALTDY, Leonard**  
The church at Bexley North (N.S.W.) paid loving tribute to their beloved doerkeeper on Sept. 15 when a crowded church filled with apostolic fervor. In tribute to friends, sang Len's favourite hymn, Born at Glimby in England, his mother brought her family to Sydney after the loss of their father from a fishing trawler. Len was a successful plumber, who found employment difficulties during the depression years and moved to Gilgandra where he associated with the Church of Christ. There he married Ruth Maudslayi. Returning to Sydney, he joined the work force of the Shell Oil Company of Australia in their expanding work of establishing service stations. The closer association with Christ and the church came through the cricket team and a mission conducted by Principal Stephenson. Soon afterwards, he was appointed doerkeeper, and invested that position with a dignity and grace that endeared him to young and old, and gave unstinting support to the minister who led the work at Bexley North. His death followed a stroke on Sept. 12 at the age of 68. He will be greatly missed, but his wife, Ruth and daughter, Olive (Mrs. Graeme Bagley, of Engadine), and his sister, Mrs. Maitland, cannot fail to be sustained in their grief by the crowded church and wide circle of friends who came to pay their tribute at a service conducted by Eric T. Hart.—E.T.H.

**PETTY, Minnie**  
Mrs. Les Petty died suddenly at her home in Doncaster, Vic. after a long illness on Oct. 2. She was born 63 years ago into the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hand, of Sandringham. The Hand home was in every sense a "household of faith" and each member of that family became deeply involved in the life of their church, one as a missionary and another as a deaconess and the other as organist for 55 years. Forty-two years ago Minnie Hand was married to Leslie Petty, a member of a prominent Doncaster family, and the rich qualities of two fine families were blended into that marriage. For this couple the years of marriage were a rich and wonderful experience. To them were born three children, Ruth (Mrs. H. Plumb), Bruce, and Allan. Until four years ago her married life was lived on the crest of property on High Street and Manningham Road. Upon the sale of that property they moved into a home near to the Doncaster church which was very dear to them both. Minnie Petty was a splendid support to her husband who was an elder of the congregation and it is not without significance that in recent years he has been made Elder Emeritus. Although Mrs. Petty never sought office in any auxiliary she was an active supporter of the work of the church and was loved by all. She loved her garden—she loved little children—and her gracious and warm concern for other people reflected qualities all too rare in our world today. The funeral service was conducted at the Doncaster church and the number of people who filled the chapel to capacity indicated the manner in which Minnie Petty had endeared herself to so many. With her estate was a precious piece of the fellowship of the Doncaster church which to the richer for having known her.—K.D.H.

**PRICE, Keith Hargreaves**  
Keith Price died suddenly and unexpectedly. At the time Mr. Price and his wife were holidaying at Port Macquarie, when, without warning, Mr. Price suffered the coronary which ultimately caused his death. Keith Price was a true saint of God. At the age of nine he was baptized at Dawson St., Ballarat, Vic., where most of his fruitful service to the Saviour was given. He was Duke at Ballarat High School, earned a degree in engineering at Melbourne University. This was followed by a short period in America to gain engineering experience, but on his return, the depression closed doors in this area, and Mr. Price went into the manufacturing company of E. Lucas and Co. Pty. Ltd. He became a Director and remained so until the company was sold a few years back. Mr. Price's desire to be of service was quite outstanding. A few of the areas in which he served were the Y.M.C.A., Ballarat Youth Centre, the Council of the Institute for Advanced Education, Christian Education in State Hospitals, of which he was treasurer, Chairman of the Trustees of the Avenue of Honor, and had a long association with the Ballarat Branch of the Red Cross. He served our churches on the Campbell Edwards Trust Fund, and to each of these he most unselfishly gave his time and abilities. At Dawson St. he served as elder, Chairman of the Board, treasurer, deacon, S.S. teacher, and in many other areas. Mr. Price was a most unassuming man, and no-one sought false positions of limelight or prominence that he did. His wisdom and grasp of situations was such that from all walks of life he was constantly being sought for advice and help. The church was packed for the funeral service with fellow Christians from the church, and men and women, leaders in the community and elsewhere, from every walk in life paying their respect to the memory of one of God's gentlemen. To Mrs. Glad Price, to Bruce, Giacomo, and Ian, and their families, and to the brothers and sisters and their families, we extend Christian sympathies and praise God for the life and service of Keith Hargreaves Price.—B.G.H.

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## DEATHS

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**MOIT (Washbourne)**—On Nov. 7, Mabel, loving sister of Dorothy, sister-in-law of Cliff, and loved aunt of Barbara and Neil Cameron.

**RICHARDSON, Edith Elizabeth**—On Oct. 30, loved wife of the late Ernest, loving mother of Vera (Mrs. Stan. Crilly), Eileen (Mrs. Bob Carrie, Brisbane), Clifford (Rick) and Tony (Rockhampton); loved mother-in-law of Stan, Bob, Tuppy and Dec; loved nan of Brian, Daryle (dec.), Bruce and Sue Crilly, Dawn and Graeme Wright; Grant, John and Helen Richardson; treasured nana of great-grandchildren Darren, Warren and Trina Wright. "Always in the hearts of your family who loved you." Our dear ones together with their Lord.

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**MARTIN**—Cherished memories of my beloved wife, Edna, and mother of Marcia, Trevor and Kylie, called home November 21, 1970. "Sweet are the memories silently kept, Of a loved one we will never forget. God wanted a beautiful rose for his garden of peace, He wanted the best so he chose you."—Your loving husband, Jack.

**MARTIN**—Treasured memories of Edna, called to higher service 21-11-1970. Lovingly remembered and sadly missed. Resting in God's garden.—Your loving mother (Mrs. Sewell) and sister Marlene and brother-in-law Gordon Cole.

**NORTH (Gwen)**—In loving memory of a wonderful mother and grandma, passed away Nov. 20, 1971. "Not just today, but every day, with love we remember."—Jan, Keith, Andrew and Darren.

**NORTH, Gwen**—Nov. 20, 1971. Cherished memories of our loving mother and grandma.—Laurie, Gwen, Wayne, Brendan and Danny.

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**115 YEARS AT GEELONG** (Latrobe Tee., R. V. Amos). Stanton H. Wilson was guest speaker at 115th church anniversary broadcast service over 3GL. Vocal items were given by "The Ecclesiastians" at night when the address was given by Miss Hazel Skuce. She also spoke at the after-church fellowship . . . At a "Coffee Morning" at home of Mrs. H. Coleman there was a good response to "Radio the Gospel to India" enabling a total of \$200 to be sent . . . Mrs. R. Amos has succeeded Mrs. P. Drayton as Ladies' Aid president, after 18 years as secretary. Mrs. J. Rowe resigned and was replaced by Mrs. Alan Carr. Suitable recognition was made to Mrs. Drayton and Mrs. Rowe.

**SEVEN DECISIONS** (Manifold Hgts., A. E. Stevens). Seven teen-age boys have made decisions . . . Eric Reid and Jennifer Douglas of the Evangelisation Society of Aust., spoke recently to the church . . . Temple Day offering of \$600 was for reduction of church debt . . . At combined churches' Men's Fellowship at our church, Mr. Geoffrey Royal, a surgeon at Geelong Hospital, spoke on "The Road Toll and You." . . . Five C.W.F. members attended recent Monbulk camp . . . Ron Muller, of Box Hill, was S.S. anniversary speaker, Oct. 29 . . . Mrs. Phil Smith is convalescing after major surgery.

**NEW YOUTH GROUP** (Balwyn, W. W. Saunders). Led by Neil Thomas, a new youth group meets twice a month as The Balwyn Teens . . . Neil Thomas, Aust. Home Director of the Oriental Missionary Society, conducted two recent services . . . Mr. and Mrs. Saunders were welcomed back after their overseas trip and on Oct. 22, Mr. Saunders spoke of their travels and shipboard work with migrants . . . The B.S. scholars travelled by special tram to the Zoo for their annual picnic, and home by bus . . . The film "T.V. and Thee" was screened.

**HISTORICAL VISITORS** (Avonsleigh, A. B. Titter). 60 members of the Sherbrooke Historical Society visited the church on Oct. 21. This was the first church built in the district and is of special interest . . . Mrs. Legg, oldest church member, is ill . . . Recent visitors have been C. W. Sires of S.A., and Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stirling.

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## REVIEWS

### THE COMMUNICATORS: Mass Media and the Australian Church

By Alan Nichols (Pilgrim Productions, 1972).

All day, every day, we are being assailed by the mass media — newspapers, telly, radio, billboards, films, direct mail, even the pulpit and church paper. All these are bound to have far-reaching effects on us. All represent opportunity for the presentation of the Christian gospel. Yet how seriously do we take them?

The Church of England's Sydney Diocese takes it very seriously. It has its own T.V. organisation — unfortunately in competition with the Christian Television Association — and for two years it has had a Commission on Mass Media, the deputy chairman of which has been T.V. comper Gordon Boyd. They also have a special P.R. unit, which has had marked success in bringing the church before the public — remember Archbishop Loane's call for a poverty enquiry?

"The Communicators" is a popular version of the Commission's report. It is a bit weak when it comes to the position of church and media outside N.S.W. It naturally tends to be Anglican oriented. It catches me in ambivalence. I'm impressed by the exploits of the Sydney Diocese P.R. people on the one hand; on the other hand I have this nagging thing about not letting the right hand know what the left hand is doing.

"The Communicators" does contain a very good analysis of much of the Australian media situation, and some stimulating and provocative comments on the church's relation to the media.—R.W.L.

### PREACHING AND PREACHERS

By Dr. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones. (Hodder & Stoughton). \$7.30.

Martyn Lloyd-Jones has just concluded 30 years at Westminster Chapel, London, where he was colleague with and later successor to Dr. G. Campbell Morgan. Defining preaching as a message from God to people, Lloyd-Jones gives it primacy above everything else that the church does, including worship. He supports strongly what some detractors of preaching are taking away, such as the central pulpit raised above the congregation, the full-blooded theological sermon, and authoritative preaching.

In these days of impartial examination of all sides of any question he makes strong dogmatic assertions with Welsh gusto. (It helps in reading the book to imagine the Welsh accent in which these lectures were given). He is against lay preaching, topical sermons, "the counselling cult" ("as preaching goes down, counselling goes up"), polemics, chatty sermons, and the media as means of communicating the gospel. Homiletics for him is a necessary but unimportant subject, but he still writes 325 pages of it.

He blames most of today's problems in the church on the pseudo-Christianity and the anaemic preaching of the 19th cen-

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tury. He refers to artificiality, speculative preaching, literary preaching, pulpitering as a craft, the over use of music (including "song services" and choirs and temperamental organists), and the bad acoustics of neo-Gothic architecture.

Lloyd-Jones believes in preaching an evangelistic sermon every Sunday night . . . "to save sinners." But he is strongly opposed to the "Sunday night invitation," first introduced in 1820 by C. G. Finney. He gives ten biblical and theological reasons covering twelve pages. He has other ways of "dealing with the convicted."

While advocating an educated ministry, theological preaching, and unrestricted sermon length, he calls for simplicity in preaching, suggesting that "only one hearer in twelve is really intelligent." He calls for a strong appeal to both intellect and emotions in dynamic preaching. He does not advocate extensive use of illustrations but the book is profusely illustrated. The greatest value of the book is the wealth of his own experience as a preacher, which is given in detail. He concludes with a fine statement on the Holy Spirit and preaching.

The price of the book is \$7.30 which no minister can afford. It is suggested that it would make a good Christmas present for your minister. If he tends "to put all of his eggs into the preaching basket" perhaps this book may make him do it more so. If on the other hand he is having doubts and misgivings about the value of his preaching, this book will do him good.—G.R.S.

### AMOS: Bible Probe

Scripture Union mini-commentary. 45c.

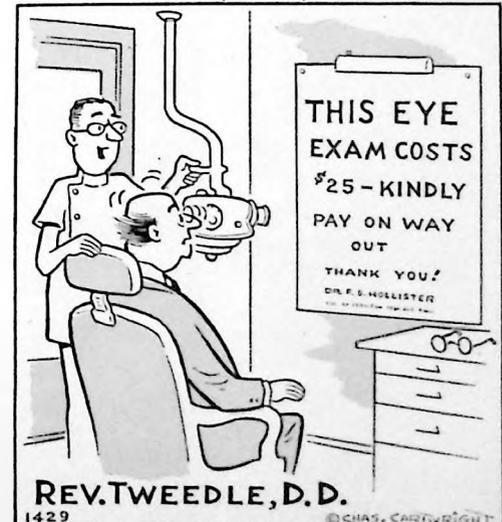
Designed both for private reading and for group study, this "Bible Probe" contains background notes, commentary on selected passages, questions for discussion, and a glossary of terms and names. It is well presented and illustrated with drawings and photographs.

A study of Amos using this booklet will certainly add to understanding of this prophetic message which points clearly to the social injustices of the day and to their neglect by the so-called "people of God." It may also make readers more aware of the issues of our own day.

The booklet, however, stops short of stimulating action or suggesting approaches to action. This, of course, is comfortable. But it assumes either that action follows understanding (which it usually doesn't), or that understanding is enough (which is just about what Amos was hitting at).

Recommended, so long as the readers or group add their own question: What do we do from here?—R.W.L.

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**MISSIONARIES** (Devonport, E. W. Taylor). Missionary visitors included Miss Hazel Skuce of our Indian field who spoke on her work, and Jim Sterry, of A.P.C.M., who told of missions with the Dani tribe of West Irian . . . The "elderly members' fellowship" had an afternoon at home of Mr. and Mrs. Bott at Wesley Vale . . . Two S.S. young people made decisions . . . The B.B. and Company Band attended "Foundation Day" parade at Burnie Baptist Church . . . 92 campers were at Evandale week-end B.B. camp . . . W.E.C. students commenced a mission here on Nov. 9.

**CHURCH CHALLENGED** (Maryborough, I. Adams). The church is accepting the challenge to have the building free of debt by the end of 1973 . . . Recent fete was successful in fellowship and finance. . . Midland Dist. Conf. was held at Cairn Curran . . . Good Companions held a Bake-a-thon and were swamped with orders . . . A car-load from Harcourt joined in C.M.F. breakfast on Nov. 11. . . Mrs. F. Holland, Mrs. Da Fonte and Mr. Duffin have been hospitalised. The church sympathises with Mrs. Da Fonte in the death, by accident, of a granddaughter.

**60 MILE HIKE** (Bendigo, M. D. Keatch). Eight boys and leaders of Explorers Club took part in 60 mile cycle hike to Maldon and back, sleeping under the stars, cooking, exploring . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. Kingsley of M.A.F., showed film and slides of work in New Guinea . . . Mrs. G. J. Andrews is home from hospital . . . Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Thompson in the death of her sister . . . There was a confession of faith on Oct. 29 . . .

Church and S.S. picnic was held at Lake Eppalock . . . J. K. Martin and K. Bailey were speakers on Nov. 12. The "Gospel Messengers" gave items.

**CROYDON'S 99TH** (A. B. Clark). The 99th anniversary services of the church began with a 3-course meal served to 124 at the Lilydale H.S. Hall, organised by Mrs. Jill Tatterson and helpers. Those on the programme included N. Wyatt, organist; G. Jenkins and singing group, Harold Steele, Mrs. I. Smith, F. Sterling, A. Morton, and a singing group led by F. Archer . . . L. S. Dewberry and A. Baker were Sunday speakers. At night, singing and drama groups took part, the drama being produced by Ralph Baker. . . Oct. C.W.E.F. session raised money for the Living Link . . . C. Roberts and Mrs. Jill Tatterson are recovering after surgery. Mrs. Gwen Welsh is in Prince Henry's Hospital . . . C. H. Greeness was given an 80th birthday party at after-church fellowship . . . Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Sterling in the death of her sister and to Peter Hatwell who lost his father.

**"CHURCH IN ACTION"** (Thomson, K. Caulton). Speakers in the "Church in Action" series included F. Combridge (Social Service), G. Hall (The Alcoholic), B. Walsh (World Action), D. Longfield (Industry), K. Caulton (Local church in action) . . . K. McGregor was elected secretary and W. Readhead as treasurer. After business, A. Carr showed slides of recent work party at Carnarvon.

**SIR DOUGLAS AT TOOTGAROOK** (D. Brown). Sir Douglas Nicholls and G. R. Stirling were guest speakers at the 21st church anniversary. The Ambassador Quartette sang at afternoon and evening services . . . On Oct. 22, three S.S. lads made decisions.

**DISCIPLESHIP CLASS** (Ararat, R. L. Baxter). There were three decisions from the Discipleship Class . . . Recent speakers have included Mr. Hocking (of Gideons) and Mrs. Holloway (Social Service Dept., at C.W.F. 51st birthday) . . . Ann Gason is assisting Kerry McKenzie with Kindergarten . . . We combined with other churches for Ararat Golden Gateway service . . . C.W.F. raised \$161 at street stall . . . Mrs. J. Bryant is new C.W.F. President.

**C.W.F. ALLOCATION** (Dandenong, A. A. Avery). The combined C.W.F. allocated \$683 to various causes for the year. Fete proceeds exceeded \$320. New office-bearers are: Evening, Mrs. Mills (Pres.), Mrs. Schonewille (Sec.); Afternoon, Mrs. Brough (Pres.), Mrs. Thane (Sec.). Max Edwards was elected church secretary. Mrs. Reveleigh is deaconess . . . A Senior Citizens' programme on Oct. 29 included an afternoon drive, tea at 5 p.m., singing, a baptismal service, the Dandenong Male Choir, and two films. . . St. John's Ambulance held annual church parade at our church.

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### OVERSEAS MISSIONS

## N.S.W. "FIX-IT" TEAM

The N.S.W. Fix-It team has completed its task in the New Hebrides. Arriving on Pentecost Island on September 26, the team of eight men and two women, set to work erecting a classroom block, new toilets and showers, and a chapel for our newly established secondary school at Ranwadi.

Reports from the New Hebrides indicate that the team has made wonderful progress and this has greatly encouraged our brethren in the islands.

Sincere appreciation is expressed to all team members and those who have faithfully supported them.

Pastor Samuel Vusi in Vila writes commending the arrival of the work party in Vila. "The work party arrived safely in

Vila. We arranged for four cars to meet them at the airfield and bring them into the town. The night they arrived we had a welcome service for them in the Presbyterian church. Students from the Teachers' College and Secondary School and our young people who work in Vila, were at the meeting. We had a very good meeting with almost one hundred people attending.

"D. McElvenny inspected the land we own in Vila and we expect that he will prepare plans for the new Christian Centre. I have just heard over Radio Vila that the work team are doing a good work at Ranwadi and are making excellent progress. Ten New Hebrideans are helping them. They expect to complete the buildings before they leave."

## RANWADI HIGH SCHOOL

God's goodness toward us is amazing. It is three months now since we sent our last newsletter and we want to share with you some of our blessing that you too might rejoice and praise the Lord with us.

First we must thank you for praying with us over the problems and necessities mentioned in our last letter. Second, we

By R. WILSON

must tell you how your prayers have been answered, and third, thank you for your practical support. "All things, whatsoever you ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matt. 21: 22.

You will remember that we mentioned the need for some means of developing our gardens. Yesterday we ordered a tractor from Santo and it will be delivered within a couple of weeks. The Lord made this possible through a Christian lady from N.S.W. who has supplied the finance for it. Truly the Lord is wonderful and he works through each and every life that is committed to his service.

Most of the materials for the buildings project have arrived. We have been very busy during the past three months removing

trees, levelling ground, making concrete blocks, carting sand and building materials, and generally preparing for the arrival of the work team.

During July and August a number of children confessed their faith in Christ, and on Aug. 13, 5 boys and 12 girls were obedient in baptism. As always we seek your prayers for these young converts as they continue to study and to seek God's will for their lives.

Finally, we want to thank all who have contributed toward Christmas presents for Ranwadi children this year. Some have already arrived and we know of more parcels that are coming. You can be sure that your gifts will bring a lot of joy to all of the children here. We will write personally to each group that has helped in this way, but in case we don't have time for a while, may God bless you for your love and for this service in the name of Jesus Christ.

If you look back to our last letter, you will see that there is not one necessity mentioned that has not been provided, not one prayer that has not been gloriously answered. Please join us in praise and thanksgiving.

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2. One of us was said to be worried about housework.
3. The other chose something which could not be taken away.
4. When we were in terrible need, Jesus brought us comfort and help.

(See page 14 for answer).

**NORA:** "Elmer says he's going to marry the prettiest girl in town."  
**DORA:** "The idea! Why, I don't even know him!"

**A THING** I'd really like to know is why we toil and struggle so To spade the lawn and scatter seeds And coax the grass and battle weeds, For when the grass is high enough We turn around and mow the stuff.  
—Florence Janssen.

**FIRST** Psychiatrist: "I have a patient with a split personality."  
Second P.: "That's nothing unusual."  
First P.: "This one is. They both pay."

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**MOTHER:** Dorothy, you've disobeyed mother by racing around and making all that noise. Now you shan't have a piece of chocolate.  
Father (entering a few minutes later): Why so quiet, little one?  
Dorothy: I've been fined for speeding.

**WHAT** goes with a train, comes with a train, is of no use to a train, but a train can't go without it? ANSWER: Noise.

**MOTHER:** Senny, go over and find out how old Mrs. Harris is this morning.  
Senny (on return): She says today she's seventy-three years, six months, and two days.

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# THE LAST WORD...

## CALLED TO CARE

In the process I may well become soiled. As the loving father did when he welcomed the prodigal home with enfolding arms and took to himself something of the pigsty. As Jesus did in his wonderful compassion and not only spoke the cleansing word but touched the leper to make him whole again. Lord, let me be willing to give something of myself in my caring.



True love loves the other person in that depth where he is uniquely and irreplaceably himself.—Karl Rahner.



When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing.

"I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild their ruined cities, and live in them again. I will firmly plant them there upon the land that I have given them."  
(AMOS)

The only truth which has no universal value is one which starts with the universe.

—Halford Luccock.



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



There must be some sort of intelligent life in outer space. You don't see them spending billions to land on us.



Politics: A simple matter of passing the buck or passing the doc.



Three good reasons for becoming a teacher: May, August, January.

## FOR PUBLIC INFO

Though noted for humility,  
My zeal by now is lagging,  
For — how will anybody know,  
Unless I do some bragging?

— Paul Armstrong.



A wise man once said that would be a new world if there was as much, and still as good, as the old world.

A good man once asked the question read thus: "Christians are a field in eight boxes, how many of them are fifteen men to meet the challenge?"

One man replied, "I am, and fellow, sent the examination to a conference. His answer read: 'Yes, the field was already been mown by twenty men, you might as well put the new bunch to work elsewhere!'"

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