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VIETNAM NOW!

As the war scales down, over two million people are facing the prospect of unemployment. Most will have to find completely new jobs — for example, the 200,000 bar girls and temporary wives, the 250,000 service workers for foreign military personnel and the 140,000 employees of U.S. firms.

And the children. In Vietnam, they are said to top the world list for juvenile delinquency. With parents dead, or away, children go out on the streets and organise themselves into gangs — often from the age of eight years old.

These are just two instances of the human problems behind the attempts to find a peace formula for Vietnam. More than a generation of war has made millions into refugees, one way or another.

For Asian Christian Service, an ecumenical service team operating mainly in South Vietnam and Laos, they have meant a conscious movement towards community development projects with a self-help basis.

In Vung Tau, 500 boys are now operating a fishery scheme set up by A.C.S. at a cost of \$10,000. The boys can now support themselves with oels and fish, and vegetables grown in the ponds.



Tombstone Territory: About 2,000 Vietnamese refugees live in this former cemetery on the outskirts of Saigon.

In Dien An village, 840 kilometres north-east of Saigon, A.C.S. is backing a project to provide good breed swines for local farmers. A Vietnamese group, Christian Youth for Social Service purchased the land and built the pig housing, while A.C.S. provided funds for purchase of pigs and feed.

Another allocation from A.C.S. has helped to set up an agricultural supplies co-operative in Vinh Long province. Co-sponsored by the Young Christian Farmers' Movement and the Farmers' Association of Vinh Long, it will mean low-cost seeds, fertilisers and insecticides to 200 local farmers who have been crippled by high prices.

In Thuy An village, 1,000 kilometres north-east of Saigon, a co-operative has been organised by local people to provide rice milling facilities for 4,000 farmers in the area. A.C.S. allocated \$1,000 for the purchase of a rice mill and diesel engine.

Courses for training of farm children in agriculture, home economics and automotive repairs, day care centres and kindergartens, medical clinics, training in tailoring and education scholarship are some of the other areas of work. They are being organised and operated by Vietnamese people themselves.

During 1972, Australian World Christian Action (formerly Inter-Church Aid) contributed \$50,000 to the work of Asian Christian Service. The Christmas Bowl is the main source of funds for the World Christian Action programme.



Sewing instruction at the women's career training institute in Dacca, capital of Bangladesh, one of the many Christmas Bowl projects.

• SEE PAGE 12 FOR INFORMATION OF HOW TO FILL THE CHRISTMAS BOWL.

SUDAN:

POSSIBILITIES OF PEACE



This is one of the transit centres being built by the Sudan Council of Churches as refugees return after years of civil war.

An agreement signed in March this year has meant an end to hiding in the bush and a return to normality for thousands of families in the Sudan.

The civil war had lasted for 17 years, and caused at least 150,000 refugees. Now it is an exodus in reverse—with all the problems of resettlement offices, travel documents and development plans—as Sudan tries to work out the possibilities of peace.

Representatives of the World Council of Churches and the All Africa Conference of Churches played a key role in initiating and chairing the negotiations for peace. Now, churches are heavily committed in the resettlement and rehabilitation work.

There is no "emergency" in Sudan, no obvious signs of famine or starvation. People who have improvised their way through 17 years of war don't suddenly collapse when peace comes. Transport and communications are two of the main problems.

The real challenge is how to build on the peace, and avoid the human tensions

which build up under the pressures of inadequate food, housing, education and employment.

Through the World Council's Commission on Inter-Church Aid, about \$400,000 has already been spent on such diverse equipment as food, blankets, farm tools, jeeps and radio sets for Government communication needs.

In the longer term, the Sudanese churches, Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox working together, will be responsible for the establishment of nine new villages in southern Sudan. This programme will absorb a major chunk of the \$2.5 million appeal issued by the World Council of Churches.

Other parts of the churches' work include a secretarial school, reception centres for returning refugees, a village vocational training school, the supply of 50 hand flour mills and one electric mill and the supply of medical kits.

From Christmas Bowl funds, Australian World Christian Action (formerly Inter-Church Aid) was able to contribute \$16,800 to the Sudan rehabilitation programme in 1972.

AUNT REBECCA'S LAST CHRISTMAS

By A. E. WHITE



CHRISTMAS was always family gathering time at Aunt Rebecca's. This pleased everybody except, perhaps, Uncle Tom, who said that his house was two squares larger. But Aunt Rebecca's old two-storey farmhouse was big enough, and it wasn't just the size of the house. No one would think of swapping Aunt Rebecca for Uncle Tom.

It seemed as though everybody turned up every year, but this was not the case. Rather, there were so many family connections that it was easy to be absent without being missed.

Some would have been conspicuous by absence. Uncle Joshua would have been missed, without a doubt. But he was never absent. He regarded himself as indispensable — in adding a little zest to the party and in having an inexhaustible supply of sweets for the youngsters.

Some older folk thought that Uncle Joshua's absence would be an advantage. For instance, at Aunt Rebecca's last Christmas, Joshua was blamed for Cousin Jed's box.

After dinner on Christmas Day, under the big gum tree whose branches scraped the high iron roof, there would be a box for everyone. Even small presents would be in a large box. Everyone was there for the box opening. At Aunt Rebecca's last Christmas, Jed opened his box and found a three foot carpet snake. Jed yelled three times and jumped twice before he realised that the snake was comparatively harmless.

We all looked at Uncle Josh who was the picture of wide-eyed innocence. But when Josh, who did the family table Bible reading that day, chose Proverbs chapter 23, the suspicion became certainty. Part of that chapter goes, "Look not upon the wine when it is red . . . at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." Most of us knew that Jed looked affectionately upon the wine when it was red, or any other colour, so long as it was wine.

Josh said later that the snake had a lucky escape, because if it had bitten Jed, it would have been fatal, for the snake!

We would have missed Uncle Sam, too. No one knew where he fitted in. That is, if he really belonged to us. Aunt Rebecca said that one year he just turned up, and kept coming. He lived in a shed on Uncle Tom's farm, for which he paid no rent, and did no work. Because Uncle Tom did not usually act so generously, it was thought that Sam must belong, but no one was game enough to ask questions in case some scandal was revealed.

Sam was there at Aunt Rebecca's last Christmas, sitting on the edge of the group, seldom speaking, and usually so motionless that on three different occasions those who did not know him well thought he had died in his chair. But he was alive all right, and probably thinking. Once or twice at our family gathering, which usually lasted three days, Sam would shout out a sentence in such a loud strong voice that everyone would have to listen.

What he said did not make much sense. At Aunt Rebecca's last Christmas, when the old folk were talking about Granny Shaw and her late summer romance with her second cousin, Sam shouted out, "They should have shot her!" Granny Shaw was a sweet old thing, and everyone thought poorly of Sam

until it was remembered that the day before some of the men had been talking about a cow that had been stuck three days in a water hole. Old Sam was just a slow thinker, that's all.

Although everyone loved going to Aunt Rebecca's, the children enjoyed it most. Despite the crowd, there was plenty of room, for a big tent was pitched near the creek, and the boys slept there, and went swimming whenever the grown-up talk became boring, which it did almost as soon as it started.

There was plenty of food at Aunt Rebecca's, and that is a big help at Christmas time. Although she was very, very old, that last Christmas, she must have remembered what it was like to be young, and hungry. There was no fussing about a bit of noise, or about going to bed early, or about wearing this or that, or using your fork in the left hand.

There were always plenty of games, too, which Aunt Rebecca handed over to Cousin Paul to organise. Some of the games were for boys and girls who wanted to play together. But there were games for boys who didn't like girls. Aunt Rebecca thought of everything and the happiest Christmas holidays we ever had were those we spent with her.

This was a bit strange, because, for Aunt Rebecca, Christmas was a sad time. It was sad because she could never forget the story of the children who died because Jesus was born. You remember it, don't you? It is in Matthew. Old King Herod became so scared when the Wise Men told him that a new king had been born, that he took his soldiers and killed every child in the town where Jesus was supposed to be.

Aunt Rebecca could never forget those children. She did everything she could to make Christmas as happy as it could be for children. She always added to the Christmas crowd at her farm by inviting youngsters from institutions. There were three boys with us for Aunt Rebecca's last Christmas. Two from a Salvation Army home and one from a Catholic orphanage. She made them happy, but she herself was sad because of the Lost Children of Bethlehem. It was unfair, she said, that they should have suffered and she would quite understand if the sorrowing mothers had wished that Jesus had never been born.

Rebecca wondered how Jesus must have felt when he grew up and learned what had happened to the children because of him. She was sad all of the time because of the children, but she was saddest at Christmas.

This did not spoil the holiday for others. In fact, unless you knew her well, you would never have known. She planned so carefully, worked so hard, and gave so much, that of all our happy holidays, those at Aunt Rebecca's were by far the best.

On her last Christmas, Aunt Rebecca asked Uncle David to read the Christmas story. Uncle David had a deep, rich, Bible-sounding voice. He knew which Christmas story he was supposed to read and turned to Matthew's tale of the Wise Men, and the weeping mothers of Bethlehem. Aunt Rebecca, who knew the story by heart, listened carefully, nodding in agreement, shaking her head at the tragic end. Then she

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said, as always, "Christmas should be a happy time for children," and went to her room.

Our group went to our tent, through the front flaps and then out through the back in our togs, for it was still hot and there was still some light.

But the night was not to be left to us. We were no sooner in the water than we became aware that on each bank there were older and bigger boys. Even in the twilight it was easy to recognise Rod Jukes. He was the biggest youth in the town and was the recognised leader of a gang. We never knew that they did anything really bad, but they were pretty rough. They had come a long way that night and it was clear that they intended to have some of their kind of Christmas fun.

Each of the gang had a stick and, of course, we stayed in the creek. But Rod started throwing small stones and young Sid, from the Salvos, panicked and tried to climb up the bank. Rod whacked him with his stick and Sid yelled and dropped back into the water.

Some of us thought that we would have to make some kind of fight for it, and we did try, but all we got were sore heads and bruised backs. There was quite a lot of noise and we hoped that some of the men would hear us. But they were used to noise from our tent, and it wasn't the men who came. It was Aunt Rebecca!

Suddenly, she was there, and it was the only time I saw Aunt Rebecca really angry. She didn't even look old. Her eyes were flashing and her voice was strong, as she cried out, "Go back, Herod. Spare the children and leave my people alone. Rachel will weep no more!" And she hit Rod across the face with her hand.

It wouldn't have hurt, and it wasn't the blow that scared Rod. There was something about Aunt Rebecca's eyes and voice that would have scared anybody. And when she called him Herod, Rod thought she knew his name. In any case, he turned and ran, and the rest of the gang ran, too. By this time the men had come down from the house and the town gang didn't all get away scott-free. But it was all over.

We were still in the creek — relieved but still shaking, and Aunt Rebecca called us out one by one, name by name, and sent us to our tent.

The exertion was too much for old Aunt Rebecca, and that night she died. Uncle David was with her at the end and he said that her last words were, "Make sure that everyone is happy, and I'll tell the Lord when I see him, that he need never be sad at Christmas again."

She was smiling when she spoke, and Aunt Rebecca's last Christmas was her best, too.

VACANCIES FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

The All Africa Conference of Churches is seeking a fully qualified accountant for a new position in Nairobi, Kenya at the headquarters of the A.A.C.C. He will be responsible for establishing a new accounting system and to advise the General Secretary, Canon Burgess Carr.

Return travel to Kenya would be provided and salary negotiated. The new accountant would be required to commence duties as soon as possible. Language requirements are English.

Other positions for qualified people interested in serving developing countries with Christian agencies are also available. In Laos, there are positions for veterinarians, agriculturalists and nurses—all with

at least five years' experience. Positions are also available for medical doctors in the Sudan, where previous experience in Africa would be an asset.

Further details from: Mr. F. J. Stephenson, Finance Secretary, Division of World Christian Action, Australian Council of Churches, P.O. Box 111, Brickfield Hill, N.S.W., 2000.

WOMEN OF THE WEST

The President, Mrs. D. R. Manning, welcomed 80 ladies to the November Auxiliary meeting. Eastern States visitors welcomed included Mrs. James Gordon, a past president on holiday from Tasmania. Mrs. M. Stafford, Vic., responded to the welcome.

Mrs. P. Armstrong, State President in 1963, led the morning meditation. Prayer of intercession was offered by Mrs. F. Newcombe, and Executive life member, Mrs. T. Beck, brought a loving tribute to life, work and witness of Mrs. M. Smillie, an Executive life member.

Home Missions focus was presented by Mrs. B. Wells.

A Home Mission Rally held during the month was attended by 120. Highlights of the various Home Mission churches and fields, also future planning, were presented by Mrs. J. K. Bond—Midland and outreach work in the Hills districts; E. C. Smith, Chairman H.M. Committee, and Ken Paterson, State Organiser on future projects. A. Anderson's address "Recapturing the Vision" challenged those present to read the Word of God and pray continually that the Spirit of Christ, the authority of the individual life, might be restored.

Prayer and Praise Points:

- For two blocks of land purchased at Eidsvold.

- For the W.A. University Engineering students who will erect a 30,000 gallon water storage tank at Norseman during their vacation.

- For those responsible for many special functions at home and abroad as Christmas and vacation time approaches. —D. M. Gordon (Sec.)

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80 IN THE WEST (Fremantle-Hamilton Hill, H. R. Fitch). Roy Raymond and Geo. Smith were guest speakers at 80th church anniversary. St. Perth Y.P. joined in youth evening with W. Gausson as preacher. 200 were at anniversary tea and the thank-offering was \$380. Musical items were given by Miss S. Caddy, the Scarborough Trio, Phil. Ludner and Barry Grosser . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomson have established the Samuel Thomson Memorial Fund for college students.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (Morawa, R. Sack). Five ladies from Perth shared in Nthn. Dist. Women's Conf. on Oct. 25. Speakers were Mrs. Manning and Miss Dean. Mrs. C. Wornes and Mrs. Harris, of Dalwallinu, are new pres. and sec., respectively. An Indian boy is supported and \$80 was raised on the day for an unnamed Overseas Missions project . . . Grandpa Carslake's display and coat-hangers were popular at Federal Conf. . . . Sympathy is offered to loved ones of Mrs. Heier in Perth . . . A school tea and film service was held instead of usual S.S. anniversary.

WEMBLEY FAREWELL. Mr. and Mrs. Beavis and family were farewelled on leaving for the U.S.A. Auxiliary representatives spoke in appreciation of their ministry . . . The Ladies' Fellowship made a presentation to Mrs. Beavis following a Bible Study . . . The young people invited Scarborough young people to their Folk Dinner . . . The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Muriel Banks, a foundation member and wife of State Conf. Pres., Tom Banks . . . A number of young people have declared their faith and have been baptized.

BUSY CITY CHURCH (R. A. Ryall). Church services were packed to overflowing on the three Sundays around Fed. Conference . . . The Youth Group continues to visit Melville Rehab. Centre on Thursdays . . . The C.Y.F. Prayer Circle visited Dianella ladies and shared half-hour prayer watches on Intercession Day. . . . The church's sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. D. Povey in the death of her father . . . R. Harrison is back after an accident. Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Ryall are both in hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Hutson are at home in Carinya Village.

S.W. DISTRICT CONFERENCE. The S.W. Annual Conference was held at Bridgetown in Nov. Church reports were encouraging and showed steady maintenance of work. Bridgetown and Manjimup are without a full-time minister and the South-West churches will continue assistance in 1973. The S.W. churches have also undertaken to assist the Youth and Christian Educ. Committee in further development of Busselton campsite. Brotherhood representatives were T. G. Banks, Conf. Pres.; R. H. Davey, Sec. Aged Persons' Homes; K. J. Patterson, State Organiser; J. J. Collingwood and J. Western of the Christian Union Committee. The outgoing President was R. E. Elwin and the new President, inducted by Mr. Banks, is E. J. Sewell. D. M. Pyne is secretary. The guest speaker was T. Bamford of N.Z. who once ministered in the South West.

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PREACHING CONTEST

(Qld.). The State-wide Youth for Christ Preacher-Boy Contest, 1972, was won by a 16-year-old Toowoomba youth, Jeffrey Deuble, of the Margaret St. Church of Christ, and a prefect at the Mt. Lofly High School.

Jeffrey's brother, Gregory, winner of the 1970 contest, and now a student at Woolwich College, is scheduled to undertake a preaching lecture tour of our churches in Indianapolis this coming February. Greg is 18 and will be a guest speaker at the Johnson Bible College Homecoming celebrations.

The Brisbane Preacher-Boy contest is a highlight of Brisbane Youth for Christ Younger Set, and is held annually to encourage aspiring young preachers to set their goal for the ministry.

The five judges represent different denominations, and points are awarded for material, poise, appearance, delivery, audience reaction and other essentials which contribute towards the making of a minister. Jeffrey was the youngest of those contesting, the oldest being 20, and all first three places went to Margaret Street Church of Christ young people. Jeff plans to proceed to Woolwich Bible College, Sydney, for ministerial training in 1974. He is at present a member of the preacher-training class at Margaret St. conducted by the minister, Dr. Arnold Caldicott.

6.30 A.M. PRAYER (Albion, Barry Benz). Prayer for spiritual revival is held at church 6.30 each morning . . . J.C.E. provided Christmas cheer for Burdeu House residents and has collected for a mission parcel . . . Sunday evening service with youth choir and orchestra attracted large attendance.

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BUILDING FUND (Nambour, R. McLean). C.W.F. gained \$154 in a special stall effort for the Building Fund . . . A youth Walk-a-thon raised \$83 . . . During Mr. McLean's absence in Canberra, speakers were Michael Pelling and Geoff Hopson . . . Miss Hazel Skuce showed slides and spoke of our Indian mission.

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COFFS HARBOUR CHURCH. A new church has been commenced at this northern N.S.W. coastal resort. Meetings are held in Cavanabab Hall, High St., Coffs Harbour, at 9 a.m., followed by S.S. at 10.15 a.m.

The church secretary is Bruce Cook, 69 Bailey Ave., Coffs Harbour, N.S.W., 2450. Holiday-makers are welcome.

BUILDING ALTERATIONS (Bexley Nth.). Building alterations are in hand for the kitchen and toilet blocks and an addition as a storeroom at a cost of \$7,000. . . . N. Merrick, Woolwich student, has returned to Perth for the holidays . . . Just a few weeks after the death of her husband, Mrs. Ruth Bagley also died, at St. George Dist. Hosp. Sympathy is extended to her relatives.

BOYS FROM DUNMORE (Taree, W. D. Howard). The Taree and Wingham churches welcomed boys from Dunmore House to their homes and services. Young men from the Marrickville Hostel and committee members were with them. 45 came by bus from Sydney, 220 miles each way. The address on Sunday morning was given by Ron. Bartholomew, Sec. of Boys' Home, and former Pres. of Conf. . . . C. G. Taylor, N.S.W. State Conf. Pres., spoke at both services on Nov. 26.

IN EVERY HOME (Lidcombe, P. A. Pitts). In a two weekend visitation programme, Bible portions were left in every home in the district . . . The film "The Ultimate Adventure" was screened for S.S. anniversary. Peter Casey was kinder afternoon speaker . . . Ron Bartholomew was guest speaker at 89th church anniversary on Nov. 5 . . . Donations have paid for hot water service for kitchen and baptistry.

INVERELL COMBINES (R. Craig). We combined with all other local churches in Floral Week service at Methodist church. Guest speaker was Trevor Chandler of Brisbane's Christian Life Centre. . . . C.W.F. money boxes yielded \$140. . . . Andrew Campbell of Warialda, spoke at Gospel Hour after Nov. Teens' Tea.

HALF NIGHT OF PRAYER (Belmore, B. Armstrong). Forty attended a second half-night of prayer . . . The 1972 teaching mission on Oct. 19-22 had messages from Harry Davies of Kingsford Church of Christ . . . Frank Freckleton, an elder, went to the New Hebrides for six weeks with the "Fix-It" Team . . . The church Men's Society ran a social-concert . . . 60 attended each service. On first two Sundays there were meetings at 8.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. People who did not attend communion previously now attend early service . . . Tony and Tonga, in Australia from New Hebrides to have artificial limbs fitted, attended services here . . . C.W.F. is co-ordinating work to send rugs and blankets to Korea.

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE ACHIEVED

By T. W. BAGLEY

The challenge of six months ago for a team of men to go from N.S.W. to the New Hebrides on "active service of building and maintenance work" was not only achieved in its entirety but the team has returned with a long list of extras which have been accomplished in addition to the original O.M.B. programme of two buildings, plus a chapel at Ranwadi on the island of Pentecost.

The thought of such a team and the bounds of its purpose was not really considered possible by many people, much less the fact that nine men with the help of some New Hebridean talent would in six weeks completely erect and finish a large school building, a chapel, and a large shower and toilet block with complete septic system as an adjunct to the existing boys' dormitory.

Two women — Mrs. G. Taber, from Southport, Qld., and Mrs. G. Forrest, from Bexley North, were added members to the team and these ladies helped Mrs. Ray Wilson with cooking for the workmen.

The team under the direction of D. McElvenny, left Sydney well charged with an ambition to do as many urgent jobs as possible. The certainty of the effectiveness is the change of layout at Ranwadi, for after six weeks there now stands three new buildings and other improvements such as the installation of septic and toilet system in one of the houses.

For the sake of record and interest to readers a summary of work done in other areas by the "floaters" between areas and islands is as follows:

PENTECOST ISLAND:

Rannawat: Erection of a covered-way which links three wards at the hospital and one small ablutions block.

Banmatmat: New boat house with concrete foundations, etc., and also a winch room.

AOBA ISLAND

Dulndui: Several new tank installations and water lines and new drainage work, household water service plumbing and supervision of final work on new guest house, complete landscaping of whole

MISSION POSSIBLE (Wyoming, D. Gurney), 2 years ago the annual meeting decided to raise \$600 for mission work in the Keram River area, P.N.G. This seemingly impossible task was achieved in 11 months. The project this year was for \$700 for the Carnarvon water system. There appeared little interest in the early months and in Sept. there was \$485 in hand. However, the project closed in Oct. with \$962 as final figure! These projects challenged the minister, D. Gurney, to put a "spiritual project" to the prayer meeting, to win 25 for the Lord. 13 folk have been baptized . . . Our first Family Camp was held at "Bethshan," Wyee. There were nine decisions at evening service following the close of camp . . . The Men's Prayer meeting is on alternate Saturdays at 6 a.m. . . . The Conf. Pres., C. G. Taylor, spoke at our first church anniversary on Nov. 5.

front of hospital area including graded roadway and embankments, concrete and rockery island roundabout, crazy path in all white coral from roadway to chapel and roads edged with coral rockery. On the sisters' kitchen, the old gabled roof was removed entirely and a new skillion roof erected with better provision for rain-water catchment.

Londua: Complete removal of old fibro roofing from the mission house and replacement with galvanised iron.

The team enjoyed the fellowship and most valued assistance of Warren Taber, a builder of Southport church, who was one of the "floaters" made available after

• N.S.W. BIBLE COLLEGE

WOOLWICH GRADUATION

The Church of All Nations at Enmore was filled for the Graduation Service of the Woolwich Bible College on Nov. 17. The Chairman of the College Board, M. H. A. Pieper, presided. Greetings were brought by the Conference President, C. G. Taylor, and a representative of the Woolwich Ex-Students' Association, B. Armstrong.

Two exit-students, Roy Aitken and Trevor Kallmier, delivered brief addresses and the Principal, Dr. A. G. Elliott, presented the awards, after which the Senior Lecturer, G. L. Chapman, offered the prayer of dedication. Diplomas were presented to Roy Aitken, Ken Bond, Ian Borham, Robert Drown, Trevor Kallmier, Russell Ritchie and Laurie Wallace. Missionary certificates were awarded to Laurie Haskey and Adrienne Whale.

The main message of the evening was delivered by Roy Greenhalgh, of North Haven, whose association with the College goes back many years, and whose word to the outgoing students was one of tremendous challenge.

Mrs. Winsome McDonald rendered beautiful solos and Dick Hutchens presided at the organ.

Among the Exits — Mr. Aitken goes to Carnarvon Mission, Mr. Bond to Box Hill, Vic., Mr. Borham will apply to W.E.C., Mr. Drown has been accepted as a candidate for W.E.C., Mr. Kallmier will shortly commence an interim ministry with the church at Wollongong, Mr. Wallace will serve with the Open Air Campaigners, N.S.W., and Mr. Ritchie is in the process of negotiations.

Mr. Haskey is interested in missionary service, and Mks Whale is also interested in missions but for the present will return to her home in N.Z.

about three weeks for work outside the Ranwadi area.

Following the preparatory months of ordering and organisation for purchase of materials and ultimate despatch, there was the race against time for Ray Wilson in levelling the sites, making cement blocks in readiness, and making arrangements to have all the building gear cleared and re-shipped from Santo to the final destination at Ranwadi. The seeds of personal labours have probably blossomed much more effectively than he even imagined was possible in six weeks.

The hopes of the Committee of the Department of Men's Work were not only realised but the aims of the team were fully achieved, and each member—the two ladies included — have returned tired but happy.

Each worker was involved from 10 to 12 hours per day for six days a week over a period of time of exactly six weeks, and I have never heard of any team of nine men accomplishing more in this time, nor would I expect that it shall be bettered — even if a similar effort is repeated. There have been no mishaps, and the hand of our Lord has been in the project since the moment of its inception — even to enhancing the vision of those who have been privileged to serve.

ABORIGINAL LAND BODY FORMED

The State Government in W.A. has honoured its undertaking to give Aborigines a major voice in land matters by the formation of the Aboriginal Lands Trust.

The trust consists of members of Aboriginal descent from the seven State regions under the jurisdiction of the Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority, established in July, 1972 within the framework of the Department for Community Welfare.

The chairman is Jack Davis, of Perth, who represents the central region of the Aboriginal Planning Authority. The other six members are Matron S. M. Canning, of Leonora (eastern region), E. F. Bridge of Halls Creek (northeastern region), A. Barunga, of Derby (Northern Region), P. Coffin, of Port Hedland (northwestern region), R. Shay, of Geraldton (north-central region) and H. Calgaret, of Bunbury (southern region).

The Lands Trust is to manage, acquire and hold land and consult, negotiate, and enter into financial contracts for Aborigines who live on more than 47 million acres of reserved lands in W.A. It will be able to lease part or all of the land to Aborigines under conditions that ensure maximum benefit to people interested in particular areas.

Till now the people have had no say in these vast tracts of traditional land. The trust will now give first preference to Aboriginal interest in future decisions. It will establish patterns and guidelines to give Aborigines an effective voice in their traditional and cultural needs.

SONNY GRAHAM: Mission Superintendent

SONNY GRAHAM, minister of the Norseman church, has been appointed superintendent of Norseman Mission and will spearhead the Churches of Christ Aborigines work in the Goldfields area of W.A.

A graduate of the College of the Bible, Mr. Graham spent his childhood at Norseman Mission and was one of the first Aboriginal children to attend the State Primary School in Norseman.

Mrs. Graham before her marriage was a single worker at Norseman having attended Bible College previously. Mr. and Mrs. Graham have three children, Rhonda, Russell, and Gaye.

The appointment of Mr. Graham has been viewed with pleasure by Government Department officials and townspeople as well as mission staff and children all of whom hold him in the highest regard.

SIR DOUGLAS KNIGHTED

Australia's first Aboriginal Knight, Pastor Sir Douglas Nicholls, has been to London and seen the Queen! It was a momentous time for him and his wife as it was the first time they have ever been overseas, and the first time he had been able to walk down a street unnoticed. Being so well known for so many years as sportsman and Christian, he has been well-recognised wherever he has gone throughout Australia.

History was made as, watched by about 400 people he knelt on a crimson cushion to receive the gentle touch of the royal sword on both shoulders. Then Sir Douglas, in morning suit, rose and chatted with the Queen. He told her that she would soon receive a copy of his biography "Pastor Doug."

He said, "I told her it was about my struggle for dignity and that I would like

her to read it. She thanked me most graciously."

Sir Douglas, who was a guest of the Victorian Agent-General in London, Sir Murray Porter, admitted that he was rather awed by the investiture ceremony.

"It is a great honour," he said. "I still cannot get used to being called sir."

Lady Nicholls attended the investiture. They planned to spend a little time sight-seeing.

WORD TALK No. 64

ZACCHAEUS

Every Sunday School child knows the story of the little man who climbed the tree to see Jesus. The story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19: 1-10) is the story of a life transformed by Christ. He was named after a pious Rabbi — a most ill-fitting name for this Jew who collaborated with the Romans in collecting taxes from his countrymen and for imported goods. "He was a chief tax collector" (v. 2). Jericho was the point of entry for the Far Eastern trade for the Roman Empire. It would have been a major Customs point. Archaeologically, Jericho is of tremendous interest and has been very thoroughly excavated. The work of the Kenyons is well known. Jericho is one of the oldest inhabited cities of the world, ". . . and rich" (v. 2); this reads like an epitaph! His wealth brought him many acquaintances yet he was a lonely man.

When Jesus went out of his way to meet Zacchaeus he demonstrated his concern for the lost, the loneliest, and the last. His parables of the lost sheep, lost coin and lost son (Luke 15) were demonstrated in his seeking of this lost child of Abraham. Jesus demonstrated his power to save a man from himself. We are always our own worst enemy. According to Clement, Zacchaeus became the Bishop of Caesarea, using his administrative abilities in the work of the Church.

FOR TODAY:

Chief tax collectors are usually very popular men — Australia's receives 6,000,000 letters a year! But even though we pay him our dues few would ever think of the man himself. Significant people in public life frequently suffer from intense loneliness. The British

comedian Tony Hancock suicided in Sydney claiming "I am as lonely as hell." About 400 Australians each week attempt suicide and loneliness is an integral part of their illness. Most loneliness is found in cities. As the Romans said: "The greater the city the greater the loneliness." A contemporary sociological report was called "The Lonely Crowd."

Christians must express the concern of Jesus for all who are lost from God. We have expressed our concern for the "down and out," we must also care for the "up and out." Many chief executives, directors and public officials feel the loneliness of their office and they are equally as lost from God.

Zacchaeus demonstrates that when a man meets Jesus he cannot go on living as if he had not. Encounter with Christ requires a change of outlook, habits, business practices and personal attitudes to the rest of society. "This also is a son of Abraham" (v. 9) shows the acceptance of friendship offered by Christ which needs to be accepted by each individual personally. Salvation depends upon a man's responsiveness to the call of Christ, his willingness to change his life and to invite Jesus into his home and heart.

Dag Hammarskjöld, former Secretary of the U.N., told of his commitment to God "and from that hour I was certain that existence was meaningful, and that thereafter, my life in self surrender had a goal." There are many like Zacchaeus who are curious about Jesus, who stand at the edge of the crowd and wonder. As disciples we need to welcome them into the presence of Christ.

—GORDON MOYER

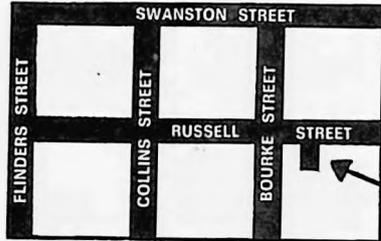
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MOTHER CHRISTMAS

To the Editor,

Women's Lib seems to be assaulting many of the established words and phrases that have unconsciously been coined by our male dominated society. For instance, they object to giving girls' names to hurricanes (I can't understand why!). They want ships called "it" and not "she." There is even a move to change history into her-story. They attack such male-loaded words as man-kind, chair-man, man-agement, man-ipulate and wo-man.

The latest is to boycott all Father Christmases unless the stores employ an equal number of Mother Christmases. The next thing we'll hear about is Mother Christmas doing the rounds with female reindeers and avoiding all the naughty little boys and giving the presents to the good little girls.

Yet it seems to this mere male that Christmas is probably the one time above all others where there is the complete blending of male and female. The Father and the woman brought forth a Son who is both divine and human, and in whom were all of the qualities of father and mother. God once manifested himself to the world in his Son. Now he manifests himself to the world in his Son's bride, the church, which has always been referred to as "her" and "she."

I'm afraid that my faith is pretty simple and unsophisticated, but I believe that the Son and his bride together are the hope of the world.

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OPEN FORUM

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

To the Editor,

The recent annual meeting of the Churches of Christ Evangelical Fellowship expressed the desire that the Vic-Tas. Churches of Christ Conference Executive make a public statement on the following issue:

Whether the letter, recently sent by the Victorian Council of Churches to all church secretaries appealing for co-operation with and prayers for the success of the forthcoming Roman Catholic Eucharistic Congress, was an expression of the policy of the Conference Executive or the Department concerned.

We believe that members of Churches of Christ in Victoria and throughout Australia have the right to know the policy of Conference Executive on this matter.

Similarly, Conference Executive should state its policy regarding official or unofficial representation by Churches of Christ representatives at functions to be held in conjunction with the Eucharistic Congress.

A clear statement of policy and intention is overdue on these matters, and should be publicly declared.

—T. H. Ede, President.

—D. G. N. Clark, Secretary.

The letter referred to was received by the Conference Executive on October 26 last and its contents were duly noted. The meeting resolved that no official word concerning this Congress is to hand for forwarding to the churches.

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This is still the position at 5-12-1972.

The Conference Executive will determine its response in this matter in the light of the nature of any communication it may receive from those responsible for the Eucharistic Congress arrangements.

The brotherhood in Victoria and Tasmania can be assured that the Conference Executive will not compromise the doctrinal position of Churches of Christ. It may also be assured that any communication from the Roman Catholic Church, as from any other church, will be received and responded to with Christian courtesy and consideration. — Stanton H. Wilson, Conference Secretary.

WORKING SOLUTION

To the Editor,

Roy Arnold ("A.C." Nov. 25) requests comments from other seekers-after-truth on how to approach the problem of corporate worship to meet the needs of our age.

Some tips can be gained from the "Children of God," originators of the term "Jesus Revolution" in the U.S.A. In four years they have grown from half a dozen full time workers to nearly 3,000, and have led approximately 150,000 people to Christ, triggering a revival throughout young America.

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This is not the only group that has discovered the power of communal Christianity and a radical rebellion against the "beastly system" (Rev. 18: 11-18) of mammon (1 Timothy 5: 10).

I realise that this is a hard saying, and not many would accept it if God himself commanded it; however, Mr. Arnold appeared not to be looking for a popular solution, but a working one. It sounds like the only hope in these last days to me (Heb. 10: 25).

—Dave McKay (N.S.W.)

MINISTRY IN CRISIS

To the Editor,

I believe that R. Loller ("A.C." Nov. 11) has missed the point regarding John Wise's statement ("A.C." Sept. 30) to which I take it he is reacting. In saying that, I do not mean that what he says is unimportant, it is, and is one of the main reasons for ministerial frustration. It is because ministers are taking Christ seriously that they are being frustrated in reconciling the work that they see that needs to be done, the priorities and plans of church boards, their own abilities, the time available and the needs of their own families. If they did not care there would be no problem.

The theological confusion of the 60's is being solved slowly but the role of the minister is in need of further clarification. Colin Johnson ("A.C." Nov. 11) is too ready to pass the buck up to "our leadership." These problems will not be solved there, only in the parish in understanding between churches and ministers. If role adjustments are to be made, and I think they will have to be made, then ministers must be in the forefront of adjusting that role.

Most basic to the whole problem is our lack of theological understanding as to why we have "full time, ordained, paid ministry" (?). Clarify that question and you will have many of the answers as to the reason for confusion and frustration, of both church and minister.

—Don. E. Stewart (Vic.)

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

To the Editor,

With the Eucharistic Congress now drawing near, I am interested and concerned as to the attitude of our brotherhood towards this great function.

We have received a request from the Victorian Council of Churches to pray that "the Congress may be blessed by God and used as an instrument by him in the continuing life of the Church."

Would it not be more consistent with our witness and testimony, to pray that our Roman Catholic friends may be led to see the false claims and serious errors of Rome and help them towards that end?

—Eric Buckmaster (Vic.)

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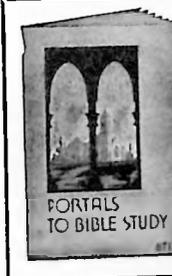
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R. T. PITTMAN MEMORIAL SERVICE

(Vic.) On Nov. 19, many gathered in the Hampton Church of Christ to pay tribute to the late R. T. Pittman.

Although representatives of various churches and brotherhood departments were present the format of the service was a recognition of the service Mr. Pittman gave to the Hampton church.

The service was divided into three distinct themes emphasising Mr. Pittman's character and work.

John Paver, minister, spoke of the components of love as mentioned in 1st Corinthians 13 and related them to the character of Mr. Pittman.

V. L. Cole, elder, gave witness to the gentle, convincing, but firm friendship given by Mr. Pittman.

D. A. Allen, elder, re-iterated his personal experience of the service which this man had given for so long. A prayer of dedication was given as the memorial was dedicated to the memory of our brother in Christ. The words on the plaque were simple but described fully the life of this man:

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The service was recorded and sent to Mrs. Henshillwood (Mr. Pittman's niece) who is overseas.



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Seven have been received into membership, there have been two further baptisms, and five are awaiting baptism. Others have made decisions . . . The church is saddened by the death of Mrs. I. Lawson. . . . Carl Davis, T.E.A.M. Home Missioner, gave audio visual on Lake Chad area . . . After many years of loyal service, Mrs. H. Gilchrist is to relinquish her position as organist.

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THE BREAK-UP PARTY

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The person who, after a good deal to drink, drives home in his car, endangering his own life and that of others is only too well known. In this context we should note that, after a period of improvement, the road toll in Victoria is again becoming worse.

There can be a serious loss of dignity and decency by male or female staff losing control in front of other staff, particularly junior members. A young per-drinking, with disastrous immediate or later results.

I believe many firms have already switched to non-alcoholic parties and found to their surprise and pleasure that this led to a more enjoyable party, with no unfortunate consequences. We urge others to follow this example and to make this a safe and happy Christmas.—H. C. PRATT, President, V.T.A.

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**FRED AND THE FLYING FOXES OR
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Fred was a neighbour dairy farmer in Queensland. One evening, just after the sun had set behind the dull ironbark scrub, I heard his shotgun. The blasts echoed out every couple of seconds. Neighbours are inquisitive in Queensland and I happened to go across to see what private war Fred was waging.

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"What are you shooting, Fred?" "Flying (Bang!) foxes!" replied Fred, and gestured to the side. There, in a small pile, were about eight of the no longer cute little winged animals. Bang! and another dark orange-coloured flying fox joined the heap.

"There's a shilling government bounty on every one I shoot," said Fred. The flying foxes posed no threat to Fred. He had nothing they wanted. They were just using his air space to travel miles to the south-east where the orchards were. The only motive he had was the money.

I made a rough calculation. "But, Fred," I said, "you shoot only one flying fox about every third shot. The cartridges cost eightpence each. You haven't (Bang!) earned nine shillings. You've lost nine shillings (Bang!!)"

"Ah," said Fred, "that's where you smart southerners make a mistake. When I bought (Bang!) those cartridges, they were only fourpence." Bang! for the last time. The cartridges, not the flying foxes, had run out.

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GOOD GRIEF!! The Anglican "Church Scene" has been drawing attention to the penury of clergy and their families in Carpentaria. A minister's wife from North Queensland wrote to the journal to say that their stipend was adequate and, in addition, the following gifts "walked in the door in the last eight days": two gallons of sherry, one chicken, one fruit cake, one litre table wine, four packets cigarettes, 10 lbs. rump steak, one sirloin roast, 1½ lbs. bacon, three large reef fish, three half-gallons ice-cream, three pawpaws, three water melons, two bottles mint sauce, 12 bottles soft drink, six packets potato chips, one box chocolates, several bottles beer, two bunches of roses!!

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COMMUNITY STANDARDS (Henley Beach, G. Seisman). Dr. J. H. Court, Lecturer in Psychology, Flinders Univ., spoke at our Men's Annual Dinner on Community Standards . . . A Christian Educ. Dept. team led teachers in special discussions and tea . . . Mrs. S. Glastonbury and K. Still have undergone surgery.

ILLNESS OF MINISTER (Blackwood). The illness of Mr. Notris has curtailed much of his plans for the closing weeks of his ministry . . . The Ladies' Guild entertained ladies from St. George's Rest Home to lunch at homes of Mrs. Aird and Mrs. Palmer. Mrs. R. Sykes were re-elected President at annual meeting, followed by lunch for older members at Mrs. Hemer's home . . . 100 attended church picnic at Loftia Park . . . After the Youth Group church concert a donation was made for refitting church kitchen . . . The B.S. conducted an evening service. Ralph Gurner has been elected B.S. Supt. and Bruce Whyatt continues as Sec. . . . Mrs. C. Verco is now in Torrens Park Nursing Home.

HOST TO 200 (Murray Bridge, A. H. Coleman). Our ladies were host to 200 ladies from all over the State for Nov. meeting of S.A. Women's Conf. . . . Gifts were donated for hospital Christmas visitation . . . C.Y.F. entertained young people from Magill church. All helped to gather one ton of oranges for Social Service. . . . The B.S. sent \$20 to help keep a Carnarvon lad . . . Two teams have been entered in Tennis Assoc. . . . The building of the new manse is progressing rapidly . . . At Friendship evening at Rac Thompsons, each lady took her wedding photo (where have all the slim beauties gone!).

EXCHANGE SERVICE (Victor Harbour, J. A. Luff). Ralph Oke of Strathalbyn, and Mr. Luff exchanged pulpits on Nov. 19. At night there was a Thanksgiving and Dedication service for the organ, including special music and choir items. . . . Many of our young folk shared in a Col. Light Gardens church evening ser-

vice . . . The Men's Fellowship held its combined meeting and tea at the Adelaide Bible Institute. Guest speaker was J. Charlton, LL.B. . . . The Women's Fellowship is packing Christmas parcels for distribution to homes in Victor Harbour. . . . Some members are to give their time and services to build a small church for the Aborigines Inland Mission at Walgett, via Bourke.

NON-CHRISTIAN FAITHS (Ascot Park, S. R. Baker). Four of our ladies described the major universal non-Christian religions. Those taking part were Mrs. Frank Bibby, Mrs. Keith Crowley, Mrs. Brian Watson, and Mrs. Russell Baker. Mrs. Crowley was also soloiste . . . The C.W.F. luncheon and break-up featured Mrs. Skinner (Artes painting), and a display of work by Mrs. Clarke . . . K. J. Harvey represented Home Missions on Nov. 19. . . . Dr. Keith Crowley has been elected elder in succession to George Outlaw who has retired.

BIBLE EVENING (Grote St., H. M. Long). A B.S. evening for the Bible Society with a movie film and audio visual featuring the Society's work, realised \$60. . . . A youth breakfast addressed by M. Munyard began the 126th church anniversary which concluded with an after-church supper. The choir gave special programmes. Sister duellists, Helen Foweraker and Mrs. Lesley Thompson, were featured. . . . A book-order was presented to A.B.I. students who assisted in B.S., Marilyn Bee, Maureen Hewitt and Faye Chislett. Faye Chislett will leave in the New Year for America where she will marry Wally Chapman of El Paso, Texas, whom she met during the Adelaide World Convention.

BAPTISMS AND DECISIONS (Magill, R. Clymer). There were four baptisms and four decisions at evening service in Nov. . . . The Fifteen Plus group regularly serve coffee in the foyer and hall after evening services . . . 15 young people went to Berri, Nov. 25-26, for fellowship with Berri church . . . Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade, Sections 1 & 2, conducted service on Dec. 3. Three Girls' Brigaders made decisions, two of them are daughters of the Captain, Mrs. Doris Hancock.

FOR BIBLE SOCIETY (Maylands, N. S. Moore). At special J.C.E. meeting, \$31 was presented to representatives of the Bible Society . . . Miss D. Geyer, on furlough from India, was speaker at special meeting arranged by C.W.F. . . . R. Atwell attended Fed. Conf. and taped messages given by Dr. Joyce. These are being replayed at week-night meetings . . . A Seminary on Racism was held in Nov. Mr. Glastonbury, of the Dept. of Aborigines; Mrs. Rankin, an Aboriginal lady, and Mrs. Lear, missionary from W.A., gave their views and answered questions . . . The church has made a gift of \$63 to New Guinea relief fund.

LENSWOOD ANNIVERSARY (A. E. Cremin). Mr. Cremin was B.S. anniversary speaker when prizes for year were distributed . . . Six young people used the consecration hymn as basis for thoughts after each verse . . . The picnic was held at Harrowgate on Nov. 4 . . . We exchanged president and preacher with Murray Bridge on Nov. 5.

ALDGAITE VALLEY 83RD (H. E. Paddick). N. S. Moore was guest anniversary speaker . . . Young people's camp at Barmera was led by Roger Hemer and Mrs. J. Oinn . . . Recent speakers were D. Pollard, R. Beard and Ivan Nixon . . . Trevor Hoyle spoke at Camp Re-echo service led by young people . . . Mr. Paddick has introduced "Daily Bread" devotional books . . . Mrs. Shanks is back after illness.

ASIANS IN SERVICE (Blackwood, H. G. Norris-B. V. Coventry). Dr. Liong and Asian friends conducted an Asian service. Another service featured the Kozner family . . . Women's Fellowship Garden Party resulted in \$100 for World Vision . . . Junior and Inter. S.S. Depts. held camp at Longwood. Biscuits and writing sets were made and presented to guests at St. George's and Everard Park Homes . . . 50 children and mothers were guests at Cradle Roll Supt.'s home for lunch . . . Mr. Norris' health is much improved after hospitalisation.

RANDALL PITTMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

PROGRESS REPORT

The library at the College of the Bible is being extended to provide much needed space.

A special, self-contained part of the extension will be the **RANDALL PITTMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY**. It will house brotherhood historical documents and books published by Churches of Christ in Australia and Overseas. It will be a research centre into the History and Witness of Churches of Christ.

The Building is nearing completion and the Opening Ceremony will be on Saturday, February 24, 1973, at 6.30 p.m.

Friends of the late Randall Pittman are invited to honour his memory with gifts towards the building and the fixed fittings. Such gifts are tax-deductible. Cheques should be made out to the College of the Bible Building Fund, and may be sent to the Vice-Principal, College of the Bible, 7 Elm Rd., Glen Iris, Vic., 3146.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

NEW PRIMARY MATERIALS

All round Australia questions are being asked about religious education in State Schools. In at least four States, committees of enquiry have been set up for the purpose of bringing recommendations about future approaches to the issue of religious education.

In the meantime, ministers and lay instructors are often hard pressed to know how to tackle a difficult and important task.

Some help is appearing for 1973, at least in the primary school area.

"Religion In Life" is the name of a new primary school religious education programme which has been developed by the Council for Christian Education in Schools (Vic.). The publisher is the Joint Board of Christian Education of Australia and New Zealand.

The programme is described as a life-based programme because its classroom sessions start from and are related constantly to the child's own experience of life. Biblical and other religious material

is introduced as it is relevant to the exploration of the child's experience and helps to illuminate it. The aims are to encourage the child's personal quest for meaning, and to develop his understanding of the Christian faith.

In full operation, the programme will provide for 36 teaching sessions at each of six primary school grade levels. For 1973, teaching sessions and resources will be provided at three levels, each level serving two school grades. Materials will be issued in sets three times a year (February, May, August) with each set covering 12 teaching sessions. For this 8 four-page children's papers and a booklet of teachers' notes will be provided. The children's papers are essential to the programme and each child in a class needs to have his or her own copies.

For information enquire from The Joint Board of Christian Education, 147 Collins St., Melbourne, or The Council for Christian Education in Schools, 55 Exhibition St., Melbourne, 3000.

CAMP FURTHEST OUT

(S.A.). At the 1973 C.F.O. the guest speaker will be Frank Hunting of the Dawson St., Ballarat, Church of Christ.

The camp will be held at "Nunyarra", Blair, S.A., in the holiday weekend, Jan. 26-29. The theme: "Going on with Christ."

Glenn Clark in 1929 had the dream of groups coming together away from the mechanics of civilisation — telephones, radios, newspapers — to come into balance spiritually, mentally and physically. Camps Furthest Out were the results.

The 1973 camp cost is \$11. Registration forms may be obtained from Miss Jean Russell, 13 White Ave., Lockleys, S.A., 5032.

ETHEL WATERS HONOURED

Some of the biggest names in show business were present at a dinner to honour the actress-singer, Ethel Waters, for her sixty years on platform, stage and screen. Hosts were Dr. and Mrs. Billy Graham and World Wide Pictures.

She told 1,000 fellow-entertainers, "You don't go to heaven in groups. You've got to go through that straight and narrow gate."

Among those at Los Angeles Century Plaza Hotel were Bob Hope, Hugh Downs, Julie Harris and Billy Daniels. Ralph Carmichael's orchestra played a musical tribute. Cliff Barrows presented her with a silver tray in expression of the Graham Crusade Team's appreciation of 15 years of service with them.

Billy Graham recalled her reply to a television interviewer who asked about the possible failure of the Madison Square Garden Crusade. "God don't sponsor no flops."

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The 1973 Budget includes S.U.S.\$280 towards the translation of the Old Testament into New Guinea Pidgin. Only the books of Ruth and Jonah are now available.

Three other projects are receiving a greater percentage of the \$50,000-plus budget, although they have lower priority ratings, because a higher level of assistance is required.

They are Samoan (\$6,240), Fijian (\$6,240), and Magi (spoken in Papua New Guinea) (\$5,760).

A new translation of the Samoan Bible, first published in 1884, is being prepared.

Brethren, Anglicans, Catholics, Adventists, and Methodists are working on a new Fijian Bible for the 230,000 people who speak that language. So far, 90% of the New Testament has been completed, and 5% of the Old Testament.

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BIBLE MAN PROMOTED

The Rev. James R. Payne, Commonwealth Secretary for the Bible Society in Australia was elected to the 16-strong General Committee of the United Bible Societies. At the first World Assembly of the U.B.S. he was elected to the eight-member Executive and then appointed its Vice-Chairman.

At a luncheon in Canberra recently, Mr. Payne said that the Society in Australia is in an embarrassing situation. He said, "The World Assembly decided to treble its annual world distribution to 500 million copies by 1980, and we in Australia appear unable even to maintain our contribution to the World Service Budget. \$100,000 is needed.

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On November 12, 1972, the lounge, dining room and the adjoining sun verandah of Emmaus Rest Home was a sight to be seen and never forgotten as over 250 Good Companions and their leaders "occupied" the home.

Their reason for coming was to present to the Dept. of Social Service the proceeds of their 1972 Service Project. The aim was to raise \$1,500 to furnish a three-bed ward at our Churches of Christ Nursing Home (formerly Will H. Clay). The girls presented their gifts to "Auntie Rita," from as far away as the Broken Hill Club.

Excellent entertainment was given by the girls during the afternoon. R. C. McKenzie, Director of the Dept. of Christian Education, then presented over \$2,200 to Matron M. J. Pearce of the Nursing Home who thanked the girls for their wonderful effort which was much in excess of their aim. The additional \$700 will be

used to purchase some equipment for Emmaus, the host home.

F. M. Combridge, Director of the Dept. of Social Service, welcomed the visitors and explained that the function was held at Emmaus as substitute for the nursing home because the patients could not be disturbed by visitors. Mr. Combridge showed the plaque which will be placed in the ward and read thus: "THIS WARD FURNISHED BY VICTORIAN AND TASMANIAN GOOD COMPANIONS AS A SERVICE PROJECT, 1972."

Afternoon tea was served to all present and four groups were taken on a tour of inspection of the home.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

SEE NEW RATES, PAGE 17

BIRTHS

CRAWFORD (Trickey)—Lois and David thank God for the gift of a little daughter—Natalie Susan—7 lbs. 13 oz., born on November 17.

FRASER (nee Fulton). At Horsham Hospital, Vic., on Dec. 4, to Jennifer and Norm, a daughter—Vicki Louise.

HILL—With much joy, Brian and Merle announce that Kerrilee Gwyneth, their chosen daughter, and Dwayne's sister, is now their very own.

MARR (Smith)—At Horsham on Dec. 5, to Pauline and David, a daughter, to Jennifer and Robert, a sister—Natalie Elaine. Welcomed with love.

TILLEY (nee Richardson)—To James and Mary, a fourth son—Matthew Donald. Brother for Antony, Charles and Daniel, born at Nthn. Community Hospital, Adelaide, November 10, 1972.

WARRY—To Ray and Margaret (nee Luhrs), a son—Paul Raymond—23-11-72. Rejoicing in the Lord.

MARRIAGES

ALCORN-ALLISON—Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Alcorn, 6 Hill St., Sunshine, and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Allison, 28 Potter St., Black Rock, are happy to announce that Dorothy and Russell (College of the Bible) will be united in marriage at the Footscray, Vic., Church of Christ, on Saturday, December 16 at 12 noon.

BRIDSON-WHITE—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bridson, of 2 Coultter St., Wendouree, Vic., are pleased to announce the marriage of their younger daughter, Janette Elizabeth, to Maxwell Raymond, second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. White, of Highett, which will be solemnised at the Church of Christ, Peel St., Ballarat, on Saturday, December 30, 1972, at 4 p.m.

HILL-THEOBALD—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hill, 29 Errett St., Horsham, Vic., are pleased to announce the marriage of their youngest daughter, Marlene Joan, to Alan Robert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Theobald, 14 Magnolia Rd., Ivanhoe, Vic., which will be solemnised at the Church of Christ, Horsham, at 12 o'clock on Dec. 16, 1972, by David Marr.

WILLIAMS-LINZ—The marriage of Meryl Fay, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Williams, Warragul (formerly of Coburg), to David Keith, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Linz, Moorabbin, took place at Church of Christ, Lygon St., Carlton, Vic., on November 17.

ENGAGEMENT

EARL-KING—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Earl, 11 Anama St., Greensborough, Vic., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret, to Michael, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. King, Watsonia.

DEATHS

BARTON, Bessie Victoria—On November 13, 1972, at Ulverstone, Tas., beloved wife of Victor W. Barton, loved and loving mother of Alice (Mrs. Saunders), Ken, Gwenda (Mrs. Burt) and Joyce (Mrs. Boon); loved mother-in-law of Ron, Edith, Tom and Allan; loving grandmother of 17 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

HUNTER—On Dec. 6, William Harold, late of Berwick, loving husband of the late Elsie Muriel, loved father of Lois (Mrs. D. H. Smith), and Valerie (Mrs. W. J. Harris); father-in-law of Don and Warren; dear grandfather of Andrew, Craig, Keith, Katherine, Brett, and Randall. Aged 83 years. "In Christ."

OAKES—On November 12, at Lismore, N.S.W., Wilhelmina Evelina, aged 92 years, mother of Lily, Percy and Harold, 48 Nielson St., Lismore, N.S.W., 2480.

SHARPE, Helene—On Nov. 16 at Box Hill, Vic., beloved wife of the late William, loving mother of Frank (dec.), Mary (Mrs. P. Williams), Dorothy (Mrs. Ray McIntosh), William, Laura (Mrs. F. McNamara) and Gladys (Mrs. D. Oakley). "Forever with her Lord."

WILSON, Gwen—On November 17, beloved friend and Past President of Springvale Church of Christ Christian Women's Evening Fellowship. "Called to be with Christ which is far better."

IN MEMORIAM

GOLDSWORTHY—Treasured memories of Christian parents, Amelia, Jan. 2, 1954 and Reginald, Jan. 12, 1941. "Always in our hearts."—Inserted by their sons and daughters.

LANGLEY—Fond memories of David Malcolm, dearly loved youngest son of Rene and Harold, called home December 24, 1965. "Still missed, still loved, still very dear."—Rene, Harold and family.

LAWRIE, Donald—Called to higher service, Jan. 3, 1967. "We never part from those we love. No distance can divide. For every day in memory. We still walk side by side."—Marge, Brenda, Noel, Kerry and Peter.

LEWIS, James William—Called home Dec. 20, 1967. A loving husband and father fondly remembered.

NEWHAM—Cherished memories of my loved ones—husband Will, called home on Dec. 17, 1951, and son Will, on Jan. 13, 1967. "Another day is dawning! Dear Master, let it be, On earth or else in Heaven, Another year for Thee."—Ethel.

THOMAS—In precious memory of our mother, Hilda Thomas, who left us for the gloryland, Nov. 17, 1970, and our father, James E. Thomas, who met his Reward on Nov. 27, 1944.—Ever loved and never forgotten by Alan, Colin and Donald Thomas and Ruth Tilley (nee Thomas).

PRIDEAUX (Harold)—Treasured memories of a dear husband and father who left us suddenly on Dec. 16, 1971. "Swiftly flow the years, Laden with happiness and tears."

IN MEMORIAM

EDWARDS—In loving memory of my dear wife, Amy Winifred, called home January 7, 1972. "I know a smile I would love to see, A voice I would love to hear, I know a hand I would love to hold, A loving face so dear, I knew a heart, a loving heart, That was thoughtful, kind and true; I knew them all, I loved them all, For dear sweetheart it was you."—Inserted by her loving husband, Norman.

APPRECIATION

Grateful thanks is expressed by Adrian Wilson, of Springvale Church, Vic., and Mr. and Mrs. Read, to the many friends who have given support and encouragement in so many ways during Gwen's illness and subsequent home-call.

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WHAT HAPPENED NEXT (see page 20)

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February 25, 1973

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MARRIAGES

• Jan Mott to Trevor Laughlin, Woolwin, Vic. • Dorothy Alderley to Stuart Boney, North Williamstown, Vic. • Julie Peck to Jim Melritch, Bayswater, Vic. • Helen Jay to Robert Dowlin, West Preston, Vic. • Kristina Dow to Graham Condon; Faye Wail to Russell Simmonds, Oakleigh, Vic. • Cheryl Pearce to Graham James, Noble Park, Vic.

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CALLED TO S.A. (Warracknabeal). Our minister, Miss Norma Hall, has been called to the church at Elizabeth, S.A. . . . Martin Suter has enrolled at Kenmore College . . . C.W.F. raised \$212 at the annual fete . . . Cyril Minns and Mr. Sheriff were recent speakers . . . Mr. Rowe was speaker at a Men's Breakfast and showed films. \$20 was raised . . . Mrs. D. Chivell was a visitor from W.A. . . . Bruce Harmer was home for a week-end with a group from Ballarat. They gave an item at church.

MISSIONARY MONTH (Nth. Williams-town, K. H. Pitt). November was Missionary Month and speakers included Miss Hazel Skuce (India) and Bob Stokes (Trans World Radio) . . . Rev. T. O'Conner spoke on his work as Prison Chaplain at Men's Breakfast on Nov. 11 . . . C.W.F. features included an outing to "Petersville" factory, cake stall, and Mini Jumble Sale which raised \$80 . . . The "Ixtus Kids" met at breakfast on Nov. 19 to discuss the Holy Spirit and decided to meet each Sunday at 8 a.m. for prayer and Bible Study . . . The Minstrels have given concerts at Altona Methodist church and Camberwell Salvation Army.

FOR ONSLOW LAND ROVER (Manifold Hgts., A. E. Stevens). Our church men shared in men's breakfast at La Trobe Tee. Dr. Ian Ryall was speaker. Proceeds were towards "Onslow Land Rover" fund. . . . Ladies visited Shannon Spastic Centre and made a donation for this cause . . . Elders, deacons, deaconesses and others met for a day conference at Lara to plan church programme for 1973 . . . An "Experience in Worship" youth service was held on Nov. 26 . . . Mr. Stevens and three others attended "Camp Furthest Out" at Parkdale . . . Mrs. Val Barnes is ill in hospital.

MINISTRY CONCLUDES (Hobart, Tas.). Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Cooke concluded 10 years' ministry here before leaving for Blackwood, S.A. Farewell services included a basket lunch and Recognition Service with opportunity for church members, community and church leaders to show appreciation. C.W.F. and Evening Group also said goodbye . . . Nine young people have been baptized . . . Miss Hazel Skuce spoke at quarterly meeting at Bichenno and at the southern churches . . . C. J. Robinson will conduct an interim ministry until the arrival of Don Stewart next year.

MISSION PLANNED (Swan Hill, R. E. Pritchard). The church is preparing for a mission in March, 1973 with J. K. Bond and M. Munyard . . . G. Henderson of Pyramid Hill-Boort, exchanged pulpits with Mr. Pritchard on Dec. 3 . . . 80 attended a November church family dinner after which Mr. Pritchard led a discussion on "Parents are such an embarrassment" . . . Margot and Gary Baxter are making good recovery from injuries received in a car accident.

VIC-TAS. C.W.F.

Theme of December Council was "An International Christmas." Stanton Wilson spoke on Christmas in England where the climate and tradition is so different to Australia. Mrs. Rance Eliezer brought a vivid picture of Christmas as it was celebrated in her grandmother's home in a small village in Ceylon.

Mrs. M. Bismire led in devotions. Prayer of Intercession was given by Mrs. Vera Morrison, 139 delegates represented 56 churches.

The March Effort will be held on March 20 at 8 p.m. in the Lower Melbourne Town Hall. Theme: "Down Memory Lane."

Next Council: Feb. 9, 10.30 a.m. Speakers: Mr. and Mrs. Ludgater.—M.N.

PATCH BAPTISMS (E. L. Williams). Two S.S. boys were baptised at service held at Emerald . . . Robyn Caudwell led young people in conducting an evening service . . . C.W.F. ladies have been meeting monthly in various homes for luncheon and for hand work and prayer.

FIVE DECISIONS (Horsham). There have been five recent decisions, one at the Coffee Club . . . The C.W.A.F. funds increased by \$26 as a result of garden party held at Sheriffs. C.W.E.F. officers for 1973 are: Pres., Mrs. J. Smith; Sec., Mrs. R. Kuschel . . . Mr. Gentles has been discharged after six months in hospital.

CASTLEMAINE CELEBRATES (J. Byrnes). Frank Hunting from Ballarat was speaker at 102nd church anniversary. The evening service "Musical" comprised items by members . . . Miss Jan Hunting of New Guinea was a recent visitor . . . Four of our ladies attended "Camp Furthest Out" at Parkdale . . . Senior and junior Y.P.F. entertained older members to tea at their break-up.

PRESIDENT VISITS (Bendigo, M. D. Keach). M. J. Savage, Conf. Pres., Vic-Tas, Conf., was speaker at 106th anniversary on Nov. 19 . . . Inter-church Advent service was held in Church of England . . . Bowls, Good Companions and Explorer clubs held church parade on Nov. 26 . . . C.W.E.F. held a successful fair . . . Explorers had a working bee on church property.

CHAPEL ADDITIONS (Noble Park, T. Giles). Plans are in hand for improvements and additions to front of chapel . . . C.W.F. street stall raised \$130 . . . K. D. Horne was speaker at both services on Nov. 26.

CO-OPERATION WITH ABORIGINES

HOUSEBUILDING PROJECT

A housebuilding project has been initiated by Mission Enterprises at Ringwood, Vic., with the aim of benefiting the Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship. The national president of the A.E.F., Pastor David Kirk, and Pastor Lindsay Grant, who will commence a full-time ministry to the Aborigines in Victoria in 1973, shared the week-end of Nov. 11-13 in Melbourne with representatives of Mission Enterprises and five missions working with Aborigines.

Mission Enterprises Ltd., and Victorian Committee members of A.E.F. discussed plans for the building of a house at Ringwood on land owned by Mission Enterprises, for the benefit of A.E.F. They aim to make a substantial profit on the sale of this house when completed by supplying labour and materials at the lowest possible cost.

Several large offers already have been received for labour and equipment for the project. The organisers, Mission Enterprises Ltd., and A.E.F. committee members, invite Christian men to help

them to make this project a success. Mr. Bakker, of Mission Enterprises, whose office is at 7 Montrose St., Hawthorn (Vic.) said: "This is a great opportunity to show our Aboriginal brethren our love and concern, and to show the people of Melbourne that Christian men, from different churches, are vitally interested and prepared to do something practical in order to present the gospel in a meaningful way to the Aborigines of Australia."

Meeting with Mission Executives

Board members and executives of five

missions with work among Aborigines, met with the project organisers and Pastors Kirk and Grant.

The building project in aid of A.E.F. was explained, and received the whole-hearted endorsement of the men present. Representatives from other missions, who were unable to attend the meeting, also gave their approval.

The meeting recognised that the A.E.F. is not just another mission to the Aborigines. Members and leaders of A.E.F. all are the product of years of mission work among the Aboriginal people by churches and interdenominational groups, and praise to God was expressed for raising up an indigenous Aboriginal fellowship at this time.

During the three years since its formation, the leaders of A.E.F., all Aboriginal men, increasingly have earned the respect and love of missionary leaders. Their pastors are asked often to minister to their own people with the various missions.

(An Allsop and Alan Jenkins represented Churches of Christ. Alan Bazot representing the Aborigines Inland Mission is also a member of Churches of Christ).

OBITUARY

ALDERSON, Joseph

Joseph Alderson died in Maldon (Vic.) Hospital on Sept. 16 after long illness. Born at Bot Bot in 1865 he was baptised by Mr. Lawson in 1902. In 1914 he married Rhodda Walker and went to a farm at Culgoja in the Mallee. Breaking of bread and worship services were held in a private home. In 1939 he bought a farm at Leanooroolo and worshipped at Bot Bot where he was appointed to the beard in 1940. Travelling 16 miles with his wife and daughter to worship he was most regular until ill health prevented him. In all the years he supported the work of the brotherhood and maintained his knowledge of the brotherhood by regular subscription to the "Christian." Many have enjoyed the hospitality of the family home and will miss this kind and friendly Christian man. The funeral service conducted by I. Adams of Maryborough at the Bot Bot chapel was a witness to the esteem in which he was held. He is survived by his wife, his daughter Nellie, and son Stan.—R.M.

BEER, Mrs. Georgina Alice

At an age of 89, Mrs. Beer died after a long life of service within Churches of Christ in Melbourne and South Africa. She lived for a large proportion of her life at Caulfield, Vic., and then with her husband were active members at the Cheltenham church. During the Christmas Guest Home, Oakleigh. A woman of great faith and Christian concern she expressed her life in practical support of many of our churches' activities. We praise God for her life and service.

CARNIE, Nellie Marguerite

Nellie Marguerite was born into the Dummett family at North Fitzroy (Vic.) in 1893. She was one of a family of nine and with them became involved in the life of the church. She made her confession of faith and was baptised during the H. G. Howard tent mission in the ministry of J. R. Baker. She married James Carnie at North Fitzroy in 1917 and shared a rich, active and satisfying partnership for 41 years. During that time Ray and Gwen were born and some years were spent in the Northcote church until in 1923 the family home was established at Alphington and the family linked with Ivanhoe church. The home soon became the focus for many teenagers and lasting friendships were made, including marriage partners, Lorna and Deb. When her husband died in 1958, Mrs. Carnie continued to show her independence and her faith and walked to

worship each Sunday. She maintained this loyal and regular witness until major surgery last year. She spent the last few months at the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh, and had a wonderful birthday with Ray and Lorna, the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She died on Nov. 1 with a strong trust in her Lord. We thank God for her loyal and devoted witness.—J.H.M.C.C.

MOTT, Mabel Emily

One of the finest and noblest Christians associated with the Surrey Hills, Vic. church, Mabel Emily Mott, died on Nov. 7. The chapel was filled for the service to thank God for the privilege of knowing her and to express our love and sympathy to her daughter, Margaret (Mrs. Peter Wing Tang), her son Lindsay, her sisters, Dorothy Cameron and Jean Jeffrey, and her brother, Frank Washbourne. Mabel joined the church at East Kew when a teenager. After her marriage to Clem Mott they moved to Surrey Hills, and associated with the Mont Albert church till it ceased. They then became actively involved with the Surrey Hills church. "That's my pleasure" was always Mabel's ready response to an expression of thanks. Thanks for a lift in her car, a pot of home-made jam, a cake, flowers, a book to read or a meal in her home. Everything Mabel did, and particularly her capacity for offering friendship, were freely shared in the happy expression of her love for her Lord. For many years she was Cradle Roll and Kindergarten Supt. and C.W.F. secretary. She had given leadership in J.C.E. and Good Companions when the opportunity offered. For over 20 years she taught Religious Instruction and was a well loved person to hundreds of children at the Surrey Hills Primary School. She was a long standing representative to Vic-Tas, C.W.F. and a member of the Vic-Tas, Overseas Committee. Many of our missionaries will greatly miss her. She was always ready to help and to provide them with transport. Her vital faith sustained her in the final weeks of her illness, in the knowledge "that the best is always yet to be" in Christ.—K. J. Clinton.

OAKES, Mrs. Wilhelmina Evelina

Mrs. Oakes, of Llanore, N.S.W., died on Nov. 12, aged 92. She joined the church at age 18 at Bungawalbyn and was baptised in the Richmond River by the late Thomas Dagley in 1892. She was very active in C.E. and S.S. work. Her three children, Perc, Harold and Lili, all followed her example in active Christian service. In 1922 the Oakes family moved into Llanore and began an era of service of inestimable value. Besides serving in positions of leadership and responsibility in the Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. Oakes was known for her wonderful hospitality. Her home was always open for services and prayer fellowships. It was a stop over point for ministers, missionaries and

other Christians. The writer was given hospitality there when a boy and again 25 years later when he returned as the new minister. All new ministers coming to Llanore were given a wonderful welcome at 191 Union St. on their way into the city. It would be impossible to estimate the number of rugs patiently made from crocheted squares and the number of garments which Mrs. Oakes made for missions and children's homes. The funeral services in the Llanore chapel and at the cemetery were conducted by the writer assisted by Roy Acland. The large attendance at the funeral was an indication of the esteem in which she was held.—H. C. Wheat.

SINCLAIR, Mrs. Lela

After a lifetime of illness, Mrs. Lela Sinclair of the church at Cheltenham, Vic., died. Lela and her family had been active in the church at Cheltenham and prior to that at South Yarra. From birth she always knew illness and later on in early married life developed a wasting disease that hampered her for the rest of her days. Extremely thin and fragile she maintained a bright and courageous spirit. Her mother, Mrs. Daisy Walters, although suffering herself, lived with her throughout the whole of her life and pre-deceased her by only a few weeks. The church paid tribute to Mrs. Sinclair's great spirit and her husband, Jack, for his amazing kindness and patience throughout their whole married life. We commend him and their children Len, Lynette and Peter to God's care.

SMITH, Mauda

Mrs. Mauda Smith died on Nov. 14. For 62 years she had been a faithful member of the church. A great tribute to her is seen in the close ties that bind her two children and their families to the church today. George has pioneered the social service work of our brotherhood in W.A. and for a period was minister at Subiaco where his mother was in membership. Elsie and her family are involved in church life in Bardonang, Wic.—their joy was to enjoy the company of Mrs. Smith for some weeks during her holiday in Victoria. Mauda Smith was gentle and friendly, yet always an encourager and of very strong character. Her loyalty to the church was constant, she was industrious about the work connected with the church. Her smile and friendly greetings always extended to all and her confident trust proved a witness always. Many from various churches and brotherhood departments attended a service conducted by Ken Dally and the writer and the note of victory was evident. This confident evidence of thanksgiving prevailed throughout the service at the crematorium where many others paid their tribute of love.—J. Maniffack.

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INTERIM ARRANGED (Ormond, L. Barker). Until Carl Clayden commences a ministry in Jan., 1974, an interim ministry has been arranged... 64 Ormond Elderly Citizens were entertained at tea and film. Laurie North helped with songs... Old time social night was held for Alf Knee in recognition of 25 years' service as church secretary. A presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Knee... Mr. Barker was preacher at Chelsea Mini-Mission.

FATHER & SON (Horsham, D. J. Marr). Father and son combined to lead service on Nov. 12 when J. G. Shaw of Nth. Turramurra was guest preacher. At night, Mr. Lang spoke on behalf of Gideons International. The group "The Motion" sang at church and Y.P. Coffee Club... C.W.F. groups combined to farewell Mrs. Marr... The church picnic was held at Natimuk golf course.

N.G. OUTBOARD (Morwell, D. Stewart). Intermediate S.S. class led by Sue Tracy has raised \$100 towards an outboard motor for New Guinea mission. Aim is \$500... Family day on Nov. 4 raised \$120... There was a baptismal service on Nov. 12... A Saturday evening ministration was led by Malcolm Gray with Allan Avery as guest speaker... 120 from all parts of Gippsland and Melbourne were at morning service and luncheon of church anniversary on Nov. 19. P.S.A. had guest artists. Mr. Avery was guest speaker.

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RE-ENGAGED (Kensington Pk., W. Bartlett). Mr. Bartlett has been re-engaged as part-time minister... We were saddened by the death of Vin Garaghty, a loved member and former officer. Our deepest sympathy is offered to his wife who has recently been a hospital patient... While Mr. Bartlett has been absent on presidential duties recent speakers have been K. Dawson, A. Norris and A. J. Ingham. Young people's service was led by David Skewes assisted by five of our young people.

ARARAT-STAWELL-ST. ARNAUD (R. L. Baxter). The item in "A.C.", Nov. 25, referred only to Ararat, and Mr. Hocking (Gideons) spoke also at Stawell. The three decisions were from the Stawell discipleship class and it was the Stawell C.W.F. which raised \$161 at a street stall... Rae McKenzie is Ararat Primary Dept. leader.

STUDENTS LEAVE (Nth. Essendon). Kevin and Sue Denton of the C.O.B. were farewelled and thanked for their contribution to church, B.S., and C.Y.F... Many members attended C.O.B. graduation service when Warren Jenkins received his diploma. He is to conclude his ministry

on Dec. 17... Over \$800 has been raised by the C.W.E.F. this year... Good Companions held a successful apron parade... The B.S. presented a pageant, "The Living Book"... Explorer camp at Healesville was led by J. Pemberton.

35% INCREASE (Woorinen, R. Pritchard). During the year there have been nine decisions, a 35% increase... Barrie Brown, of Echuca, was speaker at S.S. anniversary. Tea and prize-giving were features. Marilyn and Peter Voigt recorded 100% attendance... Six members attended Federal Conference... C.M.F. Pumpkin Project on Mr. Mott's farm was outstanding success... The church made a presentation to Miss Gillespie on her departure to Bendigo.

ELDERLY ENTERAINED (Chelsea, D. Oakes). The C.W.F. entertained elderly citizens at Christmas break-up afternoon... The Salvation Army Songster Brigade sang the cantata "No Greater Love" on Dec. 3... Laurie Barker conducted a "Mini-Mission" recently... Summer services commence at 7.30 p.m... A crèche is in operation for morning services.

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ESSENDON'S \$2,000 (C. S. Badcock). On Temple Day, Nov. 26, auxiliaries responded with the grand amount of \$2,104. Mrs. Gaye Miller was soloiste... David U'Ren (Broadmeadows Methodist Care Centre) was speaker at C.W.A.F. luncheon, 150 present. Proceeds were \$240. 1973 officers: Mrs. G. Hutton, Pres.; Mrs. M. Cheal, Sec.; Miss E. Moss, Treas... Senior Citizens' Christmas Party held Dec. 6... Recent speakers have been D. H. Smith and J. Scott (Essendon Town Clerk)... S.S. picnic was held at Mt. Macedon.

MORNING BAPTISM (West Preston, A. J. Storay). Graeme Bertram was baptized at a morning service... The Juniors entertained members and friends with singing, a typical church school session, afternoon tea and gifts... Young adults have been busy with car wash, yoga night, Kashmir night (with Mrs. Betty David as speaker) and a "Trash and Treasure" sale... October box opening for lepers resulted in \$79 being sent to the Leprosy Mission.

"THINK-IN" (Bayswater, Dr. K. R. Bowes). A number shared in "Think-In" programme and luncheon... Mr. and Mrs. Gedye and family were farewelled on moving to Oak Park... Mrs. Eunice Handyside is home from hospital where her knee-cap was removed following a car accident.

INTERIM CONCLUDES (Kaniva). The ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mathieson concluded on Dec. 10... Miss Hazel Skuce was interviewed on Nov. 26 and she showed slides of India... Those attending Fed. Conf. were interviewed and gave reports at several meetings... Men in district were invited to Men's Breakfast on Nov. 11. Fr. O. Farrell spoke and the offering was for "Freedom from Hunger"... A "One Day's Pay" offering was received for World Christian Action.

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C.Y.F. plan to support a child in Vietnam... Marie and Geoff. Harrison have visited here from New Guinea... C.W.F. sent 80 doz. eggs and nine cartons of home-made biscuits to Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh.

THREE ACCEPT (Manifold Hgts., A. E. Stevens). Three young people accepted Christ at special youth meeting... Ladies' Aid and Mission Band combined for "break-up" afternoon... A Floral Art and artificial Christmas tree display has been open at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Schmidt with proceeds for missionary and outreach work... C.W.F. paid final 1972 visit to Grace McKellar Hospital and gave gifts of shortbread to the patients... Kindergarten children brought gifts to their Christmas Tree for children on mission fields.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS (Blackburn, E. W. Roffey). Karen Humphries came home from Aoba, New Hebrides, at her own expense, during school vacation... G. R. Stirling was guest speaker at 68th church anniversary. A feature was church family lunch at Wattle Park... C.W.A.F. held a "Hobbies Display," and an Indian afternoon with Miss Hazel Skuce as speaker... Month of evening services had family emphasis. A feature was Open Forum with Dr. Oldmeadow, Psychiatrist with Mental Hygiene Dept. Family communion was led by the Drayton and Woodward families... The ladies are again baking Christmas cakes for migrant families... Y.A.F. held dawn communion service at Matlock... Ray Drayton was featured as the artist of the month by the Mitcham Art Assoc... A large box of groceries has been donated by C.W.E.F. for Social Service Dept.

FAREWELL TO NORSEMAN (Briar Hill, R. Baxter). The church farewelled Clare and Don Stephens on taking up work at Norseman mission... 103 attended family camp at Monbulk... The S.S. combined with church for worship and presentation of activities of S.S. departments... Good Companions raised \$50 towards furnishing a ward at Will H. Clay Hospital... S. H. Wilson, Conf. Sec., was a recent speaker... Minister, president and readers exchanged with Ormond, Dec. 3.

"DAY OF PENTECOST" (Oakleigh, T. V. Weir). The Churches of Christ Choral Society recently presented Val. Wolf's cantata "The Day of Pentecost"... Jan Huntey spoke to the prayer meeting on her New Guinea service... Kevin Arnett of the A.B.C., spoke to C.W.E.F. on "Unidentified Flying Objects—are they real or imaginary?"... Jeff Hook, "Sun" cartoonist, visited C.Y.F... Mrs. A. Hodges is new C.W.F. pres... \$566 has been received towards missionary project at Vila, New Hebrides.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"We'd love to hear about your nice church, but we've just had our carpet cleaned!"

Victoria . . .

GOD SQUAD (Dawson St., Ballarat, F. C. Hunting). There were decisions at Challenge to Youth led by John Smith and the bike "God Squad." . . . Don Prout was speaker at S.S. anniversary. Max Birch trained the youth choir . . . C.W.E.F. gave a welcome home to Sister Janet Hunting from New Guinea. The Fellowship raised \$225 at a Coffee Party and Good Companions gained \$50 from a Spella-thon . . . Good Companions gave a birthday afternoon to senior members . . . Three men took evening service for first time after training classes . . . Officers held seminar at Hepburn with Keith Horne. . . . Lylia Hocking is president of Combined Women's Auxiliaries and Edna Wilson is sec.

ENCOUNTER PROGRAMME (Briar Hill, R. Baxter). A stimulating "Encounter" programme was held in October when Dr. John Whitehead, Chaplain at Monash Univ., Fr. R. Maguire, Chaplain at Watsonia Camp, and A. E. White presented views on various aspects of Christianity. On Oct. 29, Terry Lane, of the A.B.C., challenged their viewpoints . . . World Conf. President, Dr. J. Daniel Joyce, was speaker on Oct. 8 . . . Explorers took part in Boys' Sunday service. A family kite flying afternoon followed . . . Senior Good Companions gained third place in outdoor sports . . . Mr. Baxter is making steady progress following his recent car accident.

MEN'S BREAKFAST (Burwood, I. Allsop). Neil Gilmore was speaker and John Tillbrook, Melbourne footballer, read the lesson at the men's breakfast . . . Church picnic and barbecue was held at National Park on Cup Day . . . Cricket club fields two senior and two junior sides . . . Mark Hastings (fastest time) and Ricky Mathews (handicap) won the Explorer Club annual cross country run . . . Church extends sympathy to the families of Mrs. Jackel and Lyle Clipstone, who died recently.

YOUTH QUAKES! (York St., Ballarat, B. McMurtrie). Two "Youth Quakes" were held with more than 300 attending each. Decisions were recorded. The Pilgrim Singing Group were welcome visitors . . . The building extensions and additions are proving a great benefit . . . The church is preparing for an 8-day "Encounter" with a visiting evangelist. . . . Cottage prayer meetings are being held. Visitation is being planned . . . Four have been welcomed by transfer and one by baptism . . . Mr. and Mrs. G. Harrison and family have been welcomed home from New Guinea . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. Veal are expected from India. . . . Ladies' Guild raised \$95 at special afternoon.

GOOD BLOOMS (Box Hill, G. A. Granger). A. Cotton gained three firsts and two seconds in floral competition . . . Ian Cartmell has been appointed to Stn. Melb. church as student minister . . . Sympathy is extended to the relatives of John Clark and Mrs. Mabel Mott in the loss of loved ones . . . 50 attended annual C.Y.F. camp at Cowes . . . C.W.F. Christmas break-up held at home of McCreddens, Fern-tee Gully . . . Sympathy expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold in the accidental death of their youngest son . . . Tribute was paid to the loyalty and 58 years of Christian service of the late Mrs. Helena Sharpe, mother of Dorothy McIntosh.

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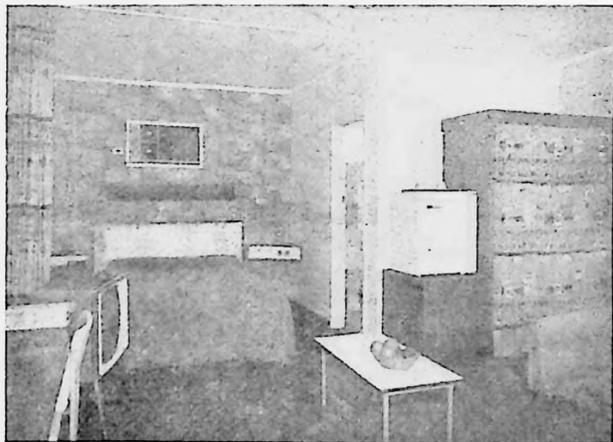
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OVERSEAS MISSIONS

FAMINE IN NEW GUINEA

The area in which Churches of Christ are working in New Guinea has not been affected by the severe famine which has caused suffering and hardship among people in the New Guinea Highlands. Our young churches in New Guinea are doing what they can to send relief to the famine stricken area.

Miss Aileen Draney writes: "I guess you have heard quite a bit recently about Papua New Guinea. Things are certainly far from happy in the New Guinea Highlands. The folk around Bunam came and asked John Bolton if they could send food to the highlands. Arrangements were made for them to send about 300 lbs. of food on the M.A.F. plane.

"The school children at Bunapas have decided that their school council money will be used to aid these people, but thought this was not enough, and offered to work around the mission station to help their offering. They worked for two hours this afternoon. They have also said they do not want a Christmas party and this money can go towards the appeal. Not all are in favour of these moves, but all except one boy worked this afternoon.

"The weather has been very hot and dry. We are nowhere nearly as bad off as the Highlands, but we are looking for rain."

Some of our brethren in Australia, out of concern for the famine areas in New Guinea have forwarded donations to the Overseas Mission Board. These are being forwarded to churches working in the area and we have been assured that gifts will be used to help where the need is the greatest. In addition to these gifts specifically given for famine relief in New Guinea, an amount will be sent from C.O.C.O.A.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Prayer is requested for Discipleship Classes being conducted in New Guinea. Four classes are in the Tumba area, two in the lower Keram, one at Mui, one at Chungribu, one at Bunapas and amongst Minung, Tammung and Asau villages. Mr. Bolton advises that 93 people are attending a discipleship class at Bunam.

Two people from the Bunapas church, Soma and Anna, are being sent to help Mr. Bolton in outreach work among people in the grass country which is an extensive area between the Keram and Sepik Rivers.

We give thanks to God for the church growth now taking place in our mission area in New Guinea.

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You have seen many pictures of them; the three men led by the star, riding their camels into Bethlehem, opening their gifts, and kneeling at the manger to offer them to the baby Jesus. It is said they were kings. A hymn calls them Three Kings of the Orient. Tradition gives them names, but the Bible does not name them, does not say they were kings, or even how many there were. It just calls them Wise Men from the East who came and saw the young child with his mother and worshipped him. After they were gone . . . What happened next? (Answer on page 16, unless you know)

A MEDICAL officer was certain he was getting evasive answers from the new recruit: Officer (testily): At least you can tell me the heaviest you've ever weighed. Recruit: About 150 pounds. Officer (snapping): And the lightest? Recruit (without blinking an eye): Six and a quarter pounds, sir.

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Of all the gifts that Christmas brings
The best are made of little things,
Melody of carols all the year,
Cheer to friends that you hold dear,
Courage in someone else to start
Some task for which he hasn't heart;
Thoughts for those having less than you,
Faith though the future's not in view,
Fun and laughter to go everywhere,
Kindness to show how much you care,
Strength to begin all over again
And love to seek the best in every man.

While other seasons come and go
And another year hurries past,
Let's give again the little things:
They are the gifts that last.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY XMAS SO DON'T READ THIS

We always have cancellations at the end of the year. Some folk have died, one or two have fallen out of love, others have reasons we do not know. What we do know is that we need all the friends we can get.

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FAMOUS LAST WORDS

"Let everything alive give praises to the Lord! YOU praise him!"

(The Psalms)

You are a success if you can think of yesterday without regret and tomorrow without fear.



There's no day we love like Christmas,
Hearts and homes are filled with cheer.
But our purses wouldn't take it
If it came twice every year.



Modern Theology: "And Jesus said unto them, Who do you say that I am?" And they replied, "You are the eschatological manifestation of the ground of our being; the Kerigma manifested in conflict and decision in the humanising process."



A pessimist is a person who builds dungeons in the air.

Learn from the mistakes of others—
It's cheaper, and you haven't time to make them all yourself.



The judge pounded his gavel for the court to come to order then turned to the woman in the witness box, "The witness will please state her age," he ordered, "after which she will be sworn in."



It's a shame that when success turns a person's head, it doesn't wring his neck a little.



Grandpa Hickey told Fred Stump: "I was so cold last night I couldn't sleep. I just lay there and shivered."

Fred Stump asked him: "Did your teeth chatter?"

Grandpa told him: "I dunno. We don't sleep together."

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