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—HOBART PLACE



# LORD, WHAT'S HAPPENING TO US?

BY BEN CROWDEN

The A.B.C. surely ought to be commended when it attempts to include Christian content in its programmes. But many must have felt sadly let-down by the result in the T.V. presentation of "A Big Country"—"Lord, What's Happening in Corryong", on 14.6.73.

Here surely was an ideal setting in which to show the rural church being meaningful in its community. Here is a district where people still go to church. But for the most part, when the interviewer went among the people and asked what their faith and Christianity meant to them, there were mumbled generalities, shrugs of the shoulders, "that's a good question", and open admission of not knowing. Here were people who went to church because that was their habit, it pleased their parents, it was there that they met their friends etc. Changes were resented because, for instance, a pulpit given by the family was no longer used.

There were the exceptions—just here and there. But the whole impression was of a people who don't know where they are going, or why. What a pathetic picture of the church—of Christians who are supposed to be able to give a reason for the hope that is in them. Is it any wonder that the church in Australia is declining? And before we become too pious or judgmental, let us ask whether we would have done any better?

We surely ought to ask reverently and humbly, "Lord, what's happening in Australia?" and "Lord, what's happening in us?"

How well are the saints in our pews equipped for their work of ministry? Have we taken seriously that part of the Deliverance No. 2 adopted by the Victorian and Tasmanian State Conference 1973, which "urge the churches to take steps to ensure . . . that their members individually and corporately are enthusiastic about sharing their faith with others"?

Far too often we are ready to barrack round the boundary line instead of being part of the action. It seems to me we have long since come to the stage where we can no longer "leave it to the minister". It is time for us to restore another aspect of the New Testament Church (or rather, allow God to restore it), as for instance,

when the early church was scattered by persecution they went everywhere preaching the Word. Does preaching mean only formal meetings: Surely not! But it does mean sharing their personal experience and joy and enthusiasm in Christ. And isn't that our business in Christ.

In Luke 5: when Jesus challenged Peter to push out into deep water and let

down his net for a catch, Peter was despondent. What's the good; he'd been doing that all night, and had come home tired and with an empty ship. But in spite of that, he took Jesus at his word.

"Lord, what's happening in us: Are we too self-conscious, too ill-equipped? Why? Is it that we are afraid: or is it that there is nothing happening in us?"

"O Lord, show us why?"

## INNER SPRINGS

### *Mistakes are for everyone*



I make mistakes. I wish that I need not for they inevitably cause pain to others and deep remorse and misery to myself. But being as I am a mixture of selfishness and unselfishness, of strength and weakness, capable of being noble one moment and ignoble the next, I shall go on making them. Like Paul, I know there will always be times "when the good that I would, I do not; and the evil which I would not, that I do."

But over the years, I have learned many things about my mistakes. One is, to have a healthy attitude towards them. They should neither be belittled, nor allowed to assume gigantic proportions. If a mistake is allowed to colour all our days, a sensitive spirit will be crushed by it. And a life capable of adding something to the world's riches may be lost.

If I have made a certain kind of mistake, I resolve never to make that one again. To do so is to waste on experience; the very stuff out of which our character is moulded. And always I must seek forgiveness both of God and man. To forgive and be forgiven holds a cleansing therapy without which we become bitter and despairing. Above all God does not want us grovelling in the dust of our own self-pity.

In Hebrews (Ch.8:12) He says this lovely thing. "Your sins and iniquities I will remember no more", and He would have us do the same. Only then can any of us go our way whole and at peace with each other. When one approached Jesus with the words "Good Master," His reply brooked no argument.

"Callest thou Me good? None is good save God." Thus does He remind us of our human frailty, and that we are all open to failure somewhere along the way. Mistakes are for everyone — but so is forgiveness.

"I forgave thee!" — Blessed Lord  
Write upon my heart this word!

Cause me never to forget  
"I forgave THEE all that debt!"

Gracious Father, where we have grieved Thee, forgive us. Where others have grieved us, help us to show Thy forgiveness. Then shall we live in peace with Thee and with others. Amen.

Matthew 18: 21-35.

FLORENCE ROSIER.

# FACING THE FUTURE

## Moves to family worship

D.C.E.'s in S.A., W.A., and N.Z. will work with selected congregations to develop vital patterns of family worship. The move arose out of discussions at the annual conference of the Federal Board of Christian Education, just completed at Monbulk, Vic. When successful patterns have been developed, films or audio-visuals will be made so that other congregations will be able to learn of the new approaches. Concern had been expressed that many church services have no appeal to the children who attend.

## Church architecture limiting

Many churches are unable to be flexible with their education classes or their worship because they are bound by inadequate architecture or unmoveable furniture, it was claimed at the Board's conference. The Board commissioned R.A. Kallier, NSW director, to write a paper on the flexibility, cost and income return of church structures, and on the advantages and disadvantages of the use of private homes.

## Children's clubs still work

In a review of the work of boys' and girls' clubs, brigades, Explorers and Good Companions, State D.C.E. directors reported that numbers remained constant, even though they were declining in Sunday schools. Directors called for the production of Australian resource materials for club programming, for children's camping below Intermediate level, and for vacation schools. They reported splendid work being done by hundreds of boys' and girls' leaders. Camping was particularly strong.

## Youth part of the church

S.A. Director, G. D. Rose, made a strong plea that young people should no longer be treated as a separate entity in the church. Whilst there was a need at times for peer group support, he said it was imperative that church structures should be altered so that young people could take an active part in the life of the church, with the right to make decisions, make mistakes, and live with the consequences. Mr. Rose claimed that D.C.E. directors needed to spend much more time with youth leaders, giving them support and training them to relate to young people and to enable young people to take a responsible place in the life of the church.

## 35-hour week brings opportunity

Queensland director, A. C. Male claimed that a vast new field for adult Christian education will become available with the advent of the 35-hour week. Churches should start now to plan how to provide new opportunities for Christian growth and witness when the extra time becomes available.

## Office-bearers re-elected

K. D. Horne, minister at Doncaster, Vic., was elected as chairman of the Board for his second year.

R. H. Hillier, insurance advisor, was re-elected as deputy chairman, and J. N. Ayers, accountant, from Cheltenham, Vic., was re-elected treasurer for his 12th year.

## Name queried

The time may have to come to find a substitute for the same "Christian Education", it was suggested at the conference. It was said that the name might be too limiting. Everything the church does is educational, and the key focus of its education programme may be with adults, yet "Christian education" probably conjures up visions only of Sunday schools and young people.

## Joint Board Director present

Dr. D. R. Merritt, executive director of The Joint Board of Christian Education, spent a morning in discussions with the Board. He affirmed the value of the partnership between the Churches of Christ Federal Board of Christian Education and The Joint Board of Christian Education. Dr. Merritt said that he expected the evaluation date on the Christian Life Curriculum to be summarized by March, 1974. A national consultation of all D.C.E.'s would be held in mid 1974 to determine the next steps.

The sale of self-study project books for Juniors and Intermediates had risen by 350% this year, he said. Dr. Merritt mentioned "On the Move", the new magazine for local church ministers, superintendents and teachers, to be released by the Board in August. Commenting on change, he observed that some churches strongly desire change because it is interesting; other churches do not want change because it is threatening.

## Another work party

A second national youth work project is planned by the Board for 1976. This



D. David Merritt.

follows the successful national youth work project which build cottages for aged aboriginals at Carnarvon, W.A., last year. The Board is searching for a suitable project.

## F.B.C.E. consults with Home Mission Directors

Church renewal and the ministry were the themes of a one day joint consultation between the F.B.C.E. and Home Mission directors.

Springvale minister, T. R. W. Holmes, was present for a session to discuss with the directors the work of the Institute of Church Renewal.

The consultation made a plea for dialogue between the departments and the theological colleges, and commissioned papers on minister training needs from the viewpoint of the departments.

The consultation also called for the preparation of instruments by which churched could evaluate whether they were achieving their goals.

The consultation was chaired by Federal Conference Secretary, A. E. White. K. J. Patterson, W.A. State Organizer and Home Missions Director, was, by invitation an observer at the F.B.C.E. Conference.

See page for announcement of new Federal Director.

# GIVE ME THE FACTS

WHERE IS YOUR EVIDENCE . . .  
GIVE ME FACTS UPON WHICH I CAN  
MAKE A DECISION. . .

At the 1963/5 Liquor Royal Commission these words were often heard. We heard and had expert opinions on various areas of alcohol and anti-social behaviour but we did not in the majority of these areas hear of or have scientific or statistical facts.

**THE TIDE HAS TURNED.** Seven Summer Schools . . . various State and Federal Government inquiries later . . . coupled with the work of experts from such bodies as the Police Department, the Liquor Research Office of the Chief Secretary's Department and the Research Office for the Australian Road Research Board and research groups connected with many universities have all revealed both medically and statistically the immensity of the problem. . .

**WHAT HAS BEEN REVEALED.** Using a world accepted formula (Jellinek) we now accept that we have in Victoria over 50,000 alcoholics or problem drinkers. They directly affect over 200,000 people with an indirect effect upon countless others through employment or lack of . . . community agencies . . . hospitals and institutions and so it goes on . . . what it is saying is that one adult person in every twelve is directly involved with the misuse of alcohol or other drugs of dependence.

**ROAD ACCIDENTS.** . . . Over 50% of single vehicle fatalities over the legal maximum. . .

**CRIMES OF VIOLENCE** . . . over 80% alcohol involvement. . .

**RAPE . . . CHILD BASHINGS . . . POVERTY . . . BROKEN HOMES . . .** and LIVES all have alcohol involvement of up to 50% and in many instances samples indicate results as high as 82%.

You name it and misuse of beverage alcohol is involved as a contributory cause in the majority of anti-social acts in our community. This is what the research has revealed.

**WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT.** The majority of people involved in this field have come to the conclusion that punishment alone is not having the desired or in many instances any effect upon the offender. We are not asking that offenders be excused because they were

**BY BRIAN J. MOXON**

so affected they didn't know what they were doing, no, we are suggesting that together with punitive measures there be remedial measures taken. These can be initiated through the courts or privately under the as yet to be proclaimed "Alcohol and Drug Dependent Persons Act 1968" and we can visualise an immediate result through offering help and not just punishment. A pilot project indicates that many can be restored to the community free of the anti-social habits so easily recognised with drug dependencies.

**WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.** A National alcohol education programme must be given No. 1 priority . . . Research into cause and effect of misuse of alcohol and other drugs of dependence must be widened and accelerated . . . Prevention of dependence must become both a legislative and social conscience matter in which the whole community is involved. . .

## FRENCH CHURCHES CONDEMN NUCLEAR TESTS

Roman Catholic and Protestant churches in France have declared that their country should take "greater notice" of protests by Pacific residents about French nuclear tests in the Pacific.

Their joint statement was issued in Paris by the French Protestant Federation and the Roman Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace.

The statement said that France should play its part in inventing "new forms of security" in order to "prove in a very concrete manner our desire for peace."

The text of the statement reads:

"These tests rouse the emotions of the residents of the Pacific and rouse the world in strong protest. Our country should take greater notice. Certainly it is not for us to determine the question of the harm of the experiments, on which matter the opinions of experts remain divided. In reality, beyond the biological risk which will be incurred, there is a much larger and deeper problem.

"The competition between the United States and the USSR for the perfection of their nuclear devices constitutes, according to the terms of the recent

The Victorian Foundation on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence is making its first public appeal so that all of these areas can be tackled by a voluntary representative body . . . representative in that through its affiliated bodies it has access to people and facilities that allow it to operate in all areas of Education - Research - Counselling and Referral of those affected by misuse of alcohol and other drugs of dependence and those who may become dependent without such programmes and resources being available.

I firmly believe that a successful appeal will result in great steps being taken by the Foundation to conduct successful programmes aimed at reaching all segments of society . . . Unless we reach this wide area we could fail in our attempt to slow down the increasing toll.

The position is critical . . . the solution rests with every member of the community . . . we can reverse the trend . . . give us the tools to work with through this our first public appeal.

report of the Institute of Research for Peace in Stockholm (SIPRI), 'the greatest menace for the survival of humanity.' Great Britain, France and China have taken the step. Other countries could be tempted to endow themselves with nuclear arms.

"New forms of security must be invented. In this field our country has its role to play and it should not be too audacious. Therefore, putting aside all national pride, we must undertake certain tasks which prove in a very concrete manner our desire for peace which is so often affirmed in official declarations.

"Amongst Christians are a good number who think that a unilateral renunciation by France of her own political strategy of nuclear armaments will be a gesture of great significance in line with the dynamics of the Gospel. It is not excluded then that, having considered in all conscience the gravity of the situation, some Christians feel it necessary in this case to witness to their faith by a rejection of the tests."

-E.P.S.

# WHAT'S DOING IN QUEENSLAND



## "R.V." HOLT SENT TO WESTBROOK.

Westbrook, the Training farm for delinquent youths has a Chaplain. R. V. Holt of Crown Street, will work at the farm home on behalf of the non-Catholic clergy of Toowoomba.

Canon Cornish as President of the Ministers' Fraternal Association, said Mr. Holt was approached "because of his experience among young people on behalf of the whole Church in Ecumenical Chaplaincy work in

## OLD'S PREMIER S.S. TEACHER

"Assassinated" by journalists, scoffed at by intellectuals, known as the Prime Minister's self-appointed Opposition—these are some of the kinder remarks heard about Johannes Bjelke-Petersen, The Hon. Premier of Queensland.

Son of a Lutheran Pastor, educated in the proving school of hard knocks and life's experiences, the Premier teaches Sunday School every Sunday he is in his electorate at the Lutheran Church at Kingaroy.

Southern States readers should not become hooked on the daily dosage of hallucination—commonly known as the daily paper, and realise that behind a stern, disciplinarian figure presented by the press there is a likeable, committed Christian who in the tradition of Luther is standing up for what he believes and saying "I can do no other—so help me God!"



The Hon. J. B. Jelke-Petersen

Victoria". Approval has been received from the Superintendent, Mr. Sullivan, Director of the Department of Children's Services, Mr. C. A. P. Clark, and the Anglican Archbishop, His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Felix Arnott.

## FINANCIAL "HEAVIES" LOOK AT FUNDS

The Commission on Financing will look at Current and traditional methods; ways and means of financing a total Brotherhood programme by contributions from within the Brotherhood to be considered; other avenues of financing to be explored; an overall plan together with budget to be submitted with report to Conference Executive.

The Committee is:—

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## FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

The Australian Festival of Light (S.A. Branch), a movement to uphold family life and better community standards, has been launched.

The meeting confirmed the visit to Australia of Mrs. Mary Whitehouse, the President of the National Viewers and Listeners' Association in Britain to address public meetings throughout the Commonwealth and in New Zealand in October.

The Chairman of the S.A. Branch, Dr. John Court, said that the Festival is aimed at shining a light in the darkness which is increasingly overshadowing our society.

Its objects are to alert and inform Australians of the dangers of moral pollution, to translate into action the concern that many have about the lowering of standards in family and community life and to gain the support of people of goodwill for Christian moral standards so that Governments are informed of their views.

Dr. Court said that preliminary investigations by the A.F.O.L. committee in South Australia had revealed—

- \* widespread concern among parents regarding the moral climate
- \* a wish among many church people to express a viewpoint
- \* a shift among non-church people from acceptance to dismay
- \* among young people—two opposite moods—frustration, despair, anger at society or celebration, a search for release from limitations.

Dr. Court said that trends leading to family breakdown, once disapproved, are now not only tolerated but actively promoted. Individuals were being hurt and the community must pay.

He said that violence among teenagers had trebled in Australia in 12 years, especially among the 15 to 19 year olds.

"Christians and others concerned in the maintaining of moral standards believe in

- \* the sanctity of marriage
- \* the importance of the family
- \* the dignity of women
- \* care of the weak."

Dr. Court emphasised that restraining and preventing people from doing what they will, did not solve the problem. There was a case for reacting against undesirable trends, but a stronger case for setting better standards.

Committees for training and teaching, prayer, finance, public relations, youth and music have been formed. People interested in working on these committees should contact the Secretary, Mr. Bruce Townsend, Campaigners for Christ, Epworth Building, 33 Pirie Street, Adelaide. Phone 87-4611.

# SALTASH COLLEGE

## A TRIBUTE TO MISS ESTHER MESSENT

By Mrs. J. Taylor. Principal, Saltash  
College, Adelaide.

Saltash College was established by Miss Esther Messent in 1945.

At the end of World War 2, large numbers of ex-service people, and others, were returning to school and university to take up study or to complete courses which had been interrupted by war. Miss Messent saw the need for a centre which catered for such people and planned a school which would provide tuition in Intermediate, Leaving (Matriculation in those days), Secretarial studies and tutoring in some university subjects.

She rented rooms on North Terrace and decided upon the name Saltash for her education centre. (Saltash, a town in the South of England was the birth-place of her great-grandfather, Philip Santo, who helped establish the first Church of Christ in Adelaide.) Lessons were held in the North Terrace rooms until 1954 when she bought the present building in Hutt Street.

Miss Messent was a vigorous, far sighted person with an intense interest in education and with deep concern for the welfare of young people. She gave long and loyal service to the community in her active membership of the Adelaide University Women Graduates' Association, the education committee of the National Council of Women, the League of Women Voters, the Australian Asian Association, the Soroptomists Club, and her Church, the Park Street Church of Christ, Unley. She was given membership to the Australian College of Education, an honour reserved for those who have made an outstanding contribution in the education field.

In 1958 she asked me to help at the school with tuition in mathematics. I hesitated as I had been away from teaching for several years. "It's a challenge," she said, so I joined the staff for six hours each week. She was able to inspire all of us on the staff into feeling that we were providing a useful community service. "Every student matters," she reminded us continually.

Her health began to deteriorate in the nineteen-sixties and several operations were necessary to delay the illness which was slowly wracking her. Throughout this trying time she continued with her duties at school, encouraging students to aim for excellence and not to be content with mediocrity. In November 1967 she went to hospital for the last time. She asked me to administer her College for her: "It's a challenge" were her last words to me. She died on 12th November, 1967.



The school has continued in much the same way since then. I had a long association with Miss Messent through church, family and school, and I have a deep attachment for her school—my husband is a great-grandson of the same Philip Santo from Saltash.

Some changes have made administration easier; Secretarial classes were discontinued after 1970, Leaving classes were discontinued after 1971. We now concentrate on Matriculation studies only. I am fortunate in having a particularly well qualified staff who are interested in the kind of education which we provide, and who care about the welfare of their students. The students who come to us are mainly hard-working people and strongly motivated.

Looking back over my fifteen years at Saltash, I think of all the students who have been with us; young people who could not fit into the pattern of the larger schools, adult people who were so nervous about returning to school, but who made such splendid students, the Colombo-Plan students in the days when the over-twenty-one-years old secondary scholarship winners were permitted to come from Asian countries to study with us, and more recently our ex-servicemen from Vietnam, our mothers and widows under Women's Training Schemes and our Social Services Rehabilitation people.

I remember some of our students who have become leaders in the community, an Asian Princess, the occasional villain and the many hard-working people who have gone on to take up their roles outside the school. I see now the trend to have Matriculation Colleges for young and older adults, a vision which Miss Messent saw twenty-eight years ago when she established Saltash College.

### APPRECIATION

The Saltash College property is located at 17 Hutt Street, Adelaide, and is now owned by the Churches of Christ Overseas Mission Board Inc., being a legacy from the estate of Esther Messent.

Rent from the property provides a valuable and deeply appreciated contribution toward Overseas Missions outreach.

# Christian Conference of Asia

Because of church union in Pakistan and also in India the number of member bodies related to CCA had gone down by four. The establishment of the Church of Pakistan brings together into one the three member churches related to CCA. In India the emergence of the Church of North India brought into one membership three separate member churches of the CCA.

The Fifth Assembly accepted five new members. Iglesia Evangelica Metodista en las islas Filipinas (Evangelical Methodist Church in the Philippines), founded in 1909, is the first indigenous Protestant church in the Philippines and has an approximate membership of 20,000 in 68 congregations; Gereja Masehi Injili Sangir/Talaud (Evangelical Church of Sangir/Talaud), Indonesia, founded in 1947, has an approximate membership of 183,344 in 305 congregations. The two other churches are Panguan Kristen Batak Church with main offices at Jakarta, Indonesia, and the Laos Evangelical Church of Vientiane, Laos, founded in 1955 with over 11,000 members.

The Ecumenical Cooperative Committee with offices at Taipei which

brings together a number of churches in Taiwan was also accepted. It serves the same purpose as a national Christian

o S.A. C.W.F.

## "POETRY AND MUSIC"

The theme for July meeting of South Australian Women's Conference was "Poetry and Music".

The Blackwood ladies led by the minister's wife, Mrs. Cooke, conducted the devotions, others taking part being Mesdames Frost, Sykes, Lord, Johnson and Hoskin. Their thoughts revolved around the idea of "Inheritance".

Miss Harkness reported on the seven weeks that she and Mrs. Cox spent in a "working holiday" at "Fairhaven", Esperance. She gave a glowing account of the work being done among the girls by Mr. and Mrs. Rogan and their helpers.

The resignation of Mrs. R. Baker as pianiste was received owing to her removal to Melbourne. Mrs. J. Hoskin was appointed as leader of the Home Mission Committee and Mrs. Cooke was added as a member of this committee. Hospital Committee added Mrs. Bennet and Mrs.

council as in other parts of Asia.

Taking into account both the decrease and increase in the number of member bodies, CCA now has 93 constituent members made up of 79 churches and 14 conciliar bodies.

—C.C.A. News.

Sander.

The main part of the meeting was given to "Poetry and Music". Many ladies had sent in readings that appealed to them and these were arranged in order by Mrs. Edda Thomas. Mrs. Kath Fooks and Mrs. Ruth Lord assisted in the reading of these passages. There were four sections—Home and family, Friends and Little things, Walking the Way; the Task, Affirmation. Between each section there were musical items by Petrea Johnson and the "Joytones", a singing group from Queensland on tour with evangelist Joe Garman. The session, sometimes serious, sometimes humorous, sometimes inspirational was at all times enjoyable, and all echoed president-elect Mrs. Middleton's vote of thanks.

One Thought "Joy is the flag the heart flies when the King is in residence."

—A.M.S.

### WORLD TALK No. 78

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

There are eight words in the Bible for neighbour and they are used over 150 times. In the O.T., a neighbour usually meant a kinsman and neighbourliness made the responsibility of one Israelite for another. Nomadic people have frequent contact with each other and they share common problems with mutual helpfulness as anyone on a long journey in the outback of Australia will testify. Contact among the Israelites with non-Jews was rare. Neighbours were ethnic relatives and social equals. The law (Ex. 20:1-17) stressed justice and fair play and a neighbour also included a resident alien (Lev. 19:33-34) and eventually even the stranger (Job. 31:32).

The N.T. Takes Lev. 19:18 as the basis of our attitude to all others. Jesus took the idea that to neglect or mistreat another is to hurt God himself. It is impossible to separate treatment of others from our relationship with God (Matt. 25:31-46). The concept of a neighbour grows from that of a kinsman to that of any fellow man.

Luke 10:25-37 is revolutionary in that Jesus teaches that all mankind is included in our neighbourhood. He was the first to say the world was a global village. This parable is usually taken to answer the question "For whom am I responsible?" But Jesus indicates something deeper—that true neighbourliness is showing mercy to anyone in need.

Paul, (Romans 13:9) and James (2:8) regard love toward our neighbour as the royal law or summary of all the law covering our relationships with other people.

#### DICTIONARY

Being a neighbour has little to do with being nice to the people next door. Neighbourliness is deeper than "nice" and wider than "next door". A neighbour is one who demonstrates positive and practical consideration to anyone in need.

#### FOR TODAY

The emphasis of the Good Samaritan parable is usually that

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the man in need is our neighbour. Jesus, however, places emphasis upon the man who meets the needs, proving that he is the neighbour (v.36). Christ was seen as the Good Samaritan—our merciful neighbour—by the early church. Only when we stop "trying to justify" ourselves (v.29) and receive God's love through Christ can we love God and our neighbour as ourselves.

Pastor Martin Niemoller, who led evangelical Churches in defying Hitler, says "The problem of the world today is how to find a merciful neighbour. In the 16th C. man sought a merciful God. Today mankind yearns for a merciful neighbour". Violence on T.V. terrorism in the Middle East, the exposure of the torture of 100,000 political prisoners in South Vietnam, the disregard of the rights of the foetus, the increase in street violence in Melbourne 12 times over the last year's rates are all examples of the fact that the 20th. C. will be recorded as one of the most barbaric in history. Men have killed more fellow men in this century than in any other. The age that ascended to the moon, descended into sophisticated barbarism.

Nations and individuals must beware of separating a spiritual relationship with God and their treatment of other people. Personal piety and public behaviour must always be related. There would have been no Watergate scandal if the lawyers who said they "prayed every night" behaved every day. The collapse of the Roman Empire was due in part to the corruption of public and personal violence, degrading sport and brutal treatment of slaves and conquered foes. The Charter of the U.N. says "Men should act towards men in a spirit of brotherhood". This is forgotten because the problem is basically a religious one—the evil within the nature of man.

GORDON MOYES.

# OPEN FORUM

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

## FIGURES AND PREJUDICES

To the Editor

John Morris ("A.C." 16/6/73) brings his prejudice to bear on figures released by the Commonwealth statistician and makes the surprising deduction that the sizeable increase in persons calling themselves simply Protestants "can be attributed to the growing dissatisfaction amongst Protestants against the Rome-ward trend of the Ecumenical movement". Unfortunately, there are those within our brotherhood who have fallen into the same error as Mr. Morris. The statement prepared by South Perth Church of Christ in relation to the disaffiliation of W.A. Conference from the W.C.C. shows this.

The reality of the situation is that people are fed-up with a church, which has been entrusted with the gospel of love and reconciliation, acting in denial of that gospel. So long as people in our brotherhood preach and practice division in direct contradiction of the Word of God (1. Cor. 1:10, 1 Cor. 12:12) we cannot expect to receive a full measure of the blessing of the Holy Spirit. It was Alexander Campbell who gave us the phrase "our brethen in the denominations," and until, in humility,

we rediscover both the heritage of our movement and the call of God in the scripture, we will continue to come under His judgement.

Trevor Banks, VIC.

## FRAME UP

To the Editor,

I would not give up my subscription to the "Australian Christian" if for no other reason than to read Letters from Tertius.

I thought the last one, June 30 edition, a classic.

May I suggest that it is worth framing.

Don Jefferies, Qld.

## SUPERSTAR

To the Editor,

I am astounded that "A.C." can recommend (30.6.73) study sheets based on "Jesus Christ Superstar". It is little wonder that many Bible Schools are not increasing in numbers, nor young people being won for Christ, if this is some of the material being used.

In the first place, the beat of the "music" in "Superstar", like all "pop" today, is dangerously close to the "voodoo" rhythm used by heathen tribes to invoke demon worship. Secondly, the story of "Superstar" states that "he

(Jesus Christ) is just a man," and thirdly the story concludes with the Crucifixion, whereas we do, or should, preach a risen Saviour.

Surely there are plenty of true stories in the Bible without teaching fiction, and at the same time using Satan's methods to do so.

T. G. Willis N.S.W.

("Superstar" is not our kind of story nor our kind of music, but we have to face the fact that thousands of our young church people have been among the many more thousands who have been to "Superstar." They are attracted by the music and the sheer professionalism of the presentation. The study notes referred to seek to take young people past the weak, confused superstar to reveal Jesus Christ as the strong Son of God. We are not commending "Superstar;" we are recommending the Joint Board study notes as a corrective.—Editor.)

## EXONERATED

To the Editor,

In paragraph 1 of "Happenings" in "A.C." you refer to a "United Church of Christ Minister." Given in the way that it is, most readers would imagine this was a minister of that body known as Churches of Christ. But he is, I understand, a minister of a denomination of which Disciples of Christ and others are associated and all are known as the United Church of Christ. In the 1930's the Pope referred to this body of United Churches as "Communists" and Churches of Christ in Australia became tagged by this papal reference.

I think that this paragraph should carry an explicit reference exonerating that body known simply as Churches of Christ.

Wilkie Thomson, Vic.

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### ACCEPTANCE

To the Editor,

I've been doing a lot of thinking about my mates at work. I'm sure that every one of them would like to feel that there's a God who would accept him just like he is, and would help him to sort out life's problems, and give him some meaning for his life. But they don't want to go to church to find God. They feel guilty about it of course. Those of us who are church-goers make them feel more guilty. That's why they are always picking a religious argument with us, to try to justify themselves. The arguments never get anywhere!

Lately I've been trying a new approach. When the talk gets round to religion I don't defend church-going any more. I don't try to argue about hypocrites in the church and the latest thing in the papers about delinquent parsons. I say something like, "Fred, Jesus Christ came to tell us that God accepts you and me just as we are. He doesn't wait until we do good things before he helps us. In fact he helps us as much as we trust him to." This sort of approach seems to defuse the argument, and they get a thoughtful look on their faces and say, "Maybe you're right." And sometimes they want to know a bit more.

Perhaps there's something wrong with the theology of this, but it works.

Hoping you are the same,

Tertius.

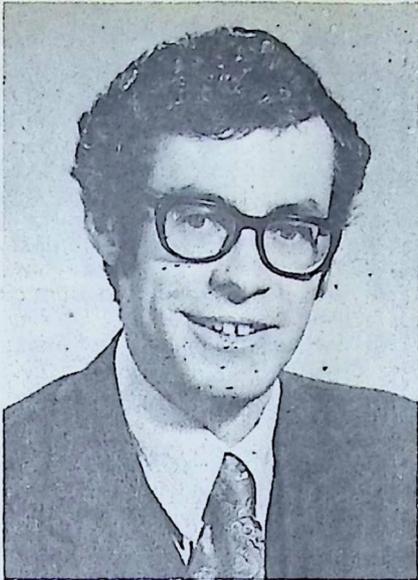
## ECUMENICAL EVANGELISM

"YOU MAY have seen in the press that I have commented on our sick society," said Dr. Coggan at a commissioning service for two of the leaders of an ecumenical mission to Grantham, Lincs, recently. He continued "I believe we are showing severe signs of sickness—mainly because we have turned away again and again from the realism of the Bible."

The mission on the theme "Man, God, Life" aimed to include both those on the fringe of church life and those opposed to Christianity. Leaders were the Rev. Dick Rees, Fr. Michael Hollings, a Roman Catholic priest from Southall, and the Rev. Dr. Alan Redpath.

Dr. Redpath is well known in Australia as a featured speaker at Belgrave Heights convention and other rallies.

—British Weekly.



## Federal Board Announces new appointment

Following the recent Board Conference of Directors from all States and a subsequent meeting of the Executive of the Federal Board of Christian Education, the Board announces the appointment of Ian Allsop as Director-elect.

Mr. Allsop will commence his work with the Board at the beginning of 1975 when the present Director, Richard Lawton, leaves the Board to take up a ministry with Magill Church (South Australia).

Mr. Allsop is a graduate of the College of the Bible (1965) and after graduation gained his B.A. degree with the University of Western Australia. He has had ministries with the East Victoria Park-Riverdale Churches (W.A.) and is at present in his third year of ministry with the Church at Burwood (Vic.).

The appointment received the unanimous endorsement of the Board Conference. Mr. Allsop will bring to the role of Federal Director a warmth of personality and creative initiative which will make him a most suitable and acceptable leader in an important phase of the Board's life. Ian and Jan Allsop have two children, Mark and Jeanelle. Ian's first involvement with Board will be at the National Youth Convention in New Zealand in January, 1975.

o VIC./TAS. D.C.E.

## CAMPING & COMMUNICATING

\* 90 Explorer leaders attended the recent Mid-Year Tea at the Brotherhood Centre. It was an excellent programme, with Barry Jenkins as guest speaker and members of the Explorer Executive taking part. A new Audio-Visual on Small Group Camping (Tenting) was shown.

\* Mr. and Mrs. Keith Humphries will be concluding their ministry at Camp Waterman, Monbulk later this year. We have appreciated their excellent leadership over the past two years.

\* August/September holiday camps are rapidly filling and some will have to be closed well before the advertised closing date.

\* The C.Y.F. Annual Meeting was addressed by two members of "God Squad." C.Y.F. Training programmes "Commission" will be held in the following zones, viz., Blackburn, July 22; West Preston, August 5; Ormond, August 19. Each session will run from 2.30-5 p.m.

## WORLD CONVENTION OFFICE CHANGED

Dr. J. Daniel Joyce, President of the World Convention of Churches of Christ and the WCCC Executive and Administrative Committees announce that the WCCC offices will move from their long time location at 475 Riverside Drive, New York City, to Dallas, Texas by September 1, 1973. Their new address will be 351 West Jefferson, Dallas, Texas 75208.

This major move is not only being done "because the cost of living is continually increasing in New York City" but also "it puts the World Convention office closer to the Brotherhood and to our supportive churches and friends", according to Dr. Allan W. Lee, World Convention General Secretary.

"Our New York offices sort of grew up like Topsy. They originated here because Dr. Jesse M. Bader, long time WCCC General Secretary lived and worked here. But now we need to be in the grassroots of our people. With Dallas' new airport, the largest in the United States, opening soon, we can get anywhere in the world as easy as from New York," reported Dr. Lee.

The next World Convention will be held July 30-August 4, 1974 in Mexico City. Sessions will convene in the Marja Isabel Hotel and the Sports Palace. Some 5,000 people are expected to attend.

## MILLIONS FACE DEATH AS SAHARA EXPANDS

There is evidence the Sahara is moving southward and with the prevailing drought, whole nations are being starved and dislodged. Twenty-five million people in sub-Sahara Africa are in peril as a result of disastrous drought, reported to be the worst in sixty years, which has hit Senegal, Chad, Mauritania, Mali, Niger and Upper Volta. They are situated in that huge region of West Africa that lies south of the Sahara Desert.

Lake Chad is but one third of its normal size and large herds of thirsty elephants have converged on the remaining watering places. Giraffe have been seen for the first time in Upper Volta because the River Niger is low enough for them to cross in search of grazing. Mauritania and Senegal have lost between 20 and 40 per cent of their total livestock populations already, and risk losing much more. Vast stretches of formerly inhabited countryside are now

empty of people.

The six countries have appealed to international agencies for help, which, rather belatedly and in inadequate amounts, is now being distributed in an emergency operation. The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) which was the first to realise the seriousness of the problem is coordinating relief operations. The British Government quickly responded to the FAO appeal with contribution of 300,000 to the Director-General's \$15 million Sahelian Zone (Western and Southern Sahara) trust fund. An FAO spokesman on his return from a visit to the stricken countries asked governments to speed food deliveries and to supply aircraft to rush supplies to critical points. He also listed three other priorities namely, animal feed and vaccines; seeds specially millet, sorghum; and equipment for deepening wells.

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# Journalist at Church

By George Irvine  
"Nunawading Gazette"

As I walked into the Church of Christ, Surrey Rd., Blackburn, that Sunday morning and saw the musical quartette, organ, cello, double-bass and drums, I wondered if I was in the wrong place or at the wrong time.

But no. It was a service prepared by the local "contemporary worship committee" with the theme—"Each One Hears in His Own Way."

Church worship must be relevant, we are told. Relevant to the times in fact. Some of us may not approve, but to be honest I found the lilt of the up-beat hymns enjoyable.

The use of tape recorders for a background for differing points of view, may not suit the purist, but it emphasises the subject.

Luke 15: 8-10, provided a Gospel reading that was both criticised and praised by, I assume, members of the committee. Was the search for the missing piece of silver an economical venture?

The minister, E. W. Roffey, introduced the theme with a reference to the Blackburn railway gates.

When the bells start to ring, it can interrupt an important business conversation, it can frighten babies, it amuses youngsters, it's a nuisance to

motorists who have to stop, it's a marvel to the curious teenager, to an electrical engineer it's a delicate project that cost \$46,000.

But to each and every one, it is an authentic heralding which they understand. A train is coming.

"The same thing happens to us," he concluded. "No matter how the message comes, by reading, talking or listening, the trimmings are not important. The authentic fact is that we are all made aware of the Lord."

A great service, an excellent sermon and a big shot in the arm for church procedure.

**CALL TO FULL SERVICE (Arana Hills)**  
A forward move in faith was taken when the student preacher, Glen Stibbe, was invited to be the church's first full time minister. He has accepted . . . Tragedy struck the church when a car full of young people was involved in an accident with the runaway half of a si-trailer. One young boy was killed, another very seriously injured, and a girl was badly cut about the face and head. They were on their way to Teen-Week mission at Annerley church.

# JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

## JAY'S QUIZ

My first is in BUGLE, but not in HARP,

My second's in FLAT, but not in SHARP.

My third is in ORGAN, but not in RE,

My last is in MELODY, but not in CHOIR.

My whole is a word of pleasant sound

In Psalm One twenty two I'm found.

(See Page 18).

## SEVEN WONDERS

There were three prize winners for the "Seven Wonders of the World" competition. They are Roderick Adam, Jillian Adam, and Miriam Farrell. Prizes have been sent to them.

Miriam also sent in this riddle:

Q. Why was Eve not afraid of catching the mumps?

A. Because she'd Adam!

The more one uses good manners the easier it is to keep them polished.

The nicest thing about the promise of Spring is that sooner or later she will have to keep it.

Burton Hillis

## Wrong Diet-Rection

You shouldn't really call me fat— It really isn't so.

I'm wider than tall but the reason is that

My frame took the wrong way to grow.

Neal C. Neitzel

# LEARNING TO GROW OLD

By Will R. Hibburt



"Learning to grow old" is the title of a recent book by "Paul Tournier," a renowned Sociologist. He is not a specialist in geriatrics but yields to the request of publishers to write wisely on retirement and old age. "One has to give up all sorts of things and accept with serenity the prospects of death, while remaining as active, as sociable and friendly as we can, despite an unavoidable measure of loneliness. We must learn to use leisure profitably, take up new interests, and interest ourselves in young people and new ideas. We must learn how to pray, how to meditate, how to acquire wisdom, how to be grateful. For its part society must restore to the old their sense of their own value as human beings, and make them feel they are really accepted. It must also safeguard their dignity by means of adequate financial resources and personal attention."

Retirement speaks of old age, old age in its turn speaks of death. Old age is only a passing moment of duration in our eyes which haunts the human mind. Paul writes about death: "Sin entered the world . . . and through sin death." On the very night before the cross, Christ said to His friends: "Be of good cheer . . . I have overcome the world." Is it too much to claim that there is an enjoyment about dying? "Living to me" declared the Apostle Paul, "means simply Christ and if I die I should merely gain more of Him." (Phil. 1:23, J. B. Phillips).



"Goody! You found Myrtle!"

# BOOKS IN Review

## A IS FOR .

Graeme Speedy (C.L.C. Adult study, 35c.)

The best-seller of the C.L.C. adult studies so far has been "Stir."

"A is for . . ." is in the "Stir" tradition, although it is quite different.

At least they have Petty cartoons in common. "A is for . . ." also has Fred Bassett, and the remarkable wit of Graeme Speedy, now Vice-Principal of Adelaide's Bedford Park Teachers' College.

It is subtitled "a discussion-starter dictionary for contemporary Christians." It can be read "at bedtime, in the bath, on the train, or in church," but is primarily intended to trigger off group discussion and action.

It attempts to cater for all tastes. "So if you are not interested in sorting out issues like apathy, behaviour, belief, communication and death, then you can settle for amaury, bashmuric, cloud of unknowing, assess (Feast of), dittography and so on."

Oh, the dictionary only goes up to D.

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

—R.W.L.

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

by F. F. Bruce (Paternoster Press)

Professor Bruce is the conservative and evangelical editor of "The Harvester" and also of "Evangelical Quarterly". For twenty years he has been answering questions in a column of "The Harvester". Now many of those answers have been collected and indexed to form a helpful guide to the Christian who is puzzled by Bible passages.

Sample questions "What is the 'beginning' of Genesis 1:1?" "What was the purpose of the Tower of Babel?" "Are there any secular historians who record the fact of the Exodus?" "Is there a basis for the doctrine of purgatory?" "What is the new covenant?"

The answers are conservative, scholarly, helpful, and honest!

## BASIC BIBLE STUDIES

by Francis A. Schaeffer (Hodder & Soughton) \$1.00

Not quite what we expected. Schaeffer, who is usually quite wordy, is content here to make the briefest of comments on a long list of scripture references.

He claims that the 25 studies give an understanding of the whole system of Bible teaching. There are four main sections: God; God's Dealing With Man; Salvation, and Things of the Future.

## SATAN IS ALIVE AND WELL ON PLANET EARTH

By Hal Lindsey (Zondervan)

The author of "The Late Great Planet Earth" has written another potential best-seller, this time about the occult influences in our modern world.

In an age that claims to be materialistic, there is a boom in witchcraft. Lindsey is sure that Satan is behind it. It is reported that 6000 witches meet regularly in small groups in England. In an American midwest girls' college, among 2000 books stolen from the library were all the books on witchcraft. There are said to be 60,000 sorcerers in France. The horrors of

the Charles Manson cult are thought by many to be the small revealed tip of a grotesque iceberg. There are even so-called churches where Satan is openly worshipped, like the First Church of Satan in San Francisco.

Lindsey takes very seriously the demonology of our day and believes that Satan is behind it all. Satan is and has been very active on Planet Earth. In one chapter called "Thought Bombs" he states that explosive ideas can be even more devastating for mankind than nuclear bombs. He names six men who were Satan's agents in conditioning mankind to think in terms contrary to biblical principles. These men were Kant, Hegel, Kierkegaard, Marx, Darwin and Freud.

Hints are given on the exorcism of demons and ways of limiting and destroying Satan's influence.

## PSYCHOLOGY FOR SUCCESSFUL EVANGELISM

By James H. Jauncey Moody Press \$3.95

Dr. Jauncey in his usual easy to read style sets out what appears to be quite a number of common sense ideas about the way to go about the every day work of evangelism. However, as is pointed out on the dust cover, it is not designed to be a text book on psychology. It is oriented rather to the preacher and discusses many of the psychological mechanisms by which people function. The book is useful in pointing to these mechanisms and reminding the preacher to take them into account in the specific work of winning people to Christ and in the wider work of the church. While preaching seems to be the main emphasis there are many things there for the layman as well.

Dr. Jauncey is not afraid to make some real criticisms of some of our methods of evangelism in the light of his psychological material. It is pleasing to note that he focusses the work of evangelism in the local church rather than in great crusades. In pointing to some new applications of the principles he spells out, he lays emphasis upon the importance of the christian fellowship both before conversion and afterwards. It is a quite useful book.

—Don. E. Stewart.

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"She puts all her cares in the Lord's hands — which leaves her free to concentrate her time on bridge!"

## VICTORIAN DRUG SERIES.

(Melb.) A series of lectures on "Drugs, Man, and Society" is being held at Dallas Brooks Hall, at 8 p.m.

Topics are: July 31, "Drug Dependence: A Peoples' Problem." Aug. 7, "Drugs and Culture", Aug. 21, "Drugs and the Community."

The lectures are sponsored by the Victorian Foundation on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. Admission is free.

## MINISTERS AND WIVES MEET

A combined meeting of Victorian Ministers and Ministers' Wives' Associations will be held at College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Aug. 6, 1973, 10 a.m. Morning session: Counselling in the Grief Situation. Lunch B.Y.O. Tea and coffee available. Afternoon session: 1.30 p.m. Dr. Myerscough on Family Planning and Sex Education. Creche provided. Hospitality available for country members. If required, contact Iris Page, 31 Maxia Road, East Doncaster, 3109. Phone 842-3157 Melb.

## GIFTS RECEIVED

The Vic.-Tas. Conference Executive acknowledges, with thanks, the receipt of anonymous donations as follows:— Home Mission Department, \$50.00, Overseas Mission Department, \$50.00.

## IDEA THAT WORKED

From among community contacts the Arana Hills church, Qld., recently invited six couples to dinner. They were matched by couples from members who called for and brought the guests to the church. Babysitters were supplied where needed.

After a good dinner and variety items, a gospel message was given by the Home Mission Field Officer, Gerald Parriot.

As a result one lady has been attending morning services, one couple attends the gospel services, and two more have booked in for the church's family camp.

This effort achieved more than the church's two previous missions. Another similar project is being planned.

## WORLD CONVENTION —MEXICO CITY—JULY 30-AUGUST 4, 1974

Registration forms for the Convention assembly are available in your State Conference office, or from 104 Grote Street, Adelaide.

Two hundred and fifty people are on the mailing list, and should have received a Registration Form. Any other people interested in the Assembly should get a form as soon as possible. Already 33 firm registrations have been received. It is necessary to have all registrations in by December 1st this year.

Affinity group arrangements must be confirmed with overseas airlines six months before the date of travel. It is necessary to have at least 15 people in an affinity group, and this reduces the return air fare from Sydney to San Francisco by \$465. The cost of the return fare for those in the affinity group, Sydney to San Francisco, is \$523.60. We already have enough people registered for the first affinity group. There is no limit to the number of groups we arrange.

Pre—and post—Convention tours with the Greyhound bus service have been arranged, and the Adelaide office will be glad to supply information and handle all bookings.

—I.J. Chivell.

## APPOINTMENT FOR RICHMOND

The Richmond, Vic., church announces the appointment of Wal GIBNEY from Woolwich College as a full-time minister for 1974. This is a real step of faith for the church as they seek to minister in a very needy community.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibney were originally from Melbourne, and have worked in inner suburban areas in Melbourne and Sydney.



## WOMEN OF THE WEST

Mrs Allan Anderson led the July morning meditation with the theme "Life and Liberty". 76 were present.

The guest speaker was J.W.Somerville, Conference President. He asked the women to uphold him in prayer as he attended to the business of Conference and as our representative at functions outside the framework of Conference.

## U.S. MINISTERS' SALARIES

Ministers of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) received an average of \$8,405 annual salary in 1972, compared with \$10,289 for the average American family, according to statistics prepared by the Disciples Pension Fund.

Comparisons with 1963 indicated that the average annual salary, even with parsonage allowances included, increased only 4.7 per cent a year.

"The minister, however, continues to be one of the lowest paid professionals in America," a report in the Pension Fund Bulletin said. "Most ministers have seven to eight years of education beyond the secondary level.

When occupational groups are ranked by percentage rise in income over a 10-year period, athletes and veterinarians head the list. Of the 46 groups in the study, Christian Church ministers' average rise in income places them in the 44th position, two from the bottom. They were just ahead of dance instructors.

## MEDAL OF HONOUR

Congratulations are extended to Mark Meliu on being awarded the Medal of Honour in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours in the New Hebrides.

Mr. Meliu is the father of John Meliu lecturer at the Banmatmat Bible College and is a member of the Church of Christ at Peterara on Maewo Island. Mr. Meliu is a member of the New Hebrides Government Advisory Council, and is actively involved in local Government affairs, as well as church activities.

Mr. Meliu is held in high esteem by our New Hebridean brethren. He contributed well to the recent Conference of Churches of Christ in the New Hebrides by his positive statements on a number of issues during the business sessions.

## THINGS TO COME

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

#### AUGUST

14 Women's Auxiliary "Discussion and Morning Tea".

27 "Impact" for 20 years old and over. Christian Centre.

### VICTORIA

#### 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.

# "ALL MY OWN WORK"



In the school holidays two teams went into action at North Fitzroy and Richmond churches to present Holiday Adventure programs. Here a group of youngsters proudly display their craftwork outside the North Fitzroy hall.

## PLAN NOW FOR CANBERRA, 1974.

1974 is Canberra's year. The first Federal Conference in the Federal Capital will be held October 21-27, 1974.

Canberra's third church, at Belconnen, will also be commenced next year.

Churches all over Australia have helped to build the strong church in the capital and 1974 is the year to see. Registration forms will be available soon, but make your plans now.

**NOTE FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIANS** Members travelling from the West have to make their plans earlier than the rest of us. Those wishing to share in the overland train fellowship should let the W.A. transport officer know by September, 1973. Write to Allan Pyne, 142-146 Beaufort St., Perth, 6000, just to let him know you are interested.

If you have not been there recently, plan to go in 1974. Canberra's beautiful, especially in the Spring!

## 1974 CHURCH CALENDAR

The Federal Conference Executive is conferring with the Federal Literature Dept., the Standing Committee on Worship, and the Austral Printing Company, with a view to producing a church calendar for 1974.

It seems certain that an attractive calendar will be produced giving Sunday worship guides and indicating special church days for next year.

The proposed date for despatch to the churches is early November, 1973.

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### SECRETARIES.

HORSHAM: J. Marshman, 5 O'Connor St., Horsham, Vic., 3400.

W.A. ADVISORY COMMITTEE: J. K. Robinson, 11 Almondbury Rd., Mount Lawley, W.A. 6050.

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### 21st ANNIVERSARY

### SUNDAY, 19th AUG.

11 a.m. **ALLAN WEBB**

(Minister, Swanston St., church)

4 p.m. **DAVID WHITE**

(Minister, Maidstone church)

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# REPENTANCE AND REMISSION OF SINS

—BY DR. A. G. ELLIOTT—

"Thus it is written and thus it behoved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his Name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem"

—Luke 24:46,47.

In these memorable words, spoken to his chosen apostles, the Risen Lord emphasised the importance with which he views "Repentance." Only the truly penitent heart can hope to share the "fellowship of the redeemed." The suffering of Christ and his glorious conquest over death and the grave have their inevitable sequel in the proclamation of these "Unique Acts" throughout the whole earth, beginning at Jerusalem. And the unfolding story of this Good News is described by the Spirit-guided Luke as preaching "repentance" and "remission of sins."

For sinful, wayward man, the knowledge of "forgiveness," or "remission of sins," is tremendously vital. Yet that sense of forgiveness can never be enjoyed without repentance. The unrepentant wrong-doer is forever estranged from his Maker. In the words of Jesus to the apostles repentance and remission are closely linked, and in our experience of salvation they can never be separated.

Repentance ensures Remission

Yet, so often in present day preaching and teaching, the one missing note is repentance. Repentance is unquestionably a major theme throughout the Scriptures and a major theme in the revealed Way of Salvation. From Genesis to Revelation our Loving Father's voice is constantly heard inviting faltering man to return to the fellowship of his love on the basis of repentance.

In the record of Genesis 3, when man first sinned, God's penetrating cry to him was, "Adam, where art thou?" Now God was not seeking information, for he knows all things. He was well aware where Adam and Eve were geographically and spacially. What the Lord God wanted to hear from them was—where they were spiritually. In other words the Creator was really opening the way for Adam to confess his sin. He was inviting him to repentance. Such an attitude on the part of the guilty sinner is the only ground for the renewal of fellowship with God.

Moreover, the basis of this fellowship has never changed. Again and again down the years in the record of the Old Covenant Scriptures, the prophets made this abundantly clear. Every prophet, called as the "mouthpiece" of the Lord, with the inevitable message of "Thus saith the Lord," was charged with the one task—of calling evil doers back to God in repentance. We read it over and over again, in Isaiah, in Jeremiah, in Amos, in Hosea—the same call, sometimes blunt, sometimes tender, sometimes harsh with warning, sometimes soft with pleading—but always the message of repentance. Always inviting men to renounce Satan, denounce themselves and their sin, and simply put their trust in a Living, Loving God. This is the only way back to God. This is the way that ensures remission—forgiveness of sins.

Unfortunately, however, there are preachers who stand in pulpits in this age who offer a diluted, watered-down gospel, completely devoid of any word concerning repentance. Their's is a message of compromise that merely soothes the average sinner and encourages the unconverted church-member in his indifferent slumber. Of course it is essential to preach faith; of course it is important to teach baptism—but how many baptised believers who have "gone through the motions" of conversion have really turned from sin in "godly sorrow" and renounced the "world, the flesh and the Devil"? How many worshippers in our churches "know" with "assurance" that they have been genuinely "born from above" and that their

sins are truly and definitely forgiven, because Christ's blood was shed on Calvary—and they have committed their all to him in faith, repentance and complete obedience—and are witnessing to these facts in their daily lives?  
Remission stems from Repentance.

In discussions on remission of sins in relation to baptism there are often sad abandonments of the total message of Scripture. Nowhere in the Word is it suggested that baptism alone results in remission of sins. To the Jews at Pentecost, who were already conscience-stricken believers, Peter's formula for remission was "Repent and be baptised..." It is clear then that the implication of Acts 2:38 is that for forgiveness, the sinner must in faith, repent and be baptised—in order to appropriate the cleansing, sin-remitting, shed blood of the Lamb of God. Repentance can so easily be overlooked here.

Furthermore, faith, repentance and baptism are only significant when they point to the Christ as the only, all-sufficient Saviour. They are the "means" whereby we are covered by his blood. He is the "end" of our Salvation. This is why the Holy Spirit prompted Peter, in Acts 2:38 to include that very vital phrase, "in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." His Name is indeed the saving Name. Therefore, through his Name, and his Name alone, our definite act of "repentance", as well as our "faith" and our "baptism," leads us to the place of forgiveness.

It should also be noted that contrary to what is often stated, the last word of Jesus to the Church is not "The Great Commission," important though this be. Look at Rev. 3:14-19, where, in challenging the Laodiceans, the Risen Lord Jesus, the Faithful Amen—in addition to those words with which we are all familiar concerning their lukewarm condition—He says, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and REPENT."

Not only is this applicable to these believers of the First Century. It equally applies to us, today. If we are called by the Lord to witness daily for him, it is imperative that our lives should so reflect his will and purpose that the one, true Gospel may be sounded forth. This is no easy task. Yet it must be carried out. God's message is always disturbing, humiliating, embarrassing. It is not a popular word. It strips us all of the rags of self-righteousness—and leaves us stark before a Holy God.

Yet, there is no other message for our generation. For it is "quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thought and intents of the heart."—This is the Gospel that must be lived to be preached—"that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His Name among all nations."

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'What's The Big Idea' will be premiered throughout Australia on Sunday, August 5 in most States as a climax to National Bible Society Week (July 29-August 5).

# OBITUARY

**BUTLER, Edward Richard (Ted)**

"Ted" Butler, as he was affectionately known, died on May 20. Ted was truly "a son of the soil" for throughout practically his whole lifetime he never missed either the Sydney Show or the Brisbane Exhibition.

Born at Mungindi, N.S.W., in 1901, he grew up on his parent's property. Feeling the need for a higher education and an "inkling" for the ministry, he and his brother, Ira, went to the C.O.B., Glen Iris. Ted finished his College course and matriculated, attending the Melbourne University and later the Queensland University. For some reason he was only half a unit off obtaining his B.A. Degree when he returned to the farm at Mungindi. In college days he was a class mate to the late Ernie Adermann and Russell Baker. During his "Brisbane Days" he and Ernie Adermann worked together in the Brisbane suburban churches.

The Butler family and the Alfred Winter family of Inglewood Forest were firm friends and set up the Lord's Table on alternate Sundays in each home. The late E. C. Hinrichsen found in the Winter and Butler families keen financial supporters of his Tent Missions. Ted developed his "sense of responsibility" for Christian enterprises. In 1939 he purchased a grazing property, "Toarki", some 45 miles north of Roma. In 1940 Ted was married to Miss Grace McDonald, by V. G. Boettcher. They developed "Toarki" and took an active part in the church at Roma. As Chairman of the Board Ted welcomed the writer and his wife into their ministry in early 1939 and then again in a second ministry in 1961. Almost simultaneously with the disposal of his property at "Toarki" three years ago Ted suffered a severe stroke from which he never seemed to recover.

"TANGEIL" CLEAR (The Patch, Dr. K. R. Bowes). Final payment has been made to Campbell Edwards Trust on "Tangeil" Cottages . . . On July 8 twenty adults and a few children had luncheon at the chapel and in afternoon session discussed ways of helping people through listening and sharing our faith . . . A Film was shown . . . Three members attended Winter School at C.O.B. . . . Mrs. Beaumont is progressing favorably after operation on both eyes at Repatriation General Hospital.

**WINTER WORSHIP** (Bayswater, A. Fletcher). Winter worship time at 5 p.m. is being held in homes, followed by tea and fellowship . . . Explorers held a film night to boost the funds of the Club . . . "Yukana Singers" entertained Senior Citizens of Ringwood . . . Winter School has been held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, to discuss work of the church today . . . Daniel Hills was soloist at the baptismal service of Peter Bryant and David Westaway. At the service they were welcomed into fellowship . . . Coffee mornings are being held in homes for the months of July.

For a time he lived at St. Ives in Sydney but he returned to Qld. and made his home at Jindalee, and attended the Kenmore Church. The College was always near to his heart and he helped considerably in its establishment.

To Ted's wife, Grace, and his three sisters who remain—Lois (Mrs. Warren), Miss Melba Butler, and Phyllis (Mrs. Rofe), all of Sydney, we extend our heartfelt sympathy. The cremation service at Mt. Thompson was led by Eric Hart, the Lesson being read by David Hammer. Past ministers of the Roma church were present together with the writer, who paid tribute to a true friend and a loving brother.

(V. G. Boettcher)

**GOVE Lillian Esther**

Mrs. Gove was born June, 1907, and died suddenly June, 1973. Leila had grown up at South Yarra. She was baptised at the age of 13 by Dr. W. H. Hinrichsen and she later married Leo (Bill) Gove. When their only child, Betty (Mrs. Ray Ellingham), was three years of age the family moved to Camberwell and then to Nunawading. They were active in the churches at Camberwell and at Blackburn. Nearly two years ago Mrs. Gove was widowed.

Two aspects stand out significantly in the life of Leila Gove. In her home both at Camberwell and Nunawading she nursed through their closing days aged relatives—an aunt, two uncles, her mother and step-father. She was well known for her musical interests—piano and singing. Until her death she was an active member of the Royal Philharmonic Society. The writer recalls her singing at the 50th Anniversary at South Yarra church where she had been soloist at numerous Home-coming days.

At the service on June 19 at the Blackburn Church Mrs. Gove's step-brother, the Rev. Bert Vogt, shared in the service before proceeding to the Springvale Crematorium.

—E.W.R.

**PENTECOST OBSERVANCE** (Berwick, K. J. Clinton). Pentecost Sunday, June 10, was celebrated by a combined service with the Presbyterian congregation in our chapel. 160 were present. K. J. Clinton presided and T. Waters, Presbyterian minister preached . . . Three "Discovery and Sharing" sessions have been held. 25 members were involved in this special renewal programme . . . 20 young marrieds and their children from East Keilor church attended the service on June 4, while camping at Berwick for the long weekend . . . "A Morning in May" was presented by Laurie Dunn on Botanical Gardens, used as a sermon in words and pictures.

**ABORIGINES LEAD SERVICE** (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes). Family service on July 10 was led by a group of Mornington Island Aborigines. Anthropologist Dr. Wilkinson was interpreter. \$200 was donated to special effort by this group. Church income for day was \$1000 . . . Mrs. A. Chapman, N.Z., was speaker on July 1 . . . Church Family Camp in Dandenongs attended by 80, July 6-8 . . . Church preparing for G. Stirling Mission Moorabbin Town Hall Aug. 1-5 . . . Mr. Moyes has been elected President, Cheltenham Rotary Club . . . D. Hughes was appointed to Overseas Mission Committee and F. Drummond as Vic. Pres., Victorian C.M.F. . . . John Purves, Eric Patterson and Ian Corlett were recent speakers. Ian also conducted "Jesus Eatn' Meetings" for five weeks.

**SADNESS AT MARYBOROUGH** (I. Adams). Church has been saddened by deaths of Mrs. M. Ley and Rueben Matthews. Mrs. Ley served as Communion attendant for 35 years. Mr. Matthews was deacon for many years till ill health forced him to resign. A packed church was tribute to his life . . . After-church fellowship at home of Mrs. Burkenshaw is very popular . . . Patients of Clarendon House were entertained by Good Companions and Friendship Circle in recent weeks.

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## VICTORIA

### VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.

The President, Mrs. G. Stirling, welcomed 148 delegates representing 57 churches to the July Council meeting.

The devotional segment was presented by Mrs. Roffey, Mrs. Haines led in prayer in intercession.

Sister Shirley Sedawie, a member of the Catholic Order, Sisters of Zion, that conducts a Centre for Jewish-Christian Dialogue, spoke on the work they are doing to build up a better understanding between Jews and Christians.

Discussion was held re Ludbrook House. Copies of the proposition had been sent to all groups with voting slips which are to be returned by Aug. 3.

Missionary Rally will be held on Aug. 15, North Fitzroy Church, 10.30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Next Council—Friday, Aug. 3, at 8 p.m. Film: "Heritage to Destiny."

M.N.

**FIVE BAPTIZED** (Briar Hill, R. Baxter). As a result of recent discipleship classes, five young people have been baptized . . . C.W.F. are continuing with morning coffees in homes in an outreach effort . . . \$43 was raised for Aborigine Missions at a Coffee and Candlelight evening . . . The Westside Players presented the drama "Oldenburg" at a recent morning service . . . The church was saddened by the death of Bruce Smith at the Nursing Home, Murrumbeena . . . Mrs. Val Bush has resigned as Good Companions' Leader after many years of service. Mrs. Wendy Pfeifer is new leader.

**RENOVATIONS FOR CHURCH** (West Preston, A. J. Storay). Church renovations are under way. Services will be held in Youth Hall for three months . . . There have been 7 baptisms, some followed by moving candlelight communion service . . . Mr. Storay conducted combined Preston Churches Pentecost Service, addressed by Dr. Keith Bowes . . . The "not-so-young" are being catered for with "Open House" twice monthly. A veterans' retreat is planned

for October and a "Cheer Squad" of young people formed to help elderly, lonely or needy all under the guidance of Vic. Quayle and the monthly sing-along . . . Y.D.'s and others visited Emmaus . . . Barry Jenkins has visited Youth 3 and addressed the church . . . C.W.E.F. had a "metric workshop" night . . . Juniors and Inters combined for a family tea . . . Twenty-five people held car drive and fellowship at Watson's new home at Croydon.

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Mr and Mrs David Taylor of the Rennies Mill Student Aid Project, Hong Kong, will visit Victoria from August 26, 1973 until September 9. They will both be available for deputation work during that time. Mr. Taylor has films and slides available depicting the work in Hong Kong.

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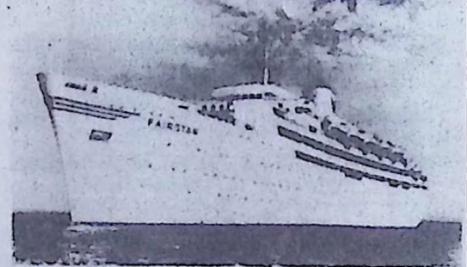
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So severe has been the famine in Maharashtra that reporters from leading dailies from the U.S.A., Great Britain and Europe have given extensive write ups of the conditions. These men have visited our Mission area at Baramati where they have been deeply impressed with one of the finest Relief programmes in the whole of India.

Our own Board is deeply grateful to the Australian Brotherhood as also are our Indian brethren for the generous assistance given in this their time of hardship and suffering. The Board has provided \$500 per month for the first half of this year, and has promised to continue this till the end of the year, and then to review the position. This \$500 is being used by the Churches in their own

relief programmes. Early in the year when it was possible to purchase grain supplies they operated Kitchens, but since grain supplies ceased to be available they have initiated other relief programmes. One being the supply of biscuits, and when possible milk.

Following the receipt of word that the Government of Maharashtra had granted a permit for the entry of a consignment of powdered milk, the Board ordered 400 cartons to be forwarded on the first available ship. This will be used by the churches to continue their relief programme, and also make available milk to the children in our Homes. With between 50 and 75% of all cattle dead in Maharashtra, and this of course includes milking animals (buffaloes and cows), milk is a very scarce commodity.

The Board has already informed the Field that they will provide the finance for the ploughing and sowing of the farms of poor farmers who have lost their animals. Whatever other programme can be put into operation for the benefit of the poor peasant will be supported as the Board receives intimation from the Field, and finance is available.

Assistance has also been sent to Keith Skillicorn in whose area the famine has

also intruded later than Maharashtra, but nevertheless very severely.

H. M. Waghmode, Secretary of Conference of Churches of Christ in Western India, writes:—

"The kitchen programme at Baramati is in full swing. I bought grain early in March for Rs. 129.00 per bag (\$12.50). Today it is approx. twice that, and very hard to obtain. We have sufficient to last another month, and hope by then that the rains will have come and that there will be some relief or we are able to purchase from sources where the price is not too high and grain available. In some of the other places where grain was not available they had to make small allowances to people instead. We will be very glad to have the milk consignment from Australia. Cost of Living has increased steeply in recent months. The Government have given all their employees heavy increases in their Dearness Allowances (a cost of living adjustment added to wages). Will the Board be able to increase our Indian allocation sufficiently to enable us to make an equivalent increase in the salary and wages of our Conference staff".

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The Overseas Mission Board has been advised that a person in India, by the name of Evangelist Y. Hayagreev John has been writing to people in our churches soliciting financial assistance. We wish to advise that this person is not known to us and is not connected with the Conference of Churches of Christ in Western India.

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### DEATH

**MILLER (Petty)** Alma, loved wife of Bert, mother of Gwenda, Margaret, Vera, and Ross. Born at Doncaster, 11.8.1893; baptized at Doncaster, 21.7.1907; farewelled at Doncaster, 19.7.1973.

### IN MEMORIAM

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- Margaret Ley, Rueben Matthews, Maryborough, Vic. ● Mrs. Horwood Snr., Sunshine, Vic. ● Miss Dorothy Payne, Mrs. A. Thomas, Perth, W.A. ● Bruce Smith, Briar Hill, Vic.



## TASMANIA

**WINTER SCHOOL** (Margaret St. L'ceston, M. D. Hamilton) More than 30 have been participating in the Winter School studies . . . The annual fruit bottling for Bethany Children's Home by the C.W.E.F. has been completed . . . The Superintendent of L'ceston City Mission was presented with eleven woollen rugs on his recent visit to the Afternoon Fellowship . . . A parcel of handkerchiefs was sent to Norseman Mission and the quota of children's clothing for Aborigines' children has been filled . . . The 4.30 Sunday services provide hospitality and fellowship opportunity in the homes of members . . . Colin Allen is recovering after emergency surgery in Melbourne. Mrs. T. Sice and Mrs. G. J. Foot are home after hospitalisation.



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**CIVIC CHURCH SERVICE** (Prospect, R. H. Sercombe). The Mayor and Mayoress of Prospect, Mr. and Mrs. S. Watson, with Aldermen, Councillors, Council Officers and their wives attended a special Civic Service on July 15. Mr. Watson read the first reading and said, "Although I have been in office less than 24 hours and was tempted to ask that this service be held later in the year, on second thoughts I consider there is no better way of commencing my term of office than by attending a church service" . . . Each year we clothe an Aboriginal child, and this year it's 14-year-old Rhonda Tucker of Norseman . . . A record 76 attended S.S. on July 15 . . . New C.W.F. officers are President, Mrs. D. Bonney; Vice-Pres., Mrs. B. Sercombe; Secretary, Mrs. A. Brown; Treasurer, Mrs. N. McLaughlin . . . A. Britton is at Daws Rd. Hospital. Gerald Moar is recovering from a car accident. Mrs. E. Groves is attending church after sickness.

**GIFT FOR MISSIONARY** (Ascot Park, C. L. Smith) The C.W.F. Birthday meeting was celebrated by 100 present. The proceeds of \$88 were augmented to \$100 as a gift to Frank Beale, returned missionary from New Guinea. Mr. Beale was a recent speaker . . . I. J. Chivell and Gerald Rose have also been visiting speakers . . . Paul Magarey has been returned as elder for the church.

**32% ATTENDANCE INCREASE** (Col. Light Gdns., R. V. Holmes). Evening winter programmes, June to August, were promoted by a series of House Fellowships. Contacts are invited by direct mail and visitation. First six weeks show 32% increase in attendance compared with last year. Programmes included guest speakers, group discussion, films, Bible study, etc., stressing family

participation. "Action Sheets" filled in at House Fellowship, indicated tasks members willing to accept . . . First Quarterly Report since Planned Giving Review shows average offering \$224 . . . Minister has commenced Discipleship Class.

**TO SERVE AT MISSION** (Glenelg, B. Ricketts). Ron and Kate Roberts (nee Manning) were farewelled on July 1 prior to taking up their appointment as house father and mother at Norseman Aboriginal Mission . . . The annual roll call was made on July 8. 175 members responded to their names . . . Mr. Ricketts is serving as part-time minister . . . C. H. J. Wright, minister-elect, with Mrs. Wright, visited the church on July 21-22, for the church anniversary services. This was an introduction to Mr. Wright's ministry which will begin in October.



## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**RABBI AT CHURCH** (Perth City, R. A. Ryall). Dr. Rabbi Coleman addressed two ACE Programmes on "The Jewish Faith". July's discussion topic is "The Place of Women in the Church" . . . The Church is sharing in Bible Society work by visiting, distributing scriptures and sharing in seminar at Yokine Baptist Church . . . On July 14 the film "Peter's Victory" was screened . . . Miss D. Geyer addressed the church on work in India and gave slide evening at C.W.F. . . . Robert Hammer has a part time ministry in Qld. Mrs. Lyons has left for two years in USA. B. Grundy is relief nursing at Derby. Mrs. Whittington is visiting 11 northern mission stations . . . Ray Harrison under-went an operation . . . the church's deep sympathy to family of Mrs. A. Thomas, so well beloved by us all.

**NEW LOOK** (East Victoria Park, W. Thornton) The C.W.F. has placed new carpets in the church, also curtains in the hall, kitchen and vestry. A recent guest was a Bible Society representative who showed the film "Finest Gold." On July 3, Mrs. Roma Armstrong was guest speaker . . . Mr. Thornton and Ken Roberts are co-leaders of the Friday evening South Club which donated \$40 to the C.W.F. towards the carpet . . . Sandra Preedy has been chosen as vic-captain of the Churches of Christ State net-ball team to play in the Carnival in Tasmania in August . . . Prayer meetings are held each Wednesday evening and Human Relationship meetings on Sunday evenings . . . A mission is planned for October.

**DEATH AT 101** (Fremantle-Hamilton Hill, H. R. Fitch, W. R. Newton) Miss Alice George died on July 11 in her 101st year. She had been in a nursing home for several years . . . A young lady from Hamilton Hill was baptized on July 1 . . . Youth Clubs of H. H. assisted in

special youth tea and service there on July 15 . . . Mrs. Jeffares of N.Z. died at Fremantle while visiting here with her husband.



## NEW SOUTH WALES

**START AT PT. MACQUARIE** (J. Sedman) The building programme was commenced on June 16—the day of excavation for the foundations . . . Another family was received into membership on May 26 . . . Recent speakers have been from "Lay Institute" and Bible Society" . . . Our members supported Taree anniversary on June 3 . . . Monthly Sunday evening barbecues continue to be held at the homes of members, at Sedmans and Wylies in past two months . . .

**EIGHT DECISIONS** (Fairfield). Recently there have been eight decisions and baptisms, six from one family which came from England . . . Ian Boreham showed slides recently and told of his contacts and converts on a Russian pleasure cruiser on which he and two other Christians gave away Russian Bibles and tracts . . . Ted Perry, of Devonport, Tas., now of Croydon Bible Inst., told of his conversion. Another young couple recited and played the violin in "The Touch of the Master's Hand" . . . G. Arundell passed Greek with honours in a special course taken at Woolwich Bible College . . . Jan and Ian Schleiter are leaving for Glenbrook. They have been leaders in the youth group for four years. Jan has been in charge of the Mid-Teens. Ian is a deacon and has been acting-treasurer.

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## COMMUNICATING

36 ladies, with a few new campers, communicated with each other and God at camp, June 15-17.

Camp commenced with Mrs. Fisher telling us of the Aborigine Problem—Are they or we the problem?

Sing-a-longs, led by Iris Page and June St. Aubyn were important in breaking barriers and making us open to each other.

Quiet times were prepared by the Prayer and Evangelism committee. Mrs. Lesley Stirling and Mrs. Glenys Cartmel led evening devotions. Our C.W.F. Past-President, Mrs. Linda Morgan, led the Communion Service. Camp Offering was \$18.45.

Josie Weedon, one of our C.W.F. members, and Barry Jenkins guided studies on communicating. Campers were made to think of the many ways to communicate Christ to those who do not know him.

The Monbulk Premiere, "Where Angels go, trouble follows" was most entertaining. Next Camp is Sept. 28-30. Helen Banks, Camp Convener.



## VICTORIA

**EXTENSIONS NEAR COMPLETION** (Dawson St., Ballarat, F. C. Hunting). Church extensions nearing completion. New building will be opened by Conference President on Aug. 4 . . . Among those ill is Deaconess Priscilla Burnham . . . Welcomed in as members were Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Cartledge, Miss Rosalie Cartledge, Mr. and Mrs. Hackitt . . . Mrs. Cannon handed over to Deacons' Board the sum of \$86 from Good Companions' Walkathon. The money was for church extensions . . . Camp re-union dinner was held followed by presentations to Rita Roberts as Camp mother for 25 years, also Lal. Feary for 28 years of service all around the camp at Halls Gap . . . Readers, Presidents and Speakers training classes in progress . . . Church held Day of Repentance July 1, preceding "100 Days of Love."

**EVENING DISPERSAL** (Portland, B. Duff) Well attended evening services are being held in members' home, in three different areas of the town, in the winter months. These are followed by chapel services at the end of the month, one being a baptismal service and the other a youth tea followed by a film service . . . Mrs Evelyn Duff and Miss Rita Roberts installed members of the Good Companions and presented scarves. Primary School headmaster addressed E.C.W.F. on migrant children's education problems.

**EARLY SERVICE** (Croydon A. B. Clark). 9.30 a.m. service has been held for over three months now and has proved quite successful . . . Visiting speakers have been Stanton Wilson, Conf. Sec., and J. Finch from Mooroolbark Baptist Church . . . On June 24, Girls Sunday, a tea was held at the hall. Both Junior and Senior Girls took part in 7 p.m. service . . . C.W.F. ladies held a social afternoon at the home of their Pres., Mrs. U. Burch. C.W.E. group ladies had an "apron parade" at their July meeting . . . Several ladies attended W.C.T.U. morning coffee . . . Prayer Meetings continue in the homes . . . C.Y.F. raised \$10 at their recent progressive supper.

**UNITED SERVICE** (Castlemaine, J. Bymes) During week of Prayer for Christian Unity a combined ecumenical service was held in our chapel. The address was given by Rev. Neil Robinson, Congregational minister. The offering was for Ministers' fraternal work in the district . . . Mr Bymes conducted a week's "Creatives" session at Manifold Heights Church and shared in a "Creatives' Retreat" for business men in Melbourne . . . A recent guest speaker was F.M. Combridge, Director of Social Services . . . Training sessions were held for presidents, readers, and helpers. Women are taking a prominent part . . . Applications are being called for both B.S. and Cradle Roll superintendents, owing to the transfer of Mr & Mrs Eric Steele to Bendigo.

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## VICTORIA

**PLAYS AT PEEL ST.** (W. Mills) Westside Players presented a night of plays. . . Church auxiliaries have supported Leprosy Mission with Girls' Club donating \$20 and the A.I.D. Group buying a radio for Aileen Dallimore. . . The C.W.F. raised \$75 from a casserole luncheon. A.I.D. presented Macallum House with \$95 worth of toys. . . Speakers for Missionary Month were from Lifeline and Leprosy Mission, and J. Hunting from J.E.W.; L. Fisher, Aborigines' Mission. . . A. Graham led some recent services. . . Marantha Sounds presented the gospel in song.

**BOX HILL DECISIONS** (K. R. Bond) A married couple confessed Christ on July 15. . . Barry Jenkins spoke at Explorers' mid-year tea. Mrs. Trevor Thomas of Oriental Mission Society told I.C.E. of her experiences in Sth. America. . . Y.P.C.E. visited Ancient Times House. . . C. E. Committee held a camp reunion at Box Hill with members from Thornbury, Mt. Everlyn, and Cheltenham. . . Dianne Marchant has been farewelled prior to trip to U.S.A. . . Mrs. Evans has been involved in an accident. Peg Winkler, Lorraine Clencie, Mr. and Mrs. Ling, Mrs. Tivendale Sr., have been ill. Mrs. Watson is in hospital. Mr. Thomas and Mrs. McFarlane Sr., are improving after hospitalisation. . . Sympathy is expressed in the death of Mr. Thomas Sr.

**STREET STALL**, (Swan Hill, R. E. Pritchard). Street Stall conducted jointly by Swan Hill and Woorinen C.W.F. raised \$144 for Camp Eppalock Dormitory Fund. . . Church has farewelled Garry and Margot Baxter who moved to the Western District. . . World Vision Film "The Least Ones" was screened on July 15.

**IN FROM OUTER SPACE** (Ormond, G. M. Mathieson). S.S. has become enthusiastic because of a competition to outer space. Seven new scholars and four new cradle roll members since project began. . . Children's missionaries, Messrs. White and Coleman, are to conduct a mission in August and church is preparing for area mission August 1-5 with G. R. Stirling.

**SIX BAPTISMS** (Sunshine, N. Carter). There have been six baptisms and eleven reconsecrations. . . Street Stall held by Ladies' Guild raised \$116 for church work. . . Sympathy of the church is extended to Ray Horwood in the death of his mother. . . At Church Fellowship Tea G. R. Stirling was speaker. He was accompanied by Mrs. Stirling. . . Two religious films have been shown "Time and Eternity" and "Lost Generation".

**18 DECISIONS** (Bendigo, M. D. Keatch). The Harris-Lacy mission concluded with 18 first decisions and 40 reconsecrations. Since the mission mid-week prayer and Bible study meetings have averaged 40. . . The film "Parable" was shown recently and discussed during supper. . . Girls' Sunday was observed on June 24 and the "Good Companions" shared in the morning service.



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**TO EACH A DOLLAR** (Clovelly Park, R. L. Arnold) 1973 Talent Scheme launched July 1 when families went forward during morning service to receive \$1. . . H. Long, representing O/Seas Missions spoke on June 17 and A.B.I. students led evening service. . . Mr. and Mrs. Arnold attended Ecumenical Institute of Australia Training School in Sydney, concerned with "The Local Church Project". . . Almost 100% attendance by S.S. staff at teachers' conference conducted by D.C.E. for Clovelly-Ascot Park at "Nunyara", Belair. . . Hilarious family concert arranged by C.W.F. on June 30 for special projects. All age groups participated. . . W. James (S.A. Housing Trust) gave insight at A.C.E. into plans for Aboriginal housing in outback.

**DEBT CLEARED** (Port Lincoln, B. Hill). At annual business meeting the Treasurer announced that the chapel debt was cleared. The debt on classrooms was reduced following Temple Day offering. . . Minister shared in teaching mission with K. Edwards and D. Sander early July. . . Mission with Joe Garman and Todd Sisters commences July 28.

**CAMP DECISIONS** (Blackwood, L. Cooke) A number of decisions have been made at Youth Camp and at church. . . Nearly \$3000 has been collected for Milk for India. . . Mrs. G. T. Fitzgerald has been moved to Everard Park Rest Home. . . Dr. and Mrs. Rogers and family have been farewelled on returning to the U.S.A. They have been with us for 12 months.

**C. E. GROUP** (Kensington Pk. W. Bartlett) David Fosdike and Randy White are leaders of the recently formed C.E. group. . . D. Lewis represented Overseas Missions here recently. . . Miss C. Fooks, Mrs. Y. Lakeman and Trevor Norton have been visiting soloists. . . The Social Group visited the Mail Exchange. . . The C.W.F. had a sewing and mending day for the Aborigines' Mission. The speaker at the July meeting was Miss K. Mellor of the National Safety Council. . . G. Smith is chairman of the Board, Miss C. Jeffrey is secretary, and R. Simpson is treasurer.



## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**INDIA HIGHLIGHTED** (Kalgoorlie, R. Taylor) Dorothy Geyer, deputationist from India spoke at Tea and meeting on June 3. . . The Prayer and Bible Study group is studying C. of B. Winter School material "The Church Meeting Need", and sharing in members' homes. . . Church took part in local week of prayer for Christian Unity with a business luncheon, women's group and a combined service at R.C. church. . . Teachers met for prayer on June 30 and visited homes along the church bus route resulting in contacts and new scholars for the School. . . For Christian Literature month, we displayed books from our Perth bookshop. . . The church will celebrate its 75th Anniversary, September 15-23. Des Nelson from Sth. Perth church will be the evangelist.

**EIGHT AT INGLEWOOD** (J.K. Robinson) Eight new members were received on June 24. Five young people by faith and baptism and three by transfer. . . Forty children, young people and teachers shared in Church School Camp at Waterman's Bay, June 15-17. 35 parents and church members attended closing service when classes presented results of the activities. . . Young people joined with Dianella, North Perth and City Church for tea and service on July 1 at Dianella. . . The Drama Club presented three one-act plays on July 14. . . Church school raised \$30 for the Bible Society project and Girls' Brigade raised \$10 for Onslow Outreach work. Church and auxiliaries have undertaken a project to supply cupboards for a schoolroom and a tank for Bunapas, New Guinea.

**CHURCH BRASS BAND** (Scarborough, K. Duffy) For four special gospel services, Northern Suburbs church was invited. 150 attended nightly. The music was a highlight with church musicians forming a brass band. . . The whole membership was involved in the Functional Church Programme. Committees held a basket tea on June 17 to discuss total church programme. Sessions for counselling and ushering have been held. . . Ken Duffy, with Scarborough Musical Team, held a one-week mission at Maylands church. . . Church library is being assisted by Heather and Derek Barber. . . Cafe Bar has been installed, and plans are under way for church amplification. . . Len Jones is assisting Julie and Richard Davey with Inters, and Margaret Duffy and Fen Hewitt are counsellors with Y.P. group. . . Girls Club held a mother and daughter evening.

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## VICTORIA

**NEW TREASURER** (Burwood, I. Allsop) Robert Taylor has been elected as church treasurer . . . Each section of Good Companions participated in evening service. Senior Leader, Mrs. B. Knights, gave the address . . . C.W.F., with support from Good Companions, and others, are again helping to clothe an Aboriginal child from Norseman . . . Twenty boys from Midgets and four leaders attended Explorer camp at Minibulk . . . Sympathy is extended to Bob Jeffaires and family in the death of Bob's mother . . . A family luncheon was held on June 10 . . . Members of local Lions Club attended recent morning service.

**FINAL SERVICE** (Chadstone, K. A. Caulton). The final service in the old building was held on July 1, well attended by past and present members. For the renovation period, morning services will be held in the Jordanville South Primary School Library, private homes, or combined with the Presbyterian Church. B.S. classes are being held in private homes . . . Mr. Caulton participated in a "Human Relations Course" at Mt. Martha, July 1-7 . . . Youth Club features have included a candle making demonstration, a visit to Tullamarine, and a panel "Who's Who in the Church?"

**GOSPEL TEA** (Tootgarook, D. Brown). "Gospel Tea" held June 30. Guest speaker was Barry Jenkins. The "Revelation Singing Group" gave the gospel message in song . . . A number of new members have been received into fellowship with the church . . . W. Fordham is home from hospital, also Les. Baker attended morning service, after hospitalization . . . Two decisions were made at the Family Tea.

**PENTECOST CANTATA** Gardiner — L.S. Dewberry. Churches of Christ Choral Society presented "Pentecost Cantata" on June 17. . . Alan Rowe used his talented friends to conduct recent evening service. Forty Baptist youth singers and musicians led service on July 1 . . . Don Oakes was guest preacher on National Aborigines Sunday . . . Mr Dewberry has accepted invitation to minister for a third term of three years . . . S.S. made presentation to Les Stevens to mark twenty five years of teaching . . . Junior Girls' Club has commenced under leadership of Barbara Nicholls . . . C.W.A.F. was addressed by Enid Fisher . . . C.Y.F. Concert raised money for aged people's homes and special campers' fund for the Christian Education Department . . . Frank Beale Recognition Fund has been launched by the church . . . Long illnesses have been suffered by Mrs. Beament, Mrs. Holmes, Miss J. Willshire, K. Jones, H. Watkins and Mr Paul. Minister visited Horsham with Vic. Temp. Alliance team on July 15.

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that kind of pulpit!), but rather it will be in the area of personal need or because of the breakdown of family or other personal relationships. But these were the very points of contact made by Jesus himself when he helped a blind man, a cripple, a woman in shame or a lonely extortioner!

A danger can come for the chaplain in that he may leave out the gospel and confine his ministry to social aid and human comfort. These are a part of the gospel but the whole gospel will include witness to God in Christ. The chaplain in facing this danger is not necessarily different from the pastor to the local congregation. The latter also can fail to give God thanks!

Since the gospel was first given, the servants of Christ have gone out to the people. Occasionally, the people may have come to the Master, to the apostles, or to the ministers, but the New Testament pattern is for the Christians to go into the streets, the homes, or the market place, and witness to people where they were.

It is essential, today, if folk are to be confronted by Christ, for ministers to go to the people. The unconverted seldom go to church, and our week-day schools are crowded with children who have no Christian home background and no Sunday school allegiance. Hospital patients and prisoners face crises in their lives without the resources of Christ to help them.

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That kind of question is as good a way to start a fight as any other! Chaplains don't leave the ministry. Chaplains are ministers!

Ministers do not leave the ministry to become directors of Christian Education, Home Missions or Social Service. Or when they become missionaries or chaplains in schools, hospitals, prisons, the armed services, or factories. Their ministry has not been surrendered, there has simply been a change in the form of it, and the place they exercise it.

I will not even agree that such men have left the pastoral ministry. Chaplains are also pastors. In fact, I believe that it is a pastoral concern for people that is the strongest motivation for seeking to serve in chaplaincy, and the pastoral concerns of a chaplain in school or hospital or factory will loom larger than any preaching or sacramental activity, although chaplains may still preach, baptize, and preside at the Table of the Lord.

It is acknowledged that the point at which most chaplains touch the lives of their people is unlikely to be in the chapel pulpit (very few chaplains have

# THE LAST WORD...

Racism can be eradicated only when the Love of Jesus Christ is flooding the hearts of people. It is not by rules or laws that we can remove racism. Only Jesus can give us the power to do it. We cannot be indifferent either to the calling we have received or to the world situation.

—Geo. J. Taylor.

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

—SAMUEL F. PUGH

☆  
"You only get what you pay for."  
We listened and now we've done it.  
We purchased the car that was "better by far"  
And now we've no money to run it.  
MARY H. PRITCHARD

☆  
The people who tell you never to let little things worry you have never tried sleeping with a mosquito in the room.

☆  
On the Party Line  
"I won't go into all the details, dear. In fact, I've already told you more about it than I heard myself."



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