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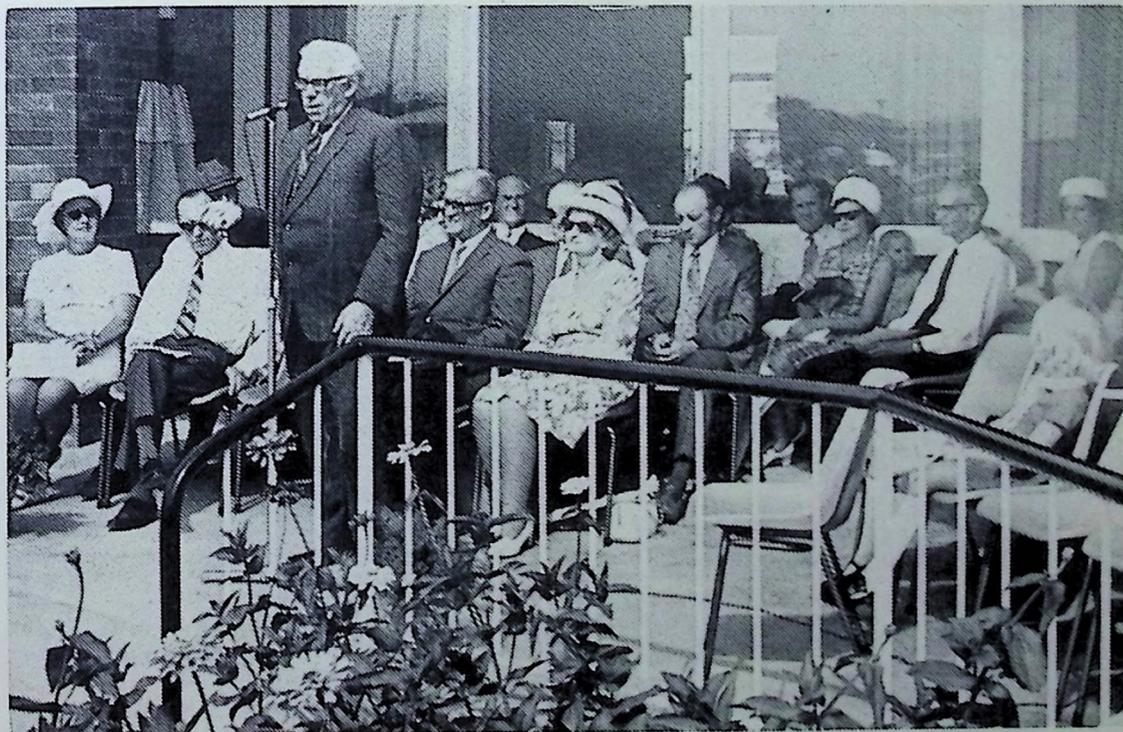


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Opening of Fairhaven Nursing Hospital Maryborough, Qld.

The Hon. W. C. Wentworth, M.H.R., Minister for Social Services, at the microphone. Behind him from left to right: Ald. J. Anderson and Mrs. Anderson, Mayor and Mayoress of Maryborough; H. Risson, Qld. Conference President, Churches of Christ; Mrs. N. Risson, Qld. C.W.F. President. (See page 7).

THE PRESS . . . THE PULPIT . . . AND THE PEW

By LESLIE S. DEWBERRY

THE printed page and the pulpit have been partners in communication for centuries. Likewise, the printing press and the pews have shared a profitable partnership for centuries in the business of promoting the evangelism, devotion, character and mission of Christians. The Federal Literature Department is attempting to stimulate these "partnerships" by encouraging churches and ministers to observe May as Literature Month.

The Literature Department believes that living in this complex world and age, demands that Christians possess an informed, strong and vital faith. It also believes with Addison, that "reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." We therefore hopefully invite ministers and churches to use Literature Month to get more of the members and friends of the church to read more books.

Some suggested ways in which Literature Month might be used by ministers and churches:

1. Select one or some of the recommended books (listed below) as the basis of a sermon or sermons during May. In doing so, give encouragement to members to buy the recommended books.
2. Choose one or more of the recommended books on occasions in May for prayer, study, discussion or youth groups.
3. Arrange for a small number of other books to be displayed on a table and arrange for someone to take orders for them.
4. Inform the church concerning the Pamphlet Club which provides members with 12 excellent publications per year for \$1 per annum.
5. Encourage church members to subscribe to the "Australian Christian" which informs, inspires and challenges the brotherhood through its fortnightly editions.
6. Plan to distribute to members and friends of the church the splendid leaflet, "When You Pray." It costs only \$1 per hundred and is the first issue from a Renewal Leaflet Series. Other issues will be available later this year.

7. Investigate the possibility of establishing a Church Library. There are some such libraries operating effectively and with great impact in some of our churches. We would be glad to supply information about these.

Allow us to share with you what three famous men of literature have said about books and reading. Swift said, "When I read a book, it seems to be alive and talking to me." Goldsmith said, "When I read an excellent book it is just as if I had gained a new friend." Alcott said, "It is a good book which is opened with expectation and closed with profit."

The Literature Department hopes that during Literature Month and continually, members and friends of the church will discover literature that will be "alive" and "talking" to them; books that will be like "new friends" and books to which you can come with "expectation" and "profit."

(Enquiries about the Pamphlet Club, the leaflet, "When You Pray" and church libraries may be made to Mrs. R. Rankine, 5 Atkins Avenue, Glen Iris, Victoria, 3146).

Recommended books . . .

FOR LITERATURE MONTH OF MAY

- "Ethics in a Permissive Society," by William Barclay.
- "I've got to talk to somebody, God," by Marjorie Holmes.
- "Ten Fingers for God," by Dorothy Clarke Wilson.
- "Now for Newness," by Alan Walker.

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WORDS TO TREASURE

TRUTH WITHOUT WORDS

The mystics are unanimous. The reality of their spiritual experience cannot be captured in words. They know! But when they try to translate what they know into intelligible form for the outsider — that is, people outside their experience — they only at best intimate and suggest, point in the general direction of what they are trying to say. The result is that often their noblest efforts mislead or tantalize by their vagueness. They verbalize and build barriers, not bridges to understanding.

By
**FRED
BROWN**

This could explain why the church has never really appealed to the so-called working classes. People so categorized tend to be inarticulate, not because they are less intelligent or lacking in wisdom. Usually they have more than their share of both. But their vocabulary is limited and they feel no necessity to articulate the profundities of their experience. The fact remains

that they know the meaning of love, loyalty, faith, strong gentleness, know it in the depth of their being. Indeed, they know it as well as anyone. But they can't verbalize the meaning and have little interest in other people's attempts.

The point of such efforts is lost on them. You either know what it means to love or you don't. If you do, words are superfluous. If you don't, words about love won't help. You learn to love by loving. There's no other way. The same applies to every other area of human experience.

This is not to say that the church should stop trying to put into words the faith she seeks to share. But it does indicate that the church will never get on to talking terms with the vast majority of people until a largely non-verbal means of communication is devised.

— "British Weekly"

BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATER . . .

*When you're down and out,
When you're on the street,
When evening falls so hard, I'll comfort you.
I'll take your part when darkness comes
And pain is all around.
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down.*

*When you're weary, feeling small,
When tears are in your eyes, I'll dry them all,
I'm on your side, when times get rough
And friends just can't be found.
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down.*

*Sail on, silver girl, sail on by;
Your time has come to shine,
All your dreams are on their way.
See how they shine! If you need a friend
I'm sailing right behind.
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will ease your mind.*

"Bridge Over Troubled Water" was written by Paul Simon, published by Charing Cross.

MANY readers, especially young people, will recognise the challenging words of an often-heard Simon and Garfunkel song.

A lot of adults are asking: "What is happening to the young people today?"

Eugene L. Smith, executive secretary of the World Council of Churches, has said: "Not since the first, or the sixteenth, century has there been such a combination of interest in Christian faith and disinterest in its institutional forms."

A young musician was asked why he, and others with him, had left a non-religious musical group to join a religious one. He said: "We're doing it because the Lord Jesus has taken

By H. MILTON SIPPEL

over our lives. We're spreading his gospel and trying to bring people to him through our music. We found there was no purpose or meaning in our lives until we were converted."

Look Magazine has an article entitled: "The Jesus Movement is Upon Us," which begins: "A crusade—a massive, fundamentalist, Christ-as-personal-Saviour revival—has caught hold in California and it shows every sign of sweeping east and becoming a national preoccupation. It's an old-time, Bible-toting, witness-giving kind of revival, and the new evangelists are the young. They give their Christian message with cheerful dedication: "Turn on to Jesus. He's coming — soon!"

I believe many young people who were caught up in the revolution against the establishment discovered that the means they were using in their rebellion brought even worse frustration. Certainly, sex and drugs were blind alleys, and enslavement and destruction were at the end.

Many young people who once travelled these paths have discovered Jesus Christ, and with him they have found new hope, new satisfaction and new meaning for life. True, only a small minority have accepted Jesus as yet. That is the reason the suicide rate among young people between twenty and thirty is still at an all-time high. Those who believe there is no way out try to escape by ending their miserable lives.

Jesus faced similar problems with his generation. He gave some rules for happiness, or blessedness. The happiness to which he referred was not a superficial, temporary good feeling. It was permanent! We have been hard-pressed to translate his words accurately. I doubt if there is an exact English equivalent to the word he used. The King James Version and the Revised Standard Version used the word "blessed." The Phillips Translation and *Good News for Modern Man* use the word "happy."

Most people think of the word "happy" in a temporary sense —happy for the moment, for the time being. But when Jesus said, "Blessed (or happy) are the poor in spirit . . . those who mourn . . . the meek . . . those who hunger and thirst for righteousness," he meant their continual state would be one of inner happiness. Here is the road to happiness—the "bridge over troubled water."

(Mr. Sippel is minister of First Christian Church, Torrance, California, U.S.A. This sermon appeared in "The Christian.")

Happiness is the result of inner wealth

In not one of the Beatitudes does Jesus speak about worldly wealth, or fine houses, or large bank accounts, or the praise of men. Happiness does not depend upon what a man has, but what a man is. Happiness is not riches in the bank, but riches in the heart.

I think one of the reasons so many young people turn against the establishment is that it is so materialistically orientated. "Young people should go to college in order to earn larger salaries." (How often have you heard that?). The basis for much discrimination against minority groups is economic. The white race does not want other races taking the better-paying jobs. "War is to be deplored, but, after all, it does aid the economy!" Pollution is bad, but profits must be maintained! otherwise, industry could not pay dividends—so, in order to make more profit, waste products should be eliminated as cheaply as possible and the cheapest way is to expel them into the air and water.

Let's face it—the establishment has not brought happiness to the majority of people. America, the most affluent nation in the world, is not a nation of happy people. The road to happiness is not paved with more and better pushbuttons!

Several years ago, *Life* carried a round-table discussion, "The Pursuit of Happiness." It was academic and probably did not prove too helpful in guiding people in their search. The most important statement in the discussion, so far as I was concerned, was made by Betsy Barton, daughter of Bruce Barton, who had lost the use of both legs in an automobile accident: "It is my experience that suffering and pain are, unfortunately, the greatest character-builders—not that suffering is good in itself, but because it often helps to shift our expectation of happiness from without to a search for it from within . . . Happiness is primarily an inner state, an inner achievement."

Happiness is at the centre of your own life

People say: "If I could only get away from my work and worry!" "If I could only travel!" "If I could live in another house, I know I would be happy!"

Would they?

Happiness does not depend on where you are, but, again, on what you are. Sometimes we do need to move into larger houses because of growing families. For purposes of rest and recuperation, it may be necessary occasionally to get away from our present environment. Some climates are more agreeable and healthful than others, but, barring physiological reasons, it is not the geography of the place where we are that produces happiness. If a man takes a troubled conscience with him on his travels, it is not likely he will find happiness, wherever he goes. If you are unhappy, changing your residence will not help. You will have to change the centre of your life. I recommend that you make Jesus the centre.

To find happiness, stop seeking it

People who are nothing but pleasure-seekers are likely to be selfish and irresponsible. Let a man forget about himself and the happiness his heart craves—let him earnestly try to do God's will—and such a man, in not actually seeking happiness,

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CHORAL SPEAKING

By WALTER LISTER

There is no reason why Choral Speaking could not be an admirable agency for the propagation of the gospel and a suitable occasional alternative to the sermon.

The speakers, having built up a good repertoire, and interspersing the selected pieces with hymns, would be able to give a recital instead of the usual sermon. It also lends itself to an uplifting and beneficial presentation of the gospel message at other functions. Women are often found to be keen and also very efficient in this form of service.

Choral Speaking is a phase which embodies the speaking of both verse and prose by a number of voices; voices that are trained to blend as one would expect in a choir of singing voices. It is a combination of carrying voices, brought together with a view to speaking as one voice — in unison — so that the blending of the voices arrests the attention of those present and also reveals the artistry of the participants.

WHAT IS REQUIRED

(a) **Voices willing to be used.** Many people who sing in a choir agree that they are not suited for solo singing but find enjoyment in sharing with others. The same applies to choral speaking. People asked to recite a poem might refuse because they are too sensitive or reticent; yet they soon discover that in choral speaking their self-consciousness suddenly disappears and they find themselves elated and spiritually uplifted, being "swept away by the power of the rhythm or the sound of the words." A new outlook upon poetry and drama captivates them and they wonder why they did not start sooner. They discover that they are no longer individuals; they belong to a chorus of voices, enjoying themselves and bringing enjoyment to others.

(b) **Voices willing to be trained.** Although we shall not detail technical points, it is essential that you become acquainted with a view of the fundamental principles which regulate the proper use of the voice. It is customary to divide the voices into "light" and "dark," as a choir-master divides his tenors, and baritones, sopranos and altos. There must be created a proper balance of voices. If the chorus includes males then, naturally, their voices will be included in the "dark" section.

Whereas the singing voice leaps from note to note, the speaking voice glides from note to note. This vocal glide is called inflection. Once the voices have been classified all must participate in some simple but effective exercises for the toning and tuning up of the voice. Here the Modulator becomes a useful medium to bring out the best in any voice. Instead of using "Doh, Ray, Me," etc., substitute "AH, HA, OH, HAY." Then close the lips and hum up and down the scale. By using "AH" you encourage the needed open sounds of the voices; and "NAY" develops the nasal sounds. Humming tones up the voice and increases volume. The suggestions will aid you in expressiveness and clarity and you will appreciate the lovely cadences of the voice which are derived by aiming at the three "Ts," — Tone, Tune and Time.

SOURCE OF SUPPLY

The Bible is an inexhaustible storehouse of both poetry and prose and offers some of the finest lyrical and dramatic selections. There are other sources where material can be found, and you should make use of all avenues to enlarge your repertoire. Many exquisite poems and dramatic pieces are procurable which lend themselves to choral speaking.

Here are a few Bible portions which have been used to great advantage by the writer in church and festival work, and guidance is also given for their use:

Psalm 24. If you have six, eight or ten speakers divide them into two groups. Verses 1, 2, spoken by all; 3, by group one; 4, 5 by group two; 6, by all; 7, by group one; 8a, by group two, 8b, 9, by group one; 10a by group two; 10b by group one.

Psalm 107 is longer and requires more speakers, not less than three in each group. Verses 1-3 all; 4-7 group one; 8-9 all; 10-14 group two; 15-16 all; 17-20 group three; 21-22 all; 23-30 group four; 31-32 all.

Matthew 7: 24-27. Two groups could be used. Verse 24, group one; 25, all; 26, group two; 27, all. Build up to climax in verse 25 and again in verse 27. Make good use of inflection, with slight suspension of the voice on "descended," "came," "blew," with a change of tempo and emphasis on "founded." The same applies when approaching "great" in verse 27.

It is hoped that some will receive an incentive to know the joy of choral speaking and to realise that it can be an effective way of presenting the messages of God to the people.

I would be glad to send enquirers a list of suitable selections.

[This article was adapted from "The Christian Advocate."]

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BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATER (continued from page 3)

will find it. By doing the thing that God sent him into the world to do, he will automatically make himself one of that company whom Jesus called "blessed."

Before the vaccine for polio was invented probably the largest concentration of polio sufferers in the world was at the Infantile Paralysis Foundation at Warm Springs, Georgia. Many years ago, the most pathetic patient there was a young lady named Irene. Her body was completely paralysed, with the exception of her left arm, with which she fed herself, combed her hair, wrote a little, and did a few other things for herself. She could not sit in a wheel chair, because her neck muscles did not hold her head erect. She also had a heart condition which was even worse than the paralysis.

Irene said that before she was paralysed, she never knew what happiness was. She had a good position and owned a beautiful house, but Irene was always busy trying to meet the "right people"—people who could help her in her profession.

Then she fell victim to infantile paralysis. "It was only then that I had time to meet Jesus," she said. "When I met him I found true happiness in spite of my suffering. If only I had met him before!"

What a stupid—what a futile life so many live in their search for happiness! Hear once again the recipe Jesus gave:

"How happy are the humble-minded, for the kingdom of Heaven is theirs!

"How happy are those who know what sorrow means, for they will be given courage and comfort!

"Happy are those who claim nothing, for the whole earth will belong to them!

"Happy are those who are hungry and thirsty for goodness, for they will be fully satisfied!

"Happy are the merciful, for they will have mercy shown to them!

"Happy are the utterly sincere, for they will see God!

"Happy are those who make peace, for they will be known as sons of God!

"Happy are those who have suffered persecution for the cause of goodness, for the kingdom of Heaven is theirs!"

This is the "bridge over troubled water!"



BARBARA DILLON . . .
President, S.A. Women's Conference

Born at Broken Hill, commenced nursing training in Adelaide. After graduating in general nursing she completed midwifery and also infant welfare training in Sydney. On her return to Adelaide she was appointed Deputy Matron, Mareeaba Babies' Hospital.

She was baptized in 1940 at Hindmarsh by the late W. L. Ewers.

Joined the Australian Army Nursing Service in 1940 and served with the A.I.F. in Palestine, Syria and Egypt. Returned to Australia in 1943, married and remained at the State Military Hospital until late

1945. Her husband is a deacon.

There are three children — all active in Christian work. Margaret, a triple certificated nursing sister, is serving as a voluntary missionary in the New Hebrides; Helen is married and living in Melbourne; and Peter, a student. During her 21 years at Hawthorn Church of Christ, S.A., she has been C.W.F. President on five occasions, has attended Conference monthly meetings over 16 years and became President of the State C.W.F. in September, 1971. Due to an alteration in the State Conference year she will hold office until April, 1973.

A PLAN FOR LIFE

THAT God has a plan for our lives and that it began even before we were born is somewhat beyond human comprehension. And in this plan I believe God needs me and he needs you.

Asked by the Pharisees which is the most important commandment in the law, Jesus replied, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." Does this not mean that God needs our continual, undivided love in spiritual fellowship?

We readily acknowledge our need of God but often fail to recognise his need of us.

Yes! God needs us to be forged as a strong link into the great chain that binds his purposes to the whole world.

If we are willing to co-operate with him he will reveal to us our part in his great programme.

God needs us to fulfil his purposes in the province of our influence wherever that may be — in the home, at school or university, at work, in the local community or even overseas.

It is through our lives and energies that God translates his limitless love in a very practical way to the people of his creation through our sensitivity to their needs, and through our compassion, kindness and patience.

We are God's messengers reaching out into this wonderful world with the glorious truth of the risen Christ and in the end —

*God will not seek our race,
Nor will he ask our birth,
Alone he will demand of us
"What have you done on earth?"*

WORD TALK No. 50

HABAKKUK is one of those hard to find minor prophets at the end of the Old Testament. He lived and witnessed in the period 620-590 B.C. His writing is in poetic form, a traditional form used by prophets whose work was sung by the temple singers. His prophecy is really a psalm and lamentation yet it holds tremendous insight.

He wrote at the time when the Babylonians were attacking Judah in 598 B.C. The nation cried for God's help in the face of this tyrant but evil triumphed. Habakkuk sees that it is God who is behind this ruthless enemy (Chapter 1: 5-11). His national pride rebels at this (1: 12-17). He retreats to his watch-tower (2: 1-5) and there waits for God to reveal his answer. There came to Habakkuk one of the greatest Old Testament passages. So significant was this that Habakkuk wrote it up hoarding size so that even the man running past could read it (2: 2). "He whose soul is not upright in Him, shall fall; but the righteous shall live by his faith." Habakkuk had his answer. In the end evil will always fall before a righteous and faithful nation or individual. He concludes with five taunting woes upon the Babylonians. In 1947 the discovery of the Dead Sea Scroll of "Habakkuk" revealed what scholars believed—Chapter 3 is a separate Psalm by Habakkuk and not part of the original book.

FOR TODAY:

Habakkuk's message that the just shall live by faith has influenced the world more than any other Old Testament

HABAKKUK

sentence. An understanding of this verse inspired Paul in his Roman letter (Chap. 1: 17). This verse was used by the early Church to sustain it in the darkest hour of persecution. This verse illuminated Martin Luther and brought Protestantism into being. A dispirited failure of an Anglican missionary heard Luther's comment on this verse and John Wesley's reaction brought revival to England and the Methodist Church into being. Karl Barth was so moved by this verse that he changed the direction of 20th century theology.

Habakkuk stresses that all of history has meaning for the man who sees with the eyes of faith. It is hard to accept that God can use even the evil nation. My church member friend found sustenance in this verse while a P.O.W. in Germany. Although his German guard had "Gott mit uns" on his buckle my friend knew "God is with us" also applied on his side of the barbed wire. Habakkuk affirms that in the end the righteous nation and individual will triumph. In a time of international tension when only economic wealth and political alliances are heeded Habakkuk's message needs to be rung out loud and clear. If we trust in God even the darkest hours will eventually turn to a new dawn. Such is the message of the Cross. Such is the theme of hymn 75 and hymn 885. Read them, and remember that "Though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone is strong . . . behind the dim unknown, standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own."

—GORDON MOYES.

END OF MORNING SERVICE?

(SEATTLE). An executive of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Harold R. Johnson, suggested that the weekly hour-long church service may be replaced by weekend retreats, held several times a year, according to a news report released recently by Religious News Service.

With more and more people working four-day weeks, they can more easily participate in such retreats and will be less willing to interrupt a long weekend for a one-hour service.—“The Christian.”

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“EMILY” SPOILS PICNIC

(MURWILLUMBAH, N.S.W., D. Eagling). The church picnic on Easter Monday was postponed due to cyclone “Emily.” . . . The church joined the Baptists in a dawn service on Easter Sunday. At night there were two baptisms and one decision. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Duncan and baby Ruth shared in a parent dedication service . . . K. Crawford, H.M. Director, and Sister Ruth Cane from the Sudan Interior Mission, were recent speakers.

SUGAR CANE CURTAIN

(YORK ST., BALLARAT, Vic., B. McMurtrie). The church was host for meeting to hear Mr. Carlos speak on underground work in Cuba. 140 attended and \$80 was given in offering . . . Mrs. McMurtrie has returned to normal health after illness . . . 19 young people and helpers shared in Hall's Gap Easter camp . . . A Church Fellowship Sunday was held at Creswick after communion in the chapel. After basket lunch, B.S. conducted their programme at 1.30 p.m. Another feature was an open air service at 3.30 . . . A women's garden party raised \$160 for furnishing for church extension, the building of which has commenced . . . The third Youth-Quake of Gospel Folk Music was held on April 9 with Frank Clarke as compere. 300 young people came from every part of Ballarat.

WATERMELON SOCIAL

(NTH. SYDNEY, N.S.W., N. Flint). The church held its annual Watermelon Social, with Woolwich Bible students organising the programme . . . The film, “The Emmaus Road” with Malcolm Muggerridge was screened recently . . . Good Friday services were combined with North Sydney Baptists at Baptist church.

PART-TIME MINISTRY

(PENDLE HILL, N.S.W., R. Aldred). The church has returned to a part-time ministry which has been made possible by arrangement with the Social Service Committee which has generously agreed to share the financial burden. Mr. Aldred will now serve both the church and the Committee and, on the Committee's behalf, serve the aged folk's homes and as Industrial Chaplain . . . The Senior Citizen's Group under the guidance of Mrs. Beryl Cole, is catering for all of the varied needs of a group that is increasing in membership . . . Through generous gifts and loans the church has acquired a much needed Lowrey organ.

NIGHT FEATURES

(MILDURA, Vic., T. Lawrie). Sunday evening features have included youth drama “Mission to the World,” film “Signposts,” and Question Night . . . Mrs. M. Stafford (Cheltenham) was C.W.F. speaker. A. McWilliams told women's evening meeting “What every woman should know about cars.” . . . 13 young people attended Barmera Easter Camp . . . Recent speakers included Stanton H. Wilson, Conf. Exec. Secretary, who also addressed a Sunraysia group on “Strategy for the '70's” and Miss Hazel Skuce from India . . . Mr. Lawrie spoke at Good Friday combined churches' meeting in the Methodist church and was one of Sunraysia's ministers attending the Buronga Pop Festival for counselling.

LOSSES FROM HAMILTON

(Vic., R. W. Marshall). The church has lost seven members through removal . . . Following Harvest Thanksgiving and Temple Day services \$350 will be paid off building debt . . . David Hoffman, Jenny Beard and Lynlea Witham have made their decisions for Christ . . . The ladies have been active with a jumble sale, a street stall, and catering for a wedding . . . Mrs. Arden is in Hamilton Hospital, Mrs. D. McPherson in Ballarat Hospital, and Mr. and Mrs. Steel in Coleraine Hospital.

FOR NEW GUINEA AID POST

(GREENACRE, N.S.W., D. Surtees). The 4th anniversary Thanksgiving Offering of \$851.50 will be applied to the building of a Medical Aid Post in New Guinea . . . Roy Nicholson has relinquished duties as treasurer after 25 years . . . Visiting is progressing in preparation for the May Mission to be conducted by Eddie Gabbert . . . The C.W.F. celebrated Lucy Tilbee's 80th birthday with a special meeting in her home. She gave her testimony to her faith in God and God's faithfulness to her . . . The new manse is nearing completion.

SUNRISE COMMUNION

(NTH. WILLIAMSTOWN, Vic., K. H. Pitt). Combined Good Friday service was held at Gospel Mission Church. On Easter Sunday a 6 a.m. sunrise communion service was held in the manse garden . . . The Junior B.S. led by Rose Haden and Susan Page presented an Easter message during gospel service. One young lass made her decision . . . Three weekly prayer sessions are held in preparation for Mission in May . . . 48 C.Y.F.'ers journeyed by bus as guests of Manifold Heights church. . . . C.W.F. had an outing to Lake Merimu.

MINISTERS AS ELDERS

(TOOTGAROOK, Vic., D. Holmes). Three retired ministers were elected as elders here: R. C. Bolduan, J. Plummer and L. A. Trezise . . . Mrs. Godley died on April 9 . . . Padre Holmes showed slides of Malaysia on April 9 . . . The Board chairman is W. Fordham; Sec., H. Farmer, and Treas., J. Machin.

MISSIONARY PROJECT

(HORSHAM, Vic., D. J. Marr). Barry Cutchie, of Gospel Audio Visual Services, whom we are assisting as a missionary project, was a recent speaker . . . Daryl McLeod, of B. & F.B.S., spoke at meeting combined with Methodists, and screened a film of work in Latin America . . . B. Tucker is board chairman, P. Finlayson is sec., and L. Wills is treas. . . . Mrs. G. Morgan and her daughter, Wendy, have had surgical treatment at Alfred Hosp., Melb., and St. John of God's Hosp., Ballarat, respectively.

VISIT BY PRESIDENT

(CARRAMAR, N.S.W., W. S. Harrison). The Conf. Pres., R. Bartholomew, was a recent speaker . . . Members attended Jack Bond missions at Loftus Park and Carlingbah, and also united churches' Good Friday service at which the film “The Passover” was screened. Mr. Belcher of J.E.W. was speaker . . . Young people went to Teen Ranch over Easter week-end. . . . A tape recording of Stephen Demoris, Indonesian evangelist, was played at mid-week meeting . . . Adele White was farewelled on leaving for N.Z.

JOINT CHURCH BAPTISMS

(SWAN HILL, Vic., R. E. Pritchard). Local Methodists shared April 9 evening service when two young people were baptized. During the service the Methodist minister baptized three of his congregation, who had indicated their desire for baptism by immersion . . . Two teenage girls made decisions at the first service of the church's Friendship Campaign when Ted Keating was speaker . . . A team is competing in the local Junior Football League (Under 15).

C.Y.F. ACTIVE

(BURWOOD, Vic., I. A. Allsop). Young people held camps at Pt. Lonsdale and Daylesford. Philip Warner has been elected new C.Y.F. president. Gavin Didsbury has been baptized and welcomed into fellowship of the church . . . Mr. and Mrs. E. Thomas were elected at the annual meeting as deacon and deaconess . . . Mrs. E. Patterson is new C.W.F. president . . . Lester Sutton, injured in an accident, is recovering in Box Hill Hospital after leg surgery . . . The “under 14” cricket team won its first pennant for 10 years.

TOWN AND COUNTRY

(RED HILL, Vic., P. Richter). Ministers and young people from Red Hill and Pascoe Vale churches shared in camp at Ferny Creek . . . Stanton Wilson was visiting speaker at 87th anniversary on April 16 . . . The church exchanges minister and platform personnel with Tootgarook church . . . Recent speakers have been J. Alabaster, Conf. Pres., and N. Gilmore, of Brighton.

FAIR HAVEN ACHIEVEMENT

(QLD.). The cover photo shows the Federal Minister for Social Services, Mr. W. C. Wentworth, M.H.R., opening Fair Haven's new Nursing Home. 600 were present on March 4 when Horace Risson, Qld. Conf. President, chaired proceedings. A civic welcome was extended by the Mayor of Maryborough, Alderman J. Anderson.

Total cost of the nursing home is approximately \$120,000 and two-thirds of this is found by the Commonwealth Department of Social Services. Of the remaining \$40,000, \$36,000 has already been raised by the Fair Haven Committee at Maryborough.

In Maryborough's "The Chronicle", the editor wrote:

"The Federal Minister for Social Services said at the opening that the facilities available were something of which Maryborough could be proud. Mr. Wentworth was right, but the pride and the praise specifically are the entitlement of an energetic lay arm of the Church of Christ. All told, accommodation has been provided for 72 aged people and the complex is valued at \$350,000. Of that amount \$120,000 will be paid for the nursing block accommodating 24 patients.

"In the opinion of Mr. A. Popp, the committee's secretary, there is 'something fine' in the performance of a city the size of Maryborough in raising the money contributed. There is indeed something fine, particularly in the performance of the

Apexians, members of an extraordinary group of service clubs who, when they were not sitting on a pole, were wooing revenue from the citizens of Maryborough for a total contribution of more than \$8,300.

"It was the same spirit of community service which inspired the Lions Club to endow Gilson Home as a wing of the complex, with a generous benefaction from the family whose name it bears. It explains, too, the continuing donations by the Quota Club whose contributions may be admirably out of proportion to its restricted numbers.

"Generosity, however spontaneous and lavish, is largely meaningless unless it can be stimulated and directed. For that, the Fair Haven Committee and its dedicated secretary deserve the major credit."

EXPLOITATION OF YOUTH

LIFE in a hippie commune is not "groovy," but a nightmare of "unbelievable filth, greed and violence," according to a Lutheran Church in America pastor who runs a delinquency prevention programme in Greenwich Village.

"A preposterous fantasy about life in communal centres has grown up," asserted Fred P. Eckhardt, of St. John's Lutheran Church. "T.V. and teen movies show relaxed happy kids playing cops and robbers with stupid police and foolish parents and invariably winning."

He described the reality of "crash pads"

in the Village, in which older "bosses" exploit girls 13 and 14, forcing them into prostitution, drug peddling and petty thievery under threat of being turned out.

Up to 2,000 runaway children, most of them white and from suburban homes, end up in Greenwich Village in the summer, Mr. Eckhardt said.—"The Christian."

S.A. and Vic

GUEST OUTING

(HARTWELL, Vic., M. J. Savage). 116 residents of our Guest Homes were taken for a drive of their choice and were afterwards entertained with a programme and afternoon tea. This was the 17th consecutive annual outing of this kind . . . Five Camberwell co-operating churches of Christ held a united evening service at Hartwell on March 12. W. Tabbernee was speaker.

PROPERTY SALE

(FULLARTON, S.A., N. Gavros). A special church meeting decided to sell the Hall St. courts and to develop the Osmond Rd. property . . . On April 16 over 200 attended a Memorial Service for the late Beryl Clark. \$95 was given for the C.W.F. project for New Hebrides . . . A Girls' Brigade camp was held on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Cross of Strathalbyn, April 14-16 . . . I.C.E. asked members and friends to give 2c a day for three weeks for State

C.E. work. \$41 was raised . . . Mr. Gavros was speaker at combined Good Friday service in Baptist church . . . Mr. and Mrs. Graham Bee showed slides and gave testimonies at Hour of Power group prior to leaving for Ghana with W.E.C.

SECRETARY MOVES

(E. PRESTON, Vic., A. Fletcher). Keith Earl, the church secretary, has moved from the district. Vacancies on the board have been filled by Roy Weir and Ken. Ayres . . . Negotiations are progressing for the appointment of a senior minister and plans are in hand for an interim ministry as the basis for continuing involvement with Preston congregation. Combined activities with C.Y.F. being most effective. Monthly youth services are held Sunday evenings.

YOUTH PANEL

(HENLEY BEACH, S.A., G. Satsman). At a youth service a panel discussed racial discrimination, church attendance, etc. . . . Miss L. Glastonbury was farewelled on leaving for Canada . . . Two representatives from each auxiliary form a local Christian Education Committee.

CALLED TO CLOVELLY PARK

(S.A., A. W. Morris). Roy Arnold, at C.O.B., Glen Iris, has accepted a call of three years' ministry, commencing Feb., 1973 . . . At church anniversary on March 12, Neville Moore was guest speaker, and our own male quartette sang. "God of Creation" was screened during the evening service . . . Other specials included the Harvest Festival, B.S. Teachers' Dedication Service and a Cricket Club parade. The Cricket Club held a successful film night to boost funds, and are premiers of "D" Grade United Church Assoc. . . . Visiting speakers to A.C.E. have been Bob Brown, newly-appointed Aboriginal pastor for S.A., and the H.M. Director, E. Heard.

TESTIMONY NIGHT

(BOX HILL, Vic., G. A. Grainger). At a testimony service many spoke of the value of Christ in their lives. Three young people made the Good Confession . . . Proceeds from Family Film Night and N.Z. Adventure Preview by Explorers donated to the New Guinea Missionary appeal . . . Mrs. Partridge, on furlough, spoke at C.W.F. on New Guinea Mission work . . . Over 100 attended annual cricket banquet.

DEATH OF ARTHUR NEIGHBOUR

(GOOLWA, S.A., B. S. Beck). The death is reported of Arthur Neighbour, who was reporter and "A.C." representative at Goolwa for many years. An obituary notice will be published later.

DECISIONS AT STRATHMORE

(Vic., S. K. Bannon). There were ten decisions at our recent mission. Individual counselling is proceeding . . . C.M.F. has been attending to many tasks around the church halls . . . The "A" tennis team reached the finals and the "C" team won the grand final . . . Mr. Gibbon, of J.E.W., was guest speaker at C.W.F. . . . John Turner is conducting mid-week prayer and fellowship meetings.

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OPEN FORUM

THE CHURCH DISCRIMINATES

To the Editor,

I belong to a large group which is discriminated against in our churches. No member of our group could serve as a minister, nor even a lay preacher (except perhaps on "Mothers' Day"). The office of elder or deacon is closed to us as is also the position of Conference President. What is most hurtful, however, is that we are debarred from that most sacred privilege of presiding at the Lord's Table or even of serving the sacrament.

We are not black, for our "brotherhood" regards all "men" as equal and would not discriminate against anyone on grounds of colour. Nor are we communists or adherents to some other spurious political theory; although even if we were it is unlikely that our holding official positions would be rigorously opposed, on those grounds alone. It is not the case that the discrimination is on the grounds of immorality, inexperience or lack of intelligence or qualifications. No, we are merely women, but as such second class citizens in the kingdom of God.

Many of our group do not mind their present position. They would echo Sophia Loren's words ("A.C.," 18-3-72), "Having a man to love, a child to hold and a dinner to cook—this is all that really matters to a woman." But some of us are tired of being constantly thwarted in our desire to

play an effective role in church affairs. As one of the latter, I heartily second Mrs. Champion's sentiments ("A.C.," 1-4-72).

The time has come for the men of our churches to stop worshipping at the shrine of virtuous womanhood and accept woman as an equal, created in the image of God, with full citizenship rights in the kingdom of God.—(Mrs.) Shirley Grundy (Qld.).

CHRISTIAN BUILDING TRUST

To the Editor,

The Christian Building Trust (C.B.T.) was established in 1953 to provide finance for brotherhood activities, obtained without effort and cost to the individual. The C.B.T. was formally recognised by Conference in 1959.

The present trustees are Messrs. Alan Thomas (Chairman), Dave Watt (Deputy Chairman), David Youens, Kevin Mitchell, Gordon Scambler and Stan Gilmour (Secretary and Treasurer).

The scheme is simply the channelling of insurance business by C.B.T. through either Ansvar Insurance Co. or Edward Lumley and Sons. Both companies pay commission to the Trust which is devoted to Churches of Christ activities.

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Up to December 1970 the Trust has made contributions towards the brotherhood of \$8,320, but is now funding the

earnings for a major brotherhood objective currently under discussion with representatives of Conference.

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With your co-operation the Trust is confident that its objective of \$10,000 per year can be achieved.

—W. H. Holloway (Vic.).

BACK TO TARPEENA

To the Editor,

The Tarpeena church is holding a "Back to S.S." here on Oct. 8, 1972, at 10.30 a.m. Could names and addresses of old scholars and teachers be forwarded to me at Pte. Bag 47, Penola, S.A., 5277? —(Mrs.) B. Smith (S.A.).

INNER CITY CHURCHES

To the Editor,

Before Churches of Christ can ever begin to understand what the inner city is all about we will need to take the following steps:

1. The immediate setting-up of a working group consisting of the most creative minds we have—laymen, sociologists, economists, town planners, business administrators, artists, ministers — to develop experimental strategies with local congregations.

2. The appointment of an experienced, theologically aware, creative senior minister to a single congregation; give him the resources to experiment and experience the inner city and after three years expect him to give guidelines to the brotherhood.

3. The College of the Bible immediately examine its present placement of students in the inner city. Its an intolerable situation for student and congregation. No other denomination makes such unrealistic demands. Let other alternatives be examined, for example, task forces of students led by college lecturers, laymen, etc., committed for a 3-year period to a congregation.

4. A declared future policy of locating departmental officers in the inner city. Until leaders and those in authority begin to demonstrate their commitment the inner city will never take them seriously.

5. Having set an example the brotherhood can then begin to encourage young marrieds, professionals, retired ministers, etc., to move in the inner city.

If we are not bold, imaginative and creative in our approaches the 1980 Conference Report will show that the "inner suburban problem" solved itself!

—Alan Matheson (Vic.).

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

THE ECUMENICAL HERESY

To the Editor,

Our minister is a self-confessed "ecumanlac" so I was surprised last Sunday when he announced as his sermon subject, "The Ecumenical Heresy." He said that some people think that all of the church's problems will be solved if we can only unite the churches. That he said is the ecumenical heresy. He made the point that to unite a lot of uncommitted, visionless, comfortable Christians is to end up with one big uncommitted, visionless, comfortable church . . . only more so! I think it did some of us a lot of good. We'd been looking forward to church union in our suburb because with more people in the church there'd be less work for any of us, and it would be cheaper per head, and we wouldn't be missed if we downed a few tools sometimes.

As I masticated the "bubble and squeak" I meditated upon the sermon, and thought that there's an "anti-ecumenical heresy" too. Some of my friends at the church think that all of the church's problems will be solved if we can get rid of the W.C.C. and every last inter-church council, and wipe the hideous word "ecumenical" off the slate. But to get rid of these doesn't get rid of the fear and mistrust and disapproval of their fellow Christians that is often at the bottom of "anti-ecumenicalism." And no churches can do the real work of the church if Christian people disapprove of one another and feel threatened by one another's convictions.

As a simple soul who takes the Bible at its face value, it seems to me that "anti-ecumenical heretics" need to remember that our Lord did pray for the Unity of ALL Christians. And it seems to me that the "ecumenical heretics" need to remember why our Lord wanted unity. There was only one reason . . . so that the world would come to believe.

They used to burn heretics. Maybe it would be good if modern "ecumenical and anti-ecumenical heretics" could be set on fire . . . for getting Jesus' prayer answered in both of its parts.

TERTIUS.

OPENING

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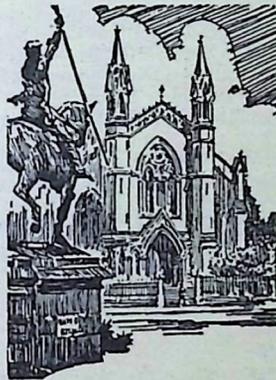
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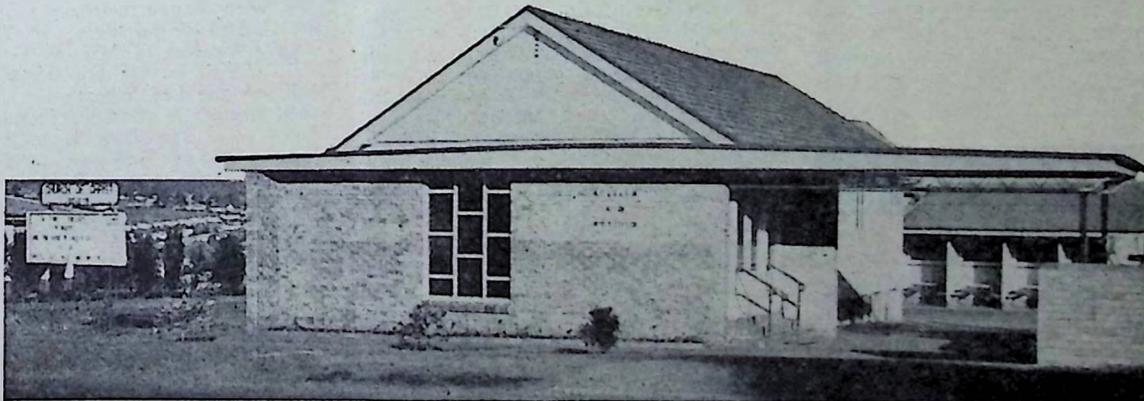
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FEDERAL CONFERENCE

LESS than six months to go! Are you coming? Over 300 paid registrations have been received to April 18 (S.A. 113, Vic. 86, Tas. 4, A.C.T. 7, N.S.W. 73, and Qld. 27) and over 50 have booked for post conference tours.

It would help us tremendously to receive all final registrations by June 10, but of course we will not refuse any after that date. It just means that it will make it a little harder to satisfy all accommodation requirements.

Because some folk have asked, we have arranged a 3-day post-conference tour to the South-West — \$50 — If you are interested, please write to me for particulars.

Arrangements are well in hand and we expect to have a great time. Be in it! — **A. D. Pyne, Sec., Arrangements Committee (address on page 20).**

U.S. CONVENTION TRAVEL AGENTS

Travel Planners Inc., of San Antonio, Texas, have been selected as the official travel agency for the 9th Assembly of the World Convention of Churches of Christ to be held in Mexico City, 1974. Their address is 800 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, Texas, U.S.A. or contact may be made through Dr. Allan Lee, General Secretary of the World Convention, Room 448, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10027, U.S.A.

NEW CHAPEL

(**SOUTHPORT, Qld., E. Watson.**) The new chapel and educational complex were opened on March 25. David Mansell of Wollongong and Gerald Parriott, H.M. Field Officer, were guest speakers . . . Active membership is 145. There were 22 baptisms in 1971. The "Search Squad" (B.S.) has 120 scholars on roll. 92 attended a recent Search Squad camp and a number of children made decisions . . . The church's targets for 1972 include \$1,500 for an airstrip at Gokto, New Guinea, \$500 for Bibles in Pidgin, and \$1,000 for Kenmore Christian College . . . Mr. Watson has been released for three weeks to assist H.M. churches and will terminate his ministry in 1973.

THINGS TO COME

- APRIL: VICTORIA**
- 30 VIC-TAS. CONF. BEGINS, United Gospel Witness, Melb. Town Hall. "Strategy for the Seventies" launching and commitment.
- MAY:**
- 3 C.W.F. — Women's Day of Conference, Ken Town Hall
 - 1-5 VIC-TAS CONFERENCE
 - 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 C.E. Camp, Hall's Gap.
 - 21 PENTECOST SUNDAY.
- MAY: QUEENSLAND**
- 6 "Shindig"—Kenmore Christian College.
 - 26-28 Youth Group Exchange—City to Country.
- MAY: NEW SOUTH WALES**
- 6 OPEN DAY, WOOLWICH COLLEGE.
 - 12 First Term ends at Woolwich.
 - 20 "Dunmore House" Boys' Home Committee Farewell Dinner honouring Mr. Arthur Dalton at Burwood.
 - 27 Men's Work Dept. Dinner — Chatswood

BOX HILL WORKERS AFIELD

(**Vic., G. A. Grainger.**) Julie and Keith Ware have commenced an Inter C.E. Society at Applecross, W.A.; Neville Watkins is Explorer leader at Ringwood with Ronda and Ian Wilson assisting; Mrs. D. Clark is at Esperance; Ted and Dora Gray are in New Guinea . . . A. Preston of Central Mission, spoke at C.W.F. on "Lifeline." . . . 12 Explorers held camp at Mt. Martha. Older Explorers visited Dunlop Rubber. . . . At annual meeting J. Winkler was elected secretary; A. Tivendale assist. sec.; K. Mitchell treas., H. Smedley, assist. treas., B.S. Supt., R. Clarke . . . Robt. McFarlane still very ill in hospital.

COFFEE POT

(**MAIDSTONE, Vic., D. White.**) The "Coffee Pot" for 13 to 30 and over is held fortnightly on Fridays . . . Mr. Ross showed interesting travel films . . . The Music Club under direction of Ern Patterson visited Bayswater Training Farm.

CONCERN FOR YOUTH

(**CARNEGIE, Vic., M. Giezendanner.**) At annual meeting, concern was expressed over lack of attendance of young people of the church. A committee is being formed to meet the youth to try to find the reasons for this . . . A. Mudge was elected deacon, M. McColl secretary, and E. Thomson, treasurer . . . Good Companions held a morning church parade.

AID FOR CHAPLAIN

(**BALAKLAVA, S.A., J. Dow.**) A C.W.F. garden party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Webb raised \$50 to assist our hospital chaplain. They also entertained other town and district churches at their "at home." . . . The church school held its annual picnic at the swimming pool . . . Mr. Dow presided at a one-day meeting of Nthn. Dist. Churches . . . Combined study groups with Methodists climaxed with combined meeting in Methodist hall with Mr. Dow giving the address.

"GOOD NEWS" IN 20 HOURS

A highlight of Religious Emphasis Week held recently at Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Texas, was reading nonstop through the entire Today's English Version New Testament, "Good News for Modern Man," published by the American Bible Society. The reading took 20 hours and was carried over most of the campus by a public-address system. Near a table where the readers functioned in 20-minute shifts was a book table with copies of the T.E.V. New Testament and other scriptures.

MINISTRY EXTENSION

(**CHELTENHAM, S.A., R. W. Saunders.**) Following the half-yearly meeting, Mr. Saunders accepted an invitation to continue his ministry for a further two years . . . In a new approach in Christian outreach, more than 20 members are actively engaged in fulfilling the mission of the church in the district.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

(**SWANSTON ST., Meib., Vic., A. Webb.**) David Price, the head of the Bible and Theology department of the Christian Leaders' Training College in New Guinea, and a member of this church, was guest speaker at the recent Missionary Convention. Ten of our missionary family participated. \$852 was given to support our own missionaries and a further \$2,800 was promised . . . 90 young people shared in a recent youth tea. Regular fortnightly youth activities have commenced, and after-church singalongs are popular.

2ND COMING CONVENTION

(**WARBURTON, Vic., C. W. Jackel.**) Attendances at the Warburton Christian Second Coming Convention numbered up to 100 and several times the Masonic Hall was full to hear messages by G. C. Jackel, R. Smith, D. Couch, C. Clack, W. E. Jackel and C. W. Jackel. People were drawn to the services from a wide area over Victoria. Mrs. R. Emonson and Jack Boer were at the electronic organ and the piano, and items given by Dr. and Mrs. E. Jones, Pastor and Mrs. Smith and others. . . . A large number signed the petition against the sex education in the State Schools, and the proposed change of the Australian flag.

KANIVA HARVEST

(**Vic., G. M. Mathieson.**) The Harvest Thanksgiving offering was \$93. Displayed gifts were shared between local hospital and College of the Bible . . . The church mourns the loss of Mrs. F. Goldsworthy. . . . C.Y.F. leaders are Barry and Elsa Williams and Les. Wheaton . . . The mid-week meeting is studying "Strategy for the '70's." . . . Reg. Dyer is 1972 chairman of the Officers' Board . . . Five ladies attended Hall's Gap C.W.F. Camp . . . T. Turriff and A. Bagot visited church on behalf of Aborigines' Missions.

\$470 FROM OLD STAMPS

(**LAUNCESTON, Tas., M. D. Hamilton.**) B.S. attendances increasing. B.S. has raised \$470 for overseas missions from sale of used postage stamps . . . C.W.E.F. entertained inmates of "Cooina" Old People's Home . . . Concert by Launceston Male Choir raised \$90 for new organ fund . . . Mid-week meetings studying booklet "Now for Newness" in preparation for "Strategy for the '70's."

NEW SECRETARY

(**WARRACKNABEAL, Vic., Miss Norma Hall.**) J. Rogers was elected secretary at annual meeting. H. Newell and H. Parsons are elders . . . Cheryl Nix is helping with kindergarten . . . Several ladies attended C.W.F. camp at Hall's Gap. Miss Hall, Mrs. Newell and Mrs. Harmer were group leaders . . . C.W.F. entertained ladies from Brim and Dimboola for Easter meeting . . . Miss Hall assisted in combined service at the Methodist church on Good Friday.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

"BRITISH HYPOCRISY" A Roman Catholic group of doctors, nurses, M.P.'s, and social workers have been reviewing the way the Abortion Act in Britain is being used (or abused). Although R.C. opposition to the Act has been consistent, there is no reason to dismiss the findings of the group as prejudiced. They report that the general public regards the Act as providing for "Abortion on demand" and as family and hospital can only spend a few moments with the patient in order to establish whether the abortion is mentally and medically necessary, this time-pressured decision does have the effect of granting abortion on demand. Dr. Charles Flood, gynaecologist at four London hospitals, said, "The Act is failing to maintain the standards of health and morals which it purports to do, and is merely a cover up for an appalling racket. The law was passed to protect doctors . . . now it is being grossly abused . . . The private sector is making huge sums out of this abortion racket, leaving the public sector all too often to clean up the mess they make of their misguided patients. Our gynaecological services, already inadequate, are being ever more adversely affected because priority must be given to these abortions." The considered judgment of the group on the Abortion Act was that it is "a typical piece of British hypocrisy."

"NO CHURCH" CHRISTIANS According to the "Christian Science Monitor" religious expression is growing in non-denominational forms, but decreasing in denominational and inter-denominational forms. Interviews with 24 college chaplains and teachers of religion revealed that while students were less attracted to organised religion, large numbers were showing a new concern for religious and spiritual values. (1) There was a growing popularity of religion courses (2) there was surprising success of fundamentalist college groups (there was a rise of religious enthusiasm in such varied groups as R.C., Pentecostals and "Jesus Freaks" and (4) there was widespread interest in astrology and Eastern religions. There were decreasing attendances at traditional church worship services.

GOOD GRIEF! There is a character in the U.S., Gerald L. K. Smith, an anti-Semitic, right winger, who publishes the magazine "The Cross and the Flag." A recent issue announced: "the most important project of its kind in the history of the Christian era; namely, the rebuilding of the Holy Land with historic accuracy and duplication on American soil, adjacent to the giant statue, 'the Christ of the Ozarks' . . . (1) experienced a beautiful vision in the realisation that the original Holy Land . . . has been overrun and marred." He and his wife vowed that they would challenge the Christian world to help them reroduce the Holy Land in America complete with 35 shrines in a multi-million dollar project!

CAMP COMMITMENT

(HORNSBY, N.S.W., D. A. Oldfield). Sixty-one attended Easter youth camp at Lake Munmorah led by Mr. and Mrs. Oldfield . . . Good Friday and Easter Sunday speakers were J. V. Ellerby, V. S. Dallinger, L. Vincent (Brisbane) and R. Storcks (Pendle Hill). Items were given by Mr. and Mrs. Jon Smith, Mrs. J. Vincent, Mrs. Joe Smith and L. Vincent (all of Brisbane).

TEMPLE DAY

(GOOLWA, S.A., B. Beck). The Temple Day offering amounted to \$350 . . . A number of courses of action were adopted when church members met to discuss the overall work of the church . . . The Methodists combined with us for an Easter communion service . . . An adult Bible Study group meets monthly . . . W. Shipway is in hospital . . . A paper drive by the youth group raised \$15 for education of a New Guinea boy.

VICTORIA—TASMANIA CONFERENCE

APRIL 30 — MAY 5, 1972

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

UNITED EVANGELISTIC RALLY

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 IS WOMEN'S DAY AT KEW TOWN HALL

Happenings

The death is announced in Melbourne of Will Gale. He was a well-known minister who became Youth Leader for our Victorian churches, and subsequently, Home Mission Secretary and Conference Secretary for the Victorian Conference. An obituary notice will be published later.

Membership in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), U.S.A., dropped 38,157 in membership in 1970-1971. Total membership is placed at 1,391,210.

PEARL WEDDING

CRITTLE-BRITTER—Con and Wal announce with gratitude the 30th anniversary of their marriage, solemnised at Cheltenham, Vic., Church of Christ, April 25, 1942, by the late beloved Pastor J. E. Allan.

DEATHS

SHEA, Mavis—Suddenly (result of accident), on April 22, Mavis, of East Keilor, Vic., loved wife of Bart., devoted mother of Ronald, Jeannette, David, Wesley (dec.), and Dianna; mother-in-law of Judy, Fred., and Pam.; fond grandmother of Andrea, Timothy, Justine and Nicholas. "In God's keeping."

MASON—On April 18 at Victor Harbour, S.A., Sidney Merrill, of 28 William St., Essendon, Vic., beloved husband of Margaret (Rita), adored father of Alison and father-in-law of Kevin, loved Papa of Ian, Wayne and Bruce, loved brother of Frank, Walter, Herbert, Roy (dec.), Florrie (Mrs. R. Sinclair) and Arthur. "Rest where no shadows fall."

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GOOD YEAR REPORTED

(REDCLIFFE, Qld., D. Collins). The annual meeting reported that 17 were added by faith and baptism last year . . . The Conf. Pres., H. Risson, and Mrs. Risson, visited the church . . . The church sympathises with Mrs. Beryl Burt and family in the loss of Mrs. Burt's mother, Mrs. M. Phillips, of Bundaberg. The funeral service was conducted by Mr. Collins . . . Eight ladies attended Women's Camp at Caloundra . . . At Men's Fellowship, A. Pieper led devotions, and Brian Ellemor was speaker . . . A piano has been purchased for the kindergarten . . . Youth took part in a recent youth service with Bryce Chesney as visiting speaker.

OVER 200 AT SERVICES

(STH. PERTH, W.A., D. Nelson). Both Sunday services have attendances of over 200. Baptismal services are held regularly. . . Improvements to property include reticulation of lawns and gardens, remodeling of men's toilets, surfacing of chapel floor, and manse renovations . . . The annual tennis match against Northam church was held March 6 . . . On March 26 the S.S. Choir shared in gospel service. . . Encouraging interest in scripture classes is shown at Kent St. High School where Mr. Nelson, Mr. Murphy (elder) and Mrs. Charles give regular instruction and Harry Heyhoe (elder) is senior master . . . Young people meet Saturday morning for prayer and then go to Perth City Centre to talk to other young people about Christ.

N. FITZROY IS 99

(Vic., J. Searle, Mr. and Mrs. G. Nelson). The 99th church anniversary on March 26 was marked by a renewing of fellowship and inspirational services. Speakers were Stanton Wilson, Gordon Moyes and G. Nelson. Musical items were provided by J. Laury, soloist, and Thornbury Youth Choir . . . Young people held a camp at Marysville led by Mr. and Mrs. G. Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. R. Aghan . . . An after-school session is being held on two days a week by Mrs. Nelson and is making new community contacts.

WANGARATTA INVITATION

(Vic., A. B. Withers). Mr. Withers has accepted the church's invitation to continue his ministry for a further two years from Jan., 1973 . . . The B.S. picnic was held at Beechworth . . . The Boys' Club leaders are Mr. Aldridge and Mark Meager . . . The C.W.F. has evening fireside meetings as well as afternoon fellowship . . . North Balwyn church members took charge of the morning service on April 23.

NEW APPOINTMENT

(INGLEWOOD, W.A., K. J. Parry). Mr. Parry has concluded his year as Conference President. He has been appointed Director-Secretary, Youth & Education Committee, 1973 . . . The Wright family has been reluctantly farewelled to Scarborough . . . B.S. teachers visited scholars' homes in March . . . An adult study group meets on Sundays at 9 a.m. . . B.S. scholars presented a resurrection Easter service on March 26 . . . The Junior, Intermediate,

Mrs. L. W. Ladner presided over the 67th Women's Auxiliary Conference attended by 260 ladies from 38 churches. Miss Diana Catts, New Guinea; Mrs. Chivell and Mrs. Macdonald, S.A.; Mrs. C. J. Robinson and Mrs. James Gordon, Tas., were welcomed.

There are many "things" that one looks forward to when attending Conference. We were impressed with the beautiful floral arrangements by Mrs. Moignard and the meals which satisfied, by Mrs. O'Meara and her committee. Music also is important and this was provided by Mrs. L. A. Brigatti and Walter Brown, organists; Mrs. Conigrave and Mrs. Pendlebury, piano; the Mukinbudin C.W.F. singing group, and soloists Merle Peacock and Shirley Caddy. Singspirations were led by Mrs. Graham Padget and L. Fitch.

Financial Statement. The budget aim of \$3,400 was exceeded and the project aim of \$320 for a hot water system and cookware for Waterman's Bay Camp achieved.

All committees were working effectively and growing through the many challenges continually presented to them. Special

appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Digwood who had accepted the responsibilities of a prayer superintendent throughout the year. As a tribute to Marj. Robartson an "open gate" was created and used by Mrs. A. H. Walkington in the "Service of Remembrance." This was Marj.'s seed thought which became a reality.

The induction of Mrs. D. R. Manning as President was conducted by Mrs. Ladner who led in a prayer of dedication. Mrs. Manning led the closing meditation of the morning session of Conference.

During the Fellowship Hour ten veteran ladies were honoured, four of whom were past presidents. Mrs. Ladner presented them with a souvenir bookmark and a floral spray. Mrs. P. Armstrong brought a special poem, written by Wilkie Thomson. Miss Diana Catts, guest speaker, told of the lives and living of women in New Guinea and the joy of seeing Christian homes established.

W. J. S. Gaunson brought the closing address "Christian Liberation."

—Dora Gordon, Sec.

VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.

A pre-conference Thanksgiving Service was prepared and conducted by the President, Mrs. J. Preston, at the April council meeting. Soloists were Mrs. Paine and pianiste Mrs. Winkler. 146 delegates represented 57 churches.

Hazel Skuce brought greetings from the Indian Mission Field. Greetings were also brought from the church at Tweed Heads, Qld., by Mrs. Phillips.

Prayer of Intercession was given by Mrs. Joyce. Mrs. Barbara Lord has been appointed as a delegate to the Victorian Council of Churches. Mrs. J. Strack reported on the Conference of the Austra-

lian Church Women held during February in Sydney.

Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. J. Preston for her leadership during the conference year, also to the secretary, Mrs. Freda Morris, and the treasurer, Mrs. A. Allison, for their years of service.

Women's day of Conference will be held in the Kew Town Hall on Wed., May 3, 10.30 a.m., 1.30 and 7.30 p.m. A creche will be available during the morning and afternoon sessions.

Next Council: Friday, June 2 at 10.30 a.m. Speaker: Mary Evans, Royal District Nursing Service. — M.N.

and Youth departments held a camp at Waterman's Bay, April 21-23 . . . Mrs. Nichols has been welcomed back following her car accident in Oct., 1971. Mr. and Mrs. L. Mercer are in hospital . . . Inglewood ladies prepared tea for ministers and wives at recent Conference.

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE PLAN

(BUNBURY, W.A., G. B. Carslake). Members of the church have attended six weeks of visitation evangelism to prepare to visit the homes in new areas to invite folk to share in the life and witness of the church. A brochure is being prepared. . . Half-day seminars on combined Protestant basis have been conducted with 1st yr. to 5th yr. High School students . . . Diana Catts was our guest at a tea-table service . . . Y.P. assisted in leading services at Manjimup and joined in the Harvey mission with Bill Gaunson . . . The Ministers' Fraternal sponsored the film "Quo Vadis" at the drive-in on Good Friday night . . . Church windows and walls are being renovated.

YOUNG CHAMPION

(PASCOE VALE, Vic., S. Hince). Daryl Thompson had a record-breaking run in Little Athletic League . . . Mrs. Cheal is now in hospital . . . 19 attended Youth Club camp at Ferny Creek . . . Jeff Weston is now editor of church bulletin . . . Officers' Board is R. McDonald, J. Weston, D. Buller, A. Thompson and D. Taylor.

LADIES' CAMP

(BRIM, Vic., Miss N. Hall). 80 ladies attended a camp at Hall's Gap. Workshops were conducted on Social Service, Hospital Visitation, Alcoholics Anonymous, Christian Literature, and College of the Bible. \$15 was donated to each workshop and \$26 to D.C.E. Miss Diana Catts was guest missionary speaker. The ladies conducted their own communion service: Mrs. H. Newell, pres.; Mrs. G. Mathieson, speaker; Mrs. I. Page, songleader; Mrs. P. Thomas, pianiste. Mrs. W. Harmer (W'beal) and Mrs. R. S. Wardle (Brim) were camp president and secretary, respectively.

90th FOR OWEN

(S.A., L. W. Marshman). Since 1882, when the chapel was opened free of debt, Owen church has maintained its witness in the community. On March 26, the 90th anniversary was celebrated. Mrs. McDonald (nee Finlayson) and Jas. Gordon returned for the occasion. Their parents were foundation members. Guest speakers were M. T. Lawrie and C. S. Badcock. Miss Fanny McLachlan had the honour of cutting the 90th birthday cake. The Chairman of the District Council brought a greeting. A display of photographs brought a flood of memories. The thank-offering was \$125.

JOINT MINISTRY

(FREMANTLE - HAMILTON HILL, W.A., H. R. Fitch). At the annual meeting the church was notified of plans for joint ministry commencing in 1973 . . . On March 26 the youth tea was followed by the screening of a film. At night a school-teacher, a univ. student, and a H.S. student questioned Mr. Fitch on issues affecting young people today. A 21-year-old man made his decision . . . Visitors on Easter Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Gordon who formerly ministered here.

ILLNESS HALTS CAMPAIGN

(BORDERTOWN, S.A., R. C. Combridge). When Kevin Berston, planned evangelist for our mission, became seriously ill, meetings were postponed but the church continued to meet on Sat. mornings for prayer for him and our visitation . . . E. P. Verco's 50 years of service was recognised at the annual meeting by the B. & F.B.S. with a Life Governor's Certificate and a copy of "The Living Bible." . . . 35 attended last Friday night youth programme . . . At after-church fellowship Sally Kirkham showed slides and spoke of her experience as an exchange student in the U.S. . . . Jim Stanley was speaker at morning missionary meeting.

FAMILY SERVICES POPULAR

(PROSPECT, S.A., S. Neighbour). Young and old contribute to the success of the regular monthly family services . . . The Baptists combined with us for Easter service . . . A quartette, Mrs. Dix, Mrs. Stevens, K. Dix and A. Roberts provide regular music, and Allison Blaskett (with guitar) and Leonie Burton present duets. . . . L. Brokensha died after a short illness. He and Mrs. Brokensha spent all of their 50 years of married life at Prospect.

ELDERS ELECTED

(MAYLANDS, S.A., N. S. Moore). The annual meeting elected W. N. Heath and N. March as elders . . . The church will join with district Methodist and Congregational churches to study the means of "Renewal." . . . C.W.F. visited Everard Park Christian Rest Home . . . 15 Maylands young people attended D.C.E. Easter Camp at Longwood . . . A combined communion service at Maylands on Good Friday was addressed by Rev. I. R. Moulton . . . A picture evening "Gem of the East" by L. Hudd, raised \$32 for St. George's Rest Home . . . The Florence Cameron Memorial Fund, established in 1970 to assist Indian girls from the mission to train as nurses, now has four girls in training.

(S.A.). The Whyalla Church Board met recently to make two decisions. Should it have a planned giving programme next June? Should it have the manse and church hall foundations protected against termites? In a lively meeting it decided to do both.

It will be one of seven stewardship programmes to be conducted by Ted Heard, H.M. Director, during this year. A programme has just been completed at Brooklyn Park church with an emphasis on outreach and giving to brotherhood develop-

ment.

Former director, Keith Horne, completed a programme in 1971 at the Edwardstown church. Pledging by active members was strong, a high 80% for \$180 weekly. Offerings have greatly lifted from a previous average of \$127 to a new weekly average of \$220. This has also been reflected in increased brotherhood giving. The programme has overflowed with new leadership and helpfulness as members have responded to the spiritual challenge of stewardship.

OBITUARY

BARR, Miss Sarah

The church at Magill, S.A., was saddened by the death of one of its foundation members, Miss Sarah Barr, on March 10 in her 97th year. Miss Barr was born at Alma in 1875 and was brought up in a church that gave many prominent names to the brotherhood. The family moved to Kangaroo Island and from there Miss Barr went to W.A. to look after her brother's children when his wife died. She returned to S.A. in 1909 and became a member at Norwood during the ministry of Andrew Rankine. Later she transferred to St. Morris (now Kensington Park) and when Koon-garra Park church was commenced she became a foundation member. Miss Barr was known for her quiet, gracious manner, her readiness to serve and her deep, abiding faith in her Lord. Her readiness to serve others was the keynote of her life.—R. Clymer.

BENNETT, Alfred James

The church at La Trobe Tce. (Geelong, Vic.) suffered a further loss when Alf. Bennett died on March 21, only three weeks following the loss of his wife, Vida. Mr. Bennett suffered a great deal during the latter part of his life, and greatly missed his wife. He always maintained a quiet and triumphant faith in Jesus Christ. During a long and effective life he gave himself freely for others—serving as Scoutmaster, in St. John Ambulance Brigade, and other groups. He was medical officer at International Harvesters, where his gentleness in dealing with those in need, was greatly respected. With his wife Vida, he was a loyal and devoted member of the La Trobe Tce. church where he was loved and appreciated. The last days of his life were spent with Mr. and Mrs. Kloht (Mrs. Kloht being his wife's sister), and in the Colac District Hospital. The services at La Trobe Tce. and Western Cemetery were conducted by E. A. Stevens, assisted by the writer.—R.V.A.

ROBERTSON, Mrs. Marj.

The church at Fremantle, and the West Australian brotherhood, was shocked at the sudden death of Mrs. Marjorie Robertson on Feb. 14. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson attended services on the Sunday and Marj. appeared to be in good health. However, early on Monday she was taken to Royal Perth Hospital and died a few hours later. Known to all as "Marj.," her bright and winsome nature, her strong faith and her love for the Lord and his church were an inspiration. She was born at Kilkeny, S.A., in 1908. The daughter of the late C. H. and Mrs. Hunt she was well prepared for the many tasks she untiringly undertook in local and brotherhood life. Her father baptized her at the age of 11, she was married to Walter Robertson at Inglewood by Roy Raymond in 1924. Through the difficult years of the depression her life was spent in country areas where she gave constant support and witness to the faith. The last 32 years were spent in ceaseless service in Fremantle. In 1968 she served as Women's Conf. Pres. More than 200 people, representing the church, State and Federal Conferences paid tribute at the funeral services. The prayers of the brotherhood have surrounded Mr. Robertson and the family whose testimony at this time has enriched the lives of others. We give thanks to God for this and for the remembrance of one whom we loved.—H.R.F.

SALISBURY, John Thomas

J. T. Salisbury came to Preston, Vic., by transfer from Carnegie church in 1924. He was appointed a deacon and church treasurer in 1926, continuing as treasurer for 44 years. In 1931 he was made an elder in which capacity he showed faithfulness and devotion for 41 years. He was actively involved with the K.S.P. Club, the church school, as teacher and departmental leader, and President and Patron of the cricket club. He and Mrs. Salisbury (who had predeceased him in 1969) had companioned together for 54 years of marriage, which was full of beauty and wealth of example. J. T. Salisbury died on March 17, in his 84th year. We commend the family to the sustaining grace of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.—G.J.C.

WELSH, Mrs. J. M. C.

Mrs. Joan Muriel Cathleen Welsh, of Tweed Heads, N.S.W., died on March 13, 1972, in the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane. The service at Tweed Heads church was shared by Barry Benz, of Albion, Brisbane, and Don. Paddon, of Tweed Heads church. Joan was a nurse, and had served in Lismore Base Hospital where she was trained; at Greenslopes, Brisbane, Concord, N.S.W., Bundaberg, Qld., and at Darwin. It was at Darwin that Joan became a victim of leukaemia. The doctors gave her about two months to live, but Joan survived for another seven months. She moved back to Tweed Heads and began treatment at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane. She came to realise her need of a personal commitment to Christ. She prayed: "Lord Jesus, I need you. I open the door of my life and receive you as my Saviour and Lord. Thank you for forgiving my sins. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person you want me to be." Joan made her public confession of faith in the Tweed Heads church, and was baptized and received into the fellowship of the church. During an anointing service held for her in Brisbane prayers were offered to give Joan whatever blessing God chose to give. It seemed God gave an added six months to witness for him. Her new found faith changed her outlook and enabled her to bear her suffering graciously and courageously. She was an inspiration to many Christians with normal health. In her six months of dedication to Christ Joan probably influenced more people for God than many Christians do in six or even sixteen years. Her funeral service, though sad, made an impressive witness in view of the glorious testimony of her final months of living with Christ on earth.—D. H. Paddon.

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ENGAGEMENTS

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ARMSTRONG-CAPRA—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Armstrong, Stafford, Qld., join with Mr. and Mrs. M. Capra, Milton, Qld., in announcing the engagement of Pamela and Leo.

DEATHS

BRADLEY—On April 17, 1972, at Will H. Clay Nursing Home, Clara, loved mother of Rita (Mrs. D. Wakefield), loved friend and mother-in-law of Don., loved grandma of Glenda (Mrs. Bland) and Greg., Janice, Peter, Christine and Karen; great grandma of Janine Bland. "At rest with her Lord."

BRODIE—On April 5 at 21 Governor Rd., Mordialloc, Vic., John Edwin, beloved husband of Ethel, loving father of Mary and Bill, Ken. and Delysse; dear Pa of Gary, Jennie, Susan and Wendy McWilliam and Robert and Debbie Brodie. "In God's care."

BRODIE, Jack—Dearly loved brother of Carrie and Norm Wilkinson (both dec.), Edie and Syd Smith (both dec.), Ted (dec.) and Ruth, Eva and Harold Beare, Lil. and Tom Myerscough, Charlie and Rae, Tom and May, Jean and Bob Addicott. "At Rest."

MURPHY—On April 12 at Will H. Clay Nursing Home, Naomi Freestone, 42 Westbourne St., Brunswick, Vic., beloved wife of the late Edward James, loved mother of Edward (Ted, dec.), Norman and Allen; fond mother-in-law of Lyla and grandmother of Betty and Barrie Fleming, Thelma and Don. Brown and Allan; great grandmother of Mark, Debbie, Neville and Adrian. "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

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DEATHS

BOYS (Nightingale)—On 8-4-72 at Will H. Clay Nursing Home, Murrumbidgee, Vic., and formerly of Avonsleigh, Ethel, beloved wife of the late Walter, and loved sister of Ivy. Aged 85 years. "In God's care."

COLLINGS—On April 6, 1972, at Mornington B.N.H., Vic., Frances Mavis, of 11 Lemon Rd., North Balwyn, and Mt. Martha, and formerly of Thornbury, dearly beloved wife of Edward (Ted), loved and loving mother of Keith, Marjorie (Mrs. Martin), Neil (dec.), Gweneth (Mrs. Bradshaw), loved mother-in-law of Elsie, Rod and Howard, loving grandma of Neil (dec.), Lyn, Jan, Rick, Kim, Lee, David, Peter, Berwyn and Derek. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

WARMBRUNN, Norman John—On April 12, loving son of the late Gustav and Jane Warmbrunn, Berwick, Vic., and fond brother of Gustav (Carnegie), Ethel (dec.), and Len (Balwyn). "At peace with God."

IN MEMORIAM

BATTY—In loving memory of our dear friends, Thomas Edward Batty, and his wife, Daisy Evelyn, passed away respectively May 3, 1968 and December 11, 1960. It was a privilege to know them. —Bert and Merle Watson, West Preston, Vic.

PARKER, Lionel Robert (Hawthorn, S.A.)—In loving memory of our dear husband and father, who passed away suddenly at Bordertown on May 3, 1971. "Always in our thoughts." — Muriel, Murray, Mavis, Kevin and Dene and families.

THANKS

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 Joyce Moore to Colin Waite, Albion, Qld.
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 Anne Seferth to Ian Steele, Box Hill, Vic.
 Liz Lace to Terry Pinney, Kedron, Qld.

DEATHS

Arthur Neighbour, Goolwa, S.A.
 Mrs. Godley, Tootgarook, Vic.
 Mrs. F. E. G. Goldsworthy, Kaniva, Vic.
 Robert van Eck, Croydon, Vic.
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HELP FOR B.S.

(ST. KILDA, Vic., D. Hutchins). At a "Fair Go" Sale in March a profit of \$87 was made and church contacts established. . . . Evening services have recommenced. . . . Robt. East of M.B.I. is assisting in B.S. . . . There are 19 Good Companions led by Anita Weiss and Pat O'Brien. "Auntie" Rita Roberts was a recent visitor.

MEETING THE MINISTER

(MITCHAM, Vic., K. Turner). Mr. Turner is meeting folk in small social groups arranged by auxiliaries . . . At progressive dinner the Young Marrieds raised \$60 to aid building improvements . . . The Explorers organised a Father and Son camp at Emu Bottom . . . Arthur Wallmer is Chief Explorer . . . Four girls' and two men's basketball teams are playing this season . . . A man and a boy confessed their faith . . . Mrs. E. Wallmer is on the church board.

TEN FOR DISCIPLESHIP

(MARYBOROUGH, Vic., I. Adams). Ten young people are attending weekly discipleship classes . . . Mrs. D. Rowland and Mrs. M. Johns were added to deacons' board at annual meeting . . . B.S. picnic was held at Avoca . . . Monthly social afternoon entertains elderly and "shut in" folk . . . Miss Hazel Skuce showed slides of mission work on April 9.

BUSINESS LUNCH

(SURREY HILLS, Vic., K. J. Clinton). The annual meeting of the church followed a family luncheon and group discussions gave members an opportunity to consider ideas for the work of the church . . . Mr. Clinton led the combined Good Friday communion service where Mr. Wong (Methodist) gave the address . . . A1 tennis team won the district competition and A2 team were runners-up in their section of the summer season.

FAREWELLED FROM HAMPTON

(Vic., J. Paver). Lindsay Chapman, after 36 years of membership, was farewelled on March 26 . . . The combined Good Friday service was held in our chapel . . . Baptist church joined with us on March 12 for evening service . . . Young people held camp at Lake Eppalock, March 5-7. . . . State C.Y.F. met with local group and shared in evening service . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. Stacey are returning to S.A. . . . Mr. Paver has commenced course in Clinical Pastoral Education at Austin Hospital.

MARQUEE SERVICES

(CROYDON, Vic., A. B. Clark). Marquee services in March sought to attract those who may not attend normal church services. Sunday, Wed. and Friday night services were conducted by Mr. Clark, ably assisted by visiting artists. Although probably two short (three Sundays) it was a resounding success as an experiment. Sunday night meetings doubled to 100 or more and 40 to 50 attended week-night meetings . . . Sincere sympathy is expressed to the family of Robert Van Eck who died as the result of a motor accident.

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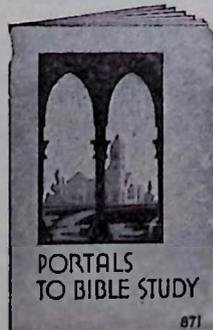
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"ETHICS IN A PERMISSIVE SOCIETY"

By William Barclay. (Fontana). 95c.

"And still they gazed, and still the wonder grew
That one small head could carry all he knew."

So said Oliver Goldsmith of the village schoolmaster and readers must surely feel the same about the ever prolific Barclay. Each new book (and who can keep count of their number now?) brings forth new store of knowledge compellingly and interestingly presented. "Ethics in a Permissive Society" is no exception.

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In the chapter on Situation Ethics we have a particular example of this very thing. Its originator, Joseph Fletcher, would not complain of the presentation William Barclay makes of the contention that only the situation and love can determine what is right in any given set of circumstances. But having presented this fully and fairly, Barclay cogently sets forth the problems that situation ethics raises (e.g., the "terrifying degree of freedom"); problems as great, if indeed not greater, than it claims to solve. Barclay's extension of his argument into the whole matter of law here is particularly apt and helpful in the light of the times we are all living in and the relevance of that matter to daily affairs. One would like to go on in this review to say much, much more (a section on the oneness of the Church in the chapter "The Christian and his Money" where Barclay says, amongst other things, "Any congregation whose outlook is limited to its own congregation is not a church" is intriguing)

but one must halt right here. The only fault one can find with such an excellent book (not forgetting the extensive bibliography) is that having been in large part recently televised the minister is forestalled in much he would like to have preached!—M.J.S.

(Recommended for Literature Month)

"TEN FINGERS FOR GOD"

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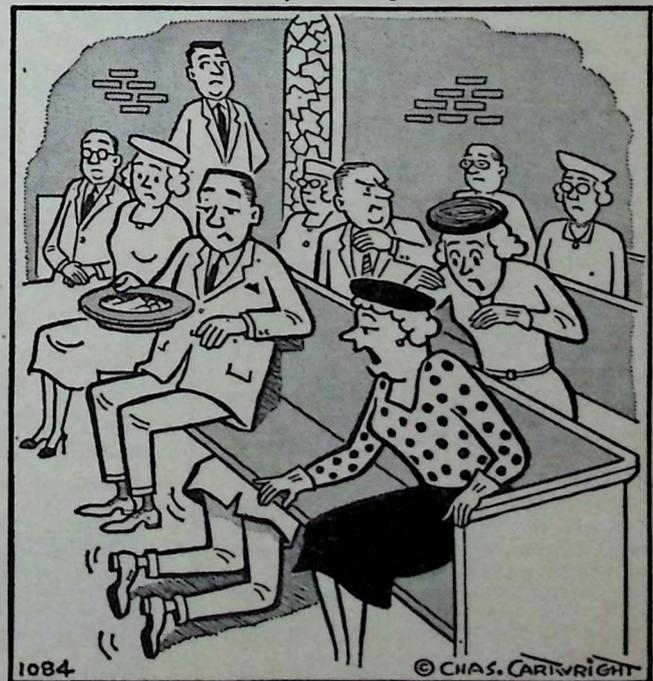
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BAPTISMS AT DONCASTER

(Vic., K. D. Horne). Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Arthur confessed Christ and were baptized . . . In special Easter services the choir presented the cantata, "Hallelujah! What a Saviour!" prepared by Mrs. G. Crouch (conductor), C. L. Ward (organist), Mrs. L. J. Tully (narration). It was specially scripted by Miss Dawn Chivell of Unley, S.A. . . . 30 C.Y.F.'ers camped at Point Leo, led by Geoff. Wilcott and youth counsellors, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Genat . . . B.S. Youth II spent a week-end at Macrae with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ward, Dr. Don. Mansell and Geoff. Bates. . . . B1 cricket team won their premiership in a nail-biting finish . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cutler have left on world travel.

TWO-CHURCH CAMP

(Vic.). Belmont and Footscray churches combined in a family camp at Lake Eppalock under canvas and in caravans on Labour Day weekend. Of the 110 campers half were teens and twenties. Half of these were without families and some were attending their first religious service of any kind. The study-film "Number 1" brought a confrontation of ideas. Older people were able to appreciate some of the difficulties of youth leadership, for the independent spirit of today's youth was evident, and young people were brought into new relationships.

MISSIONARY GUEST

(BALLARAT, Dawson St., Vic., F. C. Hunting). Diana Catts, from New Guinea, was guest speaker at annual meeting of combined Ballarat churches. She also spoke at C.W.F. camp at Hall's Gap where 77 attended including seven from Dawson St. . . . The officers' board will hold bi-monthly meetings solely for spiritual needs of the church . . . "Big Sound in Music" led by Max Birch, was featured at special guest service . . . The church is planning building extensions . . . There have been two baptisms . . . Mt. Clear Youth Club, leaders Colin Hocking and Bob Elms, paraded at Dawson St. . . . Jean Taylor, Ellen Bentley, and Iris Trezise are recovering after surgery.

PLANNED GIVING LIFT

(CHELSEA, Vic., D. Oakes). A ten-day planned giving programme, led by E. C. Keating, Dept. of H.M. & Evang., yielded a promised increase of \$50 per week, enough to cover chapel repayments and enable purchase of manse . . . 13 Explorer boys and leaders were among 250 at Nagambie D.C.E. Boating Camp . . . C.Y.F. raised \$40 harvesting potatoes for funds to send Ian Tagg with Carnarvon Work Party . . . Good Companions and Explorers have total membership of 120.

RACISM STUDY

(OAKLEIGH, Vic., T. V. Weir). The Bible and the Provocative Pamphlet "Culture Through Growth" were the text books for a three-session study on racism . . . The church purchased two copies of the R.S.V. Bible for pulpit use as from April 2 . . . The C.Y.F. profited by \$60 from the screening of "Half a Sixpence." . . . Des. Stow of Parkdale preached the Good Friday sermon. Mr. Weir shared in ecumenical service at night.

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At the 8th annual meeting of the Churches of Christ Overseas Mission Board interstate and Adelaide board members were present. B. White, minister of the Hawthorn church led Bible studies and devotions.

Development in Vila, New Hebrides: Advice has been received from the British Government that the plans to establish a housing settlement for New Hebrideans have been shelved, and it could be many years before this eventuates.

The Missionary Committee in the New Hebrides will be advised that the Board will assist with the erection of a house for the pastor on the land in Vila, and subsidise the salary of the New Hebridean pastor, if this is in agreement with the New Hebrides Conference. An estimate for erection of house and Christian Centre in Vila is approx. \$10,000.

Schools in India: All of our mission schools in India have now been taken over by the Government except the Shrigonda Primary School. This has resulted in a substantial reduction in school budgets.

Scripture translation in New Guinea: As translators from the Wycliffe Bible Translators have not been available for translation work in our area, it was agreed that we release some of our own missionaries who have completed the S.I.L. course for this work. There is a large area where the RAU language is spoken and it is hoped to commence work amongst these people.

Financial: Missionaries' salaries and allowances are to be increased, making a total increase for the next financial year of \$4,428.

RURAL SITUATION DISCUSSED

(Vic.) The traditional parish system is much more successful in rural areas than people think, said Bishop D. A. Garnsey in discussing a Presbyterian report on Rural Crisis. The main obstacle to its success is the division of the churches. While people in a rural town are united in their activities six-and-a-half days each week, on the Sunday morning they are chopped up into little bits. This is a scandal that has to be removed as far as we possibly can, he said. Bishop Garnsey went on to describe co-operative schemes between churches, and of the provision of ecumenical ministries. It is important that the church has

A detailed list of expected expenses for the next financial year was submitted by the Finance Committee and an estimated budget of \$160,000 was accepted.

Witness in Noumea: To assist New Hebrideans in outreach work in Noumea, plans are being made to provide cassette messages in French. Gospel Recordings advise they are able to assist with this ministry. Plans are also being made to translate messages in French that are prepared by personnel familiar with the South Pacific people.

Santo, New Hebrides: The Annual Meeting endorsed the decision to appoint a missionary couple to Santo for evangelistic work and to serve as business manager for the mission.

India: There was a note of optimism during the meetings concerning the future of the work in India. It was agreed that we should encourage our Indian churches in the development of the work in Bombay, Poona and village evangelism. The thought was expressed that perhaps a missionary couple could be located in Bombay to assist Mr. Bhonsle in his work. The Board feels that we as a brotherhood still have a responsibility to work and witness in India.

Assistance for Associate Missionaries: The Board felt if possible we should give some limited financial assistance to associate missionaries for special needs they may have. It was suggested that some finance from legacies could be used for this purpose.

An example of a need brought to our attention is library books for the school in Thailand where Harold Gross is serving as a voluntary worker.

someone in the community who sees what the community does, he said.

Other speakers in the discussion drew attention to problems of population drift, and the growing lack of confidence in rural areas.—V.C.C.

MALE PRIESTHOOD

When Episcopal bishop Kilmer Myers declared in an address that Christ's masculinity was "a divine choice" that restricts the priesthood, he received some expected responses. "An absurd and destructive statement" said Mrs. John C. Bennett and Mrs. Robert D. Fitch. Women's Liberationist Mrs. Aileen Hernandez asked, "How could he be so neanderthal?"

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THE VOICE IN THE NIGHT (see last issue).

When the boy, Samuel, kept asking the high priest about the voice he heard calling his name, old Eli told him what to answer. Samuel did this and was given a very sad message that concerned the priest. But read the story in 1 Samuel 3.

BEAUTY AND DUTY

The birds and the animals are clothed in beauty,
And each has his own special duty.
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- Q. Between a bird with one wing and a bird with two wings?
A. A difference of a pinion.
- Q. Between Goldilocks and a genealogist?
A. A genealogist is interested in forbears.
- Q. Which has more legs—a dachshund or no dachshund?
A. No dachshund. No dachshund has eight legs; a dachshund has four legs.

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A PRAYER

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Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.



Easter is not a passport to another world; it is a quality of perception for this one.

—W. P. Lemon.

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Be careful of your thoughts, they may break into words at any time.



There are three kinds of church members — effective, ineffective and defective.



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Our vigour wanes with middle age,
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