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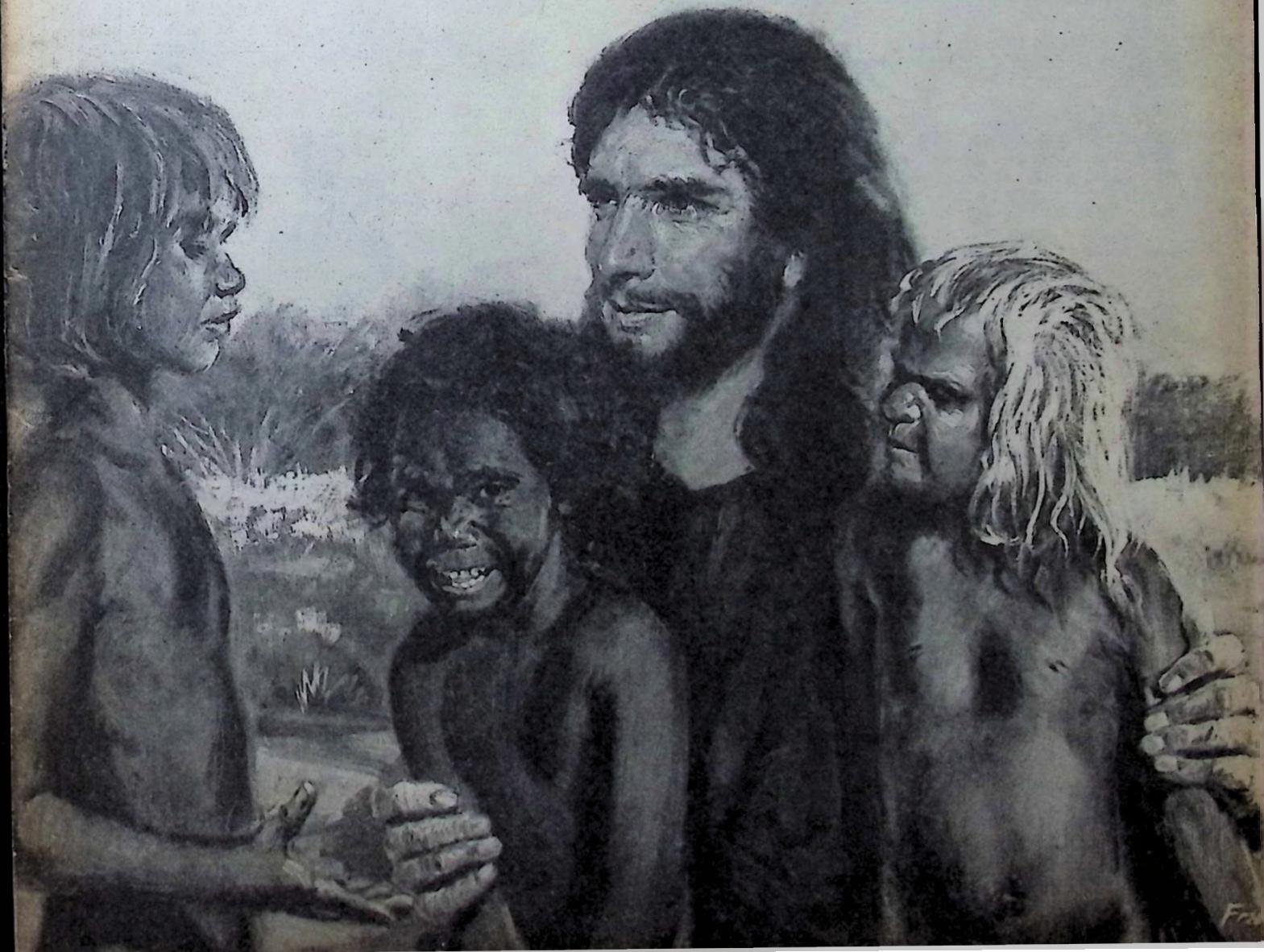
## ABORIGINES' MISSIONS

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# ABORIGINES' MISSIONS . . . .



HAPPY FACES AT CARNARVON MISSION, W.A.

**E**VEN though there are records as far back as the turn of the century of mission work amongst the Aboriginal people, it is generally conceded that the main work of Churches of Christ commenced at **Norseman** around thirty years ago with two ladies camping on the reserve and ministering to the needs of the people.

This soon developed into **Homes for Children** who were in a desperate condition. This move was followed by the commencement of a mission field at **Carnarvon** and here again the emphasis soon came to be on the children because of the great physical needs.

From these bases the work has developed over the years to Christian Centres in **Norseman** and **Carnarvon** and then to the establishing of churches in these towns. Another field opened up to the brotherhood in hostel work and "**Fairhaven**" **Girls' Training Hostel** was commenced at **Esperance, W.A.**, and this move has been the literal moral and physical salvation of many teenage Aboriginal girls. As this goes to print another move into hostels is taking place as we move into the **suburban area of Perth**. A further hostel catering for young working girls has been offered to us at **Kalgoorlie** for occupancy late in 1972, and here is another extension of the **Aborigines' Mission field**.

Over the years, work has been carried on at **Fitzroy** and **Northcote** and **Mooroopna** in Victoria with the help of Doug. Nicholls. The work in N.S.W. at **Balladoran** has been satisfactorily completed and it is a thrill to see the people now settled into the community and sharing in the life of the area. **Eidsvold** in Queensland proved to be another area of need and the brotherhood stepped into help the Aboriginal people in this area and here too the Lord has blessed.

One of the most outstanding movements has been the great development in the **Outreach to tribal and**

**illiterate people.** This was started by Bob Williams and Lance Fisher and there have been wonderful results. From the base at Carnarvon, the missionaries have reached out until this year we have established a base at **Onslow** to reach further into the north of Western Australia. Onslow is a wonderful story of how illiterate tribal people can respond to the gospel. Over ninety people have been baptized in the sea over the past twelve months and these people meet together each Lord's day to remember the suffering of their Saviour upon the cross and to witness to others of their friends and relatives who are not saved. An empty cafe suitable for use as a Christian Centre has been purchased and is being used by the people.

Missionaries from Carnarvon with others from other places have been to **Roebourne** and here too there has been a real movement of the Holy Spirit with around thirty or more conversions.

The field is ever widening under the hand of the Lord. There is opportunity to present the gospel as never before. Aboriginal men like Bob Williams, Sonny Graham, Peter Jamieson, Allan Bonney and many others are reaching their people effectively with the good news of salvation. Along with the spiritual must come the practical and already we are seeing the people getting busy doing things and regaining lost dignity.

The Lord is reaching Aboriginal children, teenagers, townfolk, and tribal people through our missionaries. The future is full of expectancy and potential as we make ourselves available as people under the guiding hand of God.

All in all the Aboriginal Missions' work is a pretty good investment for Christ.

Your offering on March 19 will show your support in the spread of the gospel.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogan, Superintendents at "Fairhaven," Esperance.



Norseman Mission children.



# NORTH-WEST OUTREACH

By LANCE FISHER

**M**UCH is said these days about outreach of many kinds, but it is as old as the time of our Lord. It simply means reaching out and it was Jesus who said, "Go ye." The brotherhood first reached out into the North-West of W.A. when representatives through F.A.M.B. were sent to Camarvon in 1945. From this start Children's Homes were established, the church came into being, then the reaching out to the town where the Chapel and Christian Centre were built. The Federal Aborigines' Mission Board then reached out to the north with visits by Bob Williams who was used of the Holy Spirit to relate Jesus Christ to his own illiterate tribal people.

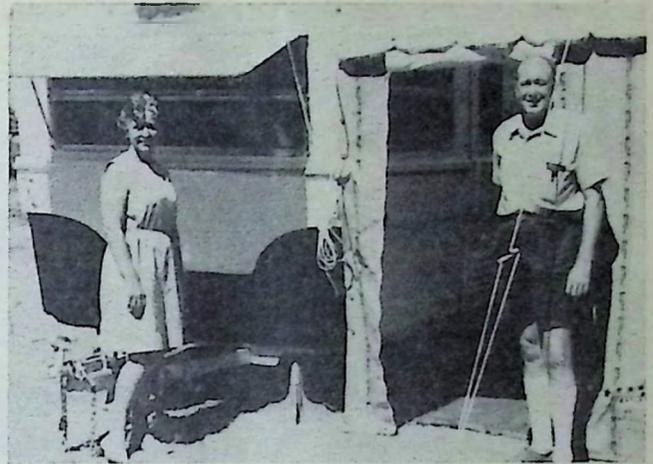
Over these years barriers were broken down and the receiving of Jesus Christ became evident in Onslow through the past year with 90 being baptised. This understanding and receiving has been passed on to Roebourne where again 20 have been immersed, now Breaking of Bread services are conducted on these reserves each Sunday. Now signs can be seen of the "Gospel sprawl" reaching Port Hedland as one Roebourne convert has commenced the telling in a strong group there.

This movement of the Holy Spirit follows the same direction as were the first trips eight years ago, Onslow, Roebourne, Hedland, Marble Bar, Jilgalong and Meekatharra. The passing of the message from one group to the next has reached Hedland and we pray and look for the continuance to these other places.

## EVERY MAN COMPLETE IN CHRIST

"**O**F course we don't do any social work like you Churches of Christ people. We only preach the gospel!" The statement was made to the writer by some very earnest and self-sacrificing missionaries on what one would have to call in all honesty, an extremely undeveloped mission area for Aborigines. The mission was eventually closed down, and the people who survived were shifted elsewhere. I assured them that our one aim also was to "preach the gospel." There is no other way (Acts 4: 13). It would be a sad day for our missions, if "social work" ever became a substitute for, or additional to "preaching the gospel!"

As I read the New Testament, there was one great aim in "preaching the gospel." It is not particularly for Aboriginal people, but for all men everywhere. Paul expresses it in Colossians 1: 27, 28. "Christ . . . whom we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." Note the emphasis on "every man." All the preaching, warning and teaching has a great end-purpose in view — perfection, in the sense of "maturity" as in most translations. It is Rotherham who renders it "Every man complete in Christ." This kind of completeness cannot be achieved by addressing our gospel to the "soul"



LANCE & ENID FISHER AT ONSLOW, W.A.

A great challenge is before the brotherhood to reach out and when such change of life and direction is evident, we must not stop at showing how to wear the "halo at the right angle" but be ready to minister and nurture in the practical ways of living. These people are of the land and some are ready to leave the depressing "ghettos" called reserves and "do" for themselves. The nomadic bush life is passed but they can live out and with assistance set up market gardens, poultry, pigs, etc. They need to be guided in the establishing of co-operatives as they are still confused in the use of money. Thank God they are not caught up with the worship of the "Almighty Dollar."

This reaching out can only be accomplished as committed Christians with the necessary qualifications answer the call to "give up" and reach out. Are you a business man, a farmer or practical "jack of all trades"? God can use you. Have you leaving standard education to accept a position with the Government as a Welfare Officer (male or female)? Can you stand behind at the Camarvon base as a cook, typist, house parents, Christian Centre managers? If you are committed to Jesus Christ as Lord of all and hear his "Go ye" there could be a place for you with your talents to be in the Outreach team, reaching out.

By DAVID G. HAMMER

and neglecting the body. In fact, I do not see that "soul-saving" in this narrow sense is a Bible concept at all. In both Old and New Testaments, "soul" usually refers to the person himself, his life, his whole being. Paul prays for the whole man to be kept in Christ — body, soul and spirit (1 Thess. 5: 23). This naturally follows on from his aim in preaching Christ, so that the whole man may be saved!

"But what should we, as Christians, be doing for the Australian Aboriginal people?" This is the question Christians are (or should be) asking. After many years of neglect and worse, it is only in comparatively recent years that Christians have become concerned. Are we doing the right thing, even now? What are the priorities? My own suggestions, stated as briefly as possible, are as follows:

### HELPING PEOPLE TO FIND NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

I make no apologies for placing this first. It is the essence of the gospel which has been committed to us. Christianity is not changing one culture for another, nor is it simply adopting a different ethical standard. It involves a personal encounter with a living Saviour which results in nothing less than new life. No one is really "complete" without this experience!

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CHRISTIAN GATHERING — CARNARVON RESERVE, W.A.

# CARNARVON

By KEN. DOVER

**A**LTHOUGH faced with an acute shortage of staff at the Carnarvon mission, the task of looking after the children has been very capably managed by a willing and co-operative staff. We have 108 children aged from 5 to 16, the majority showing an appreciative and co-operative attitude.

To supervise the eight homes are five married couples and three single staff members; the majority of the washing is done in the communal laundry, and all meals are provided in the main dining room. The care of an additional 18 or so children is one which necessitates great devotion to duty. Miss Jan Chiswell has spent many extra hours in coaching and encouraging the children in competitive sports, and has seen them win nearly all the trophies and cups offered. This has given these children the confidence so vitally necessary if they are to be integrated into society. We also have some very capable scholars at the mission, proving that they have the ability to compete.

The value of the work being done for Aborigine children at the mission is beyond doubt. Many of you do not have the opportunity to observe the conditions under which children are compelled to live at the reserves, nor the atmosphere and environment in which they move, but be assured the contrast is beyond description. The facilities provided by the Churches of Christ Aborigines Board are highly commended by all Government bodies, and we feel privileged to have our part in the

## EVERY MAN COMPLETE IN CHRIST (continued)

Some, though not all, of our Aboriginal people have found this aspect of completeness. They have not had to turn their backs on everything "Aboriginal", nor deny the heritage that has been theirs through the centuries. They would be less than complete if they did. But in this essential experience they have proved that one can be both Aboriginal and Christian just as much as some of us have discovered that we can be inheritors of a European form of civilisation and Christians. It isn't always easy for us either! Bob Williams and other thoughtful Aboriginal Christians have thought of their old "law" being a "school-master" leading them to Christ, much as the Mosaic law in the Old Testament led to Christ. In this sense, becoming a Christian isn't a rejection of what is good, but a coming towards the completeness that makes for perfection.

The best of humanitarian efforts (and there have been wonderful examples of self-sacrifice on the part of sincere helpers of Aborigines) without this "new life," often leads to disappointment, frustration, and heartache. The best machinery runs down and wears out. The best and noblest efforts at "uplift" peter out without this spark of renewal and power that the Bible calls "life." In words of one syllable, 1 John 5: 12 says "He who has the Son has life; he who has not the Son of God has not life." If we fall in this regard, no matter what else we do, we condemn people to something less than completeness, when they might have had, through us Christians, such gifts of God in Christ as love, joy, peace, forgiveness — the kind of life that has the quality of eternity.

scheme of things. Imagine children taken from conditions of inadequate shelter, food and clothing and placed in our homes to be cared for and loved, moving on in this atmosphere to take Christ as their Saviour. It is all worthwhile, and is being blessed of the Lord. The fact of your continued practical and prayerful support convinces us that you share similar sentiments.

## CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Owing to the shortage of staff Mr. and Mrs. Field have had to be withdrawn from this work, to supervise the Senior Boys Section at the Mission; they however will be returning in answer to the many requests from the Native Welfare Dept., and Police Dept., etc., as soon as expected staff replacement is available. They also do a very necessary work amongst the older Aboriginal folk.

## HOSTEL

There is accommodation for ten boarders to meet the need of a protective environment to those working in Carnarvon.

## OUTREACH

To support the highly successful work of Mr. and Mrs. Lance Fisher at Onslow, Roebourne, and Port Hedland, a team generally headed by Bob Williams and available mission staff are sent at frequent intervals to encourage the new converts to stand firm for the Lord Jesus Christ.

## HELPING PEOPLE TO FIND OR RETAIN THEIR SELF-RESPECT

That is, as Christians, we must give Aboriginal people the respect that we owe them. This is not an "extra" to the gospel. Jesus Christ emphasised the infinite value of the individual personality. To cheat, lie, or call a man a fool is a sin against God as well as man. His strongest words were against those who led the little ones astray, who destroyed or damaged that personality which reflects the "Image of God" within them.

One of the amazing things in Aborigines Missions is to find that there are still some who have maintained their dignity, in spite of poverty, disease, poor housing and food, unemployment, and cast-off clothing from the white man. For 200 years the white man has been trying to reduce the Aboriginal to nothing, and make him something less than a person. We Christians have to bear some of the blame for this, for we have been so slow in recognising that this is part of our gospel. A survey of emerging nations within recent years has indicated that these so-called "underprivileged people" rate freedom and dignity before food and employment. When we have substituted "social work" for real Christianity, we have given people food and clothing with one hand, and taken away dignity with the other. Christianity is not paternalism, but brotherhood.

The question of land rights for Aborigines is part of this loss of dignity and self-respect. There really isn't any question

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# THE GOLDFIELDS— NORSEMAN ESPERANCE KALGOORLIE

By G. BUTLER

**WE** believe the Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines' Mission Board has a very worthwhile work in the goldfields of W.A.

**Norseman Mission** has 106 children ranging from 10 months old to 16 years of age. We have six homes, five with married couples and one under the care of a single staff member. We try as much as possible to keep these as family units and two of these families are eating in the home. In each home we have assorted ages so as to give the older children responsibilities with little children. The children from the other homes eat in a main dining room. We try to involve the children in town activities as much as possible, playing football, basketball, etc. Church services, Sunday School and C.E. activities are combined with the town folk. 1971 has been a very happy year with a grand fellowship being maintained as a staff. It has been a thrill to see many of our young folk come to know the Lord. We have a fine band of men, although rather light in number, who have kept the mission in good appearance.

**Norseman Christian Centre.** Throughout the year we lost the services of Mr. and Mrs. A. Pallett who have been sadly missed. Mr. and Mrs. Schmitt arrived but were only able to stay two weeks. Mrs. Schmitt took sick and they have been unable to return. Because of this we have put Mr. and Mrs. Dorsman into the Centre and this has worked out well. To add to this we have a new Hostel next to the Centre with eight boys living in. Sonny Graham has continued as pastor of our church and has done a wonderful work. Peter Jamieson is now helping him out, making a fine combination. There have been many decisions of late, with baptisms following. Because of the declining employment in the gold mining business, Norseman town has



"FAIRHAVEN" GIRL AT WORK.

become very small, but there are still many people who are in need of the gospel.

**"Fairhaven," Esperance.** The good work started many years ago at Esperance has continued. "Fairhaven" is a lovely place. There are 27 girls there, from many different places. Employment has continued and is readily available in the local hospital, motel, dry-cleaners, Native Welfare Office and in many of the homes of Esperance. Some couples are happily married and still living in Esperance following their training at "Fairhaven." "Fairhaven" serves as the Church of Christ in Esperance. It supplies the spiritual teaching to the many girls who go through "Fairhaven" and meets the needs of many visitors who go to Esperance. Mr. and Mrs. R. Rogan are in charge of this work.

**Kalgoorlie.** We are soon to take over a Hostel for Working Girls built by the Native Welfare Department. This will be for 12 to 16 girls. We are very interested in this as there are many openings for domestic work in this area. This year we will have plenty of girls leaving school who need such a home as this. Continue in your prayer for these places throughout the goldfields, especially the young people involved and of course the staff are in need of your prayer support. Graham Butler is Field Director for the goldfields area and he with his wife and family are stationed at Norseman.

## EVERY MAN COMPLETE IN CHRIST (continued)

in it! When you have seen a well-dressed, well-educated (thoroughly integrated?) Aboriginal get out of the car, just as you are closing a gate, and, sitting on the red sandy ground, say "This is my country!" perhaps you begin to dimly discern that the land belongs to the Aborigines, and the Aborigines belong to the land! To separate the one from the other is to tear up the very roots of dignity and self-respect. A way must be found to help these people to completeness in Christ, if not for their own sakes, then for our own as Christians, lest we forfeit the right TO THE NAME! But what can I do? Most of us don't own any land either! There *must* be some way we can help! There is, and that is . . .

## GIVING THEM OUR LOVE

It is so easy to say this, and it can mean so little. But it means more than respect. It is the kind of love that is described in 1 Cor. 15, "Never rude, never selfish, never irritated, never resentful." (Well—hardly ever!). It means nothing less than giving ourselves without reserve to people. I am using the Aborigines as an illustration here, for we owe this to every man. We must do it because we are Christians. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples," said Jesus (John 13: 35).

But what if this offered love is misunderstood, spurned, reviled, rejected? One leaves himself in such a vulnerable position! It is easy to be imposed upon! All missionaries have to meet this problem but if we are afraid of this perhaps we had

better not start trying to be Christians at all! I am thinking of a black man, a Christian — Martin Luther King. He was no troublemaker or he would not have earned the name of "apostle of reconciliation." He believed in love and sharing. He modelled his life on that of Jesus Christ and Mahatma Gandhi. It is now three years since he was assassinated. His hero, Gandhi, was assassinated before him. His Saviour, Jesus Christ, was crucified. Perhaps Martin Luther King had taken the wrong line, in this matter of love?

It is only as Christians that we come to know that it was on the cross that the real work of reconciliation was performed. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself." (2 Cor. 5: 19). It is only when we as Christians "take up our cross" that we will find that the combination of His cross and ours is necessary for God's work in today's world. It is only in giving ourselves that we can meet our responsibility to the Aborigines, and to all men.

**MARCH 19th  
ABORIGINES' MISSIONS  
OFFERING**

# THE CAPTIVATING CAPE

**R**OGER HUGHES driving his Willies Jeep, Lyle Morris of Eidsvold, and Doug. Willis of Queensland, left Charters Towers on one of the most challenging gospel adventures undertaken in the North and Outback. Doug. Willis reports:

For some time we had felt a burden for the scattered communities of Cape York Peninsula. Now, after months of preparation we were ready to say goodbye to our families who would not see us for at least a month. The Peninsula is one of the remotest areas in Australia. Cape York is over 600 miles north of Cairns by road—almost as far from Brisbane to Mackay. We were to cover over 3,000 miles before completing our survey. In all we visited twelve communities (Aboriginal Missions) and seven Aboriginal reserves. Total Aboriginal population on the Peninsula is 5,000.

Four denominations are represented on the Peninsula and only two of these north of Laura. Four of the fourteen missions are administered by the Government. Five come under Bamaga administration, making a total of six managerial communities. Some towns such as Coon and Weipa boast no church building and no resident minister. Each community has one minister and church building of the denomination which originally established the mission. The Government administration regards these ministers as having the spiritual oversight of the people on their respective communities. At this stage permission would not be granted to another religious body wishing to erect a building, or place a minister on the community. This would not exclude someone employed by the Aboriginal and Island Affairs Department or the Education Department working on the community, from conducting services in their home.

Permission can also be obtained to visit and conduct meetings in the homes or some suitable place, of members, white or black, living on the community. The spiritual work being done varies, but in the main it appears to be largely ineffective, e.g., one Sunday evening the church bell rang and we made our way to the service. The minister went religiously through his denominational form of service without faulting and the congregation responded in the appropriate place. The congregation consisted of one white person—a labourer working for the church on a new building—and that's all. It would almost be true to describe most of these communities as denominational prisons. It was staggering to discover after 50-70 years of church missionary administration very few if any had a copy of the Bible in their homes. The only Bibles we could find on one community were in the church house.

These and other facts discovered and observed at close range compel us to present this report to our Christian brethren with the prayer that God will raise up workers and support for these challenging fields. How can we reach these people with the simple and glorious gospel message of salvation? We present the following for your prayerful consideration:

**1. An itinerant ministry.** A worker with a four-wheel drive vehicle travelling throughout the Peninsula could have many effective opportunities for preaching in towns, on reserves and visiting on communities. However, it needs to be realised that many places are cut off by the wet season for five or six months of the year. North of Coon there is only a P.M.G. track and even with a four-wheel drive we spent several hours winching out of bogs, up incredible approaches to river and creek crossings, around six foot deep washouts, through swamps and other unbelievable hazards. This country is really only successfully negotiated by 'plane. There are airstrips at all communities, towns and station properties.

**2. Witness for Christ and his teachings as an employee of either the A. and I.A. Department or the Education Department.** As a teacher you would have many opportunities. The A. and I.A. Department is often seeking liaison officers, mechanics, farm supervisors, managers, health officers, nursing sisters and office workers. When applying for a position with the A. and I.A. Dept., you are required to state your religious intentions. Some

religious devotees have been guilty of using Departmental time and privileges to further their religious beliefs. This does not apply to school teachers who are solely responsible to the Education Department.

**3. Settled ministry** in local town with outreach to Aboriginal reserves. Five key centres with splendid opportunities present a real challenge.

**Mt. Isa.** There is a large Aboriginal population in Mt. Isa. Apart from an open-air meeting virtually nothing is being done for the spiritual needs of these people. The new church in Mt. Isa is growing and would welcome a preacher or Christian worker. Some support can be given. Employment could be obtained if full support is not available.

**Cairns.** A similar situation exists in Cairns with the church, plus the advantage of contacting Aboriginals from all over the Peninsula, at the Cairns Hostel. Further to this a large Aboriginal community with real spiritual needs is accessible by road, approximately 35 miles from Cairns. Valuable contacts have been established in these centres and an open door awaits those who are burdened to serve the Lord in this field.

**Coon, Cooktown and Chillagoo.** A new work would have to be established in these towns. Opportunities exist to teach people in the towns and on the reserves. Most of the Aboriginal men however, are employed on station properties and don't get in very often. Employment to support a worker would be difficult to obtain in these places.

There are many more details about these and other places not mentioned that we can give to those who care to write for specific information. We praise God for the opportunity of seeing and witnessing to these isolated places. We also express our thanks to the youth group from Sydney who virtually covered the cost of the trip.

## THE MISSIONARIES

WHO THEY ARE . . .

. . . WHERE THEY SERVE

### CARNARVON

Mr. and Mrs. Ken. Dover  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Barlow  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Bonney  
Mr. and Mrs. D. Fatchen  
Mr. and Mrs. I. Foot  
Miss N. Fraser  
Miss O. Laird  
Miss E. Lincoln  
Mr. and Mrs. V. Hoskin  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Harrison  
Mr. and Mrs. Anastaskis

### NORSEMAN

Mr. and Mrs. G. Butler  
Mr. and Mrs. L. Beach  
Mr. and Mrs. S. Graham  
Mr. and Mrs. G. Polmear  
Miss M. Higgins  
Miss M. Holt  
Miss H. Hoskin  
Miss M. Rule  
H. G. Olney  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Dorsman  
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jamieson

### ESPERANCE

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Rogan  
Mrs. Lynch  
Miss Thornton

### NORTH-WEST OUTREACH

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Fisher  
Bob Williams

### EIDSVOLD

Mr. and Mrs. L. Morris

### NEW APPOINTMENT

Miss V. Lawler

# 34th FEDERAL CONFERENCE— PERTH, OCTOBER 10-15, 1972

**ARE you coming to Perth with the hundreds who have already registered? We hope that you are planning to do so. This will be the fourth Federal Conference held in Perth and even those who were here in 1960 will notice a tremendous growth in this State. Plans are being laid to make this as successful a Federal Conference as has ever been held. The guest speaker is Dr. Daniel Joyce, President of our World Convention. Incidentally, this will be our only Federal Conference before the next great world gathering in Mexico City in 1974.**

To date we have received a total of 463 registrations from the Eastern States (S.A. 174; Vic. 138; N.S.W. 110, Qld. 30; Tas. 7; A.C.T. 4). Of this total 149 have forwarded final registration forms with the \$7.50 registration fee. Some have already booked and paid for the Post-Conference tours besides many bookings for the local tours.

If you are still doubtful as to whom you should contact please see one of the following State travel agents:

Mr. I. J. Chivell, 104 Grote St., Adelaide, 5000

Mr. K. D. Bates, G.P.O. Box 4309, Melbourne, 3000

Mr. J. V. Ellerby, 23a Dural St., Hornsby, 2077

Mr. N. Watson, 24 MacIntosh St., Auchenflower, 4066

If you need a registration form he will provide you with one but it is essential that you make early application because of the difficulties of rail travel to and from Western Australia.

Early registration also enables us to make firm reservations for accommodation and although we have set the closing date in June, obviously the earlier you are the better for all concerned.

It will be a grand time of inspiration and fellowship as we consider together the business of the Master's kingdom. Be in it! Let's beat the 1960 record of 600 visitors from the Eastern States! If you have any queries do not hesitate to write.—A. D. Pyne, Arrangements Secretary.

## MEMORIAL PRIZE ESSAY

The Order of St. Luke the Physician (Australasia) is once again offering a first prize of approximately \$120 for the "John Hope" Memorial Prize Essay. The subject for 1972 is "Christian healing through the centuries. Its relevance and application for to-day." Closing date 31-1-73.

The competition is open to candidates for the Christian ministry, including Deaconesses and Church Army officers in training, and to those who completed their training not more than three years prior to the date of entry for the competition.

Further information may be obtained from Principals or senior students of theological colleges in Australia or from the Hon. General Secretary of the Order of St. Luke, Box 49, P.O. Gerringong, N.S.W., 2534.

## BIBLE PRODUCTION UP

The value of scriptures sold by the United Bible Societies in continental Europe rose from \$A300,000 in 1970 to \$A525,000 last year.

Production of scripture portions and selections more than tripled from 1970 to 1971, and N.T. figures show an increase of nearly 80%, largely due to the first release of the popular "Good News" French translation.

218,000 New Testaments were printed in Europe in 1970, and 388,798 were printed last year. It is expected that half a million New Testaments will be printed this year, increasing to three-quarters of a million next year.

In the final quarter of 1971 alone approximately 10,000 Bibles apiece were printed in Czech, Romanian, Hungarian, and French, as well as 5,000 Estonian Bibles and an additional 11,475 Romanian New Testaments.

## WORD TALK No. 46

David possesses the fullest biography in the Bible with 62 chapters and 860 references given to him. His story is well-known, the events of his life retold, his sins continually castigated and his example upheld.

From his anointing by Samuel (1 Sam. 15, 16) as a boy he assumed the role of a charismatic hero. He was the last of the gifted leaders who rose to power. From his time the kingship became hereditary. David's abilities were widespread. His ability on the lyre (not a harp as commonly supposed) introduced him to the Royal Court. His ability with the sling won him popular favour. (Sling-shots did not use pebbles but stones three inches wide, the size and force of an 18th Century cannonball!). Because of his popularity he was outlawed by Saul although a favourite with Saul's children, one of whom he married and the other being his best friend. As a fugitive he provided private protection to frontier farmers (1 Sam. 25) all the time consolidating his position as a contender for the throne with forces, followers and provisions. His adroit action leap-frogged him over the four other pretenders. Once enthroned he shrewdly captured the 2,000-year-old Jebusite city of Jerusalem. On neutral territory he now had his own city, his centre and capital of Israel and Judah. He made it both the political and religious centre of his kingdom. Jerusalem has always remained "The City of David." While he started as a vassal of the Philistines he soon turned the tables and conquered them. By military victory and trade treaty his kingdom became the largest in the Middle East between the Nile and the Euphrates. He consolidated his kingdom by developing a government and by federal control based upon Egypt's. His abilities as a musician, military tactician, poet, diplomat, politician, became legendary as did his friendships,

courage, loyalty, faith and magnanimity. His sins were notorious—adultery, murder, deceit, faithlessness, vengeance and disobedience to God (which cost 70,000 people their lives).

Yet so great was his life and so deep his repentance that the title Son of David became reserved for the Messiah, who was to be born in Bethlehem, which was also known as David's City.

### FOR TODAY:

David typifies the eternal struggle for and against God in man's nature. He is the prime example of the war between the spiritual and the carnal. David could have written Paul's confession of inner conflict in Romans 7. Augustine who apologised for mentioning David's sin against Uriah in his commentary on Psalm 51 said, "God does not hush up what he wills to be made known." Augustine's own life with its sin and great faith is another example of the struggle seen in David. David further gives us cause for thought in that this man who conquered kingdoms could not control his own children. Absalom, Amnon, Adonijah (to choose only sons whose names commence with "A") were among those who revolted against him. Further, at the height of his popularity we read (2 Sam. 6: 16) that his wife despised him in her heart. His public manners did not extend to the bedroom. Yet essentially David was a man of God. He tried and failed, he loved and lost, he stumbled and rose again, one of the truly magnificent men of history. With every success tasted by man he was still rejected during his life by king, country and family. Today he is admired by nations and generations—and every ninth Australian boy is named after him! — GORDON MOYES.

## DAVID

## APPRAISAL

# THE CHRISTIAN VOICE

by THE EDITOR

**C**HRIStIANS are supposed to be not of the world, but they are certainly *in* it, and cannot act as though they are merely spectators or victims. They may not be able to determine what happens but they have a responsibility to seek the good of all men and to speak out loud and clear for Christ when they have the opportunity.

Christians are people, too. They live in the cities, work in factories, have executive positions, collect dividends on their investments and also line up for unemployment benefits. The divisions of society also reach in to the pews and it is conceivable that those who confront the Lord as brothers at the communion table on Sunday, may confront each other as rivals at the strike negotiation table on Monday.

We are so interdependent that an upheaval in one section of society is almost certain to harm the whole. Strikes and bans prove that every area is vulnerable, for every group of workers is indispensable. Builders, transport workers, postmen, miners, garbage collectors, power employees, bank tellers—all seem to have their turn at telling the rest how strong they are and how quickly the big cities come to a halt if they stop work.

In a big dispute, everyone suffers. When looking for someone to blame for our troubles, the obvious person to pick on is the man who is on strike. Sometimes he may be the villain. The strike issue may be trivial, the strike leaders may be more concerned with hurting industry and governments than in winning an advantage for the men. But sometimes the villain is the employer. Employers may be unreasonable, and governments may refuse to yield, even when justice demands that they do. Employers are often afraid that they would set a precedent if they yielded in any situation, others would take advantage of an apparent weakness.

The answer when it is found, may well be in human and spiritual values rather than primarily concerned with hours, conditions and profits. It will therefore be a Christian answer. When, in

directors' meetings and managerial discussions, in local and national union meetings, Christians will be prepared to speak out for the whole of society and not only for their own advantage, then employers and workers may see each other as brothers rather than as enemies.

This note of Christian concern was sounded in our Federal Parliament last week, when Mr. Len. Reid, Liberal member for Holt, Vic., in whose electorate there are big industries and strong unions, spoke for Christian solutions. "In emergency situations such as the power strike, there seems to be an unbridgable gap between the employers and employees. Suddenly, without knowing what it is all about, people find themselves out of work. There seems to be no compromise on either side, no tapering off as one would expect of big industries and big unions. Big business and big unions have great power . . .

"Power is dangerous when vested in the hands of a few, particularly when innocent people are suddenly affected. People must realise that this power is granted to them by God and it is to be used in the best interests of the people. These thoughts are the fundamental principles of Christianity which must be demonstrated and practised more in our daily lives, particularly in big business and big unions, if people are not going to be hurt. I have often wondered why big businesses are not better organised; why they suddenly have to dismiss hundreds of people, as they have done recently in my electorate. This was before the power strike. Surely they should be better able to judge their potential more accurately. It is obvious that they must know that the product from their industry is outstripping demand and subsequent action should be taken more progressively. But no! They like to saturate the market then call a sudden halt with the result that hundreds of workers are affected. Surely the employer must realise that he is dealing with human beings who have responsibilities to maintain their families and that he is not dealing just with motor cars and other material things. I emphasise that human beings are not playthings."

Christians are often too ready to express their concern for others on Sunday mornings and at church conferences, but are silent at the places where decisions are made. If human solutions are to be found, the Christian voice must be heard.

## "JOHN HOPE" MEMORIAL PRIZE

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## CHRISTIANS OF ALL CHURCHES ARE INVITED TO THE 21ST BELGRAVE HEIGHTS EASTER CONVENTION MARCH 31-APRIL 3, 1972

### GUEST SPEAKERS:

Mr. Michael Griffiths, M.A., General Director of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship.  
Rev. David Hewatson, Th.L., General Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, N.S.W.  
Rev. Peter Dyneka, Founder and Gen. Director of the Slavic Gospel Association.  
Mr. Graeme Smith, L.Th., Organising Secretary of Campaigners for Christ (Vic.).

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## President-Elect:

# ERIC PATTERSON



**T**HE Vic.-Tas. Conference Executive and Nominations Committee announce that Eric Frank Patterson, an elder of the church at Burwood, has been appointed President-elect of Conference for 1972-73.

Born at Ascot Vale, he is the second son of the late Harold and Jessie Patterson, and enjoyed childhood days in manses at Ascot Vale, Gardiner and Balwyn. On completion of his secondary education at Melbourne Boys' High School he joined the staff of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria prior to rendering four years' service with the R.A.A.F. in World War II as a flying instructor and Sunderland flying boat pilot. Incidentally, Eric Patterson's present means of transport in Melbourne's dense traffic is a motor-scooter!

After his discharge from the Air Force, he married "the girl he left behind," Lois Smith of Balwyn in 1947 and completed a commerce degree at Melbourne University in 1949. He then returned to work

with the State Electricity Commission of Victoria and is now Senior Consultant with the Management Services Department.

E. F. Patterson moved from Balwyn to Blackburn in 1949 and then transfers in employment resulted in moves to Horsham in 1955, back to Melbourne (Mt. Waverley) in 1960, Castlemaine in 1964, Ballarat in 1965 and Melbourne (again Mt. Waverley) in 1969. Meanwhile the family grew and now consists of — Graham (now married and an electrical engineer); Meryl (now Mrs. Close and a Ballarat school-teacher); Lyndell (a student teacher); Ross and Janice (still at school).

When Eric Patterson becomes Conference President next year it will be only the second occasion when a son has succeeded

his father in this presidential office. In 1958, V. L. Gole succeeded his father, Leonard Gole, who was Conference President in 1929. Eric Patterson's father was President in 1938.

Eric Patterson has been an Explorer Boys' Club leader at Balwyn, Blackburn, Horsham, Burwood, Castlemaine and Ballarat (Dawson St.) and a member of the Explorer Executive for two years. He has been involved in the Sunday School in each of these churches as teacher or superintendent. He served as church treasurer at Burwood and Ballarat, Secretary-Treasurer at Castlemaine and was a member of the Officers' Board in each location. He was an elder at Horsham and is currently an elder at Burwood.

The incoming President-elect was a member of the Board of the Federal College of the Bible for two years and is presently Secretary of the Vic.-Tas. Advisory Dept.

He thoroughly enjoys sport, still plays competitive cricket and likes a game of golf.

The whole brotherhood will join in wishing Eric Patterson every blessing in the honoured and responsible office to which he will succeed.

## MOVED FROM TERRACE

(NORLANE, Vic., W. J. Edwards). C.W.F. and church members attended afternoon and evening farewells to Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Holmes, at Latrobe Tce. . . . Leader training sessions are under way in preparation for Discipline and Discovery weekend . . . Mrs. Barbara Edwards is leading S.S. Primary Dept., and Malcolm Humphries is leading the Kindergarten Dept. . . . Mr. and Mrs. B. Gaunson, now reside in Lara, and have been attending services.

## INTERSTATE VISITORS

(CAVESIDE - MOLE CREEK, Tas.). Church has been helped recently by messages from Rev. Trevor Byard, Methodist church, Ashburton, Vic., Lloyd Cooke, of Hobart, and Alvin Higgs, Baptist, Ulverstone . . . Other visitors have been N. Gavros of Adelaide, and Mr. and Mrs. Northrop, of Yarrowonga, Vic.

## SATURDAY PRAYER

(BORDERTOWN, S.A., R. Combridge). 7 a.m. Saturday prayer meetings are preparing for a mission with R. Berston . . . N. Gavros was a recent preacher . . . Mrs. Dillon, S.A. C.W.F. president, visited here and the S.E. District Women's Conf. picnic was held at Naracoorte . . . Mrs. Milne Snr., Gwen Lawson, Jean Milne and Beth Tymmons are back in fellowship after illness . . . Sally Kirkham has returned after 12 months in the U.S.A. and Robyn Milne is spending 12 months in Japan as a Rotary exchange student.

## C.W.F. CLEAN-UP

(BALAKLAYA, S.A.), J. Dow). The C.W.F. had a "clean-up" for its opening meeting and Mrs. D. Cottle led devotions with an appropriate message on "cleaning up our lives." . . . On Promotion Sunday, Mr. Dow gave a charge to S.S. teachers and church members . . . Some of our young people attended the Northern Dis. camp at Longwood where Mr. Dow was one of the leaders . . . Mrs. Dow is pres., and Mrs. Bertram is sec. of the Dorcas Society which is sewing a complete outfit for an Aboriginal girl.

## S.A. & Tas.

### "MEET THE DEAN"

(MARGARET ST., Launceston, Tas., M. Dean Hamilton). 40 members of the C.W.E.F. held first meeting for 1972 at the home of Elwyn Green, president. The theme was "Meet the Dean" (the new minister) and his wife, Noreen Gibson is secretary . . . Mrs. G. J. Foot and Mrs. J. H. Harrison are respectively president and secretary of the C.W.A.F. . . . A service of dedication for church school staff was led by Mr. Hamilton on Feb. 6 . . . Mrs. Burn, mother of two preachers, is now residing at Sunny Brae Guest Home. After years of hospitality to ministers, missionaries and students, she is now being ministered unto . . . Peter Nelson on vacation from College of the Bible shared with Dean Hamilton a discussion on college life and experiences . . . Peter and Heather Pitts and family have been farewelled on leaving for Woolwich Bible College.

### RIVERLAND CHURCHES

(S.A.). Cyril and Jay Flood were farewelled on Jan. 30 after a year's interim ministry. Keith Fechner was inducted by D. R. Smith on Feb. 6. Alan Chapple welcomed Keith and Kath Fechner and family to the Riverland Union . . . Lance Fisher of the Aborigines Mission was speaker on Feb. 11 . . . 43 children, aged 8 to 12 years, held camp with seven leaders at Barmera before school resumed.

### MISSIONARY VISIT

(ENFIELD HGTS., S.A., R. C. Sack). Sister Jean Delaney, New Hebrides, addressed school and church on Feb. 20, and R. Baggs, S.A. Secretary for W.E.C., preached at night . . . At baptism of Jane Sommerton, her brother, Mark, made his decision . . . A. Harris has been elected as elder . . . C.W.F. held first meeting for year at manse. Ill-health forced C.W.F. President, Mrs. R. Townsend, to resign. Mrs. R. Bunyon has accepted the position.

### INDIAN VISITOR

(GROTE ST., Adel., S.A., H. M. Long). Rev. Sumitra James, Indian national and protege of the late Miss Elsie Caldicott, took part in a Sunday Question and Answer segment with Bruce Coventry. Lance and Enid Fisher spoke to after-church service of their work amongst our Aborigines in the far North-West of W.A. . . . At the home of N. Adams, Helen Goedecke was farewelled on leaving for further teaching experience in Victoria . . . Trevor and Judy Ellis and their two children, Craig and Hadyn, were farewelled. Trevor has been appointed Deputy Headmaster at Kadina Primary School. He is greatly missed as a church officer and B.S. Supt. Brian Cranney has been appointed Supt. in his place . . . B.S. commenced year with a tea, followed by annual prize-giving . . . Minister has been elected chairman of J.E.W. Council in S.A. . . . Prospect Cricket Club held its annual church parade at Grote St.

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### LAW AND ORDER

To the Editor,

*The wife and I visit her aunt as often as I can't find an excuse to get out of it. We were there last week and Auntie was going on about people breaking the law by demonstrating, handing out leaflets, burning draft cards, and sitting down in buildings. I ventured, "But Auntie, these people believe that the laws they are breaking are bad laws!"*

*"There are no bad laws!" was Auntie's last word, as she noisily filled the electric kettle to stifle any further heresy on my part.*

*Over afternoon tea we talked pleasantries and kept the peace. Auntie's cream cakes have a way of dulling my naturally argumentative spirit.*

*As we said the usual thank you's and began to leave, Auntie produced a cardboard collecting box. Having eaten her cream cakes we can never avoid being "bitten" for her latest good cause.*

*"What's it for this time, Auntie?"*

*"It's for smuggling Bibles behind the Iron Curtain," she announced, grabbing my two dollar bill before I changed my mind.*

*"But, Auntie," I protested, "Isn't that breaking the law just as the draft resisters and demonstrators do?"*

*"No, that's different," she said. And when Auntie says "that's different" she means, "I've run out of argument and don't want to hear any more about it!"*

*Hoping you are the same,*

TERTIUS

## OPEN FORUM

### WRONG NUMBER?

To the Editor,

We should never "belittle" the church, "A.C.," 5-2-72, but there is surely room for us to look at ourselves and see that we are conducting ourselves as "the Bride of Christ" and not leaving ourselves open for "belittling" by those both inside and outside the Church.

The suggested hymn for leading our thoughts to the celebration of the Lord's Supper this morning was 291. "At even ere the sun was set," taken from the section headed "Evening Worship." It is easy to see the connection of this hymn with the reading in Mark about the healing of the paralytic, but a much more difficult matter to equate worthy and worthwhile morning worship—with the sun making its power felt—while singing "once more tis eventide" or beseeching God to "hear, in this solemn evening hour."

Daylight saving we may have, but no stretch of imagination can turn the full glory of morning into the solemnity of evening.

Did those responsible for the suggested hymns offer this suggestion with tongue in cheek, feeling that the general thought was in keeping and the actual words wouldn't be noticed, or didn't matter? Or is there some subtle meaning, that I have missed, that makes morning and evening one, and

so brings me to a better understanding of Christ's sacrifice on Calvary?

All too often we sing without giving a thought to the words expressed, and this is an area of our worship that merits our continued watchfulness, that we, the Church, do not say with our mouths, the things we do not mean in our hearts.

—(Mrs.) Pauline Crosby (S.A.).

### DOWN WITH CONVENTIONS

To the Editor,

Church conventions draw only a small percentage of members, and attendance is declining. As most people apparently consider them irrelevant, we should seriously question the time, thought, and money being spent on them.

The aims of a church convention are to bring from different areas those who share the same faith, to enjoy a holiday experience with one's own brotherhood, to provide inspiration and challenge and opportunity for growth, and to participate in serious study and learning.

The first aim assumes that participants have a sound knowledge of the thinking and attitudes of their own communities (and this is questionable), and it also promotes denominational separateness.

The second aim with its emphasis on tours and recreational activities is a blatant mis-use of the church's planning time,

advertising expenditure, and personal resources.

The third aim, while being successfully met, appears hypocritical in that the major factor determining who can be spiritually benefited is that of personal wealth. Conventions may be held outside a person's state, or even his country, yet lasting and spiritually challenging brotherhood comes only from continuing interaction and local friendships.

The fourth and final aim ignores that most participants and leaders are Christians in general and members of one denomination in particular. Those who attend are presented with a limited field of information which tends to restrict their outlook. The increase in knowledge gained in no way justifies the expense and time involved in bringing leaders and participants together. It would be less costly and more worthwhile to circulate a few well-informed leaders throughout the congregations.

Conferences should be supported and encouraged only where there is a definite problem and there are available experts who can clarify the situation. Large-scale conventions can neither fulfil all aims nor justify this use of limited resources.

—Michael C. Woods (A.C.T.).

### QUIET TIME

To the Editor,

In agreeing with Clarice V. Chislett in her letter, "A.C.," 5-2-72, we ask where has the zeal gone to win another soul to the Lord, and all the other burdensome questions which she has asked?

These questions worry both my husband and myself and so that makes three "oddbods."

One thing we never hear anything about these days is "the quiet time" spent in Bible reading and prayer which every true Christian must have daily to acquire the zeal and strength to gain a soul for the Lord.

There is a lot of theology taught but very little about the Holy Spirit.

—Vi and Keith Manson (Vic.).

### DR. LLOYD JONES

To the Editor,

For the farewell service of Dr. Lloyd Jones, at Swanston St., Melb., three-quarters of the church building was taken by Asian young people and an Asian choir sang. One could not but be greatly impressed by the work that is being done amongst these young people who have found friendship and most of all, Christ, in that place. We have heard much said of what should be done for these visitors and strangers to our country but the Swanston St. church has gone on doing it.

I have considered Lloyd Jones one of the best preachers in our country, not only of our brotherhood but of all preachers in Australia. The "Sun" newspaper on Monday mornings printed write-ups of the sermons week after week preached by Dr. Lloyd Jones, and as often as not his photo was included.

Mr. Jones did this and always with emphasis of the victory to be achieved through Christ. I am sure that Victoria is the poorer for having lost Dr. Lloyd Jones to N.S.W.—Wilkie Thomson (Vic.).

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Tues. 21st, 7.45 p.m.: K. Turner. Interview —K. Turtmann. Items.  
Wed. 22nd, 7.45 p.m.—Miss Davies. Interview—Mrs. Brown. Items.  
Thurs. 23rd, 7.45 p.m.: A. A. Avery. Film. Interview and Items.  
Frid. 24th, 7.45 p.m.: A. E. White. Film. Interview—Footballer. Items.  
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MAR. 12: "How Free am I?"  
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## MINISTRY CHANGES

### S.A.

G. A. Setzman, from Semaphore-Queenstown to Henley Beach; T. F. Lawrie, from Victor Harbour to Mildura, Vic.; J. A. Luff, from Forestville to Victor Harbour; M. Munyard, from College of the Bible to Forestville; K. Fechner, from College of the Bible to the River Union; P. R. Whitmore, from Nailsworth to Semaphore-Queenstown; P. De Wildt, from College of the Bible to Nailsworth; R. V. Holmes, from Unley to Col. Light Gdns.; M. D. Williams, from Hampstead Gdns. to Kadina; L. P. Austin, from W.A. to Hampstead Gdns.; C. G. Flood, from Berri to associate ministry at Windsor Gdns.-Tea Tree Gully; M. J. Drake, from Dareton, N.S.W. to Dulwich; B. H. White, from Telopea, N.S.W. to Hawthorn; C. L. Smith (interim) from Hawthorn to Unley; E. Paddick from Lenswood to Aldgate Valley.

Barry Pryor has relinquished his ministry at Albert Park to enter Social Service work, and B. Duff will move from Mt. Gambier to Portland, Vic., in May.

### W.A.

(W.A.). L. P. Austin has moved from Applecross to Hampstead Gardens, S.A., and has been succeeded by W. R. T. Whitton, formerly minister at Fairfield, N.S.W., but working as a nurse in W.A. for some years. W. Thornton from Bridgetown/Manjimup to Mid-Southern Suburbs of Perth, based on East Victoria Park. A. W. Ladbrook, who has been serving part-time at East Victoria Park, to a similar ministry at Midland. P. Letheby, from N.S.W. College, commenced at Geraldton on March 3. R. Taylor from Naremben to Kalgoorlie; A. J. Anderson from Morowa to Nollamara; D. G. Nelson from Nollamara to South Perth. M. Hodgson has concluded at Midland and taken up work as a consultant in a personal development services firm; J. K. Bond, formerly at South Perth, has undertaken evangelistic mission work in N.S.W. until July, when he commences full time at Midland.

### NEW CENTRE

(NUBEENA - HIGHCROFT, Tas., W. Flett). On Dec. 12, Sid Greatbatch led the final service in the "old" church and on Dec. 19, Len. Mundy led our worship in the new Christian Centre. We were proud to have our oldest members (in their 80's) taking part. Mr. Greatbatch has promised an outline of the history of the Peninsula churches when the Centre is officially opened on the June long week-end. Highcroft and Nubeena churches combined for the inaugural service. Ron. Kallmier was guest speaker at S.S. anniv. S.S. has 60 pupils. In two sections, the Boys' Brigade has 30 boys . . . The C.W.F. held a shower evening for the new Centre; an after-church sing-song and supper proved successful . . . The church has been in training for L.I.F.E. programme with Bill Taylor, of Devonport. Missionary, Alan King, from Venezuela, showed slides on the 20th.

### MURWILLUMBAH INDUCTION

(N.S.W.). Mr. and Mrs. D. Eagling and family were welcomed at an induction service on Feb. 5. D. G. Hammer, of Kenmore College, was guest speaker . . . There have been two recent decisions . . . B.S. picnic was postponed due to extensive flooding . . . Two of our young ladies were farewelled prior to leaving for University.

### TWO STUDENTS

(NTH. ESSENDON, Vic.). G. R. Stirling conducted both services on Feb. 20 when two student ministers, Warren Jenkins and Kevin Denton, and their wives, were welcomed into fellowship and service. An after-church fellowship was held on Feb. 6 to farewell the Hillier family, and another on Feb. 20 at the manse . . . Offering for Christmas Bowl Appeal was \$133.

### GIRLS' GIFT

(BAIWYN, Vic., W. W. Saunders). Girls' Gym. made a gift of \$200 to church funds. Mrs. June St. Aubyn is honorary instructor . . . Teachers' Dedication Service was included in morning service on Feb. 20 . . . A. R. Haskell was guest speaker on 13th . . . After-church fellowship and coffee hour featured interesting slides of Richard Hogg's trip to Singapore.

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### FAREWELL TO HOLLARDS

(GLENELG, S.A., E. P. C. Hollard). A farewell is being extended to our minister and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Hollard, as an extension of the evening service on March 19 prior to their departure in that week to Tulsa, Oklahoma, U.S.A. Representatives of conference and local government will be present.

### SADNESS AT FREMANTLE

(W.A., H. R. Fitch). Marjorie, wife of church elder, Walter Robertson, died suddenly on Feb. 14 as the result of a stroke. A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hunt, she was very active in all phases of church work at local and State levels and served as President of the Women's Auxiliary Conference. Representatives of many churches were at the funeral service conducted by Mr. Fitch . . . On Feb. 20 a B.S. teachers' dedication service was held.

### AUSTCARE'S NEW DIRECTOR

(N.S.W.). Rev. Warren Arkell, rector of All Saint's Church, Belmont, Newcastle, for the last seven years, has been appointed State Director for Austcare in N.S.W.

He will direct the fundraising and educational activities of Austcare throughout his State. This year's Austcare Refugee Relief Appeal will be held May 21-28.

### ABORIGINES' RALLY

(MAYLANDS, S.A., N. S. Moore). A brotherhood Aborigines' Dept. Rally was held here on Feb. 17 with Lance Fisher speaking particularly about work being done in North-West Australia . . . During January, our church combined with the Methodists for evening services . . . Morning services were broadcast on Jan. 9 and Feb. 20 . . . Graham Forbes was guest speaker on "Remedial Teaching" at first C.W.F. meeting . . . Peter Moore gained a scholarship for 1st year matriculation.

### EYRE PENINSULA CAMP

(S.A.). When women of the Eyre Peninsula churches met at Redcliffes for camp, their studies were based on chapters from Keith Miller's book, "A Taste of New Wine." Mrs. Lorraine Webber from Ceduna, was guest speaker on "The Role of Christian Women in the Community." Much literature was purchased from the Christian bookstall. The challenging film, "Visitors Only" was screened. The climax was a communion service, a time of testimony, and a missionary audio-visual.

### MISSION AND MANSE

(IPSWICH, Qld., E. Stevens). Church combined with Rosewood for week of special meetings with State Evangelist Gerald Parriott, March 19-24 . . . The property next to Leichhardt church has been purchased for a manse . . . Church extends sympathy to relatives of the late Miss Annie Margaret Hinrichsen, of Wynnum, and Len. Green, of Bundamba.

### MR. PITTMAN HONOURED

(HAMPTON, Vic., J. E. Paver). A large number gathered to honour R. T. Pittman on his 90th birthday . . . On Feb. 5, church members went to Montrose for the afternoon and then shared with Montrose church for the evening service . . . At annual meeting R. Stacey was added to church board, L. Caudwell and L. Chapman did not stand for office.

## THINGS TO COME

### MARCH: VICTORIA-TASMANIA

- 3-5 D.C.E. Youth Walkabout.
- 4 Dist. Conference, Castlemaine.
- 4 S.W. Dist. Conf., York St., Ballarat.
- 10-13 Adventure Camp (Junior & Senior Boys).
- 14 C.W.F. March Effort, Lower Melb. Town Hall, 8 p.m.
- 17 Good Companions' Swimming Sports (Richmond).
- 17-19 C.W.F. Country Camp, Hall's Gap.
- 18 C.E. Annual Meeting & Inter Y.P. Rally.
- 19 ANNUAL OFFERING — ABORIGINES' MISSION DEPT.
- 21 D.C.E.-C.W.F. Christian Educ. Com. Regional Meeting.
- 25 Junior Good Companions' Field Day.
- 30-April 3 D.C.E. Easter Camps.
- Tasmanian Easter Youth Camp.

### MARCH: WEST AUSTRALIA

- 21 C.W.F. Day of Intercession—half-hourly watches to be kept.
- 31-April 3 Youth Camps, 15-17 years, at Waterman, 18 years and over at Morowa.

### APRIL:

- 4-9 75th Annual State Conference, Christian Centre. Guest preacher: I. J. Chivell, S.A.
- 6 Women's Day of Conference.

# WHITE PAPERS

## ON LIFE AND FAITH

**CONVENE TO CONFER** In the churches we make some kind of a distinction between conferences and conventions, which the words themselves hardly support. We think of a conference as a more formal, decision-making gathering of delegates whereas a convention places the emphasis upon study and fellowship. Decisions are made at both, of course, but with our form of local church control, the decisions have validity only when the local church endorses the decisions and makes a commitment for support.

A writer in Open Forum has a partly good word for conferences when there is a definite problem to be clarified and acted upon, but is against conventions. Conferences and conventions both have their weaknesses but they are still the best way of expressing our belonging to something far bigger than the local church congregation, and they are still a good way of asking where we are going, and of checking up on where we have been.

The local church, if it is only local, is hardly the church at all, and it is not enough to have departmental leaders dropping in to promote their good causes. Not all of the church members or young people can get to a conference or convention, but most of those who do are able to testify to the good they have received. In youth conventions, for example, young people come together from every State, think and worship together as well as have fun together. We shudder to think how far apart we could grow in our churches, if there were not these periodic opportunities for sharing.

Without agreeing with Mr. Wood's conclusion we do endorse his warning against the danger of promoting denomination separateness, the potential mis-use of churches' time and money, the need to ensure that those who attend are truly representative, and that there is serious study with a willingness to look for truth wherever it may be found. See you in Perth or Canberra!

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### MEETING THE LUFFS

(VICTOR HARBOUR, S.A., J. Luff). Mr. and Mrs. J. Luff and family are settling in at Victor Harbour. Afternoon and evening sessions were arranged in different members' homes to enable Mr. and Mrs. Luff to meet everyone associated with the church . . . Harvest Festival was well attended, helped by special items by the choir . . . Miss Jean Delaney, missionary from New Hebrides, spoke at C.W.F. . . . Men's Fellowship attended the Congregational church to join in their combined men's tea.

### MOVED AWAY

(DALBY, Qld., R. Holt). Several of our young people have been transferred out of the town, our loss is other churches' gain. . . . The C.Y.F. group looked over the local telephone exchange . . . One of our past ministers, G. Gibson, spoke recently . . . The J.C.E. and I.C.E. took an evening service. Some graduated from J.C.E. to I.C.E. A film was also screened . . . B. Cox is the new S.S. Supt. and some classes have been amalgamated after the loss of some teachers . . . The tennis court is to be reconstructed.

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## Happenings

Dr. Allan Lee, General Secretary of the World Convention of Churches of Christ, is recovering from his serious illness and surgery, and is expected to be back in his New York office by March 13.

There is so much church rebellion against the State in Spain that there is a special prison for Roman Catholic clergy convicted of political crimes.

Colin Winter, Anglican Bishop of Damaraland, has been expelled from South Africa. He had been appealing for equal opportunity and justice for blacks in the country.

The world Jewish population is estimated at 13,951,000. The largest Jewish communities are U.S.A. 5.87 million and Russia 2.62 million. Israel, the Jewish homeland, is third with 2.56 million.



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# W.A. & N.S.W.

## KINGSFORD MINISTRY

(N.S.W.). H. T. L. Davies and family commenced their ministry at Kingsford on Feb. 4. Mr. Davies comes from Austral, N.S.W., and has also served at Doonside and Auburn, and at Boonah, Qld. . . . The C.W.F. recommenced for the year. Officers are: President, Mrs. N. Larcombe; secretary, Miss N. Thistlethwaite.

## CHANGE AT SOUTH PERTH

(W.A.). On Jan. 30, J. K. Bond preached his final sermon to the church and all available accommodation was taxed. At a farewell meeting tributes were paid to Mr. and Mrs. Bond for their work and faithfulness. Four days later Mr. and Mrs. Des. Nelson were welcomed into the church with brotherhood and district representatives participating. This is the 25th year of the work at South Perth and the new minister and elders are planning commemorative occasions.

## CHURCH NOW AUTONOMOUS

(W.A., H. E. Jones). The Armadale-Kelmscott work, which has been guided by South Perth for over three years, became autonomous in Dec. At the inaugural communion service, South Perth men shared in leadership, and Frank Raymond was speaker. At the afternoon formal handing over of responsibility to the new congregation, speakers included K. J. Parry, Conf. Pres.; K. J. Patterson, H.M. Organizer; A. Pyne, Conf. Sec.; W. Samuel, Sth. Perth; and N. Gilbert, Armadale-Kelmscott. The church will seek Conference affiliation this year. Church officers are F. Hackwell, A. Logan and A. Morrow, elders; J. Gardner, N. Gilbert and M. Shoosmith, deacons; and Mrs. A. Logan and Mrs. A. Morrow, deaconesses. The church commenced with a membership of 110 and a rapidly expanding district in which to work.

## ORANGE IS FIVE

(N.S.W., R. N. Hawkins). The State Conf. Sec., R. Hewitt, was guest speaker at our 5th church anniversary which included a "sausage sizzle." . . . The Underground Evangelism film, "To Russia with Love" was screened . . . E. Gabbert spoke on Feb. 27. He also discussed the possibility of a future mission with the church. . . . Through January we had a series of sermons, studies and discussions on prayer.

## NEW MINISTER AT TAREE

(N.S.W., W. D. Howard). Mr. Howard commenced his ministry early in March. The church has appreciated the work and ministry of Roy Greenhalgh over six weeks. There have been three recent decisions . . . Chas. Cole, Social Service Director, and Mrs. Cole visited the church on the week-

## WOMEN OF THE WEST

At the first auxiliary meeting for 1972, the roll call was answered by 52 ladies representing 19 C.W.F.'s Mrs. L. W. Lader presided. Mrs. Don. Butler presented the morning meditation which was prepared by Mrs. Sonny Graham. The soloiste was Mrs. D. Hughes; Mrs. J. L. Pallot led the prayer of intercession.

Visitors during the holiday season, especially for the annual picnic at the Zoo, were children and missionaries from Carnarvon and Norseman.

end of Feb. 13 . . . Former minister, R. B. Whan and Mrs. Whan returned as missionaries to New Guinea on Feb. 23. In an extended furlough they had an interim ministry with the Taree church for twelve months. Mr. and Mrs. Whan were farewelled by the members of the church and as a measure of deep appreciation they were presented with a wallet of notes. The Women's Fellowship also presented Mrs. Whan with other suitable gifts.

## ALBANY ADDITIONS

(W.A., E. B. Clapp). After Ida Handerside was baptized on Jan. 2, she was welcomed into fellowship with her parents, brothers and sister. Two other families from Mt. Barker have also been welcomed into membership . . . Over 100 attended some of the meetings of the Evangelistic Crusade. Excellent films were shown. The thankoffering was \$454 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Clapp move to North Perth in 1973. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ewers-Verge, now at the College of the Bible, will serve here.

## ENGLISH VISITOR

(HAMILTON, N.S.W., W. D. Howard). The special guest speaker on Sunday, Feb. 6 was Walter Lister, a past President of Churches of Christ in England. He is visiting his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. Camps . . . Members were shocked to learn of the sudden death of an ex-member and deacon of the church, R. Audesley . . . Work is progressing satisfactorily at the brotherhood's Newcastle camp site at Swansea. The first of the buildings will be in readiness for the forthcoming Easter Camp . . . Two of our young people were baptized on Feb. 13.

## FOCUS ON MIGRANTS

(HORNSBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). On Jan. 23, R. Dixon, minister of Enmore, spoke on the proposed work amongst migrants . . . Over 60 young people attended a camp at Lake Munmorah under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Oldfield . . . Recent speakers at Hornsby were J. V. Ellerby and V. S. Dallinger . . . A young lady was baptized on Feb. 6 and on 20th a young lady and a young man were baptised . . . The C.W.F. held a barbecue at the Galston Picnic Ground . . . The Brigades held their first church parade on Feb. 20. 122 shared in this service.

## Prayer and Praise:

- o For Miss Hazel Skuce as she returns to Aust. for furlough.
- o Miss Dianna Catts as she visits W.A. to tell of the work being done in New Guinea and of the development of those who become Christian.
- o For children and missionaries on Aboriginal Mission stations as they begin a new year of living, working and studying.
- o For children at school, that they may grow mentally, physically and spiritually.

## DR. JONES AT HURSTVILLE

(N.S.W.). Our new minister, Dr. Lloyd Jones and his family, received a public welcome on Feb. 4. At the induction service on Feb. 6, F. J. Stephenson delivered the charge to the minister and the congregation and Dr. Jones replied . . . One of our newly-married couples, Anne and Bill Erskine, have left us to look after 12 boys at a Baptist Boys' Home in Dalby, Qld. Both will be greatly missed as Bill has been leader of our youth group.

## 50 YEARS AGO

**Gold in the School.** "The Sunday School is the gold mine of the church. The pastor and the church have put into its development 10% of the church's income, 10% of the time of the pastor and membership, and it has yielded 90% of new members, workers and new home contacts. The dividends have a long record of steady payment. Good church business strategy would suggest that the pastor and the church properly provide this enormously productive department with equipment, leadership, hard thinking, and broad planning."—Frank L. Brown.

**Here and There . . .** "Last week's 'Christian' influenced me (a) to offer my services as an instructor in State school religious education; (b) to give £5 to the church treasurer for relief of starving children in Europe." . . . The 16th year of the College of the Bible opened in the College hall. Present were Miss Mary Thompson and Miss E. Caldicott, missionaries from India. Addresses were given by the Principal, A. R. Main, the Chairman of the Board of Management, Robert Lyall; W. C. Craigie, Hon. Wm. Morrow, J. Silvester, I. A. Paternoster, J. E. Allen, T. Bagley, G. J. Andrews, and T. H. Scambler. Mr. Scambler was welcomed as a new member of the faculty. 58 students, including 10 ladies, were enrolled.

**Girl's Heroism.** At Cottesloe, a boy, Arthur Manning, got into difficulties. An elderly man, Charles Cooper, went to his rescue but was swept out to sea. Muriel Jeffrey, 17, buckled on a life-line and swam out, her father working the reel. She brought Manning to land unconscious, and swam out again to Cooper, who unfortunately, failed to respond to treatment. Miss Jeffrey and her family are valued helpers in the Cottesloe church.

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## TRAGEDY AT RED CLIFFS

(Vic., J. F. Sara). The sympathy of the church is extended to the Dixon family whose son, Ron., was burnt to death when their home was destroyed by fire. A fund has been opened to help them. The church also offers sympathy to Mrs. Edwards and family in the loss of husband and father . . . The B.S. year began with a picnic at Karadoc on Feb. 5, classes on Feb. 6; also "All-Age Class."

## SUPPORT FOR TRANSLATORS

(STH. GIPPSLAND, Vic.). The church is helping to give financial support to a couple with Wycliffe Bible Translators . . . Don. Stewart of Traralgon spoke on work of Lifeline . . . A slide night was held with a Presbyterian missionary from New Hebrides . . . Speakers have been K. J. Clinton, A. Baker (Reservoir), Roslyn Williams (New Guinea), and M. Arnot (Sale). A. E. Stevens (Manifold Hgts.) conducted a Bible Study night . . . Tony and Lynette Eden have been welcomed into fellowship.

## LOSS TO KANIVA

(Vic., G. M. Mathieson). The church mourns the loss of E. G. Thompson who died in Jan. He was a great encourager of Christian work and shared with all in serving his Lord. Mr. Mathieson conducted the funeral . . . The annual meeting on Feb. 20 followed a church basket luncheon. Membership is now 105. Last year ten young people were received into the church and six were lost by death or transfer.

## ASSOCIATE MINISTERS

(NTH. FITZROY, VIC., J. Searle). Induction of associate ministers, Mr. and Mrs. G. Nelson, was conducted by D. Smith, Director, H.M. & Evangelism, and they commenced their ministry on Feb. 13. . . . A presentation was made to D. Sonsee as he concluded student ministry of 12 months . . . Two new members elected to Church Board, W. Davies and Peter Foster, filled vacancies through the retirement of K. Willis and L. Culliver who have served for a number of years. We regret losing their services.

## BACK FROM NEW GUINEA

(CAULFIELD, Vic., K. Berston). Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lees are back after two-and-a-half years at Ukarumpa, New Guinea, where they served with Wycliffe Bible Translators, Nell as an accountant, and Gordon in charge of a large store . . . The Kinder Hall interior has been painted and modernised, also a new carpet installed. . . . The minister has commenced a Y.P. club; new members include some of I.S.C.F. group from Caulfield High School. . . . C.W.A.F. provided tea and programme at Christian Guest Home . . . Proceeds from a night entitled "Around the World," during which Judy Lunn and Irene Bruhn showed slides of their travels, were for C.W.F. "Golden Bag" . . . 33 young people attended a camp at Monbulk, Feb. 18-20 . . . When Y.P. took service on Feb. 20, Trevor Lillie of W.A., was speaker, and the "Soul Seekers" of Footscray, were guest artists.

## • VIC.-TAS. DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICE

## Retirement of Secretary

## Appointment of Successor



F. M. COMBRIDGE



W. T. ATKIN

(MELB.). The Social Service Department has announced that the Secretary of the Department, W. T. Atkin, A.F.I.A., has tendered his resignation to take effect from Oct. 31, 1972. At that time Mr. Atkin will have served as an executive officer for nearly 28 years, first as associate with Will H. Clay, then for over 21 years as Secretary. As an addendum to the Social Service report it was stated: "We place on record the sincere appreciation of the whole brotherhood for sterling work done by 'W.T.A.' and for accomplishments achieved during his leadership. He has been most loyal and devoted to the call of his Master in service to many people in their time of need, particularly in the development and management of our Homes."

The Committee unanimously appointed F. M. Combridge to the office of secretary as from the time of Mr. Atkin's retirement. Mr. Combridge has been Assistant Secretary for 15 years.

Mr. Atkin will continue to assist the Department as an accountant.

## FAREWELL AT SURREY HILLS

(Vic.). Ralph V. Amos, who has served the church for six years, conducted closing services on Feb. 13. At 8.30 p.m., various folk shared in a time of fellowship, including the Conf. Pres., J. B. Alabaster. He and others spoke in appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Amos' ministry and presentations were made. Mr. Amos is to serve at Latrobe Tce., Geelong.

## BAPTISMS

(WARBURTON, Vic., C. W. Jackel). Three were baptized in the Yarra River where 50 persons were impressed by the sacred service. Four others have been received into membership . . . The young people are organising a C.E. Society. They attended a sacred concert at Collingwood Church of Christ . . . Mr. Jackel has been invited to lead the fellowship for three years . . . An "all-age" camp was held at "The Ferns," Healesville.

## MINISTER WITH MIGRANTS

(BURWOOD, Vic., I. Allsop). Mr. Allsop has been aboard the migrant ship "Northern Star" as chaplain. In his absence, four of our members, E. Patterson, E. Keating, J. Sutton and Dr. G. Whiting, and A. Matheson, European Australian Migrant Fellowship, have been speakers. . . . Mrs. Ian Allsop and Mrs. Rowan Burrell have suffered bereavements in the loss of their respective fathers . . . Gavin Didsbury has returned from a successful trip to the Philippines. He recently committed his life to Jesus Christ . . . The ladies are collecting tins of food for unemployed migrants and Social Service Dept.

## LAND PURCHASED

(MT. EVELYN, Vic., D. Kernick). The building committee has purchased land for future manse . . . Alan and Anne King, of W.E.C., took services on Feb. 13 . . . S.S. picnic was held at Mornington.

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**GRAY (Thompson)**—To Jill and Malcolm, at Gippsland Hospital, Traralgon, Vic., a daughter—**Kathrine Jane**—born February 23, 1972.

**STOW (Skilbeck)**—Elaine, Des. and Andrew happily announce the safe arrival of **Joanne Joy** on January 10, 1972.

**WELDEN (Barnett)**—To Jeff and Margaret, a daughter—**Kerri Lorraine**—born at Sandringham, Vic., on February 29. A sister for Leanne.

### ENGAGEMENT

**BURNHAM-BIRD**—Mr. and Mrs. F. Burnham and Mr. and Mrs. L. Bird, Ballarat, Vic., happily announce the engagement of **Cherry and John**.

### WEDDING

**HOLLAND-WEBB**—The marriage of Margaret Anne, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Webb, Asquith, N.S.W., to Terrance John Holland, Wee Waa, N.S.W., was solemnised at the Church of Christ, Asquith, on January 29, 1972, by Mr. R. Greenhalgh, North Haven, N.S.W. The couple honeymooned at Lord Howe Island and will make their home in Darwin, N.T.

### IN MEMORIAM

**HARVEY** — Treasured memories of my dear husband, Charles Victor, called home March 4, 1963; loving husband of Rose, and dear father of Raymond and Gladys (Mrs. Stoneham). Resting where no shadows fall. "Sweet peace."

**SMITH, Lindsay Richard Garner**—In memory of my dearly loved husband, called home Feb. 24, 1971. Loved father of Lindsay and Ruth, June Vogel, Norman and Dorothy, and loving grandfather of Jillian, Richard and Martin; Doona, Jonathan, David and Andrew; Peter, Linda, Graeme and Jennifer. "Parted only till He come."

**TRICKEY, William Thomas** — Treasured memories of a wonderful husband and father, called to higher service March 3, 1966. "In my Father's house are many mansions."—Dorothy, Lynden, Lois and Noel.

**TRICKEY**—Cherished memories of our dear son, Will, called home March 3, 1966. "We shall meet on that beautiful shore."—From his loving Mum and Dad.

**WINCH, Maisie Jean**—Treasured memories of our dearly loved mother, mother-in-law and grandma, called home March 7, 1970. "Deep in our hearts you will always stay, Loved and remembered every day."—Val, John and family.

### DEATHS

**HALL, Doreen Lucy**—On February 1, loving wife of Dr. Geoff. Hall, gynaecologist, 1174 Hay St., West Perth, W.A. "And may the Lord watch between Doreen and me whilst we are absent one from the other."

**PHILLIPS**—On February 24, at Bendigo Hospital, Vic., May, dearly loved wife of the late William Henry Phillips, loving mother of James (Jim), Pearce, Phyllis (Mrs. A. Waterson, Cohuna) and Iris (Mrs. R. Lacy); loved grandmother of 17 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren; in her 85th year. "Resting in God's beautiful garden."

**ROBARTSON, Marjorie**—On Feb. 14 at Perth (suddenly), loved wife of Walter, mother of Joy (Mrs. D. M. Hughes), Laurel (Mrs. B. Thomas) and Clive; fond mother-in-law to Dennis, Brian and Cheryl; grandmother to Wendy, Deanne, John, Clive, Glenn, Mark and Cathryn. "Still in active service for her Lord."

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Ballantyne to Nth. Williamstown, Vic.  
Mr. and Mrs. Handersyde, Len., Ian, and Ida; Mr. and Mrs. Ferber; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Yorke, from Mt. Barker, S.A. to Albany, W.A.  
Mr. and Mrs. Radcliffe, Miss Rhonda Radcliffe, from York St., Ballarat, to Gardiner, Vic.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. Purdie, from Croydon to Hampstead Gdns., S.A.  
Mrs. Eleanor Fergus, from West Preston to Maryborough, Vic.

## MEMBERSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Owen, from Blackburn to Surrey Hills, Vic.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. Lawrie, from Victor Harbour, S.A. to Mildura, Vic.

## MARRIAGES

Leonie Riches to Trevor Shaw, Hampstead Gdns., S.A.  
Denice Hunt to Peter McNeal, Albany, W.A.  
Diane Basinski to Garth Nelson, College of the Bible, Vic.  
Phillipa Box to Robert Murray, Hamilton, N.S.W.  
Nancy Mepham to David Malcolm, Inverell, N.S.W.  
Jeanette Brown to Haydn Hiddle, Nth. Williamstown, Vic.  
Roberta Chislett to Barry Thygesen, Red Cliffs, Vic.  
Noelle Chivell to Noel Stait, Unley, S.A.  
Glenda Watson to Robert Hacker, Enfield Hgts., S.A.

## DEATHS

George Sheen Sr., Robert Revel, Castlemaine, Vic.  
Mrs. McLellan, Burnley, Vic.  
Miss Alice Garnett, Dulwich, S.A.  
Richard Audesley, Hamilton, N.S.W.  
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## CAMPS AND CONFERENCE

### MAGAREY LECTURESHIP

(S.A.). More than fifty ministers attended the recent Magarey Lectureship at Longwood, most living in at the camp site. Rev. Allan Farr, Chaplain to the Glenside Psychiatric Hospital, gave the lectures on the theme, "Working with groups within the church." Mr. Farr presented the ministers with a wide range of possibilities for the way small groups could be used in the church to enable people to grow in maturity and Christian understanding. The ministers joined in encounter groups through which they were led to discover some aspects of the way their personal step of leadership influenced others. A highlight was the way E. Heard, newly appointed Director of H.M. in S.A., conducted worship. Other topics touched upon were "Revolutionary Youth" (Lyn. Arnold, student leader), "Mass Media and Communication" (Rev. K. Seaman), "Understanding Contemporary Films" (a Representative of the S.A. Film Festival Committee) and "The Use of Audio-Visuals in Home Visitation" (T. Meares).

### SUPPORT YOUR CHAPLAIN

(S.A.). A Garden Party will be held at the home of Lance Brune, Waterfall Gully Road, Burnside, on March 18 (from 11 a.m.). This function is being conducted by the Social Service Department to aid the Hospital Chaplaincy Services.

### BROKEN HILL DECISION

(S.A. Conf., T. Meares). Another young woman has confessed her faith and been baptised . . . Features in recent gospel services included a talk by an Egyptian, Hanni Hanna, on the Coptic Church; Father Brennan telling "What Catholics Believe and Say"; a set of slides by Betty and Graham Sonsie on their work in New Guinea, and a talk on the work of C.S.S.M. by a high school teacher . . . Sharyn Folkes is entering Kenmore College this year. Bill Phillips has painted the church hall while on vacation from Kenmore . . . Mrs. Nell Rogers is ill in Adelaide Hospital.

### EVANGELISM PLANNED

(GOOLWA, S.A., B. Beck). A meeting was held to plan definitely for 1972 evangelistic member involvement and witness . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lance Fisher from W.A. gave an illustrated address on Aboriginal mission service. Visitors came from Victor Harbour, Milang, Pt. Sturt, and Strathalbyn . . . Mr. Catbold, Headmaster of Victor Harbour High School, shared in a youth service which included a panel discussion on "Christ and the Generation Gap." Others taking part were Richard Owen, Anne Burgar, Raelene Tuckwell, and Allan Spencer. Raelene Tuckwell, with guitar, and young ladies' choir gave items.

### INDUCTION OF MINISTER

(HAMPSTEAD GDNS, S.A., L. P. Austin). S. R. Beck conducted the induction service for L. P. Austin who commenced a five-year ministry on Feb. 6 . . . A "Friendly Circle" has commenced for the older members and friends . . . Miss Ngaire Bright has returned from twelve months in England as an exchange teacher.

### All Day Teachers' Conferences

The S.A. D.C.E. has a team of skilled persons for teacher training. Special training Sundays have been arranged when the entire staff of a school is taken away for retraining in teaching skills and creative activities. Alternative arrangements are made to cater for the school so that all teachers can join in the training. Two suburban churches have taken up the offer and already noticeable improvement in teaching standards, level of enthusiasm and creativity has occurred. Topics covered are: using visual aids, ways of learning, music, creative activities, worship, Bible study, prep. classes and efficiency. There are no lectures, all learning takes place through involvement and activities. The climax of each training day is the worship service. This is planned by the teachers and takes the form of an act of rededication and consecration to their tasks.

### Christmas Camp and Leadership Training

One hundred and twenty young people and adult leaders attended Longwood Christmas Camp. The aims were: "To enable each camper to develop their creative potential through —

1. Decision making on all matters relating to the life and programme of the camp community.
2. Creating programmes and discovering your own leadership potential.
3. Experimenting with music, art, drama, folk writing, etc.
4. Sharing your inner resources with others who are having to face the same life experiences as yourself.
5. Celebrating the Christ event and the meaning of life in new forms of worship and festivity.

### DULWICH LOSES MEMBER

(S.A., M. J. Drake). A special service was held on Feb. 11 to honour the life and work of Miss Alice Garnett, who died suddenly on Feb. 9. Mr. Drake voiced the tributes of her friends to her practical Christianity which she expressed in such service as Meals on Wheels and Save the Children Fund. She gave devoted service as church organist and B.S. teacher, and had just become C.W.F. president. Miss Garnett was a sister of the late Dr. A. C. Garnett (U.S.A.), a former Dulwich minister . . . The first meeting of the combined S.S. of the Dulwich-Rose Park united parish had marked success on Feb. 6 at Gartrell church hall. To allow for return from combined school, Dulwich service begins at 11.15 a.m. Evening services are combined with Gartrell Methodist and Rose Park Congregational churches.

### ELDER MOVES

(CHRISTIES BEACH, S.A., G. Smith). The church is sorry to learn of the moving of Elder S. E. M. Riches and his wife who have greatly assisted in all work of the church . . . Women's Fellowship induction of office-bearers on Feb. 10 was followed by a demonstration of "Origami" and a Japanese supper . . . S.S. picnic was held at Loftia Park . . . Frequent morning discussion groups involving the ladies will

The basic structure of the camp was provided through the small groups to which each person belonged. Working through these groups and a larger camp assembly, the young people organized and ran the whole camp and its programme. Real development took place as each of the issues of running a camp, e.g. organisation, discipline, programmes, studies were faced by the whole group and decisions made. Initially there was fumbling and uncertainty. Even these were important experiences because they provided the opportunity to reflect upon mistakes and learn from these. The outcome was a highly developed sense of responsibility by the campers and a smooth running organisation. Some found the new format for training hard to adjust to but unanimously the group voted to include some of the newly discovered basic principles in future camps.

But the real proof of the value of this type of camp will be the way the campers accept responsibility in their local congregation for the development of local youth programmes and projects.

### Combined Junior Camps

The S.A. D.C.E. ran summer camps for Junior ages for the first time. They were in conjunction with the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational D.C.E.'s. The first camp was for grades V to VII and the Director and his family were present. Theme of the camp was "God's World," and G. D. Rose led the worship.

The high school camp had Barry Heath in the leadership team. Both camps were very successful and numbers attending from our churches were large enough to encourage the D.C.E. to become involved again in 1973.

— G. D. Rose, Director.

be conducted by Mr. Smith, with topics of the ladies' choice . . . The church has employed a cleaner to maintain the church buildings and an industrial polisher has been donated for this work . . . E. W. Heard, new H.M. Director, spoke on Feb. 13 . . . Hospitalisation prevented our minister from preaching for two weeks during Feb.

### MINISTER CHANGE-OVER

(BERRI, S.A.). Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Flood were farewelled on Jan. 30 and Mr. and Mrs. Fechner were welcomed on Feb. 6 when Mr. Fechner was inducted . . . Six months ago the church was \$650 in debt, but now has \$350 in credit.

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## HOLIDAYS SHARED

(DANDENONG, Vic., A. A. Avery). On Feb. 6, families showed slides and films of interest collected on their holidays, and Miss Sandra Walker was farewelled by the S.S., C.Y.F. and C.E. on leaving to study at the Adelaide Bible Institute . . . 40 young people from Dandenong, Tootgarook, and Chadstone churches were in a week-end Summer Camp at Cowes. Barry Jenkins, minister of Chadstone, was study leader. Our Scout Troop held a 12-day camp at Powelltown . . . S.S. commenced on Feb. 6 with a dedication service. At a luncheon for teachers, scholars, and parents, prizes were awarded . . . Ladies of combined C.W.F. visited Emmaus Rest Home.

## CHAPLAIN MEMBER

(PRESTON, VIC., G. Crossman). We have welcomed into membership Mr. and Mrs. Karl Turtmann. Mr. Turtmann is second chaplain at the Preston Institute of Technology . . . Jim Bates returned after nine months abroad . . . Mrs. W. Box is now a resident of Mount Royal Lodge. Fred Moulder, patient at Oaklands, has been ill for some time.

## STUDENT ASSOCIATE

(IVANHOE, Vic., J. McCormick). Mr. and Mrs. Roy Arnold were welcomed by Elder B. Garood on Feb. 6, when Mr. Arnold was inducted as student minister by Elder R. Clinton. After Mr. Arnold led the service, Elder N. Fisher introduced Mr. and Mrs. Arnold to the congregation as they retired from the sanctuary . . . Men's breakfast at 7 a.m. on Feb. 20 discussed Alan Walker's book "Now for Newness." 20 men attended.

## BELGRAVE HGTS. CONVENTION

At the 21st Easter Convention at Belgrave Heights (March 31-April 3) the two main speakers, Michael Griffiths, General Director of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship, and Rev. David Hewetson, General Secretary, Church Missionary Society, N.S.W., will both be taking part for the second time.

The Rev. Peter Dyrnka, Founder and General Director of the Slavic Gospel Association, which majors in evangelistic ministry amongst Slavic-speaking people in North America and Europe, and Graeme Smith, Organising Secretary of Campaigners for Christ, will also be speaking.

These Easter gatherings, at the popular Convention Centre in the Dandenongs, are attended by over 2,000 visitors. Many youth camps are conducted regularly in association with the Convention by the various denominations or by inter-church groups.

Belgrave Heights is only 28 miles from Melbourne, with excellent roads right to the grounds. Day visitors will find ample parking space and good facilities for picnic lunches, with tea and light refreshment kiosks provided.

A good programme, featuring morning Bible studies, Convention, evangelistic and missionary meetings will afford a splendid opportunity to spend the Easter season profitably in ideal surroundings and in fellowship over the Word of God.

## OBITUARY

RIGG, John Burdett

John Rigg died at the early age of 56 years. A very large crowd overflowed the Beverly Hills (N.S.W.) chapel to pay tribute to this very wonderful man in a service led by Dr. J. Mackenzie. John's Christian influence was felt by a great number of people from all walks of life. Charles Cole, Horrie Taylor, John Truscott and Malcolm Leask all spoke of his character and worth. Though John had been a Christian for many years, his finest testimony was at Beverly Hills where he was a deacon. The Lord Jesus Christ gave a new dimension to friendship when he said, "Greater love has no man than this that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command." Those who knew John for many years or for but a short time certainly feel that he was a friend indeed, for he was always a friend in one's time of need. His purpose in life was to win friends—not simply for himself—but for his Master. None of us could doubt that, had the occasion arisen here, too, would have "laid down his life for his friends." To his friends he was "my brother John," and to his brothers and sisters he was "my dear friend." Perhaps this, above all else, indicates how much he meant to us. His relation with us was of a quality which is all too rare. We know that in him we would find acceptance, and understanding, concern and compassion, and a readiness to

share, without obligation, the resources of his own wide experience of life as an active Christian, a bank manager and financial advisor, a well-beloved husband and father, and a friend to whom we could speak from our hearts with absolute confidence. To Carole and the members of the family we would say, "Thank you for sharing John with us as you did, so freely and graciously." —M.C.L.

BICKFORD, Albert Bartlett

Albert Bartlett Bickford died on Dec. 23, 1971, at the age of 84. He was brought up in the church at North Melbourne where his parents were members. After his marriage to Jessie Wood they moved to Chelsea to become foundation members of the church where he was the first secretary. Having a fine voice he led the singing for the song services, sang solos and arranged quartets and trios. He was a man of strong personality and physique and was one of Melbourne's football umpires in the 1920's. He was a confectioner by trade and produced the Kipsie Sweets. The family moved and were associated with the church at Ivanhoe. About this time he belonged to a trio that was popular on radio. In later years he moved to Wonga Park and became an orchardist. He encouraged and helped the sports clubs in football and cricket. His wife predeceased him about two years ago and then his daughter Jean (Mrs. McNeil). His son Alan, his wife and grandchildren, have treasured memories of good parents. The obsequies were conducted at a funeral parlour and then at Springvale Crematorium. —W.J.T.

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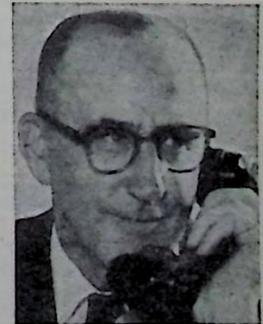
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• VIC.-TAS. CONFERENCE

## BUSINESS INFORMATION

The Conference Secretary draws attention to the following extracts from the Constitution:

### "ADMISSION OF CHURCHES:

Churches desiring to affiliate with Conference shall make application in writing to the Conference Secretary at least six weeks before annual Conference" (i.e. not later than Saturday, 18th March, 1972).

### NOMINATIONS:

"The report of the Nominations Committee shall be forwarded to the churches four weeks before annual Conference" (i.e. not later than Saturday, 1st April, 1972) "such report indicating that additional nominations, except for the office of President-Elect, may be made by affiliated churches only, in writing, with consent of nominee, such nominations to be forwarded through the church board to the Conference Secretary, not later than one week prior to the opening day of Conference" (i.e. not later than Saturday, 22nd April, 1972).

### "NOTICE OF BUSINESS.

Six weeks' notice in writing shall be given to the Conference Executive setting forth all proposed motions to be brought before the annual Conference, such to be signed by the proposer" (i.e. such written notice should be received by the Conference Executive not later than Saturday, 18th March, 1972).

### "ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION.

Amendments of and additions to this Constitution shall be considered only at the annual Conference, and at least six weeks' notice of the intention to move such amendment or addition shall be given in writing to the Conference Executive" (i.e. such written notice should be received by the Conference Executive not later than Saturday, 18th March, 1972).

Vic.-Tas. Conference — 30th APRIL-5th MAY, 1971.

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• VIC.-TAS. D.C.E.

## BUYING A "SPARROW"

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We appreciate gifts from campers, other individuals, churches and a grant from the State Government which made the purchase of the "Sparrow" a reality.

At the Christmas camp, campers did hours of maintenance work on the outdoor chapel and around the grounds.

"Banksia" is a lovely place. If you are travelling on Highway 1, turn off at Bairnsdale (it is only 10 miles) and see it. It is wise to get directions first from the Department of Christian Education, 217 Lonsdale St., as it is very secluded.

Overnight caravanning or camping can always be arranged beforehand.

### ALL-AGE S.S.

(BENTLEIGH, Vic., B. Heyworth). An All-Age S.S. was commenced on Feb. 3 with Gordon Lee as leader. At night Miss June Tassell gave impressions of the S.A. Missionary Camp . . . Miss Rosalyn Williams was farewell on Feb. 13 on returning to New Guinea after furlough. Frank Richards spoke on behalf of the State and Federal missionary committees . . . Gay and Carl Brown have moved to a new village at Yambon on the Sepik River in New Guinea . . . The church is grateful to Edwin Bishop for procuring and installing an amplifying system.

### STRONG BOYS' WORK

(WATTLE PARK, Vic., A. R. Lloyd). Explorer boys have three groups: Midgets, Juniors and Seniors . . . The congregation shared January evening services with St. James' Presbyterian Church . . . Daniel's Den (coffee club) recommenced on Feb. 6 with a sandwich smorgasbord at 5.15 p.m., and a service conducted by "Theos" (a branch of the Scripture Union) at 7.30 p.m. Evening coffee club followed . . . Camberwell District Churches combined for picnic at Queenscliff on Feb. 19.

### NEW MINISTER

(PEEL ST., BALLARAT, Vic.). W. D. Mills commenced his ministry on Feb. 6, the induction service being conducted by W. W. Saunders. New youth singing group entertained and the Mayor and Mayoress of Ballarat attended public welcome . . . Daryl McLeod has returned from a two-months trip to Central and Western Australia on deputation work for B. & F.B.S. . . . Pebble and cacti gardens have beautified the church grounds . . . Recent speakers were Frank Clark, Graeme Hewitt and Ian O'Brien.

### FOUR TONS OF PAPER

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). The New Guinea Missionary Project is being well supported . . . Y.P. sold four tons of papers to help finance. Proceeds from new Opportunity Shop in Railway Rd., Blackburn, will be for our Eventide Homes . . . Ian Cartmell welcomed as new student minister . . . Ron. Muller told the church of his experiences as relieving missionary in New Guinea and the great need there of Christian missionaries . . . Robert McFarlane had to return to hospital after a brief release.

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## REVIEWS

### THE BIBLE STORY

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In conjunction with Collins Ltd., the Joint Board of Christian Education has published the first paperback edition of "The Bible Story" as a Christian Life Curriculum resource book. Here is the Bible in a nutshell. William Neil goes through the whole Bible and in very simple, straightforward, popular language tells us what it is about.

It is, of course, no substitute for reading the Bible itself, but for many ordinary people who have read and struggled to understand the Bible it will be a godsend. Even for preachers "The Bible Story" will cast new light on many old passages, simply by putting them in a new way. What is Neil's theology? Well, he does not fit into any of my pigeon-holes. Some of his statements will have the fundamentalists classing him as an arch-liberal. Other statements will have the liberals classing him as an arch-conservative. Who cares about pigeon-holes? Neil is optimistic and enthusiastic about the future of the Christian faith and the Church. He will shed new light on the Bible for many, and bring them to deeper understanding of and faith in God. In my book, that makes it worthwhile reading.—R.W.L.

### THE WORLD ON TRIAL, Studies in Romans

By Richard W. De Haan. (Zondervan). \$4.00.

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"The Bible teaches that one who receives Christ is justified or declared righteous, and thereby given perfect position or standing . . . This takes place at the moment a person receives Christ, and need never be repeated. This standing in the place of grace and favour is permanent and unaffected by anything the believer might do. Even when a Christian sins he does not lose his position which God has given him once for all."

One scents danger here. Does Paul really say that? But, in the book as a whole, and in the personal challenge with which he closes each chapter there is no mistaking the authentic note of the gospel.—J.E.B.

### CANNIBAL VALLEY

By Russell T. Hitt. (Zondervan).

This book is a missionary classic. It tells the story of the grand plan of the Christian and Missionary Alliance to bring Christianity to the Stone Age cannibals of interior New Guinea, especially the valley of the Baliem River.

The only way to penetrate the dark hidden valleys with their savage inhabitants was the use of air planes. With this went the arduous labour of clearing air strips. Increasingly the missionaries co-operated with the Missionary Aviation Fellowship.

Far from enjoying a peaceful idyllic life that many feel is only spoiled by missionary "intrusion," the Stone Age Danis lived constantly in the shadow of fear and death. Thieving and fighting were an almost daily occurrence.

The native people, at their conversion, wanted to make a wholesale destruction of their charms and fetishes, but the missionaries cautioned them that this might provoke strife with the natives who had not yet reached that level of faith. Unhappily this proved only too true.

Two of the missionaries witnessed cannibalism. The Danis do not consume human flesh primarily to satisfy hunger. Their chief reason for cannibalism is to show contempt for their foes.

It was a grim life, but increasingly it was lit by touches of humour and goodwill. Myron Bromley, in his attempts to get

acquainted with the people, joined them in the singing of their folk songs, even when he did not understand the words. He found later that he had been singing ribald songs dealing with intimate sexual matters.

One day Bromley inquired about the spicy, fragrant flowers the natives were wearing in their noses in place of pig tusks. "You stink," said one of the boys.

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### CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD

By Joy Merritt (Joint Board). \$1.00.

This is a book of prayer poems originally written for a women's fellowship in a Melbourne suburb. The writer is the wife of the executive director of the Joint Board of Christian Education. She grew up in the Box Hill Church of Christ.

The prayers were originally issued on prayer cards each month, to be hung in kitchens as a reminder that in the midst of the daily chores we need God, and God needs us.

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### CONFERENCE AT CASTLEMAINE

(Vic., J. Byrnes). The Central and Nthn. Dist. Conf. is being held at Castlemaine on March 4 . . . A session of "Creatives" is planned for March. The leader is A. E. Stevens of Manifold Heights church . . . The B.S. commenced with a Teachers' Dedication Service . . . Training classes have begun for all who take part in active leadership in Sunday morning worship . . . A basket tea was held when the church programme for 1972 was presented and discussed.

### REPAIRS TO BEGIN

(RICHMOND, Vic., D. Smith-P. Burnham). After months of negotiations and prayer the church is to be repaired . . . Chief Guide, Miss Pauline Brodie, brought 5 Papuan Guides to holiday with her family and friends. Their special singing and smiles were a joy to see . . . C.W.F. sale of work raised \$130 . . . Helpers as presidents and readers continue to come from C.M.F. and men from other churches who keep up their association with Richmond . . . At the Youth Activity Centre, pigs, horses and toys galore were made and distributed.

### NEW LEADER

(HARCOURT, Vic., Jim Spiker). We have been under the leadership of Jim Spiker since Dec. 17, 1971. Charlie Rice is Supt. of the B.S., Geoff Pellas is church treasurer. The B.S. reported a decline in numbers . . . Mr. and Mrs. Barry Rice, from Murgon, Qld., were recent visitors back to Harcourt when Barry gave a message . . . Horrie Rice is the church secretary.

### \$168 FOR BOWL

(BRIAR HILL, Vic., R. Baxter). The C.W.F. held a successful International Dinner at the home of their president, Mrs. Pat Symonds . . . \$168 was offered for the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

### NEW STUDENT

(HURSTBRIDGE, Vic.). When Garry Wake was welcomed as student minister the charge was given by D. Adams, of the H.M. Dept. . . . C.W.F. officers for 1972 are Mrs. Barbara Sinclair, Pres.; Mrs. Rose McIntosh, Vice-Pres.; and Mrs. Jean Mynott, Sec.-Treas. The District Elderly Citizens' Hospital is being visited . . . Geoff. Iliff, treasurer for missionary giving, reported that \$220 was in hand towards aim of \$300 by June . . . Neil Webb, elder, is temporary Supt. of S.S.

### MARYBOROUGH WELCOME

(Vic.). The new minister, Ian Adams, and his wife and family, were welcomed at a church fellowship hour at which the Ministers' Fraternal was also represented. Lyn Baxter, minister at Ararat, conducted the induction service. Ladies of the church stocked the larder and saw that the manse was in order . . . Mr. Adams is conducting a "Meet the Minister" programme at the manse after gospel services . . . Mrs. Nicholls fell on the steps of the church and injured her ankle. Roy Walker had an accident with a circular saw. Mrs. Da Fonte has been in hospital.

• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

# SUMMER SCHOOL ON MISSIONS

On the last day of Missionary Camp 1972 held at Longwood, S.A., campers met for an appraisal of the camp and make suggestions for future camps.

Mid-January is the time when Summer Schools are being conducted on a great variety of subjects and it was suggested that we should change the name of the Orientation or Missionary Camp to Summer School on Missions, and that the first Summer School of this nature be held in mid-January, 1973 somewhere in N.S.W.

Missionary Camp 1972 at Longwood, Jan. 13-20, was a joint venture of the Overseas and Aborigines' Mission Boards

By R. S. A. McLEAN

and overseas and Aborigines missionaries shared their experiences and the information they presented was challenging and inspiring.

Lance Fisher led the morning devotions and during other sessions of the camp brought thrilling and challenging information concerning the outreach work he and Mrs. Fisher are doing at Onslow and other towns in N.W. Australia. David Hammer's thought-provoking Bible studies were stimulating and appreciated by all.

Outdoor activities such as bush walking and boating were times of learning and relaxation. Campers also enjoyed taking Sunday morning services in a number of South Australian churches.

One of the highlights was a special service held at the Nailsworth church on Jan. 16, when three young people were set apart for missionary service, by the S.A. Conf. Pres., W. Bartlett. They were Sister M. Dillon, from Hawthorn, S.A., appointed to the Ndui Ndui Hospital, New Hebrides; Miss K. Humphries, from Blackburn, Vic., appointed to the New Hebrides to teach commercial subjects, and Miss C. Pomery, from Naracoorte, S.A., appointed as a helper to the mission at Norseman.

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During the last meeting of the camp, a period was set apart for Praise and Testimony. There were no delays as one camper after another stood to simply share with others some blessing they had received.

Summer School on Missions 1973 will be open not only to those interested in missionary service, but to all who want to increase their knowledge of the work of Churches of Christ Missions overseas and amongst Australian Aborigines.

The Summer School will also be a time for instruction from God's Word. It will be a time of inspiration and challenge. If you are interested in spending a week of your holidays attending the Summer School on Missions then please watch for further announcements in the "Australian Christian" and "Missionary News."

### HOME FROM NEW GUINEA

Mrs. Win Beale, with Marilyn, Gwenyth and John, returned to Australia in January to nurse Mr. Beale's father who was seriously ill and to care for Mrs. Beale Snr.

On Friday, Jan. 28, Mr. Beale Snr. passed away. We extend our sincere sympathy to the Beale family in this time of sorrow.

### RETURNING TO NEW GUINEA

Sister N. Mobbs who has had leave of absence for the past twelve months owing to sickness in the family, returns to New Guinea on April 5.

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3. King David's trusted friend, he deserted David when the latter's son rebelled against the king. When he saw that the insurrection was collapsing he took his own life. (This is hard, so we tell you where to look: 2nd Book of Samuel).

(Answers next issue).

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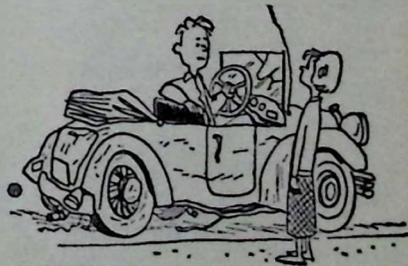
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# THE LAST WORD...

## LIFE

Life is a gift that the humblest may boast of  
 And one that the humblest may well make the most of  
 Get out and live it each hour of the day,  
 Wear it and use it as much as you may,  
 Don't keep it in niches and corners and grooves,  
 You'll find that in service its beauty improves.



Fear not that your life shall come to an end, but rather fear that it shall never have a beginning.

Everything seems to foretell that man, the last comer to the earth, will be the first to leave it.—MAURICE MAETERLINCK, Belgian-French poet and dramatist.

The trouble with people these days is that they want to reach the promised land without going through the wilderness.



Looking ahead is a good way to keep from falling behind.



Speaking straight from the shoulder is O.K., but be sure it originates a little higher up.



The great secret of successful marriage is to treat all the disasters as incidents, and none of the incidents as disasters.  
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