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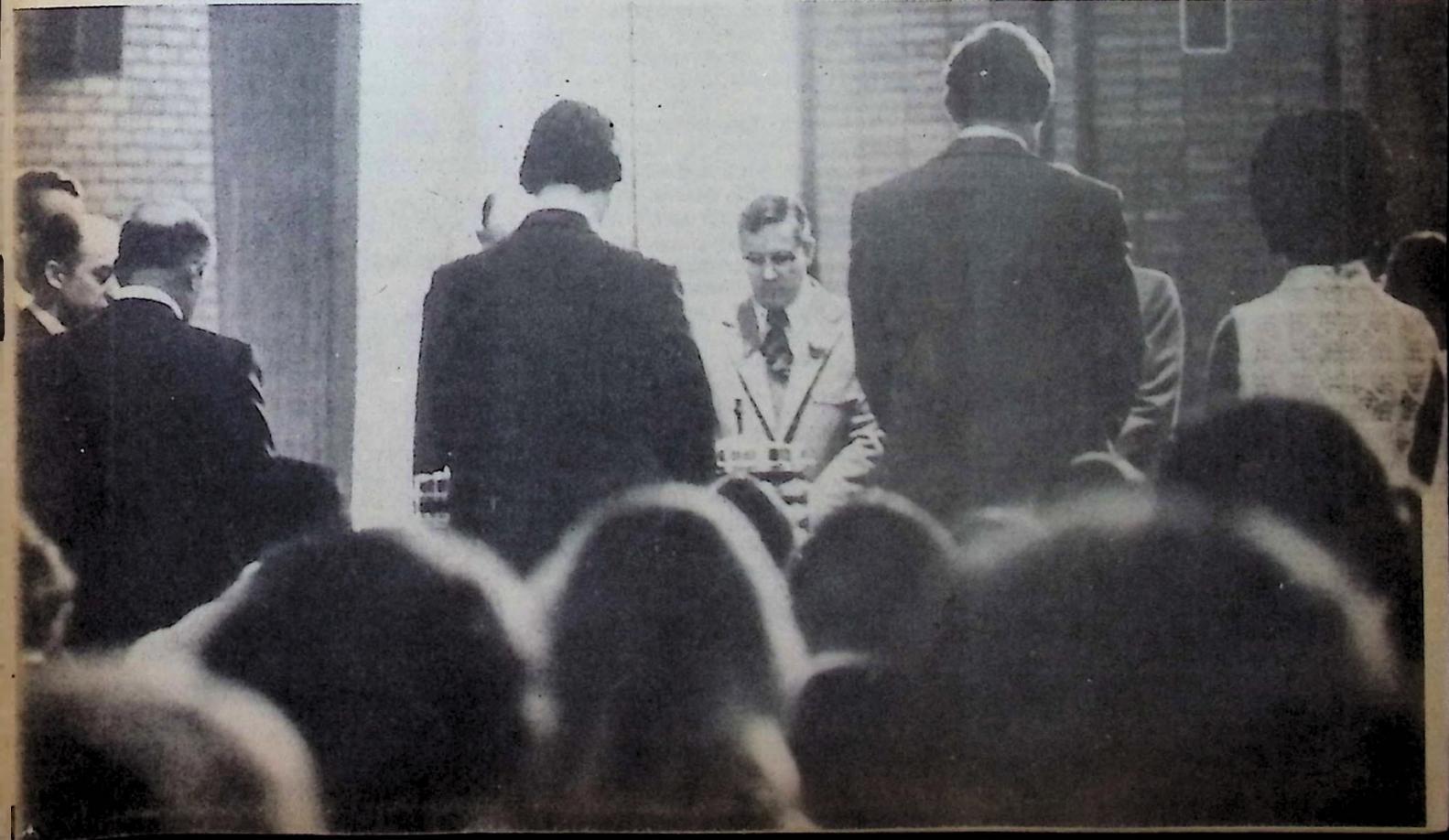
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MOMENT OF TRUTH



CHRIST IN THE SHOPPING CENTRE

Through Lay Witness methods, people from Brighton, Seacliff and Seacombe Heights Methodist churches were given an opportunity to encounter each other and Jesus Christ at the point of their faith. Brighton Gardens Church of Christ accepted an invitation to participate.

PLANNING AND PREPARATION

The Methodists and Church of Christ people fitted easily together as a planning committee. The sharing through a mutual awareness of Jesus Christ as the centre of our faith has been thrilling to say the least.

The planning and preparation did not occur without problems. I experienced joy and satisfaction but also anger, frustration and disappointment. I certainly acquired an understanding of expression of Christian forgiveness. Mutual sharing which occurred between committee members created positive reactions to difficult situations.

Many problems centred on the deficiencies of a church's knowledge of its people e.g. inadequate church roles, the difficulty of contact with "fringe" people previously neglected by the church.

God was active with us, in our frustration and in our satisfaction. His continuing presence provided the incentive and strength for our task.

VENUE FOR RALLIES

No church building was adequate for our needs. Council town halls were initially considered but were unavailable. The Marion Shopping Centre was suggested, and was available.

God in a shopping centre? People are there, 5½ days each week. We became accustomed to the venue somewhat tentatively but with growing anticipation. There was no need to create an atmosphere—it's there! The Centre breathes "people and life" as it is in 1973. After many instances of Christians



talking about witnessing in the Centre without action, at last we expressed God's presence there by participating and celebrating in the rallies.

The most significant fact is—this is only the beginning. Our churches have witnessed in a setting where upwards of 75,000 people are each week. The future is as broad as our vision.

THE LAY WITNESS WEEKEND

John Wesley said "The best of all is, God is with us." This expresses the accent of the weekend. Many people have commented on new and deeper communication, and encountering of each other and Jesus Christ.

There were disappointments—people not arriving at homes for supper groups when they had advised the hostess they would attend, difficulties in groups not functioning as was expected, instances of people "dominating" groups in relating their Christian experience and particular blessings—but overall there was significant sharing. Over 500 people met in 50 homes for supper groups. With that number of people discussing the personal relevance of Christianity on a Saturday evening; who could dare to say "God is dead?" His Spirit is alive and active at Brighton!

On the Sunday morning 200 teenagers shared breakfast. This included about 35 youths from Bethesda Chapel at Mitchell Park. They witnessed to our teenagers at the breakfast sharing their faith in Jesus Christ by testimony and song. A great morning!

The Saturday and Sunday evening rallies were each attended by between

600 and 700 people. Many of us were "rejoicing in the Lord" as people streamed in, many to attend the prayer meeting prior to each rally. The thrill of being part of Christians celebrating the reality of Jesus in the Shopping Centre setting was an experience I will long remember.

People were encouraged to bring their own seating or sit on the floor on rugs and cushions. 350 seats were provided. The atmosphere was one of informality and thrilling. Kevin Harvey led the rallies with Arthur Jackson as speaker. Lay people participated in each rally; the singing being led by a combined choir. On the Sunday evening the Baptist Youth Orchestra were involved. After the rally concluded, supper was shared on the "Quarterdeck," an area above the Centre Mall where each rally occurred.

For many people the Shopping Centre will never be the same again!

THE FUTURE

Christians of different denominations shared their faith. Physical and doctrinal differences were recognized and stated and placed in the right perspective.

The Lay Witness weekend was a beginning. On-going programmes are being planned including adult and youth groups and activities involving Methodist and Church of Christ people together; a combined emphasis in the ministry of the Christian church to the local community, and continuing use of the Marion Shopping Centre on an ecumenical basis. Many of our people will participate in future Lay Witness weekends.

—Bruce McKenzie,
Convener.

IS THE FAMILY DOOMED?

One in three. In 1972, statistics show that one in three marriages in the U.S. ended in divorce. In 1920, that figure was one in seven. Startling statistics if one believes that, like a pier resting on its pilings, society rests on its homes—and when those supports rot or are shaken, the society is in trouble. A broken home may cause shock waves that go on for generations to come, for children need the security and stability of the home.

Perhaps we need a new look at what marriage really is. Can married love, in fact, stay alive in the 1970's?

Some people predict radical changes in marriage styles. In "Future Shock" Alvin Toffler says that "a conventional marriage proves itself less and less capable of delivering on its promise of lifelong love . . . we can anticipate public acceptance of temporary marriages." The future marriage ritual may go, "I, John, take thee, Mary . . . for the next five years!"

Others suggest a two-level system. The first, a short-term marriage without childbearing or child-rearing responsibilities. The second, for those who graduate, would be exclusive, permanent, and available only to selected couples. One of the key issues is whether future marriage will be seen as a temporary fling, or a permanent commitment.

Religious leaders raised the same question with Jesus (Matthew 19:3-9). "Is it lawful," they asked, "to divorce one's wife for any cause?" Note carefully how Jesus answered: "Have you not read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one?' So

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they are no longer two but one. What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder." Jesus would not talk about divorce until he had talked about the purpose of marriage!

But, can we really expect people to live up to Jesus' teaching? Can we make his words into a law for a modern, pagan society, made up of selfish, secular people? Probably not. Jesus is giving the ideal. He is not legislating for society. Even Christians don't constantly live up to what Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount . . . "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce. But I say to you that every one who divorces his wife, except on the grounds of unchastity, makes her an adulteress; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery." (Matthew 5:31-32).

When Jesus spoke those words, the world was witnessing the breakup of marriage. Sadly, Christians themselves have not been excluded from divorce. Just as you can't unscramble eggs, there are some situations so mixed up they seem beyond repair. Yet even then God can forgive us, though scars may remain.

But, Jesus says, don't be cynical! Don't give in to the casual, quick-and-easy divorce and marriage that is all around us today. Remember God's original plan: one man; one woman; growing in love for a lifetime. With man, with you and me, that may be impossible. But with God, all things are possible! God can give us new hearts, new minds. Jesus Christ can put his mind in us, help us to see and treat husband or wife with his kind of love!

Sometimes it's said marriage is a 50-50 proposition. Don't you believe it! Of



course, in one sense a good marriage has to include giving in and adjusting to each other in many ways, big and small. But at the heart, marriage is no 50-50 deal. It's 100% give both ways! That's what Paul was driving at when he said, "As the Church is subject to Christ, so let wives also be subject in everything to this husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her." (Ephesians 5:24,25).

If you've got trouble in your marriage, says Jesus, don't begin by asking "what are the grounds for divorce?" Start by asking "what is God's plan for our marriage?" Never talk about divorce until you've thought about the purpose of marriage, and the possibility of reconciliation.

Long ago, Martin Luther said some wise words: "A change is a fast and easy thing, but an improvement is a rare and doubtful thing" and he added, "The best way to prevent divorce and other discord is for everyone to learn patience in putting up with the common faults and troubles of his station in life and to put up with them in his wife as well, knowing that we can never have everything just right, the way we would like to have it."

A marriage that begins . . . or begins again . . . at the foot of the Cross, is one in which we can say, "By God's grace I will love you, accept you, forgive you, as God has loved me, accepted me, forgiven me." There will still be problems to work out . . . but now we have some ground to walk on.

Don't wait for some other member of your family to take the first step, though it would be great if you could do it together. If you will submit your life totally to Jesus Christ he will come, deal with sin, crucify the self, and fill you with the joy, power and praise of His Holy Spirit! Here are seven words to change your home, if you will pray them and mean them: "Lord, change our home, beginning with me."

We asked Neil Gilmore —

WHAT IF . . .

The Roman Catholic Church applies to join The Victorian Council of Churches



The Visit of Cardinal Knox to the Annual Meeting of the Victorian Council of Churches (see 'Australian Christian', May 19, p. 10) came as the result of his expressed wish for opportunity to speak his appreciation of the assistance of the Council in the ecumenical aspects of the 40th. International Eucharistic Congress. However, in saying, "I intend to give our Ecumenical Commission the task of looking at the implications of full membership and see what fruits could be derived for our common Christian responsibility by such a sharing . . ." the Cardinal gave his visit unexpected significance. (He also exploded my carefully thought out speech in reply, in which I had planned to express the hope that this was not 'the end of the road'. Ever tried an impromptu speech in reply to a Cardinal!).

Now, WHAT IF? . . . what if the Roman Catholic Church does make application for full membership in the VCC? The process is clear. An application comes to the Council—no church can be invited to become a member—and is then referred to member churches before being brought to a vote at a meeting of the full Council, where acceptance by at least two thirds majority is required.

CATHOLIC MEMBERSHIP and the Consequences.

On the credit side, Catholic membership would strengthen the whole Council and its work. The VCC would immediately become more representative of the churches in Victoria—the Lutheran Church alone of the major churches remaining outside the Council, and they have 'observer' status along with the Catholic Church at present. There are distinctive contributions to be made by the Catholic Church especially in the areas of devotion, witness and lay involvement, which would become available to all.

Again, the whole interchurch operation in Victoria would be much simplified. The present system of setting up parallel groups, one working with the members of the Council and one for the VCC plus Catholic, is both cumbersome and expensive, in more ways than one. The total operation of joint action must become easier from the point of structure mechanics at least.

The Roman Catholic would hold parity in representation with the Anglican Church—each with 40 delegates out 196. Churches of Christ have eight—population-wise strictly proportionate! Thus Catholic membership offers more personnel for working groups and committees. Further, I guess the added affiliation fees would do the Treasurer's heart good, when the budget is as tight as the VCC's.

On the debit side, the wide difference of theological viewpoint and social attitudes within the VCC as a result of Catholic membership must make it more difficult to come to a common mind. On many issues, both social and theological, a common mind would be virtually impossible. Decision making and the action process may thus be made both more difficult and slowed down.

R. N. Gilmore is Chairman of the Victorian Council of Churches. He is also the minister to our Brighton Church, Vic., and minister-elect to Canberra. In view of the concern expressed by some concerning possible Roman Catholic membership of the Council, we asked Mr Gilmore to comment.

Here some real questions arise. Can the Catholic Church live with the prospect of being voted down on some issue of importance and have the VCC make a statement contrary to the official stance of the Catholic Church? (There is no way in which any church can hold power of veto in the council). That is a Catholic problem.

On the other hand, can the VCC live with a member church dissociating itself from the Council's position at any point? This is not a new question for the Councils in this country—it has happened before and it will happen again. However, if not a problem for the VCC, the question of the Council's authority to speak in the name of all may well be critical for the Catholics.

The possibility of the withdrawal of some present member churches as a consequence of Catholic membership cannot be overlooked. Here the question is—Is the VCC better with the Catholics in and some others out? Or, is it better to maintain the present situation with the others in and Catholics as observers? That the VCC and member churches must decide.

CATHOLIC MEMBERSHIP and Theological Questions.

For my own part, one of the most positive outcomes of the Congress is the freedom and honesty with which we can now face our differences with the Catholic Church. We can celebrate the rich Christian experience which we share and we can honestly face the frightening gulfs that lie between us. Some want to see the ecumenical movement as facing a dilemma of truth or love, thereby misunderstanding the ecumenical process. Truth and love can only be opposed if the first becomes a proposition and the second a sentiment. The New Testament held them together in a Person. That, too, has been my experience in the ecumenical movement. "Nothing is so foreign to the spirit of ecumenism as a false irenicism (peace) which harms the purity of Catholic doctrine and obscures its assured genuine meaning." (Vatican II, Decree on Ecumenism) Read 'Churches of Christ' for Catholic and you have my stance and experience exactly.

"How can you, who claim to be the 'one true Church' come into Council-membership with those whom you most consider 'less than true Church'? Can the 'one true Church' accept a position of being out-voted by 'less than true Church'?" These were my questions in a joint working group. Reaching for the Vatican II documents, my Catholic friend replied, "Yes, we are bad at that, but not as bad as some others!" ". . . all who Christ; they therefore have a right to be called Christians and with good reason are accepted as brothers by the children of the Catholic Church . . . Moreover, some, even very many of the most significant elements and endowments which together build up and give life to the church itself, can exist outside the visible boundaries of the Catholic Church . . ." (Vatican II, Decree on Ecumenism). Read 'Churches of Christ for Catholic and see how it sounds! Many Catholic formulations to which we take exception express the particular self-understanding of that church. My own self-understanding of churches of Christ elements leads me to say that if I did not believe that all the elements of the true church are found in Churches of Christ, then I would not be part of Churches of Christ. Furthermore I would be of no use in ecumenical discussion, as representative of churches of Christ, if I did not hold that conviction, plus a willingness to recognise those true elements in other traditions.

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Kosuke Koyama

A Japanese theologian who was a featured speaker at the Churches of Christ World Convention in Adelaide in 1970 will return to Australia as one of the principal lecturers at the 1973 Conference of the Aust. and N.Z. Society for Theological studies. He is the author

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of two books, "Water Buffalo Theology," and "Five Minute Theology."

Dr. Kosuke Koyama is a minister of the United Church of Christ in Japan and Dean of the East Asia School of Theology in Singapore. His two lectures at the A.N.Z.S.T.S. conference will be concerned with "The Struggle of Asian Theology Today." The conference will be held at St. Andrew's College, Univ. of Sydney, Aug. 20-24, 1973.

Other speakers will be Professor Edward Hamel, a Roman Catholic theologian, Professor G. R. Dunstan, Anglican, and Dr. Max Charlesworth, Reader in Philosophy at the Univ. of Melbourne.



Further information and registration forms are available from Rev. Dr. D'Arcy Wood, Secretary, ANZST, P.O. 111, Brickfield Hill, N.S.W., 2000. Registrations close July 27.

Status of Women

The N.S.W. State Council of the Australian Council of Churches has established the first Commission on the Status of Women to be appointed by an Australian church body.

Key aims of the new Commission are encouragement of the full participation of women in the life of the church and society, and the removal of all discrimination on the grounds of sex.

Proposed areas for study and action include discriminatory attitudes against women and restrictions on their participation in society. Among the particular issues to be considered will be the place of women in the ministry and the decision-making bodies of the churches, discriminatory language, and the role of women's organisations

The Commission will also investigate areas where women are not getting a fair go in society, including equal pay and employment opportunities, the need for child care facilities, legal aid, and conditions and pay of lower-income women.

Missionaries die

Two American missionaries died in captivity in Vietnam, according to data the Communists turned over to U.S. officials after the signing of the ceasefire agreement.

Both were taken prisoner at Ban Me Thuot during the Tet offensive that began in late January, 1968. Betty Olsen, a nurse who served under the Christian and Missionary Alliance, reportedly died on Sept. 26 of that year at the age of 33. The date of death of Henry Blood, who worked with Wycliffe Bible Translators was given as October 17, 1972. No other details were provided.

Still unaccounted for are three missionaries seized at a CMA leprosarium in the Ban Me Thuot area in 1962. They have not been heard from since, and they did not appear on the lists of prisoners provided by the Communists in Paris. They are Dr. Eleanor Ardel Vietti, 45, the Reverend Archie Mitchell, 54, and Dan Gerber, 32

In all, at least fourteen missionaries are known to have been killed in the Indo-China war.

—"Christianity Today".

INNER SPRINGS

The constancy of God



The feeding of the cows over, we mounted the tractor and made our way down the steep hillside towards home. How lovely it all was! Blue mountains forming a backdrop for wooded hills that swept down to merge into green meadows, where the river wound its way like a silver scarf through the valley. The sky was a miracle of splendour. Cloud castles piled high one upon another over which the setting sun had cast a soft radiance, creating a scene of unforgettable beauty. Then as a last generous gesture nature flung a rainbow into the vast canopy of space. No words were necessary to express our sudden delight and we remained silent wrapped in a rich contentment.

After some moments my friend asked, "What is a rainbow for?" My answer had nothing of science in it, but in that moment it seemed the only right one. "It is a promise" I replied, "between God and man." And I briefly told the story of Noah. "You mean for keeps," he said. "Yes, for keeps. God does not break His promises." "I have set my bow in the cloud and it shall be for a token of a covenant between Me and the earth." God said, "that while the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." And He has kept His promise, fulfilling all man's earthly needs. Then came the time when He made the most sublime promise of all. Isaiah speaks of it. "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign. Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son."

God's only Son sent to fulfill man's spiritual needs. And He in turn gave His own priceless promise—"I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am, ye may be also."

Yes, His promises are for keeps. What of ours? Eternal Father, forgive us where we have failed to keep our promises to Thee and to each other. Make us strong of purpose to keep our given word.

Genesis 8:21-22 9:1-16

Amen.
FLORENCE ROSIER

TODAY'S CHILDREN

By B. V. Coventry

Today is a day of children. Constantly we hear of conditions under which children live that causes grave anxiety for their welfare, then at other times we hear of achievements and successes which are a cause for thanksgiving.

We hear of dramatic appeals for Korean Orphans, Vietnamese Orphans, refugee children, stateless children, children of leper parents, children of poverty stricken homeless parents, children unwanted, unloved, homeless, and destitute. Half of the world's population is under 19 and millions are in real want.

There are some children in whom we have a specific interest for we contribute personally to their support. There are others who claim a share in our thoughts and prayers for they are in institutions where our churches support work overseas. Then there are children of our missionaries, sometimes almost forgotten but always in need of our prayerful thought.

Political, social, and economic changes in the land where they live temporarily affect them sometimes very severely. Some of these children travel up to 1000 miles to live in a Boarding School for much of their school life. Rail journeys are occasionally too hazardous because of riots and disturbances in areas through which trains have to pass. Occasionally a train is not only stoned, fired on, or derailed but completely burnt out.

August next year will see the end of an era of great service to missionary and European business peoples' children, when the Hebron High School, Coonoor, closes. The girls who are left will go to the Lushington School at Ootacamund 12 miles away, and this school will become a co-educational institution. Life is not easy for many a parent and child separated by long distances. Many a missionary parent looks back with gratitude to those who played such an important part, not just in the academic achievements of their children, but in the appreciation of Christian principles which they came to understand while there. In the same way many a poor peasant looks back on the institutions which our missionaries have run over long years to give to their children new visions, new appreciations, new hope.

What chance have today's children in tomorrow's world, particularly in these developing countries. For many, particularly in over-populated lands, nothing but hardships, uncertain employment, and suffering without the

assistance that our Childrens' Homes can give.

In independent New Guinea many of our young people will have opportunities outside of their village area that their parents never knew existed. In the New Hebrides more and more of our young people are obtaining government

scholarships for studies overseas which inevitably lead to big changes in their lives, and those of people near to them. In India the ever increasing population, set against heart rending famines inevitably means that only those who have had educational opportunities have any chance of secure employment.



The parents of the lads of this small rural Boy's Home at Dhorja are facing a desperate situation because of the famine. They are unable to provide even the \$2 or \$3 that normally they try to give each year for the clothing and keep of their boys while in the Home.

Hunger is a daily experience for many of the parents, and they are grateful for what is being done for their children.

However, almost half of the lads of this small Boy's Home are still without supporters in Australia. Pandhrinath Bhalerao, the one in charge here, was himself a lad in this Home 20 years ago. Following his graduation as a B.A. B.D. he has given himself to the service of these lads. These children are some of tomorrow's adults. What will their future be?

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

(Swanston Street, Melb., A. Webb) The Third Annual Missionary Convention of Swanston St. Church, Melb., had as guest speaker, Bishop Stanway. He proved to be — "God's man for the hour", and his gracious practical ministry left a deep and lasting impression. The personal, homely audio visuals from each of our Swanston St. missionaries, the musical contribution of our soloists and instrumentalists, and the powerful preaching all contributed to make this a weekend that we shall never forget.

The Friday and Saturday evening rallies saw about 100 present at each, 35 shared in the Prayer Breakfast, about 80 in the Youth Tea, and both Sunday services were in excess of 200.

The response to the Love Gift Offering

received at the final service was truly magnificent with upward of \$2,250 being given. This included \$500 for the establishment of our Mission Field Visitation Fund. The response to the Faith Promise Offering was also most encouraging, as thus far, an amount of \$74 per week has been promised (as compared with \$54 last year). There were also personal responses. Two Asian students have indicated a "call from God" to undertake missionary service within their home countries, while other Australian students have been similarly challenged.

To all who supported the Convention so wonderfully by gifts, prayers and presence, we say a very sincere thank you.

GOES MOBILE IN N.Z.

Plans for the 7th National Youth Convention, January 1975, are now taking shape, and the first details will be released soon, said Federal Board of Christian Education Director, Richard Lawton, on his return from New Zealand.

During the 2½ weeks Mr. Lawton worked with the New Zealand D.C.E., he met with the Christchurch N.Y.C. Arrangements Committee, senior Tourist Bureau personnel, University authorities, bus proprietors and caterers. He also met with key young people in Dunedin, and with the Churches of Christ District Committee in Dunedin, travelled over most of the route of the mobile section of the Convention, and visited schools in which the Convention will be accommodated.

The Convention will begin and conclude in Christchurch, where conventioners will be accommodated in the new and well-appointed Halls of Residence of the University.

For six of the ten days the Convention

will move around the South Island. Scenic features will include the breathtaking Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers, fascinating Shantytown, West Coast rain forests, Arthur's Pass and the Haast Pass, beautiful Queenstown and Milford Sound. Opportunities will be given for trail riding, jet boating, and tramping.

Leading New Zealanders, as well as Australian directors, will be involved in workshops and Bible studies. Conventioners will experience worship in New Zealand churches.

Wally Heyworth, a prominent Christchurch businessman, is chairing the local arrangements committee.

During June, Mrs. Avril Chapman, field-worker for the New Zealand D.C.E., is in Australia, visiting all mainland states to publicize the Convention. She has already featured at Sydney's Youthquake and Queensland's Teen Week, and has many meetings with young people arranged in the other States.

The Convention is an important item on the agenda of the annual conference of the Federal Board of Christian Education as it meets this month at Monbulk, Victoria.

HOW IT HAPPENS

How does it happen that "Immediate magazine, a guide to the use of media and pop culture, manages to preview a pop song well in advance of its popularity in the charts? Once "immediate", published by the Joint Board of Christian Education, became established, some of the major record distributors responded to a request for preview records. "Immediate" keeps you up to date despite the time taken in the publication process.

A feature of the June issue is the self study sheets for use with the Joint Board's book "Superstar" (75c) based on "Jesus Christ Superstar". The self-study sheets, which may be reproduced without permission, were developed for use at a youth camp and have been tested in action. They can be recommended for use in youth classes, groups or camps.

"Immediate" is available only on direct subscription from the Joint Board of Christian Education, 147 Collins Street, Melbourne, 3000 (\$2 p.a., six issues p.a., payment accompanying order).

WORD TALK NO. 76

A.B.C. OF THE BIBLE

Even those with an elementary knowledge of Greek know that there are four Greek words for the one English word "love." The first word applies to love between the sexes and usually means sexual desire. It is not used in the N.T. The second word refers to family affection. It is also not in the N.T. but a related adjective appears in Rom.12:10 as "brotherly affection." The third word refers to the friendship between friends, parents and children (Matt.10:37— between Jesus and Lazarus (Jn.11:3,36), between Jesus and John (Jn.20:2). It is only occasionally used in the N.T. The fourth word applies to Christian love. It is not found in classical Greek and in the writers between the O.T. and the N.T. it was growing in its content. Jesus and his followers gave this word "love" a new and higher content. Only this word can describe Christian love and it is used 250 times in the N.T.

Nothing else can describe what Jesus meant by love. Neither the expressions of sexual union, family affection or close friendship can adequately describe his concept of love. These other words are all emotionally motivated. Christianity spoke of love as an attitude of mind and will, not as an emotion of the heart. Therefore, a Christian can be commanded to love, even people they do not like, even their enemies (Matt.5:43-8) and persecutors (Lk.6:27) because your feelings toward them do not create your love. Christian love is achievement of mind and will not just an emotional warmth towards those we like. God is just and good, seeking the best for both good and evil men. Christian love is like that. It seeks the good for all men. Only when we understand this can we apply Augustine's dictum "Love God and do what you like"—if you truly love as a Christian you can only do those things which are for the good of all.

DICTIONARY. Christian love is unconquerable goodwill towards all men.

LOVE

FOR TODAY.

Love means nothing in tennis but everything in Christianity.

Christ did not command us to love our enemies in the warm family affection we have for parents or child. That is impossible. He commands us to care for everyone and to seek the highest good for them. We can do that even for people we do not like if we put our mind to it.

Twentieth century Christians need to put content back into the word love as Jesus did. Love has been emptied by Hollywood, mis-used by pornographic magazines and sugar-coated by women's novels. Content is required! Invincible goodness toward other people is what Christians must stress.

No-one can have Christian love except a Christian. Other people may like or care for people but invincible goodwill requires the power of Christ to love as he loved.

Christian love is not blind sentimentality (2 Cor.2:4). It does see the faults, wickedness and cruelty of other people but by sheer disciplined goodwill toward them the Christian seeks their improvement. That sort of love will still discipline, correct and encourage, not overlook, evade or avoid their faults.

Erich Fromm said that true love is an art that must be learnt and it is best seen in the overcoming of separation between people. Paul Tillich indicated that only Christian love can give the deepest meaning to the other three expressions of love. Only Christian love can give the deepest meaning to sexual union, family relationships and personal friendship.

GORDON MOYES.

OPEN FORUM

Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the management or editorial panel. Correspondents are requested to say only what is true, kind, necessary, and Christian, and to say it in no more than 250 words.

MASS INVITATION DECLINED

To the Editor

In the issue of 19/5/73 a press release from the Victorian Council of Churches was quoted. No doubt through the lack of space, parts of the fairly lengthy statement were omitted. After indicating that the chairman of the V.C.C. has said that he was delighted with the indications of closer co-operation with the Roman Catholic church, the full text continued that he also said "that the V.C.C. members were discovering a new opening of doors, a new honesty, and a new ability to love one another. There are still many differences unreconciled, but there is joy that we can celebrate so much together". Those present at recent meetings when this matter has been discussed have heard forthright statements which clearly indicate that the differences between the Protestant and Roman Catholic churches are not being glossed over.

In the earlier correspondence on the Eucharistic Congress, some writers showed that they were unaware of one important fact. Invitations for Churches of Christ to be represented were accepted only for some of the meetings. When the Mass was to be celebrated, the invitation was declined. This position was arrived at after careful and prayerful thought that took into account the differing attitudes to the Roman Catholic Church in our Brotherhood, the fact that there are important areas, like the Mass, where we differ greatly from that church, but also the fact that it is our responsibility to express the unity which the Spirit has given already.

In this matter we seek to combine love with

a frank facing of the issues. Both are essential for ecumenical dialogue, indeed, for being Christian.

K. R. Bowes (chairman
Vic-Tas Dept. of
Christian Union)
I. E. Allsop (secretary).

THE POPE

To the Editor,

The letters by C. W. Jackel and Dr. Geoff. Hall in "A.C." 19-5-73, are commendable and timely. We truly need a closer unity of the Lord's people, but not a unity that would subscribe to any unscriptural doctrine.

The Bible states the time would come when people will not endure sound doctrine. That applies not only to the past but also to our day and generation.

Is there any scriptural authority of the appointment of a man to be known as a Pope and to be referred to as the "vicar of Christ" and "The Holy Father". The latter was frequently used when the Pope visited Sydney a few years ago.

The Lord help us to manifest the Christian spirit to all people and also to stand for sound doctrine as demanded by Christ the Head of the Church.

Fred. Norwood, Qld.

TIMES ARE A-CHANGING

To the Editor,

There come times when a Christian has to stand up and be counted and bear the shame of a name. I am a friend of the World Council of Churches. Thus because I believe God is at work in the Council and in the Roman Catholic

Church in a way that the world has not seen before. Those who criticise are 40 years behind the times. Where the Bible is being read and God's spirit is at work we can safely leave the result to Him.

The Roman Catholic Church was not asked to join the Council. They did make an approach and were told that they would have to themselves apply for membership. This they felt unable to do. The relevant facts that a statement of the Christian aims and principles of the World Council of Churches are available by writing to their office.

Frank Griffiths, W.A.

GRAHAM IN KOREA

(SEOUL, Korea.) Evangelist Billy Graham closed his five-day Seoul, Korea, Crusade before a crowd estimated by the police and officials as more than 1,100,000 people. In five days Dr. Graham had preached to over three million people. This is more people than attended his 16-week Crusade in New York City in 1957 which was the largest total attendance until he came to Seoul.

The Crusade has been backed by virtually all of the 1600 Protestant churches in Seoul; Catholics, Buddhists, and Confucianists were in the enthusiastic crowds by the thousands.

For weeks the Christians of Korea had been meeting by the thousands in prayer meetings. Signs announcing the Crusade were everywhere. Giant balloons were all over the city announcing the Crusade. By the time Dr. Graham arrived in Korea 10 days ago, the expectancy had reached almost fever pitch among the Christians.

The Crusade was held at the YoiDo Plaza on the banks of the famous Han River with a capacity for more than a million people. The crowd total was calculated by scientific and electronic means, according to the Executive Committee which arranged the Crusade. The attendance figures are not just estimates.

The Korean church has been growing at the rate of four times the population. It has been doubling every 10 years. Dr. Graham said, "It is the fastest growing church in the world."

Church leaders and government officials were enthusiastic in their assessment of the Crusade. Dr. Kyung Chik Han, pastor of the largest Presbyterian church in the world, said, "It is a new epoch in the history of the Korean church and a new beginning for Christian unity and cooperation in our church." Dr. Okgill Kim, president of Ewha University and a participant in many World Council of Churches events, said, "The impact of this evangelistic Crusade is a demonstration of the oneness of our Christian faith in Korea." Dr. Sam Moffett, leading Presbyterian missionary, who was born and reared in Korea, says, "It is a history-making turning point in the history of Christianity in Asia."

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

CATHOLICS HAVE THEIR PROBLEMS TOO!

To the Editor,

I remember reading about an American called Carl McIntyre who came to Australia about twenty years ago to warn us about the sins of the W.C.C. I'd forgotten all about him until I read in the paper about his Roman Catholic counterpart, a certain Yves Dupont.

Mr. McIntyre lambasted the W.C.C. as modernistic, humanistic, Communistic, and leaning dangerously towards Rome. Mr. Dupont sees the recent Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne as evidence that the Roman Catholic Church is sliding into Protestantism, modernism, humanism and heresy.

Mr. McIntyre and his boys turned up at one venue of a W.C.C. conference and "demonstrated" outside, before any one else had heard of demonstrations. Next time round he ran an opposition world assembly in the same city as the W.C.C. assembly. Mr. Dupont and his mates are planning to run an opposition "old-time religion" congress next time the Eucharistic Congress comes round.

Mr. McIntyre started a rival group to the W.C.C., called the I.C.C.C., Mr. Dupont is sending out thousands of news letters to mobilize his friends in the Roman church against the "ecumenism and democracy" that is creeping into their church.

Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Dupont are probably as far apart as any two people could be . . . but they ought to get together some time and swap ideas. They do have one thing in common. Both are absolutely certain that they are directly motivated by the Lord.

Hoping you are the same,
Tertius.

HOSEA ON TOUR

The play HOSEA that started in obscurity at Oakleigh, Vic., has now reached Tasmania. An invitation has been accepted by the Oakleigh Church of Christ Drama Group to present two performances in the Princess Theatre, Launceston, in July.

The theme the wonderful story of love and forgiveness in the book of Hosea.

The skill and talent of the two Salvation Army men, John Gowans and John Larsson, took this story and wove it into a wonderful musical drama.

Finally the dedication and effort of the cast of 46 successfully bridged the 'generation gap'; from 5 year old children, school-children, teenagers, through to grandparents who gave their time and talent to present Hosea full of



NEW SOUTH WALES

"COME ALIVE" (Wyoming, D. J. Gurney) The "Come Alive" crusade with John Timms as leader, resulted in four being baptised and welcomed into fellowship. The special crusade offering was \$142 . . . An emergency "Food for India" project realised \$567 in five weeks and was an exercise in practical Christianity. The missionary project "Laundry for Duindui" has now been resumed with a target of \$425 by the end of June . . . The sympathy of the church is offered to the Harris family in the deaths of Mrs Harris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Quinn, within five weeks of each other . . . A delegation from the Men's Fellowship shared in a games night with the men of Asquith church.

CAR TRIAL (Hornsby, D.A. Oldfield) C.W.F. conducted a car trial on June 11, with Cherry Park, Kurrajong Heights, as ultimate destination. Proceeds were for State C.W.F. project, Renovation of a Mission Home at Norseman. \$52 was realised . . . The staff and boys from Boys' Home, Pendle Hill, were guests at Harvest Festival on June 17. This day was sponsored by the B.S. and H. Bishop, B.S. Supt., presented goods brought for the occasion to T. Smith, the manager. Guest speaker for morning service was Bruce Roberts, minister at Chinchilla, Qld.

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music; action, humour and touching realism.

The music from Hosea was originally planned to be sung by youth at evening services, but when Terry Clift made his gifted musical and dramatic talents available to the group, the seed of an idea grew in the mind of Mrs Beryl Miles. From her great experience she realised the opportunity that God had placed within the reach of these young people.

Others who gave specialised assistance included Miss Jean Milne, who soon had 'blackbirds singing like nightingales' and Miss Anne Penrose, who turned awkward and selfconscious amateurs into a co-ordinated and confident acting team.

Mrs Alison Walpole (pianist), Hugh Walpole (drummer), Greg Maidment (guitarist), lighting experts, ticket sellers, audio-technicians, John and Kenneth Briggs who have made this production available on record all combined in teamwork and fellowship to present a moving drama of life.

SETTLING IN (North Perth, E. B. Clapp) Mr. and Mrs. Clapp and John have settled into the ministry . . . Working bees have made much needed improvements to the manse . . . A successful Men's Tea was followed by a Seminar on Worship . . . Our small youth group combines with City, Dianella, and Inglewood for some activities . . . Beth Clapp and her organ, Wendy Brigatti and Mr Freeman provided the programme for a P.S.A. on May 20 . . . The film strip "Christian Witness" is running as a serial on Sunday nights . . .

John Sara spoke to the church on the B. & F.B.S. . . . Sewing day for Social Service enabled the C.W.F. to prepare a large parcel of garments for welfare work . . .

DOLLS AND TOYS (Bunbury, G. Carlake) Over 1000 dolls and toys were on display in the hall for two weeks in May school holidays. More than 2000 attended. Good T.V, radio and newspaper coverage was given locally. Mrs. MacGregor created the display and assisted in presentation . . . Combined Bible studies on the Person, Work, and Unity of the Holy Spirit were held for three weeks in our church and Roman Catholic and Methodist churches. . . . Matron Brand of Bethesda Hospital, spoke to the South West C.W.F. rally in Bunbury . . . G. R. Stirling led a Bible study with over 50 present . . . Tanya Lucy and Trevor Walsh were leaders at brotherhood youth camps.

WOMEN OF THE WEST

Mrs D.M. Hughes, President, presided when 60 ladies attended the June Auxiliary meeting. The Past-President, Mrs D.R. Manning, was welcomed back after her recent illness.

Mrs Hughes expressed best wishes to Mrs A.H. Walkington and Mrs E.C. Smith for their sojourn overseas. Mrs Collins and Mrs Isaac were welcomed back after their Singapore trip. Mrs John Fabry led the morning meditations and Mrs B. Wells led in prayer of intercession.

Miss Dorothy Geyer has been visiting the State and stimulating interest and concern in Overseas Missions, and the Indian field in particular. Her itinerary covers churches from Carnarvon in the north to Busselton in the south and as far as Kalgoorlie in the east. 100 attended the Overseas Mission Rally in the Christian Centre when Miss Geyer spoke on "Fellowship with the Saviour." Past missionaries Miss Helen Maiden, New Hebrides, and Mrs Roger Ryall, India, and Mrs Paul Williams, missionary-elect to New Guinea also spoke and added special interest. Having given 18 years service in India, Miss Geyer will return to India in September.

Points for Prayer and Praise

- * For the new C.W.F. at Thornlie.
- * For the newly constituted church at Warwick.

- * For Mr & Mrs Roy Aitken at Carnarvon Mission Centre.

- * That the monsoon rains will fall on the parched land of India.

- * We thank our heavenly Father for protecting our President, Mrs Hughes and her husband, in a serious car accident recently.

—Dora Gordon, Secretary.

MARRIED IN CHURCH

(Czechoslovakia)—Since 1966, the number of church weddings, baptisms, and funerals in this country has risen nearly 50 percent. As a result, Communist leaders have stepped up attacks on Christians. Through government-controlled newspapers and radio, Czechs are being warned that "your attitudes will inevitably become anti-communist if you cling to the church and support it."

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Too busy for regrets

By Allan Lee

After eight years and two attempts, I finally stood in the Albert Schweitzer Hospital shaking hands with Dr. Larimer Mellon who made it all possible. Challenged earlier by the life of the great German doctor-philosopher-musician for whom he named his hospital center, Larry Mellon took his millions, invested them in medical study, sought out the most needed place in the world for a hospital and built it deep in the heart of Haiti.

Today, wearing work clothes and sandals, carrying a large Panama-style hat to protect him from the blazing Haitian sun, Dr. Mellon will be seen doing much community work. Laying pipelines from the high mountains, he will direct the building of fountains or showers so these poverty-stricken people will have clean water for drinking and bathing. Public health nursing is high on his priority list as they attempt to bring good nutrition to the children of the Artibonite Valley.

In the hospital, he will show you the modern wards, pharmacy, operating rooms, clinic, TB isolation sections, library and dining facilities. Here they gave a man a new nose because his original one had been eaten away by Yaws disease. The good doctor pointed out another fellow who had his mouth straightened after having it twisted out of shape as the result of a severe burn. In a special room I was shown how they care for little children born with tetanus or tuberculosis due to their mothers condition.

Larry Mellon could be a doctor in the finest hospitals in America making a big salary. But he serves in Haiti. I asked him if he had any regrets in making such a decision to come to this almost God-forsaken land. "I am too busy to think about having regrets", he told me.

Too busy for regrets! Too busy caring for humanity! Too busy giving people new bodies for old ones! Too busy bringing hope in the midst of their despair! Too busy sharing his one life with hundreds of thousands of lost and lonely souls in this Caribbean island.

When you haven't anything to do, remember this busy unselfish doctor, working on behalf of the Great Physician bringing hope and healing in Jesus' name. And perhaps you'll take your life and resources and get to work real soon at some needed humanitarian cause.

Prayer: Take away our idle moments and make us responsible, caring Christians.
Amen.

Dr. Allan W. Lee is
General Secretary
World Convention of Churches of Christ

EXPLORER BOYS RAISE \$1000 FOR NEW GUINEA

Early after his appointment to the Mission Fields at Bunapas, former Explorer Boys' Club Leader, Ted Gray, was asked to nominate a project for the Explorers to work for during the 1972 year, as a service for others.

Ted suggested an outboard motor for one of the boats, or some tools which could be used in the mechanical work on the mission field. But he mentioned a desperate need for finance to build new dormitories for the boys and girls from the out-lying villages who come into the station for their education. The ones in which they lived were old, the roofs leaked and it was just as wet inside as it was outside.

The Explorers decided to try and raise the \$1,560 required and under the organisation of George Hall of our Footscray club, the project was launched.

At the closing date, May 31, 1973 a total of \$1031 had been raised by 24 clubs and some personal donations from friends who have been interested in this worthwhile cause.

The dormitory has been built and the children are dry again, thanks partially to the service of the Explorer Boys' Clubs affiliated with the Vic./Tas. Department of Christian Education.

-F. Jones, Explorer Exec.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

DO YOU KNOW THIS STORY?

1. It was told by a prophet to a king to show the king what a great wrong he had done.
2. It was about a lamb and part of the point was that the king used to care for lambs when he was a boy.
3. The story ended with "Thou art the man!"

(see answer on page 18)

Did you hear about the teenager who plans to run away from home just as soon as she gets a long enough telephone extension cord?

In the modern home,
Be it poor or rich,
The child is one thing
Not controlled by a
switch!
Elizabeth Lathrop Powers

Are you the type of sight-seer whose motto is: Stop, Look and Litter?

"I'm in a tough spot," the small boy said to his mother. "The teacher says I must write better, and if I do, she will find out that I can't spell."



We may be setting some kind of record.



"RESURRECTION, A SYMBOL OF HOPE", Lloyd Geering. (Hodder & Stoughton)

"LIVING BEFORE YOU DIE" Fred Brown (SCM)

These are two very different books, but they are related sufficiently to be treated together.

Lloyd Geering, who underwent a heresy trial in New Zealand after some of his earlier writings, writes a scholarly book in which he examines the evidence for the historicity of the Resurrection, and assesses its significance for the modern Christian.

Geering wipes the Resurrection off as an Historical event in the normal sense of those words. He is convinced that the bones of Jesus still lie somewhere in Israel, and that there is no resurrection of the body for other people.

However, he is also convinced that the concept of resurrection (as he interprets it) lies at the heart of Christianity, and that resurrection to a new attitude to life and a new state of being provides hope for modern man if he can set his sights on Jesus Christ.

It is true that many people find the idea of Jesus' resurrection and ours hard to swallow. This reviewer, however, finds Geering's arguments even harder to swallow. They are full of implications which are not necessarily implied. Even five years after "The Resurrection: History or Myth" (Pamphlet Club No. 154), I still fail to see that there is much hope for modern man in a resurrection concept which has no foundation in historical fact.

Fred Brown is a former Salvation Army officer from Britain. He writes a much more popular work for the SCM Book Club.

Brown does not come straight out to tell us where he stands on some of the issues. Rather, he pleads for understanding—and rightly so—for people who cannot buy many of the Church's traditional doctrines and practices.

He talks of resurrection as a present experience in much the same way as Geering does. He emphasizes the need for the church to update many of its practices and its attitudes towards secular man.

Would that more people could have at least the experience and the faith which Brown describes and the hope which Geering places before us.

But it will be a nebulous faith, experience and hope, and a more unlikely one, if we cannot accept the events which are part of the power and purpose of God. —R.W.L.

THE QUEST FOR POWER

By Paul Barnett and Peter Jensen (Anzea Publishers)

This is a study of the neo-pentecostal movement which is growing in strength. These two Anglicans have some doubts about it. They think too much stress is placed on the fact that "it works" instead of asking the basic question, "is it true?". Although they acknowledge that the neo-pentecostals have made some positive contributions they repudiate many of the teachings of the modern charismatic group.

THE HOLY MAID OF KENT

By Alan Neame (Hodder & Stoughton) \$12.00

This is the story of Elizabeth Barton (1506-1534) who was the first victim of Henry VIII's religious reformation. The author is Alan Neame, literary editor of the Jerusalem Bible, who recently produced a modern version of the Psalms.

Elizabeth Barton had visions, or claimed to have them, and made prophecies that disturbed the whole realm. Her courage, piety, and outspokenness gained for her great influence and the so-called evidence that led to her execution is so petty and trivial that it makes one angry at the injustice, which is a bit silly since there is no place to express one's anger.

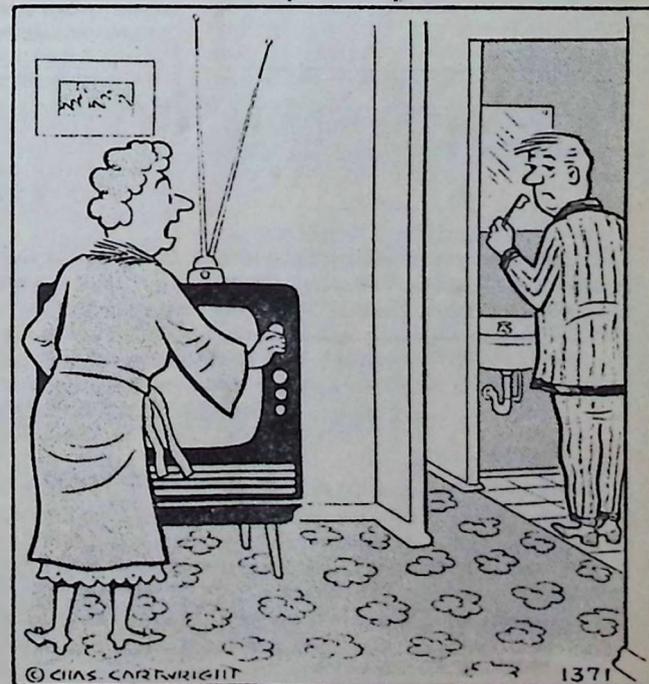
Neame had to dig long and deep for his material, for anything favourable to the Maid was destroyed by her enemies, and most of the source papers were written by those same enemies. If it had not been for one Elizabethan antiquary who salvaged one old pamphlet and transcribed into his own book, we would have only government-inspired documents to tell of her early life.

And it was the government that was so strong against her, for king and nobles were afraid. When Henry determined to marry Anne Boleyn, the Maid rebuked him to his face and prophesied his doom. So strong an influence did she exert that the King sought his safety in her death. The course of the Church of England away from Rome might even have been reversed if the Maid had continued to grow in authority. We may well think that this would not have been a good thing, the Roman Church had forfeited its right to give spiritual leadership to the people of England, but to say this is not to endorse King Henry and his agents. They were not God's instruments of change, and any good that came was in spite of them.

In addition to the carefully researched story of Elizabeth Barton, the book gives a vivid picture of life in England, and also death. The description of a public execution is one of the most frightful things in print, and the event itself could not help but numb with shock or brutalise those who witnessed it. Elizabeth, being a woman, was spared some of the worst tortures, but her death stinks to high heaven with its injustice.

Her death did not end her hold on people and Neame is convinced that Sir Thomas More and Bishop Fisher were so emboldened by the Maid that they stood against the King's religious pretensions and laid down their lives for the same principles as she. If this is so, then some justice is done at last to the memory of "Kent's lost heroine and England's lost prophetess".

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Hurry up, or you'll be late for church services!"

HOBART ON SATURDAY NIGHT

By JOHN WALSH

I sat in our lounge room
and looked again at that now familiar sight;
Those flood lights gleaming bright
off that smooth cement tower—
A beacon beckoning,
Beckoning Hobart, this Saturday night;
Come and worship!
And they come!
One continuous stream of man and machine;
Impatient engines revving, tyres squealing,
The car park is full, yet still they come,
eagerly, their sacrifice ready,
wallets bulging with the rewards of another toiling week,
willing to give all.
To what?
A wheel of chance! A dice of indecision!

But not for me.
I see another beacon,
dimmer perhaps,
its light lost amid the countless bushels
erected down the centuries.
But still it stands firm, fixed
in the rock of ages.
And it too demands that I
should give my all, yet in a
deeper, greater way.

So not tonight,
Tomorrow,
I'll go and meet with those
who linger, not in night's darkness,
but in the full light of Sunday morning,
Come to worship Him in His appointed way.

John Walshe lives next door to the Casino. A few weeks ago, he presided at the morning service and used the verse as a call to worship.

SEMINAR ON COFFEE SHOP EVANGELISM

"It wasn't long enough" was the reaction of some of the fifty who attended a Coffee Shop Evangelism Seminar arranged by the Vic.-Tas. Departments of Christian Education and Home Missions on June 13 at the Brotherhood Centre. The seminar was held to assist young people involved in the Home Missions Centenary Evangelism Regional Crusades and groups and others who are using the coffee shop as a means of outreach in youth evangelism.

K. Smith and Rev. P. Corney, both of the Scripture Union, encouraged the seminar to be enthusiastic, flexible and informed when attempting coffee shop work. Their contribution was greatly appreciated. Churches represented were Blackburn, Bentleigh, Burwood, Collingwood, Gardiner, Keilor East, Maidstone, Oakleigh, Red Hill, Swanston Street, Sunshine, West Preston and Wattle Park.

GRAHAM CRUSADE QUERIED.

(Washington, D.C.) — The Council of Churches of Greater Washington has refused to endorse a planned 1974 Billy

Graham crusade here. Instead, the Council has asked its 500 member churches to decide individually whether to endorse it. A statement adopted by the Council said that a majority of its 48 directors believe that Mr. Graham's participation in civil rights efforts has been "less than adequate" and that "the basic religious forces of the community are being ignored by the organisers" of the crusade in that the Council was not invited to attend a local ad hoc committee planning meeting.

World Vision

\$1000 TARGET (Box Hill, K. R. Bond) Explorer Boys are aiming to raise \$1000 for equipment for outdoor activities . . . Y.P. lead and take part in gospel service after basket tea . . . A young girl made her decision . . . Football Club held car rally . . . C.Y.F. shared social evening with Wattle Park young people . . . Ron Johnson and Jeff Jantz led in gospel service run by basketball team . . . Mrs McFarlane Sr. still in hospital but improving. Others ill are Robt. McFarlane, Keith Jeffrey (injured hand), Mrs John Muller (fractured foot), and Ron Muller, home after hospitalisation.

WHO WORKS?

The population of Australia is 13 million, but there are 4 million over 65 years of age, leaving 9 million to do the work. People under 21 total 7 million, leaving 2 million to do the work. 1 million government employees leave 1 million to do the work. 100,000 in the armed forces leave 900,000 workers. Deduct 500,000 provincial, municipal, and city employees which leaves 400,000 to do the work. There are 150,000 people in hospitals, asylums, etc., leaving 250,000 to do the work. But 84,000 of these are unemployed and 100,000 are on welfare or won't work, so that leaves 66,000 to do the work. Now it may interest you to know that there are 50,000 people out of the country at any one time and 15,998 in gaol, so that leaves just two people to do all the work.

And that is you and me, brother, and I'm tired of doing everything by myself.

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5.15 — Tea and Interview with Mr. Mills

who was also a writer for sporting and other events.

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Soloist: Mrs. Mills.

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WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

DAY OF VIOLENCE The preacher in Ecclesiastes says there is a time for everything, even a time to kill. The time for killing comes far too readily for many and to kill is easier than to reason.

Intimidation and violence is not new, but there is an acceptance of violence as a means of intimidation and end-seeking that is costing the world more and more for less and less security.

A diplomat in South America, or his family, may be kidnapped and used to pressure release for political prisoners, a Japanese suicide squad may slaughter the innocent at an Israeli airport, an Olympic village may suddenly change from a base for sportsmen to a world horror story. A letter being opened by an unsuspecting junior in some far-off embassy may explode to maim or blind or kill.

A recent book highlights this new and dangerous world wide menace. Entitled "Protest and the Urban Guerilla" it is by Richard Clutterbuck. In this study of violence around the world (but concentrating on Northern Ireland and Uruguay) he analyses the "Urban Guerilla", a term almost unknown a few years ago but now a real and deadly fact of political life.

Clutterbuck says that the guerilla is even more dangerous because the fighter does not know what he is for, only what he is against. He seldom has a programme to replace the one he is attacking. The author also raises the awesome threat (the more awesome because it is valid) of such guerillas holding the world to ransom if they gain possession of nuclear or bacteriological weapons.

The author, a lecturer in international politics, political violence, and revolution, at the University of Exeter, is worried at what he calls the growing ideology of violence and the techniques of destruction. "Because this spread is wholly advantageous to the destroyers it is virtually certain to continue. The price of failure to control the use of violence by militant minorities to blackmail the majority will become higher as the years go by."

There are two courses of action which should be taken. One is to take away the profitability of violence. We must stop paying the hijacker and the kidnapper. Paying off today's criminals will encourage tomorrow's. The other way is to give a fair deal to the world's underprivileged and dispossessed. Not nearly enough is being done to give freedom and dignity to all, and much of the world's violence is coming from those who feel angry and frustrated. They may not gain much from their efforts, but they have nothing to lose. They are simply retaliating for the hurt they suffer.

The writer in Ecclesiastes brackets a "time to kill" with a "time to heal", and those with the therapeutic resources to heal poverty and injustice will do a great deal to stop the killing.

The churches must speak and act together on such issues.

GOOD GRIEF!!! The Church of the New Song is two years old and is made up primarily of prisoners. It was founded by Harry Theriault who is serving sentences for theft and escape. When prison officials refuse to acknowledge the "rights" of the church, they are likely to be taken to court. A warden at San Quentin said that the groups communion services specify "Harvey's Bristol Cream Sherry and Porterhouse Steak." Theriault has a ministerial license from the mail-order Universal Life Church in California, which also elevated a rapist at California's Folsom prison to "cardinal."

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Happenings

United Church of Christ minister, William R. Johnson, the first self-identified homosexual ordained by a major denomination, was appointed executive director of the San Francisco-based Council on Religion and the Homosexual.

The divorces and annulments in U.S.A. now equal more than one-third of all marriages each year, according to findings of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Last year 2,196,000 couples got married: 768,000 got divorced. Last year there were 8.7 million children under eighteen in fatherless homes, says the HEW report.

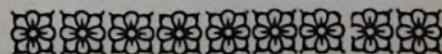
The conversion of Muslims continues in Nigeria's Islamic heartland, reports Sudan Interior Mission. Former Muslims in a number of villages now meet in their own churches.

Sunday-school materials stereotype women as passive, subservient, morally weak, and dependent upon men, reports a joint committee that studied curricula of the Disciples of Christ, Episcopal, Reformed Church in America, Southern Presbyterian, and United Church of Christ denominations. What's worse, most of the authors are women.

Soviet police forced an Associated Press photographer to destroy his film after he took pictures of Tricia Nixon Cox and her husband visiting a cathedral in Leningrad.

As the outcome of a Scripture distribution effort begun four years ago by Bible Society in Costa Rica and Panama, 300 of the 400 prisoners at Panama's maximum security prison on the island of Coiba are now believers in Christ.

In a poll, thousands of members of the Associated Gospel Churches in Canada declared by a 90 per cent majority their opposition to the abolition of capital punishment, currently under review by the government.



WHAT IF . . . ?

(Continued on page 4)

Let us be frank. There is much to thrill and inspire in the Vatican II Documents, there is also much to disturb: the succession of bishops, infallibility, devotion to Mary, (despite the cautionary phrases) the understanding of 'ecumenism' as 'the return of the separated brethren to the Catholic Church' and so on are, for me personally, totally unacceptable. BUT does common membership in a Council mean acceptance of doctrine, practice, and dogma? If it does, I am committed to episcopacy by the Anglicans, infant baptism by the Presbyterians, no sacraments by the Salvation Army—common membership does not mean acceptance of another's dogmas etc. It does mean opportunity to bear witness to one's own position and understanding of the gospel. It is not done to quote from oneself. Let me break that rule, I have a congregation to keep happy at Brighton, Vic. To that congregation I addressed the following via the weekly church paper on February 18, 1973. "Of necessity, as Chairman of the VCC, I will have some prominence at certain points in this coming week. Let me say to you clearly that I feel in no way compromised. My appearance on public platform cannot be construed as meaning my acceptance of either dogma or practice of the Catholic Church, but it does mean that I am willing to accept the Christian profession and experience of another, no matter in what form or by what liturgy he chooses to express that experience." Nothing has occurred since that date to cause me to waver from that position.

CATHOLIC MEMBERSHIP and the Basis of Membership.

The Basis of Membership in the VCC is that adopted by the World Council Church . . . "The VCC is a fellowship of churches which confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures and therefore seek to fulfil together their common calling to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

Contrary to what is frequently said there are no qualifying clauses whatever (neither at VCC level or WCC level!). The basis is plain, clear and unqualified!

Does the Catholic Church qualify on this Basis? It is abundantly clear that there are no grounds for refusal of membership as far as the Basis is concerned. One thing stands out from the Vatican II Documents, for the Catholic Church, Jesus is Lord . . . "The light of all nations," "the one Mediator", "the head of the body (the Church)".

The position of Mary is a puzzle to Protestants. Having given a list of the titles by which Mary is known, the Decree

on the Church continues, "these however, . . . neither take away from nor add anything to the dignity and efficacy of Christ the one Mediator". Through the long pages of these documents the figure of Christ stands clear—he is clearly both God and Saviour.

Thus it is that the Catholic Church holds membership in many local interchurch councils and ministers' fraternals in Victoria and, in some eleven instances, including Tasmania, holds membership at diocesan, state or national levels in ecumenical councils in different countries of the world.

What then lies at the foot of so much Protestant unease at the prospect of Catholic membership in ecumenical councils? Undoubtedly the desire to maintain the purity of the faith and to avoid error motivates many. Yet surely, only in Christ himself do we find that purity. In the New Testament Paul found it necessary to withstand Peter to his face—even the apostles did not find it possible to avoid error. Can we be sure that in Churches of Christ we have 'the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth'? It always puzzles me that so many can be so such that their's is the position. Christ is the truth and only in so far as we hold to him do we hold to the truth.

It is equally clear that fear and prejudice play their part. We have lived for centuries in isolation from the Catholic Church, and fear of the unknown is powerful. Wild stories and books regarding the excesses of the Catholic Church and its priesthood do not make for trust.

Persecutions of past centuries—we overlook the Protestant ones—and conflicts in other lands lead us easily to impute to all Catholics the worst features of persecution and conflict. ". . . often enough men of both sides were to blame. However one cannot charge with the sin of separation those who at present are born into these (Protestant) Communities and in them are brought up in the faith of Christ . . . St. John testified: If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.' (1 Jn. 1.10). This holds good for sins against unity. Thus in humble prayer we beg pardon of God and of our separated brethren, just as we forgive them that trespass against us." (Decree on Ecumenism), That spirit of humility ought no less to be found in our hearts. Alexander Campbell would debate with Bishop Purcell the Catholic Religion in 1837; two years later, he could propose a 'congress of all Protestant parties' and indicate his willingness to accept the 'Greek and Roman sects' as part of that Congress . . . Nearly a century and a half later we begin to see his vision come to pass.

R. N. Gilmore
Chairman, Victorian Council
of Churches.

"Rice Muslims"

Under Martial Law in the Philippines no citizen is allowed to leave, but a letter received reveals something of the difficulties in that country. We should pray for the Christians in Vietnam and the Philippines.

The pressure to turn Muslim in Sabah was frightening. The pressure emanates out of political expediency and is bringing about a new 'rice-Muslim' people. Expatriates are not allowed to stay. The church is benefiting from the discipline of a reduced but committed membership and the discipline of producing its own indigenous pastors.

RESULTS.

Scripture Union's principle of indigenous workers is proving to be most strategic in these days of nationalism. For instance, with all the limitations in Malaysia, S.U. has been still free to conduct ISCF groups in over 70% of the High Schools.

Groups are also conducted in three Catholic Secondary Schools and led by

committed Christian teachers. The Mother Superior of one school in a recent letter expressed her joy at the evangelistic impact of the ISCF group in her school and signed her letter — Yours in the Risen Christ.

Throughout the Asian region, the schools and youth arm of S.U. appears to have a unique impact bringing large numbers of new Christian youth from non Christian homes into the churches.

PLAN FOR UNION

(Canada)—A historic plan to unite three Canadian churches—Anglican, United Church of Canada, and Disciples of Christ—has been agreed upon after five years work. The plan is now ready to be acted upon by the legislative processes of the denominations. If approved, the new name of the church will be "The Church of Christ in Canada." Total membership will be 3.4 million.

—World Vision.

"PRAYER AND SHARE PARTNER SCHEME"

(N.S.W.) Confronted with financial difficulties, the Board of the Woolwich Bible College is launching a "Prayer and Share Partnership Scheme" among the churches.

In taking part in this scheme friends of the College are being asked to promise to pray regularly for the work and influence of Woolwich for Christ and to make a free-will gift of at least \$5 each year for this vital ministry of training men to serve the Brotherhood throughout Australia and in mission fields abroad.

N.S.W. COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The N.S.W. Council of Churches, of which Rev. Bernard Judd is secretary, represents the Christian community of Sydney in voicing its viewpoint and giving spiritual leadership on matters of social concern. Representatives of churches of Christ serving on the Council are R.C. Hewitt, Conf. Pres.; F.J. Stephenson, Conf. Sec.; C. Cole and C.A. Saxby.



VICTORIA

PLAY READERS AT BIRTHDAY (Balwyn, W. W. Saunders) The C.W.A.F. celebrated their birthday on June 6 and were entertained by the Blackburn Play Readers. Mrs. Dorothy Langford was soloiste . . . Prizes are given each week for B. S. scholars who take part in a Bible Quiz on Paul's missionary journeys . . . Keith Ludgater, missionary from the New Hebrides, used an audio-visual to highlight missionary work. H. Bradshaw was also a recent speaker . . . At the C.W.E.F. 18th birthday and annual meeting the following officers were elected: Mrs. P. Wells, president; Mrs. D. Gordon, secretary; Mrs. V. Stear, treasurer . . . At the Explorer Club parade on June 17 the State Deputy Explorer, John Henley, was speaker. An hour of fellowship and supper followed.

CHURCH SEEKS MINISTER (Mitcham) The church is seeking a full-time minister following the retirement of K. R. Turner to take up an industrial appointment. Meanwhile, Alan Page has commenced an interim part-time ministry . . . Arthur Walker led a team of men in making large

ground improvements to the front of the church property; and the C.Y.F. have built a barbecue in a rustic setting for use by auxiliaries . . . Offerings have been maintained since Planned Giving programme at end of 1972. The church is now self-supporting and again able to contribute to brotherhood and other causes . . . In June the auxiliaries participated in special evening services, including a pageant by the ladies entitled "Patterns for Life."

TO STAY (Swan Hill, R. E. Pritchard) Mr Pritchard has accepted the circuit's invitation to extend his ministry for a further year until January, 1975 . . . C.M.F. travelled to Lake Eppalock on Queen's Birthday and planted 20 trees on the camp-site . . . On June 24, Swan Hill and Woorinen congregations shared with Boort and Pyramid Hill churches in a barbecue tea and evening service at Pyramid Hill.

MINISTER FAREWELLED (Hampton) The church regretfully said farewell to John Paver as he began chaplaincy course at Austin Hospital. Presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Paver . . . Ernest Gray, chairman of the Home Mission Dept. in Great Britain, will undertake a part-time ministry in October . . . The church has been greatly helped by visiting speakers.

OBITUARY

AYERS, Mabel Christina
The Church at Collins Street Hobart was deeply saddened with the sudden death of Mrs. Mabel Christina Ayers during the morning worship service on June 10. She was 79. More than half a century ago Mrs Ayers, while walking along Collins Street was attracted by the singing coming from the church and entered to begin a relationship with Christ and the church.

Four things stood out in the life of Mrs. Ayers. There was her love for her Lord and her service through the church. She served as a Deaconess for over a decade and there were very few things that happened in the life of the church into which she did not throw her strength and help. There was her love for her family, a love expressed in her concern and care and her continuing interest in them. There was her assistance to those she found who were in need. Constantly, in quiet unassuming ways, she was aware of people, those she knew and those she did not, she helped any that needed her help. Washing, ironing, giving, encouraging, always concerned and expressing that concern in practical ways. And there was her love for her home and garden, all of which she kept in what can best be described as immaculate. A large congregation of church folk and friends attended the funeral service in the Hobart Church and later at the Cornelian Bay cemetery. The church expresses its sincere sympathy to her family.

-D.E.S.

BANKS, RUSSELL ALBERT
Russell Banks, one of our senior ministers, died suddenly on April 15, having returned home from hospital after unsuccessful surgery for cancer.

Wherever he served during his long period of ministry throughout Victoria Mr. Banks, endeared himself to young and old. Even in his closing years he had a wonderful way of getting very close to young people. He was a true pastor, a wise counsellor and friend, and was always available to those who needed him most. Mr. Banks had successful ministries, mainly in provincial areas and perhaps the highlights of his work were in two ministries in Geelong where he served Drumcondra in earlier days and then in his concluding full-time ministry with that church when it moved to Manifold Heights. In all his work he received wonderful support and encouragement from his wife, Mrs. Edna Banks.

Eight years ago Mr. Banks retired officially from full-time work, but his service to the church at Thomson for the next five years was a very generous part-time ministry. Two years ago he linked with the church at Belmont where he was invited to share as an honorary elder and was always available in any capacity in which he could be used. One of his great loves was the Christian Education in the primary schools, a work he continued right up to his final illness. Russell Banks was sought widely as a counsellor, not only by the people of many congregations but also by his brother ministers in Geelong who affectionately referred to him as 'bishop'.

The overflowing service in the Belmont chapel was only a token tribute of the great esteem and love in which Russell Albert Banks was held throughout the whole brotherhood. It was a privilege and an honour for the writer to lead the services in the chapel and later at the Geelong West cemetery.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to his wife (Mrs. Edna Banks) to his son, Dr. Trevor Banks and family, and his daughter, Lorraine (Mrs. Peeler) and family.

-D.A.V.T.

MISS DOROTHY PAYNE.
On June 6, Miss Dorothy Payne died at "Carinya Lodge", severing a link of many years' service in the Lake St. (now Perth) church. In her girlhood, the family moved to different places according to her father's work as postmaster - Kalgoorlie, West Gullford, Fremantle, Geraldton and Perth. At West Gullford, her father, C.A.G. Payne, was S.S. Supt. and a foundation member of what is now the Bassendean Church. There Dorothy accepted Christ as Saviour.

At Lake St. Perth, from 1927 on, she served as a B.S. teacher and as a member of the Loyal Daughters group and the Ladies' Dorcas. Normally she did not hold public office or prominent leadership in the church, but was loyal and active in the background. In recent years, she was less and less able to share the wider fellowship of the church, but she was always interested in the members and in the progress of God's Kingdom.

We thank God for her faith in Jesus Christ. Christian love is offered to her loved ones. The writer conducted a private funeral at Karrakatta.

-R.A.R.

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Decentralized & Liberated

The Vic./Tas. D.C.E. Committee of eight elected representatives now has four of the eight from country churches, viz., Ballarat, Geelong, Warragul and Maryborough. Also, one of the elected representatives is a woman. A further fact of interest in that the average age of the Committee is getting younger.

Chairman of the D.C.E. is Frank Richards and other Office-Bearers are:

Vice-Chairman—Ian Mullen;
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The Committee appreciates the years of service given by four members who did not seek re-election, viz.: Dr. Keith Bowes, Laurie Barker (both of whom served as Chairman for different periods), Jack Acquoff (former Vice-Chairman) and Ron Hillier.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MAJOR DECISIONS (GROTE ST., H. M. LONG) Two major decisions at the half-yearly business meeting were (1) to up-date the church's "Rules, Regulations, and Trusts" and (2) to change the projected re-roofing of the chapel with galvanised iron to light metal tile . . . The choir-master, W. W. Watson, who has given 40 years service, has resigned owing to ill-health. His successor, Graham Bing, present organist, will combine the two roles . . . Mr. Bing coached the C.Y.F. in contemporary choral arrangements for a recent evening service. Roger Beard, Youth Co-Leader gave the message. "Light Brigade" gave items at the "Coffee Hour" which followed . . . At recent C.E. Convention, Mr. Long was inducted as State C.E. President. The President's Bible bears the signatures of former presidents, among them well known ministers of our churches, some of them being Grote Street ministers as far back as Jabez Wiltshire and beyond.

100 FOR TEA (Blackwood, L. Cooke) Over 100 were at tea for Primary children and parents. The opportunity to speak with parents was appreciated by teachers and helpers.

25 DECIDE (Southport, N. Newton) Eighty children attended S.S. camp where twenty-five made decisions to follow Christ. Mr. Newton is holding counselling classes with them for four weeks . . . Six ladies attended C.W.F. camp at Caloundra . . . C.W.F. held a special outreach meeting and invited mothers of Search Squad and Target children. . . Special project for 1973 is the purchase of flats next door to the church. The land is to be used for future youth work.

KEITH RUSSACK M.P. (Kadina, M. D. Williams) E. K. Russack, member of the church here, has been elected to the House of Assembly in the State Parliament . . . The minister, Mr.

Williams, is president of the Northern Districts Conference. G. Sawley, also of Kadina is Secretary.

TO SELL MANSE (Kensington Pk., W. Bartlett) The church annual meeting decided to sell the manse at Firie and purchase the house next door to the church. Members helped on moving day . . . The Temple Day offering was \$321 . . . Church was saddened by the death of Mr. Crowhurst. His wife is still in hospital. Mrs. F. Starr's husband died suddenly . . . Elderly Citizens have been entertained by the "Coronet Concert Party", and to afternoon tea . . . Recent speakers have been Dr. Thornly Thomas, Conf. Pres.; John Baker, Hosp. Chaplain; and Mr. Phelps. Trevor Norton was a guest singer . . . C.W.F. held a sewing day for Aborigines Mission. Mrs. M. Wehr showed slides and spoke of work among Aborigines.

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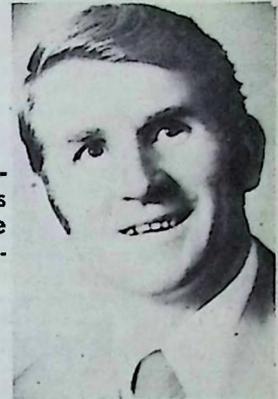


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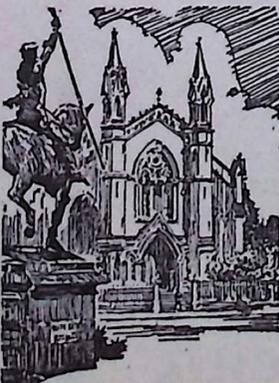
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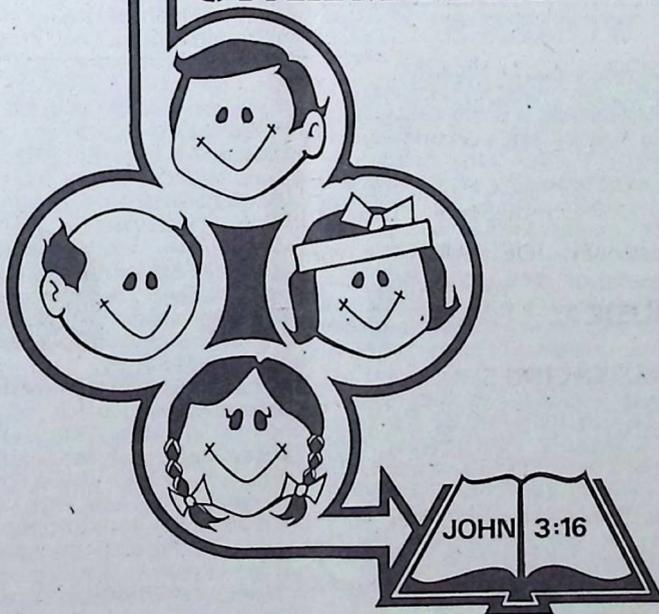
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**SOUTH
AUSTRALIA**

PREPARATION FOR AUGUST (Kensington Park W. Bartlett). Church members had meetings with Gerald Rose in preparation for Evangelistic Meeting in August . . . Youth night services were conducted by young people with guest speaker Milton Drake of Dulwich-Rose Park Parish. Music supplied by Kalori Group with Mrs. B. Atherton as Pianist. Coffee Hour, music and discussion in hall after service . . . Adult Social Group saw "The Great Waltz" at the Forum Theatre . . . Dedication Service held when Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fix pledged themselves to train their infant daughter in the way of the Lord.

NEW SCHOLARS (Fullarton, M. T. Lawrie). There are six new scholars at B.S. . . . Miss Wharmby gave a talk on Yugoslavia to Guild . . . Fullarton joined Unley Men's Fellowship to hear Merv. Agars speak on Munich Olympics . . . Unley men came to Fullarton to hear F. Bowyer on "Bees: busy or otherwise" . . . Mothers' Day evening service was conducted by woman of the church . . . Miss A. Harkness was interviewed at an

evening service re her experience at "Fairhaven" Esperance . . . Glenung Methodist young people have attended two youth services, and gave items and testimonies at one . . . C.W.F. had successful Birthday Meeting.

"**BUSINESS AS USUAL**" (Edwardstown S.A. R.H. Brown) When the minister and family departed for annual vacation, the church invited second year College of the Bible student, Jeff May, to minister in his term vacation. When the Browns moved out, the Mays shifted into the manse for three busy weeks of serving an active and expanding Church. The Church benefitted from Jeff and Jeanette's contributions; the ministry was maintained in this busy time of the year; Jeff May gained valuable practical experience and the minister enjoyed a vacation without worry! The scheme was made possible from funds allocated from the successful Planned Giving Program, now in operation one and a half years.



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**WOMEN'S
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Mrs. Mavis Searle is acting as secretary while Mrs. Helen Morrow is overseas for three months. For the June meeting we also had substitutes—Dorothy Heard and Alice Saunders filling in for Jean Middleton, president-elect, and Shirley Holmes, assist. Sec., both on holidays.

The president, Mrs. Rita Pederson, welcomed particularly Miss Harkness and Mrs. Cox who have recently returned after three months voluntary work at "Fairhaven," Esperance.

The main part of the meeting was the Overseas Mission Rally, led by the leader of the Women's Conference, O.M. Committee, Mrs. Phyl. McLean, the wife of the General Conference President, taking as her theme "Thoughts about Jesus from the Scriptures." Mrs. Barratt led in prayer, followed by a duet by Mesdames Nan Messent and Margaret Anson.

Mrs. McLean introduced the treasurer of the committee, Mrs. Thomas, and State Missionary News' Agent, Mrs. Barratt.

Special speaker was Frank Beale, who in a clear and challenging way spoke of the continuing need for missionaries and missions; but emphasised the need for new types of people and enterprises. He spoke confidently about what God is doing and can do for the New Guineans and indeed for all people.

He challenged us to be politically aware—to press for help in the development of under-developed countries, to enable them to set up national churches, independent and self-supporting.

—A.M.S.

S.E. District

Women's Conference

Conference was held at Bordertown with ladies present from Mt. Gambier, Tarpeena, Naracoorte, Mundulla, Wamponny, Keith and Bordertown. Mrs. Leola Maddern was President of S.A. Women's Conference, brought greetings. Mrs. Mary McKenzie, wife of Congregational minister, led in devotional thoughts. Mrs. Neighbour (Mt. Gambier) offered the obituary prayer, when Mrs. Marj. Sullivan, and Mrs. V. Anderson (Bordertown), Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Mayle, (Naracoorte) and a member from Mt. Gambier, were remembered. Prayer of thanks for project offering was given by Mrs. Lyn Hammer of Naracoorte. Offering, which this year goes towards Adelaide Hospital chaplain's fund, amounted to \$310.

The president conducted the dedicatory service for 1973-1974 office bearers. Mrs. Mary Simons of Naracoorte is president, and Mrs. Marj. Copping is secretary. Soloist at morning service was incoming President elect, Mrs. Heather Wiese.

Special guest at the afternoon service was Peter Daniels, Secretary of Community Standards Organisation, from Adelaide. Visitors were also present from Methodist, Congregational, Roman Catholic, Anglican and Lutheran Churches. Mr. Daniels told of the organisation's fight against pornography, sex plays and films, also the extreme pressure put on students today. Bordertown women's singing group sang. Mrs. Clarice Verco thanked Mr. Daniels on behalf of conference and presented him with a large hamper of local dairy products given by members. In the absence of the new president, Mrs. Wiese thanked Mrs. Maddern for her leadership and gave her a book on behalf of conference. A presentation was also made to the secretary in appreciation of service. Organist at both services was Mrs. Jill Barnett.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NEW MINISTRY AT CARNARVON. The church has just commenced a new ministry with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Aitken. On June 10, Mr. Aitken was welcomed into the church. Roy and Sylvia will also continue to serve under the Federal Aborigines Mission Board as missionary staff at the Centre and will help among the adult Aboriginal people and in Outreach work. The Church is thrilled that Roy and Sylvia accepted the call to this ministry and looks forward to a continuation in the steady witness of the church in this town. Services average about 200 at both morning and evening services. A man was recently baptised and another young man confessed his faith last Sunday. Tuesday night Bible Study and Prayer Meetings continue effectively.

MID-WEEK B.S. (Warwick, P. Williams). 25 adults meet every Sunday at the Manse for worship and communion. A mid-week B.S. caters solely for members children, because of lack of facilities. 12 children attend regularly. . . . A women's group have begun to meet on a regular basis, plus a Community Service Group, (Task Force) . . . The Warwick Men's Basketball Team has won 3 out of 5 games . . . Visiting speakers have included G. R. Stirling (C.O.B.), and N. Stover, Ecumenical Institute . . . On June 3, the Conf. Pres., J. Somerville, conducted an Institutional Service at which the Group adopted the name "Warwick Church of Christ."

MISSION PLANNED (East Victoria Park). The church is planning a Mission in October with W. Gaunson as missionary. He met with church members recently to discuss plans . . . Our Fellowship is clothing a young boy at the Carnarvon Native Mission . . . At a recent meeting guests were members of the Bible Society who showed a film entitled "Finest Gold" . . . Good mid-week prayer meetings are held at the Manse, also Human Relationship meetings on a Sunday evening . . . Mrs. Pearl Brown and Mrs. Fletcher are improving in health. Mrs. Fletcher is in Mt. Henry Hospital . . . The C.W.F. meet twice monthly at the homes of the members . . . On June 5 a "Gem Stone" evening was held at the Manse, with Mrs. Stoke as guest speaker . . . The Youth Club meets each Friday evening, with ten attending.

TALENT SCHEME (Dianella, F. Griffiths) The church Talent Scheme has realised \$307 over a five-month period . . . G. R. Stirling spoke on May 27. Boys' Brigade parade swelled numbers to 125 . . . Girls' Brigade sang at the Annual Brigade World Day of Prayer Rally at Wesley Church on June 10 . . . Miss Dorothy Geyer visited C.W.F. to speak on India . . . Basketballers were successful in their games on Exhibition Night . . . John Bond and helpers took two gospel services this month.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

MOVEMENTS OF PREACHERS

Following his move from Wagga, Peter French is settling in at Guildford-Loftus Park. Colin Wheat, M.Th., Dip.R.E., now at Lismore has responded to a call to Belrose to take effect at the end of the year. Allan Rae of Auburn has accepted the invitation to the ministry at Belmore.

Final year students at the Woolwich Bible College who will enter into full time ministries early next year are Nigel Merrick, Maryborough, Qld.; Peter Pitts, Bexley North, N.S.W.; and Wal. Gibney, Richmond Vic.

GUEST NIGHTS (Hamilton, D. Craig). Special guest nights continue and the June guest night was in the form of a singspiration service with musical items and gospel message . . . Gary Bailey made his decision recently . . . Deep sympathy is offered to Mrs. Lawson and family in the recent sudden death of their husband and father.

YOUTH SERVICE (North Sydney, A. Murphy). Something different was tried at our last youth service when a short "street drama" was staged to illustrate the message of the gospel. It involved many young people—including one who was baptised and gave his testimony. Two young people made decisions.

INVERELL AIDS AUST-CARE (R. Craig) On May 27 church members were collectors for the Aust-Care Doorknock appeal . . . Also on the 27th the film "Future Unlimited" was screened at a guest service. An after-church fellowship followed . . . The young people have compiled new chorus books "Praise the Lord" for use at camps, youth meetings, etc . . . There was a trip on June 11 to Armidale, with barbecue lunch at the "Blow hole" . . . The monthly Teen's Tea was at Sawleys, Gilgai.

MINISTRY ENDORSED (Bexley Nth. N. Merrick) The church endorsed the board's recommendation and Peter Pitts will commence a ministry in January 1974 . . . Twenty mothers and daughters attended Women's Fellowship dinner. Mrs. Irwin gave special musical items. Mrs. Fewchuck was the speaker . . . A Back to Bexley night was organised by the Women's Fellowship . . . On Queen's Birthday a church picnic was held at Warragamba Dam.

OPENING PLANNED (Beverly Hills, D. Mansell) New Peace Memorial chapel, vestry and classrooms will be officially opening on August 13 . . . 1973 Thank offering was over \$3000, \$475 has been raised by ladies' stalls and catering . . . Two young men made decisions.

FIRST MEETING (Toronto) The first meeting of the church was held on June 3 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Armytage, 7 Todd St., Blackalls Park. G. Risson, minister at Cardiff, conducted the service attended by 17 persons.



QUEENSLAND

"DEEPER LIFE" (Nambour, R. McLean). D. Usher was our weekend guest speaker for the "Deeper Life" theme. A family tea followed by discussion groups opened the programme . . . C.W.F. continued its mission project with a summary of all our Aboriginal work told by Mrs. Bruton who also showed slides of the Carnarvon work . . . Plans are in progress for the opening of Stage One of our Church building on July 21.

EVANGELISM TEA (Gatton, D. Usher). C.W.F. conducted an evangelistic morning tea at the home of Mrs. R. Althaus. Miss Shirley of Toowoomba was guest speaker. Several ladies showed very real interest . . . A C.W.F. barbecue was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Metcalf . . . S.S. Picnic was held at Atkinsons Dam, 135 attended. On the Sunday evening the children conducted the service based on the parable of the Two Houses . . . Mrs. Usher conducted an I.S.C.F. for 40 high school students at Currumbin. Nine accepted the Lord. This year there have been five young people baptised. Four were from the Girls' and Boys' Brigade . . . The life Spectrum Singers of Brisbane Y.F.C. presented the musical, "Love", in the church hall, 160 attended. After the musical five people indicated their desire to accept Christ.

BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR COLLEGE (Annerley, C.A.R. Smith) A cheque for \$1346 was presented to Kenmore Christian College Principal, F.L. Ewers, at the 60th anniversary of the church. W. Finger, L. Wyeth and Mrs. V. Tavener told interesting anecdotes of their long association at Annerley. Guest of honour, Mrs. V. Tavener, cut the anniversary cake . . . The climax of "Teen Week" which was held in conjunction with the Y. & C.E. Dept. had 300 at final service. A. Weedon, minister from Townsville, was guest speaker . . . Mrs. Perrett and Mrs. L. Dewar were recently baptised.

AUDIO-VISUALS (Dalby, R. Holt) Mr. Holt has commenced a series of film strip audio-visuals on Sunday evenings . . . A number of members are confined to hospital . . . Glenys Holt is home after ten weeks in hospital but still confined to bed for a long period . . . S.S. picnic was held at Lake Broadwater.

SECOND PHASE (Ann St. Brisbane) The church is in the second phase of the Friendship Visitation programme. 120 contacts have been made with encouraging results . . . A B.S. scholar recently made her decision . . . The introduction of "Gospel services with a Difference" has resulted in larger attendances.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS
SUNDAY: JULY 1

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WITH

A. E. WHITE



What are ways in which the church board meeting can be made more effective? (Part 3)

Following our previous discussion, we suggest an "agenda" for a church board meeting.

It is, and can only be a suggestion. There should be a minimum of formality and more of a "talking through" of church business until a general agreement on action is reached.

Movers and seconders and adherence to formal meeting procedure are not really necessary when the board members who represent the church family come together to consider the church's life. An exception to this informality should be made when the church constitution lays down regulations or if there are property or financial decisions that have legal implications.
Agenda

7.30 Scripture and prayer. A five minute devotional talk by a board member would be appropriate. Preparation should lift this opening above the rank of unimportant "preliminary."

7.37 The main item of business. Introduction, Discussion, and Decision. This could be about some special activity of church: Evangelism, stewardship programme, Christian education needs, missionary education or involvement, Christian outreach within Australia or

overseas, involvement in community activities which complement the church's concern.

The particular subject would be pre-determined by the board, and would be introduced by a prepared speaker. This speaker could be an invited guest for the purpose, and who would retire after question time, leaving the board free for discussion and decision.

If there is no special item demanding attention, then the various areas of the church could be considered in turn—again introduced by prepared speakers. Such areas could be Evangelism, worship, fellowship, stewardship, education, outreach, auxiliary life, etc.

A final decision may not be made on the main item of business. It may be referred to a small group for further investigation, report, and board decision.

8.40 Continuing items, those brought forward for further attention from earlier meetings. Or 8.40 General items. These are not introduced by board members in a general open session. They are referred to the board chairman before the meeting begins and he gives them the priority he thinks they should have. This section would include items raised by the minister.

9.30 Routine statistical, financial, or property items.

10.30 Benediction.

There is no need for a formal report by minister, secretary, or treasurer. Each of these leaders will doubtless have a contribution to make to every important area of discussion.

There will be occasions when the service area of one of these men or women will be elevated to the top item of the business for the day, but regular, formal reports are an unnecessary concession to the kind of tradition that is making many of our board meetings time-wasting exercises in frustration.

THE LAST WORD...

Psalm 46:10

"Be still and know that I am God."

—R.S.V.

"Give in and admit that I am God."

—Moffatt

Because—

O God—

Because you are—we are;
Because you give—we receive;
Because you love—we respond;
Because you call—we answer,

And because you have implanted within us an awareness of yourself, we yearn to know you and to understand what your will is for us;
Because you created all of us to be brothers, we strive to act as brothers and sisters in Christ.
God help us. Amen.

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