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## OLD AND NEW HEBRIDEANS

Malcolm &  
Beth Humphries  
Missionaries-Elect  
With

Shirley &  
Keith Ludgater  
Missionaries on  
furlough from  
New Hebrides

At Blackburn Church,  
Vic., on May 13,  
where Malcolm was  
ordained and he  
and Beth commissioned  
for missionary service.



# "THESE CHILDREN NEED NOT HAVE DIED"

By BARBARA G. WOOD

Thirteen aboriginal children who died at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Perth over a two year period need not have died according to Dr. Michael Gracey. They died because their nutritional standard was poor and they had the same features of malnutrition as under-privileged children in Africa, South East Asia and Latin America.

Dr. Gracey is a research fellow of the Princess Margaret Children's Medical Research Foundation. In an interview Dr. Gracey said that the infant mortality rate (the number of children who would die before their first birthday) was as bad in Australian Aborigines—and in some cases much worse than in malnourished Indonesian children. "One cannot deny that this is essentially a social problem and one that is preventable.

At the same time we must really be aware that this is a very big problem and it will take a lot of effort on many people's parts to overcome it. We have a duty to make people in the community aware that this under-privileged group has a deplorable state of health and something must be done about it."

Dr. Gracey said that the infant mortality rate in Aboriginal children today was much the same as existed in Australia, Western Europe and Britain 80 years ago. The list of health problems included malnutrition, nutritional anaemia, dysentery, infections in the bloodstream, severe fungal infections and various blood disorders. Sometimes a combination of diseases was present at the one time. This was classical of the disease pattern of malnourished children elsewhere in the world. There is an awakening interest in the preventable and unpleasant problem within our own country and it is hoped that it is not too long before the situation is very much better.

In the study of the 13 aboriginal children who had died at P.M.H. it was found that malnutrition was common. A tragic case was of one child, a girl transferred from a regional hospital with diarrhoea. She showed evidence of chronic malnutrition and neglect, was grossly emaciated and several parts of her face and jaws were maggot infested.

The deaths of the 13 children

emphasised how malnutrition determined how so many aboriginal children died compared with other Australian children. The 13 who died had been among 251 aboriginal infants and children treated for diarrhoea at P.M.H. for that period, many of them from unfavourable socio-economic circumstances on the fringes of the white community.

P.M.H. was the only children's hospital in W.A. Consequently it received patients with diarrhoea from widely scattered parts of the State. Most patients referred from the tropic north and from the

Warburton ranges and Goldfield regions were of predominantly aboriginal descent (that is full blood or more than half caste). Patients from the more closely settled south west including the metropolitan area of aboriginal descent often had substantial Caucasian contribution to their racial background.

Malnutrition and diarrhoeal diseases were now being recognised as important determinants of the unsatisfactory morbidity and mortality statistics of aboriginal children—as they were in the poorer developing countries.

## INNER SPRINGS

## BURDENS ARE FOR BEARING



Knowing of one who carried a heavy burden, my friend observed, "I suppose that you are praying for her burden to be taken away from her". "No," I answered, "I am praying that she will be given the strength to bear her burden." It would be very wrong for me to pray that either I or my family or friends should spend all their days in pleasant places. For some inexplicable reason burdens are necessary to our self-discipline and development as mature adults.

Deeply grateful though I am for every joyous moment, looking back over my own life, I know without a doubt that my most valuable lessons have been learned in the dark hours. Then have I been most conscious of God's upholding power—of an inner source of strength that has never yet failed me. To pray for the removal of our burdens may be to deprive ourselves of some necessary experience. Moreover, if all our burdens were lifted, we should still have to contend with ourselves. And who of us, at sometime or another, by our very attitude, has not been a burden to someone?

No, I would not ask for the removal of burdens, since I do not know what purpose they are meant to fulfill. More than this—

These are the gifts I ask  
Of Thee, Spirit serene:  
Strength for the daily task,  
Courage to face the road,  
Good cheer to help one bear the  
traveller's load,  
And for the hours of rest that come  
between,

Our Father, when we do not understand Thy purposes, help us to trust Thee, knowing Thou art willing to share our burdens, and thus make them bearable.

John 16:33

An inward joy in all things heard and  
seen.

These are the sins I fain  
Would have Thee take away:  
Malice and cold disdain,  
Hot anger, sullen hate,  
Scorn of the lowly, envy of the great,  
And discontent that casts a shadow gray  
On all the brightness of a common day.

Amen.  
FLORENCE ROSIER

# INDUCED ABORTION

SHOCK  
REPORT

A REPORT published recently by the Foundation for Education and Research in Child-Bearing in England urges that doctors and social workers should be better informed on the possible ill effects of abortion. It also stresses that the woman who has undergone an abortion operation should be watched carefully from the third month of pregnancy and delivered to hospital under the care of a consultant.

The Report, "Some Consequences of Induced Abortion to Children born subsequently" (60p from the Foundation for Education and Research in Child-Bearing) consists of two papers by Arthur Wynn, formerly a Chief Scientific Officer in government service; and by Margaret Wynn who first won acclaim in the field of sociology with her book "Fatherless Families" and, more recently, "Family Policy". Both papers have been submitted as evidence to the Lane Committee inquiring into the working of the Abortion Act.

The report cites a statement made by Sir George Godber, Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health and Social Security, claiming that "There are real, though very small, hazards in termination in the best hands and we know too little about morbidity."

The authors of the report conclude that this reassurance is wholly incompatible "with the general tenor of the large number of papers in the world's medical journals, or with the recent papers from British teaching hospitals . . . The scanty and misleading information published by the Department of Health is not commensurate with the public importance of abortion. The young women seeking abortion in increasing numbers deserve better counselling. In the meantime, it would be wise for young women and their parents and future husbands to assume that induced abortion is neither safe nor simple, that it frequently has long-term consequences, may effect subsequent children and makes young single women less eligible for marriage."

The Report reviews some 75 publications from 12 countries, some of which have long experience of induced abortion because of which their doctors are generally considered to be more efficient at the operation than are those in the United Kingdom.

The accumulated evidence is that an induced abortion increases the risk to

children born subsequently, either as a result of prematurity, or as a result of damage to a woman's reproductive organs in ways which only become apparent in a subsequent pregnancy and may then prejudice the growth of the foetus and produce difficulties during labour.

Evidence from a number of countries show a doubling of perinatal mortality rates (still births and deaths in the first week of life) following the liberalisation of abortion; a 40 per cent increase in premature births; a 100 to 150 per cent increase in extrauterine pregnancies (those cases where the babies develop outside the womb, which can be highly dangerous to the life of the mother and in which the baby has almost no hope of survival); a fourfold increase in pelvic inflammatory conditions, menstrual and other disorders; and an increase in sterility. The report stresses that some of

the surveys included were describing ill effects of abortion carried out under ideal hospital conditions and which took place only in the early stages of pregnancy—before the 12th week of gestation.

In referring to abortion of the abnormal foetus, the report states: "The number of abortions aimed at reducing the number of handicapped children is very small compared with the number of abortions liable to increase the prevalence of handicap." 'British Weekly'.

## Dutch windfall

More than 250,000 people swarmed over Holland recently, canvassing the homes of Dutch church members — both Protestant and Roman Catholic — for donations to missionary and relief projects not included in normal denominational or local budgets. Goal: 1 per cent of a family's annual income, or 50 million guilders.

Just past midnight on collection night, the organizers announced on national television that Dutch Christians had given over 52 million guilders (nearly \$18 million). Final results were still being tabulated.

At the request of Dutch missionary organizations, overseas churches had listed programs and projects they wanted to set up. The intent was to discover and delete white-imposed projects that third-world churches did not want or need; this would strengthen the national churches. Indonesian churches alone asked for over \$10 million, a figure that was finally cut by two-thirds. In the end, 744 projects were accepted for the total cost of 50 million guilders.

At least one-third of this money will be used for missionary projects in which proclamation of the Gospel is the central aim. The rest of the money will be used for inter-church aid, construction of schools, hospitals, and agricultural centres, and support of mass-media projects and social-justice causes. Some of the money was earmarked for projects to

increase communion among people of different races, cultures, and ideologies.

The gigantic fund drive was originally planned by the Protestant churches, but then the Roman Catholic Church asked to be included. The synods of the Protestant churches agreed. Only a few hyper-Calvinistic groups backed out over Catholic participation; such groups as the Baptists and the Evangelical Free Church gave full co-operation.

The theme of the fund drive was "Come across the bridge," an idiom that can be translated "Loosen your purse strings." In this connection, the most publicized remark of the fund drive came from a woman who knocked on a door and was offered five guilders (less than two dollars). She said: "Sir, I haven't come for a tip. I asked you for an offering. Keep your money."

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of the drive was that Protestants and Roman Catholics were able to co-operate without getting into fights over theology or money.

Jan. J. Van Capelleveen  
in "Christianity Today".

• NEW SOUTH WALES

# CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 79th CONFERENCE

281 Ladies represented 41 City and 11 Country Fellowships at the 79th Annual Conference of the N.S.W. C.W.F. at Enmore Church, on May 2, 1973.

The President, Mrs Ruth Wakely welcomed all present, including Missionaries, Mrs Wendy Elliott from the New Hebrides and Federal Overseas Living Link, Miss Margaret Horne from New Guinea. Miss Horne gave a greeting from John 3:16 in Pidgin. The Conference President, C. G. Taylor, brought the greeting from General Conference.

The Treasurer, Mrs Elsmore, presented the Financial Statement. The Budget amounted to \$2118.00 and the Special Effort for Social Service Dept. to provide Ward Furnishings to the Pendle Hill Nursing Hospital \$1390.00. The 1973 Special Effort is for the Federal Aborigine Missions Board for Renovations to the Children's Mission Homes at Norseman.

D. Butler, Secretary of the Federal Aborigines Mission Board was present to Promote the Special Effort.

A revised Constitution was adopted. The main change is a reduction in the number of Delegates to "one in Fifteen" women.

The Camp Supt., Mrs B. Wylie, promoted the 1973 C.W.F Camp to be held at Stanwell Tops September 21-23. The Theme—"Saints Alive!"

Spotlight on the work of the Women's World Day of Prayer was given by Mrs. Stanhope and the Supt. of each Committee answered questions regarding the work done by their Committee.

The Devotional Session was led by the Incoming President, Mrs. G. Bent, of Caringbah, who also presented her programme for the year. The Theme—"We would see Jesus—That He might be Pre-eminent."

Mrs. Beckingham introduced the Incoming Officers, Superintendents, Representatives and Committee Members. Mrs. R. Dickson of Chatswood led in the Prayer of Dedication.

A Pageant, written by Mrs. R. Richards, W.A., "Women to Remember", presenting a character portrayal of "Rebecca, Lot's Wife, Rhoda and Fanny

Crosby"—4 women who had an encounter with the Lord God and how their lives were affected, was brought to a conclusion by Mrs. I. Holloway of Marrickville.

Breaking with tradition Mrs. Wakely welcomed Mrs. Bent as the new President, and presented her with a Bible, symbolic of the dignity of office and guide for the year. Mrs. Bent responded, and presented Mrs Wakely with a copy of "The Living Bible" and thanked her for her consecrated leadership.

A presentation was made to the retiring Treasurer, Mrs. M. Elsmore, in appreciation of her twelve years of service on the State Executive in the offices of Secretary, President and Treasurer.



**GLADYS M. BENT**  
C.W.F. PRESIDENT, 1973-1974

Office-bearers for 1973-74:—President Mrs. R. Bent; President-elect Mrs. D. Mansell; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. J. G. Shaw, Mrs. I. Porter, Mrs. E. Mackenzie; Secretary, Mrs. D. Beckingham; Publicity Secretary, Mrs. I. Torode; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Webb.

—I. J. Webb (Asst. Secretary).

## Charlie

By JAY BACIK

He wasn't aware of any specific need of God when he twirled the radio dial. Charlie was on the afternoon shift, and as was his custom, was trying to get a station that played pop music. His finger slipped and he was on 2CH with a church service being broadcast from Telopea Church of Christ.

For some reason, and he doesn't know why, he left it on and listened. Charlie found as he listened, an awareness of his own inadequacy and his need to be reconciled with God who loved him and sent Jesus to die for him.

At the end of the service the minister encouraged people who were challenged or who had problems or questions they wanted considered to ring him in his study. The minister received about 9 'phone calls altogether, ranging from elderly folk who just wanted to express their appreciation to those who had real problems to share. There was also an abusive call from a "christian" who wanted to take the minister to task for not preaching the "full" gospel.

While all this was going on Charlie was wondering what to do. He felt a sense of real conviction of his sin and knew he needed to find peace with God. He paced up and down for an hour. Then he rang and shared his need.

Charlie has since committed his life to Christ. He was referred to a local minister who has accepted responsibility for his continued growth in the christian faith.

Let us thank God for the "Charlies" of this world and pray that they will be reached through a relevant use of the media. Like the song says, "Get in touch with God—turn your radio on."

# LUKE: THE EVANGELIST

By DR. A. G. ELLIOTT

During the past ten or twelve years the attention of students of the New Testament has been directed more and more to Luke and his writings. Undoubtedly, "Luke the Physician" was an extremely interesting character to those who were associated with him in preaching tours around the eastern Mediterranean in which he was a team-mate with the Apostle Paul. In both the "Gospel according to Luke" and the "Acts of the Apostles", the personality of the author emerges, highlighted by the impress and influence of the Holy Spirit.

Scholars have not infrequently debated as to whether Luke should be primarily regarded as an evangelist, a historian, or a theologian. Yet it seems that if we view him correctly — he can surely lay claim to all of these titles.

Recently, one of Britain's foremost younger New Testament scholars, Dr. I. Howard Marshall, has published a very readable paperback entitled "Luke: Historian and Theologian", in which he emphatically points up these aspects of Luke's contribution to the growing Gentile Church of the First Century.

He suggests that there need be no contradiction between these two roles. Luke was an interpreter of the tradition he received concerning Jesus and the early Church and therefore, his message, in the light of the Spirit's over-all guidance, is one of both history and theology.

However, it should also be noted that Luke's chief role, as the companion of Paul, is that of evangelist. In his journeyings and also in his clear and concise records of them, the preaching of the Gospel is his uninterrupted aim.

Furthermore, it is interesting that of the four gospel writers, Luke alone has taken the trouble to record two volumes. This tells us something more about Luke. Apparently he was not only eager to give us a picture of Jesus, in his life, his death and resurrection. He also wished to show how the sacrifice and victory of our Lord resulted in bringing into being the New and Living Fellowship of the Church.

Luke sees the Church as a developing, historical fact. But he also sees it as a theological entity, in God the Father's mind from the beginning. Thus he is used

to unfold God's purpose. Hence his composite work, "Luke-Acts" plainly presents God's plan and purpose in Christ's atoning work — and its end result in a fellowship of the Spirit in which his people will participate.

Consequently Luke's story is a continuum. His history is shot through with his perception and spiritual understanding as a theologian. Yet both these roles are practically appreciated all the more clearly as we think of him as an evangelist.

As we read "Luke" and "Acts" we are almost compelled to see that there is little or no attempt to record events purely and simply as a professional historian. Rather is it born in upon him that he "must" write this story, because he is a "believer", a "witness" — and because the

events and the people he is writing about matter intensely to him.

Their personal destiny, in relation to the King-Messiah, matters greatly to him — and he is eager and anxious that it will matter to his readers as well. Furthermore, we do not have to look far to see where this evangelistic zeal and concern stem from. The experiences of the small team, including Paul, Silas, Timothy — and Luke, give ample evidence of how Luke learned just what it meant to carry the Living Word to those who were dead in paganism and superstition.

Luke, perhaps more than any other New Testament writer, was given the privilege of recording the message and story of "The Son of Man", who came "to seek and to save that which was lost". Then in "Acts" he continues the story, highlighting the establishment of churches and carrying the "Good News" right to the very heart of the Roman world.

As someone has said, "In Acts, the Person of the Book is the Lord Jesus Christ; the Power of the Book is the Holy Spirit; the Preachers of the Book are Peter and Paul; the Places of the Book are Jerusalem and Antioch; the Program of the Book is Missions — and the Pilgrim-Recorder, writing 'in journeyings oft', is LUKE, the Beloved Physician."

## A FAIR WIND FOR GOD'S WORD

The Bible Society in Fiji now has a 'maritime Bible distributor.' Mr. and Mrs. Russell from New Zealand have taken their yacht 'Dayspring' to Fiji and are using it as a Scripture distribution vessel. Dayspring's maiden voyage was to Gau Island, 60 miles east of Suva, where the Russells were introduced to the chief and people of the island.

Working their way around the coast of Fiji and calling in at seaside communities the 'Dayspring' has already found a variety of opportunities. At Naisasara they held a meeting in the village community hall and sold 25 Fijian New Testaments, 5 Bibles in English, and 30 Scripture Portions. At Wakaya they had a film show and sold Scriptures, and at Makagoi they had the best time of all. They showed more filmstrips and sold New Testaments, Bibles, and Portions. In the course of their voyage Mr. and Mrs. Russell were able to set up a stall at Yaroi and sold \$90 worth of Scriptures there.

Following the boys' camp at Nanawa they took a large crew of schoolboys on a voyage to Somosomo, a district of the third largest village in Fiji. They left samples of Scriptures for the Mayor, and the boys did door-to-door distribution.

They had good sales at a Methodist school and altogether distributed 80 Bibles and New Testaments, together with other Portions.

### \$13.5 MILLION SPENT IN BANGLADESH

At the winding-up meeting of the Bangladesh Ecumenical Relief and Rehabilitation Service (BERRS) it was announced that church agencies had channeled some \$13.5 million through BERRS since January 1972. The relief and rehabilitation programme in Bangladesh, involving an airlift and substantial assistance to housing and agricultural needs, was the largest ever mounted through the World Council of Churches.

The local churches in Bangladesh have now taken over responsibility for all future church-related development work in the country from the international church agency group. A new commission, the Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh (CCDB), is already at work finishing a number of BERRS projects involving weaving, housing, crop protection and training for women.

—E.P.S.

# 76th CONFERENCE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Conference was held in the Centre, April 10-15. No visiting "guest speaker" but excellent messages were brought by some of the "locals".—A. Van Leen, R. Cook, G. Carslake and F. Rees—on the Conference theme "Jesus, the Man—Christ, the Lord". The Business session on Saturday was attended by 179 registered delegates and many others. The Conference sermon session was well attended and an offering of \$161.21 for the Preachers' Provident Fund was received.

An early item of business was the admission of two new churches (Balga and Thornlie) to the Association. Balga is in the northern suburbs and Thornlie in the southern.

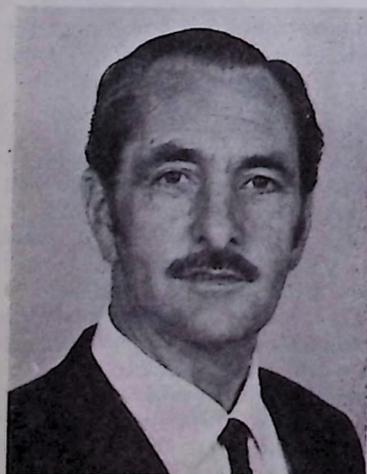
Reports went through with comparatively little discussion, most of it apparently being reserved for a couple of Notices of Motion.

## RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions were carried by Conference.

"That this Conference note that E. L. Williams will retire this year and expresses its appreciation of his very many faithful years of service to the Brotherhood."

"This Conference also expresses its congratulations and good wishes for the future to Dr. K. Bowes on his appointment as incoming Principal of the College of the Bible."



**FRED REES (Maylands)**  
Preacher, Conference Sermon

"That the Annual Conference fees provided in By-Law No. 2 be amended to read as follows: Up to 50 members \$5; Up to 100 members \$10; Up to 150 members \$20; Over 150 members \$30."

"This Conference requests the Executive to review the structure of State Conference, giving special attention to the possibility of (1) Departments and Committees presenting forward policy for discussion and (2) Departments and Committees reporting every second year."

"That this Conference of Churches of Christ in Western Australia Inc., advise the Federal Conference of Churches of Christ that it opposes continuing any affiliation with, or support, whether directly or indirectly of the World Council of Churches. Further that a Notice of Motion will be submitted to the 1974 Federal Conference that the Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia withdraw from affiliation with the World Council of Churches."

"This Conference of Churches of Christ draws the attention of the Government and Community to the lack of facilities for the care of most classes of mentally retarded people in Western Australia, especially children with multiple handicaps. We urge that this matter be given urgent priority in Government expenditure."

"In view of the disturbing increase in the illicit use of drugs in Western Australia and the lack of integration with respect to education, research and treatment, this Conference of Churches of Christ urges the State Government to establish a body to co-ordinate all efforts to deal with this problem."

"This Conference urges the State Government to afford to children attending its schools the most comprehensive programme possible to educate them in the dangers inherent in the use of drugs including alcohol and tobacco."

"This Conference expresses its approbation of the Federal Government's recently—expressed intention to prohibit tobacco advertising on T.V. and to step up its anti-smoking campaign."

"This Conference supports the Federal Government in its attempts to halt



**T. G. BANKS**  
President 1972-1973

atmospheric Nuclear Tests by France in the Pacific region. We urge our fellow Christians and all those who share our concern in France and throughout the world to unite in opposing atmospheric nuclear weapons by any nation at any time."

Conference recorded with appreciation and acclamation the way in which the President, T. Banks, had handled the Business session.

As a postscript it is interesting to note that whilst 179 delegates registered their attendance, only 157 of them voted in regard to the motion on the Council of Churches and 141 for the election of Officers and Committees. It seems that some churches should remind their delegates of their responsibilities in this regard. The World Council motion, as would be expected, provided some very provocative discussion and was carried by a 3 to 2 majority. All other motions were carried unanimously.

## ELECTED TO OFFICE

**CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE:** Pres. J. Somerville B.E. Dip.Ed; Pres-Elect, Dr. G. Hall; Sec. A. D. Pyne; Asst.Sec. G. A. Ewers; Past Pres. T. G. Banks; Treas. A. E. Chatfield; State Organiser; K. J. Patterson, B.A., B.Com; Grad. Dip. Admin; E. B. Clapp; H. Heyhoe; K. J. Parry; E. G. Tinetti; R. G. Wishart.

**HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE:** A. J. Anderson; T. G. Banks; D. K. Croot; G. Fewster; H. R. Fitch; G. J. Hall; H. Heyhoe; E. D. Hogben; L. H. Park; K. J. Patterson; A. D. Pyne; D. M. Pyne; J. A. Riches; H. W. Seaby; E. C. Smith; J. W. Somerville; B. Stitt.

**AGED PERSONS HOMES BOARD:** R. Beard; L. Crawford; R. H. Davey; R. Hollett; L. T. Jones; A. Maloney; H. Seaby; Mrs. H. Seaby; I. Stewart; R. Vincent; W. Yeomans.

ABORIGINES COMMITTEE: R. Abbott; G. Croot; K. Croot; F. H. Griffiths; H. Folland; S. Holman; A. Moyle.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: T. G. Banks; J. K. Bond; G. A. Ewers; H. R. Fitch; K. J. Patterson; J. K. Robinson; R. Vincent.

CHRISTIAN CENTRE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT: A. M. Bell; J. S. Bridge; D. A. Cook; J. W. Gordon; K. J. Patterson; A. B. Povey; A. D. Pyne; S. R. Thomson; R. A. Ryall; F. Russell.

CHRISTIAN UNION COMMITTEE: J. J. Collingwood; T. A. Morrison; B. Stitt; Mrs. R. Vincent; N. Western; Mrs. R. Wishart.

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE COMMITTEE: A. F. Cant; Mrs. K. Duffy; R. Morris; W. R. Newton; K. J. Patterson; R. A. Ryall.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS COMMITTEE: T. G. Banks; M.

Chadwick; Miss R. Connelly; G. J. Hall; W. Lake; R. Marshall; I. R. Moyses.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE: L. Berry; J. J. Collingwood; J. M. Edward; J. Fabry; B. Kidd; D. Moyle; K. J. Parry; K. J. Patterson; A. B. Povey; J. M. Rhodes; J. Rock.

PUBLIC MEDIA COMMITTEE: D. A. Jackson; H. Short.

TRAINING COMMITTEE: H. Heyhoe; W. Paget; L. H. Park; A. B. Povey; D. J. Thorpe; W. R. Whitton; N. B. Wells.

SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: R. Abbott; A. J. Blundell; C. Bryan; Miss V. Dean; Mrs. C. Drake-Brockman; Mrs. K. Eaton; R. A. Hollett; L. W. Ladner; C. Langley; J. McRobert; F. Rees; R. A. Ryall; H. W. Seaby; G. Smith; Mrs. S. Walkington.

YOUTH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE: D. A. Cook; K. J. Duffy; Mrs. N. Farris; R. Gething; J. W. Somerville; E. Tinetti; R. Wishart.

## RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVANGELISM

At its first meeting since the Bangkok Assembly, the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism, said that "at Bangkok we discovered dimensions of mission that we did not know before."

In his director's report, the Rev. Emilio Castro said, "Bangkok gave us a new understanding of the different ways in which we can help the churches in the living, the celebrating and the proclaiming of the salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ. Bangkok showed us the broad meaning of salvation today in the liberation of mankind from every form of slavery; it pointed us also to the very specific meaning through the cross of Jesus Christ . . . To work for salvation, then, is to share in the whole struggle of men and women for their own liberation; it is also to invite them to know that quality of life which arises from a conscious, personal relationship with Jesus Christ and his teachings."

Keen interest was expressed in the Lausanne Evangelism Conference in July 1974 and staff were urged to contribute wherever possible to realization.

## FRENCH TESTS CONDEMNED

Dr. Allan Brash, acting general secretary of the World Council of Churches, cabled Mr Hugh Watt, deputy prime minister of New Zealand, expressing W.C.C. support for his government's opposition to French nuclear tests in the Pacific.

Dr Leopoldo Niilus, director of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, said that resistance to the tests was "not only consistent with the need to protect our endangered global environment, it also represents a legitimate protest . . . that in today's world physical superiority no longer serves as a warrant for international irresponsibility."

### WORD TALK NO. 74

#### A.B.C. OF THE BIBLE

"Just", "Justify", "Justification", "Right", "Righteous", "Righteousness"—all have the same root meaning in Greek. There is a vital relationship between them. Righteousness is a result of justification. To be justified is man's greatest spiritual need.

In the O.T. "just" was used of rulers, judges and God who were responsible for man receiving his legal and spiritual rights. In the N.T. a man may not get his legal or spiritual deserts but by God's grace he is treated as righteous because of what Christ has done on his behalf. "I am treated just-if-I'd never sinned", is a way of expressing the meaning of justification.

Job (9:2; 25:4) was concerned with how a man could be just before God.

Paul explains how. The basic assumption lay in the universality of man's sin (Rom. 3:23, 5:12). The Law indicated the consequence for our sin (4:15; 6:23), and prepared us for God's redemption through Christ (Gal. 3:23-5). Man's righteousness depends upon God's grace and our responsiveness to him in our faith (Rom. 3:24-28; Gal. 2:16, 3:24). Our faith in Christ results in our justification before God (Rom. 10:9, 9-10).

Christ's death made our justification possible. Our right relationship with God and therefore with ourselves and other people comes as a gift of God through the death and resurrection of Christ.

#### DICTIONARY

God justifies us by removing our sin, its penalty and the guilt that is incurred from us, and gives to us our right relationship with himself.

## JUSTIFY

#### FOR TODAY

Martin Luther made his famous stand (1515) in opposition to the R.C. Church's teaching on merit by stressing we are justified by faith alone. Today many men think like the mediaeval church that good living makes a man right with God. "He was a good bloke" is a popular obituary and recommendation for salvation. Nothing is further from the N.T. concept. God accepts us not because we are good but because we trust him. If we trust him this should lead us to a life of good deeds.

Today youth is encouraged to view truth as relative. What was immoral last generation is acceptable today, and what horrifies today will tomorrow be standard custom. In some fields the changes are necessary (Women's Lib.) and in others delightful (who liked neck-to-knees?). But men's relationship with God does not alter with man's moods. "Justify" and "righteous" cannot vary with the ethics of each preacher. They are tied to God's standards. It is always "the righteousness of God" (Rom. 1:17, 3:21).

People today as in N.T. times try to justify themselves (Lk. 10:25, 16:15). This is an impossible task. Man cannot remove his own guilt. We try to do this through psychiatrists, group therapy and counselling sessions. While we may talk away our feelings of guilt the fact of our guilt remains until it is removed by God. Only an understanding of the reality of guilt and its removal can bring to burdened hearts in busy cities the sense of freedom and relief for which they long.

GORDON MOYES

# OPEN FORUM

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## THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

To the Editor,

I am deeply disturbed by the motion recently passed at the Conference of the Western Australian Brotherhood that it be put to the Federal Conference in 1974 that Churches of Christ withdraw from any direct or indirect support of the World Council of Churches. This would mean that we would have to withdraw at the level of local Councils of Churches, the State Councils, the Australian and the World Council of Churches.

I have devoted my life to the proclamation of the Gospel and the Restoration Movement. However, if the above action is taken, I will have no alternative but to question whether I can effectively achieve that goal from within Churches of Christ. When an organisation to which I have committed myself denies its very reason for existence, denies all the principles it has ever stood for, and denies the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as I understand it in the process, then my membership within that organisation is called into jeopardy.

On the basis of the teaching of the New Testament, a study of the early Church and the post-Reformation Church, the Declaration and Address of Thomas Campbell and the Restoration Movement, and the broad spectrum

of the ecumenical movement, I can come to no other conclusion but that we must be involved in ecumenical encounter. Our witness as a people will die a tragic death the moment we attempt to go it alone in grand isolation from other Christians who along with ourselves are seeking the truth.

Roy L. Arnold, S.A.

## ECUMENICAL PARTICIPATION

To the Editor,

I am appalled at the number of your correspondents who write in harsh criticism of the participation of a church of Christ minister in ecumenical meetings, conferences, worship. Are we never to do anything religious except in the company of those with whom we wholly agree? We might at least be consistent about this. In your issue on May 19, for example, I find C. W. Jackel writing:

"Can such an association promote biblical truth . . . when, in fact, Roman Catholicism has within its movement at least 30 erroneous teachings?"

Your same issue reports:

"Second Coming Convention (Warburton, C. W. Jackel) . . . was a thrilling experience . . . attendance from over 50 areas . . . inspiring messages . . ."

Was any attempt made to catalogue the many items of 'erroneous teachings' of those participating?

I could readily list many more than 30 erroneous teachings of the RC church—at least they would seem erroneous to me. Also, I could, I am sure, find as many views among the Convention participants which would seem to me to be erroneous too. C. W. Jackel must surely have found some had he looked for them. Did they all believe all the views of the Restoration Movement? Is he quite sure that the Campbells would have been theologically happy at the Convention?

Personally, I don't think it matters either way, in either case. I have never met any of our ministers who were not prepared in whatever ecumenical company to state and defend what they believed to be the truth.

What really does perturb me is that your correspondents can claim for themselves alone adherence to the truth, to the Restoration Movement. One of the movements slogans was 'No Creed but Christ'. Your critics of ecumenism clearly went to add to that a lot of things, both positive and negative, which must be explored about a man's faith before they are prepared even to mix with him in an endeavour to find mutual understanding of a truth bigger than any of us.

—W. S. Lowe, Vic.

## ECUMENICAL SERVICE

To the Editor,

It is impossible for one who attended the Ecumenical service at the Eucharistic Congress to remain silent in the face of so many fears and errors expressed in the "A.C." 19/5/73. But first, let me assure you that I write as an individual and not as a wife.

The Mass was not celebrated. We simply shared with the strangers around us the sweet biscuits which were provided and, in the breaking of the biscuits, we also shared a period of conversation, during which we told our neighbours all about churches of Christ. Now who was influencing whom?

No call for commitment was given, although the idea of commitment was implicit in the service. Dr Hall is correct to use the word "contrast," the objectives of the Geo. Wood Mission were quite different from the objectives of the Ecumenical service, but surely there is room in the world for both.

We did not endorse Mariolatry nor Papal Infallibility. We did not betray the Restoration Movement nor change any of our own beliefs. We attended as a gesture of friendship towards the followers of Christ brought up in a tradition different from ours.

I felt proud of Neil Gilmour's contribution as President of the Victorian Council of Churches. On a superficial level, I felt that his grey suit was much more fitted to the twentieth century than were the mediaeval robes of the prelates.

I pray that God will give us grace to feel enthusiasm for our own genuine beliefs and yet grant recognition that others have equally genuine but different beliefs; and to recognize that God in Christ is far greater than the sum of all our little parts.

Beverley White, Vic.

## ABORTION

To the Editor,

On May 4, the Victoria-Tasmania Conference passed a motion condemning the proposed Medical Practice Clarification Bill.

My concern is not that I may disagree with the motion, but rather that it was passed without any discussion of the central issue involved. More time was spent on the side issue of education. An amendment to give individual churches the responsibility of discussing the matter and taking appropriate action, unfortunately failed by a narrow margin. The intended publicity was not achieved.

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## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### KEEPING GOD AT BAY 6

To the Editor,

My wife tells me that I shouldn't be writing to tell you how to keep God at a safe distance. I don't think she's afraid for you. But she says that some of your readers might think I mean it. Well I do mean it! After all isn't this what most Christians are doing all the time . . . serving God just enough to keep in good with him, but not taking it to ridiculous extremes? In any case I've thought of some more ways of keeping God at bay.

1. Talk about the Lord as much as you can. Talking about him makes you feel that he has already taken over your life, and that's a lot easier than the real thing.
2. Or never talk about the Lord at all. To mention him to your friends might put you in a position where you have to defend your faith, and there's nothing like that to make your faith real. When that happens the door is wide open to God.
3. Whenever discussion gets round to God, talk theory. Use religious clichés. Quote texts. But don't ever let the talk get round to God and your inner life, or how God may be able to help with your deep needs, or how he may be able to help you to grow into a real person. That sort of talk is dangerous. The next thing you've let God right in.
4. Keep your faith as complex as you can. Gather questions. Collect doubts. Gloat over problems. Become a philosopher. If ever you find yourself by-passing your questions and problems and doubts towards a simple working faith, you're in grave danger.
5. A friend of mine keeps God at bay all the time by making a point of never using the word God. Instead he talks about "the Almighty". He says it with a pious-looking upward nod that puts God safely at the other end of the universe. I should think that calling God "first cause", "ultimate life principle" or "ground of being" would be just as successful.

I've even tried some of these methods myself!

Hoping you are the same,  
TERTIUS

*As a senior medical student, I have been very interested in the largely emotional discussion on abortion. The Conference gave me nothing on which to base an objection.*

*Since then, my reading and discussion have forced me to agree with the intention of the Bill, which is sure to remain an issue for some time.*

*Figures quoted by Mr Baxter are from an interesting article in the Medical Journal of Aust., April 28, 1973, which needs to be considered in full, along with other statistics and articles in the medical and lay press (e.g. "Lot's Wife", Monash Univ., May 7, 1973, by Dr. Dobbin and Mr Lamb; other articles in this issue are not so objective).*

*Unfortunately, a procedural motion gagged discussion because time was short.*

*I seem to recall two other social issues similarly dismissed in "unfinished business" in the previous two years. If adequate time is not available for discussion, I feel that no motion should be passed.*

*If the church is to speak out on social issues, it must be informed, and then speak with authority.*

Roger Briggs, Vic.

#### ABORTION

To the Editor,

*In reply to Robert Nelson, 19/5/73, I am not familiar with the views of the clergy in the Diamond Valley Electorate. However, the contentious issue which has been raging recently is that the existing abortion law remain as it is rather than be "reformed".*

*The existing law covers people who find themselves in the situation that you have just passed through. This, and many other laws of our land, were made by very responsible people, many of whom were "God-fearing". I believe that God did guide you into the action which you took but your criticism of the clergy is a bit harsh, because most mature people can see that whatever "reform" would be made to the law, it is the younger lives that would "pay the price". I am inclined to think that your relief has over-whelmed your sight of a clear picture of the existing law, for the moment, and I pray to God for national leaders who do not put the nation's material comforts before the consequences of their self-opinionated laws.*

(Mrs) V. Morrison.

## BURNING CEREMONY AT AINSLIE

A Ceremony to mark the clearing of the building debt was held at the Ainslie Church of Christ, on May 6, 1973.

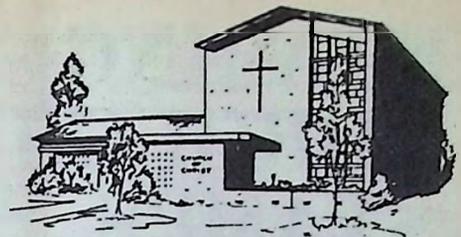
The sun shone in a clear blue sky as the congregation gathered in the driveway and on the steps outside the Sanctuary, where the minister, C. H. J. Wright, led in a brief service of praise and thanksgiving. The treasurer of the church, and also Vice-President of Federal Conference, R. Stephens, made a statement on the building debt, and then Mr. Wright burnt a copy of the letter acknowledging final payment of the debt.

Graham Gilmour, Federal President, brought a greeting, referring to the deep interest of the Federal Brotherhood of Churches of Christ in the Canberra Churches, and giving assurance of continued interest and support as the church moved forward to expand its work in the growing Capital.

On May 9 and 10, tenders for the new Church and Educational Annexe have been examined, and a contract was let to A. V. Collings. The financial obligation amounted to £22,000, the Federal Executive being responsible for £14,500 and the Canberra Church for £7,500.

On that same weekend (exactly 14 years ago to the time of the Ceremony), a representative of the Campbell Edwards Trust negotiated a loan of £10,000 to the Canberra Church—7,500 for the proposed Sanctuary and Annexe, and £2,500 owing on the hall and manse already constructed.

From 1959 to 1973 the loan repayments to the Campbell Edwards



Trust were regularly made. The Trust made periodic donations over this period and in the final settlement a special gift of \$450.

The Foundation Stone of the first part of the building complex at Ainslie was laid by Sir Charles Adderman K.B.E., on Sept. 5, 1953, when he was Chairman of Committees in the House of Representatives in the Federal Parliament. The Foundation Stone of the present Sanctuary and Annexe was laid on Jan. 28, 1959, by A.D. Pyne when he was Federal President.

The extensive and valuable property at Ainslie, with its surrounding lawns and gardens, is in a delightful situation opposite Haig Park on Limestone Avenue. It is now debt free because of the tremendous interest and support of the Australian brotherhood, the generosity of the Campbell Edwards Trust, and the faithfulness of those who have been a part of the Canberra Churches of Christ.

A second congregation began meeting in the Woden Valley (Lyons) in Nov. 1966, and the Lyons church building was opened in Sept. 1967.

Now that Ainslie is free of debt, there will be greater financial resources available for establishing the third congregation of Canberra Churches of Christ in the new area of Belconnen at the beginning of 1974.

—C. H. J. Wright.

## What a week-end that was!

The visit from Brighton Gardens S.A., to Doncaster, Vic., on May 19-20 was for both churches a highlight of 1973.

Forty young people and their minister (Kevin Harvey) arrived by bus from Adelaide on Saturday morning. A non-stop programme was arranged by the Doncaster minister (Keith Horne) and the CYF and YAF committees.

Majoring on fellowship and inspiration the programme ranged from experiences that were strictly social and "getting to know you," through to experiences of a depth seldom reached in worship and fellowship.

Highlights included—communicants in excess of 280—two young Presidents making their first appearance as worship leaders in the morning services—a "picnic lunch" on the Yarra Reserve at Warrandyte for the whole Church—and evening service full of warmth in which young people were interviewed, Shirley Alderyon sang and Kevin Harvey preached.—and then an "after Church fellowship" involving every age group in the Church in an experience of sharing and creative movement which left every person deeply moved and grateful to God for the "one-ness in Jesus Christ."

Already plans are being discussed for a return visit by Doncaster to Brighton Gardens.

#### REPRESSION IN ZAIRE

A communique from the Department of Political Affairs in Zaire ordered an end to the activities of the permanent committee of Roman Catholic bishops, and forbade all religious meetings except mass and confession.

Last November, the government disbanded church youth groups and in March it suspended 31 religious journals. —E.P.S.

**WOMEN LEAD SERVICE** (Hampton, J. E. Paver) Mrs Margaret Graham was guest speaker at Mothers' Day service on May 13. Mrs Stokie and Mrs Cormack brought musical items. The service was conducted by members of the Evening Women's Fellowship . . . Senior and Junior Boys' Explorers grow in numbers . . . C.Y.F. is to be reorganised.

# SHARING THROUGH STAMPS

By A. L. FINGER

So many friends of missions throughout Australia are sharing with those operating the Stamps for Missions scheme.

There are some outside Australia who are sharing with us in the process of the exchange of stamps.

There is an American lady who ever since the Adelaide World Convention has been sending us regularly stamps from U.S.A. In a recent letter she wrote, "I learned to love your country and its people. As I read of the activities of your women's groups, I find them exactly similar to those in our various groups and feel with you."

In an Australian stamp magazine there appeared an advertisement seeking Australian stamps to be sent to an address in Germany. We sent some with a letter written on a sheet from a Bible Correspondence Course writing pad, bearing a Bible text at the top. Back came some German stamps with a letter "In reply I tell you I am a Christian too with my family."

A voluntary worker from New Zealand, serving in the New Hebrides mission was stricken with a muscular disability rendering her hands all but useless. She now collects for us New Zealand stamps, washes them and sorts them before sending, thus still sharing in missionary service.

There are some Adelaide helpers

sharing with us. An elderly lady who sorts large quantities of stamps. She says she is unable to do much active Christian work. But she has found this outlet for expressing her love for her Lord.

There is a retired man, very quiet and reserved, who calls for stamps regularly, and taking them home carefully counts and bundles them up ready for exchange. Both of these people and many others share with us and find therapy in the activity.

Bible Correspondence lessons are used for the outreach of the Gospel in India. Many people hear the programme through the Far East Broadcast from Seychelles Islands and write for the lessons. Over 20,000 papers are marked annually for this "Way of Truth" Correspondence course. Postage and other costs of the service are considerable and cannot be included in the general Missionary Budget of the Federal Board.

A substantial part of these costs is being met by the sale of used stamps from overseas countries received in exchange for Australian stamps collected by Sunday Schools, C.W.F. and youth groups and many individuals.

Share with us through stamps! Send them either on paper or carefully floated off. Communicate with D. A. Lewis, 9 Clisby Street, Vale Park, S.A. 5081, or A. L. Ainger, 12 Evelyn Street, Balaclava, Vic. 3183.

## JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

### NAME THIS KINGDOM

1. Its second king was a great hero and even today is remembered by the people of the land.
2. Its capital city was Jerusalem.
3. The name of its third king is always linked with wisdom.
4. When it fell into ruin it was not because it was conquered from outside but because of quarrels inside.

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### PRIZES FOR 10's & UNDER.

Write to Jay, Box 101 Essendon North, Vic. 3041, and tell him what were the "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World." With your answer, send in a drawing of one of them. There is a book prize for the first three correct answers.

### Bone of Contention

I find the name of "funny bone"

A little bit repelling.

When something strikes me there, I moan

And maybe do some yelling!

IDA M. PARDUE

What is it that is small and gray, has four legs and a trunk?

A mouse on a vacation.

One young fellow complained to his friend: "I don't understand my dad. He keeps saying, 'Why do you ask so many questions?' Why should he care? He never knows any answers."



McKenzie

"Clean up your room!"

### • VIC.-TAS.

## D.C.E. DOINGS

\* Water for the Camp on the Water. Yes, Banksia Camp on the shores of Lake Victoria (salty!) now has plenty of fresh water. Thanks for the huge new cement tank are due particularly to the young people of our Latrobe Valley churches. Individual gifts have also been received. Easter campers appreciated having daily showers (after the weekly effort at Christmas!).

\* Field Officer at Large. George Mathieson has conducted programmes recently at Burwood, Boronia and Maryborough, and programmes in the near future will be held at Bentleigh and Warrnambool.

\* Girls Galore at Monbulk. One hundred

and forty girls from Grades 5 and 6 were in camp at Monbulk (two camps) over the May holidays. Twenty-five camp leaders were involved and we appreciate their willingness to give up part of their holidays (and the willingness of husbands and families to allow some mothers a few days off to help us).

\* E.C.E. Twenty-four young people attended recent Engaged Couples' Encounter. The 8-hour Encounter included a meaningful worship session conducted by R. V. Longthorp, minister of the Camberwell Church, where the Encounter was held.

—R. McKenzie.

# BOOKS IN Review

## ADULT YOUTH DIALOGUE,

By Pat Baker (Joint Board of Christian Education, Youth Work Guide series.)

It's a pity that a guide has to be published to help adults and young people talk to each other.

But the gap is frequently there, by whatever name you call it. I prefer to call it a "communication gap." It is a gap between many people in our society. Unfortunately they include parents and their teenagers.

(If it's not there in your family you might say a prayer of thanks, and then show some loving concern for everyone else!)

Pat Baker says "the only way out is to meet each other, to talk together and to listen to what the other is saying, to work towards a common goal, and above all to respect and to trust each other."

She has some pertinent things to say about youth-adult relationships in the church, gives a number of examples of attempts in churches to create dialogue, with an assessment of each one, and also provides resources for launching adult-youth dialogues.

A helpful guide for churches, youth groups and adult groups interested in bridging the gap.

—R.W.L.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP TRAINING KIT \$2.00.

This valuable book—published as a Christian Life Curriculum Resource—provides a guide to content and method for five approaches to church membership training.

1. Planning your own course: Guide lines on objectives, teaching methods, and what you might include if you decide to "do-it-yourself."
2. Using existing CLC resources: Suitable units in the Christian Life Curriculum are identified, and suggestions made for adapting them to membership training.
3. Using a biblical approach: Seven session outlines based on biblical material related to Christ, the church, its life and mission, and the Christian life.
4. Using the Church Membership Kit: The Kit is published separately. The Manual gives guidance for the use of the kit.
5. Using a research and reflection approach: This last section gives suggestions for a more free-wheeling style, using methods of investigation, action, and reflection.

Every Minister and Local Education Committee should have one. It is a \$2.00 investment which will bring handsome dividends.

Ray McKenzie

## SERVICE PROJECTS

By M.V. Yates (Joint Board, Youth Work Guide series. Duplicated.) 75c

"Love your neighbour," "Do to others what you would want them to do to you," "He who is greatest of all must be servant of all" — and so go many other words of Jesus.

Many youth groups take notice of these words and ask, "What can we do?"

"Service Projects" gives some principles for selecting service projects, and then lists umpteen practical projects which youth groups have actually done.

Something in it ought to spark an idea for any youth group.

Of course, adult groups and whole congregations might also find some clues here for their own service projects, or for some joint projects. After all, Jesus didn't qualify the above comments by saying "Now, for the young people . . ."

—R.W.L.

## NURSERY MANUAL AND COURSEBOOK and NURSERY TEACHERS' PACKET (C.L.C.) \$1.50 and \$3.50.

C.L.C. Nursery materials are now available. The Manual and Coursebook contains background articles on methods of establishing and conducting a Nursery class, and on how three-year-olds learn, plans for a one-year course for a Nursery class, with 44 sessions, stories, songs, poems, finger-plays and activities.

The Teachers' Packet has an outstanding range of photographs and pictures, a song book, cut-outs of people, and a Christmas crib scene.

The materials are designed mainly for teachers of three-year-olds. These children are too young for Kindergarten materials.

Take-home materials will be available in 1974.

R.W.L.

## APPROACHES TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

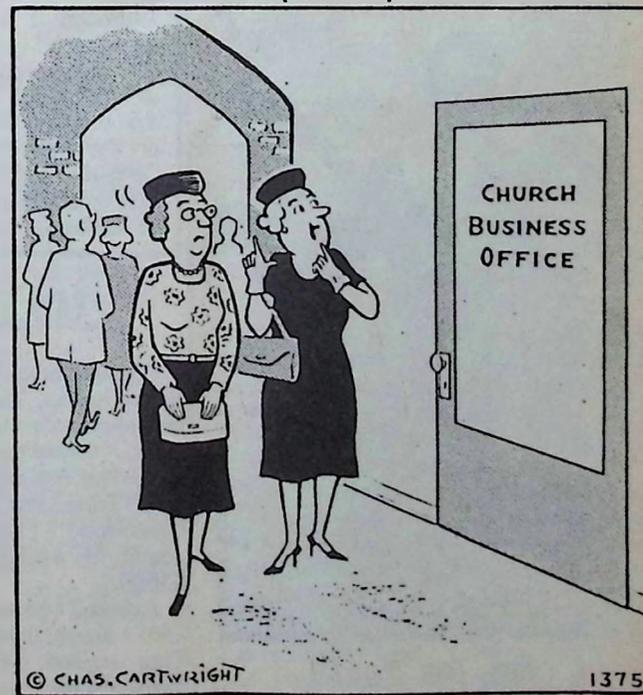
By Margaret Evening (Hodder & Stoughton) \$4.70

The place of Religious Education in English Schools is quite different from that which obtains in Australia (and each of our States seems to have its own form) and the subject is firmly built into the education system there, although the decentralised administration provides for much variety over there as well.

This is a book of ideas and suggestions for lessons and includes sections on team teaching, dance drama, model making, and social service projects, giving accounts of actual experiments.

There is much of value especially in the drama and visual aids chapters, but Margaret Evening is insistent that methods and programmes need to be complemented by a helpful pupil/teacher relationship.

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Think I'll make a new pledge — the money I owe on the old one bothers my conscience!"

## DR. LLOYD JONES

The Church at Hurstville, Sydney, has been advised by Dr. Lloyd Jones that he will close his interim ministry within the next three months. There has been rich and profitable fellowship in worship and service during this time of ministry and the church regrets the parting.

Later this year Dr. Jones intends to fulfil lecturing and preaching obligations overseas. In the meantime before leaving and possibly in 1974 upon his return, he will be available for preaching engagements, missions, conventions and perhaps brief interim ministries as he may be needed among the churches. Inquiries may be addressed to Box 19, P.O. Hurstville, N.S.W. 2220.

**DANGEROUS CRUISE** The Cypriot cruise ship "Sounion," with more than 250 Baptists and Methodists, on a Holy Land tour operated by a New York tourist agency, learned about the Middle East the hard way. Their ship was blown up by terrorists in the harbour at Beirut, Lebanon. However, there were few injuries and no loss of life.

**CHURCH WORKERS WANTED** Less than three years ago, Algeria threatened to expel the missionaries who were working there, but now Government leaders are asking for church workers to fill specialized jobs.



### THE JOY TONES

Joan Thurrowgood, Arthur  
Thurrowgood, Ruth Greenwood

# WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

**UTOPIA OR DEATH** The man in the street is understandably puzzled when experts differ, and nowhere are the experts at greater variance than in making assessments about the future of the planet earth.

Some prophets of doom expect booming world populations but shrinking world resources to sustain them. Others think that our greatest threat comes from pollution of air and water and the squandering of our limited natural assets. Still others believe that man will use his new-found destructive nuclear and biological weapons to destroy himself long before the other threatening disasters overtake him.

The prophets of hope don't despair either of man's inner resources or of the world he lives in. They point to the probable development of non-pollutant power, synthetic foods, and means of controlling population that will enable mankind to meet all of the present known dangers.

This man in the street thinks that all things are possible for a generation that sees the universe as God's creation and is prepared to seek his help in maintaining our part of it. Recognition of the fact of God will also cause us to acknowledge our neighbour as our brother and his rights equal to ours. But there is no sign yet of a true brotherhood of man which believes that the earth is the Lord's. In fact, the statistics show that atheists are increasing, and that selfish materialism is the dominant thread in man's life pattern. This said, the prophets of doom have the edge on the prophets of hope.

Another voice of warning comes in a book by a leading agronomist, Rene Dumont, whose latest book, "Utopia or Death", has just been published. He is a consultant on food and growth problems for many international agencies and developing countries and is listened to with respect by most scientists but few politicians.

Dumont believes that all signs point to a total collapse of civilisation in the 21st century. At the present rate of growth by the year 3000 there will be 1500 people for every square metre!

Although it is the poorer nations which have the largest population growths it is the wealthy nations of America and Europe which are the biggest polluters and wasters of raw materials. "The rich nations, with 29% of the world's population, consume—or rather waste—80% of the world's energy and raw-material resources. Each individual American or European is responsible for as much pollution as 25 Indians. Certainly the rich nations must check their population growth. But first and foremost, they must check what is a ridiculously high level of consumption. If not, we will not only run out of finite raw

## JOY TONES TO TRAVEL

(Toowoomba, Dr. A.C. Caldicott) The singing group, "Joy Tones", is to join a revival crusade for a three months tour of W.A., Sydney, and Qld. The group comprises Arthur Thurrowgood and his wife Joan, and his sister, Mrs Ruth Greenwood. Their instruments and amplifying equipment is valued at about \$1500.

Arthur Thurrowgood and Ruth are son and daughter of the late A.C. Thurrowgood, a former minister at Toowoomba.

The "Joy Tones" will be singing with "Revival Fires", which sponsors revival crusades around the world.

Jim Cunningham, U.S.A., has been inducted as associate minister at Toowoomba . . . Church members have been invading homes throughout Toowoomba with projectors and cassette players portraying the N.T. church. This is in preparation for the Reggie Thomas "Revival Fires" mission . . . Bev. Grenfell recently underwent further surgery and is progressing . . . Woolwich students, Toowoomba cadets, Neale Proellocks, Robert Slack and Greg. Deuble preached here during vacation. A highlight was Robert Slack receiving his own mother's confession on Mothers' Day.

materials, but the poorer countries will never achieve take-off; by the time they're ready to do so, the best available raw materials will have been used up."

In an interview, reported in "Newsweek", Dumont added that he could never understand how intelligent people could believe that our type of civilisation could become accessible to the poorer countries. The run on finite, raw materials would be disastrous. "And have they ever paused to reflect what India or Bangladesh would be like if they had the same ratio of cars to people we have?" The world can no longer afford the extravagances of modern civilisation, and we shall either have to learn to be content with less, or lose everything. "I'm alarmed by the increasing gulf between the rich and poor nations. In the long run, the poor nations will be tempted to act as violently as the Palestinians simply because of a feeling of hopelessness."

**BIBLE PARENTS** It has been a bad week for parental religion. There was Billy Graham's daughter revealing the evangelist's way of inducing scripture study. The children had to memorise three verses of scripture before they could be with their friends. This may be regarded as a justifiable incentive — it's happening all the time in sport, industry, even politics, in order to promote greater results — although our teenage daughter thinks that Graham's methods were outrageous. Nevertheless, we rather think that the Graham children got to know more scripture.

The other example cannot be approached so light-heartedly. A Seventh Day Adventist in New Zealand is reported to have struck and kicked his adopted son, because the lad mispronounced scripture. The boy died from injuries received—he was five years old.

Religious educators are not of one mind as to the right way to teach the Bible to children, but they all agree that coercion is the wrong way. Children are not likely to be helped to grow religiously if the word of God is used as a punishment.

There is no point to having children repeat words if the meaning of the words is not known, maybe beyond the reach of a child's mind. The children are imitating noises, not learning scripture.

Not many parts of the Bible can speak to the child mind, and this has led to the writing of many books for children which seek to present the people and events in words and ideas which children can use.

We need to remember that the Bible is an adult book, written for adults about adult needs and adult responses.

**GOOD GRIEF!!!** Pastor D. Leroy Sanders is Minister of the 2000 member First Assembly of God in North Hollywood. He and his members fervently believe in the Second Coming and that when this happens many of them will suddenly disappear (be raptured) from the earth. But this leaves a problem. What will happen to the \$1.5 million church property and how could the remaining members (if any) keep the church going? The problem has been solved. The church has changed its by-laws to provide for a "temporary chairman" and election of new officers, members have been urged to rewrite their wills naming the church as beneficiary, the mortgage company has been alerted to the probable event, and negotiations are going on with insurance companies to determine how claims may be paid without waiting the usual seven-year period for missing persons!!! — "Christianity Today"

**WARRAGUL'S 87TH** (I.R. Mullen) Guest speaker at the 87th anniversary on April 8 was G.K. Moyes from Cheltenham . . . The Banksia Youth Christmas Campers held a reunion at Theo Daff's farm . . . Annette Pedersen and Robyn Harlow were baptized on May 6 . . . A family service was conducted by women on May 13. Guest speaker was Mrs G. Barnett.

**LONG JOURNEY** (Port Pirie, R.L. Baxter) Mr Baxter, who transferred here last February from Ararat, Vic., is so

popular with the young people of Ararat /Stawell that 12 of them motored all the way to Port Pirie to visit him. They were billeted in the homes of members and took part in the morning service . . . A Ladies' Choir is assisting at morning services, led by Mrs R. Robinson. A male quartette was conducted by Mrs P. Edwards at a recent meeting. . . . C.W.F. conducted Mother's Day service . . . A church picnic was held at Bangor on Anzac Day . . . Miss N. Higgins, State Sec. of Girls' Brigade, visited here.

## Happenings

A recent survey in Victoria showed that at least fifteen per cent of secondary students had experimented with drugs at some time and that drinking and smoking among school children had reached a serious level.

\$10,000 worth of books and magazines disappear from Georgetown University Library every year. More books on the devil and witchcraft have disappeared than those on any other subject.

Kenya is the second African country to ban the Jehovah's Witnesses, the first was Malawi. Kenya's Minister for Home Affairs said "there is no room in Kenya for those who create panic in the country under the pretext of religion."

The Southern Baptists, U.S.A., have 2200 serving as foreign missionaries.

A California coroner's jury ruled that Sergei Kourdakov, a Russian seaman who defected to the west and became a Christian, shot himself accidentally. It was earlier claimed that he had been murdered by his countrymen who wished to silence him. L. Joe Bass of Underground Evangelism concurred in the verdict.

Robert J. McCracken, who ministered at Riverside Church in New York City for 21 years, and who retired in 1967, died while on a cruise near Thailand.

There are at least 339 published English versions of the Scriptures, forty-five of them complete Bibles, according to the American Bible Society.



### UNCERTAIN VOTE LEADS TO SECOND SUBMISSION.

Last year when Presbyterian members voted on the question of union with the Methodist and Congregational churches in the Uniting Church of Australia, the vote was so uncertain and apparently confused that the Presbyterian General Assembly has decided to resubmit the question.

A voters' guide will be issued with the ballot papers to minimise the possibility of misunderstanding. The result should be known by October this year.

# CHRISTIAN UNION IN SOUTH AFRICA

## Leadership training

For the first time a "Basic Leadership Training Course" was conducted jointly by the Good Companions and Explorer Executives.

Five meetings were held in two venues—both covering the same topics. Tuesday nights were at North Essendon and Wednesday nights were at Camberwell.

For the first hour on each of the five nights, the group met together and topics covered were:

1. Why be a Leader
2. Creative Worship
3. Leadership of Recreation Programmes
4. Leadership of Social Programmes and Service Projects
5. Leadership of Programmes of Creative Thinking.

For the second hour each night, the group divided and the Good Companions dealt with specific areas as did the Explorers. These included craft work and games for the girls and practice of social

games and demonstration of outdoor equipment and skills for the boys.

It was a most successful "first" in a Combined Basic Leadership Training Course. Overall numbers were: Camberwell 36 and North Essendon 21. Many qualified leaders were involved in the "leadership teams" and some leaders even travelled from Geelong for the training sessions.

Certificates were presented to those who attended all five sessions.

The Explorers are planning an Advanced Leadership Training Course (see advertisement on page 18) commencing on Wednesday evening, June 13, Camberwell Church of Christ and going for ten consecutive Wednesdays.

Ray McKenzie.

A Church Commission on Unity involving Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches has issued a document explaining the basic principles of an amalgamation. The chairman of the commission the Very Rev. R. Selby-Taylor, Archbishop of Cape Town, said that a complete agreement on matters of doctrine had been reached.

Plans for a united church were drafted during ten sessions since January 1968. Member churches now have the plan before them for consideration.

Some of the proposals are;

Membership in the new church will be open to all in the participating churches who wish to join. There will be no re-baptism or re-confirmation.

Ministry: There will be three types, deacons, whose office will roughly correspond to that of Presbyterian elders; presbyters, the equivalent of priests and ministers; and bishops.

There will be no archbishop, and the head of the church will be known as the moderator.

Structure: There will be three administrative courts of the church, the local church or congregations will form the basic unity, diocesan synods will function on a regional level, and the General Assembly will be the supreme body. It will not meet every year.

Worship: The Liturgical Committee of the commission has produced a service of Sunday worship. However participating churches will be free to maintain their existing liturgical patterns, since unity in the church will not necessarily imply uniformity.

—From Sth. Aust. Committee for the Promotion of Christian Union.

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# OBITUARY

## KENNETT, Howard Jubilee

H. J. Kennett recently passed away after more than three years in Hospital. A man of strong Christian faith he was born at Tickers in 1888 and was baptised at Butler Tanks in 1910.

He married Sylvia Sparrow at McLaren Vale in 1913 and has had fellowship with many of our churches including Butler Tanks, Wudinna, Tumby Bay, Goolwa, Long Plains and Owen. He was in membership in Owen at the time of his death. Mr. Kennett was an enthusiastic Bible student with particular interest in the 2nd Coming of our Lord which was a deeply cherished hope in his eventful life. He never sought prominence in the church but was a faithful disciple. He celebrated with his wife the 60th Anniversary of their marriage last August while in hospital. With his passing another of the pioneers of our early churches has left us. To the family the church offers its sympathy.

## MURNANE William John Matthew

After an illness of some weeks Jack Murnane died at his home in Box Hill on May 11. With his passing went a man who had endeared himself to many and enriched the lives of even more in his 73 years. In his late twenties he made his decision for Christ under the ministry of the late G. T. Fitzgerald in Ballarat. He later married Amy Ruth Thomas, and together they became deeply involved in the life of Dawson Street Church. In 1939 his work took him to Sale and in their home people met for fellowship and worship. A further move with his insurance company took him and his family to Warragul Church. There he served on the Board of Officers and became the Home Missions' Department representative for the Gippsland area. In this capacity he travelled extensively. In 1972 he retired with his wife to a home built in Box Hill and linked with the church at Doncaster. At the funeral service K. D. Horne was supported by W. W. Saunders who knew Jack Murnane in the years of brotherhood service. Into his life Jack Murnane was able to fit a tremendous amount of service and involvement. "He loved people," "he lived life on tip toe to the very last." "He was the sort of man upon whom churches are built". These were the things a minister found it easy to say of this man of God. We remember in our prayers his wife and daughters, Pat (Mrs. Pascoe) and Aileen (Mrs. Burgess).

—K.D.H.

## SMITH, Keith C.

The sudden passing on April 8 of Keith Smith, Principal of Euroa High School left those of us who knew him with a deep feeling of loss. This man dedicated himself to his work in the best sense without detracting from his readiness to serve the community and the church. He was taken from us when his perception and abilities were at their highest. Keith's home church was North Fitzroy and he was educated for his profession at Melbourne University. He commenced his

teaching career in 1953 at Sale Technical School and subsequent promotions took him to high schools at Stawell, Hamilton, Brighton, Parkdale and Euroa. While at Stawell he married Valerie Potts, and Elizabeth, Colin and Rosemary were born. Trevor was added to the family at Hamilton and Allison in Melbourne.

In each location Keith was active in church life and his role in the developing church at Burwood in the years 1963-69 was typical of his commitment. He was, among other things, Bible School Supt, Deacon and Board Chairman and Chairman of the Day Kindergarten. He was also a very acceptable lay preacher. With his family he was creative and capable in all he did and these attitudes continued to be exercised when they linked up with the Presbyterian church at Euroa. This church was packed as was the adjacent hall for the funeral service. Several hundreds of his students lined the streets as the cortege passed, paying tribute to the Principal who had loved and served them well.

We have admired the fortitude of Valerie and her family as they mourn the loss of husband and father. They are of course not without hope, and we commit them to the God of love.

EFP.

## TAYLOR, Geoffrey Otterson.

The W.A. brotherhood was shocked when Conference was interrupted on April 14 with the news that Geoff Taylor had suffered a heart attack and died within a few minutes. He and Mrs. Taylor were alone at the time.

Geoff. was the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Taylor. He was baptised at Palmyra in 1925. In 1939 he was married to Dorothy Wells at Fremantle by Geo. Hughes. Their marriage was blessed with four children who have each in turn entered into the church.

From 1942 to 1943 he served with the R.A.A.F. as a Radar Operator. At the close of the war he returned to Fremantle to resume his role as Senior Maths. master with John Curtin High School, where he was loved and respected by staff and scholars.

He served the church as a Deacon and was wise in his counsel. He was a man of purpose, thorough in his preparation, sound in his faith and of strong conviction. It was always a joy to see him preside at the Lord's Table.

As a mark of esteem, the John Curtin High School closed for the afternoon to allow Staff and Scholars to attend the Crematorium service. Brotherhood and local church members were present in large numbers to pay tribute and to join in expressing their love for the bereaved whose witness was a living testimony to the reality of his faith and theirs.

—H.R.F.

## THOMSON, Harold Eastwood.

Born at East Fremantle and brought up in the Fremantle church where he became a member, Mr Thomson died at Lincoln, England, at the age of 78.

When living in a country district he would gather the children to commence a Sunday School. In World War I he served with the A.I.F. in Egypt and France. At Mouquet Farm, the most heavily shelled few acres in the war, it was he who carried the message through the shelling to save a signal detachment. He was one of those who captured the gun "Big Bertha," now at Canberra. Later, Harold served under Major-Chaplain G. T. Waiden, conducting services and giving spiritual help to wounded and dying.

At the end of the war he married Annie May Tom and after a visit to Australia, returned to Lincoln where he made his home. He transferred his membership to the little church in Lincoln which met in an upper room and was composed of a few elderly people. He commenced a S.S. there, Kirk White, founder of the first Boys' Club and Harold became honorary executive officer and 45 years conducted the boys' Sunday services. With thousands of boys having gone through his hands he was recently featured in a newspaper as "the Daddy of 'em All."

Visiting his homeland about ten years ago he told some heart-rending stories of the hardship and poverty suffered by many of the lads. He was known as the "good physician" by his patients. His was a full self-sacrificing life, having served his country, and his fellow men.

—W. J. T.

**80th CELEBRATION** (Croydon, A. B. Clark) Mrs Ruth Plymin celebrated her 80th birthday. Five families have been welcomed in by transfer in past few weeks . . . 36 travelled by bus to attend Town Hall Rally . . . Evening ladies' group held a "Career Night" with Mrs M. Munro, also gem stones were on display by C. Bingham, of Kyneton . . . At a stall in front of the Opportunity Shop over \$30 was raised for Maroondah Hospital appeal. It was also a record week for the "Op" shop for Mrs M. Munro and her helpers . . . Mrs. Rita Lawson was back at church after an operation . . . C.Y.F. held a fancy dress night. . . . John Welsh is B.S. secretary.

**MINISTER PRESIDENT** (Nth. Williamstown, K. H. Pitt) Mr Pitt has been appointed President of the Vic. Christian Endeavour Union . . . Peter Cuss was elected S.S. Secretary . . . Church's involvement in Home Missions "Reach-Out" programme for North-Western area commenced in May with series of guest services and coffee mornings. Guest speaker at Mothers' Day service was Mrs J. Hunting, representing J. E. W. "Minstrel Ladies" brought items . . . The Minstrel Group gave a concert at Wangaratta church on May 19 and conducted morning service on 20th . . . Miss Lesley Whittington now working in Melbourne after 15 months in Canberra.

**SPEAKER FROM U.S.A.** (Box Hill, K. R. Bond) Church anniversary services have been held . . . C. Lake of the U.S.A. was speaker at Youth Gospel service . . . C.W.F. and C.W.E.F. took the gospel service on Mothers' Day . . . Two young people made the Good Confession . . . Explorers held annual interclub hike and barbecue at Plenty River Gorge . . . To involve women more actively C.W.E.F. held a hostess gathering when over 60 were entertained . . . I.C.E. held a camp at Hall's Gap . . . Ross Barker and Mrs Street are recovering after recent illness.

**NEW MINISTRY-1974** (Wembley) Des. Croot has accepted the church's invitation to commence a ministry in 1974 . . . J. K. Bond will lead an interim ministry from June to Dec., 1973 . . . Chaplain Denby Holmes has been conducting gospel services in May . . . Girls' Brigade entertained the ladies and mothers at a Mothers' Evening. 80 ladies and girls enjoyed games and supper . . . Mrs Thelma Bridge told C.W.F. about her work among blind students.

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# CHURCH GROWTH CONFERENCE IN THAILAND

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The Conference reflected an increasing self-consciousness and a deep sense of mission among members of the Thai Church, well aware that they number only slightly over 30,000 in the Protestant Church and 150,000 in the Catholic Church in a population of 37 million. More than 300 registered

participants shared the experiences of church growth programmes in operation in various parts of the country and analysed the common challenges encountered in the Thai socio-cultural and religious context.

Designed as a Church growth Conference, the Cheingmai meeting showed a flexibility to respond to the widely varying needs of Church workers from disparate backgrounds. The Churches in Thailand, both within the Church of Christ in Thailand and in other communions, have encountered different emphases on the role of Christian nurture as opposed to Christian conversion. In the view of one delegate, the Chiangmai Conference witnessed the common realization that the two concerns are part of the same cloth and not necessarily in

opposition. "If we want to be a Church and not a sect," said one delegate, "we've got to learn to live with both functions."  
—E.A.C.C. NEWS.

## SCOTS AID IRISH

A dozen ministers are being sought by the Church of Scotland to spend a month or two working alongside Irish ministers in Belfast and Londonderry. Arrangements have been made to pay for alternative preachers as well as travel costs. A number of experienced youth leaders are also being recruited to assist at play centres in Belfast during the holiday period.

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## DEATHS

**THOMSON,** Harold Eastwood at his home, Lincoln, England, on May 3rd, beloved husband of May and eldest son of the late Samuel and Elizabeth Thomson, Loved brother of Wilkie, Alsa (Mrs Prince, dec.) and Roy, Uncle of Douglas Prince, Lola (Mrs D. Adam), Chloris (Mrs M. Nunan), Valerie (Mrs R. McConky), Olwyn (Mrs P. Shannon), Brother-in-law of Annie and Hazel. Forever with the Lord.

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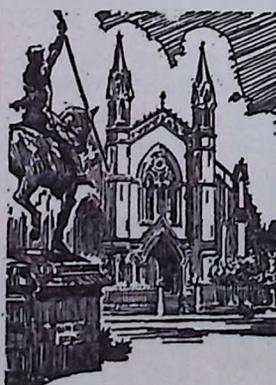
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## NEW SOUTH WALES

**NEW SECRETARY** (Cardiff, R.G. Smith) Al Wright took over the position of secretary from J. Barry at annual meeting. Mr Barry is the newly elected Supt. of the Newcastle City Mission . . . Mrs L. Price is the new President of the C.W.F. . . . In our visitation of the Cardiff area a few families have asked to be revisited . . . 6.30 a.m. Saturday prayer meeting has commenced in preparation of the Mini-mission with Doug Willis in October.

**SENIOR CITIZENS** (Telopea, J. Bacik) At P.S.A. for our Senior Citizens there were many musical items. Jim Henderson was guest speaker, and tea followed . . . Brian Willersdorf was speaker at April guest service . . . B.B. No.2 Section camp at Glenbrook was led by Capt. E. Bushby and Lt. Bill Hudswell . . . Church building fund efforts were a "Wheel-a-Thon," two party afternoons and a film night . . . G. B. Sports Carnival—and winning of girls "All-Age" basketball summer premiership.

**IN OTHER TONGUES** (Enmore, R. C. Dixon) Eleven ladies, including one Yugoslav who understands little English, attended first "Coffee & Chatter" night on May 15 . . . Peter Stojevski, Gary Maloney, Mrs Roose Sr., and Grace Dixon have made decisions at recent services. Mrs Stuhmcke (a German migrant) and Miss Helen Erskine (from Scotland) were baptized on May 27 . . . Distribution of Scriptures in different languages is planned for June 16 with the aid of the Pocket Testament League . . .

**BIBLE ZOO** (Inverell, R. Craig) Another color slide feature, "Bible Zoo" was presented at recent Gospel Service, focussing on animals mentioned in the Bible . . . C.W.F. held a Mother and Daughter evening with 40 attending . . . Mr. and Mrs. Craig and Trevor Dunshea attended Conference in Sydney . . . 20 Inverell young people attended Easter camp at Quirindi. 90 were in camp from Armidale, Tamworth, Gilgandra, and Sydney. There were several decisions . . . Anne Medlow has been transferred to Jannali, near Sydney.

**"30 PIECES OF SILVER"** (Engadine, D. Krause) A "Thirty Pieces of Silver" appeal was held over Easter period and \$120 was raised to assist Graham and Jeanette Warne in the New Hebrides . . . Pre-School Kindergarten opened on May 22, although building was not quite finished. Men of the church, especially the Pre-School Director, Peter Casperonn, worked hard in last minute organisation, laying tiles, and preparing the playing area. The building will provide much needed accommodation for the Junior S.S.

**FOUR ADDED** (Dapto, E.S. Holt) The church rejoices in four who were recently baptized . . . Boys' and Girls' Brigades thrive under dedicated leadership. 130 young people use the hall each week. The B.B. No. 2 Section came second in the Battalion Camp Competition. The expanding youth group has divided into two. They have organised a car wash to pay for a youth film . . . A. Ladies' Luncheon contacted many women in the area . . . The church is assisting the local Austcare Appeal.

**CHRISTIAN TEACHING** (Asquith, M. J. Conry) The minister and members conduct scripture teaching at three high schools as well as three public schools in the district and Mt. Karing-gai Public School and two primary schools at Berowra and Berowra Heights . . . Mr. Cowry's holidays were interrupted by the illness of his father . . . The film "Sound of the Trumpet" has been screened . . . A planning seminar is to initiate a vigorous outreach . . . Mrs. Lucas continues her efforts to keep the bus fund liquid. Sale of flowers on Mother's Day realised \$35.50 and the stacking and sale of newspapers continues to pay for the running of the church bus . . . Gospel services will be at 5 p.m. in winter months.



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**INTERNATIONAL VISITOR**, (Kilburn, B.W. Heath) The International Secretary of The Boys' Brigade, London, (Mr Rawson), was guest speaker at annual enrolment service of our Company, 3rd Adelaide. Two members of B.B. were baptized . . . The church has held lively discussions on its future since the minister, Barry Heath, announced his resignation. A monetary gift was made to Mr Heath as he takes up study with the Institute of Technology.

**TO CONCLUDE THIS YEAR** (Mile End) N. Hodgekiss will conclude his ministry here at the end of 1973 . . . For 65th Anniversary on May 6, former members, Stephen Thomas and Roger Brown, now ministers in Adelaide, were guest speakers . . . Joe Garman, U.S.A., will conduct a mission in July. The church is preparing . . . A new youth group has been formed called "The Jesus Seekers" . . . A mother and daughter have been baptized . . . An Easter family camp was held at McLaren Flat.

**WITH BAPTISTS** (Port Pirie, R.L. Baxter) The Baptists combined with us for Good Friday service . . . The church picnic was held at Bangar . . . The C.W.F. spent a day at Weeroona Island and inspected the museum . . . Youth and Women's Choirs have assisted with services . . . Ladies conducted service on Mother's Day, followed by after-church fellowship.

**SINGERS FOR MOTHER'S DAY** (Ascot Park, C. L. Smith) Mrs. Crowley presided at a special Mother's Day service. Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Wilkinson were readers, Janet McDonald, Wendy Wilkinson, and Alison Crowley helped at the Table. A trio in song was provided by Diane Wilkinson, Wendy and Alison who accompanied on the guitar . . . Sympathy is offered to the family of Mrs. Fay Neuzerling.

**ALMOST FULL TIME** (Long Plains, L. W. Marshman) The Circuit Board, with Owen) recently raised the minister's salary. He is now doing almost full-time work . . . School holiday camp was held with P. DeWilt and group from Nailsworth. Youth service was held in chapel on Sunday evening. Mr. Marshman gave a resume of camp at Intermediate C.E. He also spoke to church on Conference proceedings and gave an outline of inspirational sessions . . . One of our young ladies is nursing at Royal Adel. Hosp. and another is working away from the district, thus depleting our youth numbers.

**TEMPLE DAY** (Prospect, R. H. Sercombe) This year Temple Day is two projects, First, to install a hot water service in the Manse, to replace the present rather out dated units, and second, to make a contribution to Peter Richter who commences his first full time ministry at Dareton next year. In previous years Temple Day offerings have been used to cure the salt damp and reduce the mortgages . . . Mother's Day morning service was conducted by the C.W.F. President, Mrs. L. Burton, assisted by Mrs. A. Brown, and Mrs. B. Roberts. Guest preacher was Mrs. J. Rose, wife of the D.C.E. Director. At gospel service, children from Primary Dept. presented a special tribute to Mother . . . Mrs. Wainwright is in the Royal Adelaide Hospital, Mrs. Searle is in Gloucester St., Hospital. Mrs. Sercombe is recovering at home after hospitalisation.

**WOMEN DEACONS** (Unley, W.J. Philp) The church now has four women deacons . . . On Youth Sunday, Miss Dawn Chivell, S.S. Supt., presided at morning service assisted by four young people . . . Mrs Philp was speaker on Mother's Day. Mrs E.V. Lawton was president and four other mothers were helpers . . . The film "Underground Evangelism" was screened recently . . . S.S. children and parents assisted in Harvest Thanksgiving services. Gifts were shared with St. George's Rest Home and Morialta Children's Home . . . Mrs D. Smith, a very active member for many years, died at the age of 85 years.

**OWEN DECISIONS** (L.W. Marshman) There have been five decisions and baptisms in three weeks, four young people and a married lady. Discipleship classes are being held . . . The church combined with Methodists and Congregationalists for Easter service with Mr. Marshman preaching . . . Combined Women's Fellowship conducted the whole of an evening service recently . . . Bob Browne, Aboriginal paster of A.E.P. spoke at Ladies' Guild birthday and played the guitar and sang . . .

# Youth Win Awards

The Cheltenham Church of Christ (Vic.) have a close involvement with the Cheltenham Rotary Club. This was seen clearly when the Cheltenham Rotary Club announced its selection for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award. A score of community youth leaders were interviewed and their applications considered for the presentation of the Awards, which grant outstanding youth leaders in the community a week at Melbourne University under intense training to better equip themselves for leadership responsibilities in the local community.

The Awards were presented at a dinner recently to Ron, Picken, the President of the Church's C.Y.F., and Miss Lyn

Hoysted, a Youth Counsellor and S.S. Teacher. These two were regarded as outstanding examples of committed leadership by the panel of local business and professional men.

The guest speaker at the Presentation Dinner was John Daymond, the youngest Deacon on the Board of the Cheltenham Church of Christ and an active Explorer and C.Y.F. Leader, who was himself a Rotary Youth Leadership Award winner two years ago.

Proud onlooker for the occasion was Tom Frazer, currently Chairman of the Board of Elders and Deacons, who over the years has been responsible for training a large number of fine leaders in Explorer, S.S. and other youth work.

Frank Le Page, as Mayor of the largest municipality in Victoria has given an outstanding example of Christian leadership during his term of office. He, with others, shares with the minister of the Cheltenham Church, Gordon Moyes, who recently became the first elected President of the Cheltenham Rotary Club. The Church and local service groups have a great deal in common as they seek to improve the quality of life within the community.



Back row L. to R. Tom Frazer, Ron Picken, Gordon Moyes.  
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## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**NEW MANSE** (Morawa, R. J. Sack) The new manse building is progressing steadily . . . D. Hughes' was Easter camp study leader . . . Coffee Hours commenced by women in Town homes . . . The film "Littlest Apostle" was screened . . . J. Sara brought news and film of Bible Society . . . The funeral of aged Mrs. Croot was conducted by her grandson, D. Croot . . . May Friendship guest speakers were Mr. and Mrs. Brigatti on Gardening . . . Women assisted in Mother's Day service after a family tea where several mothers were honored . . . Bronwyn Williams and Annette Tonkin attended Scripture Union Leadership Course in May school holidays . . .

**SEX AUDIO VISUALS** (Inglewood, J. K. Robinson) On May 3, parents were invited to preview audio-visuals to be used in church sponsored programmes of sex education for young teenagers . . . The film "God and Creation" has been screened . . . A. L. Walkington was a recent speaker . . . A youth service followed a youth tea on May 6. R. Brittain assisted on drums. Three young people made public decisions. Another young lady made her decision on May 13 . . . 48 mothers, grandmothers and Girls' Brigaders shared in a 3rd birthday social . . . C.W.F. organised a jumble sale to assist financial contributions to brotherhood work. Ladies also arranged a picnic outing in school holidays.

**NURSES' SERVICE** (Merredin/Bruce Rock) At Merredin an Ecumenical Florence Nightingale Nurses' service was held with all ministers of the fraternal participating with medical staff . . . Members went to Naremben for fifth Sunday services with other Eastern Wheatbelt churches. Speakers were K. Patterson and J. Ismail . . . Good Friday and Easter services at Bruce Rock were combined with the Methodist Church . . . Doug Banks has returned to Merredin after long illness in Perth. Miss Hazel Bray is hospitalized for leg surgery.



## QUEENSLAND

**VACATION SCHOOL** (Ipswich, B. Rice) A Vacation B.S. was held in second week of school vacation led by Mr Rice with the help of ladies and young people . . . Young people entertained mothers and their families at Mothers' Day tea and they led the gospel service where two mothers were interviewed. Mrs Dorothy Rice was speaker and Mrs Sherene Gehrke was soloiste . . . Miss Bernice Risson gained three firsts, three seconds, plus a Qld. Eisteddfod Bursary at recent Eisteddfod held at Bundaberg . . . A C.W.F. has been commenced at the Bundamba church. 12 ladies were present at first meeting . . . The following members are serving on State Committees: Ian Boettcher, Home

Missions; B. Rice and W. McKenzie, Kenmore College; . . . Mrs N. Fawdry suffered a fall and has her arm in plaster.

**TEN YOUTH BAPTIZED** (Camp Hill, Barry Cutchie) Ten young people have been baptized recently . . . 58 went on "retreat" to Mt. Tambourine with Eric Hart as study leader . . . Boys' Brigade with 80 enrolled is second largest in Brisbane. 250 attended B. B. Enrolment Tea and gospel service . . . Church is involved in extensive visitation programme inviting contacts to "Get to know you" at guest worship and gospel services . . . Preparation is being made for Reggie Thomas Crusade with other Southside churches . . . Open air S.S. reaches 40 each week at Carina Caravan Park . . . The church saddened by the death of E. Spencer.

**MISSIONARY CONVENTION** (Albion, B. Benz) A missionary convention featured Frank Beale and other speakers. Missionary Faith promises of over \$5200 were received . . . Ladies are being planned to take part in morning services . . . The practice of having a normal Sunday evening service followed by an informal "sharing" service will be continued . . . The church combines with Rotary to provide Meals on Wheels for the district . . . Ladies have trained in occupational therapy and are working with inmates of a local convalescent home . . . Gordon Sonsie is student minister.

**AMERICAN HELPERS** (Cairns) Mr & Mrs Ed. Kelsey & Family have been sharing with us in the gospel . . . Bernie Johns has returned . . . Five young people have been baptized and three others made confession of faith . . . Girls' Club of 12 is led by Miss Noelene Sachs . . . Recent speakers have been R. Foletta, Toowoomba, and D. McLucas, Camp Hill . . . Doug Willis is conducting crusades in England.



## VICTORIA

**TAKE NOTICE** (Portland, B. F. Duff) A new notice board has been erected in the church grounds . . . D. H. Smith was speaker at a special Children's Service. Four families took part in a Parent Dedication Service. Cradle Roll certificates were presented by Mrs Wilma Crouch . . . Good Companions raised \$71 by means of a Trash 'n Treasure Auction, for new equipment. C.W.F. raised \$120 from sale in church hall of used clothing, produce, cakes, etc . . . Mrs G. R. Stirling visited C.W.F. at home of Mrs D. Quayle.

**MINISTRY ENDORSED** (Ararat) At the annual meeting the church endorsed the Officers' Board invitation to S. Wilkinson to serve as minister for an indefinite period . . . There is increased attendance at all meetings and offerings are greatly improved . . . The church is planning to liquidate the debt on the hall during 1973 and has agreed to support Miss Val

Andrews, now home on furlough from New Guinea . . . S.S. reopens early June at 9.30 a.m. and church services will move from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**AFTER-CHURCH COFFEE SHOP** (Caulfield, K. Berston) Evening C.W.F. provides supper for this worthwhile venture. A good attendance of mainly young people asked provocative questions when Vice-Principal G. R. Stirling, attended . . . Asian students from overseas Christian Fellowship, Clayton and Monash University assisted at evening service after a tea . . . Miss Coventry, Regions Beyond Missionary Union, Nepal, told C.W.F. that when the Govt. gave permission to enter Nepal, the churches formed the "United Church." Slides were shown and she thanked the ladies for gifts of knitted scarves, etc.

**PARENT DEDICATION** (Strathmore, S. K. Bannon) A parent dedication service was held for former Moreland members, Mr. and Mrs. Blake, and their daughter Suzanne . . . Kevin Gunn was baptized by former student, D. Ryle. Mr. Gunn leaves soon for a working holiday in N.Z. . . . Ian Alves is new S.S. Supt . . . W. Thompson is convalescing at Greenvale following a stroke . . . N. Maddocks is student minister for 1973 . . . K. Gale is assisting with Good Companions . . . K. Raeburn is making good progress after two heart attacks.

**BOARD CHANGES** (Essendon Nth., J. Wiltshire) Mrs M. Conning and Mrs E. Pemberton have been elected to the church Board following the resignations of Mrs I. Funston and Mrs L. Bridger . . . Mrs Wiltshire was guest speaker at the special Mother's Day service and Mrs Gwen Mason was soloist . . . On May 20, J. Pemberton brought a report to the church on the Vic.-Tas. Conference . . . Young people are reorganising C.Y.F. . . . Attendance at W.E.F. averages 40 . . . Good Companions recently entertained mothers . . . Frank Mason, Albert Fox and Mrs Bullen are all improving in health.

**PRIDE IN PRESIDENT** (Burwood, I. Allsop) The church is proud and delighted that Eric Patterson, Elder, has been appointed Conf. Pres . . . Stephen Jones, the first student to enter the College of the Bible from Burwood, preached his first sermon here . . . C.W.F. President is Mrs J. Dezwart, Sec. is Mrs J. Hastings . . . Prayer Groups are meeting in homes to support the Festival of Faith . . . First Award was won by Senior Boys' Explorers at recent swimming sports. Juniors and Midgets each won fourth positions. Two leaders have been lecturing and demonstrating skills at Explorer Leadership Training Courses . . .

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** (Warracknabeal, S. Hince) The Harvest Festival was associated with a Thank offering . . . Mrs H. Parsons has been in Ballarat Hospital, but is now home and improving . . . The picnic was again held at the Evans' place . . . The ladies took charge of the service on Mothers' Day . . . Mrs Stirling visited us recently and spoke to the ladies . . . Mrs Chivell is in hospital.



## VICTORIA

**COMMUNITY CHEST** (Blackburn, E.W. Roffey) For Nunawading Community Chest Door-knock, 27 church collectors received \$1071 . . . Recent speakers were Lance Fisher and Frank Beale . . . 40 boys and 11 cooks returned from Explorers camp at Rye to participate in evening service . . . Girls' Club leaders underwent five weeks D.C.E. Course . . . C.M.F. conducted April evening services at Oakleigh Guest Home . . . C.W.E.F. discussed "Faith" at morning coffee as they set out in faith to raise \$500 for Overseas Missions to build a girls' dormitory at Chungribu, New Guinea. Bill Buli, New Guinea missionary, spoke at C.W.A.F. . . 13 families camped at Mulwala and attended Yarrowonga church Easter Sunday. Y.A.F. camped at Drik Drik . . . Senior Citizens, complete with choir, conducted evening service . . . Keith Ludgater conducted three Bible study groups in different homes.

**MINI-OLYMPICS** (Bayswater, A. Fletcher) After a devotional session by Mrs Margaret Fletcher, 24 Good Companions and their leaders, Mrs Alice Bullen, Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Fletcher, and Mrs Jean Stevens, entertained 15 mothers and friends at a Mini-Olympics evening. Each mother was presented with a small gift before supper.

**ANGLESEA CAMP** (Reservoir, A. Baker) Leaders at the Easter church camp were Mr Baker, John Whimpey, Judy and Ron Cook, Glenda and Peter Holiday, Valerie Collins and Bruce Grayden. Mr and Mrs Ted Collins were camp parents. Many young people made decisions . . . Barry Jenkins and Geoff Beale were recent speakers . . . C.W.F. visited Greenvale and Barton House . . . Neville and Gwen Thomas and David have been home on leave from Adelaide Bible Institute . . . C.W.F. took Mother's Day Evening service. Mrs Nola Baker was speaker and soloists were Mrs E. Coughlin and Mrs P. Gill. Judy Grayden spoke of work done whilst in New Guinea . . . Mrs T. Eyegelaar and two daughters are visiting Italy to see her family.

**BAPTISM AND DECISION** (Box Hill, K.R. Bond) Two young people were baptized and one teenager made decision . . . 62nd Church Anniversary brought visitors from N.S.W, Canberra, S.A. and W.A., and Oakleigh Homes. L.S. Dewberry and K. Bond Sr. were speakers. Red Hill choir assisted in afternoon. Soloists were A. Prasad and G. Southall . . . Ladies of Catering Committee provided tea at the Centre for 140 ministers and secretaries . . . C.W.E.F. entertained large gathering at sit-down tea . . . Mrs L. Muller and Mrs G. Farmer gave travel talks at C.W.F. Mothers' Day meeting . . . Mrs Street is improving after recent hospitalization.

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# QUESTING

WITH

A. E. WHITE



What are ways in which we can make our board meetings more efficient?

A similar question has been answered in this column on at least two previous occasions, but there have been three recent queries along the same lines, so it must be taken that the subject should again be discussed.

First, let it be said that what is wrong with the church cannot be fixed simply by amending the agenda of the church board meeting. What is required is a renewal of the life of the church. Naturally, this is the business of the church board . . . and what the board talks about, what it plans to do, the spirit in which the board members approach their responsible tasks, these are more important than a few comments on the way a meeting should be conducted.

The board meeting should be planned so that priorities are given to the main business of the Lord: evangelism, pastoral concern, Christian outreach at home and abroad, helping the church meet its responsibilities in the care of the aged, the sick, the deprived, Christian witness

in the community, involvement in community affairs that are also the affairs of the church, and, in a day when the church itself is reaching fewer children, to see how the church can by itself and in cooperation with others fulfill its duty in the area of Christian education. The complaint of many is that the church boards do little more than look at their statistics, their finances, their property, and the church rosters. Board members say that their meetings are almost completely taken up with running the church as it is.

It is not suggested that church officers are not responsible for running the church from Sunday to Sunday. Material and practical matters should be dealt with by the board — but these matters should not be given priority of concern.

Every family has to consider practical matters. It must look at the family budget, things to be fixed or replaced. But if this is all the family talks about, then heaven help the family! They are certainly not doing much to help themselves. The family should be interested in the growth and development of every one who belongs to it — and life is more than clothes and money and things to eat.

So with the church. "Quality of Life" is an in-phrase at the moment and nowhere should it have more emphasis than in the church. That is what the church is all about — the quality of life of every one of its members, and that is what the church board should give priority. (More next issue)

## THE LAST WORD . . .

Worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of our conscience by his holiness, the nourishment of mind with his truth, the purifying of imagination by his beauty, the opening of the heart to his love, and the surrender of will to his purpose."

—William Temple.

### CAREER!

"It was 'some career':  
He was a flop at thirty-three!  
His whole career was one of failure and of loss;  
But the thing that's so distressful  
Is he could have been successful,  
But instead of climbing 'up', he climbed a cross!"

—Helen Lenore Kromer



A politician is a person with whose politics you do not agree; if you agree with him he's a statesman.

David Lloyd George



Tonight we have a noisy street, At least three cats are yowling;  
And certain canine friends compete With most insistent howling.  
How I wish they would delete Their sound effects when prowling.

—Emily S. Councilman.



Time may be a great healer but it's no beauty specialist.



Childhood is that wonderful time when all you need to do to lose weight is bathe.



The bride was a rather untidy housekeeper and knew it. At last, she mustered the energy to give things a thorough cleaning one day.

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