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COLOUR TELEVISION . . .

Christians should consider challenging the introduction of colour television into Australia while many urgent social needs were not being met, the Executive Secretary of Action for World Development, told a national campaign launching service.

The Executive Secretary, Vaughan Hinton, said the churches must be concerned to create a new public opinion which placed the welfare of people first and which evaluated economic development and social planning in terms of their direct contribution to humanity and to the creation of a just and responsible world society.

"Australians ought to be challenged to consider very carefully whether the introduction of colour television into this

country, at an estimated initial cost of \$103 million, is a meaningful contribution to the welfare of the human family here, or anywhere else," he said.

"If we find it difficult to provide post-natal health services to keep alive Aboriginal babies at Alice Springs—and we do—the cost of colour television and a host of other luxuries we take for granted ought to disturb us deeply."

Mr. Hinton said the national education campaign launched by Action for World Development was designed to help Australians "to a true appreciation of the aspiration and needs of other nations; of the ways by which we can hinder or help the development of others, and of the actions which are possible for us, as Australians."

OLYMPIC BIBLES

The Bible Society in Australia has been asked to provide specimens of suitable scriptures for distribution at the Olympic Games in Munich and Kiel later this year.

Herbert G. Hassold of the Evangelisches Biblewerk in West Germany, is acting as co-ordinator of Bible Society services to those who plan to distribute scriptures in various ways during the Olympics.

At the request of the Co-ordinator of Protestant Activities for the Olympics, Mr. Hassold has asked Bible Societies around the world for suitable scripture specimens. These will be necessary in order to cater for the thousands of international tourists and competitors expected to arrive later this year.

UNITED CHURCH FOR CEYLON

The Church of Lanka (Ceylon) will be inaugurated on Advent Sunday 1972 now that the Methodist Church has accepted the church union scheme by a majority vote of 88% and the Diocese of Colombo with a 90% vote.

(Two years ago the Methodist vote in the ministerial session was 1% short of the 75% required for that church to participate in the union.)

Included in the new united church will be Ceylonese congregations of the Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon, the Baptist Church, Presbyterian Church, Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India and the Methodists.—E.P.S.

CHRISTIAN/MUSLIM DIALOGUE

A decision to continue Muslim/Christian dialogue was announced following a two-day meeting of a small group of Christians and Muslims organised by Dr. Stanley J. Samartha, of the W.C.C.

An effort will be made to deepen the basis of the dialogue, widen its scope and make it more representative, Dr. Samartha said.

Acknowledging that Christians and Muslims both face the challenge of the secular world, the group decided they should deal with issues arising from encounters of living faiths with the problems of contemporary society. This does not mean that members of the two faiths should join forces against people of other faiths and ideologies. But through a clearer understanding of their essential beliefs it is hoped they will be able to widen the area of concerns and co-operation.

A major meeting of Christians and Muslims will therefore be held in mid-1972 to consider the theme: "The Quest for Human Understanding and Co-operation—Christian and Muslim Contributions." It will bring together approximately 40 people from different parts of the world, about equally divided between the two groups.—E.P.S.

SACKED!

In Sth. Carolina, the pastor of Due West Baptist Church was dismissed after the church's deacons suspended services because a black student tried to attend. Pastor Don Stevenson then held a service at a nearby college instead. Ironically, during the same meeting at which Stevenson was fired the deacons voted to admit people of all races to all church functions.

MAN . . .

In the beginning there was man — thinking, laughing, smoking, stronger than dirt. He decided it was he who created the heavens and earth and the hosts therein.

And man said, "Let there be light" — and it was so. Neon light, fluorescent light, flashlight, spotlight, laser light, mercury vapour light, General Electric, Phillips and Westinghouse — all blinking on and off at the will of man.

And man saw the abundant light and said to the host assembled in awe, "Live better electrically."

And man called the light, "Commonwealth Edison" and he called the dark, "Power Outage."

Then man said, "Let the earth bring forth green things."

And it was so. For man tilled the ground and seeded the clouds; and man beheld the great bumper crops which he made, and he said, "Yo-ho-ho! I'm the Jolly Green Giant." And it was

good. And man split the atom, assembled computers and conquered the heavens. And man called the Heavens "Space" and called the earth "Ground Control."

But man gazed into his Space, saying, "Let there be voices to sing my Praises." And it was so: for there Telestar, Early Bird, and Lunar Orbiter. And man heard the voices which he made and nodded, "A-OK."

Then man said, "Let us make God in our own image, after our likeness, and let Him have dominion over an hour on Sundays."

And it was so. God was white, of course; quite like a doting father; and definitely on our side.

And man congratulated himself for his success and his wisdom in all things. In fact, he drank a toast from his thermos, put God on a shelf, returned to his own ways, and blew himself up.

And in the end there was God whose sigh was too deep for words.

—"OUT OF THE WEST."

ON THE BEACH

By E. C. KEATING

"Meet you at the Red Banner" sounds like a rallying call to a left-wing political rally, but if you were on one of the beaches where the Children's Special Service Mission was operating, you would realise that it was a rallying call for hundreds of children to be involved in a fun-loaded Christian Education programme.

Our team of 35 that went to Portland was only a fraction of the 700 voluntary workers involved in the Beach Missions, Youth Missions, and Camping Programmes of the Scripture Union in Victoria. All "brands" of the Church were represented by dedicated young people who formed the team. Dedicated they needed to be. For the privilege of working a sixteen-hour day for nine days, leading, teaching and playing with hundreds of children, spending hours in preparation before and during the mission, they paid \$25 per head.

There are so many aspects of a C.S.S.M. programme that are so thrilling. The ease with which contact is made with non-Christians, and the ready response of these to the C.S.S.M. programme is a contrast to the normal programme of the Church. The rising numbers of children and parents attending the various C.S.S.M. gatherings contrast to church and S.S. attendances of today. Local churches, councils and newspapers are keen to co-operate and excellent relationships are maintained with all three.

We should be more enthusiastic about the efforts of the Scripture Union's Beach Mission Programme. It is one of the more significant efforts of the Christian Church to meet people where they are and confront them with the living Christ.

Some Churches of Christ members of the Portland team have their say about their impressions of ten busy days.

Mrs. Meryl Close (Dawson St., Ballarat): The thing that impressed me was the way everybody worked together. We didn't know each other before we went to Portland. We went from a background of different denominations, different personalities, and our own personal theological views. But we all had the same aim—to communicate the gospel of Christ to children (and their parents). This singleness of purpose and God's protecting love overshadowed all our differences and bound us together as one.

Roslyn Nankivell (Mildura): On my first C.S.S.M. I found that parents, interested in Christianity or not, were friendly and appreciated our concern for their children. It was through children we could contact parents, but this is not enough. The churches are needed to fol-

low up immediately and show the children what it means to be a Christian all year round. Some were thinking seriously about what we were saying, and it is important that, with the churches' help, their thinking continues.

Russell Taylor (Chelsea): Words cannot describe the depth of fellowship, inspiration and encouragement gained from working on a Beach Mission as I have done at Portland for the first and certainly not the last time. The highlights were in the way in which the initially strangers of the team worked and shared completely together every task, and the efficiency with which the complete programme was run.

Trevor Giles (College of the Bible): Don't ever believe Ted Keating if he invites you to be an observer only at a C.S.S.M. Beach Mission! I had the busiest ten days of my life but it was a truly remarkable experience. Four of the things that impressed me were: The efficiency of the team, each person seemed to just fit in like a spoke in a wheel. I have never seen such a willing group of young people. Thirdly, the variety of approaches in preaching and teaching the young people would make many S.S. superintendents most envious. Finally, the fact that no-one had hang-ups over differences, despite the many denominations, led to the success of the mission. All realised the one essential unity which is in Jesus Christ alone.

David and Estelle Potter (East Keilor): We loved C.S.S.M. for these reasons: We established friendships with children, parents and team members to be continued throughout the year; we saw new ideas and methods that we shall be able to use in S.S., church services and clubs; we attempted many things not thought of or tried previously; we came to a greater understanding of people and their beliefs; we felt we were doing something exciting and worthwhile; parents greatly appreciated our interest in and effort for their children.

Lyndell Patterson (Burwood): The way 35 young Christians of all denominations worked together as a team was inspiring. It showed me that with Christ much can be achieved but when we rely on our own strength we achieve very little. The response of the children was wonderful. Most were as keen to walk down the main street carrying banners telling that "God is Love" and "C.S.S.M. is Great," as they were to watch puppet shows and sing choruses.

Christine Davidge (Chelsea): During the ten days I stayed in Portland on the C.S.S.M. team, I have learnt and experienced many valuable things which will, and have already, made a difference to my life as a Christian and the needs and understanding of children. My own knowledge of the Bible, the significance and need for constant prayer and the sharing with others on the team have been very beneficial to me. Greatest of all was the response from the children who are ready and want to learn more about Jesus Christ being their friend and example, and the reality that Jesus is alive today.

How about you? Prepared to be where the action is? Any enquiries regarding the Beach or Youth Mission's activities could be addressed to the General Secretary of the Scripture Union, 59 Rathdowne St., Carlton, Vic., 3053, or to the local Scripture Union in your State.

"SHERRIFF APPRECIATION"

(WARRACKNABEAL, Vic.). On Feb. 27, a "Sherriff Appreciation" evening was held in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Sherriff and family, who have moved to Horsham.

Maurie Sherriff came to Warracknabeal in 1943, and he brought his bride here in 1944. Except for a brief period when they lived in Ballarat, Maurie and Jean have spent all their married life in Warracknabeal. Their children grew up here, and the Sherriff family has been prominent in the Church of Christ.

Maurie has held every office on the board of deacons — chairman, secretary, treasurer. Last year he became an elder of the church. He has taught in the S.S., led C.E., and served as chairman of the Warracknabeal-Brim-Minyip Circuit. As a local preacher he has preached in many district churches, and will continue to serve in this way. Jean has always been a willing helper in all projects of C.W.F., and has been Superintendent of the Kindergarten for the past eight years.

Speakers in appreciation of the Sherriffs included Harold Newell (Warracknabeal church); Wavell McPherson (Brim church, and circuit); Reg. Evans (S.S.); Mrs. E. H. Parsons (C.W.F.); George Chivell (club); David Harmer (Young People); Rev. S. G. Prentice (Methodist Church). Warracknabeal-Brim Churches of Christ will miss the regular fellowship of the Sherriffs, and commend them to the fellowship at Horsham.

BLACKWOOD COMES OF AGE

By DOUG. FITZGERALD

(S.A.). In 1955 when the writer became associated with the Blackwood church, it was a small body of Christians meeting in an ageing building on the outside edge of the business area of a picturesque little town which nestled sleepily beneath the tall gums of the Mt. Lofty Ranges.

The man who ministered with us was my own father, the redoubtable G. T. Fitzgerald of beloved memory. He was Blackwood's first full-time minister and, as always, his work was memorable and when he finally went into retirement the church had grown in numbers, spirit and outreach.

There followed developmental ministries with A. A. McRoberts and B. Burt, both of which provided further growth and it was becoming clear that the role of Blackwood as a quiet rural church was destined for a big change. In the last seven years, the sleepy little town has become a busy mini-city with shopping centres and supermarkets, and apart from the stately gums, bears little resemblance to the town of 1955.

We were blessed with fine leaders in the past and this blessing continued with the call of H. G. Norris in 1965. He has led us wonderfully through the tremendous years of growth which saw, among other things,

the move from the small building to the large chapel which accommodates 300 people.

Numerically, we have become one of the larger churches of our Australian brotherhood, but what we are thankful for is the image of the church in the community—its outreach, its fine spirit of care and concern for others, and its fine bunch of dedicated young people, 80 to 90 of them meeting every Sunday night and sitting at the front of the building.

It was into this situation that we invited G. R. Stirling to lead us in a week-end of planning and research. He led us, in the

inimitable "G.R." manner to consider what the church really is, and also of finding worship forms which are meaningful for today.

We were reminded of our obligation to preach the gospel to the whole world; we were shown many methods of carrying out this Great Commission and also how, in actual practice, we may get alongside people and influence them for Christ. We were shown the Pastoral Umbrella, a fascinating chart showing how God works through his people showing care and concern.

A return to joy in our services and many other important features of the church witness and outreach were discussed, but above all we were led to rethink our position as Christians in this present day, and to remember that each one of us is the church.

At the concluding Sunday night gospel service in which many young people took a leading part, Mr. Stirling gave a challenging message and two of our young people responded by confessing their faith in their Lord.

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A. E. WHITE



gospel. We are celebrating the gospel in the way which Christ asked us to do.

We are also required to proclaim the gospel. We do this by preaching—and we can preach the gospel in the morning as well as at night. We also proclaim the gospel by our living and if the living is weak, then the preaching will be poor. A preacher cannot cover up the weakness of a church's life by loud noises and emotional excesses.

If your church is in the doldrums, it is because the people are in the doldrums. In truth, however, doldrums is a word that should not be allowed within miles of the gospel. It means dullness, dumps, depression—and those words are not good news. If your church is in the doldrums then she is sick. As it is the people, not the building or the order of service that is the church, then it is the people who are sick.

You suggest that the young people are letting down the church. Maybe they are. There were only three young people there last week, but there were also only 17 adults. Where were the rest? If 60 of them were absent then those 60 were saying something to the young people and what they were saying is, "You can count us . . . out!"

I happen to believe that the evening service can still be used effectively for the preaching of the gospel, but it will need the support of the people. Assuming that things are as bad as you feel, then I suggest that you talk it over with the leaders of the church. Suggest that the whole church take a day off and ask each other what the gospel is all about and how each member can become a real part of its life and mission.

Once they let the Holy Spirit help them to have a good look at them, I am fairly sure that they will agree that the dullness, dumps, and depression is in them because they have forgotten what the good news is.

It takes only two or three people to start a renewal of life in a church, but they will need to be passionately concerned about Christ and committed to sharing Christ with others. Commitment is contagious.

50 YEARS AGO

Wireless Church. The first "wireless church" in the world held its inaugural service which was "attended" by approx. 100,000 persons. The "Radio Church of America" began in a small room in a private house in New York. Dr. Richard Way Ward was preacher. The whole service was heard perfectly in hospitals, private houses, and on ships at sea.

Here and There . . . H. G. Harward is conducting a mission at Maylands, W.A. . . . Owing to financial difficulties, Mr. Mason's engagement under the H.M. Committee in Kingaroy, Qld., will conclude in April . . . W. Atkin, Jr., has been elected treasurer at Lismore, N.S.W. He is well up in accountancy and is the right man for the position.

Gospel Ticket. An enthusiastic agent of the American Bible Society gave a series of moving picture lectures and distributed copies of the gospels to those attending. In the town of Vigan, a local priest sought to undo the work by giving moving picture entertainment, charging for admission a copy of these gospels. He then gave a vitriolic denunciation of the books, and made a great public bonfire of them. The result was an unprecedented enthusiasm for the Word of God and many turned to the Protestant faith.

Our church is in the doldrums. Last Sunday night there were 20 people there, all members, and only three of them were young. Yet we still call it the gospel service. How are we going to win young people for Christ?

Your church is not necessarily in the doldrums because there were only 20 people at the night service, although you may be right. Before I agreed with your judgment I would want to know something about the rest of the church's life and service.

If you have a hundred or even two hundred in the morning and if many of them are young people; if decisions for Christ are being made in the morning, if there is a strong feeling of fellowship, if there is an evangelistic thrust into the community, if there is a sense of missionary commitment to home and overseas fields; then I wouldn't worry about the evening service. It wouldn't matter if it were closed down.

You cannot measure a church by the numbers attending its evening meeting. One of the most enthusiastic and lively churches I have known had no evening meeting at all. It was a country church to which people travelled many miles to celebrate both the communion and the gospel.

You will be quite right if you correct me and say that communion and the gospel are not two different things, but we often act as though they are. What we do at the Lord's Table is to celebrate the gospel. The bread and the cup declare the

N.Z. VOTE ON UNION

The Joint Commission on Church Union met in Wellington, Feb. 22-23. Members of the negotiating churches (Anglican, Associated Churches of Christ, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian) will be voting in a referendum to be conducted by the five churches in August-September this year. The purpose of the vote is to provide a guide to the respective church leaders in making the decision whether or not to unite on the basis of The Plan for Union.

"Thirty-thousand copies of the Plan have been distributed, but the number is small in relation to the total membership of the five churches," said the Chairman (Bishop A. H. Johnston). "To meet the urgent need

for widespread knowledge of the Plan, the Commission has printed and will distribute more than 200,000 explanatory leaflets."

Seventeen seminars for ministers will be held throughout N.Z. during the next two months to consider the role of the ministry in the united church as envisaged in The Plan for Union.

The Commission responded wholeheartedly to an invitation from the Presbyterian Assembly for all the negotiating churches to join together in prayer for divine guidance in coming to a decision on the Plan.

Reports submitted to the Commission show that, while there are more than 100

Union Parishes or Joint Use Agreements, there are many other types of co-operative ventures involving the five churches, and this trend is increasing.

The Study Group on Maori Participation reported that agreement had been reached on the structure required to minister to the special needs of Maoris in the united church.

The Commission has declared that, at the time of union, every minister will be confirmed in his existing appointment or other provision made, and pension rights will be safeguarded. Provision will also be made for lay staff employed by the churches.

"When we presented the revised Plan to our churches last September we described the occasion as 'A Time to Decide,'" commented the chairman, "and the concern of this meeting has been to ensure that all are aware of what the Plan says, so that the voting will be informed."

WORD TALK No. 47

Elijah is mentioned in the New Testament (27 times) more than any other prophet. He was not a writing prophet like Jeremlah or Isaiah yet we have a great deal of literature written about him. He bursts on the scene (1 Kings 17: 1) announcing to King Ahab an imminent drought. This habit of bursting in on Kings was popular with prophets! Nathan confronted David; Isaiah confronted Ahaz, Jeremlah confronted Jekolakim and Zedekiah, and of course John the Baptist in different circumstances confronted Herod.

Elijah's great battle was against religious syncretism. He sought to turn the nation back to the exclusive worship of Yahweh. He battled at Carmel against Baal worship which had grown under Ahab, King of the Northern Kingdom. The famous story of Naboth's vineyard likewise concerns the rights of the individual and the exclusive worship of Israel's God. Elijah's life is surrounded by miracles: his feeding by ravens; the supplies for his land-lady; life restored to her dead son; the consuming of the sacrifice with heaven's fire; his translation into heaven. This concentration of miracles is one of the three major miracle areas of the Bible, the other two being connected with the Exodus and the life of Jesus.

After his flight from Ahab's wife Jezebel, he never regained nor developed his potential as a prophet. Yet such was his impact that the Royal Court never again sought to replace Yahweh as God.

Contrary to the usual practice, Elijah anointed Elisha as a successor (1 Kings 19: 19). "Nothing in his life became him like his manner of leaving it" (2 Kings 2: 1-12). By the time of Malachi, Elijah is a figure of the fore-runner of the Messiah. At the Transfiguration (Matt. 17: 1-3) Christ who had to bear his cross alone would have found encouragement from the presence of Elijah.

FOR TODAY:

At each zero hour in man's history God raises an Elijah as the conscience of the nation. "You troubler" was Ahab's description of him (1 Kings 18: 17). Luther, Cranmer, Savonarola, Knox, Wesley, Booth, Niemoller—were all troublers of their nations. Every ministry should have the prophetic note even if it leads to trouble. The secret of Elijah's courage, passion and faith lay in a life that was lived consciously before God's presence (1 Kings 18: 17). Living before the presence of God cannot allow an acceptance of other religions as all being equally true. Elijah's life also demonstrates that great men can be overwhelmed by depression even following success. His words under the Juniper Tree (1 Kings 19) were quoted a score of times during World War 2 by Winston Churchill who was plagued by his "black dog of depression." Elijah speaks out today at a time when people are careless about their allegiance

ELIJAH

to God and when a nation still limps between different opinions. His challenge is relevant: "If the Lord is God follow him" (1 Kings 18: 21). One final thought—people often thought that Jesus was Elijah returned to earth (Matt. 16: 14, Luke 9: 8) and Elijah was not meek and mild! He was known for his passion, ruggedness and flaming denouncement of national rulers. Some people saw this in Jesus. Have we forgotten that Jesus was a Lion of Judah as well as Suffering Servant of Israel? — GORDON MOYES.

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GRACE TODD WRITES

FOLLOWING letters from the Federal Secretary of the Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia and many others, Mrs. Garfield Todd writes to her Australian friends as follows:

Hokonui Ranch,
P.O. Dadaya,
Rhodesia.
February 28, 1972

Dear Friends,

With all my heart I thank you for your message of concern and sympathy. There have been many many hundreds of letters and cables from old friends and many from new ones. I have read and pondered each message and each name with love and gratitude.

And now Garfield and Judith are home with me and able to start reading the messages which have come. However, these letters and cables, the prayers and the protests and the submissions which have been made by you have all assumed a new dimension. They have persuaded the Smith authority to release the four detainees from their solitary confinement in prison and Garfield and Judith were brought home on Feb. 22 after their five weeks' ordeal. How can I thank you for what you have done?

I know that we are not free of our trouble. Our home is now a "Protected Area," guarded by police patrols. This means that no one may come here without a written permit issued by the "Protecting Authority" in Gwelo which is 90 miles away.

In thanking you for your concern, for your prayers and your protests, our family would stress that the cause is much wider than the suffering of a few very precious individuals, it is the future of a whole people who are denied liberty.

Yours sincerely,

GRACE TODD

\$2,700 for Used Stamps!

SALES of used stamps from at least 25 countries received in exchange for Australian stamps have provided in five years an amount of \$2,700. The nett amount for 1971 was \$970.

The Australian and overseas stamps were saved for us by church groups and individuals.

The proceeds are applied by the Federal Overseas Missions Board to help the cost of the Christian Radio Broadcast from the Seychelles Islands and the Bible Correspondence course known as "Word of Truth" conducted by our Indian Mission field.

The Community Philatelic Society, Edwardstown, S.A., is regarded as one of the most active societies in Australia. In 1970 they used the display of stamps from the World Convention Missionary stand and sold 500 packets of our stamps. They regarded them so well that this year for a display in January at the Marion Shopping Centre they asked for 1,000 packets. The writer visited this display and noted the interest shown.

The Victorian Social Service Department stamp saving scheme is now incorporated

BOYS WIN PRIZE

(DEVONPORT, Tas., E. W. Taylor). The Boys' Brigade decorated float won 2nd prize at Dahlia Festival Mardi Gras. 15 attended B.B. leader instruction classes in Hobart by Mr. and Mrs. Bott . . . Seven companies were represented when G.B. held athletic carnival at H.S. grounds. Latrobe Company won the cup . . . Miss V. Lawler has been accepted by the Aborigines' Mission Board for service in W.A. . . . The sympathy of the church is offered to Mrs. Taylor in the death of her father . . . Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and Miss Wendy Townsend conducted L.I.F.E. seminars on Tasman Peninsula.

CHRISTIAN TELEVISION CONFERENCE

The Christian Television Associations of W.A., S.A., Vic., Tas., N.S.W., A.C.T. and Qld., met in Melbourne, Feb. 21-22, together with R.C. and Church of England representatives, for a biennial conference.

On the first day, with Dean Thomas as chairman, addresses were given by Myles Wright, chairman of the Broadcasting Control Board; Hugh Mackay, Communication Psychologist from Sydney, and Rhett Walker, Programme Manager of 3AK. At night the delegates saw "Godspell" at the Playboy Theatre, as an example of how much of the Christian message can be communicated within the limits of popular entertainment.

Most of Tuesday was spent on hammering out a constitution for the continuing national body. In draft form it was the work of the S.A. Association, particularly of the chairman, Rev. T. R. Fleming, who was appointed chairman of committees for its consideration. The question of membership was resolved: "Membership shall be open to any State C.T.A., the Church of England T.V. Society, the National Catholic Radio and T.V. Committee, and any other church or agency working within the media whose membership has been approved by a 2/3rds majority of the delegates at a general meeting. The constitution will not be effective until accepted by State C.T.A.'s."

Other matters included the Senate Select Committee on the Arts, Broadcasting, and Television; Research; Training; Interstate and Inter-Agency relations; finance; and future developments. Examples of radio and T.V. "spots" were heard and viewed.

NOBLE PARK GIVING

(Vic., T. Giles). The church has just completed a planned giving programme with the H.M. Dept. in which each member made a commitment. The programme was led by E. C. Keating . . . On March 8, the C.W.F. held its 17th birthday afternoon. A dried flowers demonstration was given.

DAN PIATT MAKES F.A.S.T. TRIP

Dan Piatt was first known to Australians as Billy Graham's right-hand man and was here for the 1959 and 1967-68 crusades. He served with the Graham organisation for 20 years. He has been a Director of Wycliffe Bible Translators for some years and has now resigned from the Graham team in order to give full time to Bible Translation work. He is now World President of Final Advance of Scripture Translation (F.A.S.T.).

There are still more than 2,000 language groups without Scripture and many of these are without even a written language. Piatt says that "F.A.S.T. is a service organisation and a catalyst to the church worldwide, for the task of translating Scripture into every language in this generation." F.A.S.T. does not send its own missionaries abroad, but helps recruit, promote, and support those who are doing pioneer Bible translation work.

Mr. Piatt is now visiting Australia for F.A.S.T. He has been to Queensland and New South Wales and arrives in Melbourne on March 20. He will be in Adelaide March 27 and 28, and Perth March 29 and 30. In each centre he will be meeting with ministers and church people. In Melbourne he will speak at a Ministers' and Mission Leaders' Luncheon at the Methodist Centre, 130 Little Collins Street, 12.30, Monday, March 20, and at a Laymen's Dinner at Tudor Court, 141 Kooyong Road, Caulfield, 6.45 p.m., Tuesday, March 21.

ELDER'S NEW SERVICE

(KENSINGTON PK., S.A., W. Bartlett). A. Cremin has resigned as elder of the church in order to serve Lenswood as part-time minister . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lance Fisher gave an illustrated talk on their work in N.W. Australia to a combined missionary meeting . . . Three S.S. girls assisted Mr. Bartlett at the Family Communion service by illustrating the sermon. . . . At the Harvest Thanksgiving service, Mrs. E. Goldsworthy sang two solos. Groceries, fruit and vegetables were taken to St. George's Christian Rest Home. Mrs. M. Lindquist is recovering after an eye operation.

GOALS FOR 1972

(BUNBURY, W.A., G. B. Carslake). The Board has set goals for increase in membership, B.S. attendance, and mid-week meetings. W. Lucy is chairman. Mr. Carslake has accepted an extension of his term and will conclude at the end of 1973. . . . The church will celebrate its 70th anniversary this year . . . A contract has been let to renovate the walls of the church and replace windows . . . 60 are now enrolled in Girls' and Boys' Brigade. . . . Young people travelled to Perth for brotherhood river cruise . . . A six weeks' counselling course is preparing members for visitation evangelism.

PRESIDENT AT INDUCTION

(COL. LIGHT GARDENS, S.A.). State Conf. Pres., W. N. Bartlett, conducted the induction service for the new ministry with R. V. Holmes . . . Youth programme under "Team Leadership" has commenced. Six young adults share leadership of Youth 1, 2 and 3 sessions on Sunday mornings and the same team leads Sunday night fellowship and other activities . . . Adult class discusses sermon during Church School which follows the worship service and coffee break . . . Activities for boys graduating from Cabin Boys are also commencing.

ROCK FESTIVAL

(LENSWOOD, S.A., A. E. Cremin). On Feb. 27, many members attended the "Rock My Soul" Festival, a six-hour programme of gospel singing and messages . . . The Women's World Day of Prayer meeting was held in our building, with many women from other churches attending . . . A. Cremin commenced a ministry on March 12 . . . Kevin Coulter has commenced studies at the Adelaide University.

LOSS IN 90th YEAR

(BASSENDEAN, W.A., D. Thorpe). On Jan. 27, Mrs. L. Smith died in her 90th year. She joined the church in 1917 and served in many areas, notably as church organist and in women's work . . . At annual meeting R. Brand and E. Kirk were appointed to eldership and the church accepted financial responsibility for Aileen Hardie as living link in New Guinea. The church response exceeded what was required . . . Ted Scott of South Perth is guest missionary for short crusade March 17-19. A lone crusade is planned for September with G. Jones.

MISSIONARY HOME

(HENLEY BEACH, S.A., G. Setsman). Miss Hazel Skuce is home on furlough from the Indian mission fields . . . K. Millard has been baptized and received into fellowship . . . The church has agreed to participate in "Action for World Development." . . . G. Pridham, elder, has undergone two operations . . . Harvest thanksgiving goods were given to Morialta Children's Home.

JOINT BLESSING

(NTH. PERTH, W.A., J. K. Robinson). Members of Bedford Baptist Church joined us in an after-church fellowship to wish God's blessing on Herbert and Jean Edwards as they take up a cooking appointment at Carnarvon mission . . . The B.S. picnic was held at Mullaloo Beach.

INCREASED GIVING

(MAYLANDS, S.A., N. S. Moore). The Planned Giving Committee reports that giving to brotherhood departments increased by \$636 for past six months . . . Christmas Bowl appeal reached \$265 and \$226 was given for overseas aid from the one day's pay appeal . . . Church picnic was held at Brighton Beach . . . Produce and groceries from the Harvest Thanksgiving services were given to Christian Rest Home, Morialta Children's Home, and Norseman Mission . . . I. J. Chivell, Conf. Sec., was a recent speaker . . . Mrs. Eva Anderson died on March 1 after many years of sickness. The sympathy of the church is offered to the family.

WELCOME TO MUNYARDS

(FORESTVILLE, S.A.). Mr. and Mrs. Munyard and their sons, Greg. and Neal, were welcomed into fellowship by church elder G. J. Thomas. C. J. McKennay, elder, gave the charge to church and minister. A coffee hour followed evening service to enable the congregation to meet the new minister. Mr. and Mrs. Munyard, Snr., parents of the minister, the mother of the minister's wife, and other members and friends of the family, journeyed from Victoria to share in the day of fellowship.

TOP MARKS

(ASCOT PARK, S.A., S. R. Baker). Alison Crowley received highest place in Leaving French exams . . . Mr. Baker has commenced his third year as preacher . . . Rev. J. Howard Kitchen, former A.B.I. Principal, was recent speaker . . . C.W.F. held a "pickling day" when 300 lbs. of onions were pickled . . . At B.S. teachers' dedication service on Feb. 20, six were received into fellowship . . . Following youth tea on Feb. 27, Robin Frost was guest soloist at night.

CAMP DECISIONS

(PORT LINCOLN, S.A., Brian Hill). J.C.E. members with Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Goodwin, went to Mt. Barker camp where three young people confessed Christ . . . Intermediate and Junior camps have been held at Redcliffs . . . Volunteer workers have carried out painting and repair work on the chapel . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reid are in Canada visiting their daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Ron. Martin and family have transferred to Adelaide . . . Jenifer Barton is continuing nursing training at Whyalla. Peter and Robin Nancarrow have taken up their first teaching appointments at Morphet Vale . . . Because of lack of building accommodation the teenage Bible Class is being held in the manse.

OPEN FORUM

RHODESIA AND THE TODDS

To the Editor,

With reference to the article in "A.C." (19.2.72) by W. S. Lowe, I quote from a letter in the S.A. "Advertiser" in mid-January, 1972.

"Mr. Garfield Todd was Prime Minister of Rhodesia from 1953 to 1958 as leader of the then United Rhodesia Party. On Jan. 11, 1958, his entire Cabinet resigned because it had no more confidence in him. He was accused by his colleagues of many things, including lack of credibility.

Mr. Todd, as Prime Minister, was the originator of all subsequent repressive measures against Africans. At a peaceful strike at Wankie coal mines in 1954 he sent four companies of soldiers to put the strike down. In the same year he declared a state of emergency to put down a strike of railway firemen.

In 1955 he passed the Public Order Act (today called the Law and Order Maintenance Act) which permitted Africans to be detained without trial. In 1955 he declared Kaunda (the present leader of Zambia) a prohibited immigrant.

In 1956 he began the deportation of African leaders from Northern Rhodesia. In 1957 he deported more of them.

Between 1954 and 1958 hundreds of Africans lost their land under Todd's administration of the Land Husbandry Act, 1951.

I know personally the Minister of Law and Order (Mr. Lardner-Burke) who signed Todd's detention order. He is an able, careful lawyer who would not act unless there was the strongest of cases against Todd, who can appeal to the Review Tribunal, presided over by a justice of the High Court, for the detention order to be quashed. — Dr. Walter Henderson, Glenunga."

While naturally my sympathies lie with the Todds and feel there is a distortion of the facts, my questions as always is, where does the ordinary man in the street get the truth? One cannot accept what is written in newspapers as invariably the facts are distorted, so where does one find an answer for such a person as Dr. Henderson? — Trevor Lawrie (Vic.).

W. S. LOWE COMMENTS:

"Mr. Lawrie has the difficulty we all have with most of these international questions. There is no solution except trying to read regularly and widely and pick up facts as you go. On this subject, I recommend Judith Todd's book "Rhodesia." I can't give further details as some forgetful person borrowed my copy. Periodicals which have covered the issues fairly well are *The Economist* (London) inclined now to be right-wing, and *Foreign Report*, same publisher; *The New Statesman*, inclining to the left (London), and *The Nation* (Sydney) with a similar slant; *The Guardian Weekly*, a successor to the famous *Manchester Guardian* and now published in London; *Current Affairs Bulletin* published by the University of Sydney. The British periodicals mentioned can be obtained in

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air mail editions and major libraries carry some or all of them.

"Dr. Henderson's version of the history he cites reads strangely. Just why Todd should be gaol'd for promoting African freedom to speak out when he was the "originator" of repressive measures raises a peculiar issue, to say the least. I have not been able to check all Dr. Henderson's assertions, but several of them I know to be false or incomplete and therefore misleading.

"I occupied a diplomatic post in Salisbury during some of the events Dr. Henderson describes. Todd's Cabinet did resign because it had no more confidence in Todd—he wanted genuinely to pursue the official policy of 'government by a civilised majority'; they interpreted this as white only.

"The Wankie coal strike was tackled with masterly political skill, which earned the praise of black and white alike. Moving the army in to end the strike, Todd promised the strikers (black) immediate investigation and redress of genuine grievances. The subsequent enquiry met (as I recall) an important part of their claims. Why doesn't Dr. Henderson give all the facts?

"I'd like to see some evidence of the reported administration of the Land Husbandry Act. My personal knowledge of Todd's land policy was that he arranged for aerial surveys of all native land reserves and sent in agricultural officers to live among the tribes and explain his new policy and its reasons—instead of the old policy of the chief dividing up the tribal land each season (with all the overtones

of favouritism, neglect of proper land husbandry and so on) the new one permanently divided the land among the tribal families and gave them individual title. This is a very enlightened and practical policy—but I suppose the chiefs and their favourites might see it Dr. Henderson's way.

"Finally, Todd cannot, as Dr. Henderson asserts, 'appeal to the Review Tribunal.' These tribunals are held at the will of the Government; one was scheduled this week to 'review' Judith Todd's case. The tribunal meets in secret, the accused is not permitted counsel and the names of witnesses and nature of their accusations are not disclosed. Some appeal!

"I am unable, at this stage, to comment on the rest of Dr. Henderson's interpretations; but those I do know about don't give me faith in any of the others. He might have added that he is a leading member of the body known as 'Friends of Rhodesia,' a group devoted to supporting the Smith regime. His interpretations are Smith's, and just about as reliable as Smith's constant assertions to the British Government for years that his government had the support of black Africans. Even with leaders in gaol, the Africans are giving a denial to that misconception. Strangely, the Smith government seems genuinely to have believed its own publicity, with rather disastrous results to its public image before the world."

WERE YOU REPRESENTED?

To the Editor,

On Feb. 20 there was an ecumenical service addressed by the W.C.C. General Secretary in St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral, Melb. The service opened the R.C.-Victorian Council of Churches' "Year of Re-

newal" and was held in conjunction with next year's International Eucharistic Congress in Melb.

Were you represented? Or, more pointed, was the movement which has claimed to be a Restoration of N.T. Christianity for about 175 years, in any way connected with it?

If you are a member of a church which is a member of the V.C.C. then you were represented and this made you part and parcel of the whole thing including the 1973 International Eucharistic Congress which will probably be opened and closed by the Pope.

If top leaders of the W.C.C., of which you are a member, took part in that service which was in conjunction with the Eucharistic Congress, which in turn is idolatry, superstition, and man-invented, then you should ask yourself just where you are going and for what you stand.

—C. W. Jackel (Vic.).

(Ed.: I was there, with a lot of other evangelicals and, I guess, a large number of Roman Catholics, although it was very difficult to know who was who. I happen to be a bit pessimistic about the possibility in our generation of Roman Catholics and Protestants finding unity or even a basis of genuine co-operation, but maybe the Holy Spirit is healing the broken church despite our pessimism. Certainly, if the church is healed, it will be the work of the Holy Spirit. While we must be careful not to compromise the truth we must also be careful not to quench the Spirit. I do not believe that the Protestants at St. Pat's felt that they were betraying their heritage, or that the Roman Catholics were compromising their position. I think that we were hoping that God would say something to all of us. I didn't hear the Eucharistic Congress mentioned.)

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

HOPE

To the Editor,

My mate from St. Chad's uses me as a sort of theological sounding board. In other words he thinks out his theology aloud while I listen a bit bewildered. "Take hope!" he said out of the blue the other day. I thought he meant me to screw up my courage a bit. But he went on. "Take hope. There seem to be three sorts of Christians as far as hope is concerned. For some the Christian hope is all after this life. This sort of Christian has hardly any social conscience or sense of justice or desire to change the world. For some others the Christian hope is that God will help them with some immediate problem. This sort aren't pre-occupied with the after-life. They've got too much on their plates now. And they are so het up with the bit of society that's getting on their nerves now, that they don't get round to saving the rest of society. The third lot interpret the Christian hope as saving society and building the new order right now. These Christians are pretty light on about life after death, and they're not too hot on evangelism, and some of them have their doubts about God." And so he went on and on for about two hours.

"Thanks Tertius, you've been a big help," he said at the end. He had me so confused I hadn't been able to think of anything to say. Perhaps that's why I was such a big help.

After he was gone I tried to get it all sorted out. I can't understand why the Christian hope can't be for a changed world now, God helping us in immediate personal problems, and God giving life after death as well. My Bible seems to encourage all three kinds of hope.

Here's hoping,

TERTIUS.

WHO IS THE A.C.C.?

To the Editor,

Having been disturbed by the A.C.C. statement to boycott the South African tour, now a clash in Queensland over racial issues with their Premier, I wonder just who does the A.C.C. represent? For one thing, it does not represent W.A. Council of Churches who for example would not support a boycott of the cricket tour. This divided issue was resisted for the following reasons: "We are aware of and opposed to apartheid in all its insidious forms but do not believe boycott is an effective or appropriate form of opposition for the following reasons: (a) After 2,000 years of throwing people into prison, we at last have learned that 'primitive isolation' achieves nothing. I only hope that it doesn't take us as long to learn the same fact in international affairs. (b) There are grave doubts whether boycott is consistent with an incarnational type of theology or with the practices of our Lord." (N. Watson, "Brought Together," Feb., 1972).

It might be good at times for some of our representatives on brotherhood and Council affairs to at least sound out the feelings and thoughts of the people they represent at grass roots, even if it means to abstain from voting. I felt the above position ought to be stated rather than everyone feel brainwashed to a position that is not palatable to some of us.

—G. B. Carslake (W.A.).

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FEDERAL SECRETARY FOR DARWIN

E. W. Roffey, Federal Conference Secretary, will be in Alice Springs on May 13 and 14, and in Darwin from mid-day May 17 to early Monday, May 22. The visit is a pastoral one in the interests of Federal Home Evangelism and is in consequence of a motion passed at the last Federal Conference. Through this motion a recognition is made of members of Churches of Christ who seek fellowship with the congregations of the United Church in North Australia and the Territories.

Mr. Roffey may be contacted on those dates at The Alice Motel or at the Hotel Darwin. But the immediate need is for

names and addresses of members in the area. He has addresses for the following: P. Bennett, J. Berry, M. Bawden, Mrs. J. Denton (Tennant Creek), R. Evans, R. Hadden, R. Haigh, L. Helyar, G. Lewis, J. McCredden, D. McGregor, B. Pecklam, J. Prosser, Dr. D. Reid (Alice Springs), B. Squires, E. Walter, K. Welsh, E. Whiteaker, and has already written to these.

Information about others present in Darwin or of those listed who have moved from Darwin should be sent to E. W. Roffey, 184 Surrey Road, Blackburn, Victoria, 3130.

N.S.W. MINISTRY CHANGES

R. C. Dixon has removed from Marrickville to take up the migrant ministry at Enmore. D. Holloway has concluded at Georgetown to commence his work at Marrickville. Dr. Lloyd Jones, formerly of Swanston St., Melb., has settled into the ministry at Hurstville. W. Harrison has gone from Wyoming to Carramar. Dave Gurney from Woolwich Bible College to Wyoming. H. T. L. Davies from Austral to Kingsford and David Hovey from Woolwich College to Austral. W. Howard, after a long ministry with the Hamilton church in Newcastle, has been welcomed to the pastorate at Taree, and D. J. Eagling has gone from Hurstville to Murwillumbah. M. Conry goes from Woolwich College to Asquith, R. Smith from Woolwich to Cardiff, in the Newcastle area, I. Titterton from serving as assistant-minister at Beverly Hills to North Parramatta—and Ron. Kallmier has left Copping, Tasmania, to enter upon his work as Director of the Department of Christian Education, N.S.W.

Sth. Aust. Conference

It has been decided to move the time of Annual Conference from the September school holidays to April. This year Conference will be greatly reduced because it will be only seven months since our Conference in 1971. The programme covers Friday night, April 14, and all day Saturday, 15th. Annual Departmental reports will not be presented, nor will we have normal business sessions. Some necessary business will receive our attention, but we hope most of the time will be given to discussing where we are, and where we plan to go as a Brotherhood. Further details will be publicised as soon as plans are finalised.

GOALS SET

(SWANSTON ST., MELB., Vic., A. L. Webb). The officers of the church shared a planning week-end together at Belgrave Hgts. Convention Centre and set a number of goals and objectives including a minimum of 30 decisions for Christ for the year and at least five young people for full-time service . . . There have been four recent additions to our fellowship and many new Asian worshippers. The Asian attendance is often in excess of 80 . . . A series of sermons on The Christian Home and Family attracted wide publicity in the press, radio and T.V.

500 MILES TO WIN SWIMMING

(Qld.). At the Annual Youth and Christian Educ. Dept. Swimming Carnival at Musgrave Park Pool, South Brisbane, on March 4, first place was taken by the Rockhampton church, represented by the swimming Cummins family, who had travelled 500 miles to compete. Tom and Graham shared the trophy for champion senior boy, Ann received the champion senior girl trophy, and Lloyd, who broke several records during the evening, was champion junior boy. Carol also assisted the family in gaining the highest number of points.

In second place was the Camp Hill church, whose junior member, Debbie Plummer, won the champion junior girl trophy.

Third place was taken by the Kedron group.

The trophies for junior and senior girls were donated by the Christian Women's Fellowship.

350 CHURCHES REGISTER

More than 350 local congregations have registered as participants in the 1972 Action for World Development Campaign. The campaign will climax in July. It is hoped to have at least 200,000 taking part in the campaign. In addition to churches, schools and some community organisations have registered as participants.

Registration costs from \$5 to \$20, according to the size of the registering group, and represents a commitment to the campaign. Group leaders from registered parishes and groups are now being prepared for training courses. The campaign aims to provide participants with a greater understanding of issues of social justice and human development and to lead individuals and groups to more effective action.

Information about the campaign generally and about registration is available from the national office, Action for World Development, P.O. Box 124, Brickfield Hill, Sydney, 2000 or from Action for World Development offices in all capital cities.

QLD. EASTER CAMP GUESTS

Senator Neville Bonner, Australia's first Aboriginal Parliamentarian, will be one of the guest speakers at this year's Easter Camp, as will Victoria's Dr. Bertram Wainer, and Federal Board member, Ron. Brooker.

Studies will be on the subject of "Why Did Jesus Die?"

LONG MINISTRY ENDS

(HAMILTON, N.S.W.). The final services conducted by W. D. Howard on Feb. 27 were marked by large attendances. The church choir gave several items, led by N. Fraser. At the after-church fellowship, Ald. D. McDougal, Lord Mayor of Newcastle, and several ministers from the city spoke of the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Howard were held during their twelve years' service. Many visitors from other churches were present. Mr. Howard was the recipient of a projector, stand and screen from the members of the church. At a special C.W.F. farewell to Mrs. Howard, many ladies from other churches attended . . . D. Craig commenced an interim ministry on March 4. He was introduced to the church by Mr. Fraser, the church secretary.

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The story is available either in filmstrip or in individual slides and is accompanied by a tape recording. Material sent with the film includes \$2 coin cards which the children can fill in over a period of several weeks. The project aims to raise \$50,000 for general distribution of Bibles in Latin America.

THINGS TO COME

- MARCH: VICTORIA**
- 18 C.E. Annual Meeting & Inter Y.P. Rally.
 - 19 ANNUAL OFFERING — ABORIGINES' MISSION DEPT.
 - 25 Junior Good Companions' Field Day.
- 30-April 3 D.C.E. Easter Camps.
- APRIL:**
- 2 EASTER SUNDAY.
 - 7 "Impact"—Programme for Teenagers.
 - 14-16 C.E. Leadership Seminars.
 - 24 "Impact"—Film Night, Carnarvon Work Party.
 - 26-29 Ministers' Seminar (Monbulk).
 - 30 VIC.-TAS. CONF. BEGINS. United Gospel Witness, Melb. Town Hall. "Strategy for the Seventies" launching and commitment.
- MAY:**
- 3 C.W.F. — Women's Day of Conference, Kew Town Hall.
 - 1-5 VIC.-TAS. CONFERENCE. (See Page 14.)
- APRIL: TASMANIA**
- 22-23 TASMANIAN CONVENTION — MARGARET ST., LAUNCESTON.
- 30-April 3 Tasmania Easter Youth Camp.
- 6 Tas Quarterly Convention Meeting at Ross.
- MARCH: WEST AUSTRALIA**
- 21 C.W.F. Day of Intercession—half-hourly watches to be kept.
 - 31-Apr. 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

THE FUGITIVE CANDIDATE An A.L.P. candidate for the next Federal elections is wanted by the Commonwealth Police for evading National Service call-up. His candidature is supported by both State and Federal A.L.P. leaders. Although he is unlikely to be elected he has already had his day in Canberra, and was one of the latest excuses our parliamentarians find for not attending to the business of the country.

The National Service Act is a bad thing. It is discriminatory, forcing one section of the community (and that section without a vote) to forgo educational or commercial opportunities, and even to put its life at risk in fighting an undeclared war. Now that our soldiers have come home from Vietnam, the Act is still a bad thing. The provision of alternative service does not remove objections to it. Alternative service is merely giving the National Serviceman a choice between a great injustice and a slightly lesser injustice. The Act was ill conceived, and there is evidence that it has been selectively administered in that only a small number of those evading it have been proceeded against in law.

Having said that, it is still the law. A person's conscience may not permit him to observe that law. If that is so he should be prepared to accept the consequences. Many of us may agree with him in his stand and even encourage him, but we dare not pretend that the law has not been broken, or that the breaking of the law is a small thing.

At the last election, the Act in question was one of the issues, yet the Government was returned to power. Again, this does not make a bad law good, but it does remind us that in a democracy there is a way open to change the law. If the Government won't change it, then the people can elect another Government which will. But the people may be reluctant to give its vote to a party which thumbs its nose at the law—even if the law is sometimes bad.

THE HOLLARDS OF TULSA With the departure of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. C. Hollard to the U.S.A. where Mr. Hollard will be Minister of Pastoral Evangelism at our church at Tulsa, Oklahoma, the church at Glenelg, S.A., has reluctantly lost its minister, and the "Australian Christian" has with equal reluctance lost a colleague (unpaid!).

Eric, we never did learn what the "P.C." stands for, joined the church at Glenelg and there he met and married his wife, Fern. After training for the ministry at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, he served in Victoria, Sth. Aust., and New Zealand, before going back to his home State as Home Mission Director. In that office for 15 years, he heloed to start 14 new churches and conducted 36 evangelistic missions. He was President of State Conference. During World War II, he was an army chaplain in New Guinea. He has travelled widely and attended World Conventions overseas. He took a very active part in the 8th World Convention in Adelaide, 1970. His son, Roger, is a minister at Berwick, Vic., and his two daughters and their husbands are also active in the church.

Five years ago he went back to his home church to be its pastor and evangelist. The church is now one of the largest in the State and has the largest number of weekly communicants. He has always given strong support for the brotherhood, and his writing for the "Christian" has been challenging and significant. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Hollard well in their new service.

GOOD GRIEF!! U.S. Vice-President, Spiro T. Agnew, at a recent luncheon, gave some advice to the governor of Illinois concerning welfare administration. With his astonishing facility for non-humane sensibilities and his insensitivity to Christian values he had this to say about the poor, whom he called the welfare deadbeats: "Maybe you should send interior decorators over to all those dead-beats' apartments—to paper the ceilings with help-wanted ads." Commenting, the "Christian Century" suggests that the Vice-President's ceiling be papered with Luke 16: 19-31, in large print!!

SURF BAPTISM

(ANN ST., BRISBANE, Qld., L. G. Armstrong). 80 attended family camp at Caloundra. One young lady was baptized in the surf and she and her sister received into fellowship at the camp communion service . . . Over 70 attend monthly Family Fellowship . . . Mrs. Berry has suffered the amputation of a leg . . . The church will combine with City Congregational Church for an ABC-TV service on March 19 . . . L. Vincent is chairman of the Board, N. Watson is Sec., and L. J. Mainwaring is Treas.

W.W.D.P.

(HORNSBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). The district Women's World Day of Prayer was held in our chapel on March 3. Mrs. A. E. Bell, our C.W.F. Pres., conducted the meeting. Mrs. C. Hensby was soloiste, and the guest speaker was Mrs. Mackenzie, of Beverly Hills . . . Mairi Maskney of Jewish Evang. Witness, was speaker at C.W.F. on March 6 . . . A Boys' Brigade camp at Coalcliff was led by Mr. Oldfield, and D. and S. Shoobert . . . I. Riggall was a recent speaker.

Happenings

The Half-Yearly Convention for Victoria-Tasmania will be held at Dawson St., Ballarat, Vic., on the week-end of August 12-13, 1972.

Dr. A. C. Caldicott has resumed his ministry at Toowoomba, Qld., following his serious illness and subsequent surgery.

E. P. C. Hollard concludes his ministry at Glenelg, S.A., on March 19. See White Papers.

Of five chaplains commissioned by the Vic. Council for Christian Education in Schools at Wesley Church on March 5, two were Church of Christ ministers. Cyril Muller, formerly of Maryborough, will be at Mildura High School, and K. Turtmann, formerly of Coburg, will serve at Preston Technical College.



MISSIONARY OUTREACH

(HORSHAM, Vic., D. J. Marr). The missionary outreach programme began on Feb. 19 and 20 with messages from R. Roberts of Clayton. The focus is on local missionary members, John and Evelyn Friebel of New Guinea and Barry and Anne Cutchie (Audio-Visuals). The aim for the year is \$500 . . . Women's World Day of Prayer meeting was held in our church on March 3 . . . Harvest Thanksgiving service held on March 5. An after-church welcome was given to several new families . . . J.C.E. leaders are Mrs. S. Mitchell and G. Mackley; for I.C.E., Mrs. S. More and B. Laird.

NEW STUDENTS

(MONTROSE, Vic.). Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Chapman were welcomed at the commencement of their ministry which they will share with A. Horne . . . Hampton members spent an afternoon here and attended evening service . . . 17 young people held a week-end camp at Dromana. . . . Deacons and deaconesses have discussed the study book. "Now for Newness." . . . S. H. Wilson, Conf. Sec., spoke on March 5 . . . "Youth Yak," an experiment in Christian education began with 11 young people . . . House churches for 1972 have begun under Mr. Horne's leadership.

NEW TOWN HALL

(CHATSWOOD, N.S.W., C. G. Taylor). Mr. Taylor took part in an ecumenical service to mark the opening of the new Willoughby Town Hall . . . Alan Fax is Supt. of the B.S. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Tom English will live in Hong Kong, following a new appointment . . . Delayed by the troubles at Bangla Desh, Dr. Des. Crowley has now gone to India for a conference and to lecture on adult education . . . A parent dedication service was held for Mr. and Mrs. Graham Dodd and their baby daughter . . . C.Y.F. held a tea on March 3. They have refurbished a room turned over to them for their use. It was smartened up with a few pots of paint and some comfortable lounge chairs given by church members.

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MINISTER AWAITED

(LATROBE TCE., GEELONG, Vic.). While awaiting the ministry of R. V. Amos, to commence on March 19, recent speakers have been J. Small, J. Kennedy, Alan Carr and Alan Barron . . . At gospel service on Feb. 20, two young men asked four seniors questions of which no prior knowledge was given in an effective panel discussion . . . Members have been renovating the manse and a contract has been let for recarpeting the church aisles, etc. . . . Sympathy is extended to Alf Bennett and relatives in the death of his wife, Vida.

NEW COMPANIONS

(WANGARATTA, Vic., A. B. Withers). Miss Faye Campbell is the leader of the newly-formed Intermediate Good Companions . . . The C.Y.F. were guests of the Presbyterian young people at tea and evening service on Feb. 27 . . . Mr. Withers is taking the book of Acts as his subject for both morning and evening services for several weeks. Communion attendances are improving.

OBITUARY

NEWBY, Mrs. Phyllis

The church at North Perth was saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Phyllis Newby (nee Stewart) on Feb. 14, 1972, aged 68. Baptized at Brookton, W.A., in 1912, she came to North Perth a few years later, and became active in all good works. She was a B.S. teacher, an acceptable singer, and organiste for five years. Her active local service was interrupted by her career as a nurse, but to her this, too, was a service to God and to man. She met and married J. Newby. They have one daughter, Mary, now resident in Wollongong, N.S.W. Returning to North Perth in 1963 she again became active in service in the C.W.F., and as planiste for the weekly prayer meeting. Even as late as last year she was one of the first to volunteer to distribute literature advertising church activities. Her's was a pure and lovely spirit. She was a woman of deep Christian faith that looked with clear perception on things here and hereafter. Her Christian character inspired all who knew her to reach after the goals she cherished. She was a very friendly person, not in a demonstrative way, but with a quiet outgoing of an inner spirit that desired to be friends with all the world. The funeral service, conducted by the writer, was held in the Karrakatta Crematorium. To her husband Joseph, daughter Mary, and her brothers and sisters we extend Christian love and sympathy.—J. K. Robinson.

THOMPSON, Edward George

After a long period of sickness and frailty, at the age of 82 years, "Ted" Thompson died on Jan. 3, 1972, only a month from his 83rd birthday. His wife pre-deceased him in 1965. He lived with his parents who were pioneers of the South Lillimur district (Vic.) in his early years and then engaged in farming in the same district. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson had a family of three sons: Bert, now deceased; Ross, of Melbourne, and Rex, of Kaniva, are the surviving sons. Mr. Thompson was a member for 61 years and while at South Lillimur he made a valued contribution to the church and S.S. On moving to Kaniva he served as a deacon for 27 years and an elder for 18 years. He was a member of the I.O.R. for over 50 years and his community interests included membership with Agricultural Society, secretary of the South Lillimur Hall and association with football, tennis and bowls. He was, above all, a humble Christian man, a friend to all and to have been associated with him will continue to be a happy and grateful memory.—A.F.W.

GARDEN PARTY ESCAPES DELUGE

Melbourne has had its wettest February on record, the city has been flooded, and rainfall has been 700% higher than in any other February. Yet after an unpromising beginning Saturday, February 19 cleared to an ideal day for the College of the Bible Inaugural Garden Party. A larger crowd than usual attended to have tea on the lawns.

The informal fellowship of the first hour was followed by an outdoor programme chaired by F. P. Chipperfield, Chairman of the College Board. The College band led off with a vigorous "When the Saints Come Marching In." Thirteen new students were introduced with wives and families. (The fourteenth is yet to commence). Two of these students came to us on transfer from Glen Leith, the former New Zealand College, now closed. They came under an arrangement between the N.Z. Department of Ministry and our Australian Colleges.

Prizes were presented as follows: L. C. McCallum Prize, Peter Nelson; M. S. Noble Prize, George Warren; Old Boys' Prize, Graham Chapman; F. G. Dunn Prize, Ian Adams; F. M. Ludbrook Prize, Robin Haskell; E. F. Winter and Emma C. Hovey Prizes, Pam Bowers; William Grindrod Prize, Roy Arnold; Mrs. A. E. Skinner Prize, Paul and Judith Williams; Miss P. M. Ellis Prize, Paul Burnham; Chown Memorial Prize, Geoff. Benson, Peter de Wildt, Keith Fechner.

N. and L. Noble Bequest will be distributed through the Bursary Fund.

During the ceremony, the daughters of the late Robert Lyall, Mrs. John Kelly and Mrs. Horace Kingsbury, presented to the College, a plaque commemorating the service of the Chairmen of the College of the Bible Board of Management, since the founding of the College in 1907. They are F. G. Dunn, 1907 to 1914; Robert Lyall, 1914 to 1943; W. A. Kemp, 1943 to 1964, and F. P. Chipperfield who has been serving since 1964.

CHURCH ADDITIONS

(ARARAT - STAWELL - ST. ARNAUD, Vic., R. L. Baxter). Two teenage girls were baptized recently at Ararat and both are involved in S.S. and Girls' Good Companions respectively . . . A. Jenkins of the Australian Aborigines' Board was a recent speaker . . . Board members of both Ararat and Stawell met with Ted Keating to discuss a programme of evangelism to be held in Sept. . . . At Stawell, Mrs. R. Walls has joined us from Box Hill. C.W.F. annual meeting elected Mrs. Baxter president and Mrs. Walls vice-president. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Hutton have been home at St. Arnaud on furlough from Carnarvon Mission.

ACT OF COMMITMENT

(HARTWELL, Vic., M. J. Savage). Mr. and Mrs. Don. Sonsee were welcomed into fellowship on Feb. 20 when Mr. Sonsee was inducted as student assistant to Mr. Savage during his presidential year. Mr. Sonsee and church members exchanged pledges of support and co-operation in an "Act of Commitment." . . . On Feb. 20 and 27, six girls, who have recently accepted Christ as their Saviour, were baptized. Five are members of the Bible Class.

The official opening of the College year took place on Feb. 16. The next day was Orientation Day when in various ways students looked at such matters as study programmes, the purpose of academic attainment, spiritual growth, responsibility to the College community, and the meaning of Christian ministry.

A barbecue for faculty, students and their families was held at the farm of Principal and Mrs. Williams at Narre Warren North on Feb. 22. Rain ceased as the programme commenced, and started again when the programme finished. There were hay rides and pony rides for the children, and football for every one.

The College register numbers 51 students, 31 of whom are married. New students were initiated by their fellow students during a special act of worship arranged by the Students' Committee. On behalf of the student body, Bill Newton, an exit student, presented the new students, indicating the name and previous occupation of each. Student President, Don Sonsee, then referred to the new vocation of the students, as having heard God's call, they now committed themselves to study for ministry.

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(N.S.W.). The Woolwich Bible College commenced the 1972 session on Feb. 29 with an opening dinner for the students followed by a social gathering in the Principal's lounge to give opportunity for members of the faculty to meet and share in fellowship with the new students.

On March 1, the Hinrichsen Memorial Chapel was crowded for the first service of the College year. Greetings of the College Board were fittingly presented by the Chairman, M. H. A. Pieper, Conference President. R. F. Bartholomew brought brotherhood greetings, and a brief devotional message was delivered by Dr. Elliott.

The Woolwich Christian Service Course will continue this year with lectures on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the College.

New courses offered this year will be Social Counselling, with J. P. Henderson, B.A., as lecturer, and Communications, conducted by the Senior Lecturer, G. L. Chapman, B.A.

Woolwich College "Open Day" will be held on Sat., May 6.

NEW SECRETARY

(ALBION, Qld., Barry Benz). Noel Smith has been appointed as secretary . . . It has been decided to continue the 10 a.m. start for morning services during 1972 . . . Noel Smith has been appointed as secretary . . . To assist Arana Hills church, and to accumulate funds for further building at Albion, it has been decided to join the I.C.A. Scheme for the Brisbane Northside churches. Contribution will be \$35 per week.

SEEKING MINISTER

(BEXLEY NORTH, N.S.W.). When J. Regouby concluded his ministry at the end of February, N. Merrick, third year Woolwich College student, was appointed to preach. The church is seeking a full-time preacher . . . R. Hewitt, N. Darvey, E. Gabbett and J. Christison were recent speakers . . . Funeral of Mrs. Willis left a gap in attendances as she was very loyal in remembering her Lord. Sympathy is extended to all who sorrow . . . Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Fletcher and Reg. Ormes have been in hospital . . . Elected at the annual meeting are elders, C. Langbein, J. Saville and L. C. Yelds.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

(INVERELL, N.S.W., Russell Craig). Christian Women's Convention speaker, Mrs. P. McIntosh visited Inverell and was warmly welcomed by the committee at a luncheon. Plans were outlined and discussed regarding the commencement of women's home Bible Study groups. On Feb. 10, 70 ladies attended a luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Winter and at night a large gathering from various churches met in the Church of Christ hall to hear Mrs. McIntosh speak. Her messages were a challenge to both Christian and also non-Christian women . . . Two young people and also a married woman re-dedicated their lives at recent gospel meetings.

(TOOWOOMBA, Qld, Dr. A. C. Caldicott). Dr. Caldicott has been conducting Cadet Preacher classes for young people who feel called to the ministry in a special way. Delwyn Frame has been one year at Woolwich Bible College and this year is joined by three more: Neale Proellocks, a plumber and one of the church rugby stars; Robert Slack, turner and fitter and cyclist, and Greg. Deuble who has just passed his senior exams at Mt. Lofty High School and is a leading soccer player. The three candidates for college each gave a short sermonette on the Crucifixion of Christ and, in the absence of Dr. Caldicott, still recuperating in S.A. following a serious operation, Allan Male, Past President of Conference and Qld. Youth Director, gave a dedicatory address and read a message from Dr. Caldicott. In response, Neale Proellocks paid tribute to the efforts of Dr. Caldicott, and to the church and the parents for their help.

A Saturday barbecue at Picnic Point was followed by a social evening in the church hall.

(The cover block, used with acknowledgments to the Toowoomba "Chronicle," shows the four students in the Church of Christ at Toowoomba. Late news: Miss Beverley Fletcher, also from Margaret St. church, has joined the other four, making five students from one church at Woolwich Bible College.)

"REBIRTH ENMORE"

(N.S.W.). The church at Enmore with its witness at the Enmore Tabernacle over many years, has great historical significance. With the passage of time, however, the former days of vibrant Christian service waned as most of the older families associated with the Enmore witness moved out of the district and strengthened the work in other outer-suburban areas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dixon, following a very fine ministry among folk of many nationalities in Marrickville, have now taken up the challenge of the Enmore community.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dixon began the Enmore Migrant Ministry on Feb. 6.

CHRISTIAN POLITICS

(Qld.). The Christian Radical Union has called for nominations for pre-selection for the next State election. The seats named are Bulimba, Chatsworth, Greenslopes, Kurilpa, South Brisbane. Further information may be obtained from the Secretary, Christian Radical Union, G.P.O. Box 612, Brisbane, Qld., 4001.

BOND CRUSADES

(N.S.W.). J. K. Bond, recently farewelled from South Perth, W.A., enters into a series of gospel "Crusades" with N.S.W. churches in conjunction with the Dept. of H.M. & Evang.

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DEATHS

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BACK FROM SCHOOL

(RESERVOIR, Vic., A. Baker). Judy and Bruce Grayden and children returned from Brisbane after attending Summer Institute of Linguistics . . . S.S. picnic was held at Wattle Glen . . . Boys' Club is led by A. Harman and T. Gill . . . Cricket club parade was held on Feb. 27 . . . The church annual meeting, chaired by E. Collins, elected C. Crossfield, Sec.; K. Wookey, treas.; K. Wookey, elder, and E. Collins, C. Crossfield, G. Eygelaar, C. Fletcher, R. Grayden, N. Thomas, J. Welsford, J. Whimpey. Deaconesses are Mesdames T. Booth, D. Crossfield, H. Eygelaar and S. Maidment . . . C.W.F. is led by Mrs. A. Baker.

ONE-WAY INN

(NTH. WILLIAMSTOWN, Vic., K. H. Pitt). Young people have fellowship and discussion at their "One-Way Inn" each Sunday night after gospel service . . . C.W.A.F. commenced year with luncheon in Williamstown Gardens . . . A teacher dedication service was held Feb. 20 . . . Focus on Properties' Corporation was feature of Church Extension Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. Coxhead were presented with a Bible on removal to Box Hill, and Miss Lesley Whittington was given a writing case on transferring to Canberra . . . Sympathy is extended to the Tee, Mouser, and Hiddle families in the loss of loved ones.

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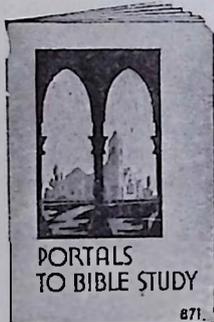
(MILDURA, Vic.). A welcome was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Lawrie and family at an informal function on the lawns of the A. R. Mansell home on the river. An induction service was conducted on Feb. 6 by W. Neville, elder . . . Junior and Intermediate scholars from Buronga are now linked with the Mildura school . . . Many members are supporting a training course for the commencement of Sunraysia Citizens' Advisory Centre . . . A Planned Giving Campaign is to be held in 1972 . . . A Worship Committee of officers and young people prepares interesting programmes for Sunday evening services . . . Ian Mansell, an officer, has been very ill in the Base Hospital.

LADIES ACTIVE

(WOORINEN, Vic., R. Pritchard). The ladies had a busy year and were responsible for new carpet in the building. The floor has been sanded and varnished by the men, and the furniture renovated . . . E. Mott was re-elected secretary, and A. Voigt, treasurer. J. Leach is B.S. Supt. and Mrs. J. Mott is C.W.F. secretary . . . Features have been a family service with casserole dinner and a basket tea followed by the screening of the film "Signposts Aloft." . . . C.M.F. combined with Swan Hill in a three-acre pumpkin project on the property of E. Mott.

JOINT CHURCH STUDENTS

(STH. MELB.-MIDDLE PARK, Vic.). Bill Newton and David Stevens have been appointed student ministers to serve both churches. A young lady was baptized recently . . . W. J. Tipping and R. Catchpole have been hospitalised for two weeks. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harrison are in N.Z. visiting their daughter who is convalescing after an operation.



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REVIEWS

THE EXPLODING UNIVERSITY

By Christopher Driver. (Hodder & Stoughton). \$10.95.

When Christopher Driver wrote "A Future for the Free Churches?" his book was acclaimed for its critical analysis and competent reporting. He has now used his considerable talent to take a long critical look at the universities of the world, their origins, their present pains, and their futures. It is an extremely interesting study and for those of us who see only the news-media presentations of the universities: their demonstrations, dissent, and anti-social behaviour, it is all the more helpful to be taken on an inside tour of these cities of learning—communities of the good and the bad, the serious and the trivial, the noble and the rabble. The university is certainly not self-sustaining, but it does have some standing of its own, a city within a city with its own way of life.

Driver, the son of a medical missionary, is an Oxonian, and was Feature Editor of the Manchester "Guardian." He is therefore an academic with a proven capacity for communication with general readers.

Universities never cut off themselves from their past and their history makes fascinating reading. "The Exploding University" moves from the ancient centres of Paris, Bologna, and Oxford, to yesterday's Manchester and Chicago, to today's Vincennes (Paris) and Lancaster. New England and Monash do not rate a mention. The earlier universities were, naturally, dominated by the church and churchmen. Even in comparatively modern universities, men of the church exercised strong influence. For example, a young Baptist minister named Gates preached a sermon on the need for a great college in the rapidly growing city of Chicago, "giving the highest classical as well as scientific culture, and aiming to counteract the western tendency to a merely superficial and utilitarian education; an institution wholly under Baptist control as a chartered right, loyal to Christ and his church, employing none but Christians in any department of instruction; a school not only evangelical but evangelistic, seeking to bring every student into surrender to Jesus Christ as Lord."

The sermon bore fruit. Baptist John D. Rockefeller became the university's first benefactor and Baptist William Rainey Harper its first President. Rockefeller had amassed a great fortune from Standard Oil ("the good Lord gave me my money; how can I withhold it from the Univ. of Chicago?"). Harper, an Old Testament scholar, used much of the money to lure top academics away from other universities, and to establish a great library. (Harper even went to a Berlin bookshop and bought the entire stock for three hundred thousand 19th century dollars).

The main studies are of Manchester, Chicago, Berkeley and Tokyo. Berkeley ("they call it Berserkeley now") is part of the mammoth Univ. of California with its 110,000 students. Berkeley's share is 29,000. It has a top-class faculty and is rated highly in spite of its recent violence and administration upheaval. Governor Ronald Reagan exercises a control that would not be tolerated in any Australian university. He quickly replaced Regents (Trustees) with his own nominees, and it took him only 17 days to get the Regents to vote no confidence in Berkeley's President. Not many of the Regents are academics but, says Reagan, "You don't have to know how to lay an egg to tell when one is bad."

Tokyo's University, like the rest of Tokyo, is crowded. There are 40,000 students crammed into a complex that Western nations would use for 10,000. Japan's universities have also been wracked with violence. So much so that in 1969 a new Act was passed empowering the permanent closure of universities paralysed by demonstrations for more than six months.

Although universities build traditions and cling to their heritage they are also subject to the changes taking place in the society that surrounds them. Sometimes the changes, influenced by social, economic, political, and ideological pressures, are accompanied by violence. The universities of the future will surely be different from the present as the present universities are different from the past. Driver has some provocative things to say about the place universities have, their teachers and teaching, their students and subjects, and their administration.

For people who have a special interest in universities, or for those who have general interest in what is happening in their world, Driver's book is a clear look at the crucial arena of tertiary learning.

FINGERTIP DEVOTIONS

By Amy Bolding. (Baker Book House).

Mrs. Amy Bolding has written a number of "Devotions" which many have testified as of great value and helpfulness, in their own private times of quiet, and in group leadership.

Each chapter is accompanied by one or more poems, by the author, or members of her family or friends. They could not be described great verse, but they breathe a spirit deeply devoted. Likewise, the prose parts of the book are simple and appealing.

Reviewers speak of "the devotional touch" of Amy Bolding, and indeed, this lady has an influence gentle and graceful. She has a love of nature, and draws analogies from the beauty of trees and flowers. She has a strong sense of the rhythm of life and its growth. As life progresses it becomes richer and fuller with the flowers and fruits of living.—J.E.B.

MY ANCHOR HELD

By Lt. Cmdr. S. R. Harris. (Lakeland). \$1.55.

Eighty-two members of the crew of the U.S.S. Pueblo, an American "spyship" were captured by North Korea in Jan., 1968, and released in Dec. the same year. They were interrogated, beaten, and subjected to solitary confinement and harassment. Harris was second in command to Captain Bucher. There were calls for the court-martial of these officers for allowing their ship to be captured, but they were captured in international waters by far superior forces. Harris tells the story of the year of suffering that became a memorable year of God's guidance and care.

GOD'S MINUTE

Prayer for Every Day. (Zondervan).

This book has on every page a Bible verse and a prayer for every day of the year. Among the hundreds of contributors are E. S. Jones, S. Mooneyham, Elton Trueblood, Daniel Poling, David Wilkerson, Gordon Powell, J. H. Jauncey and J. Edgar Hoover.

"HEY! J.C. I'VE READ YOUR BOOK"

By Roger Bush. (Hodder & Stoughton). \$1.50.

These are footnotes to scripture by the popular A.B.C. broadcaster and minister. They will not please everybody, but we found them stimulating. The verses, if that is what you call them, are addressed to Jesus and with the help of excellent photographs from India to Vietnam, from church steeples to protests in city streets, are full of compassion for today.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"With all the trouble in the world, it seems downright sinful for a preacher to laugh!"

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VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.

The March Council meeting was attended by 99 delegates representing 43 churches. Stanton H. Wilson spoke on "The kind of world that we live in" and the "Strategy for the Seventies" campaign. R. McLean, Secretary of the Overseas Mission Department, reported on the Overseas Mission fields.

Devotions entitled "Be Still" were conducted by Mrs. Helen Banks. Prayer of Intercession was given by Mrs. Netta Newham.

The Christian Education Committee arranged a regional rally at the Ormond church on March 21 at 8 p.m. Speaker was Deaconess Mawhinney, Chaplain of the Heidelberg Girls' High School. Women's Conference Day will be held in the Kew Town Hall on Wed., May 3. Tea tickets \$1.75, will be on sale at April Council. Next Council: Friday, April 7, 10.30 a.m. Thanksgiving Service prepared by Mrs. J. Preston.—M.N.

GIFT FOR NEEDY

(BLACKBURN, Vic., E. W. Roffey). A large box of groceries collected through the year by Evening C.W.F. was taken to Social Service Dept. for distribution to needy . . . A Bible Study is held at the manse preceding C.W.F. meeting each month . . . Afternoon and Evening C.W.F. held combined meeting to commence year. Speaker was Mrs. J. Preston, Pres., Vic-Tas. Women's Conf. . . . Area Bible studies have re-commenced . . . Church picnic was held at Ferny Creek . . . Mr. Nankivell was speaker at Senior Citizens' meeting . . . Karen Humphreys writes of safe arrival at Ndui Ndui, New Hebrides, minus luggage . . . Newly-established Young Marrieds' Group held first meeting.

PAUL PAYNE RETIRES

(BLACK ROCK, Vic.). On March 5, Mr. Payne retired as minister and handed the pastorate over to Ian Tippet, a third year student from the College. Mr. Tippet has been assisting Mr. Payne during the past year. Mr. Payne, previously minister at the Noble Park church, is retiring from active ministry after nine years of service at Black Rock, but he and his family will remain in membership at the church. Members of the congregation deeply appreciate the ministry of Mr. Payne, and the support given to the church by his family . . . Two young members of the congregation, Alan Payne and Russell Allison, have entered the College of the Bible.

GIRL PREACHER

(MANIFOLD HEIGHTS, Vic., A. E. Stevens). Jennifer Douglas, recent graduate of M.B.I., was preacher on Feb. 20. . . . A "Church Family Social" was held on Feb. 26 . . . Harvest Thanksgiving goods were sent to "Glastonbury" Protestant Orphanage . . . Tennis club members held a church parade. The youth choir sang and members of the congregation gave testimonies per "roving microphone" . . . Three new teachers have been added to S.S. staff since teacher training course . . . A parent dedication service for Mr. and Mrs. R. Cant and their son Christopher was held on Feb. 27 . . . Counsellor training classes were held in February.

12 AT CONVENTION

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). Twelve ladies attended the Convention at Belgrave Heights and there were many at Women's World Day of Prayer service at St. Francis Xavier Church . . . Mrs. Barnett spoke of the mission work among Aborigines at gospel service . . . Y.P. Society officers are: Mr. Grainger, Pres.; Mr. and Mrs. Marchant, leaders; Margaret Plumb, Sec., and Keith Fromhold, Treas. . . . Sympathy was expressed in the death of Lyn Buchanan's grandmother and Len Harris' mother . . . Robert McFarlane still very ill and Merle Marchant on the sick list.

B.S. INCREASE

(STRATHMORE, Vic., S. K. Bannon). The B.S. has shown increased numbers this year . . . Mrs. Ian Alves is helping Heather Bucknell in Good Companions' leadership . . . Boys' Explorers meet in two groups, Paul Mitchell and Ian Alves lead the juniors and Mr. Baldry and Mr. Gale the seniors . . . Mrs. Barclay of the Moreland Opportunity Shop was guest speaker at C.W.F. Garden Party. C.W.F. held a progressive supper and visited and conducted the Essendon C.W.E.F. in the form of a "Television Programme." . . . Tennis teams are in final four.

MAN FROM PENTRIDGE

(ESSENDON, Vic., C. Badcock). John Tudor, teacher at Pentridge, was speaker on March 5. He also spoke at "Shadrack's Shelter"—after-church coffee hour . . . At church auxiliary night, Good Companions formed a choir and delighted with their singing. Mrs. N. Hutton, President C.W.A.F., was soloiste. A young man responded to the invitation . . . The church has been saddened by the deaths of Mrs. Joy Huntley and Mrs. B. F. Kemp. The church offers sympathy to their families. . . . Heather Ferguson is giving splendid service as S.S. Supt.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

(MAIDSTONE, Vic., D. White). Social activities include Music Club, Camera Club, Coffee Club for Teens, Boys' Explorers, Girls' Club, and C.W.F. . . . Some of our young people are attending University, also College of the Bible . . . S.S. opened with a "Sausage Sizzle" at the manse.

SYDNEY CARTER

(Vic.). Religious educators and musicians are invited to meet Sydney Carter in person when he visits Melbourne, March 14-31. In addition to a number of concerts, there will be two functions to interest those involved in the religious, educational, and worship programmes in church and day school.

1. Workshop in Contemporary Music and Worship (in education and local parish), March 18-19 at Mercy Teachers' College, Ascot Vale. Details from David Lovell, Cripac Press, phone 211-9177 (day), 277-9672 (evening).

2. Seminar for religious educators at North Melbourne Methodist Centre on March 20, 10 a.m.-3.30 p.m., "Celebrating Life with Sydney Carter" will provide an opportunity to discuss with him the use and creating of music for use in teaching.

Full details at The Council for Christian Education in Schools, 55 Exhibition St., Melbourne, 3000, and the Victorian Council of Christian Education, 100 Flinders St., Melbourne, 3000.

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GRADUATION AT BUNAM

(NEW GUINEA). A wet windy night outside but all warmth inside the Bunam church. It was the end of the school year and warmth and gladness is always apparent at such a time, but it was also the first graduation of students from the Teacher Training Course at Bunam.

Eight men from various villages had completed the course and were ready to begin work as literacy teachers in their own villages in 1972. The service was conducted by Baham and items were given by both the graduating class (a rather appropriate hymn to the tune of "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" and speaking of breaking down Satan's stronghold by a reliance upon God's armour) and remaining students.

Good wishes were given to the graduating group by the others, and also by the local Government Councillor. Nepa, as President of the School Council, responded on behalf of the graduates. Certificates

were presented and one could almost see the chests of the graduating men puffing out with pride, yet along with that pride in achievement, was a realisation that this was only the beginning of a still wider work. John Bolton spoke to the graduates and congregation pointing out the God-given responsibilities of us all in this new school programme. A prayer of dedication of these new teachers was given by Vinamo.

It was a short but happy service.

As February, 1972, begins I find myself out "working bush" to see these graduates launched on their careers in the schools. As I write, the Mui Village Pidgin School is but a few hours old and is the first to be started. Tomorrow there will be a Sori school and then, one by one as time goes by, schools at Yamen, Buten, Yar, Tamo, Angisi and Kivim.

All of us involved in this work covet your prayers and your practical support.

By ROSALIE ROFE

VILLAGE EVANGELISM

(INDIA). We praise the Lord for giving us very good opportunities to preach the gospel in surrounding villages. People still buy gospel portions very happily. We do not receive much opposition. In some places people object and tell us not to preach, but on the whole we get very attentive listeners. We really give thanks to our Lord and Master, Lord Jesus Christ, for these opportunities. In one village when we started preaching a group of young people came and started asking questions. They started telling people that there is no need for Jesus Christ as we Indians have so many gods. But when, quietly, I started to answer their questions one by one, they themselves, and the people agreed that which we were preaching was correct.

After this those young boys became our friends. I gave them some tracts to read, and our prayer is that the Lord through His Holy Spirit may speak to them and work in their heart and they may come to the knowledge of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. We find one or two in every village who are really in search of salvation.

There are so many villages in this part that they do not get a chance to hear the gospel story. When I see this the thought comes in my heart how will those people hear the message of salvation and who will take this message to them? There are 85 villages in this area of 22 square miles. We can only go to 20 to 30 villages. So please pray for these villages.

By D. DONGRE

"WENDY" HITS OUR ISLANDS

On Friday, February 4, cyclone "Wendy" hit the Northern Islands of the New Hebrides. A fortnight earlier cyclone "Charlotte" had destroyed much of the Southern Islands.

Damage was caused on the islands where Churches of Christ are working, but fortunately this was not as extensive as islands further north and south.

Outbuildings such as hospital and mission house laundries, store rooms, shower recesses, tanks, kitchens, toilets, woodsheds, boat sheds, etc., were damaged or destroyed. Church buildings were badly damaged, including the chapel at Banmatmat Bible College.

With the destruction of gardens, food will be in short supply for the next twelve months, as it takes this long for the gardens to recover. This will create a problem for our boarding schools and the Banmatmat Bible College. Food will have to be imported, and we may need to provide finance to assist with this as well as finance the replacement and repair of buildings.

The Overseas Mission Board has agreed that up to \$2,000 should be made avail-

able as soon as possible to provide for the reconstruction of buildings and relief.

In the Ndui Ndui area, 4,000 coconut trees were uprooted and 50 houses damaged. The destruction of the coconut trees will be a severe set back economically to our island churches, as copra produced from the coconut is the main source of income. In addition, the price of copra has fallen from \$85 a ton in February last year, to \$37 a ton. It is going to be a hard year economically for our island brethren, and naturally it will be difficult for them to maintain their support for their pastors and missionaries in New Guinea.

The Overseas Mission Board is anxious to send help immediately to the New Hebrides, and if you desire to assist please forward your donation to: Australian Churches of Christ Overseas Mission Board Inc., 60 Henley Beach Rd., Mile End, S.A., 5031.

GOOD NEWS FROM INDIA

Congratulations to John and Valerie Main on the birth of Cameron Mark on Feb. 19 at Poona, India. Both mother and child are well.

JAY'S COLUMN IS FOR Juniors

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

In Bible times, young people did not choose whom they should marry. Their parents arranged it for them. When Isaac was old enough to marry and there were no suitable girls nearby, Abraham sent a trusted servant to the land where Abraham used to live. Would you believe . . . ? The servant was to choose Isaac's wife! One evening as he neared his journey's end, he came to a well and saw . . . ? What happened next? You'll find the whole story in Genesis.

THREE BIBLE STATESMEN (see last issue): 1. Nehemiah. 2. Mordecai. 3. Ahithophel.

"THAT'S funny, your dog wags his tail up and down."
"Yes — we live in a caravan."

THE RULE BREAKER

The platypus, which is so different from anything else in nature, also broke a rule about its name. An international agreement declares that no two creatures shall have the same name. Even if a mistake is made, the creature first with the name, keeps it. The name platypus was given to a beetle in 1792, six years before Sir Joseph Banks sent a specimen of the Australian platypus to the British Museum. Our platypus caused such a sensation that when the duplication was discovered, the name was not changed. To distinguish between the two, the beetle spells its name with a capital "P" and our friend spells it with a small "p."

"TELL me a ghost story. Mrs. Perkins?"

"But what makes you think I know any, Tommy?"

"Well, Dad says you give him the creeps!"

DIZZY DICTIONARY

Aardvark—aan aanimal that resembles aan aanteater.

Llama—an animal that llooks like a camel.

Fjord—fjorm of estuary bjordered by steep cliffs, especially in Njorway.

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THE LAST WORD . . .

FAILURE

My spirit's weak,
My flesh is weaker still,
My body plays the traitor to my will
And fails me at my need,
As though some fate decreed
That I should never be
The man I long to be.
—Studdert Kennedy.



Written in Arabic over the door of a Y.M.C.A. in Lebanon: "We ask not what is your religion, your creed, or your colour, but from what do you suffer."

"The supreme irony of 1971 is that man can look down on the earth from the moon and see a planet that has shrunk into a neighbourhood without becoming a brotherhood."

—LEIGHTON FORD.

The probability of life originating from accident is comparable to the probability of the unabridged dictionary resulting from an explosion in a printing shop.

Edward Conklin, biologist.



Having a man to love, a child to hold, and a dinner to cook—this is all that really matters to a woman.—Sophia Loren.



A certain company is said to be making a cigarette with both a filter tip and ear plugs. The ear plugs are for smokers who do not wish to hear why they should stop smoking.

A motorist is one who travels to a place as quickly as he can so that he will have more time on arrival to wonder why on earth he went there.



A man with one wife is a mystery, a man with two wives is a bigamist.



Navy bridegroom: "With all my worldly goods I thee endow."

His father: "There goes his seabag and fountain-pen."

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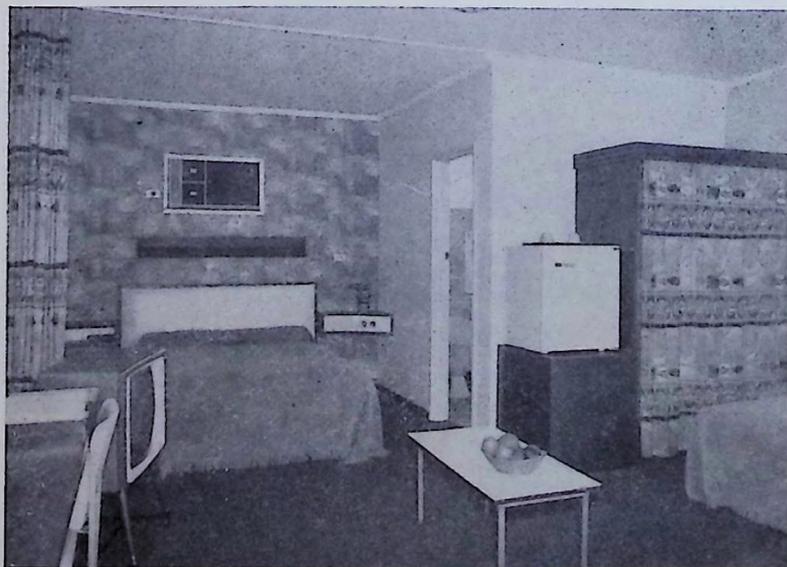
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