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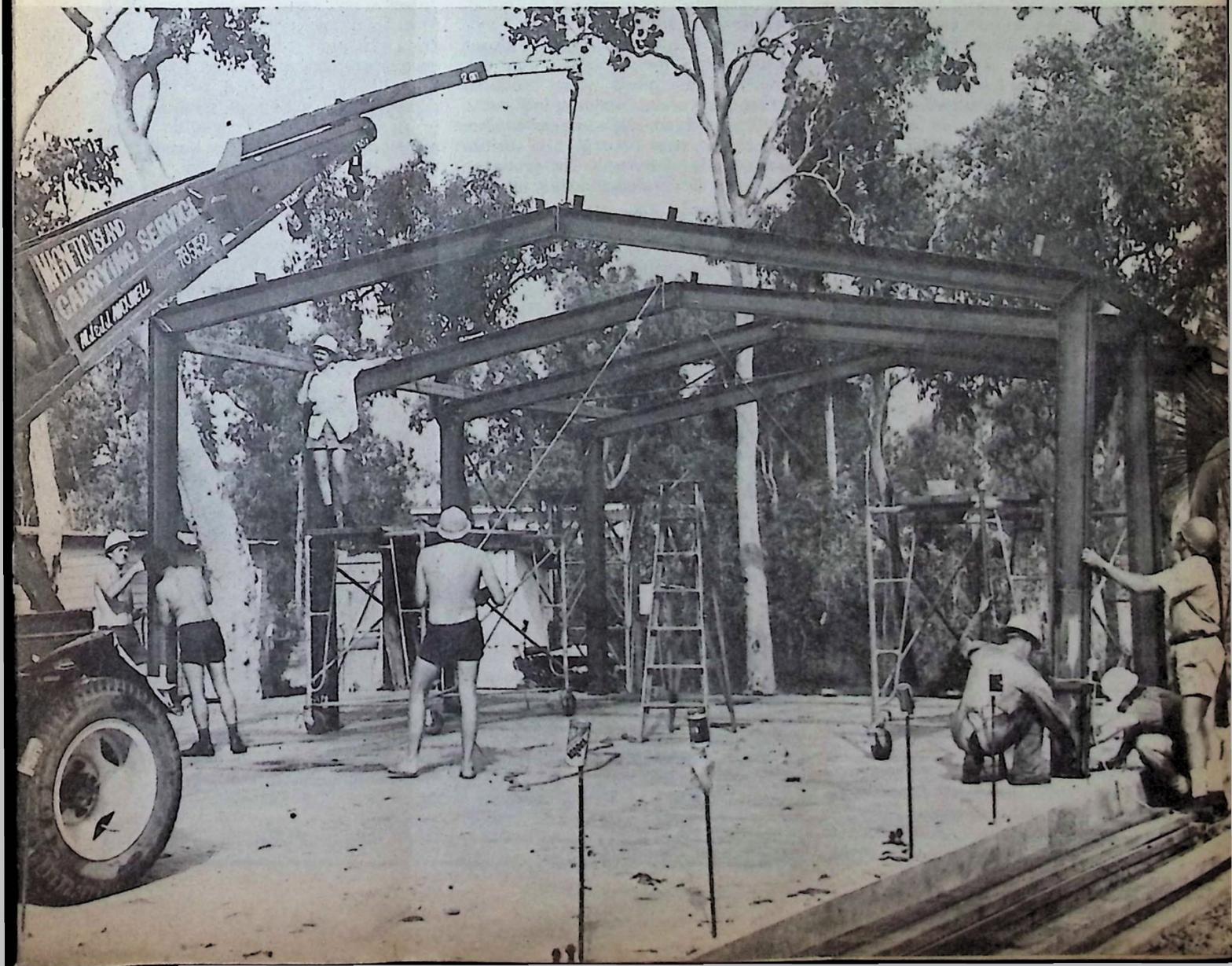
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WORLD'S NO. 1 ENEMY . . . MAN!

"It's possible that you two are sitting opposite me now only because your great-grandmother eluded my great-grandfather," said a Danish pastor addressing two Ghanaians participating in a seminar on the "Price of Progress" held at Chateau de Bossey near here. The Danish pastor's great-grandfather had, it seemed, made his money as a slave trader in West Africa. The Ghanaians were a biologist and a social worker.

"Europe acquired its wealth by exploiting other continents. Are the exploited countries now expected to pay for the damage done to the biosphere by European industry and to reduce their birth-rates because Europeans consider it necessary?" the pastor asked.

"Population figures alone are meaningless," chimed in a town planner from Zurich engaged in development planning in Switzerland and in the Himalayan state of Nepal. "Only 30% of the world's population is responsible for 75% of all pollution. It is not people who are the danger but the unrestrained, often senseless use of raw materials and energy, and the careless and irresponsible population of our environment."

"The most of that the non-industrial countries do in this respect is pollute their own areas," commented a biologist. "The threat to the global systems of the atmosphere and the oceans comes exclusively from pollution by the industrialised nations."

In Sweden trees have stopped growing in forests affected by sulphur-containing industrial waste gases, and the acidification of the soil due to contaminated rainwater is causing many of them to die off. Yet the forests are the green lungs of the earth. They and the algae in the sea together produce most of the oxygen from which we all live.

The earth will still provide food for a great many people as long as the food is produced sensibly and distributed honestly. On this basis it can still meet all basic human needs.

The natural system of the oceans is vitally important to man. The oceans belong to the whole of mankind and yet they are in the process of being infected by a very few. According to the latest

figures, five-sixths of the oil polluting them comes not from shipping but from the motor-car engines of the rich industrial societies: when the oil is changed it is not collected and re-used, but is dumped into the sewage pipes and is carried by the rivers to the sea.

These facts and relationships were all brought out by one of the groups at the "Price of Progress" consultation. The Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches organized this international gathering as a contribution to the process of awareness within the churches.

The group which discussed "population figures" and their ramifications made recommendations based mainly on papers given by a Swiss biologist, the biologist from Ghana, a Dutch political economist and an Indian. The plenary session also had in its hands the Club of Rome's report on the future. Taking part in the discussion were one member of the group which produced that report, a system's analyst inclined to be critical of it and the author of another model for the future, the British "Blueprint for Survival." The group on population also included among others a

doctor who had worked for years in family planning in Papua-New Guinea and a representative from that country.

A Word to the Churches

Their recommendations concerned practical and theological questions as follows: the churches should support citizens' groups for protection of the environment which already exist in certain countries, help to extend this movement to other countries and organize it on a world-wide scale. The churches are in a position to create new relationships and speak to groups that cannot easily be reached by existing movements and groups.

The organization of mankind into states is in itself part of the general crisis; for the states also pollute the environment and obstruct the way to just solutions. The role of non-governmental organizations, which began to emerge in Stockholm has since become quite clear to informed observers. A world government such as many people are now demanding is neither an imminent prospect nor a guaranteed solution. What is needed is the co-operation of all mankind, and this has to be organized in all the areas where it is possible.

—E.P.S.

INNER SPRINGS ASLEEP OR AWAKE



In the book of Acts is a delightfully human story of a young man who fell asleep during a sermon. "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them and continued his speech until midnight . . . and there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutyclus, being fallen into a deep sleep and as Paul was long preaching he sunk down with sleep, and fell from the third loft . . ." Poor Eutyclus! Yet many of us may have suffered the same embarrassment but for the fact that we are not usually seated in such a precarious position.

Such is human frailty, that there will always be distractions in church. Over-tiredness, noises from within and without, an exquisite bowl of flowers, our own wandering thoughts can all draw our attention from what is being said from the pulpit. And there may be occasions when the preacher is so poor that we can do little else but fall asleep. But I wonder how many ministers have been either physically or spiritually, is to miss that which we came for. A glimpse of God for our workaday life, a lifting of our burden. Some word to set our feet more firmly on the path, and above all fellowship with our Loving Father.

Eternal God, keep us wide awake to hear Thy Word.

May it be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.

Without it we travel in darkness.

Acts 20: 7-12.

Amen.
FLORENCE ROSIER.

RESIGNATION OF LANCE & ENID FISHER

BY DON P. BUTLER

After some months of seeking and enquiry, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Fisher have tendered their resignation as missionaries of the Churches of Christ in its work amongst the Australian Aborigines.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher first entered the field of aboriginal welfare and service in late 1960, and immediately Mr. Fisher was appointed as Superintendent of Carnarvon Mission, which position he held until 1971. Over this term of 11 years Mr. and Mrs. Fisher guided the work in the Children's Homes at Carnarvon and at the same time began an active work to adult aboriginal people at Carnarvon, finally culminating in the building of the wonderful complex of buildings in the town of Carnarvon known as the Carnarvon Church and Christian Centre.

Church, large hall, manse, Centre house, were all built by staff under the overall control of Mr. Fisher. Later on a young people's hostel was a further addition, built again by staff. This quite large complex of buildings had to be planned and erected and at the same time the Mission had to be maintained and administered.

These were very busy days and Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were equal to the task and so the work progressed. With all this going on Mr. and Mrs. Fisher still kept close contact with Bob Williams in reaching the aboriginal people with the Gospel and provided assistance and help as needed.

With the establishment of the church and centre complex came the building up of the church and the participation and integration of white and coloured into the service of the church and Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were instrumental in bringing a happy spirit of unity and fellowship into the young church. As it grew and became more self reliant Lance Fisher and Bob Williams began reaching out further to the tribal people scattered over the vast north west of W.A. Visits were made to many tribal areas including Warburton Ranges, Cundelee, and Norseman.



Mr. and Mrs. Lance Fisher

The response of the people to the message of the Gospel taken by Mr. Williams and Mr. Fisher was good and further trips were done and more contacts made. Then in 1971 Mr. Fisher relinquished the Carnarvon superintendency to specialise solely in the field of outreach. A caravan with annexe was purchased with the thought in mind of doing itinerant work, moving from place to place, encouraging, witnessing, assisting, challenging.

This never really eventuated for on their first move the Fishers went to Onslow, around 1,000 miles from Perth and set up the caravan in the caravan park and began a day by day work with the aboriginals of the Onslow area. Because of the tremendous need of the people Mr. and Mrs. Fisher found it impossible to continue with their proposed itinerant work and for the next 18-20 months their time was spent in getting to know the people, being friends and helpers and assisting to provide the necessities of life to these people in such great need.

In the heat of the north west Mr. Fisher began to be plagued by skin cancer and continually had to be receiving treatment for relief. Finally, in late 1972 Mr. and Mrs. Fisher had to move out of the heat and were strongly advised not to work in hot country again. A rather sad farewell was had with the Aborigine people of Onslow who still talk about "Fisher" and long for a return visit.

The work of Lance and Enid Fisher at Onslow was the beginning of a new type

of service. Today, Alan Pallett is engaged full-time in this field of outreach and liaison in the Goldfields of W.A. reaching out as far as Warburton Ranges and Cundelee to semi-tribal and tribal people.

Again the same pattern is evident as Mr. Pallett works with full blood tribal Christian men, Roy Nine, and Peter Flynn, reaching out with the good news of salvation, the hand of friendship and identification to people over a vast area.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Broad were appointed to Onslow to replace Mr. and Mrs. Fisher and since their arrival many things have happened in the development and emergence of the Onslow aboriginals. Government attitude has changed considerably since those early days and help and assistance is available today as never before.

It has always been Board policy to have close liaison and good relationship with Government officers in our areas of service and today with Government finance available the aboriginal people can receive great encouragement and incentive.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are at the moment in Victoria but they shortly intend to do a trip around Australia via Queensland, Northern Territory and W.A. One thing will be most evident. The aboriginal people of Roebourne, Onslow, Carnarvon and near areas will be waiting to greet them.

1. The Restoration Movement

I have a friend who believes that the World Council of Churches is the Beast of the Book of Revelation. I have another friend who talks like a World Council of Churches Commission on Faith and Order. Both are active in Churches of Christ. Both would claim to be standing in the true tradition of the Restoration Movement. These are at the ends of the wide spectrum of attitudes amongst us to the Ecumenical Movement in general and the World Council of Churches in particular.

HISTORICAL FACTORS

The thesis which I wish to present is that the various attitudes in the Australian Brotherhood to the W.C.C. are far more deeply determined by historical factors than we realize. I hope to show that there are three main streams of thinking amongst us: the "Restorationist" stream, the "Separatist" stream, and the "Unity" stream. Each thinks of itself as truly representing the position of Churches of Christ. And some amongst us swim in more than one of the streams.

The "Restorationist" and the "Unity" streams both flow from the Campbells and Barton Stone and from early British Churches of Christ. The "Separationist" stream comes from a radical wing of the Reformation, and has come into Australian Churches of Christ by a process of absorption (as we shall see later).

I hope to explore ways and means of encouraging understanding between the streams that may result in a unity of purpose in making our witness as a Brotherhood to the church and to the world.

THE RESTORATION MOVEMENT

Our people round the world are called variously, "Churches of Christ" "Christian Churches" and "Disciples of Christ." One traditional name holds them together. That name we will use to describe them for the purpose of this essay. It is "Restoration Movement."

EMPHASIS ON UNITY

At the beginnings of the Restoration Movement in the U.S.A., the strong emphasis was on Unity. Thomas and Alexander Campbell deplored the divisions of their day, especially the "fenced off" communion tables that

A NEW SERIES
BY
GORDON STIRLING

separated Christians from their brothers. Thomas Campbell talked freely of the sin of division and called for the demonstration by all denominations of the Biblical "one-ness" of the Church.

Their plea for unity was a hundred years ahead of their time, so it is not surprising that the Campbells and their followers were forced out of the churches into a separate existence. They had desired to plead for unity from within the churches, but were forced into doing it from outside.

Thrust from the churches they found themselves in a new fellowship needing to find new guide-lines. They had argued that the union of Christians was possible if all would come together to discover from the Scriptures, the mind and purpose of God for his church. So in looking for guide-lines for their new fellowship, they used the New Testament as their "rule of faith and practice." However it was not for some years that they discovered that baptism in the New Testament is the immersion of penitent believers. In looking for a Biblical name to describe themselves they chose "Disciples of Christ."

CHRISTIANS ONLY.

At the same time, Barton Stone and others were incurring the wrath of their denominational "establishments" for uniting in a great evangelistic crusade in which people forgot their denominational "tags" and rejoiced in being simply Christians. Some stepped back into line under the "whippings" of synod and presbytery. But Stone had drunk too deeply of the "heady wine of unity" to turn back. He found himself leading a united fellowship of many thousands of people who continued to call themselves Christians only. Brought into being by the will to unite Barton Stone's Christians sought to regulate the life of their churches by a simple appeal to the New Testament, seeking to restore the purity of its faith and life.

The Campbells with their strong convictions about unity sought to find churches with whom they could unite on a New Testament basis. They tried the Baptists, but the union failed. In spite of their plea for unity the Disciples found themselves on their own again, with large numbers of erstwhile Baptists joining them. Then they tried union with Stone's Christians. This union worked.

It can be clearly seen from the records that the passion of the early fathers was for unity, and it was indeed that plea for unity that brought about the Restoration Movement. It was when this unpopular "Unity Principle" caused them to be forced out from the churches that they searched the Scriptures for a basis for the faith and life of their fellowships and thus established the "Restoration Principle."

IN BRITAIN TOO.

In Britain it was the other way round. Dissatisfied with the deadness, the authoritarianism, and the formalism of much church life, many sought a more dynamic life for the church by getting back to the source of Christianity in the New Testament. This quest led to the formation of groups of people known as Churches of Christ, pledged to restore the "New Testament order of things." They set out to try to make each congregation a "New Testament church." Half way through the last century they found fellowship with the American Disciples from whom they absorbed the "Unity Principle."

So on both sides of the Atlantic there was the Restoration Movement with its plea for the unity of all Christians through the restoration of New Testament Christianity. The "Unity Principle" and the "Restoration Principle" were linked together within the one plea.

It was natural that by temperament, conviction, and background, some should stress the "Unity Principle" and some the "Restoration Principle." Others sought to hold both principles in balance. Those who followed the "Restoration Principle" almost exclusively are in what we may call the "Restorationist" stream. (The next article will deal with the "Restorationist" stream, followed by others on the "Separatist" and the "Unity" streams).

Danger!

NO?

SAYS
DAVID
WILKERSON

In his book "Hey, Preach—You're Coming Through!" David Wilkerson says that there is quite a campaign to lift all the bars to make marijuana as easy to get as aspirin. He has been on radio and TV panels with so-called experts who keep talking about how harmless marijuana is and who claim that young people ought to be permitted to smoke it "to get it out of their system." Wilkerson definitely does not agree.

Seventeen researchers from a Western University issued their conclusions following interviews with 100 marijuana-smoking young people during one year. "Marijuana," they said, "had not only failed to harm the users but had been good for them. They were keener, dressed better, and had gained more insight into human nature than non-users." The report also suggested that marijuana kept these young people from alcohol and harder drugs.

When Wilkerson read that report in the Los Angeles "Times", he was shocked and horrified. From these experts and others like them, there is a growing cry to legalise marijuana and remove penalties restricting its possession and sale. Some of the "impartial experts" who favour this, admit to smoking and enjoying marijuana themselves. Expecting an impartial opinion about marijuana from smokers of it, is like expecting alcoholics to make an unbiased study of the effects of Bourbon!

He is not so concerned about the total number of young people now smoking

marijuana as he is about the steadily growing number who are developing a permissive attitude towards all drugs, including LSD, and who may eventually fall for the big lie that drug users are more worldly wise and more conscious of the possibilities of their personalities.

Wilkerson disagrees totally with the current permissive attitude towards marijuana. He regards "pot" the most dangerous drug used today.

Having worked with drug addicts for 10 years at "Teen Challenge" (a centre where desperate addicts are received and helped) Wilkerson should be listened to with respect. 2000 drug addicts have been counselled, as many as any private agency in the world. He knows what marijuana does.

He claims that 95% of all drug addicts treated there began with marijuana and then graduated to harder stuff. Each addict is asked how he got started and almost always the answer is, "I took a stick of pot."

The present penalties operating in the U.S. for selling or delivering marijuana were imposed after a Congressional Committee interviewed 345 witnesses and received information from 2000 doctors, hospitals, prison officials and law enforcement officers. The Committee findings included:

1. That heroin and marijuana were the two most widely used illicit drugs, with more than half of the total crime in the largest cities being traceable directly or indirectly to the use of these drugs.

2. That marijuana, though not addictive, is habit forming. Its extended use causes psychic dependency. Habitual use, in many cases, leads to serious crimes and insanity.

3. That over 75% of the Heroin addicts interviewed began with marijuana and graduated to more powerful rugs.

The World Health Organisation in 1965 included among the effects of marijuana the following: "impairment of judgment and memory; illusions and delusions pre-disposing to anti-social behaviour, anxiety and aggressiveness as the result of various intellectual and sensory derangements."

It is true that some people are so constituted that a single experience with marijuana or LSD produces no lasting effects, or none so far recognisable. But—the constitutions of others are such

IS POT HARMLESS?

that a single large dose of marijuana or LSD has been known to result in suicide, homicide, or temporary insanity.

Wilkerson says he knows what marijuana does. It breaks down resistance to other drugs, paves the way to alcoholism and drug addiction. It destroys moral values, especially sex standards, speeds up heart action, dilates the pupils of the eyes and slows muscle response. It increases laziness and anti-social attitudes—destroys inhibitions, impairs judgment, gives a person a feeling of greater capacity than he actually has, and distorts his sense of time and space.

That's a perfect set-up for road accidents!

Wilkerson says there is no question in his mind that anyone who will try marijuana, will try LSD. "When a college kid comes to me and says he is smoking marijuana but that he doesn't intend going on to other drugs, I know that he is not telling the truth. He has started on marijuana because he is not satisfied with life—and he will go the whole route. He'll keep making compromises all the way to the bitter end.

"The first stick of 'pot' a young person smokes is the beginning of a disease that will destroy him unless it is stopped. One of the most serious dangers from marijuana is the very fact that it is considered harmless.

"This idea hooks a lot of suckers. Frequently, parents will bring a marijuana smoking son or daughter to me for the smoking son or daughter to me for help and I can't help them, because the smoker has the idea, I'm not really. Since the permissive propaganda about marijuana, I haven't been able to help one such smoker.

"The irony is, about a year later, the same youngster will come back, dirty, unshaven, and hooked on heroin. That's the end of the route! I wish every 'expert' who thinks marijuana is so great could see this as often as I do."

Wilkerson thinks marijuana is more dangerous than LSD, because it is considered harmless. Because it is so widely accepted marijuana leads thousands of users into deadly experiments that bend minds and bodies until they break.

"Let's not fall for the idea that 'pot heads' and 'acid heads' are really the 'in group.' Let's see them as they really are—just a lot of lost, mixed-up, sick unstable, insecure, seedy, long-haired 'drop-outs'."

INDONESIA

BY NOEL FLINT

The one dominant impression gained by a visitor to Indonesia is People! An Australian looking at Java notices that every square inch that can be cultivated is growing something, and that there are crowds of people—even the cultivated land is crowded with clusters of houses.

It is a land of extremes of poverty and riches yet, generally, the people are strong and healthy.

RELIGION

Islam is the major religion but much of it is adapted to and syncretised with other native religious practices. There is Buddhism, Animism, Confucianism, Hinduism and many other forms of worship besides Christian denominations: Dutch Reformed, Kristen, Baptists, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventists, Pentecostals, Roman Catholics and others

There is a Ministry of Religions and many church letters have to be stamped by it. Applications to Immigration must have a letter from this department authorising a missionary's activities. The policy of the country is that no new denominations may be formed. Churches of Christ are not registered as such with the Ministry of Religions and it is not an easy matter to start new churches. There is a registered Christian mission which allows us to do co-operative missionary work.

SOCIETY

Indonesian society is organised differently from ours. Communism very nearly took over the country and as this ideology knows no ethics and will use force unscrupulously, the only answer is 'eternal vigilance.' Indonesia, therefore, has a strong, well-trained army with headquarters and personnel in every town of size. There is also a capable police force.

In each street, village or Kampung, there is an "R.T.", functioning something like an air-raid warden in wartime. He is sort of captain of about a hundred families. Higher up is the "R.W.", a kind of chieftan. If a national is staying in the home of a friend for more than a couple of days, it should be reported to the R.T. If a foreigner is visiting for more than four days, he must report to the police and the R.T. If a family wished to have a party, meeting, or service of worship, permission must be asked of the R.T. Primarily designed to combat communism the custom is heavily weighted against Christian missionary. It is acceptable for an interested party to invite a missionary for the purpose of holding a Bible study, but without such an invitation it is difficult to start in areas where Islam is strong.

A white missionary is also very conspicuous. There are ways of breaking down barriers if one is patient; the teaching of English is one way. The people want to learn the English language.

COST OF LIVING

The cities are terribly expensive, because of the cost of housing. Rent is fantastically high, payable in advance for a contract period of one, two three or more years. Another way is to live in a village, native style, very cheaply. In my experiment of living in the villages I lost 20lbs in weight, and the lack of hygiene, the smell, and the taste of water and food became unbearable. I picked up a virus and had to make for a European home to recover.

The American family with whom I lived for a time, operate on \$500 (U.S.) a month. This does not cover transport, materials, production costs, etc., but housing living and personal needs for a family of five.

This is difficult to answer for we are in partnership with the Almighty. In the light of the legal position and the religious situation, and the example of those from U.S.A. involved in the work, it would be unwise to expect too much too soon.

Perhaps we would be wise to saturate with teaching and gain goodwill until a spontaneous movement on the part of nationals influences the government to recognise a new movement. If we have anything good to offer then one day it

will be recognised for its value.

Methods of Operation

There are activities that could be tried such as teaching English and using the N.T. as a study book, developing cell group discussions, offering a Christian Leadership Training Course. Primarily the start will have to be made through nationals—teaching, training and developing these workers so that they will take responsibility to evangelise, plant and build churches.

SUMER HIDUP MISSION

This is a mission which churches of Christ missionaries have established to be a national mission. At present the Sumer Hidup Mission would welcome applications from Australian missionaries (fully supported from Australia) such as a minister with a minimum of seven years' experience, a college professor who will give at least three or four years service, an electronic recording specialist to repair electronic equipment, learn the Indonesian language, teach the language to others, take good recordings and share his 'know-how' with Indonesians.

The Difference

One marked difference between Indonesia and our mission fields is that Indonesia is more populous and more developed. Industry and commerce have made the cost of western home and life style very high whereas in other fields missionaries have worked with primitive people under primitive conditions.

• B.&F.B.S.

YOUTH TREAT FROM PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

Ratu leaves his village in the Highlands of New Guinea to attend university in Port Moresby.

A motor bike starts him on a disappointing search for happiness in things . . . many of which he gains dishonestly.

Several circumstances (including an evangelistic crusade by Billy Graham associate evangelist, the Rev. Ralph Bell) bring Ratu back to the Book his mother gave him when he left home.

"Ratu Makes a Choice" is the latest Bible Society audio visual for youth, available now from your nearest Bible House.

The 15-minute, full-colour filmstrip was made on location in Papua-New Guinea, with indigenous young people taking the parts.

Workbooks, colouring-in sheets, posters, teachers' information leaflets, and coin cards are also available to encourage young people to take an active interest in Papua-New Guinea and the work of the Bible Society in particular.

Greater effort has been made to interest older young people in this year's youth project although such things as colouring-in sheets have been included to maintain the interest of younger children as well.

The workbook presents insights into life in Papua-New Guinea as well as teaching young people how to say and understand the Lord's Prayer in New Guinea Pidgin.

The 1973 Bible Society Youth Project hopes to raise \$50,000 towards general scripture/distribution in Papua-New Guinea.

TWO CHURCHES

BY
E. C.
KEATING

Meet two churches that recently had planned giving programmes. One is in a "middle aged" area with few young married couples or teenagers. The other is in an outer area of Melbourne, bursting at the seams with young married couples moving into the area. These entirely different churches both had one thing in common—They didn't need a Planned Giving Programme as far as local needs were concerned. They wanted to teach individuals the joy of giving and wanted to increase their giving to others.

THE STORY

Bentleigh (the "Middle Aged" Church) with a membership of 115 (comprised of 85 financial units) was giving \$235, of which \$100 was given to the wider work of the church! How could an initial planned giving programme help them? Their record was better than some planned giving churches.

The Field Officer's lack of faith was sadly revealed when 44 of the units pledged a total of \$240, and with other offerings the total offering will exceed \$320. The average giving per unit is hard to beat—and the Bentleigh church can therefore (in a humble way) challenge our other churches to consider planned giving as a means of supporting the wider work of Christ.

Ringwood had a review programme. With wise guidance from their student minister, D. Smith, they preceded the programme with an emphasis on the personal spiritual renewal of each member.

Their 75 units were giving \$175 per week. To enable them to increase their giving to others as well as employ a full time minister in 1974, a target of \$220 was set by the board—an increase of 25% which is average for a review programme. We lacked in faith there too! By the end of the programme, \$248 was pledged, with another \$15 anticipated from other sources—a total of between \$260 and \$270. An increase of 50%.

What do we learn from programmes such as these?

* Many congregations are not giving at their potential to the wider work of the church. In 1972, planned giving programmes in Vic.-Tas. increased giving to others by \$9,000 per annum.

* If giving to Christ's work is taught in a friendly, challenging atmosphere with opportunities for sharing of experiences, people will "catch the vision" of sacrificial giving. This happens in a planned giving programme. Ask somebody from Bentleigh or Ringwood.

QUEENSLAND C.W.F. CAMP

The Queensland C.W.F. Camp was held June 1-3, at Camp Cal. 96 women attended under the leadership of Mrs. Dorothy Potter, the ages being between 18 and 74. This was a wonderful camp in that so many women of such varying ages lived, played and worked together so happily.

The studies from the book of Galatians were led by Mrs. Dorothy Armstrong. A Prayer Workshop was conducted by Mrs. Doris Hammer, and the whole musical programme, conducted by Mrs. Dot. Sleaford kept us cheerfully singing choruses and hymns old and new. Our Conference President, Mrs. Marjorie Chapman, arranged and Presided at the Sunday morning Communion Service, held in the open air chapel. Prior to this we had a Sunrise Service with Miss Vi. Callanan to lead us. We watched the sun rise touching the sea with gold. It was a sight to make us all realise how wonderful and mighty God is.

The cooking was in charge of Jack Fraser (Arana Hills) assisted by T. Davis (Chinchilla), G. Balzer (Southport) and Messrs. D. McNicol and A. Pieper (Redcliffe). Believe me we ate very well.

On June 3, 96 women returned to their homes in the city and country much better to cope with life and grateful for new friendships made and old friendships renewed.

MISSIONARIES FROM 3RD WORLD

The Church Growth Study Centre in Singapore has revealed that over 3000 Missionaries from Asia, Africa and Latin America have begun to reverse traditional missionary patterns.

A research team from Fuller Theological Seminary has found that 44 Third World countries with 196 missionary-sending agencies, has sent out

ASIAN CHURCHES GET NEW NAME

A new name and a new set of officers and staff were authorised by the Fifth Assembly of the East Asia Christian Conference, June 6-12.

The assembly changed the regional body's name to Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) and elected a General Committee to legislate between assemblies.

The 45 year-old Methodist bishop of Malaysia and Singapore, Yap Kim Hao, was named general secretary. He will be assisted by Rev. Harry Daniel, an Indian now serving on the staff of the World Council of Churches, and the Rev. Ronald O'Grady, associate general secretary of the National Council of Churches in New Zealand. Mr. O'Grady is a minister of Churches of Christ.

The assembly concluded that in the next four years CCA must give priority to programmes aimed at liberation of the poor from poverty through the provision of opportunities for self-development.

—E.P.S.

S.A. COUNCIL CONDEMNS RHODESIA.

The South Australian Council of Churches passed a resolution condemning the policies and actions of the Rhodesian government and expressing solidarity with the African churches. The resolution read as follows:

A. Condemns, and recommends that all Christians should condemn, the repressive acts of the illegal Government of Rhodesia;

B. In particular it condemns the practices of detention and imprisonment for those witnesses to freedom so treated;

C. Supports the African National Council of Zimbabwe in its attempts to negotiate with the Smith regime a settlement acceptable to the people of Zimbabwe."

Also it was moved:

"That we send this resolution to the Council of Churches in Rhodesia, and all organisations and people concerned in Zimbabwe, and also to the Australian Council of Churches, to let them know that we are solidly behind them in this regard."

3000 missionaries.

In the face of the overwhelming predominance of western missionaries, the non-western missionary efforts have only been a footnote. The researchers say the number of Third World missionaries reflect only those agencies they were able to locate. Many more could exist.

—World Vision.

OPEN FORUM

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FREEMASONRY.

The recent lifting by the Roman Catholic church of ex-communication on its members who get involved with Freemasonry brings me to look again at the seeming indifference of the Protestant churches to this subject.

I have found it difficult to understand how any who believe that Christ is the way, the only way to the Father, can have fellowship with this organization which claims to direct one to God, but without the need of the Christ we love, for have no doubt Christ's name must never be mentioned in a lodge, the reason being that it might offend a few present.

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can have fellowship with this organization which claims to direct one to God, but without the need of the Christ we love, for have no doubt Christ's name must never be mentioned in a lodge, the reason being that it might offend a few present.

A few years ago this subject came up and many correspondents who were critical like myself were handicapped to an extent in that they had no real inner knowledge of Masonry. I am in the position to argue on their own ground for I belonged to Masonry for eight years, five of them as organist. That was twenty years ago before Christ's words "I am the way" kept playing on my mind and led me into his light.

Les O Harper, N.S.W.

To the Editor,

I recently read a book written by leading R.C. leaders on Ecumenicalism, and they all stated emphatically that the only conditions of the churches ever joining together would be when the Protestant churches came back to the true fold under the leadership of the Pope. The book stated that Christians of other churches had some truth, but were still estranged from the True Church.

When we realise this we see that fraternising with a church teaching false doctrines, could lead untaught Protestants into thinking that all churches are the same, and adding their strength to a church which still thinks the same as in the dark ages when persecution was used to bring the

wayward children back to the true fold.

The church itself proudly proclaims that "Rome never changes".

(Miss N. Barbour (Vic.)

WITHIN THE CAMP

To the Editor,

As I read letters to the "Christian", I wonder sometimes whether we are more concerned about reaching out too far for the Great Universal Church, and in the meantime forgetting and losing our true identity. There is a tremendous need within the structure of the Church itself - need for understanding, much teaching, love, and a holding fast to the fundamentals we believe as a people. "Within the Camp" there is need for greater love and understanding with one another.

By all means, reach out in love and understanding, but not at such cost to disregard one who holds fast to the things which he or she believes are the right job assigned to us. © Continued on 9

GODSPELL STAR



Katie Hanley stars in the movie "Godspell". She is unique not only for her song, "By My Side," but for her personal life as well.

One of New York's most promising young actresses, she received rave reviews for her portrayal of Marty in the Broadway hit, "Grease", before making the Godspell film.

Mrs. Hanley has, to use her own words, "decided to devote my life to Jesus". So, instead of signing to do another play or movie, Katie has developed a singing career. She is not sure about continuing acting, but she is sure about her need to witness for her faith.

—"The Christian"

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

HEY! LISTEN

To the Editor,

It seems that no one wants to listen any more, and every one wants to talk. University students don't want lectures, they want TV cameras on campus so that they can talk to the world. Kids at school don't want to listen to teachers, they want to tell the teachers. Some people in our church don't want to listen to sermons. They want discussion groups so that they can talk. When we do have groups the ones who monopolise the conversation are the ones who can't stand sermons. Kids complain that their parents won't listen and vice versa. And if any one is an authority on any subject, that is the first reason why we don't want to listen to him. We are all authorities on every subject and want to be heard.

I was musing amongst the geraniums on these things when next door's portable telly began to roar to the neighbourhood, the tote dividends on the third race. In retaliation over-the-back's transistor was turned up. I suddenly realised that no one seems to be objecting to listening to radio and TV round the clock! Then it dawned on me that one reason why every one wants to talk and no one wants to listen is because our brains and ear drums are so saturated by technological noise machines that they can't take any more. It's as though something inside us is shrieking, "Shut up! I want to talk! I want to think!"

It occurs to me that even in praying most of us use the available time to talk to God rather than to listen to him. A lot of people would define prayer as "talking to God." Why not define it "listening to God?" Maybe if we all get round to listening to God more we'll sort out when to talk to other people and when to listen to them . . . and when to submit and when not to submit to electronic assaults on our ear drums.

Thankyou for listening.

TERTIUS.

God knows how we all desire unity of spirit, and I'm sure we all embrace it, but not at the expense of departing from the ideals of the Restoration Movement. When we are true to these things, we grow spiritually and numerically.

Alice J. Youens, Vic.

SURPRISE MOTION

To the Editor,

In the "Christian" of 24/2/73 Stanton H. Wilson drew attention to extracts from the constitution of Conference, one of which states that notices of business require 6 weeks notice in writing shall be given to the conference executive setting forth the proposed motions to be brought before the annual conference. 17/3/73 was given as the closing date.

One recognizes that these requirements are necessary in order to prepare the agenda for conference and also make the agenda available to the affiliated churches for discussion and determination. This latter provision would give the accredited delegates from the local church the

guidance of an informed opinion on matters to be considered at Conference.

In the report of the annual conference in Christian 19/5/73 reference was made to a "surprise motion" relating to the possible disposal of the Brotherhood Centre. The motion was accepted and endorsed by conference. Such action was a contravention of constitutional requirements, and prevented the affiliated churches from expressing their opinion on the proposal.

Time was not a factor for this hasty, unconstitutional action as the report indicated "there was no specific offer under consideration and no firm decision to dispose of the property." Decision on such an important motion should have been deferred until it had been discussed and determined by the affiliated churches who through their delegates could report back to a further conference.

The action of the Properties Corporation in submitting the motion to Conference indicated their belief that they were not

competent to conclude any transaction, and that only the affiliated churches through their delegates could endorse or reject such a motion, but in this area no delegate was competent to exercise an informed vote. Those who endorsed the motion could only presume to know the will of those on whose behalf they voted.

Such contraventions must not be permitted to continue in the operation of the machinery of conference.

Leslie E. Baker, Vic.

**COMMENT BY S.H. WILSON
CONFERENCE SECRETARY**

Leslie E. Baker is to be commended for his clear presentation of the good reasons which lie behind that part of the Vic-Tas. Constitution (16. NOTICE OF BUSINESS) which requires six weeks notice in writing of proposed motions and the circulating of the same to all Church Secretaries four weeks prior to Conference.

Mr Baker, however, in claiming that the acceptance and endorsement by Conference of the motion relating to the possible disposal of the Brotherhood Centre "was a contravention of constitutional requirements" is not correct,

because Section 16. Notice of Business, having made the provisions summarised above, further states:

"No other motions shall be submitted to Conference except those for the reception and adoption of reports, votes of thanks and such other motions as eighty per cent of the delegates present and voting, without discussion, permit to be introduced".

At Conference, this provision in the Constitution (and also the text of the Notice of Motion) was read, whereupon more than eighty per cent of the delegates voted that Conference receive this Notice of Motion.

It was the churches through their delegates who, in the first place, instituted this provision in the Constitution and it was authorised delegates at 1973 Conference who overwhelmingly voted to exercise those rights which this section of the Constitution provides for them.

The wisdom of compliance with the "six weeks notice in writing" provision cannot, as Mr. Baker rightly implies, be questioned. However, at last Conference in the case of the Brotherhood Centre motion and the India-Mali Relief motion the delegates duly appointed by their respective churches saw fit to act within their constitutional rights and receive these Notices of Motion. It is noteworthy that both Motions were carried by very substantial majorities if not unanimously.

WORLD TALK No. 77

A.B.C. OF THE BIBLE

A miracle is an act of power or a sign that shows evidence of God's intervention. The Bible has miracles connected with nature: creation, growth, storms and rain; human life; birth, sleep, knowledge, special ability, conception and death; history: Abraham, Exodus, Babylon; healing, particularly associated with Elijah, Elisha and Jesus; and literature: with various forms of saga, parable and tradition.

In the O.T. miracles were associated particularly with Moses and Aaron in Egypt, the Exodus, and with the life of Elijah.

In the N.T. the KJV translates as "miracle" 32 references but the RSV uses the word only seven times. Other words are "sign", "wonder", "mighty work". The attitude of Jesus towards miracles is important: He is reluctant to work a miracle (Mk 8:11-12), but compassion over-rode (Mk. 1:32-4); he encouraged secrecy (Mk 3:12); he condemned the faith that rested in miracles (Lk 16:31; Matt 12:39); and he stressed that miracles were signs of God's power and concern (Jn 9:3).

Most of the miracles of Jesus fit into five categories: healing, (Matt 4:23-5); increase (Jn 2:1-11); dominion over nature (Matt 14:22-34); resuscitation (Lk 7:11-17); glorification (Matt 17:1-8). There is one miracle of destruction (Matt 21:18-22).

Miracles, in the proper sense are basic to Christianity. The incarnation, resurrection and ascension of Jesus are miracles as are our conversion, re-birth and salvation.

DICTIONARY:

A miracle is a successful fact produced by special intervention of God for religious purposes transcending what we usually observe to be the laws of nature.

MIRACLE

FOR TODAY:

The laws of nature may be more complex than we assume. Miracles may be only contrary to what we know of nature. Man cannot fly yet by building an aeroplane and using the previously unknown laws of nature (aerodynamics) man can fly. Miracles of healing occur daily with the credit going to those who dress wounds rather than to the One who heals.

Some would discount the N.T. miracles as products of an ignorant and superstitious age. Yet the numbers of people who were eye witnesses to miracles e.g. 4000, 5000, 500, were sufficient to disprove fake magic. Luke the physician who of all writers knew the facts of life wrote the fullest account of the virgin birth. Even enemies did not deny that the miracles of Jesus had taken place. In an age when we accept so much blindly through the magic of the word "science" it is amazing that we give so little credence to eye witnesses.

Belief in miracles is inseparably tied to belief in God. A refusal to believe in God leads to a refusal to accept the inexplicable. Belief in God makes miracles possible.

Modern translations avoid the use of the word miracle. Goodspeed refuses to use it at all. The KJV is best here as it makes clear what the context indicates. Modern man needs to be confronted with the miracles. We make up our minds to be judge of all things. We need to be more humble to realise our ignorance.

The greatest miracle of all is the miracle of a re-born man. A life fundamentally changed by Christ is beyond dispute. As Luther said "God knows how to carve even rotten wood or ride a lame horse."

GORDON MOYES.

RENEWAL IN THE TROPICS (SEE COVER PHOTO)

CAMP IRWIN

After nearly 18 months, work on rebuilding the Church of Christ Youth Camp and Conference Centre at Magnetic Island, Qld., got under way last month.

The new structure, of prefabricated steel and masonry block, estimated to cost in excess of \$15,000 will replace the original ex-Army timber-framed units destroyed in Cyclone Althea in December, 1971.

The dormitories, assembly hall and kitchen area were a total loss, and with the experience of cyclone damage behind them, the Church of Christ is this time building a structure designed to withstand the elements.

Alan Weedon, minister in the Townsville area, said that the steel skeleton had been pre-fabricated in Townsville by K. G. Engineering and shipped across to Magnetic Island in sections.

One Friday afternoon, a small group of volunteers commenced work on assembling the steel sections and erecting them on the prepared concrete slab on site.

With a break on Sunday, the group worked long hours to complete the job and the external skeleton was finished with the frame and all roof timbers and barges in position.

"It was a magnificent effort on behalf of the volunteers," Mr. Weedon said, "and the new building, which will house the kitchen, dining room and the assembly area, is now ready for the next phase."

MEN AT WORK (See cover photo left to right)

Bernie Meier (ex Ipswich), Denzil Stanway (temporarily in Townsville with D.C.A.), Garry Hinspiter, John Phillips, Allan Lowe, Allan Weedon and Ian Newton.

NEW MISSIONARY APPOINTED

Ian Lowther has been appointed Regional Director for OMS International, (formerly The Oriental Missionary Society), in for N.S.W. and Queensland. He was formerly a company director.

Ian was born in China where his parents were serving as C.I.M. missionaries. Robin, who will also assist in the work of OMS, is a daughter of Mrs. Thelma French of Hurstville Church of Christ, N.S.W. Robin's father, the late Wal. French, was secretary at Hurstville for many years.

Mrs. Lowther has more recently been involved with the promotion of Dr. Barnardo's Homes for children. She is a member of the Central Australian

Mr. Weedon said that finance for the new centre had come from insurance, donations received from an Australia-wide appeal throughout the Church of Christ and the disposal of land owned by the church.

He added that two congregation members from the Mackay area had volunteered to handle the next stage in the reconstruction of the centre.

Kelvin Purdue will be responsible for laying the concrete blocks and Fred Schneider for the electrical installation.

The balance of the work, including the interior fitting out, will be handled by tradesmen from the Townsville congregation of the Church of Christ.

Mr. Weedon said he could not estimate the value of the voluntary contribution being made in the reconstruction of the Youth and Conference Centre at Nelly Bay, but it was "quite considerable" and had saved the church much in labour costs.

RICHARD LAWTON TO MAGILL (Magill, R. Clymer) Richard Lawton, currently Director, Federal Board of Christian Education, has accepted a call to minister at Magill church from February, 1975 . . . Mr. Clymer and church members joined with St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Trarmer, in a Pentecost service . . . 25 young people contracted to participate in encounter groups being conducted for six Sundays after the evening service . . . The Wednesday and Thursday prayer and Bible Study meeting are also combining for 6 weeks encounter group programmes.

Committee of the Christian Women's Conventions, and an officer with the Girls' Brigade.

ON A CROSS

French-born Patricia Tamao and his wife Maritza offered themselves in the Dominican Republic to be crucified in the cause of world peace.

Tamao planned to stay on the cross for 48 hours, stayed for 25 hours before doctors persuaded him that his life was in danger. His place was taken by Maritza who survived 54 hours on the cross, 15 of them in an upright position. Hands and feet were nailed.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

DO YOU KNOW THIS STORY?

1. It is about some out-of-work men who were found in the market-place and given a job in a vineyard.

2. Jesus told the story and it is about a dispute over wages.

3. One strange part is that although some men worked longer than others they all received the same wages.

(see page 18 for the answer).

IS YOUR NAME JO?

Maybe not, but here is a puzzle about JO's to be found in words we use:

1. A JO who rides a horse.
 2. A JO who is a kangaroo.
 3. A JO that is glad.
 4. A JO that makes you laugh.
 5. A JO that riders wear.
 6. A JO that is a flower.
 7. A JO that is part of the face.
 8. A JO that writes the news
 9. A JO that is a medieval tournament.
 10. A JO that brings bad luck.
- (See upside down answers below.)

Goofy: Why are you sitting on that telephone pole, Mr. Crow?

Mr. Crow: I'm going to make a long-distance caw!

Rush message to deep-sea diver: "Come up quick—the ship's sinking!"

JO WORDS

1. Jockey. 2. Joey. 3. Joy, Jolly or Joyful. 4. Joke. 5. Jodhpurs. 6. Jonquil. 7. Jowl. 8. Journalist. 9. Joust. 10. Jonah.



"I'm worried about Junior, He's beginning to walk people-toed."

BOOKS IN Review

MOSES (studies in the Book of Exodus), Arthur Jackson, C.L.C. adult study, 25c.

JONAH, (Colin Thomson C.L.C. adult study, 25c.)

These two books are the latest in the Books of the Bible series.

"Moses" has four studies. The author sees the story of Moses as strangely modern as he considers the themes of the sufferings of the oppressed, their need for leadership, the qualities and experiences behind the leaders, the cost to those who take up the freedom cause, God's compassion for the human predicament, and his power at work.

He believes that we cannot properly understand ourselves as part of the Christian community unless we grasp the principles seen in Exodus, and that we cannot understand Biblical religion if we are ignorant of Moses.

"Jonah" has five studies. It brings out the work of the Biblical writer as he sought to awaken Israel to its missionary destiny as the people of God.

Groups are invited to grasp what the writer was saying to the people of his time, and then to see what it is saying to themselves and to the church today.

Of course, any Bible study which takes the latter seriously is dangerous. It might open us to the Spirit of God. But perhaps that might be a good idea!

(Available from F.B.C.E., 217 Lonsdale St., Melbourne, 3000)

R.W.L.

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

By Dr. J. H. Court (with Helen Caterer)

In an era when there are countless voices warning of the physical pollution of our planet, there are those who think that the dangers from moral pollution are even greater.

Dr. Court is one of them. He believes that Christians ought to know what is happening and do what they can to make society more worthwhile. Action can succeed as evidenced by the successful opposition in Adelaide to the staging of "Oh! Calcutta!" That victory, however was the result of one skirmish. The war is still raging and the sellers of violence and sex through the media are winning.

That is why Dr. Court says that Christians should stand up and be counted. Senator McClelland, the Minister in charge of the media, said at a public meeting that there was no evidence that viewing pornography or obscenity depraved or corrupted, "In a few years, as the subject is examined further, even the idea of protecting children from these elements may go behind the board."

There is plenty of evidence that violence on the screen at home and in the cinema affects behaviour, and many of us think that there is evidence also to convict explicit sex films. Young people are more and more involved. "In California, the incidence of reported gonorrhoea among teenagers rose from 2,770 in 1960 to 22,674 in 1970." That, and the venereal disease epidemic in Scandinavia which coincided with the removal of censorship there, may not be evidence for Senator McClelland, but we think there is every justification for charges to be laid and the matters judged responsibly. Unless the Christian viewpoint is presented firmly we shall have no one but ourselves to blame if the spokesmen for permissiveness

regard our silence as acquiescence.

This book gives helpful information and suggests positive action.

AT LEAST WE WERE MARRIED

By Terry C. Thomas (Zondervan)

This is called a non-fiction novel and the first chapters lead us through a gentle love story to the wedding day. Then, after the first night of their honeymoon, they packed their VW and left for Florida. In the evening on the freeway, a car coming towards them jumped out of control across the lane divider and crashed into them head-on.

Nancy was killed, Terry was seriously injured but recovered.

In this moving book, he tells of his love and loss and how the faith they shared has enabled him to find strength and hope for living. It is an inspiration and would help others in times of loss to keep working and living into the future.

USING SIMULATION GAMES.

(Youth Work Guide, The Joint Board of Christian Education, 75c. by Pat Baker)

Games are "in". Teachers and leaders are finding that learning can be fun, and effective, when learning games are set up.

A "simulation game" is one in which a real situation is simulated, and the participants are able to reflect on what happened. The dynamics are powerful, and the learning potential is immense.

At this stage there is a limited number of suitable games available in this country but the number is growing.

"Using Simulation Games" is an introduction to games and their uses; it gives instructions for eleven games, descriptions of others, and suggestions for developing your own games.

Whilst it is in the Youth Work Guide series, it is just as applicable to adults, and the ideas are applicable for children's work.

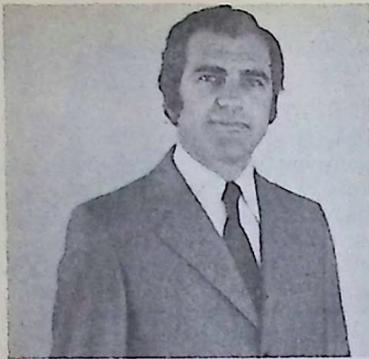
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-R.W.L.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Wish I could decide whether I don't do bad things because I'm scared, disinterested, or truly good!"



QUEENSLAND SOCIAL SERVICE

APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE- DIRECTOR

The Churches of Christ in Queensland Social Service Committee announce that Colin Dredge, A.A.S.A., L.Th., Dip. R.E., at present minister of Lyons church, A.C.T., has accepted an invitation to join this Committee as Associate Director from December 1974.

Mr. Dredge was born in Brisbane and became associated with Albion Church of Christ.

He was involved in their church clubs, Christian Endeavour, teacher in the S.S., and Youth Leader, and shared in church camps, rallies and other meetings.

He was educated at the Wooloowin State School and Brisbane State High, and undertook part time and evening studies, and requirements for two Accounting Diplomas A.A.U.Q. and A.A.S.A. He later joined the staff of the A.N.Z. Bank.

He entered the College of the Bible, 1962-1965, and his student ministries were at South Yarra and Knoxfield. He graduated with Honours, and secured a Diploma in Theology (L. Th.) and

Diploma in Religious Education (Dip. R.E.-). His ministries have been with Ascot Park, S.A. 1966-1969, and he served as S.A. Conference Treasurer for two years. He will have completed four years of service with the Lyons church when he relinquishes this position at the end of 1974.

He is at present engaged on a B.A. course at the Australian National University, majoring in Social Science.

His wife is the daughter of the present Women's Conference President in Queensland, Mrs. M. Chapman. She is a trained Home Science teacher, and has been the C.W.F. President at Lyons for the past 2 years and is a member of the Women's Federal Conference Executive Committee. They have 3 children—Kent, 6, Craig, 4, and Andrew 2.

Mr. Dredge's appointment has been confirmed by the Conference Executive in Queensland, and we look forward to his coming in order that we may be in a position to widen the sphere of Social Service in this State.

—E. T. Hart.

WEST MORETON INTERIM.

(Qld.) The interim ministry of Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Boettcher in the West Moreton Circuit (Rosewood, Mt. Walker — Rosevale) followed 14½ years earlier ministry. All homes in the Circuit were visited during the nine weeks. Five Religious Instruction classes were conducted each week.

There were three combined meetings, two at Rosewood and one at Rosevale. In the "Musical Night" at Rosewood each church shared equally. Dave Teis, of Lowood, led the singing with his Electronic Accordion.

C.W.F. Birthday Luncheons were held. At Mt. Walker, Mrs. L. G. Armstrong of Brisbane was speaker, and at Rosevale, Mrs. B. Rice of Ipswich. At the closing Sunday evening service on June 24 at Rosevale, N. Leach, Circuit President, expressed sincere thanks for the dedicated ministry of Mr. Boettcher and made a monetary gift as a token of appreciation.

Mr. Boettcher has accepted the invitation of the church at Maryborough, Qld., to conduct a six months' interim ministry commencing on July 31. This will coincide with the proposed missions by the Tony Thomas Team in Maryborough and Hervey Bay.

THINGS TO COME

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

JULY:

17 Women's Auxiliary Study Day.
21 "Dinner Down Under", Christian Centre. (Christian Educ. Dept.)

AUGUST

14 Women's Auxiliary "Discussion and Morning Tea".
27 "Impact" for 20 years old and over. Christian Centre.

VICTORIA

JULY

18 C.O.B. Winter School.
20 Social Service Women's Luncheon. Lower Melbourne Town Hall. 12.30 p.m.
23 Boys' Explorers' Indoor Sports.
25 C.O.B. Winter School.
28 F.O.Y.A. (D.C.E.)
31 Boys' Explorers' Indoor Sports.

AUGUST

1-24 Boys' Explorers' Knowledge Programme.
3 C.Y.F. Training Session.
4 Central & Northern Dist. Conf., Boort.
4 Inter-church Men's Breakfast. 7.30 a.m.
5 Bible Sunday.
15 C.W.F. Missionary Rally
18-19 Half Yearly Convention, Morwell.
19 Annual Offering. Dept. of Social Services.
25 F.O.Y.A. (D.C.E.)

NEW HYMN BOOK



Following many years of hard work by the Hymn Book Committee, representatives of that Committee have met with the Federal Conference Executive to take the final steps in the production of a new Church of Christ in Australia Hymn Book.

The selection of hymns, including many modern words and tunes, has been completed, and printing quotations have been received from printers, and these are being considered. It is expected that an early decision will be made concerning a printer, and an order placed for a "words only" book to be available in the first half of 1974.

It is expected that the cost will approximate that of the present Hymn Book, \$1.85.

Work is also proceeding on the finalization of a "music and words" book. This, of course, is a much more expensive proposition.

Federal Conference Executive is working very closely with the Hymn Book Committee on matters of publication, including finance, and ways are being explored in order to keep the costs of both the "words only" book and the "music and words" book to a minimum, without sacrificing quality.

The Austral Printing Company advise that all stocks of the present Hymn Book have been disposed of, but we are confident that the new "words only" book will be available to the churches by no later than mid 1974.

PRINCIPAL'S FAREWELL ANNOUNCED

FAREWELL TO PRINCIPAL E. L. WILLIAMS AND MRS. WILLIAMS.

The Board of Management of the College of the Bible has arranged for the official public farewell function to Mr. and Mrs. Williams, at the Lygon Street Chapel, 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30, 1973. The Principal will retire on Dec. 31. Churches are invited to plan this date into their church programmes.

NEW BOARD MEMBER.

Dr. Don Mansell, after long service with the Board of Management, has left to take up a professorship in New Guinea. The Federal Conference Executive has appointed in his place Vern. Warren, M.A. (Hons.), of the Burwood church. Mr. Warren is an engineer with the Town and Country Planning Authority and has been seconded to special work with the new Albury-Wodonga development. He is a part time lecturer in Town Planning at Monash University.

THE FIRST STUDENT GRANDFATHER

Jack Wiltshire was manager of an Insurance Branch in Rockhampton before coming to the College of the Bible at the beginning of 1973. He and his wife had decided to give the rest of their active years to the ministry. While studying at the College he is ministering to the church at North Essendon. He has just become a grandfather, the happy parents being his son and daughter-in-law who are members of the Ainslie church in Canberra.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING.

The facilities of the College have been made available for a number of in-service training days conducted at the College by the Vic.-Tas. Ministers' Fraternal. The most recent one on June 10 featured Rev. Peter Corney of the Scripture Union, sharing with ministers his extensive experience of Christian work amongst "teenagers." In the afternoon Richard Lawton and George Mathieson conducted a session on "Serendipity," involving new forms of group work. Between 40 and 50 ministers have attended each training day, many from country churches.

W. TABBERNEE RETURNS JULY 14.

W. Tabbernee has completed his year of special study in Theology and Church History at Yale University (U.S.A.). He has graduated S.T.M. (Master of Sacred Theology). With his wife and two children he returned via London and

Europe. This gave him the opportunity to visit relatives in Holland. He will resume lecturing at the College.



Principal E. L. Williams

AUSTIN JAMES LECTURE 1973.

The guest speaker at the 1973 Austin James Lecture on Friday, July 20, at 8 p.m., will be the Rev. J. B. Minchin.

Jim Minchin is Assistant Chaplain at Trinity College. His gifts and achievements in music are well known. He is returning from London, where he participated in an ecumenical Festival of New Forms of Worship, a series of events, seminars and liturgies around the Feast of Pentecost. In his lecture he wants to concentrate on those aspects of liturgy where the works and fruits of the Spirit are most in evidence. The title of his lecture will be:—"Caught Up In The Spirit."

DAPTO DECISIONS (E. S. Holt) Brian Elliott has been baptised and Dave Ratter has received Christ. The 100 we prayed for attended the Film Night where "So Long Joey" was screened . . . Recent speakers at the morning services were Mr. Chapman and Mr. McLeod from Woolwich Bible College, and Mr. Manners representing Scripture Union . . . A combined churches "Teach-In" is being run by the Ministers' Fraternal . . . We are losing good workers (B.B. leader and S.S. teacher) in Denis and Margaret Upsall as they transfer to Melbourne.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

TOURISTS

If touring in the North West of W.A., make Port Headland a stopping place on Sunday. Communion services are held each Sunday at 11 a.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lake, 8 Roberts Street, South Headland, (near the new High School). Visitors would be most welcome. Mr. Lake is a teacher in the High School.

W.A. MINISTERS' CONVENTION

The W.A. Ministers' Annual Convention was held June 11-14 at the Baptist Youth Camp, a well-appointed property at Serpentine, 30 miles from Perth. Mrs. Avril Chapman, Youth and Christian Education Director for our N.Z. churches, was a resident visitor. She was in Australia promoting the National Youth Convention to be held in N.Z. in 1975.

There were eight sessions of the "workshop" type on Human Relationships, organised by the W. A. Director of Christian Education. The actual leadership of the sessions was in the hands of Directors of Christian Education from the Methodist, Presbyterian and Anglican churches. The techniques, involving both theory and experimentation, were new to some of us, but grew upon us favourably as the sessions progressed. Bible studies were led by K. J. Parry.

Brian L. Byrne, an officer of the Education Department, inspired all present as he explained "Future Policies and Programmes for Religious Education in Schools". A unanimous vote accepted the proposals and the underlying principles.

Fellowship was enjoyed by men from both metropolitan and country churches. On the afternoon set aside for informal recreation and golfing enthusiasts competed for "The Irrelevant Cup", which was won by Graham Chapman.

Meals were provided by Mrs. Hinde (North Perth) and Mrs. Dawson (Bassendean).

OFFICE SPACE PROVIDED

(W.A.) The Christian Centre Board of Management and the Conference Executive have made office space available in the Christian Centre to the Western Australian Council of Churches. The Council, having to vacate premises previously occupied found it difficult to secure office accommodation except at rents which were beyond its budget. The Council moved in during July.

Prepare yourself for the
**CHANGING MOODS IN
CONCERT**

**NORTHCOTE — SEPT. 28
SURREY HILLS — SEPT. 29**

• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

NEW HEBRIDES NEWSLETTER

FROM KAY WILLIAMS

Greetings from the hot stickiness of the wet season in the New Hebrides. We haven't had a great deal of rain so far this year but it has been enough to boost the humidity to an uncomfortable point. We're thankful that there have been no cyclones around. There was so much damage to some islands last year that they'll take some years to recover.

Gardens are just about back to normal, and there's a glut of bananas. We have them plain, baked, fried, boiled as dessert and made into jam until we're just about at the stage of not being able to look at another one.

This year we are advancing into first form at Londua. There are only four official high schools in the group and these are unable to cope with the number of young children who are passing their senior primary examination, and are seeking more education.

In the past, the majority of the children finishing primary school have been between 15-21 years of age. However, this year, ages have come down and now range between 12 and 16. I am teaching this class. We have 32 so far, 9 girls and 23 boys. Each morning Karen Humphries' typing class of 8 joins us for two hours, from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. for English, Maths, French and Bible Lessons.

While I take this group for lessons, Karen spends time at the Hospital office training Samuel Vatu in office procedure. Karen takes another group of 8 from my class for typing lessons two afternoons a week. We're not specialising in very much as I'm not a Secondary School teacher, but have added French, Science and typing to the normal curriculum.

Margaret Dillon, a voluntary sister, has returned to South Australia. Jeanette Egmolesse, an Australian New Hebridean, came in April to replace her. We are still

one sister short, so if anyone with nursing training would like a change of scenery, why not write to our Overseas Mission Board and inquire about it. Jeanette and Graham Wame with their two children arrived early in February and will be helping out at Randwadi while the Elliotts are on furlough. We hope that they will be able to take up their

appointment at Banmatmat before too long.

When we had our meeting for the Women's World Day of Prayer, women were present from the Anglican and Apostolic churches as well as from the Churches of Christ. Approximately 140 attended, with some women coming a distance of 15-20 miles, no mean task when the only way to travel is by foot or small launch.

May the Lord bless and keep each one of you.

Yours in Christian love,
Kay Williams.

LIVES CHANGED BY CHRIST

BY J. BOLTON

"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature."

The basic way of life in New Guinea is known as a clan system. Because of this everybody knows what the other person is doing. This can be a deterrent to bad behaviour sometimes but more often it is a means by which trouble spreads quickly.

Most of the troubles that occur are brought to the Local Councillor for his judgment. Because one Councillor is responsible for several villages much of his time is taken trying to solve problems and cool down hot tempers.

Recently the Councillor for Angisi, Bunam and Kivim came to visit me. During our conversation we got to the subject of the recent baptisms where 32 of the Kivim people followed Christ in this way. He told me that before we started the Discipleship Class (classes to prepare the people for baptism) he was being called to Kivim several times a week to hear disputes. When the Discipleship

classes began, he noticed that he was not called so often. This decrease continued and now, following the baptisms, he states that he is seldom called to Kivim and when he is it is not for troubles caused by those baptised. Because of the witness of this change in the lives of his own people he is seriously considering giving his life to Christ.

One of the men who was baptised had a bad reputation for beating his wife and child until they were grovelling on the ground. When he joined the Discipleship Class his wife sneered at him not believing he would be any different. He did lapse back into his old ways early in the course but after we counselled him, he found in Christ the strength to withstand the temptation that had controlled him for so long. His wife recognised this and is now in another Discipleship Class preparing for baptism.

There are a number of stories where lives have been changed by Christ. Some of the Christians are still battling with problems that have been a life long habit.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

GOSPEL FILM FOR GREEKS (Enmore, R. C. Dixon). On June 23, 150 Greek people viewed a Moody Science Film, "Dust or Destiny" with a Greek Sound Track. Translation of the gospel service into Greek as well as Arabic commenced on July 1 on a trial basis. 50 more headsets have been installed . . . S.S. attendances have risen to over 100 . . . Dupor Vasa, church leader from Nagaland (India), spoke on Overseas Missions Sunday . . . Miss Joan Walker, Mervat, Magda and Magdy Ibrahim, Susan Dixon, and Wendy and Sharon Molesley have all confessed Jesus at Saviour . . . 500 homes were visited on June 16 with the aid of the Pocket Testament League.

"SHOWERS OF BLESSING" (Murwillumbah, D. Eagling). The church has experienced wonderful blessing with the coming of the enthusiastic and dedicated car camp from Sydney, and the ministry of Evangelist Eddy Gabbert in our family worship week. Through Coffee shop evangelism and personal work the car camp team influenced the lives of many young people in initial commitment and rededication. The Family worship week with Eddy Gabbert saw 36 responses in initial decisions and rededication . . . The Church was saddened with the recent death of one of the pioneer members of our witness on the Tweed, George Stewart.



VICTORIA

PROFITABLE PROPHET (Oakleigh Dr. C. J. McKenzie). A further \$230 from the profits of "Hosea" has been given to the church's missionary project, the Christian Centre at Vila, New Hebrides, bringing the total on hand to \$936. Further performances of "Hosea" are planned, including two in Tasmania . . . There was a fine display of fruit and vegetables at the Harvest Festival on June 24. The produce was distributed to the three Churches of Christ Homes, the College of the Bible, Burwood Boys' Home and three needy families . . . The Church is preparing for participation in the South-Eastern Centenary Crusade . . . A new piano has been purchased for use in the chapel . . . The B.S. held a "Wake-a-thon" (several staying awake over 24 hours) and over \$40 was raised toward the piano fund.

MINISTER BACK (Boronia, D. R. Olafsen). Following two months sick leave, members welcomed the return of Mr. Olafsen to the pulpit on July 1. The church is indebted to visiting speakers and local men for filling speaking appointments . . . C.Y.F. held week-end camp at Morwell, Good Companions conducted evening service on Girls'

Sunday. Explorers and Good Companions are busy collecting aluminium cans, averaging 6000 per week. Proceeds are for local and brotherhood work . . . Church School takes part in morning services . . . Church members are participating in C.O.B. Winter School in a church family home . . . Don Maguire was recently honoured by friends and associates to mark the conclusion of 35 years community service as a member of The Basin Fire Brigade, the last 20 years as Captain. Don is also chairman of the Committee of Management of the Ferntree Gully National Park.

YOUTH AID (Chelsea, D. Oakes). Youth class presented cheque to Spastic Assoc. at morning service. Girls Sunday with tea and special service was observed on June 24. S. S. Barbecue and social was on June 30 . . . Share groups are functioning well, also young people's After-church Fellowship Sunday nights and the monthly adult After-church Fellowship . . . R. F. Geyer was a.m. speaker on June 24 . . . Special Committee formed for July programme of Evangelism.

BOOK WEEK (Ringwood, D. Smith). Over \$70.00 worth of books, recommended by the Federal Literature Committee, were purchased by church members . . . A series of services have been based on Christian Renewal themes . . . Review Planned Giving programme, conducted by Ted Keating, including a Family Tea and visitation of church members, resulted in a 48% increase in giving . . . On Girls' Sunday, Good Companions conducted morning service. Mrs. Dorothy Williams spoke on "Adventuring with Christ." Luncheon followed for girls and women of the church . . . The theme on May 17 was "Love". Three women were speakers . . . On Overseas Missions Sunday, F. Minahan and H. Weedon spoke on the work and claims of Overseas Missions.

VISITOR FROM KOREA (Bentleigh, R. W. Marshall). Alex Kuvshnikov from Seoul told a crowded audience at the manse of his radio work and visit into Russia and Siberia. It was thrilling to hear of the work of the gospel behind the Iron Curtain . . . W. Hamilton, minister at Traralgon, addressed the church on June 24 . . . Miss Betty Kirsch of Slavic Gospel Mission from Alaska gave an illustrated talk on the life and work of the mission.

NEW MINISTRY FOR BENTLEIGH-EAST

J. D. Morrow of Woolwich College has accepted the invitation of the Bentleigh East church and the Vic-Tas. Home Missions' Dept. to commence a ministry in 1974.

BACK AFTER ILLNESS (Red Hill, P. Richter) Keith Jenner has been welcomed back after absence through serious illness . . . Choir presented the sacred musical "Jesus Christ is Lord" to large and appreciative audience at Mornington Baptist Church on June 17 . . . E. C. Keating spoke on June 24 and at luncheon for visitors in preparation for church's outreach effort in August.

OBITUARY

CROWHURST, W.P.

With the death of W. P. Crowhurst on May 28, aged 88 years, the church at Kensington Park suffered the loss of one who meant much in terms of Christian character, wisdom and practical helpfulness. He was the originator of Solver Paints and the founder of the firm by that name. The good relations between staff and workers in his factory reflect the Christian character of Mr Crowhurst. Not once in all of 50 years has the business suffered through industrial strike of its own making. He set out early in life to be a credit to his family, to help his friends, to be a good and useful citizen and make a contribution to the Kingdom of God. He achieved his objectives and gave God the glory. He was baptised at 20 years of age at Willuna, W.A., but most of his years he spent as a deacon at Norwood, S.A. and as an officer in the U.S. He married Miss Ruby Fisher who was a real helpmate to him through all the 64 years of the partnership. When the Norwood church closed he transferred for a time to the Norwood Baptist Church and gave considerable financial assistance to the Baptist Illoura Homes for the aged. Later he took up membership at Kensington Park, nearer his residence, and faithfully attended the services, giving generously to many needs, offering wise advice and encouraging everyone, particularly the young people, until sickness overtook him, about two years ago. Services were conducted at the funeral parlour and graveside in the Magill cemetery where fitting tributes were paid to his life and work. His wife, who has been in hospital herself for many months, their son and daughter-in-law, together with their family, were commended to God for his divine comfort.

—W.N.B.

MACKELLAR, Cecil Stuart.

Mr. Mackellar and his wife have been members of our Epping Church since its foundation in 1923. Mr. Mackellar served faithfully, conscientiously and ably as church treasurer for more than 20 years, and deacon for more than 30 years. He also played a vital role in the design and financing of the present chapel. We can thank him and others for the foresight shown in the erection of a building which has served a growing congregation so adequately for 45 years. As husband and father he was loving and loyal. His character and conviction were of unquestionable value as an example to his peers and those younger in years who looked to him for guidance. The firmness of his handshake gave good indication of the sincerity of friendship and genuine concern he felt for others. The sadness felt in parting with such a man is more than balanced by the knowledge of 84 years well lived.

NEYLAND, Stella May.

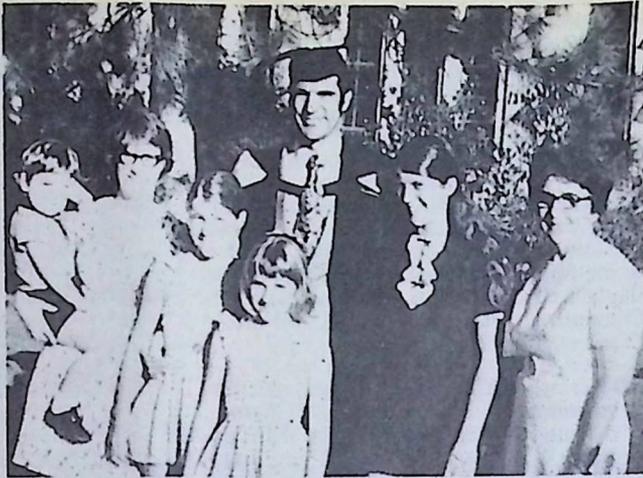
The whole congregation was moved by the sudden death of Stella May Neyland at the age of 42 years. Born into a Christian family at Greensborough, as May Jones, she spent the whole of her life in fellowship of the church. She was baptised by G. P. Pittman at Yarrowonga in 1944. Two years later the family moved back into the area, and she became a member at Ivanhoe. Here she married William Neyland. On May 24, Bill and May celebrated twenty-one years of married life in which three sons had enriched the family circle: Colin, Russell and Glenn.

May was always an active disciple and served in every area of the church's ministry—the church school, the C.W.F., the Tennis Club, and in special programmes. She made a big contribution to the organization of meals during the rebuilding programme and to every special effort. She was an executive officer of the Tennis Club for fifteen years. She leaves behind memories of an honesty and a deep friendship that mean much to the family and to all who knew her.

—J. H. McC.

ADVANCE AT ECHUCA (R. Ritchie). During the past three months there have been 24 decisions and 25 public re-dedications. K. Christensen preached on June 10. Attendances have been high especially at night when we have 80-100 people present, including a number of brethren from Cumeragunga. The minister and several ladies go to Cumeragunga every Wednesday afternoon for Bible study and prayer meeting.

"A.C." B.A.



GRADUATION DAY: Mr. and Mrs. Male with their family.

Queensland Director of Christian Education, Allan C. Male gained his B.A. degree in a ceremony at the University of Queensland recently.

"A.C." majored in government and journalism. He is now well on the way towards a degree in Social Work which will be of major assistance to him in the role of social worker and counsellor which he is continuously called upon to play.

88TH ANNIVERSARY (Ma Ma Creek, R. Bowden) The 88th church anniversary was recently celebrated with a Fellowship Tea and special services. Gary Staddan was guest speaker . . . F. J. Winter showed a film on baptism on June 17 . . . Six young folk confessed their faith and were baptised on June 24 when three girls and three teenage boys also made decisions . . . Copies of "Good News for Modern Man" were presented to new

members . . . Bronwyn Howell and Bruce Dewar of Tarragindi presented instrumental items at recent services . . . Two ladies attended C.W.F. Camp at Caloundra . . . At recent week-end visit of Sunnybank Youth Fellowship, G. Sonsie, Kenmore Christian College, was leader . . . H. G. Sargent and Mrs. D. Usher were recent guest speakers at C.E. Youth meeting . . . A smorgasbord tea was held on June 29.

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In 1970 the church rented a former Reform Church building where worship continued until May '73. The place was . . . and we now meet in the Cherry Blossom Hall until we can erect our own building.

Last year we purchased at a very nominal price almost an acre of land on the developing fringes of the city.

Our dreams of quickly developing this land was frustrated by money, council requirements and our ignorance of the issues involved. However it was agreed to

sell the manse and put the money towards the erection of an all purpose hall.

Then because it is easier to raise money for a house than for a hall we sought a loan for a new manse.

The manse was placed on the market—and sold. Unfortunately there was a delay in having the land approved for development. We were caught without a manse for the minister and his family. Alternative accommodation has had to be found. So if you come to Orange looking for the minister you had better phone E. Millar at 65-3255 or J. Wells at 62-4815. The postal address is P.O. Box 380, Orange, N.S.W., 2800.

When the problems of access road, sewer line, building placements have been sorted out it will be a little while before work commences because of the building boom up here.

God will open up the way when all things seem pleasing to him. The church is in good heart, a membership of 40 and over 40 are regularly at communion.

When in Orange look us up. Sunday service is at 9.30 a.m.



VICTORIA

JOSEPH'S DREAMCOAT (Preston & East Preston, J. Manallack, G. Warren) The Bundoora Presbyterian Methodist young people put on a performance of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at our church on July 8 . . . The Good Companions at East Preston recently held a Fancy Dress evening to raise money for the D.C.E. As there was a power strike, lanterns were used and a generator was lent for lighting. Over 180 attended. All the mums and dads dressed up too . . . On June 24, Girls' Sunday, the Good Companions took part in the morning service and also explained the purpose of their club . . . Preston C.W.F. (Evening) celebrated 21st Birthday with an All Australian Night . . . Buffet tea and Film Rally was attended by 80 from both churches.

COFFEE SHOP DECISIONS (Horsham, R. Roberts) There were two commitments at gospel service on June 24 and 5 more at after church coffee shop . . . Horsham Jaycees recently held church parade at evening service . . . A "Sing-a-long" was held after service on July 1st.

LAY WITNESS MISSION (Essendon, C. S. Badcock) Lay Witness Mission was held May 25-27. Eight people re-dedicated their lives to Christ . . . Julie Rogers is in her first year at the College of the Bible, being trained as a pastor . . . Sick members are Mrs. J. Strack, Mrs. L. Tryde, Mrs. B. Ferguson, Mrs. L. Hemsley and Mrs. Heinze . . . The Good Companions took a morning service recently and about 70 members attended a delicious luncheon arranged by the girls and their leader, Mrs. H. Finger.

NEW FAMILIES (St. Arnaud, I. Adams) The church has received a great building up, and added interest, with two new families. This is also a boost to the S.S. . . . We are very happy being included in the Maryborough circuit . . . Our church secretary, Arthur Chiswell, Mrs. Chiswell and son John, recently returned from Camavon Mission Station where they visited their daughter, Janice, and son-in-law, Kerry Hutton, who have eleven native boys under their care.

MINI-MISSION (Noble Park, T. Giles) A mini mission led by K. D. Horne was held June 27. Theme was "Jesus Way" . . . A social was held on June 2 . . . On June 17 Y.F.C. Team conducted the service. Chairman was Clive Stebbing and Brian Tizzard was speaker. Len Barnett, "The Soul Agents" and the "Followers Five" gave items . . . C.W.F. had a day of making bibs and rugs . . . June 24 was celebrated as Girls' Sunday. At night following a family tea, the girls' club took part and Mrs. Joy Horne was speaker.

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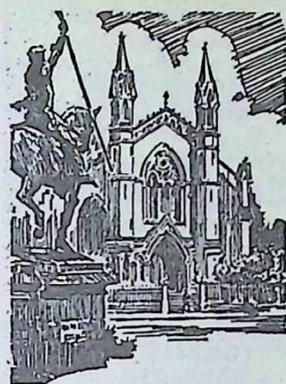
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On June 17, John Smith and some of the "Squad" were guests of Doncaster Church in an "intensive programme for young people and the "young at heart". Sixty teenagers (15 years and over) attended a "Breakfast at the Church" with John Smith as speaker — Forty-four men were at tea and John Holberton spoke on the "drug scene" — 250 attended the service at 7 p.m. with "Flock" (a folk — rock band) and Norm Briddock — and then out to the hall for even more people at a rally with John Smith again as speaker.

In a sentence, the challenge of the day was simply, "Jesus Christ is Lord", and the spell out of that echoed in the counselling — discussion — response and challenge of the day.



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GIRLS' SUNDAY DECISION (Box Hill, K. R. Bond). On Girls' Sunday there were two baptisms and three young people confessed Christ . . . C.W.F. celebrated their 62nd birthday by entertaining Emmaus guests with a luncheon assisted by Mrs. G. Stirling and the Chadstone singers . . . Y.P.C.E. held a devotional program at the C.O.B. when Trevor Giles was speaker . . . Mrs. Peg Winkler, Mrs. Illiff Snr., and Ray Thomas are in hospital. Mrs. McFarlane Sr. is slowly improving . . . Special Guest Gospel services are being held.

MARRIAGE REDEDICATION (North Williamstown, K. H. Pitt). Marriage Rededication Service held on July 1. The film "The Sound of the Trumpet" was shown at gospel service . . . Sympathy of the church extended to Kellond and Hocking families in loss of loved ones . . . Girls' Sunday for Good Companions on June 17 was observed by Senior Girls leading gospel service . . . At mid-week prayer meeting Pat and Kath Aherne, here on vacation from training with New Tribes Mission, Sydney, showed a film "Arrows of God" and told of Mission work.

CHURCH GOES VISITING (Collingwood, S. Downie). Doncaster came to Collingwood! Doncaster Church of Christ choir presented three items to the church on June 24. Keith Horne brought the address and one of the highlights was when the Collingwood minister interviewed the Doncaster

minister . . . Robert Street (our College of the Bible student) recently led the church while our minister was on holidays . . . At our mid-week Fellowship Don Smith, H. M. Director, brought a devotional Bible Study and presented for our prayers the Centenary Crusade Programme.

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MISSIONARIES AT REDCLIFFE (D. Kuhl). Annette Rattray, W.E.C. missionary to Borneo, and Mrs. Margaret Warry, returned missionary from the New Hebrides, spoke at C.W.F. meetings . . . Other guest speakers have been Allan C. Male at Men's Fellowship and church on the Shaftsbury Home for juveniles; and Mr. Vickers of the Temperance League . . . Members attended combined prayer meetings for Northside churches' crusade.

CAMP REUNION (Collins St., D.E. Stewart). A Camp Reunion was held recently with young people from throughout the state attending. Ron Boxhall was organiser-in-chief . . . A brain-storming planning meeting to collect ideas from church members was held. Discussion was lively and fruitful . . . Collection of money for Aborigine Clothing Fund is under way.

M.P. VISITOR (Ipswich, B. Rice). Dr. Llew Edwards, M.L.A. for Ipswich, was guest speaker when 140 attended Women's Christian Fellowship Birthday Luncheon. Ladies from Toowoomba provided items. A presentation of flowers was made to two original members of C.W.F., Mrs. E. Neumann and Mrs. Ambrose. Cake was cut by oldest active C.W.F. member, Mrs. W.E. Reeve . . . Professor Wilson spoke to Men's Fellowship on the Bible and Archeology. Members of Silkstone Baptist Men's Fellowship shared this meeting. At night Prof. Wilson spoke on "Chariots of the Gods." . . . S.S. Picnic was held at Lake Manchester on Queen's Birthday . . . New microphones have been installed in the church . . . The Tony Thomas crusade will be held July 23-29.

C.O.C.O.A. BENEFITS (Kedron, R.K. Sansome). Our 44th church anniversary was celebrated June 16-17. An "Uncle Sam" night was held on the Saturday with the proceeds going to C.O.C.O.A. Principal F. Ewers of Kenmore Christian College, and A.C. Male, Director of the Youth & Christian Education Dept., were Sunday's guest speakers . . . Saturday mornings for the past two months have been spent in painting the exterior of the church . . . C.W.F. are holding their second Lamington Drive for the year.

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MISSION AT CHRISTIES BEACH (C.A. Jones). The church will welcome Joe Garman, American Evangelist, together with singers, the Todd Sisters in a mission, July 21-27. A barbecue tea will precede the opening. A Sunday afternoon drive with the Elderly Citizens will be followed by tea and evening meeting. The climax will be a youth evening on July 27. In addition to the regular midweek meeting, a "Half Night of Prayer" was held on June 22 in preparation for the Mission.

YOUTH AND SENIOR CITIZENS (Prospect, R. H. Sercombe). Young members of the church visited the district's Senior Citizens one Saturday morning. Prospect Senior Citizens responded well to an invitation to attend a gospel service. C.W.F. supplied a "cuppa" . . . Following the resignation of the Kilburn minister, the officers of both churches worked out a plan to enable Mr. Sercombe to serve both churches. The plan was endorsed by members . . . 65 children attended J. C. Club. Prizes were presented for painting, colouring and design . . . B. V. Coventry spoke to the church on Overseas missions . . . Mrs. Phillips, an elderly church member, suffered a stroke and is in Kiandra Hospital. Mr. Whitting and Mr. Freeman are both recovering from heart attacks . . . Elias Monari, a medical student from Basutoland, has been worshipping with us.

HELP AT SERVICES (Victor Harbor, J. Luff). Our youth, students of the Adelaide Bible Institute, C. E. Choir, and St. John Ambulance Brigade have all assisted at services recently . . . The Women's Fellowship met at morning tea to farewell their treasurer, Mrs Don Thorpe, who is leaving Victor Harbor. Don Thorpe is Treasurer of the Church . . . One young man made his confession of faith last Sunday.

GUEST SERVICES (Semaphore/Queenstown, P. R. Whitmore). Monthly Guest Services conducted at each church on alternate months have excellent response . . . There was a combined bus tour to Barossa Valley on June 11 . . . Young people meet fortnightly at manse for Bible Study. A teenage girl was baptised at Semaphore . . . Prayer and Bible Fellowship meet in members' homes each week . . . Churches mourn the loss of James Hall, elder of Queenstown, Olive Work, Semaphore, and Doris Taylor, Semaphore.

\$1000 for C.O.C.O.A. (Nailsworth, P.O. DeWildt). At the annual meeting, \$1,000 was donated for the work of Overseas Missions through C.O.C.O.A. and a further \$10 per week was promised for the next twelve months . . . A Bible study camp was conducted by the young people over the June long-week-end . . .

Mr. DeWildt led a study camp with Gilles Plains High School students. Two decisions were made . . . At a P.S.A. a number of elderly citizens met with the church folk and were entertained . . . Guest speakers have been Alan Norris at the church anniversary, Ross Gaskin, and Bruce Rattray, a missionary from Kalmantan. Temple Day offering went towards the missionary project.

DEATH OF ELDER (Maylands, N. S. Moore). The church has been saddened by the death of Harry Jones, who was a member of Maylands for 45 years, serving as teacher, deacon and Elder . . . Frank Beale gave excellent information of work in New Guinea, illustrated by fine slides . . . Preparation class for church membership has been commenced by Mr. Moore . . . N. Gavros was guest speaker on June 24 on behalf of Overseas Mission . . . Several home groups meet for mid-week study for Lay Witness Campaign . . . Church members collected over \$300 for Austcare . . . C.W.F. held full day sewing and mending, many new garments were made and many old ones repaired.

CALLED TO HAMPSTEAD GARDENS (A. R. Jones). G. T. Lawrie has accepted call to commence new ministry in September . . . Twenty-three young people appreciated hospitality of the Kadina folk last month . . . Youth services in past two months were conducted wholly by the young people concluding with a short address by minister. At last service there was one decision. The mother of two of our youth groups was baptised.



TASMANIA

GIRLS MARCH (Devonport, E. W. Taylor). B.B. and leaders joined other companies in a march at Latrobe, prior to service at Baptist Church, as part of "Youth Week" . . . The film "I beheld His Glory" has been screened . . . B.B.2 had trip to Mt. Roland . . . Sympathy of church is extended to Mrs. R. Bannon and to Mr. and Mrs. A. Bannon, in death of husband and son . . . G.B. held church parade. Slides of recent W.A. tour were shown . . . On June 30, after a family tea, audio-visuals were shown, followed by a Missionary Rally . . . Y. P. took gospel services on June 6 . . . B. Osborne gave illustrated talk on Mission work in Africa.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

INDIA VISITOR (Bruce Rock/Merredin, D. A. Good). Miss Dorothy Geyer visited here recently and gave appreciated messages on mission work in India . . . Colin Chapman is home from hospital following leg surgery . . . Night services at Bruce Rock in winter months will commence at 5 p.m.



VICTORIA

KANIVA DECISIONS (B.W. Brown)

Several young people made decisions at recent camps and "Calvary Encounter" at Horsham. One was baptized on June 24 . . . India and Mali famine relief appeal response was \$637 . . . Delegates to State Conf. reported at Sunday services . . . Members took part in the combined Pentecost Sunday service at Salvation Army Citadel . . . Hospitality Sunday fosters greater fellowship in the congregation . . . Mr Brown takes communion to "shut-in" members.

HOST CHURCH (Castlemaine, J. Byrnes). Our church was host to ecumenical service to commence Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Rev. N. Robinson, Congregational minister, was speaker. Fellowship and supper followed . . . Deaconesses hosted get together for older members at home of Mrs. M. Watson . . . Presbyterian ladies conducted recent C.W.F. meeting . . . Mr. Byrnes led a week's sessions of "Creatives" at Manifold Heights . . . Training sessions for Presidents, Readers, and Helpers were held with women taking a prominent part . . . Mr. and Mrs. Eric Steele have been transferred to Bendigo and our need is for new B.S. and Cradle Roll Supts.

ADVENTURE TIME (Bayswater, A. Fletcher) 200 children attended after-school "Adventure Time" programmes. Robert Coyle from the Open Air Campaigners climaxed the week by addressing the Sunday morning service . . . C.W.F. organised a progressive

dinner . . . On Girls' Sunday Mr & Mrs Fletcher informally "chatted" together from the pulpit . . . Peter Bryant made his decision . . . Geoff and Lynn Mears and family have been farewelled to Adelaide . . . A large carton of groceries was given to a speaker from Knox Welfare Dept. at C.W.F.

SETTING APART (Blackburn, E. W. Roffey). A unique brotherhood service was held in conjunction with the Federal Conf. Exec., College of the Bible, and Overseas Missions Dept. of Vic.-Tas for the ordination of Malcolm Humphries and the setting apart of Malcolm and Beth Humphries for missionary service in the New Hebrides . . . Mrs. Hunting of Jewish Evang. Witness showed slides to C.W.E.F. . . . C.M.F. held open house for dinner, film and talk on drugs by member of Health Educ. Centre . . . Explorers held hike and barbecue at Plenty River . . . Alan Rowe and Dr. E. Berg were S.S. anniversary speakers . . . The film "The Stranger" was screened . . . Mrs. Leila Gove died suddenly after short stay in hospital. She was active in South Yarra and Camberwell churches and was a member of the Royal Philharmonic Society . . . A contemporary worship service was held to celebrate Pentecost.

NEW CURRICULUM (Warracknabeal, S. Hince). The S.S. commenced a new curriculum recently . . . Church ladies combined with other churches for Freedom from Hunger Campaign. They also conducted a successful street stall . . . Church meets at 4.30 p.m. for winter months . . . Sympathy goes to Mrs. Newell in the death of her brother . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. Rogers have gone to Brisbane for an extended period to visit their daughter and son-in-law (Mr. and

Mrs. Martin Suter) . . . David Harmer preached for the first time recently.

SUNRAYSIA HOST (Mildura, T. Lawrie) The church was host to Sunraysia Conference. Stan Bannon was guest speaker and items were provided by "The Seasons", a S.A. musical group. Frank Beale spoke at Women's Conf. An informal meeting was held in a home to hear from Frank about New Guinea missions and to view slides . . . C.W.F. organized a Progressive Dinner for funds for blinds for hall . . . Seven young people are attending discipleship class. Three girls have been baptized . . . A parent dedication service was held recently for three families . . . A.R.Mansell received the C.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

HOUSE HELP (Norlane, W.J. Edwards). Malcolm and Beth Humphries and Baby Simon are to move into the new house at Santo, New Hebrides, which R. Tattersall has been helping to build. He will help them settle in before returning home to Geelong . . . Members have taken part in Lay Witness Missions at other churches, also "Creatives 73" at Manifold Heights, conducted by J. Byrnes of Castlemaine.

LAY WITNESS MISSION (Footscray, F. B. Alcorn/R. White). The church shared in a Lay Witness mission, June 15-17. A 24-hour prayer vigil was part of the preparation. Six first commitments were made, in the concluding morning service. Sharing groups are being formed.

MEMBERS DEPART (Warragul, Ian Mullen). The church reluctantly farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jenkins and family on transfer to Morwell. Their tireless service will be greatly missed.

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Everybody believes in censorship. What separates us is the kind of thing we feel ought to be censored. Last year, one of the political leaders was championing the cause of freedom in a TV programme. He thought there should be no restriction whatever on what we should be able to see, read, or hear. But when there was reference to a book advocating violence to achieve political ends, he said that kind of book should be censored.

This year when Gordon Powell and Noel Adams had a TV debate on the subject of freedom, most of the talk was on sexual permissiveness. In the closing stages, Mr. Adams declared emotionally that it was violence that ought to be censored, and he was applauded.

It is an odd reaction when advocates of freedom for sexual expression throw in this sort of argument — as though the churches and/or Christians were obsessed with restricting sexual freedom in the media but are indifferent to violence in society. This is so absurd that it would hardly be worth mentioning, were it not that opponents of church spokesmen think that they have won a victory every

time they chant their slogan "It is violence that is obscene."

Of course violence is obscene, and the churches have been working for peace within society and within families and between nations. The choice is not between "making love and making war". The churches can speak and work for peace as well as make an effort to take the dirt out of the love story.

We do not pretend that Christians have always been liberal and generous in their attitude to art in its various forms. Christians have persecuted other Christians and non-Christians over what should be believed or presented or performed. The loud voices from the churches have sometimes come from narrow, joyless people, who were justly charged with changing Christian freedom into dull, humourless, conformity. But it is just as unfair to keep on condemning the church for its 19th century restrictions as it would be to condemn modern employers for the way children were treated in factories 150 years ago.

In my view, Christians ought to be concerned about society's standards and values and should help to shape them. Films, live theatre, books, magazines, radio and TV programmes which degrade human personality and exploit human life should be censored, not because they offend Christian morals, but because they degrade life — the whole of life, for Christians and non-Christians alike.

It is not enough for Christians to give out pamphlets at theatres which offend them, or to write letters to the Editor condemning this or that. Christians should give a positive lead by encouraging and supporting writers, performers and programmes which add to the quality of life, and they should give public support to leaders who think the same way and act accordingly and put their political future at stake for their convictions — and are often left alone to face the sneers and attacks by those who have a vested interest in lowering rather than raising society's standards.

THE LAST WORD...

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