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SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH (13)

Jean Preston (nee Campbell) was born at Brunswick, Victoria and was baptised at Coburg Church during the ministry of the late L. R. H. Beaumont.

She was actively engaged in the J.C.E. Society and the Bible School and later served as Deaconess.

Married James Preston at Cairns, Queensland, then returned to Melbourne and remained at Coburg until 1957, when the family moved to Beaumaris. She is now in membership at Black Rock. She has two daughters and one son.

In addition to serving for many years on State C.W.F. Committees, Mrs Preston has held office in a number of local groups.

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LIVING

No one has so wondrously fulfilled, in character and conduct, the ideal of Christian living, as did the Apostle Paul.

He realized more fully than any other man of his own time or ours, the purposes of God, as revealed in Jesus Christ.

His life and teachings have revealed the meaning of Christianity in a way accomplished by no other life or teaching. In Phillipians 1:21 we read Paul's true estimate of life: "For to me — to live — is Christ".

This statement of the Apostle's view of Christianity gathers force when we think of the circumstances under which he wrote it. He was a prisoner. He was waiting for the final word of the Emperor.

If the Emperor commanded one way, the Apostle would tread the way to execution. If he commanded that he should be set free, then he would return to Phillippi and then to some new region to tell the same story, live the same life and win more victories for Christ.

He looks at these two roads stretching before him and says: "To live is Christ — to die is gain".

Paul is content. Life and death have lost their own significance for him because there is only one vision that fills the horizon, whichever way he looks. In every direction he sees only the Master.

Let us meditate on that estimate of Christian life, "To me — to live — is Christ".

What did he mean? Here are four things he may have meant:

1. Christ was the law of his life. The conditions under which he lived his life are summed up in Christ.

2. Christ was the product of his life. To him, to live, is to reproduce Christ.

3. Christ was the aim and influence of his life. To him, to live is to lead men to Christ.

4. Christ was the finisher, the crown of his life. To him, to live is to be what Christ is, and to find the fulfillment of his life through Him. Christ the end — as Christ was the beginning.

Whether this man looked back into the past, at the present, or into the future, behind, above or beyond — wherever he turned his eyes, he saw Jesus only.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if WE could ALL take Paul's estimate of life as our own. If by God's grace we could say: "For ME to live is Christ!" Or as The Living Bible translates: "For me—living means opportunities for Christ."

Our opportunities for service and witness are endless. Preaching without words is a form of service and communication available to all Christian people. Not all of us are skilled in the use of clear and persuasive speech, but we all may speak eloquently by seeing that our "manner of life" is worthy of the Gospel.

Those who are not Christians expect to see in the way Christians act, and in the something extra which shows through the personality, that a person has "been with Jesus".

May the quality of all our lives today bear testimony to the fact that we belong to Jesus Christ.



ALAN A. AVERY

EVANGELIST AT VIC.-TAS. CONFERENCE

The Conference Executive announces that Allan Avery will preach at the Inaugural Session of the 107th Vic.—Tas. Conference in Melbourne Town Hall on Sunday, April, 30 at 7.00 p.m. His subject will be: "JESUS, MY SUPERSTAR". The Service will conclude with a corporate act of Commitment to Christ to launch the "Strategy For The Seventies" Programme.

Allan Avery entered the College of the Bible from Dandenong Church, aged twenty-two, and after training, commenced his ministry at Swan Hill. He served that church for over five years and during his term saw the opening of the new Chapel.

He was then called to the work of Field Officer with the Depart. of H.M. He served there for eight years and pioneered Planned Giving Programmes which have become an established part of the life of our Brotherhood and he also introduced the Planned Programme of Evangelism.

These programmes for Evangelism featured new forms of outreach which have been used widely throughout Australia. Last year, with Gordon K. Moyes, Allan Avery conducted Programmes of Evangelism in six major centres in N.Z. where over one hundred commitments for Christ were received.

Allan Avery was the final Speaker at Federal Conference in Brisbane in 1964. In 1968 he attended the Asia-South Pacific Congress of Evangelism in Singapore and is currently serving with the church at Dandenong.

It is expected that the United Evangelistic Rally in the Melbourne Town Hall will be an inspiring service when Christians will re-commit themselves to Jesus Christ and decisions will be made to enthrone him as Lord.

JERUSALEM LONGS FOR A PROPHET

By STEPHEN WHITTLE

EASTER is traditionally a time when Christians from all over the world throng the streets of the Old City to make their pilgrimage along the Way of the Cross to the Holy Sepulchre in the Church of the Resurrection. Ideally it is a time of peace.

But today that peace seems as far away as ever. True, the city is busy with the sights and sounds of everyday life. The spice merchants haggle behind their multi-coloured piles of peppers, nuts and spices. Donkeys clamber up the slopes of the Old City sagging under a mass of carpets. Visitors from different countries linger in the bazaars. In the newer sections of the city, cranes and bulldozers are hard at work.

Within the walls of the Old City, priests in flowing robes move through the narrow streets. Bearded rabbis and the faithful in their sombre dress hurry at sunset towards the Western Wall of the old temple. Five times a day the call to prayer echoes from the loudspeakers of the mosques.

Only rarely is one reminded that Jerusalem is not quite as "normal" as first appears. Israeli soldiers carrying automatic weapons patrol the streets. Each of the Holy Places has its quota of armed guards and police. Military jets occasionally streak across the sky. Jerusalem remains at the centre of the dispute between the Palestinians (supported by the Arab states) and Israel. So much so that many observers share the view of Archbishop George Appleton, the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, that "there can be no peace unless Jerusalem is shared in some way." This unique city, sacred to each of the three great monotheistic religions, is still a source of dissention to them all.

NATIONALISMS IN CONFLICT

The situation in Jerusalem brings into sharp focus many of the issues at the root of the Middle East dispute. It is here that the clash between two nationalisms—Zionist and Palestinian—over the same piece of land is at its most acute. The conflict has many facets but the potency of the religious argument adds fuel to the fire. The concern, on the part of all three religions, for the various Holy Places acts as a magnet drawing the attention of the whole world.

Since the end of the Six Day War in 1967, East Jerusalem and the Old City have been occupied by Israel and the shield of David flag now flutters over the Arab section of the city. For Israelis the occupation means a full return to the city they regard as theirs—the capital of the homeland, the place holy to the Jews since the time of David and where Solomon built the Temple. For the Palestinians, both Muslim and Christian, the occupation is a hated thing; an event which has forced many people out of their homes and brought alien rule. For the United Nations, the occupation and the subsequent annexation is an illegal act which should be rescinded.

It is impossible for any visitor to Jerusalem not to become embroiled in the argument. Both sides have a burning sense of injustice. The Jews have not forgotten the exile and their persecution. The Arabs who lost their homes and livelihood and their right to self-determination find the present situation little short of intolerable. Occupation would be bad enough for them but the Israelis have not stopped there. They have incorporated the east section of the city into the State of Israel and have begun massive developments on what was formerly Arab land.

Obviously the most important question for the Palestinians is whether the Israelis have any right to annex territory and impose their rule on the local population. It is an alien rule which they do not want. The clash is between cultures and is over basic human rights. The impact too on Arab pride has been

considerable. Old friendships between Palestinians and Jews which date back to pre-1948 days are under severe strain. One Israeli doctor who visited a Palestinian friend in Jerusalem to ask if the friendship could not continue was told: "You must make up your mind whether you want my friendship or my country."

Generally speaking, it is the middle-class Arabs who smart most under the occupation. Their leadership role has been usurped by the occupation forces. Their businesses are forced to compete in the Israeli economy. For the ordinary people in Jerusalem and the surrounding villages the new situation has brought some material benefits. They have been able to get jobs as construction workers and labourers in the more developed Israeli economy. There is more money around.

QUIET BUT NOT PEACEFUL

Since the occupation life has become difficult for Christians. Many of them have had a good education. They established businesses or staffed the professions but now many businesses are closing and few professional men are anxious to serve the occupation forces or be thought to give support to them in any way. Young Palestinians who have managed to obtain a good education are also making their way out of the city to Arab countries or abroad to try to further their studies. The result is a weakening of the Christian community. Several of the Christian leaders in the city are so concerned that they are trying to provide an acceptable place to study as well as exploring means of creating "honourable and profitable jobs, where," in the words of one church leader, "they feel they have real opportunity."

PROSPECTS FOR A SETTLEMENT

Meanwhile the building programme continues with a depressing effect on the beauty of the city. A unique example of a walled city is being sacrificed to the desire for a prestige show-piece. It is sad that if such a monument is necessary it cannot be planted elsewhere. The plans have distressed architects both outside and inside Israel. The Archbishop of Canterbury has claimed the programme is disfiguring the city "in ways which wound the feelings of those who care for its historic beauty."

But as with most arguments, the basic issue lies elsewhere and continues to revolve round the fundamental question of how to achieve justice for Palestinian and Jew and eventual reconciliation.

At the moment there are few signs of hope. Israel has repeated her determination to retain the whole of Jerusalem come what may. She has rejected UN requests to withdraw and ignored resolutions urging a halt to the annexation and subsequent measures. There have been few takers for the Pope's plea for an international statute for the city.

But if the aim is peace—a just and acceptable peace—there will have to be some give. Many Palestinians recognise that there cannot be a return to the divided city of the past while many Israelis realise that, for all the talk of sovereignty, they cannot behave as if Jerusalem were like any other city. Attention has to be paid to the feelings of others. Jerusalem longs again for a prophet to promote the claims of justice and enable men to put them into practical effect. Then the words of Bishop Cuba'in, Anglican Bishop in Jordan, Lebanon and Syria, might ring true: "This is a wonderful part of the world," he said. "We can do marvellous things if there was more love and no more fear of domination." (E.P.S.).

OLD FAITH IN A NEW DAY

(S.A.). Southern Districts Conference covers an area from Point Sturt to Lenswood and Murray Bridge to Victor Harbour, and has a total membership of over 500 in nine churches. From 1901, through subsequent years stretches an impressive record of projects within the district, and assistance to brotherhood departments. The minutes record commendation by some of the best known names of the past 70 years.

However, a marked similarity was apparent between the minutes of 1901 and 1971. The groove worn over the years had become a rut so deep it threatened to become a premature grave. This was climaxed in 1971, when in 108° heat, the Conference—still with high-class speakers, artists, and discussion material—was sick. The diagnosis, "The conference is not meeting the needs of the church, and individuals, relevant to this day."

A motion called for re-organisation, to face the problems of our churches in our day, to seek a cure—and if possible a remedy. So March 2, 1972, saw 82 members of our churches prepared to hear statements of existing conditions in each member church, and later delve enthusiastically into discussion of these problems, and offer mutual endeavour in the overcoming of our own failing stewardship of the things of God.

Phase two followed 17 days later on Sunday afternoon, in the centre of Strathalbyn, in Rotary Park on the banks of the Angas River, when 230 people of all ages were soon confronted with the informal, yet very serious challenge of this occasion. The State Youth Choir, led by John Mathieson, was the musical nucleus of our well advertised programme.

Max Thompson, Kevin Roberts of Victor Harbour, Cherylie Giles, a 19-year-old

Dip. Ed. student at Flinders University, I. J. Chivell, E. W. Heard and Neville Moore were speakers. Cherylie and Jim sang "Lonely People," encompassing the whole theme of this session.

The Strathalbyn church halls were packed by 175 people and a great deal of food, as fellowship continued around the tea table. Old friends and new talked together in an atmosphere declaring that neither God nor his church is dead.

The bells of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church pealed at 6.55 p.m. as 250 packed into this stately building on the other side of the river, for the combined gospel service. As we had just been reminded of our forefathers "walking out" almost 200 years ago, and now we were "walking in," two questions remained unanswered: "How far have we come in the past two centuries?" and, "Are we still going in the direction God points?"

The sharp two-edged sword of God's Spirit seems to be needed as never before to divide the hair-line between tradition (what we have always done), and truth (what God expects us now to do).

We are confident that Southern Districts Conference shall live on.

—Ross D. Pollard, Sec.

CALL TO BLOCK DAM

INTERNATIONAL financial aid to the Cunene River Scheme projected for Angola and Namibia (South-West Africa) constitutes "a vital and direct contribution towards the maintenance and strengthening of colonialism and racism in Africa," according to a symposium sponsored by the World Council of Churches.

The symposium asked the World Council to mount a special campaign against the scheme. Priority should be given to pressuring certain companies and banks to withdraw their support. If this is not done, then churches and individuals should consider stockholder action, boycotts and other forms of protest.

Banks specifically mentioned were the following: Germany — Dresdner Bank, Deutsche Bank and Kommerz Bank; France—Crédit Commercial de France and Crédit Lyonnais; U.K.—Hill Samuel, Bankers' Trust; Netherlands — Algemene Bank Nederland; Luxembourg — Credit Bank S.A. de Luxembourg.

Participating in the Arnoldshain Symposium were 60 persons from action groups and member churches of the World Council in 11 countries.

The Cunene River Scheme is due to involve the construction of 27 dams and hydro-electric plants at a cost of about \$612 millions. The first dam, at Gove in central Angola, is to be completed this year. Other dams and plants are planned for Matala, Matunte, Calueque and Ruacana Falls. According to the Portuguese and South African governments, their purpose is to provide irrigation and electric power for Angola and Namibia.

S.U.M. APPOINTMENT

The Rev. S. M. Brook of Sydney was appointed General Secretary of the Sudan United Mission and will head the Aust. and N.Z. Branch of the international society which has over 600 workers in West Africa. The mission works in Nigeria, Chad, and the Camerouns and supports national workers in the Sudan.

However, participants at the Arnoldshain Symposium saw the overriding object as consolidating the position of white, minority regimes in Portugal and South Africa, creating the conditions for bringing in half a million new settlers and engaging Western powers in financial, military and political support of the white regimes.—E.P.S.

\$13 MILLION FOR BANGLADESH

The World Council of Churches' Bangladesh Relief and Rehabilitation Service (B.E.R.R.S.) has approved a \$13 million relief programme for Bangladesh over the next 16 months. Cash and pledges already received amount to \$6,300,000.

The programme will provide food, medical care, housing, water and transport in addition to supporting agricultural work, fishing and other industries for the people of Bangladesh. This rehabilitation phase, scheduled to last until June 30, 1973, will lay the foundations for long-term development aid from the churches.—E.P.S.

THE NEWELLS OF MINYIP

(Vic.) When the Golden Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving Service of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Newell, of Minyip, was held at Warracknabeal church, guest speaker was Frank Hunting, of Dawson St. church, Ballarat. He paid tribute to the fact that their lives have touched hundreds and hundreds of young people all over the country. He commended them for their high standard of Christian character. Following the service, over 100 attended a basket tea. Reg. Evans, on behalf of the Warracknabeal-Brim churches, presented Mr. and Mrs. Newell with a white-covered Bible, suitably inscribed. The Newells then cut the Golden Wedding cake, which had been made by their niece, Mrs. Royce Wardle. In his response Mr. Newell said, "We were both carried into the church as babies. We were led into the church by the hand as children. Then we were prayed into the church as young people. The church has been first in our lives, always, and we have been tremendously blessed."

Here in brief is an outline of the activities of the Newells:

Mr. Newell — North-west Dist. Conf. of Churches of Christ — President two or three times, Sec.-Treas. for seven years.

Hall's Gap Youth Camp — Sec.-Treas. four years (also one of original planners of Camp, and Camp "Pop" for about 35 years!)

Warracknabeal-Brim-Minyip Churches of Christ Circuit — Chairman of Board many times, Secretary.

Minyip Church of Christ — Sec. for 38 years, Treas. for 14 years while also Secretary.

Warracknabeal Church of Christ — Elder for 4 years (ever since Minyip closed and members joined Warracknabeal).

Mrs. Newell — North-west Dist. Conf. Pres. and Sec., Women's Week-end Conf. Hall's Gap Camp — "Camp Mother" from second camp for many years.

Minyip Church of Christ — "Mission Band," "Christian Endeavour," S.S. teacher till 1967, organiste.

Religious Instruction in Primary Schools for many years (a continuing service in 1972).

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

3 Wise Men on Media

By R. V. HOLMES

Writing in *"The British Weekly"* Peter Savage said that a theological college should measure its success not in terms of the numbers of students in residence or those who have graduated, but in terms of the effective ministry that each student is carrying through in a local church.

He claims that there are four basic objectives: all four are related to being (what a person will become) and doing (what a person will be able to do). The final objectives are people centred.

1. The Bible College must have the objective that all of their graduates will be men of God. The three other objectives depend on this one. The ministry is not like other professions in that a person may be divorced from his profession in his private life. In theological education, the person is the message.

2. The student must acquire the skills and knowledge (in that order) to help him rightly divide the Word of God. He is not to repeat, parrot-like, the taught doctrines of his church, he must have the ability to handle the Bible. For this, the student

will require training in simple analysis, synthesis, comparison, and evaluation.

3. Skills must be developed for the particular ministry which the graduate will perform. The first objectives are basic and it may be said that most colleges concentrate only on them. The writer visited 13 colleges in Great Britain and did not find one that taught or trained students in the specific "skill" of starting a new church. Too many schools were preparing professional theologians when they should have been preparing pastors.

4. The fourth objective relates to the minister in relation to the community. Will his church become "sealed off" from the community or, through the pastor's ministry, communicate to its community?

It is time that educators answered the question: What is theological education attempting to accomplish? The answers should be set down in measurable form so that they can be accurately interpreted anywhere. Please let us not graduate pilots who cannot fly, shoemakers who cannot sew leather, medics who cannot diagnose, or pastors who cannot feed the flock!

CHAPLAIN TO S.A. PRISONS

A. R. Jones, Churches of Christ Social Service Director, has served as Chaplain to the prisons in S.A. for nearly 15 years. He represented the "other Protestant denominations" in the prisons, making three visits a week, conducting Sunday services, and mixing with the prisoners in the workshop and engaging in personal counselling.

Four years ago Mr. Jones commenced a Yokefellows' Group which brought a new dimension into spiritual counselling. This provided a fellowship in which many men discovered themselves and lives were changed.

On release from prison men often find it difficult to secure employment. Help has been given in this direction, and the home of Mr. Jones has been opened to many of these men.

When the Women's Rehabilitation Centre was opened at Northfield, weekly visitation and Sunday services were commenced.

The Uniting Church (Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational) wrote to other churches asking if they would be interested in co-operating with them in providing a full-time Chaplain for the prisons. The Baptist Church and ourselves agreed to co-operate. The Government has made some money available for chaplaincy work, and by pooling this money, these five churches are able to maintain a Chaplain on a four-day-a-week basis.

Rev. John Hughes, of the Broadview Baptist Church, has accepted an invitation to become Chaplain and will commence duties on April 10.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Jones for the work he has done on our behalf, and on behalf of other churches. The Committee directing this work is planning

to make suitable recognition of the service he has rendered.

L. Gard, the Comptroller of Prisons, has written to Mr. Jones as follows: "This appointment brings to a close nearly 15 years of association with the department, during which time your work has come to be appreciated by both staff and prisoners. The fact that you have not spared yourself either in terms of time or effort has contributed significantly to this feeling of regard, and it is agreed by all of us that your presence will be greatly missed.

"However, it is gratifying that you have agreed to maintain your association with the department by medium of the Yokefellows' groups, and it is to be hoped that this very worthwhile activity will continue for many years to come.

"You are assured of the gratitude of the department for the services you have rendered."

Pop Culture and Christian Education

"Immediate" is the name of a new magazine dealing with the use of pop culture and media materials in Christian Education and youth programmes. The title "Immediate" emphasises the immediacy of pop culture and also draws attention to media resources.

"Immediate" will concentrate on giving practical help in the use of pop culture and media materials. The magazine will draw attention to songs, films, slides, records, posters, books, plays—and will also suggest ways in which they may be used.

The first issue of "Immediate" contains:

● Pop music section reviewing three songs.

Delegates to the Biennial Conference of Christian Television Associations of Australia spent their first day listening to three wise men of the media.

Number one was Myles Wright, tall and distinguished Chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Control Board. With the geniality and tact befitting his position, he answered a host of questions about the churches' relationship with T.V. and Radio Stations, "under the Act."

We gained the impression that the Board wanted to do its best by the churches, but expected the churches to do their best also. This he indicated to be in terms of quality of material, informed use of the media (recognising its limitations and possibilities), and in fullest co-operation with both the industry and the Board.

Next was neat and efficient young "communication psychologist" Hugh Mackay from Sydney, who gave a neat and efficient lecture on "The Process of Mass Communication." By the time he had graphically illustrated the five "barriers" which must be overcome before a communicator gets through to his audience via mass media, it was obvious that the complicated part of telly is not all in the electronics system. He assured us that research indicates (a) that mass communication does work, but works best at reinforcing what people already believe; (b) it can convert, but only when heavily supported by other pressures; (c) it can only be effective when geared entirely to the needs and point of view of the audience.

Finally came long-haired, high-booted and colourful Rhett Walker, the Programme Manager of radio station 3AK, "where no wrinklies fly." Rhett was appreciated in that he pulled no punches about the facts of life which religious programmes have to take into account. They are the same facts which apply to every other programme. The radio audience is "locked in" only with a programme they enjoy. The programme manager has to avoid "tune-out factors" at all costs. The reason is simple. He has to keep the audience locked in or else go out of business. Too often religious programmes have been "tune-out factors." Not always. He was high in praise of recent C.T.A. radio spots.

● Review of the film "Stork," with questions for discussion.

● Description of a Christian Television Association film "How to Understand Your Teenager."

● Review of the rock musical "Godspell."

"Immediate" will be of particular interest to youth leaders, ministers and adult groups in the church who wish to understand something of the pop culture which captures the younger generation.

There are six issues of "Immediate" per year, and the subscription of \$2 p.a. should be sent direct to the publishers, Joint Board of Christian Education, 147 Collins St., Melbourne, 3000, payment accompanying order.

State News

RE-APPOINTMENT

(BRIAR HILL, Vic.). The church, in co-operation with the Dept. of H.M. & Evang., announces the re-appointment of Bob Baxter as minister for a further four years, until 1976 . . . For the Easter service, the church and S.S. combined . . . On April 9 a Sportsman's Parade and service was followed by the presentation of cricket trophies . . . Sympathy is offered to Mr. Baxter's family in the death of his father.

100 SPARETIMERS

(BRIGHTON GDNS., S.A., C. E. Curtis-K. J. Harvey). The "Sparetimers" celebrated their first birthday with 100 on the roll . . . Three elders, two ministers, nine deacons and eight deaconesses were set apart in dedication service . . . 30 leaders met for Sunday 6 a.m. breakfast to study skills and problems of youth leadership. . . . Five tennis teams won premierships. . . . Catering committee, led by Joyce Wenham, now caters for weddings . . . A family of four were recently baptized. Families are asking for classes on commitment to Christ . . . 250 were present for informal family service when the Unley Salvation Army Boys' Band played.

HOUSE CHURCH

(GLEN WAVERLEY, Vic., R. B. Elbourne). The autumn series of House Church has commenced with the theme "A Repeat Performance." . . . T. Turriff spoke to the church representing the Aborigines' Mission . . . The church has adopted, in principle, a plan for restructure of the life and witness of the church . . . The following elders have been elected: J. Acqueroff, J. Alabaster, L. Croxford, G. Frecker, K. Milne, D. Patterson and M. Symes . . . "Midgets" (Boys' Explorers) held a week-end camp at Fraser National Park . . . Senior cricket team won 3rd grade premiership and two tennis teams played in finals.

Winter School: "Making all things New"

"Making All Things New" is the theme of the Winter School at the College of the Bible on Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21 and 28. This will be a Winter School with some differences.

1. **One Month Only.** Winter School will be only for June instead of the usual June and July. This is to leave everybody free for the World Development Programmes in July. By emphasising renewal in personal life, the family, and the church, the Winter School will be laying a foundation for the discussions on community, national and world renewal in July.

2. **Group Experiences.** About half of the Winter School programme will actively involve participants in small group experiences of several kinds with a view to encouraging renewal group programmes in local churches and in families. Practical help will be given in creating and maintaining such groups.

3. **Simultaneous Schools.** Notes will be available in kit-form so that churches deciding to run their own schools concurrently can have material by the end of May. The notes will include material by

M.A.F. FEATURED

(PEEL ST., BALLARAT, Vic., W. Mills). N. Foord from Missionary Aviation Fellowship was a.m. speaker on March 26. At night Rob. Willis-Jones, a candidate M.A.F. pilot, gave a testimony. There was a baptism and a decision . . . A Fund Raising Committee is active for local church requirements. C.W.F. coffee party raised \$20 . . . B. Harmer is now S.S. secretary. . . . Mr. Mills attended marriage guidance course in Melb.

INDUCTION AT KALGOORLIE

(W.A.). The induction service for the new minister, Robt. Taylor, was conducted by Tom Banks, Pres.-Elect. of Conf. . . . The annual meeting elected R. Reid secretary and R. Humphrey treasurer . . . The church will celebrate its 75th anniversary next year . . . A B.S. teachers' dedication service was held and B.S. is busy with B. & F.B.S. project, "Bibles for Latin America."

THREE BAPTISMS

(NOBLE PARK, Vic., T. Giles). There were three baptisms on March 26 . . . Young people's fellowship held a camp at Mt. Martha . . . Dr. G. A. Whiting and A. V. Page were recent speakers . . . On March 19, evening service used visual aids and congregation participation . . . W. A. Jenkins represented the Aborigines' Missions on 26th . . . Tennis club won section grand final.

LONG SERVICE

(BENDIGO, Vic., M. D. Keatch). H. Langley resigned from the Board, and the annual meeting expressed appreciation for his loyal service as secretary for 20 years and as deacon for 25 years . . . G. Doolan was elected elder . . . Many representatives from suburban churches attended a Monster C.M.F. Rally. Men also came from C. & N. Dist. churches. Kevin Christensen was speaker . . . C.W.E.F. paraded on March 26. A lad confessed his faith.

lecturers, instructions about group activities and general guide line material on personal, church and family renewal. Material will also be included on "Issue Groups." Renewed persons and churches will have a social conscience. The kit will give hints about asking the right questions about social issues, getting at relevant material and discussing it with action in mind.

4. "Strategy for the Seventies." In Victoria the Winter School is geared into the "Strategy for the Seventies" programme. This project of the Vic.-Tas. Conf. Exec. is to stimulate churches to create positive programmes of Christian growth, evangelism, pastoral concern, service, and community leadership. The Winter School is to assist churches in the area of Christian growth. Previous schools have emphasised other aspects of the church's mission.

Among the lecturers at the Winter School will be Mrs. Lorraine Clencie, George Mathieson, Rev. Roland Giese, and Dr. Kelth Bowes.

Elsewhere in this issue an advertisement gives details of enrolments, costs, kits, dates and times.—G.R.S.

EVANGELISM CRUSADE

(TAMWORTH, N.S.W., R. Foletta). The year began with an evangelistic crusade with Eddie Gabbert. There were six baptisms and interested contacts made. Extensive visitation was carried out by the evangelist and minister, Mr. Gabbert and Mr. Foletta . . . Norman Luke, who has a wife and two children, enters Bible College soon . . . (Those added to the church are named on the Personal page) . . . The Y.P.C.E. has pledged to raise \$300 to support a student from Indonesia for a year at Bible College.

NEW AT TERRACE

(GEELONG, Vic.). The Conf. Pres.-Elect, M. J. Savage, conducted the induction service for the ministry of R. V. Amos on March 19. Welcomes were extended at evening after-church fellowship and by the ladies at their Wed. meeting when flowers and fruit were presented to Mrs. Amos . . . S.S. picnic was held at Torquay . . . The Girls' Brigade has 47 members . . . The C3 tennis team won the grand final of the Protest. Churches Association . . . Sympathy is offered to relatives of Alf. Bennett who died on March 21, only 3½ weeks after the death of his wife, Vida.

WORLD DEVELOPMENT AND TEACHERS

(N.S.W.). World Development in Asia is the theme of a special workshop for secondary school teachers in Sydney on April 21.

Sponsored by the A.C.C. in association with a number of church, aid and teachers' groups, the workshop will concentrate on methods and resources for teaching about development in secondary schools.

Leading the workshop will be Professor Warren Hogan, Miss Jean Skuse, and Dr. David Dufty.

The workshop has been organised by Mr. Tadashi Miyabe, a Japanese youth worker with the A.C.C. for one year under the Australia-Asia partnership programme.

The Asian Development Workshop will be held at Newington College, Sydney, from 5 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. on Friday, April 21. Further details available from Mr. Miyabe, at the office of the A.C.C., P.O. Box 111, Brickfield Hill, N.S.W., 2000. Phone 26-2901 (Sydney).



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State News

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

(BENTLEIGH, Vic., B. Heyworth). The Missionary Convention, March 12-19, featured Ron. Muller who was in charge of the Asian Pacific Christian Mission at Ora Kana, Gordon Summerson of South Seas Evangelical Mission near Wewak, and Rev. G. Lazenby, Principal of M.B.I. The climax was on 19th with the cantata "The Greatest Story Ever Told" presented by the Cheltenham Church of Christ, led by Mrs. C. Ferris . . . \$3,432 was distributed by the missionary committee in past 12 months.

300 AT 7 A.M.

(IPSWICH, Q'd., E. Stevens). 300 attended the combined communion service of Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational, Baptist churches and Churches of Christ in our chapel at 7 a.m. on Good Friday. The Baptist minister, F. Weston, gave the address . . . The annual meeting recorded appreciation of the faithful service of Fred

PICNIC AT TWIN LAKES

A 24-hour visit to Broken Hill church by visitors from Adelaide had an informal conclusion with a barbecue at the Zinc Lakes with church members. Visitors included the S.A. H.M. Director, Ted Heard, and Mrs. Heard; Neil Bright and Syd Hoskin of the Building Extension Committee and Mrs. Hoskin of the H.M. Women's Committee.

Broken Hill church is well named! It is high, broken and broke. Well, not quite! But the 60-year-old galvanised iron building makes a poor impression on the visitor, although the inside has a good appearance. The membership is small (36), but committed, and giving averages \$3 weekly

Norwood as elder, deacon and speaker. . . . Alf. Stieler is elder, E. Stevens is Board Chairman, N. Fawdry is sec., and A. Boettcher is treas. . . . Berniece Risson gained first place in the soprano solo section at the Qld. Eisteddfod at Maryborough . . . Mr. Stevens is recovering after serious ear infection.

BISHOP AT CANBERRA

(AINSLIE-LYONS, A.C.T., C. H. J. Wright, C. G. Dredge). The 1972 programme was launched with combined service at Ainslie with the recently retired Bishop of Canberra-Goulburn, the Rt. Rev. K. J. Clements as preacher . . . Over 100 attended the combined family camp. A family service featured gospel hymns to band accompaniment, Betty and Brian were guest singers, and the Leprosy Mission screened a film . . . A Coffee House, "Charisma," now operating at Lyons, attracts crowds of young people every Sunday night . . . There have been seven recent baptisms at Ainslie . . . The church regrets that Mr. Wright will terminate his ministry at the end of 1973.

per communicant. It is a five "man-power" church trying to cope in a well-heeled mining town. Broken—the foundations of the external walls have extensive dry rot and the building holds up with paint and prayer.

The minister is Trevor Meares. Two former Victorians, Neil Sonsie (Ringwood) and John Curtis (Doncaster) are giving good leadership with local man Wayne Lee, the treasurer.

The church is alive to the opportunities for development in the town but its size makes it dependent on brotherhood help to cope with the renovations needed for its buildings.

NEW POST FOR W. S. LOWE

(Vic.). The Australian Administrative Staff College has announced the appointment of W. S. Lowe as Director of Studies. Mr. Lowe has been a member of the A.A.S.C. directing staff for the past three years. He is a graduate in arts and commerce, a member of the N.Z. Society of Accountants and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management. Prior to joining the A.A.S.C., Mr. Lowe spent three years as chief of research in the Management Development Branch of the I.L.O. in Geneva, where he was responsible for the course standards and content of I.L.O. management training in some 40 countries. Earlier, Mr. Lowe was Victorian manager of an Australian management consulting firm, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry and an Australian Trade Commissioner.

Mr. Lowe, a New Zealander by birth, was a graduate of Glen Leith Bible College and had ministries in Tasmania and Victoria.

YUGOSLAVIA SCRIPTURES

With the transfer of Yugoslavian scripture production from England to Yugoslavia in 1971, Bible Society activity has nearly doubled in this unique East European country.

Bible Societies in Poland and East Germany are stronger and more highly organised than the one in Yugoslavia. However, throughout the political ups and downs that are a part of Eastern Europe, a standing import licence has made it possible for the society secretary in Belgrade to receive a steady flow of scriptures from the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Now, through an agreement with the State publishing company, NOLIT, several editions of Yugoslav scriptures as well as a Ukrainian Bible and an African (Twi Akuapen) New Testament are already being produced locally.

WORD TALK No. 49

This man had a meaningful name — in Hebrew Gideon means "the slasher." Gideon came on the scene during the desperate days of Israel's struggle to become a settled nation in a land torn by warring nomadic tribes. These Bedouin bands were the world's first camel raiders. With terrible swiftness they crossed the Jordan on terrorist raids. They were still doing this up until 1967! Valuables, animals, harvested crops and women were the main objectives. The Jewish farmers lived and worked in fear, often threshing their grain in caves or hidden in wine presses (Judges 6: 11) instead of on the open windy hilltops. The domestication of the camel allowed the Midianite raiders to travel 200 miles for an attack on the farmers. They were referred to as a locust plague. Gideon's task was to rid his country of these raiders. We have evidence of such 11th Cen. B.C. fighting.

Gideon was miraculously called (Jud. 6) and he affirmed his faith in God by breaking down his family's altar to Baal at a time when the Canaanite god was worshipped for good crops. He is best remembered for his sign from God—a dry fleece of wool on a wet threshing floor and for the rout of the Midianite raiders. In fact "the Day of Midian" became the term of a great Israeli victory and was used for the victory over Egypt in 1967. Gideon's military strategy was brilliant and with odds at 450: 1 he routed the 135,000 raiders. Politically he was successful and made the wise decision not to establish a hereditary kingship as David did. Religiously he had charismatic qualities, he was: "called by the spirit of God" (Jud. 6: 34). He was also respon-

GIDEON

sible for making the gold ephod used by priests in worship to gain divine guidance.

FOR TODAY:

God still uses the weakness of man. Gideon was timid in hiding from the Midianites while a farmer and even when he made sacrifice to God he did so at night. Yet God used his weakness and he stands as a symbol of courage. God used his small band for victory. God used the weakness of Paul (2 Cor. 12: 5-10). God used the weakness of early Christians (1 Cor. 1: 26-30). Hudson Tay'or said in China God chose him "because I was weak enough. God does not do his great works by large committees. He trains somebody to be quiet enough and little enough and then he uses him." Prof. Toynbee says on his study of world civilisation that 3% of the community determines a nation's destiny.

Gideon further reminds us that we, like him, want a sign from God—a dry fleece. This is spiritual immaturity seen in people who refuse to live by faith. Gideon's story also indicates that God allows people to sift themselves out when he challenges them to his work. Gideon did not classify his army. He observed their responses and they classified themselves. His soldiers never realised that they were being judged on their ordinary behaviour. And isn't this our situation every day?

Gideon did not kill the Midianites—their fear killed them. Panic, surprise, flight, confusion, guilt—these are still the killers of great hordes. Faith is the victory because it alone overcomes man's basic fears.—GORDON MOYES.

OPEN FORUM

WHOM DOES THE A.C.C. REPRESENT?

To the Editor,

It is clear that no Council or Conference can expect to represent every opinion. We are constantly faced with majorities and minorities even in a compact community.

The A.C.C. is not a Council of State Councils and does not aim to represent them. It is a Council of Churches at the Federal level, not a Council of local churches. It works through an annual meeting of church representatives, consultants and observers which elects an executive and various divisions responsible for on-going programmes.

Churches of Christ are represented at the annual meeting of the A.C.C. by their Federal President or his alternate and three other representatives who are appointed by the Federal Department of Christian Union—a committee elected by Conference. At the recent annual meeting of the A.C.C., A. W. Stephenson served as an alternate for A. H. Walkington, our Federal President. Our other representatives were I. E. Allsop, K. R. Boves and R. N. Gilmore. A. W. Stephenson as alternate to our President and R. N. Gilmore are members of the A.C.C. Executive.

As a participant on many occasions in annual meetings of the A.C.C. I have been impressed with the Christian commitment, ability, statesmanship and sense of respon-

sibility evident in the A.C.C. Its responsibility is to be as representative as possible and at the same time to give a lead to the churches. It knows it can neither represent nor lead everyone. Situations arise and decisions have to be made and leads given without the possibility of sounding out the whole community. In such situations and on controversial matters the A.C.C. tries to act appropriately either by making a statement at an annual meeting or recommending resolutions or action to member churches.

—E. L. Williams, Chairman,
Dept. of Christian Union.

FILM FOR FREE

To the Editor,

The film "With Him in the Garden," produced several years ago by Laurie Dunn of the Dandenong, Vic., church, has now been shown to approximately 1,700 people.

The colour and sound film runs for approximately 14 minutes and is based on an article published in the "Australian Christian" by Mrs. E. Pfeifer. It relates various flowers and shrubs to Biblical passages and thoughts.

The film is well produced and quite suitable for part of a Sunday evening service and Laurie is willing to screen the film to any church or organisation that would like to see it. There is no hire charge for the film.

Laurie has made a number of other films including documentaries, travelogues and comedies which he is also happy to

screen to suitable audiences. Some of these films have been very successful in cine competitions. He can be contacted through myself or phoned on Dandenong 792-0141 (Melb.) during business hours.—Allan Avery (Vic.).

EDUCATION IN THAILAND

To the Editor,

As many of you know, I am teaching English as a Volunteer at a Christian school in Thailand. The school takes students to the third year of secondary education, by which time the standard of written English is roughly equivalent to five years of primary schooling in Australia.

Teaching in the school is gravely handicapped by lack of space, teaching equipment, and, in the case of English, suitable books and reading material. Children's books of good literary quality and with ample illustrations are needed, both fiction and non-fiction. The school library is very badly equipped in this field. The Overseas Missions Board has given me permission to appeal to the brotherhood in this matter. Books may be sent direct to me (address below). These should be clean, undamaged and recently published. Unfortunately, postage on such items is heavy.

—Harold F. Gross,
Bamrung Wittaya School,
Mokara Road,
Nakhon Pathom, Thailand.

NEW HYMNALS

To the Editor,

The draft list of hymns proposed to be used by the Uniting Church of Australia has now been published. It reflects great credit on the Anglican, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian representatives responsible and comprises an 11-page alphabetical list of 450 selected hymns, the standard books in which they appear and the tunes recommended. There are also concise and helpful comments on the principles adopted, the procedures followed and on the proposed grouping of the hymns.

The Federal Hymn-book Committee of our churches has examined the report in some detail and finds that the previously expressed need for caution was well justified. Despite care taken to bring a more ecumenical approach than is evident in our present book, the search through current hymnals from many sources and the introduction of over 200 "new" hymns, only 170 out of our 600 selected hymns appear in the U.C.A. list. This results because our selection is based on the current usage and needs of our churches as well as a serious attempt to utilise suitable modern hymns and tunes. The committee regrets that this vital matter of usage separates us, when our very real wishes would unite us.

A large proportion of the words and tunes have been thoroughly rechecked and mounted for indexing and allocation to the appropriate sections of our own proposed new hymnal. Progress will be reported at intervals over the ensuing months.

—Frank J. Funston, Hon. Sec.,
Federal Hymn-Book Committee.

["The Australian Hymn-Book Report: I"] is published by the Presbyterian Bookroom and the price is 40c.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

THE LANGUAGE OF A KISS

To the Editor,

For a long time I have believed in the language of a kiss. For instance I can tell from the way my wife kisses me, what she is thinking. Sometimes her kiss says, "Can't you see I'm busy!" Sometimes it says, "Alright, what do you want now?" But sometimes she gives me a kiss that makes me feel ten feet tall! I've never told her that I can tell what she is thinking from her kisses. I wouldn't be game.

But the other day she said to me, "Tertius, I can tell what you are thinking by your kisses!"

"Go on," I said. It's a good neutral sort of thing to say.

"Yes," she said, "sometimes your kiss says, 'Can't you see I'm reading the paper?' Sometimes it says, 'Hold everything, I'm running late.' And sometimes when you kiss me you make me feel that I am the most important person in the world."

I was just going to offer to buy her a new hat. But I was rescued from such impulsiveness by her embarrassed rush from the room.

So you see that there is a language of kisses. I got out my concordance to see what the Bible says about it. It says quite a bit. There's the eloquence of the kiss of Isaac, startled by the beauty of his proxy bride from the Euphrates. There's the traitorous message of Judas' kiss. And Absalom stood in the gate and kissed all comers to get votes for himself against the old king. Not much hygiene in it, but a sneaky sort of language!

The thing that interests me most about Bible kissing is that it is nearly always men kissing men, as they do in France; a sort of equivalent to our handshaking. In the New Testament they called it "holy kissing" and they were all for it. I'm not so sure that it says anything to me! I think I'll stick to kissing my wife.

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TERTIUS

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MAY 7, 1972

11 a.m.: Worship and Communion.
Speaker: Mr. M. SAVAGE.
3 p.m.: Fellowship Afternoon Tea.
5 p.m.: Evening Worship.
Speaker: Mr. G. LORD.



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April 14-16, 1972

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APRIL 14: 7.45 p.m., INSPIRATIONAL RALLY.
APRIL 15: 7.15 a.m., PRAYER BREAKFAST.
APRIL 15: 7.45 p.m., INSPIRATIONAL RALLY.
APRIL 16: 11 a.m., "WHICH WAY DO I LIVE?"
Asian Choir.
APRIL 16: 7 p.m., "WILL I BE INVOLVED?"

107th VICTORIA—TASMANIA CONFERENCE

APRIL 30 — MAY 5, 1972

COMMENCES WITH

UNITED EVANGELISTIC RALLY

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 7 p.m.
MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

Speaker: ALAN A. AVERY (Dandenong)

Subject: "JESUS MY SUPERSTAR."

Song Leader: E. C. KEATING

Launching of "Strategy for the Seventies."

CHORAL GROUP: "FOUR SURE"

Offering for Conference expenses and "Strategy for the Seventies."

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A GREAT CONFERENCE FOLLOWING—May 1-5

Evening Business Sessions in Nicholas Hall, 7.15 each night, on
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

WEDNESDAY IS WOMEN'S DAY AT KEW TOWN HALL —

10.30 a.m.: Business Session.
1.40 p.m.: Service of Commitment
and Dedication.

Speaker: Miss Diana Catts (New
Guinea).

Spotlight: Deaconess Terani Aisake
(Fiji).

Note: Day-time Creche, 10.30 a.m.—
12.30 p.m. & 1.30-4.00 p.m.

7.30 p.m.: Evening Session. Intro-
duction of Incoming Officers.

Speaker: Senator Margaret Guil-
foyle.

MAKE THIS AN INSPIRING TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

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BE PRESENT TO SHARE IN THESE GREAT MEETINGS

FAREWELL AT GLENELG

(S.A.). Capacity congregations gathered at both services at the Glenelg church on March 19 to farewell Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hollard, as they completed a 5½ year ministry to leave for America. Many suburban churches were represented in the services and in the evening service civic and local leaders were present.

The Mayor, Mr. W. D. Noble, spoke on behalf of the Council and community; Peter Bennett on behalf of the Glenelg Inter-Church Council; Dr. Thornley Thomas (Pres.-elect) representing the President and brotherhood, and Mrs. June Vogel, Glen-

elg ladies. Brian Pitman chaired the meeting and spoke on behalf of the church and made a presentation. Mr. and Mrs. Hollard responded.

Mr. Hollard after a very successful nine years in N.Z. returned to S.A. to become the Director of the H.M. Dept. which position he held for 14 years. He will be best remembered by the S.A. churches for the devoted leadership he gave to this work.

He leaves for U.S.A. with the best wishes and prayers of a grateful church and brotherhood.

CALLED TO GLENELG

(S.A.). C. H. J. Wright, now of Canberra, has accepted an invitation to minister here in succession to E. P. C. Hollard. Between ministries the pulpit will be filled principally by I. J. Chivell and C. G. Flood with assistance from Brighton Gardens, etc.

FROM 1 TO 70

(PERTH CITY, W.A., R. A. Ryall). A week-end camp catered for 50 folk aged from 1 to 70 with sport, fellowship, discussions, devotions . . . The Fact & Faith film, "God's Creation" was screened. A. M. Bell used slides to speak of Aboriginal mission work in W.A. . . . Mr. Ryall conducted services at Carnyria and Dalwalinu. Services at Perth City were led by Messrs. Heyhoe, Griffiths, Collingwood and Ewers . . . Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Bridge, Miss Thomas and Miss Clark are recovering from illnesses. Miss P. Williams died suddenly on March 9 . . . G. Earl, of Gideons, spoke on March 20. R. Gething was soloist . . . Mrs. Brine is permanently in St. George's Hospital . . . The S.S. picnic was held at Pt. Walter.

THINGS TO COME

- APRIL: VICTORIA**
- 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 CWF — Women's Day of Conference, Kew Town Hall
 - 1-5 VIC. TAS. CONFERENCE (See Page 14)
 - 7 ANNUAL OFFERING — DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.
 - 7 "Day of Commitment" ("Strategy for Seventies" Programme).
 - 8-20 Three Camps for Grade 6 Girls at Monbulk.
 - 14-21 "WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY."
 - 16-20 Intermediate CE Camp, Hall's Gap.
 - 21 PENTECOST SUNDAY.
 - 21 Engaged Couples' Seminar (2-10 p.m.).
 - 24 Explorer Leadership Training.
 - 27 F.O.Y.A. Programme.
 - 28 Good Companions' Leadership Training Afternoon.
- APRIL: TASMANIA**
- 22-23 TASMANIAN CONVENTION — MARGARET ST., LAUNCESTON.
- MAY: QUEENSLAND**
- 6 "Shindig"—Kenmore Christian College.
 - 26-28 Youth Group Exchange—City to Country.

MISSION AT ROSEWOOD

(Qld.). Although there are only 25 active members the church undertook a special evangelistic programme with Gerald Parriott, of the U.S.A., now Field Officer with the Qld. H.M. Committee. Two weeks of visitation preceded the seven night meetings from March 19-25. Ten people confessed their faith and were baptized before the mission closed. There was a further baptism of a married lady the following Sunday. Others have asked about the way of salvation. The campaign was only possible with support of other churches in the area.

MINISTRY EXTENDED

(DEVONPORT, Tas., E. W. Taylor). Mr. Taylor has accepted an invitation to continue his ministry for a further three years, until 1975 . . . Tony Armstrong has been appointed secretary . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alan King from Venezuela spoke to young people and the church . . . Y.P. after-church fellowship is held in members' homes . . . On March 3, Sect. 3 B.B. boys and officers hiked to "Walls of Jerusalem" in Western Tiers. B.B. Sect. 1 and the Girls' Brigade held camps . . . Slides of visit to New Guinea were shown following combined church parade and enrolment service . . . Elder N. Warmbrunn is in hospital.

UNITED SCHOOL

(MERREDIN-BRUCE ROCK, W.A., D. A. Good). Bruce Rock churches (C. of C., Anglican and Methodist) representatives have been discussing the possibility of conducting a United S.S. . . . Mrs. Robt. Cutler is recovering from surgery . . . The church is saddened by the death of Max Arnold, a foundation member at Bruce Rock . . . Miss Diana Catts, missionary from New Guinea, visited Merredin for regional meeting.

BAPTISM AT DEDICATION

(SHEPPARTON, Vic., R. E. Hillbrich). At the S.S. teachers' dedication service, Kerri McArthur, representing the fourth generation of her family to be associated with Churches of Christ, was baptized . . . Geoff. Philpotts and Brian Batchelor are senior leaders of the Boys' Club. Robert Clarke and Max Newman are junior leaders . . . Glen Smedley did not seek re-election at annual meeting. The church thanked him for many years of service. . . . The church regrets the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Hillbrich and are seeking a new minister.

CHRISTMAS CAKES

(BLACKBURN, Vic., E. W. Roffey). The ladies baked Christmas cakes for each migrant family at Nunawading Migrant Hostel, and for some families at Springvale Hostel . . . B.S. Intermediates attended 9.30 service for sermon "What we do in church worship." . . . C.Y.F. pres. is Greg. Warmbrunn, Jenny Wakefield is sec., and Peter Joyce is treas. . . . The Good Companions' church parade was taken entirely by the girls led by Judy Drayton . . . A church family picnic lunch was held at Wattle Park . . . Y.A.F. held an Easter camp at Dunolly and painted the church there . . . 22 families were in church camp over Easter at Shepparton and conducted Shepparton service. R. W. Lawton was preacher.

S.S. BOY BACK AS MINISTER

(CARRAMAR, N.S.W.). Bill Harrison, a former S.S. pupil and teacher, has now returned as full-time minister, our first for five years. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison were welcomed at an induction service led by Geo. Marley, K. Crawford, H.M. Director, and R. Bartholomew, Conf. Pres. The ladies served supper . . . The evening service format will be streamlined with features of present day interest . . . The G.L.B. is led by Margaret Walther . . . Mrs. Blades and Mrs. Read have been hospitalised.

DAYLIGHT SCREEN

(NORTH PERTH, WA., J. K. Robinson). A special daylight screen enabled Miss Diana Catts of New Guinea to show slides at morning service . . . B.S. parents' open day was held . . . Dr. G. Hall showed slides at C.W.F. social of recent visit to Ethiopia . . . The following were appointed elders for two years: A. Edwards, J. Meldrum and G. York.

MANY DECISIONS

(NTH. SYDNEY, N.S.W., N. Flint). Church secretary reported more decisions for Christ recorded in 1971 than any other time during the 50 years he has been at the church. There have been several new commitments to Christ . . . Mr. Flint indicated that 1972 will be his final year of ministry here . . . Miss Hilliger died after a brief illness. Mrs. H. Palmer is recovering after a serious illness . . . Church participated in a Lay Institute for Evangelism with Enok Peioman . . . 56 attended a Family Camp at Stanwell Tops. Young people joined Doonside for camp at Colo.

30 AT CAMP

(MANIFOLD HGTS., Vic., A. E. Stevens). Thirty young people and Mr. Stevens attended Easter Camp at Hall's Gap. One young man made his decision . . . A young man was baptized on March 26 . . . 20 members were at a "Fellowship" camp at Echuca . . . Recent speakers have been J. Smail and R. Banks . . . John Wilson has conducted worship training classes.

MEET THE BROTHERHOOD

(BELMONT, Vic., D. A. V. Thomas). "Meet the Brotherhood" evening services featured the College, Social Service and the "Aust. Christian." . . . Senior cricket team lost the final but the under 13's won their section premiership by one run . . . Good Companions and Explorers report increased attendances . . . Ken. Drayton, church treasurer, is home after four months in Austin Hospital.

THIS CHILD IS IMPORTANT



The theme for this special Christian Education issue is Discipleship.

Why?

Because this is what Christian education is concerned with.

Our Sunday schools have a twofold task:

1. To help children, young people and adults come to the point of discipleship — where they accept Jesus Christ into their lives.
2. To help people grow beyond that point to maturity so they become effective disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our children's groups and youth groups have similar aims.

This is why our Departments of Christian Education are involved in teacher training and leader development, and why these programmes will be stepped up over the next few years. Nothing but the best is good enough when we are dealing with the lives and destinies of people—thousands of them. It is urgent that we raise our standards and take this task seriously.

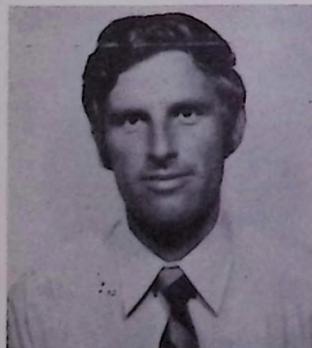
These aims also explain the involvement of our Departments and their staffs in extensive camping programmes. For a short time, people come together in a new environment. The time our leaders spend with them is multiplied. The learning opportunities are greatly increased. Discipleship must become a live option. The two-fold discipleship aim explains, too, the involvement of our Departments in youth work, on Sundays and through the week. Whilst young people are part of the whole church, they are also at a time of their lives when they can be uniquely challenged by their peers, and when they can give a unique lead to their elders.

However, the child does not remain a child. He becomes an adult. That is not a time when discipleship ceases. If anything, it becomes far more important. So our Departments are also involved in adult work, through which adults are challenged to grow in the faith and become mature disciples. Jesus still calls: "Follow me."



Federal Board Director/Editor

Richard Lawton comes from Albert Park, S.A. He was a court reporter, and holds a Diploma of Public Administration from the University of Adelaide. He trained at the College of the Bible, was student minister for three years at East Bentleigh, Vic., and then for four years was minister with our Canberra churches, being closely involved in the foundation of the Lyons church. He has Diplomas in Divinity and in Religious Education from the Melbourne College of Divinity, and has a Bachelor of Divinity (Honours) degree from the University of London. He came to the Federal Board of Christian Education in January, 1970. Since then he has officially visited all mainland States and New Zealand. He represents Churches of Christ on the Joint Board of Christian Education and on its Christian Life Curriculum editorial panel. In 1971 he attended the World Council of Christian Education Assembly in Mexico City and in Lima, Peru, and then spent three months on a study tour of Christian education centres in the U.S.A., Europe and Asia. He has commenced work on a Master of Education course.



New N.S.W. Director

Ron Kallmier entered the N.S.W. directorship in January this year. He had been minister in Copping, Tas., for 3 years, and trained at Woolwich College. He was formerly a school teacher with the N.S.W. Department of Education. He has a B.A. degree (Sydney) and Diploma

of Religious Education (M.C.D.) and is studying for the B.D. degree. Ron expressed the following hope for his new task:

"This first year will be spent mainly in gaining experience of the needs and of clarifying objectives, since the State has been without a full-time director for a number of years. It is my personal hope that my main ministry will be geared not to the administrative side but rather to moving around to the churches, both to give assistance where possible and also to gain insights into what methods are proving successful in the various facets of Christian Education in local churches, so that these may be passed on to others. I am very conscious of the demands of this new position and would seek your earnest prayer support."



W.A. Director

Brian Stitt, B.A., Dip.R.E., M.A.C.E., has recently been forced by ill-health to resign from the Department, after a brief but extremely valuable period of service. The West Australian Department hopes soon to be able to announce a successor.

Queensland Director

Alan C. Male has led the Queensland Department for 6 years. He comes from Toowoomba, Qld., was formerly a railway assistant station master, trained at the College of the Bible, and ministered with the Portland, Vic., church for 4 years. He holds a Diploma of Religious Education and is studying for a Bachelor of Arts degree with the University of Queensland. In conjunction with Rotary International, Allan was instrumental in founding the Shaftesbury Citizenship Centre, for teenage boys who have appeared in the Children's Court. He is chaplain to the children's court, the immediate past-President of the Queensland

Conference, President of the Queensland Council of Churches, and an associate editor of "The Australian Christian." Allan is a Country Party candidate for the forthcoming Queensland State election, believing that, if elected, he can continue to improve the rehabilitation of anti-social youths and give a concerned approach to child welfare services, particularly in the field of high school counselling.



South Australian Director

Gerald D. Rose became S.A. Director in October, 1970. He had had ministries at Lower Hutt (N.Z.), Kilburn and Port Pirie (S.A.). He entered the College of the Bible from Maylands, S.A., and had previously been a clerk. Gerald has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wellington University. He has done some part-time lecturing in sociology at an Adelaide teachers' college.



Victoria-Tasmania Director

Ray C. McKenzie comes from Bamba Road, Caulfield (Vic.). He was a bank officer. Ray trained for the ministry at the College of the Bible, had ministries at Richmond (4 years), Toowoomba (6 years), and Ormond (8 years), before coming to the Vic.-Tas. D.C.E. in November, 1969. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Melbourne, and has done extensive training in pastoral counselling at the Cairnmillar

Institute. He is a part-time chaplain with the Royal Australian Navy.

Victoria-Tasmania Field Worker

A. George Mathieson is part-time field worker for the Vic.-Tas. Department. In the other part of his time he earns his living as a pharmacist. George came from South Australia and trained at the College of the Bible. He ministered with the Colonel Light Gardens church for 3 years, has had a number of other ministries and spent time as a volunteer worker in the New Hebrides.



New Zealand Field Worker/Secretary

The New Zealand D.C.E. is an associate member of our Federal Board. Australians such as Harold F. Gross, A. E. White and G. R. Stirling, have formerly led the N.Z. Department. At the helm now is Avril C. Chapman, formerly a pre-school teacher and a missionary in Rhodesia. Avril and her school inspector husband, Ron., have two married sons, Bruce and Roger.

... and the Rest

The personalities mentioned on this page are but the executive staff of our departments. The ranks of the workers go far beyond this. There are the office staffs who work capably and faithfully. (Dawn Chivell, in S.A., has twice given sterling service both in the field and in the office during long director-less periods.) There are the Board, Department and committee members, hundreds of them, who give policy direction and hours of voluntary service. And there are in the churches thousands of teachers and leaders who do the front-line Christian education work. They all form part of a huge team of Christian educators, who lead our people in discipleship.

DISCIPLESHIP PUBLICATIONS

GUIDE TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

A new discipleship kit for adults, prepared by G. K. Meyer, B.A. Includes 6 leaflets giving a comprehensive coverage of the aspects of the faith which should be considered by adults who are contemplating discipleship. Price, 45c.

YESUS, YOUR LORD AND FRIEND

A discipleship kit for 10-12 year olds who are considering discipleship. Written by E. C. Keating and illustrated by Julia Olafsen, in striking red and black cards, it brings together the central aspects of the faith. It can be used individually or in groups. Price, 40c.

STEPS IN DISCIPLESHIP

Hadyn Sargent prepared this kit, with 28 leaflets, for teenagers who might be contemplating discipleship. In vogue for a number of years now, it still has a ready market in our churches. Price, 40c.

All these publications are available from the Federal Board of Christian Education, 217 Lonsdale St., Melbourne, Vic., 3000, or from State Departments of Christian Education.

NEW CHURCH MEMBERSHIP KIT

The Joint Board of Christian Education will soon publish as part of the Christian Life Curriculum a new comprehensive discipleship kit for young people and adults. There will be 5 different approaches for groups to select from:

- (1) An intensively Biblical approach;
- (2) Using existing discipleship-oriented material contained in the various regular C.L.C. materials;
- (3) A C.L.C. church membership kit, using imaginative methods and an experiential approach;
- (4) Guidelines to ministers and others who wish to coin their own approach anyway.
- (5) A more open-ended approach, using extensively methods of investigation, action and reflection.

As well as these specific discipleship materials, regular Christian education curricula are aimed at bringing people to discipleship and at helping them grow to mature discipleship. All Christian education sessions are laying foundations for this, or are directly raising the question. This is also what Departments of Christian Education are concerned with.

NATIONAL WORK PARTY

Fourteen young people are about to go to Carnarvon, W.A., to build up to 4 flats for elderly Aboriginal people. They will go without salary for 6 weeks, and will also pay some of the cost of getting to Carnarvon.

Youth groups all over Australia are raising money towards the expenses of the party and for the project itself. With Commonwealth Government subsidy, every \$1 becomes \$3.

Team members are: Margaret Abernethy (Blackburn, Vic.); Malcolm Boyd (Magill, S.A.); Allen Carr (Geelong, Vic.); Neil Ewart (Boronia, Vic.); Malcolm Hillier (Northcote, Vic.); Lindsay Parker (Kingston, S.A.); Graham Rawlings (Unley, S.A.); Barbara Richards (Gardiner, Vic.); John Richards (Gardiner, Vic.); Ian Tagg (Chelsea, Vic.); John Telfer (Ungarra, S.A.); Denise Tully (Doncaster, Vic.); Bruce Whyatt (Blackwood, S.A.); Kevin Winch (Albury, N.S.W.)

Arranged in conjunction with the Aborigines' Mission Board, this is another Christian Education project.



NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION

The 6th National Youth Convention will be held in Canberra from January 5-11 next. 200-300 delegates will be housed in Burton Hall at the Australian National University. The theme of the Convention will be "Explore the Centre," following "The Man at the Centre" theme of the 5th Convention. Bible studies will follow the theme.

Workshops will cover such topics as: Communicating the faith, youth ministry, (with fringe young people and with core groups), teacher training, personal relationships, the Bible in the 20th century, Church and the community, Christians and the arts, Christians and politics, Christians and social concern, Christians and international affairs, and there will be a task group sharing in the work of the Canberra churches. Cost is \$60 for full-time participants, but it's cheaper for groups and for early registrations. Registration forms are obtainable from local youth leaders, State Departments, and from the Federal Board of Christian Education.

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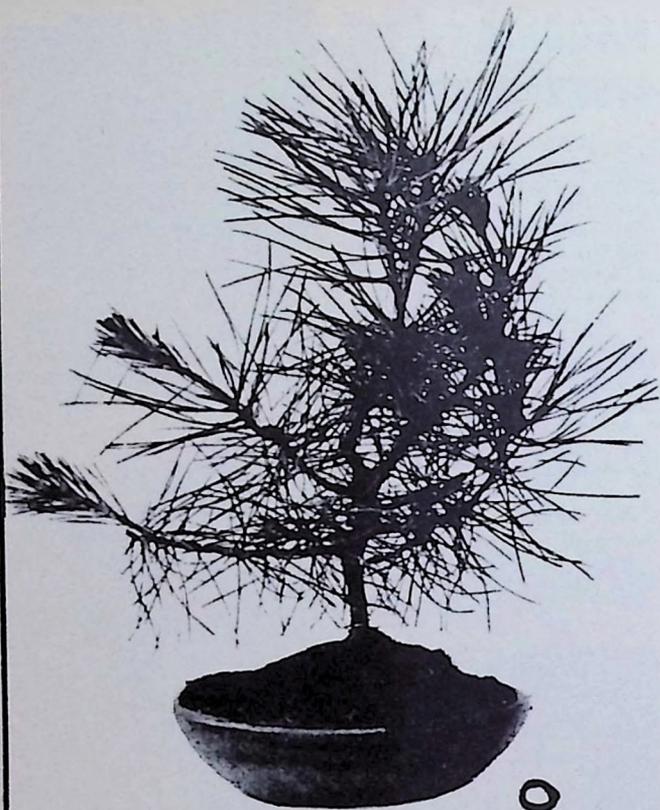
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Bonsai

Bonsai is the ancient method of growing miniature trees or shrubs. They are not special plants, although some varieties naturally lend themselves to miniature cultivation better than others.

Selection of plant

Australian eucalypts are suitable as bonsai. Other trees—beech, birch, cedar, cumquat, elm, flowering fruit, hawthorn, holly, liquidambar, maple, oak, pine, pomegranate, spruce, tea-tree, willow and the shrubs azalea, gardenia, rhododendron and wisteria—are most suitable, but should not be seen as the only appropriate plants, for almost any tree or shrub may be, with care, cultivated as bonsai.

Potting

Having selected a cutting or seedling, the next stage is to prepare for potting. A good soil is compost with a little manure added. Sieve and mix with river sand. Make sure you use very little manure as too much food will give excessive growth. Select a small pot, for this will also restrict root and plant growth . . . later, when the plant becomes established it will also be necessary to retard growth by

pruning the foliage and even trimming the roots. The bonsai should be kept outdoors and regularly watered. Eventually, the plant will use up all the nutriment in the soil. In a year or two, it may be necessary to remove the bonsai from the pot, and with, say, a plastic needle remove about half the soil, replacing old soil with new. During this procedure old, large roots can be trimmed.

Remember, the original plant, now a miniature, could have grown into a full size beautiful fruit tree, or a mighty oak . . . the pot, limited food, the cutting away of growth are rather like a starting out in Sunday School and never developing past that stage. Bonsai Christians are common. However, the Department of Christian Education works to remove the pot, provide nutriment, and stop the pruning. The Department prepares and provides study material, produces publications, arranges conventions, supports leadership training in workshops and camps, etc. Every effort is made to help Christians grow past the bonsai stage so that the church may be a forest, not a decorative miniature garden.

NEW ROLE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS



We live in a fast-changing and ever-changing world. We have a Gospel which does not change. It is eternally valid. However, the way in which the church communicates the Gospel does change from time to time. New media (radio, T.V.) bring new opportunities. People today often do not respond to the same presentation they responded to even 10 years ago.

Just under 200 years ago the Sunday school movement began as a response to the situation of that time. In many places the Sunday school is still a valuable means of leading people to discipleship. In some places it no longer has the same appeal and effectiveness. God is challenging the church in these places to find new forms through which it can present the Gospel.

One church in an inner city areas has YAC, a youth activity centre, on Sunday mornings. Here, inner city children are taught arts and crafts and they make articles for hospitals. They are given practical training in woodwork and needlework. Mixed with these activities is bright singing, Bible stories, and worship in which the children participate. There are competitions and extra activities such as barbecues, drama and displays. It's a new approach in a particular situation, and it is meeting a warm response.

Another church has been forced to reconsider its programme because of space limitations. It has decided to hold all its teenage classes on Friday nights. Sunday school on Friday! The time matters little if their teaching is more effective this way.

Other churches are holding their children's classes after school during the week, again making best use of space and teacher availability, and recognising that many of their "clients" are absent from the district on weekends.

Things are not what they used to be. True! That is a reality we have to accept. We do not, however, have to accept that nothing can be done. God's Church will go on adapting its means and methods so that it can go on confronting people with the never-changing Gospel and with the claims of discipleship.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

ACTION FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT Has your church joined up yet? Nearly 500 churches have registered for the special study programme in July. We have a Christian call to love our neighbours and we cannot ignore those in under-developed countries who are oppressed and enslaved. Hand-outs are not good enough. This response to need, important as it is in a crisis, leaves people where they are. We have to stop thinking of people as economic statistics and start thinking of them as persons.

C. I. Itty said recently, "South Korea and Thailand both had an economic growth of about 8% in the last five or six years, but most of the increase went into the pockets of the rich—the already rich. If we speak about economic growth, it should not be just in statistics. It should be a realistic understanding of how much the common man at the bottom of the ladder has moved towards better earnings, better purchasing power for his money, better conditions for his children's education, better housing and health." Development needs a triangular formula — justice, self-reliance, and economic growth, with justice coming first. Christian decisions have to be made to express our Christian concern, but information must precede decision. That is why the Joint Secretariat on Action for World Development has planned the July studies. And that is why your church should participate.

MAN THE DESTROYER Once upon a time there were some beautiful birds. They combined blue and fawn colours in a breathtaking display of loveliness. They were especially attractive to John James Audubon, the American naturalist. Audubon estimated on one occasion that a billion (1,000 million) passed him in a three-hour period. There were so many of them that they sometimes took over entire areas, sometimes building as many as 100 nests in one tree. This bird, the Passenger Pigeon, was not only good to look upon, it was also good to eat, and the Americans developed a strong appetite for these birds. Hunters began to slaughter them.

In 1914, in the Cincinnati Zoo, the last Passenger Pigeon in the world died. In the 1800's there were billions. There is not one left.

NO FILMS FOR JUNIOR! Each month, the Minister for Customs and Excise sends us a list of the films submitted for registration and release for screening in Australian cinemas. February's list named five that were refused registration. Twenty-two were passed. Of these, 12 were classified NRC (not recommended for children), six classified M (suitable for mature audiences), and four classified R (restricted to persons over 18). None was classified as suitable for general exhibition. This rejection of the family film by the film producers may make us angry, but it also indicates a lack of demand for such films. If family films are uneconomical, it must be because films without sex and violence are not wanted. If you want to take your child to the movies, you'll have to wait and hope that they will bring "Swiss Family Robinson" back again in the next Christmas holidays.

GOOD GRIEF!! In South Africa they had a problem. The theatres for "whites only" had a shortage of white usherettes. But a solution has been found. The Government has given permission for "coloured" (mixed race) girls to be hired provided they agree to (a) escort theatre patrons from the lobby to their seats by means of flashlights directed at the floor and (b) never look up at the screen!!

PEARL WEDDING

HODDER (Macdonald).—Flora and Frank, of Pascoe Vale, Victoria, announce with pleasure and gratitude their 30th Wedding Anniversary, celebrated 9.4.42 at Unley Presbyterian Church.

MISSIONARY CAMPERS

(CAULFIELD, Vic., K. Berston). Six from C.W.F. attended the missionary camp at Monbulk . . . Prayer and fellowship mid-week meeting has attendances of 35. . . . Ladies attended the W.W.D.P. meeting at Church of England, and church members attended B. & F.B.S. meeting at Carnegie . . . Mrs. Vi Elbourne and Miss O. Bright are convalescing after hospital. . . . A youth camp reunion was held . . . Miss Pat Jones has returned from overseas . . . During Mr. Berston's illness speakers have been Gordon Lees, Mrs. K. Graves and P. Sumner.

SEMINAR FOR WRITERS

Some of Australia's best-known Christian editors and writers will take part in a one-day Writers' Seminar in Sydney on Sat., April 29, at Stanmore Baptist Church. It will include practical workshops, lectures and a major panel discussion.

The 10 a.m.-9 p.m. seminar is being sponsored by the Australian Council of Evangelical Literature Overseas, in conjunction with the "Decision" writers' group.

Those taking part will include Eric Daley, Mrs. April Hersey, Ken. Harrison, Mrs. June Bosanquet, the Rev. G. C. Ascough, the Rev. Rex Meyer, Warwick Olson and the Rev. David Morley.

Application forms are available from E.L.O. Australia, P.O. Box 4, Beecroft, N.S.W., 2119.

Happenings

The special education material in the special issue was prepared by Max Ripper for the Federal Board of Christian Education and State Departments of Christian Education.

In the U.S. the shortage of ministers which plagued most denominations seems to be over. Today the supply of Protestant ministers equals, and in some areas exceeds, the demand.

R. Neil Gilmore has been elected Chairman of the Victorian Council of Churches in succession to Principal E. L. Williams. Mr. Gilmore is minister of the Brighton (Vic.) church and was elected to the Central Committee of the W.C.C. at Uppsala in 1968.

David Mansell, minister at Wollongong church, has been appointed N.S.W. State Director of the Y.M.C.A.



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ELEVEN DECISIONS

(ROCKHAMPTON, Qld., B. Nowitzke). In the past three weeks, eleven have accepted Christ as Saviour. Seven have been baptized . . . The Women's World Day of Prayer meeting was held in our chapel . . . At the combined C.W.F., the Supt. of Prisons was guest speaker . . . The "Cummins Family" represented our church at the swimming carnival in Brisbane. They won the cup and brought it back to "Rocky."

YOUTH WORK DEVELOPS

(MT. GAMBIER, S.A., B. Duff). Three young people have made decisions for Christ recently. The C.Y.F. is growing with over 30 teenagers attending. The B.S. continues to grow, with a surplus of teachers for the first time in many years. . . . Our ladies will be the host to the S.E. Dist. Women's Conf., April 26 . . . The C.W.F. raised \$45 at a jumble sale to assist the general fund . . . E. W. Heard, H.M. Director, was recent speaker . . . The Bible Study group meets weekly . . . The minister, Bernie Duff, will conclude a 3½ year ministry with the church in May and start a "Tent-maker ministry" at Portland in June . . . Four members have been transferred in employment to Adelaide.

FAMILY CAMP

(ANNERLEY, Qld., C. A. R. Smith). 90 attended Third Family Camp at Caloundra, March 17-19. This was the first family camp for more than 20 campers. . . . Our minister attended Laboratory for Policy Makers, run by the A.C.C., in Malb. recently . . . Recent speakers included Conf. Pres., H. Risson, and G. Parriott, H.M. Dept. . . . Postponed one day due to cyclonic conditions, the annual meeting commenced with a loyalty tea (approx. 120 attended), a short Sunday evening service followed by the business meeting. Elected were: Chairman, L. Martin; Secretary, J. Lowe; Treasurer, G. Anderson.

NEW GUINEA AIRSTRIP PROJECT

(SOUTHPORT, Qld., E. Watson). Special church project for 1972 is to raise \$1,500 to provide an air-strip for a mission in New Guinea. Donations are encouraging. . . . Cyclone Daisy on Feb. 12 caused the postponement of the opening and dedication of the new chapel to March 25. David Mansell and Gerald Parriott were guest speakers . . . The Men's Fellowship held a barbecue and games evening at home of Jack Gray . . . Search Squad (S.S.) camp at Currumben resulted in 15 decisions for Christ.

UNITED ACTIVITIES

(DULWICH, S.A., M. Drake). United Parish activities, in interchange of ministers, and co-operative youth work, are proving stimulating. The warning was given that the co-operation must not become a "flower-girl" — just looking pretty, without achieving deeper objectives. But steps of solid value have already been taken—combined youth camp with Congregational and Methodist young people at Macclesfield, plans to help aged folk, and inter-church fellowship and home discussions.

S.A. WOMEN'S CAMP

Fifty-one women representing 14 suburban and three country churches enjoyed rich fellowship for the annual camp arranged by the women's committee of the Dept. of Christian Education at Longwood, March 10-12.

Mrs. Effie Baker led the singing and soon had everyone relaxed and in a receptive mood. Three young Aborigines were introduced by T. Edge of the Commonwealth Dept. of Education. The many questions asked by the ladies showed just how interested they are in the difficulties confronting Aborigines in our community.

GIFT TO MISSIONS

(VICTOR HARBOUR, S.A., J. A. Luff). C.W.F. sent \$50 to overseas mission . . . A good representation attended Sthn. Dist. Conf. at Strathalbyn. Our evening service was closed to support the Strathalbyn folk. . . . Primary Dept. shared in Palm Sunday service. At night Ron. McLean (Overseas Missions Sec.) showed slides of New Guinea and New Hebrides . . . Prayer and Bible Study are planned for after-church Sunday evenings as well as Mondays and Wednesdays . . . F. Heinrich is making good progress after hospitalisation.

SEW FOR MISSIONS

(NAMBOUR, Qld., R. McLean). At a "Sew for Missions" morning, numerous items were completed . . . S.S. pupils gave items at a teacher dedication service . . . Mr. Abbot spoke on B. & F.B.S. work . . . G. Hopson was guest speaker at C.M.S.

NEW ROMA MANSE

(Qld.). The new manse was officially opened on Feb. 26. Mrs. H. Kieseker turned the key of the front door and an inspection of the manse followed. On the 27th, Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Gibson were welcomed into the church. E. T. Hart (Social Service Dept.) inducted Mr. Gibson to the ministry of the church. The C.W.F. furnished the manse . . . Ladies joined in Women's World Day of Prayer. Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Clow took part.

The theme was "Being Christian in Today's World" and four studies were ably presented by Mrs. Aileen Woolford from Burnside Christian Church.

The Saturday night concert was a combined effort by ladies from Aldgate Valley and Nailsworth.

The early morning communion service was one of the real highlights of the weekend. Conference President, Mrs. Barbara Dillon, by asking some very pertinent questions, challenged every camper to search their heart and life as they prepared for communion.

—Mavis Searle, Leader D.C.E. Comm.

62 YEAR PARTNERSHIP

(KEDRON, Qld., R. Sansome). Mr. and Mrs. Spiller celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary . . . A Tweenagers' Christian Fellowship for 13-15 year olds was commenced with Bill Phillips, Kenmore student, as leader . . . Bryce Chesney has been appointed to Rocklea church as student minister . . . We gained third place in the swimming carnival and the Girls' Brigade came second in the B.G. Carnival . . . The annual meeting decided to enter the I.C.A. Scheme with other northside churches.

ABORIGINES AT RALLY

(GROTE ST., Adelaide, S.A., H. M. Long). The Missionary Rally featured three Aboriginal pastors: Denzil Humffries, Jim Haydon and Bob Brown, the latter working in Adelaide . . . Following the Harvest Festival (the service was broadcast "live" by 5CL) the display of goods were shared between our Rest Homes and Morialta Children's Homes . . . Girls' netball celebrated end of season with night hike and barbecue at West Beach . . . 60 young people attended buffet style youth tea: almost all locals . . . C.Y.F. recently held a beach breakfast . . . The "Light Brigade," contemporary instrumental and singing group are in constant demand for church and after-church services. They took part in public "Jesus Rock" in Elder Park on Palm Sunday distributing B. & F.B.S. pamphlets as part of the combined churches' "reply" to rock/opera "Superstar."

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MEN'S WORK, N.S.W.

Greater interest is being shown in men's work. The men have undertaken to purchase a duplicator, costing \$400, for the Enmore church Mission to Migrants. Each man is being asked to give 10c. The committee has donated \$30.

A larger project, "Fix-It: New Hebrides," is to give immediate aid to the New Hebrides Mission Stations and to provide additional, necessary buildings there. One man has already volunteered to go to the Islands at no expense to the Overseas Missions Board. Other tradesmen, electricians, plumbers, painters, and builders, are also urgently required. An appeal will be made to the Men's Conference Tea to make up a team to go in June and July.

T. W. Bagley has offered to visit Fellowships and Societies to explain the project and the cost of four to six weeks.

The North-Side Annual Dinner will be at Chatswood, May 27.—L. C. Yelds, Sec.

PRESENTATIONS MADE

(BEXLEY NORTH, N.S.W.). Presentations were made to Jack Regouby and family on the completion of his ministry. A Parallel N.T. and Sankey's Hymnal were given to Mr. Regouby, and the C.W.F. presented a Church Hymnal to Mrs. Regouby. A cheque was presented to the family from well-wishers . . . Guest speakers for C.W.F. have been Diana Catts, from New Guinea, and Mrs. Camlin, Social Service. C.W.F. were hostesses for Women's Dist. Prayer Rally . . . Nigel Merrick, Woolwich Bible College student, has commenced a ministry. Sympathy of the church is expressed to him in the death of his mother in S.A. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Les Yelds celebrated their ruby wedding and 40 years at Bexley North . . . Kitchen improvements are being planned . . . The young people's work lacks leaders.

VISITOR FROM ENGLAND

(MOSMAN, N.S.W., D. Smallbone). Mr. Lister, from our church in Derby, England, addressed the church on March 12. . . . Mr. Smallbone has accepted a further two years' ministry with the church.

BACK TO SERVE

(INVERELL, N.S.W., Russell Craig). Guest speaker for the Women's World Day of Prayer was Mrs. Bessie Wylie, wife of a former Inverell minister. Mrs. Wylie's message, from the theme "All Joy be Yours," exhorted Christian women to radiate the joy of Christ . . . The Tuesday afternoon Bible Study Fellowship has now been meeting for 12 months . . . C.W.F. enjoyed a "Trip to Germany" at their night meeting of the month. Interesting films depicted Germany's countryside and famous cities.

MARRICKVILLE MINISTRY

(N.S.W.). D. P. Holloway commenced a ministry here at the end of January. Stephen Kitto, a third year Woolwich student, is assisting with a student ministry. . . . Four young men have been baptized recently . . . Egyptian migrants continue to attend and members are helping at Enmore. . . . Diana Catts has been welcomed home on furlough.

FIRE AT ENGADINE

(N.S.W., G. Warne). Members were quick to help when Mr. and Mrs. Eric Carlson had their supermarket at Helensburgh completely destroyed by fire. They are now operating in temporary premises. . . . Richard Laney was elected as the new B.S. Supt. for 1972 after the resignation of Graeme Bagley. Mr. Bagley became church secretary when Ben Briguglio resigned. Mr. Briguglio and his family have transferred to Caringbah church.

MUTUAL MINISTRY

(CARDIFF, N.S.W.). With the help of the Dept. of H.M., arrangements have been made for R. G. Smith to work part-time in secular occupation and Mrs. Smith is planning to do part-time nursing to enable her husband to give as much time to ministry as possible. Mr. Smith, who was student minister here in 1971, was inducted into the ministry in Feb. Attendances have increased . . . Eddie Gabbert

OBITUARY

BENNETT, Vida

On Feb. 26, 1972, Mrs. Vida Bennett died at Geelong, Vic., at the age of 67 years. She was born into a Christian home in Colac and became a member of the church there as a teenage girl. After coming to live in Geelong she married Alfred James Bennett during the ministry of the late H. M. Clipstone. For more than forty years she had been a member of the Latrobe Terrace church and had rendered faithful and loyal service for her Lord. She was very interested in missions and the Women's Prayer Group, the W.C.T.U., and for her work for the Blind institute she was made a Life Member. A very large gathering assembled in the chapel at the Terrace to pay tribute. Sympathy is extended to Mr. Bennett and relatives. Services at the chapel and Western Cemetery were conducted by A. E. Stevens.—A.W.C.

BENZIE, Mrs. J. W.

Jeanie Watson Benzie, of Lane Cove Church of Christ, N.S.W., died on March 9, 1972, at the age of 87 years. Mrs. Benzie was born in Scotland in 1884. From very early days she was associated with Churches of Christ. In 1909 Mrs. Benzie was baptized at Glasgow, Scotland. The Benzie family came to Duntroon and for some four years set up the Lord's Table in their home. They then came to Sydney in 1919 and were with the church at Paddington. Later the family came to Lane Cove and were in fellowship with the church from 1926. The family have been valued members of the church. Mrs. Benzie assisted in the Dorcas Society and worked to help the women in the area. In recent years, a communion service was held in the home where she was confined. The Sunday prior to her death Mrs. Benzie enjoyed this communion with her Lord. Robert, the elder son, is the church treasurer and agent of the "Christian," the two daughters are regular attenders of the services. To Joan, Robert, Ann and David, surviving children of the marriage, and to grandchildren and great-grandchildren, the church expresses deepest sympathy. A. W. Stephenson conducted a service in the Lane Cove church and at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium.

GOLDSWORTHY, Mrs. Freda

On March 5, Mrs. Freda Goldsworthy died at Kaniva Hospital, Vic. Born at Yanlip in 1894, she was the daughter of the late Frederick and Margaret Saltmarsh, selectors and pioneers of that district. She lived there until 1917 when she married Roydon Goldsworthy of Kaniva who predeceased her in 1932. Upon her husband's death she was faced with the difficulties of bringing up a very young family of five children, and managing the farming property known as "Glenroy" which she did courageously and successfully. Mrs. Goldsworthy was an active and devoted

member of Churches of Christ throughout her whole life. She was particularly well known for her visitation of those who were sick and "shut in." Her ability with floral arrangements was always in demand. She was a member of the Kaniva P. & A. Society for most of her life, and also had many entries in the indoor exhibits for which she became very well known. She was an active member of the C.W.A. where she did a considerable amount of craft work. In 1959 Mrs. Goldsworthy moved from her farm to Kaniva where she lived until her death. She is survived by a brother, Frederick Saltmarsh, Kaniva; and five children, Gordon and Allan, Kaniva; Gladys (Mrs. Bradley, Stirling, S.A.); Lindsay (Geelong), and Joyce (Mrs. A. J. Williams, Lillimur); 21 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. G. Mathlesson conducted the services at the church and cemetery where a large company paid tribute to her life of love and service.—J.F.W.

WELCOMED TO TAREE

(N.S.W.). The church welcomed Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Howard and their sons, Andrew and Michael, at the commencement of Mr. Howard's ministry. The public welcome on March 8 was followed on the 12th by the induction service led by R. Greenhalgh . . . 85 attended the Mid-North Coast Girls' Brigade Camp. Taree C. of C. Girls' Brigade was represented by 31 girls, two officers, and one helper. Roy Greenhalgh brought special messages and conducted the communion service at camp.

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PASSANT, Mrs. Annie

Mrs. Passant died on Feb. 11, aged 96. She was one of the early members of the church at Albury (N.S.W.), her late husband being the first elder of the church. Both she and her husband came into fellowship in 1928, and both were faithful until the end. For the past four years she had been confined to home, and the writer visited her regularly to Break Bread and minister to her. She was a lover of God's Word. She never failed to ask after various members of the church, and always kept saying, "One day I will be back with you all." She never took an active part in the work, but was always a faithful giver and kept up her offerings regularly until the last few weeks. God has called a faithful servant home.—A.E.C.

WILLIS, Mrs. Ruby Sydney Allen

The church at Bexley North, N.S.W., has lost one of its earliest members in the death of Mrs. Willis on Feb. 14 at the age of 86 years. After some months of suffering, in and out of hospital, she went to a convalescent home, "Holmwood," at Bexley, and had a fall whilst crossing the lounge room fracturing her hip. During her stay in St. George Hospital her condition deteriorated, later she returned to the rest home. Born in 1885 at St. Peters, N.S.W., she married Harry Willis. They had four sons, Fred, Wilbur, Frank and Gordon. She leaves 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She confessed her faith at Enmore as a young woman under the ministry of a Mr. Brown, transferring to Boxley North in 1932, where she became vitally interested in the Ladies' Guild, now the C.W.F., being president for a very long period of years. Her quiet gifts to the Lord were always to hand. A son, Wilbur, serves as elder at Lismore and a grandson, Doug, Willis, at Cairns. The funeral services at Bexley North church and the Lawn Cemetery, Woronora, were conducted by J. H. Regouby. Sympathy is expressed to all concerned, especially to her husband who loses a partner of 66 years.—L.C.Y.

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GIFT OF CHAIRS

(PRESTON, Vic., G. Crossman). The C.W.A.F. presented chairs to the church in memory of Mrs. Jean Spargo . . . Visitors to the joint C.Y.F. with East Preston were Heather Ferguson and W. Tabbernee. A. Fletcher is leader . . . Mrs. Hemley is recovering from a stroke at Strathmore Hospital . . . The church is saddened at death of J. T. Salisbury who served as elder and treasurer for many years.

ARROWS FOR GOD

(SUNSHINE, Vic., G. Bradley). Bob Gillman of the New Tribes Mission spoke recently and screened the film "Arrows for God." . . . Mrs. Cordy is visiting relatives in Sth. Africa and America . . . The C.W.F. attended Women's World Day of Prayer meeting in the Salvation Army Hall . . . Miss Coupland is receiving hospital treatment . . . The church treasurer, B. Osterman, is holidaying in N.Z. . . . The S.S. picnic was held at Hanging Rock.

NEW ELDER

(THE PATCH, Vic., W. Tabbernee). A. Reed has been elected as elder . . . The Women's World Day of Prayer meeting was held at Monbulk Church of England. . . . The Conf. Pres., J. Alabaster, was speaker at the church anniversary . . . D. McDowell led the singing for the S.S. anniversary. Mr. Masterton was speaker. Children and parents afterwards shared in a buffet tea . . . The church has reluctantly farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Beamont who have left the district. Mrs. Beamont has been in ill health. Mrs. Tocknell is back after serious illness.

TEST ON SERVICES

(DANDENONG, Vic., A. A. Avery). The Sunday Evening Service Committee surveyed members' attitudes. Answers to 36 questions revealed overwhelming support for current programmes. Members desire Sunday evening services to continue, but with more music . . . The Pakenham Church of England Choir sang on March 5 and on 12th, Len Reid, M.H.R., spoke on the people of Bangladesh . . . A Mini-Gospel Pop Festival was held at the Dandenong Park Sound Shell. Trevor Holmes of Springvale was speaker . . . At a family social on March 3 a planned-giving report was made and future plans were outlined. . . . A "Middle" Marrieds' Group and a Young Marrieds' Group have been started. . . . Stan. Allison spoke on Aborigines' Mission on March 5 . . . 18 door-knockers collected \$181 for the Red Cross . . . A new minister is being sought.

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Veteran Hall's Gap campers will hardly recognise the camp now. 1. There is an impressive gateway with the name of the camp clearly showing. We have to thank our Ballarat churches for this, especially Max Murray. 2. There are 54 new mattresses—thanks to old campers and certain churches. 3. The new ablutions block is now complete. Working bees by young adults and a number of country churches—again under the supervision of Max Murray—have given hours of free labour. \$1,000 was given to the project by the Victorian State Government, and the Campbell Edwards Trust also is making a gift of \$1,000. Other gifts have come from churches and individuals. The Department appreciates immensely these gifts.

237 Boys & Leaders Under Canvas!

There were almost 200 Junior and Senior Explorer boys (leaders and instructors made 237!) at a boating camp at Nagambie, Vic., on Labour Day long weekend. A small flotilla of boats was available for use by the boys (19 canoes and 13 yachts).

Boys were also taught archery (by Miss Margaret Abernethy). Other activities were included and Reg. Hillbrich (Shepparton) conducted a communion service.

Boys are still talking about their fabulous weekend.

Engaged Couples' Encounter

The Department is arranging an eight-hour marathon for engaged couples on May 21. Programme will include films, talks, discussion groups.—R. McKenzie.

TARGET NEAR

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). Target of \$1,600 for New Guinea Missionary Project has now reached \$1,290 . . . Many C.W.F. members attended S.E.C. cooking demonstration in Melb. Town Hall . . . 27 Explorers and leaders attended Adventure Camp at Lake Nagambie . . . Y.P. had weekend at Mt. Martha . . . Goods from Harvest Thanksgiving donated to C.O.B. . . . Mr. Hiron fared well prior to moving to Ocean Grove; Chiswell family to Frankston, and Rhonda and Ian Wilson to Ringwood . . . Robert McFarlane is still very ill in hospital and in need of constant prayer.

CHELTENHAM IS 115

(Vic., G. K. Moyes). The 115th annual business meeting on March 8 revealed that offerings rose by \$2,000 for the year. A record high was reached in other than local projects (\$126 per week) . . . Over 140 are active in auxiliary leadership each week . . . The newly-formed C.E. Society increases weekly . . . Ian Corlett as associate minister and Mrs. Corlett and family were welcomed . . . The weekly prayer meeting has grown beyond the capacity of its first meeting room.

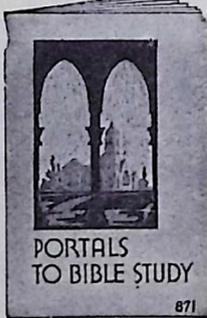
SCOUTS HONOURED

(BAYSWATER, Vic., Dr. K. Bowes, D. Cleaver). Peter Sanders and Geoff. Fox have become Queens Scouts, and Peter Bryant was chosen to represent the Scouts at the Governor's Garden Party . . . When the ladies conducted a recent service, the Yukana Singers also assisted . . . Kevin Smith, representing "Theo's Coffee Shops," was guest speaker at C.W.F. . . . The church and S.S. picnic was held at Baynes Park, Monbulk. A service was held prior to leaving for the hills and prior to leaving for home . . . Harvey Miller (leader) and eight Explorers attended combined Adventure Camp at Lake Nagambie.

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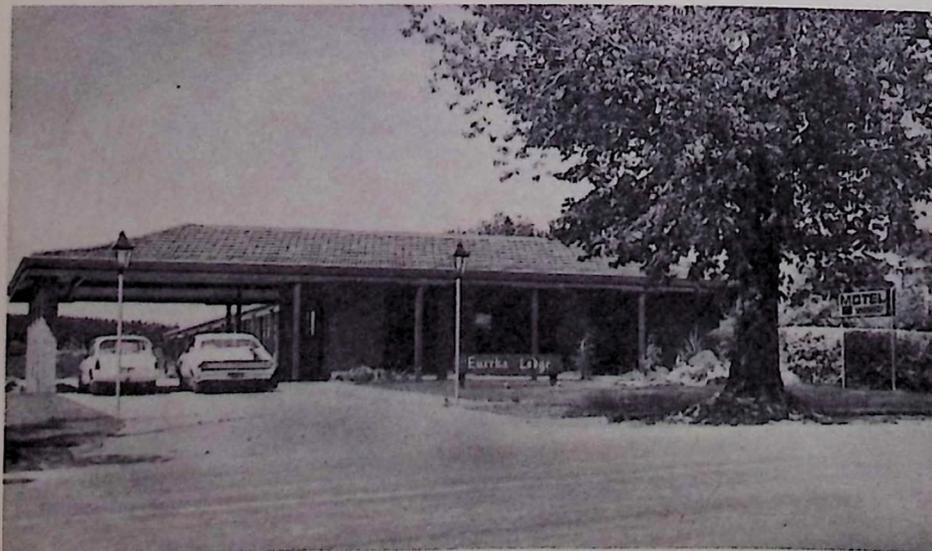
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JESUS MOVEMENT

THE capture of the Jesus movement by the established churches is an example of declining strength of church institutions in American church life.

This was the view of Dr. Robert J. Marshall, President of the Lutheran Church in America, when in Sydney.

Dr. Marshall said that although the Jesus movement was Christianity "on their own terms," for youth, it followed a fairly traditional pattern and could be characterised as the latest wave of American revivalism.

He believed that, like previous revival movements, it would eventually be taken over by the churches.

"There seems to be a close connection between the Jesus movement and the developments in other youth movements. There is a similarity to the occult movement, a similarity with the drug scene in the use of language and it is enthusiastic, ad hoc, and charismatic," said Dr. Marshall.

"The youth movement in the United States has had various parts, but the Jesus movement is closer to the hippies. There is sometimes a strong social consciousness, shown in relief work, and unexpressed social criticism."

Dr. Marshall said that, to some extent, the Jesus movement was a reaction to the social action emphasis among young people, produced by the economic slow-down in American society and the withdrawal from Vietnam.

"But we also believe that an American 'generation' now only lasts for about four years, and each new generation rebels against the previous youth generation," he added as a significant reason for the development of the Jesus movement.

HYMNS AND THE PITTMANS

FOLLOWING the recognition of the 90th birthday of R. T. Pittman, we are glad to note the remarkable — in fact, unique — contribution of the Pittman family in connection with our hymn-books.

The committee which prepared our present book was served for varying periods by Miss M. E. Pittman and her three brothers, J. C. Ferdinand, Douglas E. and Randall T. D.E. was the original convener of the present committee and, with Miss Pittman, served on it from its inception and in its early years. Our hymn No. 753 ("I will trust my blessed Saviour") is by Joseph Pittman, and the selected tune "Mount Compass" (No. 46 in the tune book) by his son, Ernest W. The story concerning No. 880 in the supplementary section has been published. "Finlandia" was one of Miss Pittman's favourite tunes, but she was not altogether happy with any of the words to which it was set. On learning of this, her brother R.T. wrote for use with it "O God of love, whose heart is ever yearning." Amongst the hymns which are selected for the book in course of preparation is the Christmas hymn, "Never in all human story," by Joseph Pittman, to a tune composed by his daughter. Thus in either committee work, in writing words or in composing tunes, Joseph Pittman and five members of his family shared—Miss Pittman and the brothers, E.W., J.C.F., D.E. and R.T. No other family group has made a contribution approaching this.

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A boy lived in the temple and slept near the High Priest. One night, he heard his name called and ran to the Priest, but the old man said, "I did not call you". A second and a third time the boy thought he heard his name called

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? (See next issue).

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The king was scared when he was asked to cure the general who had leprosy because he knew he couldn't do it. He thought that the general was picking a quarrel with him. But Elisha the prophet heard about it, sent for the general, and cured him. (But see the full story in 2 Kings 5).

SLAVES OF THE ANT

Australia has about 340 species of butterflies. One lays its eggs on wattle trees. Ants build a protective shelter around them and closely guard the entrance. They even feed the baby caterpillars. When they are old enough, the caterpillars are driven from the shelter each evening at dusk and herded to the top of the tree where the caterpillars feed. At dawn they are driven back to their home (or prison).

What do the ants get in return? Well, the caterpillars have special glands on their backs which produce an attractive fluid. They release this fluid when the ants gently stroke them with their antennae. The ants can never get enough of this sweetness.

When the caterpillars reach their full size they change into the chrysalis state and remain in the shelter in perfect safety until the spring when they emerge as butterflies, and the cycle starts all over again.

Doctor: I advise you to take a hot bath before retiring.

Patient: Before retiring? But I won't be retiring for another ten years!

DEFINITIONS

Mealtime: When boys sit down to continue eating.

Perfect Timing: Being able to turn off the "hot" and "cold" tap at the same time.



—Art by Howard Paris

"Anybody seen my Sunday-school book?"

THE LAST WORD...

Until -----

Strange that I did not know Him then,
That Friend of mine.
I did not even show Him then
One friendly sign
I would have rid the earth of Him
Once, in my pride;
I never knew the worth of Him
Until He died.

- Edwin A. Robinson



"The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity".

W.B. Yeats "The Second Coming"

We can say that for the next few years we Christians do not require any more documents concerning the social sphere. The problem that we now have to tackle is that of putting our fine theories into practice.

Dom Helder Camara

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Women are people who give their husbands, sports shirts, leisure slacks, and loafer shoes, then call them lazy when they act the part they're dressed for.

The best way to succeed in old age is to act on the advice you give to others.



The perfect age for children: when they are too old to cry at night, and too young to borrow the car.



Two men went to the movies. One was impressed. "Isn't it wonderful what progress has been made within a few years?" "Amazing", his friend replied. "first they moved, then they talked, and now this one smells".



The chap who aims at nothing usually hits it.



A postman reported to the postmaster that a dog had bitten him on the leg. "Did you put anything on it?" asked the postmaster. "No", replied the postman, "he liked it just as it was".

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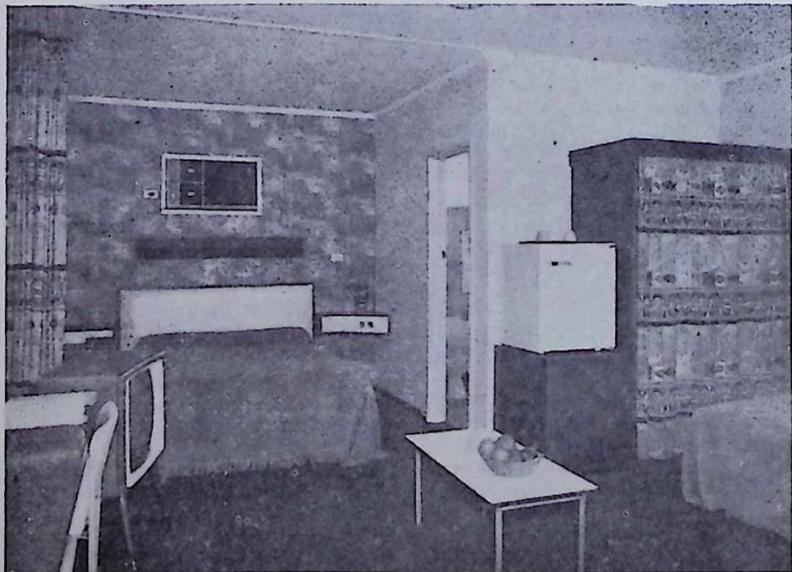
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