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HAPPINESS IS CARING & SHARING



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WHY WE NEED SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENTS

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The role of Social Service has many facets.

In any given situation, the role will be governed by services given and opportunities gained by "inheritance". We must keep up with what has gone before. But this must never stop us from entering new fields in the ever widening social work atmosphere.

It seems foolish to undertake work already being carried out across denominational lines by groups such as Life Line and City Missions, and we should be wise enough to accept the expertise of the Salvation Army and St. Vicent de Paul in areas where they offer service. At the same time, we should be prepared to offer reciprocal service in what we have without question of race, colour or creed.

We shall be faithful in taking care of our own people in a real way, and also offering a Community Service that will express the church's capacity to care.

A third essential is that we use our facilities for the presentation of the Gospel by offering our "service" not as a personal or denominational affair, but in the name of Christ.

In relation to the local church, Social Service must provide the know-how and have the facility to supplement and extend the work of the church, its members and the minister in the local field. The department will never take over the social concern of the local church. What we have to offer enlarges self-expression in the local field.

A primary need is ability to know or

to find out where help is to be found at all levels. In certain areas we may find it necessary to provide the expertise ourselves, but so much is available and freely offered both at government, denominational and community levels that knowing where help is available is more vital in most instances than setting it up ourselves.

In all this, the reputation of the local church must be enhanced at all points rather than the reputation of a Committee or Department. It will always be vital that the members of the local church and their friends have the personal attention of their own minister if it is humanly possible. Gael Chaplaincy on the other hand is in a different category because of strict limitations on visiting in this area, whilst co-operation with specialised chaplaincy on an Interdenominational level, e.g. at Universities and "Special" Hospitals, is essential.

In this way the Conference Social Service has a supporting role and undergirds the local church at vital points in its ministry.

The ability to advise the Conference President and Conference Executive on vital Social Questions is essential so that adequate public statements may be made on behalf of our churches, and appeals may be launched for help in times of disaster and national emergency.

In all this, the social service area of work can never afford to be an entity on its own, but must be integrated into the life and witness of the church at all levels.

WE ASKED SOME YOUNG PEOPLE
"WHAT DO YOU THINK THE CHURCH
SHOULD BE DOING IN CARING AND
SHARING FOR PEOPLE IN NEED?"



Nova Fariss
Hamilton
Hill,
W.A.

"It is foolish for the church to try to 'go-it-alone' in helping the needy. There are many resources available through statutory and voluntary agencies, which the churches could utilise for various purposes. In particular, education and activity groups for Aborigines, Deserted Wives, Unmarried Mothers and their children, can be organised in co-operation with Government departments and other groups working in the community. Co-operation is the key."



Peter
Sturzaker,
"Bethany,"
Hobart,
Tas.

"I think that the Church should keep on doing what it is doing now for people in need but in a more personal way. By having a person who was handicapped, help a person who still is handicapped. The Church should encourage families to take an interest in a particular child, elderly or handicapped person in a way that would make them feel wanted and loved."



Philip
Morris,
North
Turramurra,
N.S.W.

"Paul calls upon Christians to 'love one another with brotherly affection,' and 'to practise hospitality.' The church must show real love and practical help to all members of the community. This involves each one of us caring for people without judgement and without imposing our values either implicitly or explicitly. We must have a vision for people's potential."



F.M. COMBRIDGE,
DIRECTOR,
VICTORIA-TASMANIA.



MIRIAM HOLLOWAY,
V.T. SOCIAL
WORKER



A.R. JONES,
DIRECTOR,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

MISSION TO THE SICK

By
John B. Baker



For eleven years we have served the Royal Adelaide Hospital with full time chaplaincy services. It has been a wonderful experience—alive with opportunity and challenge.

There have been moments of frustration and disappointment and even heartache over people who could be helped, but refuse help and leave the hospital either dead or go back to an unhappy relationship with the world in general. The 'unresponsive' and the 'ignorant of personal welfare' however, are outweighed by the numbers who respond and leave the hospital the richer in health in all respects of the whole man.

This work entails eight hours of solid communication programmes every day. Sometimes at night one is called out to assist the staff settle a patient.

VIOLENCE IN THE WARD

The initial contacts with patients demands gaining a knowledge of the person and the presence of problems related to admission to a hospital or to other problems which may delay healing. It is then necessary to set to work, resolving issues that may have a direct bearing on the physical condition or even their future. Sometimes readjustment to environment takes place. Like the patient who was guilty of hitting a nurse with a closed fist across the face. He was not used to the hospital routine and

considered the nurse's questions impertinent and rude. An explanation from the chaplain, on discovering this, settled the matter with apologies, and good relationships were established between the patient and staff.

An essential part of the service is follow up, which is done by out-patient appointment or direct referral to the local minister. Some of these people are quite unknown to the local church as one lady said recently. She was married to a Roman Catholic. "When we shifted to town I failed to get in touch with the local church and time has just slipped by. I would however, like the minister to call and introduce me back to the church. I am lonely for local companionship and the church is the place to find it."

SERVING STAFF AND PATIENTS

The hospital staff are also guided and helped through Chaplain's Hour sessions, lectures in Ethics, and then as often follows, personal counselling.

Organising services for the patients and staff, and weekly communion services for all, is time consuming.

The effects of this work could be summed up in these ways. It brings an awareness of man's true nature of possessing a physical, mental and spiritual being. It once happened, Doctor asked the Sister, "Where is your pulmonary embolism?" She replied "Bay one bed

two." The patient was being depersonalised. The church's presence does help to personalise people in such a strong scientific setting where the interest in disease is more involved. This adds to the total care of the patient by all levels of the staff. A factor so essential in healing, as demonstrated by Jesus in his healing ministry.

A Chaplain's presence helps to balance a person's outlook and attitudes. Sometimes pain and fear distort our thinking and we become quite irrational, but the quiet chat or prayer jolt us back to reality and a Christian faith that is functioning effectively does wonders. A lady who was told she was going to die, was beside herself and the staff called the chaplain to her. The shock was very great and her attitude was quite out of reason. However, conversation helped to bring an adjustment. When the patient eventually died, there was this comment from a nurse, "What a wonderful lady. If that is Christianity then I want it for myself."

THE POINT OF NEED

Perhaps the greatest effect lies in the fact that we are meeting a lot of people at the point of the greatest need, when it is about to happen or is happening. Great, because sickness and all its complications are no mean things to handle. It throws people into the wrong gear and impatience adds to the tension and pressures already building up. The unco-operative person innocently or even deliberately, at times, does not aid medical care.

Spiritual health is important to the rapid recovery from a physical as well as a mental illness. That being true our presence alongside the sick meets an important need and maintains them while all the healing processes are taking place under the power of God. A physician said to the writer on one occasion, "Padre, we do not heal the sick. We only set the conditions for healing and the higher power up above does the healing."

We know that is God, don't we? So our presence means much to the needy sick.



◦ SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Love is basic

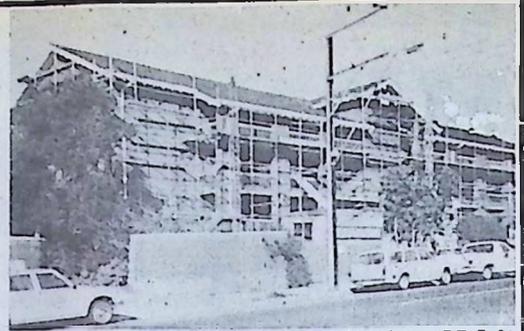
The Churches charter involves the Church in Social Welfare services. It cannot be otherwise—for where love is taught as the basic truth and where concern for each other is the test of faith only service can result.

We therefore find ourselves involved in the field of Aged People's welfare providing accommodation for 150 people in cottages, hostel and infirmary care.

A Students Hostel provides much needed accommodation in a christian atmosphere for country girls.

Family Welfare and Marriage Counselling present a very real need to the church and this requires more than good advice. People need to understand themselves as well as their problems and needs and if possible the way to resolve them. We believe that prevention is easier than cure and for many years have provided courses in marriage preparation that young people may be able to meet this most important relationship adequately prepared.

Chaplaincy Services takes the church to the people. For



MORE HOMES FOR S.A.

many years Social Service has planned and sponsored service to hospitals, industries and prisons.

In the area of poverty we have not only fought it as a social evil, but sought to relieve it in serving not only the churches, but Statutory and Voluntary agencies. Our relief services have been wide and helpful.

Social Questions in these days require research and informed opinions to be effective and this is to be undertaken in co-operation with the Uniting Churches.

◦ WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Outreach agency

The Christian Welfare Centre, situated in the Christian Centre since its inception in 1960, is an outreach Agency providing Welfare and Counselling services directly to about 5,000 persons annually and indirectly to about 15,000. The Counselling Service, sited early in 1973 on the Third Floor, has over 125 contacts a month. The Welfare and Migrant Social Work services are in the Lower Ground Floor and maintain heavy case loads. Task Force is directed by a part-time Administrator and supported by over eighty young people who offer practical assistance to needy people.

The Agency maximises the use of citizen and individual client participation, while team co-operation is the keynote of the relationship between trained staff and the 120 voluntary workers who assist in various ways and are supported by many women's groups. Referrals come from Statutory Bodies, Hospitals, Voluntary groups and concerned churches and individuals.

Community involvement and social action has included many new areas of research and activity. The Centre has pioneered work in Aged Homes; Recovery Groups; Task Force; Group Hostel; Post-Release Hostel for prisoners; Community Incorporated (therapeutic hostels for addicts); Drug research; Public forums; and emergency holiday accommodation. The Staff is involved in various discussion groups such as the Poverty Enquiry, unemployment, emergency accommodation and the function of voluntary agencies. In addition, representatives attend at least ten import committees. Service clubs, school seminars, groups and churches constantly seek the Staff for speaking appointments.

The Centre depends on volunteer help as well as gifts in kind such as commercially canned foods, used and new clothing, household linen, beds and bedding, kitchen utensils and furniture. Church and individual support to finance this important work is of vital importance.



GEORGE SMITH,
DIRECTOR



CAREY
DRAKE-
BROCKMAN,
SOCIAL WORKER.

◦ NEW SOUTH WALES

Involvement

A Church Welfare Agency, in addition to normal casework and activities, will endeavour to relate the individual to Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour and to His principles for living and patterns of behaviour.

This can most effectively be done by the local church with the Agency providing aids to enable the membership to become involved with her own fellowship and her community.

This Department then, is encouraging Churches in a three-fold involvement program:

"COMMUNITY CONTACT" is a medium which enables individuals or groups to contact a given segment of the community in order to win their support for our welfare service in the provision of clothing etc. This identifies the Church in the community but also makes the community feel that the Church needs its interest and services. However, by a carefully planned continuing contact program, friendships may be created and nurtured. These in turn, provide the opportunity, not only of helping if a problem situation exists, but of sharing one's Christian faith and convictions. There need be no embarrassment in this program.

"NEIGHBOUR AID PROGRAM" is an extension of "Community Contact" and is designed to provide a training for Ministers and Church members to enable them to become more deeply involved with the needs of people. The training provides a basic understanding of themselves as people and their role, knowledge of approach to people, recognition of problems, casework involvement and processes of referral where necessary.

"THE FELLOWSHIP OF RIGHT-HANDERS" is a simple New Testament method of exhibiting a concern for people within the Church and beyond. Attractive folders are used on which may be written a brief note of welcome, encouragement, appreciation, sympathy etc. and are sent out anonymously. The whole purpose is to create within the mind of the recipient a sense that the group cares and that he or she may belong. If material assistance is required, financial help may be enclosed.



CHARLES,
COLE,
DIRECTOR.

• VICTORIA-TASMANIA

Wide-ranging services

Victorian-Tasmanian Department of Social Service currently provides a wide range of services.

A Children's Home in Tasmania, in Victoria: Homes and Hospital for Aged Persons. Christian Fellowship Association provides relief and interest free loans to members and others, Counselling and Referral services, General Welfare activity and involvement in social issues broadly spells out the work of the department.

When challenged with the theme "Caring and Sharing" we can not and will not be satisfied with our achievements; but we must "Launch out into the deep" and accept the challenge of mission, seeking further opportunities for more effective service.

Having taken stock and in consideration of a policy of meeting the needs of all contingencies of the aged, we see the opportunity to extend our Homes to care for frail elderly persons. It is within this group where there is such a pressing need in Victoria. The department needs the prayers of all members of our churches of God's guidance and for financial support to proceed with such a costly project.

Our welfare work has been that of an emergency nature—this must and will continue because referrals are made to us from many sources including Australian Government Departments of Social Security and Immigration.

Social questions require in-depth study and research so that the great social issues related to present day living may be dealt with intelligently and resultant action have the mark of authoritative study in relation to particular matters under discussion.

It is hoped that forward moves will be made in this area of service and that persons with specialized skills and knowledge will avail themselves for this opportunity of christian concern.

To summarize, we need support in prayer—man and woman power—financial help to extend a ministry of "Caring and Sharing".

• QUEENSLAND

Quickening tempo

The Tempo of work in Queensland continues apace.

* **HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION FOR AGED PEOPLE** to be provided by the Commonwealth Government at their expense is an exciting development at Bribie Island (30 beds) and The Golden Age Retirement Village (21 beds).

* **FOUR RENTAL UNITS AT MARBURG** should be available this year and commence an important work in yet another country area.

* **TWO FURTHER FAMILY GROUP HOMES** at MACKAY and BUNDABERG are an exciting challenge in the next twelve months.

* **THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR**, though still 18 months off, is already stimulating thought concerning new developments in Social Service.

* **PLANNING OF THE NEW VILLAGE AT BRIBIE ISLAND**, and further self contained units at Southport, is already on the way.

* The continuation of the supporting role in all areas of Social Work and alertness to new opportunities is the exciting experience of the Queensland Committee.

* **OUR NEEDS CONTINUE AS ALWAYS IN THE REALM OF FINANCE.** Increasing support for our Christian Debenture is an exciting and appreciated measure of help across Australia.

COVER PHOTOS

The folk at the Oakleigh Guest Home, Vic., share a Sun day afternoon with young people from Box Hill. The top picture shows the Home's Percussion Band (with enthusiasm). The lower picture captures youth and age singing joyfully unto the Lord,



HUMAN NEED is always **KNOCKING**

"Love for God and Love for our neighbours" has always been and still is the motivation to answer the call of Human Need.

In all states of Australia, Churches of Christ are involved in a ministry of "Caring and Sharing" through—Counselling—Benevolence—C.F.A.—Hostels and Services to Youth and involvement in Social Questions and Community Services.

Directors from all states will gather in conference in Melbourne during late October, 1973. This will be the first such conference when the directors will discuss more effective ways of extending the ministry of "Caring and Sharing".

**FOR CARING & SHARING WITH SOCIAL SERVICE
—AUGUST 19 ... AND EVERYDAY**

BENEVOLENCE

One of the first responsibilities of the New Testament church was to appoint a Social Welfare Committee to care for the widows in the church. They had caught the spirit of compassion from the Master and were concerned for the less fortunate. Thus the church today is involved in the care of the needy, the aged, the unemployed, invalid pensioner, the widow, the unwed mother and deserted wife, the family of the addict

Migrants

The Commonwealth Grant-in-Aid Scheme provides finance to certain community based agencies which are able to identify problems and assist migrants at the local level. The Christian Welfare Centre in Perth has had a Social Worker under this scheme for over two years. The range and diversity of ways in which the "Centre" assists migrants makes it distinctive. It provides counselling for emotional and social problems, support and advice with more practical problems; it identifies, co-ordinates and even creates resources in the community for unmet needs. It makes representations to different authorities on behalf of clients, and it teaches them certain skills or provides the information necessary to the solution of problems. Material aid in its various shapes and forms is provided and, with the help of voluntary workers, various practical services can be made available.

The "Centre" often takes on the role of the extended family in offering support in times of stress. Migrants are encouraged to assist in the "Centre's" work, which also has the effect of helping the Agency to be attuned to community needs through client participation.

Co-operation with other agencies co-ordinates services for the benefit of the client and also avoids duplication. "Reaching out" to, and on behalf of, the migrants is an important part of the programme. Many migrants come by referral through the "grapevine". For this reason a network of positive relationships is formed to maintain the Agency's reputation as being non-bureaucratic in its concern for the individual.

An important area of co-operation is through inter-Church committees dealing with Migration. This involves sharing on late-night rosters to greet incoming migrants on overseas aircraft and selecting Ministers for the demanding task of Ship's Chaplain to migrants.

and the basic wage family. Pensions have improved a little but where there are high rents or sickness any advantage is lost. The basic wage family and the family of the addict are always on the poverty line and require supplementary assistance to help them manage, and to enable the children to enjoy a few more necessities.

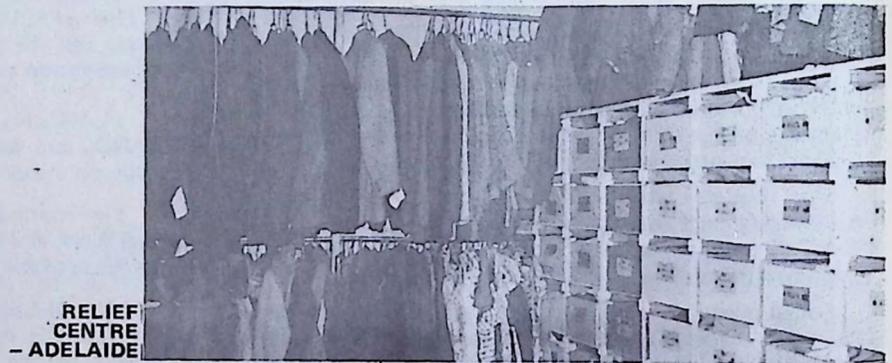
Many families are at a disadvantage and some will use our relief services, others will use the second hand shops where they can buy good used clothing at very reasonable prices.

Inadequate families (often with six and seven children) need more than "hand outs". We should be able to offer supportive services but limited staff will not permit this. An answer to this problem could be a "family to family" program where a 'successful' family is

trained and is willing to support an inadequate family in every area of life, assisting in family care and home management etc.

Such a supportive service for six months could help a family to cope with the difficulty of a low income budget. Government agencies may continue to increase their assistance but they will never match the need or meet the emergencies. The church agency will always be there and, as in other areas, with the heart of compassion, will be willing to relieve the need. It will not limit its service to material aid, but also offer moral and spiritual support.

There can be no let up in the churches social responsibility whilst one child goes hungry or while one person suffers.



Social Questions

Few expressions are more familiar than the symbol of the Church as the body of Christ in the world. No pattern of activity is more consistent with being his body in the world than to dedicate oneself to a life of service.

This is the aim of the Social Service Departments. Most of the work is involved with the immediate problems of individual people. However, within this context, the Social Questions Committees seek to examine the deeper social causes underlying these problems.

The Committee believes that wherever people are hurt by exploitation, discrimination, alienation or some other form of injustice Christ's voice should be heard, through the Church, seeking the removal of that injustice.

Matters are brought to attention from many sources and most are allotted to one person for detailed study and report. After in-depth discussion the Committee decides on the most appropriate course of action and often proposes appropriate motions to Conference.

The Committee's first aim is to

examine the facts, find a uniquely Christian solution to the problem brought before them and to pressure the appropriate body—often a government—to remove the injustice. It's second aim is to educate Church people about various social questions. To this end, the Vic-Tas. Committee is producing a number of position papers on these subjects to be a source of information and a basis of discussion, which discussion, it hopes, will lead to appropriate action.

Social Questions' Committees or Departments of Social Services in the various states are presently studying many areas of human problems including abortion drug abuse, aboriginal affairs, capital punishment, homosexuality, baby bashing, investment in South Africa, health insurance, political prisoners and discrimination in employment and occupation.

If you are interested in this challenging area of the Church's work your assistance would be most welcome. Contact your social service director.

CELEBRATE WITH THE CARING CHURCH
... ON AUGUST 19

ABORIGINES COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

"Western Australia's record is the best for Aboriginal Health Services,"—so said the Federal Minister for Health, Dr. Everingham, in Perth recently.

This was an assessment by the Commonwealth Department of Aboriginal Affairs. Because of this he had received no request from the Department of Aboriginal Affairs for direct involvement in Aboriginal health in W.A. An area of particular interest was an integration of leprosy services between the Northern Territory and adjoining States.

He said that W.A. and the Northern Territory had done original work on leprosy and had a lot to teach the world and each other. It was hoped that more frequent meetings and an exchange of information leading eventually to a concentrated attack to eliminate leprosy from Australia could be arranged.

It may take five to ten years to bring about a drop in the number of leprosy cases but the disease could be beaten. Although it would be more difficult than the campaign against tuberculosis because the fact that afflicted people were more scattered and more mobile so that the

By **BARBARA G. WOOD**

concentration of services would be difficult. However, a campaign against leprosy could be co-ordinated with a complete health program.

Since the Commonwealth took over Aboriginal health services in the Northern Territory on January 1st this year it has begun to shift the emphasis of Aboriginal health services towards cultural bridges with Aboriginal groups.

It had been established in North America and in Australia that the most sophisticated medical techniques did not produce results in the type of diseases that afflicted the Aborigines. Basic questions of hygiene and nutrition had to be presented in the aboriginal idiom. The Institute of Aboriginal Development at Alice Springs appeared to be most successful in this field. Here Aborigines were being trained in their own environment and the programme was producing visible results.

The Government's first priority in health services for the general community was to establish community health centres. Family doctors would be helped

by a team of allied professional people, preferably under the same roof, or alternatively, so close together that there would be regular consultations. Family planning clinics and marriage guidance counsellors could be included in the centres. These centres would cater for all races.

There were now a dozen different health services scattered throughout a region but they hardly ever spoke to one another. A community centre would include between four and six family doctors and involve a population of between, 6,000 and 12,000 people but the actual size of the area covered would depend on a number of factors including ease of access and the pattern of public transport. Considerable autonomy would be allowed in each region. The community would be involved, perhaps through advisory committees.

It was expected that a major funding proposal would be put before the Cabinet before the budget in August. It would then be possible to make firmer proposals to the States. Generous funds would be made available to the States and to voluntary organisations. In this way both white and aboriginal peoples should be helped towards a vast improvement in general health and perhaps the high mortality rate amongst infant aboriginal children can be cut down.

WORLD TALK NO. 79 A.B.C. OF THE BIBLE

The word "obey" is closely connected in both Hebrew and Greek to the word "hear".

Sometimes it is difficult to know when to translate the word as obey or hear. It is easy to see how this came about.

In the O.T. obedience expresses the relationship between God and Israel. God made his will known by speaking through a patriarch, judge, king or prophet, (Gen. 27:8; Ex. 19:5 etc.) It is expected that those who hear will then obey. Thus "hear my word" equals "Do what I say" or "obey my command".

Abraham hears and obeys in offering Isaac (Gen. 22); Moses hears God's word and proceeds to lead Israel out of Egypt (Exo. 3). The response to God's word requires 1. hearing God's message, 2. understanding it correctly, 3. responding in trust, 4. obeying the command. All of this is involved in the hear-obey sense of obedience. Hearing God correctly in faith always leads to obedience. To disobey was a sign of disbelief and of not hearing properly, (Isa. 6:9-10). Deaf ears and sightless eyes disobey.

Israel's history swung between hearing—obeying, and not hearing—disobeying. But prophets called continually to hear—obey God (Amos 3:1, 4:1, 5:1 etc., Jer. 7:23, Neh. 8:1-2).

In the N.T. the hear = obey relationship is used constantly. "He who has ears to hear let him hear" (i.e. obey Matt. 11:15, 13:9). "Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them . . ." Matt. 7:24, "Those who hear the word of God and do it . . ." (Lk 8:21). Mk 4:11-12 indicates that where people did not understand God's word through Jesus it was because they had not properly heard. True hearing results in believing obedience. Jesus was seen by Paul as the only truly obedient listener to God (Rom. 5:18-21) and he is our example (Phil. 2:8; Heb. 5:8).

OBEDIENCE

DICTIONARY.

Obedience to God is our trusting response to him.

FOR TODAY

Christians are called to obey God (1 Pet. 1:14). To listen in at some prayer meetings it would seem that God's purpose is to obey our commands and requests.

Men hear God's word but frequently they do not understand and obey. This is the problem of the "Sunday Christian"—the man whose life does not practise what his spirit professes. "Sunday only" Christians are self contradictions. Obedience leads to righteousness (Rom. 6:16-19), not just profession. Christian hearing is never passive receiving but it always involves active response. "Trust and obey, there is no other way".

One philosophical question of the ages arises from this: "If true hearing results in obedience and dis-obedience is the result of not properly hearing, should man be punished for disobeying God?" "Where does misunderstanding end and disobedience begin?" "If a man who hears correctly always obeys where does his freedom to reject what he hears begin?" To answer this here would be to destroy the debating fun of philosophers for all generations to come. I will resist the temptation!

Men who hear God cannot but obey. Martin Luther's "Here I stand. I can do no other", indicates his obedience to hearing God. His 20th C. namesake Martin Luther King tells of hearing God's word to him in a moment of despair in his bombed house and from that moment of hearing his destiny was sealed in his obedience.

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.

THE CHURCH OF ROME

To the Editor,

In 1948, Archbishop Spellman of New York was invited by the R.C. hierarchy to dedicate Australia to the Immaculate heart of Mary. This ceremony is erroneous and ridiculous to enlightened Christians, but not to those who are brought up in the Catholic faith. A former Catholic states that wherever such a ceremony is conducted, the priesthood and all committed Catholics pledge themselves to do their part to win the people and nation to their religious system.

The Church Universal should fully appreciate the fruits of the Reformation which was brought about by God, through saintly disciples who stood for the truth of the Word of God, many being put to death for their witness.

The Roman Church can and does change its methods to gain influence. Up to about two years ago, all people of various Christian groups were heretics, today they are classed as "separated brethren." What an improved thought towards those who cannot subscribe to

their many man-made doctrines!

Roman Catholicism changes methods but never changes the claim of being the one true Church.

I believe all Christian groups have some good teaching, including the Roman Catholic Church, but the scriptures demand that we give place to sound doctrine. Christian unity is desirable, but not at any price.

Fred Norwood, Qld.

FREEMASONS

To the Editor,

I was interested to read Les Harper's letter (14/7/73) about Freemasonry. It is indeed a religion without Christ, and many people use it as a substitute for Christianity.

There is a very useful small book available which explains clearly the dangers of Freemasonry. It is called "THE CHRISTIAN AND FREEMASONRY," by F. Hanson and K. Shelley, price 50 cents, and is available from Christian bookshops or the publishers, JORDAN BOOKS LTD, 9 Caloola Crescent, Beverly Hills, 2209.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

"GOD-ROCK"

To the Editor,

We have a very happy arrangement for our radiogram. The kids play their rock records full blast . . . when we are not home or when we're out in the garden. We play our more sedate records quietly, when they are out, or up in their rooms studying. When we're all together we do other things. This works so well that I was shocked the other evening, while inoffensively reading the paper in the lounge, to find myself blasted across the room by an avalanche of "rock" from the radiogram.

When I recovered by poise and my shattered ear drums I solemnly reminded the delinquent of our solemn agreement. "But Dad," she said, "This is God-rock!" It appears that she was labouring under the misapprehension that my objection to "rock" was the lyrics (which I can't even understand), and that if the lyrics mentioned God I would cheerfully accept the thumping cacophony that goes along with them. At such a time a parent needs to show great understanding. So surreptitiously turning the volume down a few decibels, I listened. Miraculously I managed to discover what the words were. There were only thirteen of them, and they were repeated over and over for four minutes. "If God blesses all the children, he's got to bless me and you."

I was mad at the impertinence of it. What's this "he's got to bless me" bit? I was about to hand out some wrathfulness to my offspring, but she had gone, leaving me to turn the record off. So I sat there thinking about it. Suddenly I knew that the rock-song was right. God does have to bless you and me, if we'll let him. It's God's nature to bless. He has to because he's God. God is love, and because he is, he just has to go on loving because he can't do anything else and still be God.

My ears are still drumming, but I am thanking God for a wonderful new thought.

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS.

We really ought to recognize that Freemasonry is a counterfeit that is keeping men from Christ.

H. O. Bouce, N.S.W.

SINCERITY NOT ENOUGH

To the Editor,

Your Queensland correspondent defends the reputation of his State's Premier, Mr. Bjelke-Petersen. I don't believe anyone queries his sincerity. That also would have been true of Torquemada, Cromwell, Charles I and Mussolini.

History is dotted with tragedies left behind by sincere churchgoers. Like patriotism, sincerity is not enough.

W. S. Lowe, Vic.

ERROR OF JUDGMENT

To the Editor,

I believe an error of judgment was shown in publishing the piece on the Queensland Premier, The Hon. J. Bjelke-Petersen ("A.C." July 28).

As Christians we should become involved in political issues not just the boosting of personalities merely because they wear the veneer of Christianity.

There was nothing in the piece that was news to the average newspaper reader even in the "South" where his S.S. teaching, Lutheran membership and attendance has been reported extensively.

The "daily dosage of hallucination" of "character assassination" mentioned has almost exclusively been quotations of his own foolishness.

It is hard to see that being a Christian will per se make him a better politician, for it must be remembered that this man "who stands for what he believes" only received 19% of the first preference votes.

Colin A. Lawn, Vic.

LATE BUSINESS

To the Editor,

In his comments on my letter of 14-7-73, Mr. Wilson draws attention to the final portion of Section 16—Notice of Business.

This provision should have been included with the other extracts from the Constitution in the notice in the "Christian" of 24/2/73 thereby making all Churches fully aware of all areas where a delegate would or could exercise his vote.

This action would have enabled Churches to determine their attitude to last minute or what has been referred to as a surprise motion—such an attitude would be expressed by directing their delegate to vote for the motion to be deferred and referred to the Churches for consideration.

The action taken by Conference on this section created an area of inconsistency, whereby the delegate exercised power not consistent with the intention of his appointment.

—Leslie E. Baker, Vic.

THE WAR CONTINUES

AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES DAY FOR RECONSTRUCTION

August 19 has been declared "Australian Churches' Day for Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia."

"The reconciliation of people is a prime need in the Indo-China region," Bishop David Garnsey, President of the Australian Council of Churches, said. "The churches have a special role in reconciliation."

Bishop Garnsey took part in a national launching in Sydney of a combined appeal to the eleven member churches of the Australian Council, the Catholic Church and the Baptist and Lutheran Churches. The appeal is being mounted through the churches.

"For a long time the churches have co-operated with organisations like AustCare and the Freedom From Hunger Campaign in appeals to the community for development aid for countries overseas," said Archbishop Gleeson on behalf of Australian Catholic Relief, said, "but we have a special responsibility not only as individuals in society but as Christians to contribute towards the healing of the wounds in Vietnam."

Rev. Robt. Paech, President of the N.S.W. District of the Lutheran Church and Honorary Secretary of AustCare, urged people not to withdraw their support from the Freedom From Hunger Campaign but to supplement it by an extra contribution now towards meeting the needs of reconstruction in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

Rev. Thomas Cardwell, (Baptist), commended the Government for its assurance of "massive aid" towards reconstruction.

"But I believe people generally and Christians particularly, will want to make a more personal contribution than even the right use of public money allows, they will want to identify themselves personally," he said.

Bishop Garnsey quoted Dr. Bui Duy Tam, Dean of Medicine at a Saigon University and a member of the Board administering the World Council of Churches Fund for Reconstruction and Reconciliation in Indo-China.

"Reconstruction without reconciliation is meaningless," Dr. Tam said.

"It is appropriate that the churches should make this appeal together in Australia," Archbishop Gleeson said, "because in Vietnam the Catholics, the Buddhists, the Evangelicals are working together and with others in Co-operation for Reconstruction in Vietnam."

Reconstruction projects are already

being undertaken where conditions allow.

"Schools are being rebuilt, medical facilities are being extended into village areas where the Vietnamese authorities are themselves unable to provide them, responsibility is being undertaken for amputees, for the retraining of young people and for the provision of basic

needs to assist in cleaning agricultural land of unexploded bombs and make possible again the growing of food.

"But moral and cultural values have been a major casualty during the war.

"Moral and cultural values must be the basis for all reconstruction."

-A.C.C.

• CONGRESS ON WORLD EVANGELISATION

LAUSANNE CONGRESS

Some sobering statistics about the United Presbyterian Church, USA, were recently carried by the American magazine "Christianity Today". This showed a membership loss of 104,000 in one year, a reduction in headquarters staff by 30%, a missionary budget reduced by nearly \$3 million from the previous year, and a steady decline in the number of missionaries from 1,300 in 1958 to 580 in 1973.

The Church of Scotland General Assembly this year represented some 23,000 fewer members than last year, and heard that its Sunday Schools over the past five years had lost a staggering total of 50,000 children. Many of the major denominations in the English-speaking world similarly are confronted by declining membership, shortage of ministerial recruits, and severe reduction in missionary personnel.

In Asia, Africa and Latin America, on the other hand, while expatriate missionaries decrease in number,

indigenous missionary movements within national churches are sending hundreds of missionaries across national and cultural boundaries. The 1974 International Congress on World Evangelization is to be held in the Swiss city of Lausanne. Invitations are now being processed for 60% of the 3,000 participants, and work has begun also on the task of providing accommodation for all.

Director of the Congress is Dr. Donald E. Hoke, who in 1955 founded the Tokyo Christian College and became its first president. Dr. Billy Graham is honorary chairman of the Congress, and Bishop A. Jack Dain of Sydney, Australia, is chairman of the Congress Planning Committee.

Dr. W. Stanley Mooneyham, a member of the Planning Committee and president of WORLD VISION, said that the focus of the Congress should be "sharp on evangelism, for three reasons: (1) We have a clear, undeniable Scriptural mandate for evangelism and it heads the lists of our priorities; (2) events all over the world since the Berlin Congress have proven that evangelism is the one thing which truly unites; (3) evangelism is the one motivation strong enough to provide the cement that will hold us together."

-J. D. DOUGLAS.

Members of our Australian Churches who may be in a position to attend the Lausanne Congress, are invited to write to D. K. Beiler, 3 McGlasson Ave., Glenelg North, S.A. 5045).

ASIAN UNION

The long-delayed and sometimes in doubt union of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia (600,000 members) and the Church of North India (700,000 Methodists) will be formalised in November, say officials.

**CARE & SHARE SUNDAY
AUGUST 19**

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100 YEARS OF BIBLE SCHOOL

(Latrobe Tce. Geelong, R. V. Amos). When the B.S. celebrated a 100 years of service on July 1, Richard Lawton, Federal Director of Christian Education, was morning speaker. Ron Brooker gave illustrated talks at afternoon and evening meetings.

Prior to the tea which catered for a capacity crowd, coloured slides of past events were screened. Past superintendents from 1933 to the present gave a quick review of B.S. work through the years. Special items were given by "The Ecclesiastics" and the Carr Brothers trio.

The superintendent, Allen Carr, and staff arranged a splendid display showing the school's activities over its long history.

WHERE ARE THE BLACK CHAPLAINS?

Neither relatives nor friends have claimed the bodies of five of the 30 men killed at the Attica, New York, prison in 1971. All five presumably are black. That circumstance demonstrates not only the utter loneliness of many of the persons who languish in our prisons, but also the urgency of the need for more effective chaplain services in our public custodial institutions.

The original chaplains were "custodians of sacred relics"; later the term was applied to clergymen attached to the residence of a sovereign or his representatives. Perhaps that explains why for so long the image of the chaplain—whether in a hospital, the military or a prison—projected in the black community was that of a representative of the establishment, one who embraced the values and concerns of

those in charge rather than those under charge (or charges). That may also partly explain why, in all of North America, there is only one black man with a Ph.D. in clinical pastoral care, and less than ten accredited black supervisors in that field.

Anyone who has visited the major prisons or huge public hospitals of our cities is well aware that the number of black inmates is far out of proportion to the percentage of blacks in the population. One would expect our seminaries to have developed programs to train black students for a relevant ministry in institutions where so many blacks need to be served. But even a cursory survey reveals a conspicuous absence of blacks from chaplaincy offices and how understaffed those offices are. "Christian Century"

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

The greatest holiday of the Jewish people was the Passover. We haven't anything like it in Australia, but Jews went in thousands to Jerusalem to celebrate their Passover. Mary and Joseph went when they could and when Jesus was 12 they took him along, too. It took more than a day, so at night they camped out. The next day they went on, saw the sights, met their friends, had a great time, then started for home. No one actually saw Jesus with the party, but they thought he was there somewhere, and then—

What happened next? (see page 18).

"Sire, I wish to tender my resignation."

"Never mind making it tender. Just make it snappy."

PLANET QUESTIONS

1. Which is the nearest major planet to the earth?
2. Which planet is also called the Evening Star and the Morning Star?
3. Which is the nearest planet to the sun?
4. Which large planet takes 12 years to go around the sun?
5. How many moons has the planet Jupiter?
(see below)

A little boy in a space suit, cornered his dad and announced, "Put 'er thar, you ornery old toad, or I'll plug you with my six-shooter."

"Wait a minute, son," protested the father, "you're talking Western, not space."

The son retorted, "I come from the West of Mars!"

PLANET ANSWERS

1. Mars; 2. Venus; 3. Mercury; 4. Jupiter; 5. Twelve



"BABY sitter? You must have the wrong address. There is no baby here!"

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RAIN AT LAST!

-FOR INDIA

So wrote Miss Nalini Jadhav, and Bhikuji Shinde in letters which have come to us. Miss Jadhav continues: "For some days it has rained every day with the result that the water in our three compound wells is rising daily. The price of food grains is still very high, and we are having to give the children some of the pulses (similar to split peas) for breakfast as we cannot obtain wheat for porridge."

Mr. Shinde continues the story on the rains: "In early June we had some rain, but then for 20 days there was just a hot strong wind. The farmers who sowed after the June rains saw the crops break through the soil, then burn up in this hot strong wind. They will now all commence sowing their fields again. We have had approx. 10 inches of rain since late June. It is many many years since we had early rains as good as these. Water is again coming into the wells in the town. We bow in thankfulness to the Lord our God."

J. D. Main: "We are rejoicing at excellent rains through virtually all of Maharashtra. It is a tremendous relief. A week ago a desperate feeling of despair was in evidence in the rural areas surrounding Poona, but now everyone is delighted. The Chief Minister of Maharashtra distributed Pedhas when he received news of the rains throughout the State." (Pedhas are one of India's top class sweets and are used for distribution on special occasions).

R. P. Veal: "It has been raining daily in Shringonda since June 25. Some days as much as an inch has fallen, so that in the past 12 days we have had roughly 10 inches of rain. The farmers who had been longing for rain are now wondering when it is going to stop. Within a few days the dust bowl has turned to a muddy swamp. The drinking water problem is now behind. The big new dam near the Mission Compound is completed ahead of time, and is full and overflowing. Some percolation dams have burst, and have caused damage in the vicinity near the dams, but we have not heard of any loss of life. There is still concern that more may burst, as some of them were constructed too quickly and without adequate supervision."

P. G. Bhalerao: "We have been much in prayer for rain. Also we were conscious of the fact that a lot of people around the world were praying and are still praying for this particular need of India. The Lord has heard the prayers of his children and given us an abundance of rain. Now following the rain, our Dhorja/Bhangaon Relief Committee have decided to assist the farmers in preparing their farms for

sowing their crops. We may need to purchase a pair of bullocks for this purpose but we will consider it further. We want to see that the money provided from Australia is used in the best way possible, so that it will have a long range benefit. Our thanks to all who continue to assist us in the ever big relief programme. Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Powder Milk and Continuing Relief.

While the rains have come the effects of this terrible famine will be felt for a long time yet. It will be up to two years before anything like recovery is possible as so many farm animals have died, and replacements will just not be there for 2-3

years. Our assistance will continue for as long as we have the finance. Arrangements have just been completed for forwarding four tons of full cream powder milk to India by the first available ship. We would express our gratitude to all those who have so magnificently responded to this call for nourishment for the needy in our area in India. Our Adelaide shippers and the milk suppliers have been most co-operative, and have made concessions with the price and handling charges. The Shipping Agents are enquiring about a special freight rate in view of this being forwarded for use among people in famine affected India.

EQUAL PLACE

When evolution is taught in science courses in public schools in Georgia, U.S.A., the creation account of origins must be presented an alternative theory. The state legislature decreed this by 29 votes to 22.

Later, the Tennessee Senate voted 28 to 1 to restrict evolution in textbooks to the status of theory.

INNER SPRINGS

Ten fingers and two feet



He was young, handsome, and filled with enthusiasm. For something like two hours he had delighted hundreds with a program of music as beautiful as it was varied. With touching humility he acknowledged the applause. "I have only two feet and ten fingers, that," pointing to the organ, "does all the hard work."

It is doubtful if anyone believed him for the instrument is nothing without the musician. Only two feet, and ten fingers. Yes! But how richly, how beautifully he had used them! Most of us have not his talent but we have the same equipment. How we use them will be dictated by the impulse that moves us.

In the closing chapter of the book "Ten Fingers for God" Dr. Paul Brand, the man who has done so much to ease the suffering of leprosy patients, is overcome with a deep sense of frustration. All the millions of leprosy patients in the world still needing help, all the unsolved problems! And life for himself already two-thirds over! His gloves were off now. In a gesture expressive of his frustration he lifted his hand, its creases lined with little flecks of talcum powder, and impatiently flexed its fingers. Then he looked at them intently. Which one of them had performed that operation? The index finger, or perhaps the thumb? He laughed aloud. Of course not. They were just instruments, tools of his mind. He could ask only one thing of them, that they be responsive, sensitive, obedient to his will. Just as God asked of him . . . "That's what I am," he thought with sudden clarity, "just a finger. Or perhaps a thumb."

Frustration? Hardly! What more could any man ask of life than the knowledge that he was a finger or thumb, among other fingers and that the hand was the hand of God?

Hands and feet! Exquisitely fashioned, designed for service—His Service.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love,

Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for Thee.

Romans 10:15
Eccl. 9:10

Amen.
FLORENCE ROSIER

• COCIAC CAMP

OVERNIGHT "THINK-TANK"

Thirty-three young adults from inner suburban churches camped out for a 24 hours "think-tank" at Millgrove near Warburton on June 29. They discussed policies and projects for the future of the Churches of Christ Inner Areas Conference (COCIAC).

Pastor Ron Suter of the Inner City Baptist Association (ICBA) spoke on the need to be aware of what our churches are doing. The Baptists have run several bus tours successfully to make their Inner City work more widely known. On July

29 the Baptists took a busload of COCIAC Young Adults on a tour of eight Baptist churches and four Churches of Christ. Later these young adults will conduct other tours of COCIAC churches for our own people.

Melbourne's inner suburban Churches of Christ meet for a conference bi-monthly. The next conference will be at the Ascot Vale Church on Thursday, August 16. COCIAC churches are also combining for the College Winter School during August.



MISS PAM BOWERS TO STAWELL

Miss Pam Bowers has accepted the invitation of the Stawell Church and the Vic.-Tas. Home Missions Department to commence a part-time ministry in 1974. Prior to training at Glen Iris, where she hopes to complete L.Th. and Dip.R.E. studies this year, Miss Bowers served with the South Australian Education Department as a primary school teacher. Some secular work will be sought in teaching or geriatric nursing care.

PORTUGUESE ATROCITIES

Geneva, July 16 (EPS) — The World Council of Churches expressed shock and dismay at recent accounts in British newspapers of alleged Portuguese atrocities in Mozambique. According to reports by several mission priests, more than 400 people have been massacred in the villages of Wiryamu and Chawola, about 25 km. south of Tete, capital city of Tete Province where the Cabora Bassa Dam is located.

As in 1971 when two Spanish priests made similar accusations, the Portuguese Government has denied the allegations. While the WCC has no independent confirmation of these reports, it does not find them surprising since the massacres are in line with general Portuguese policy in its African territories. The WCC has repeatedly denounced these policies and

welcomes current efforts to draw the world's attention to the inhuman acts committed by the Portuguese Government.

The WCC supports the proposal made by Sweden's foreign minister, Mr. Krister Wickman, calling for an immediate investigation by the UN Committee on Colonial Affairs.

NEW ZEALANDER FOR BELMONT

Wallace Harford, currently Secretary of the Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand, will commence a ministry with the Belmont, Vic., church in March, 1974.

Mr Harford was fraternal delegate to the Federal Conference in Perth, W.A., 1972.

"AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR CREATOR"

The Christian Television Association of Vic., headed by the Rev. Douglas Tasker, has been producing one minute films for use on commercial television. They have earned widespread comment and commendation.

On ABC Television the effect of these films will be assessed as Mr Tasker is joined by Rev. Colin Baxter of the CTA in Qld., Father W. Aliprandi of the National Catholic TV Centre, and Hugh Mackay, a communication psychologist.

The programme may be seen on Aug. 12 at 9.30 p.m. in N.S.W., Vic., and A.C.T., and in other states later.

• ABC Radio.

"IMPRESSIONS OF JESUS"

Philip Saunders is a student at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, and a graduate in English and Drama at Flinders University, S.A.

Some of his poems will be presented under the general title "Impressions of Jesus" in the ABC radio programme "Crossways" on Friday, August 17, at 10.15 p.m. (9.45 p.m. in S.A.)

In these poems he contemplates the challenge of Jesus in his personal life. Other poems to be read include "Reflections-Loneliness," "Freedom" and "People."

SHANE GOULD AT YOUTH PROGRAMME

The famous Olympic swimmer, Shane Gould launched a new-look youth programme at Wesley Community Centre on July 22.

Shane is still remembered for the telling way in which she quietly laid her gold Olympic medals on the Communion Table upon her return from the Olympic Games at Munich.

The new-look youth programme at Wesley's Community Centre features events with the emphasis upon informality and participation.

UNIVERSITY HONOURS FOR GRAEME CHAPMAN

Graeme Chapman, Senior Lecturer at the Bible College at Woolwich, N.S.W. has been granted the Degree of Master of Arts in the School of Historical, Philosophical and Political Studies at Macquarie University, for a thesis relating to the early background of the Restoration Movement, in Britain, America and Australia.

THINGS TO COME

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

AUGUST

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

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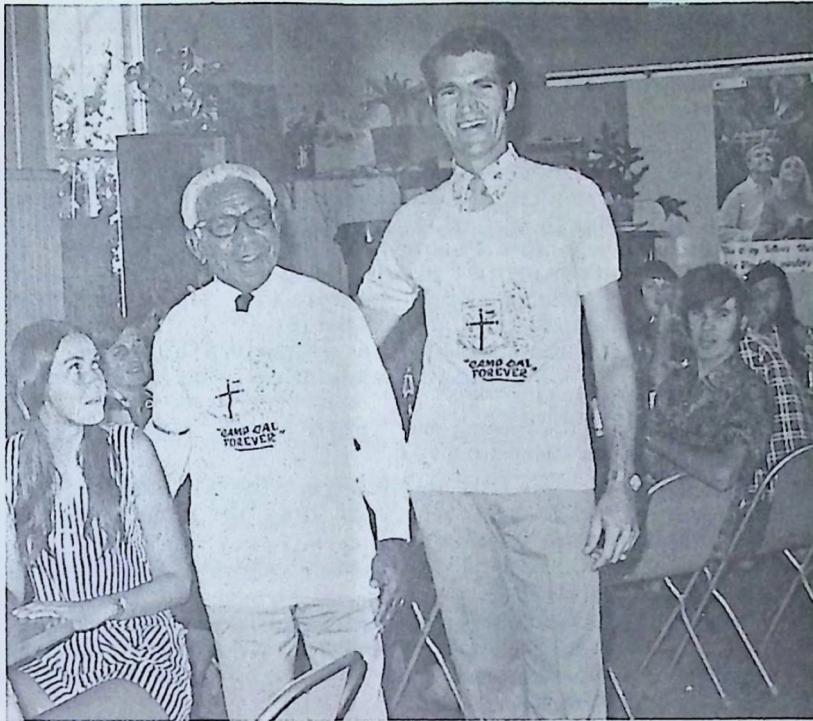
- 15 C.W.F. Missionary Rally
- 18-19 Half-Yearly Convention, Morwell
- 19 Annual Offering, Social Service
- 25 F.O.Y.A. (D.C.E.)
- 25-Sept. 8 Boys' Camps and Forms 1 & 2 Co-ed. Camps.

NEW SOUTH WALES

AUGUST

- 11 Teacher Training. Religious Instruction in Schools
- 17 2nd Term ends, NSW Bible College
- 19 Social Service Sunday
- 20-23 Ministers' Refresher Course, Blue Gum Lodge

Visitors to Queensland camp



"CAMP CAL FOREVER!"

A slogan becoming more famous each year. Some of the interstate identities staying at the campsite or just passing through.

Pastor Sir Douglas Nicholls is seen here with the Qld. Director, A. C. Male.

Other visitors enjoying the camp facilities have been the Max Goldsworthys, Portland, Vic., The Don Williams of Kaniva, Vic., Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Kallmier, N.S.W., Mr. and Mrs. Hood, Vic.

A self-contained cabin is available for holidays. Spacious grounds for caravans make "Camp Cal", Caloundra, 68 miles north of Brisbane, ideal as a holiday rest.

Our caretakers, Mr and Mrs. Wal. Sleaford, are on site and travellers on their way north are welcome at any time.

CHANGES IN THE MARRIAGE ACT

The Marriage Act 1973 came into operation on July 1, 1973. It amends the Marriage Act 1961-1966.

The main change in the Act is that the consent of parents is no longer needed for brides and bridegrooms aged 18, 19, and 20.

Previously, all under the age of 21 were considered minors and parental consent was required before they could be married.

Copies of the amending Act have been sent to the Churches of Christ Conference Executive Secretaries in each State, and ministers who desire a copy should apply for one.

GIFT RECEIVED

The Vic.-Tas. Conference Executive acknowledges, with thanks, the receipt of an anonymous donation of \$30 for the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism.

NEW ZEALAND EVANGELISTIC TOUR

A party of seven evangelists from American and Australian Churches have been invited to share in the New Zealand for Christ Crusade.

Fourteen of our Churches in New Zealand are participating. The campaign commences on September 2, and runs over a period of three to four weeks.

There is desperate need for singing groups and song leaders to join this party. The churches in New Zealand will provide hospitality and help with local expenses. It will be the responsibility of team members to find their own fare to and from New Zealand. All interested are asked to write without delay to Doug Willis, P.O. Box 18, STRATFORD. 4872, Qld.

**AUGUST 19 IS
SOCIAL SERVICE SUNDAY
"CARE AND SHARE"**

Happenings

The Plan of Union, five years in the making, was presented to the executive bodies of the Anglican, United, and Disciples of Christ denominations in Canada. Years of discussion, modifications, and voting must yet take place before the merger affecting four million persons can take place.

Wars this century have already killed more than 90 million people.

President Idi Amin of Uganda announced that all schools, churches, and mosques that belonged to the deported non-citizen Asians and British will be turned over to the respective national church bodies.

On the third night of a week's crusade at the First Baptist Church in Nederland, Texas, conducted by student evangelist David Stockwell of Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, there were 398 professions of faith.

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

The World Council of Churches is facing an acute financial situation because of the US dollar devaluation. For economy reasons the WCC Central Committee meeting has been shifted from Helsinki to Geneva in August.

The Rev. Alan F. Scott, B.E.M., N.S.W. State Secretary for the Bible Society in Aust., will retire early in 1974. He will be succeeded by Keith J. Williams, at present Scripture Distribution Consultant for the Society in Australia.

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Guest speaker:
K. D. Horne

“Cheering prospects”

By Stanton H. Wilson

The French are in trouble again! This time it's about the explosion of a nuclear bomb in their 1973 series at Mururoa. This is not the first time Australia has been at cross-purposes with France. Victoria could easily have become a French colony. In 1826, British colonial authorities in Sydney, with great foresight, founded a settlement on Westport Bay to forestall the colonisation by the French of what is now Gippsland.

However, it was McMillan who made an overland trip in 1839 to this south-east corner of the continent and became the discoverer of our modern Gippsland.

Count Strzelecki followed a year later travelling from the 'roof of Australia' to Westport. The official report of Strzelecki which appears in the House of Commons Papers in 1841, Vol. 17, reads:

“On account of the cheering prospects to future settlers, which this country holds out, and which it was my lot to discover, I took the liberty of naming it in honor of His Excellency the Governor—Gippsland.”

Thrice happy are they who live in this favored part of our continent. This scenic area is blessed with beauty comparable to any of its kind anywhere. Here also is great wealth in some of the world's richest brown coal deposits just below the surface of its lush and rolling country-side.

Here are some of our best Australian country towns, Berwick (soon to be city), Warragul, Morwell, Traralgon, Sale and Bairnsdale to mention only a few. These towns are noteworthy for the vigorous life of their churches and their effective witness to the Christian Faith. Members of our Victorian Brotherhood are afforded an ideal opportunity of seeing something of gloriously green Gippsland and of enjoying the fine fellowship and generous hospitality of our churches in Gippsland when they travel to Morwell for the 1973 Half-Yearly Convention to be held on the week-end August 18-19.

The location is Morwell but the church at Traralgon (only 8 miles further East) will share as hosts. See the new building at Berwick en-route and our building in the heart of Warragul. Salute Count Strzelecki as you travel by the picturesque mountain range which commemorates his name.

But don't tarry too long on your way, because the Convention at Morwell begins on the Saturday with lunch at 12.30 p.m., followed by a programme by the Adult Education Committee, which received such spontaneous commendation for its leadership at the Half-Yearly Convention at Ballarat last year.

Under the general theme: “Quality of Life,” those attending will have the opportunity of sharing in groups to look at various facets of the Christian life.

A special Role Play will set the pattern of the afternoon programme. Then the following discussion-work groups (all under experienced leadership) will be available:

“Parental Emphasis: Home and Child”.

“Community Relationship: The church and the World”.

“Where we earn our living: Industrial Relationships”.

“The Officers' Board and the Minister”.

“Task-Force: What does the community think about the church?”

As Count Strzelecki would say: “Cheering prospects!”

In the evening Keith Horne's subject will be “Wanted—A New Pulpit”. K. D. Horne will bring expertise and insight to bear on the treatment of this subject.

Our guest preacher has had ministerial experience in several States. In 1947, he began a six-year ministry in Chinchilla, Qld. In 1952, he became minister at Sunnybank and Director of the Youth Department in Queensland. He moved with his family to S.A. in 1957 where after a short ministry at Cowandilla he was released on the appeal of the Conference Executive to become Director of the Department of Christian Education. In 1966 he became the Director-Field Worker of the S.A. Home Mission Department. He served as President of the South Australian Conference and was Chairman of the Programme Committee of the World Convention. Mr. Horne is now minister of our Doncaster Church, a member of the Advisory Board and Chairman of the Federal Board of Christian Education.

We eagerly anticipate what Keith Horne will say to the Half-Yearly Convention about “A New Pulpit.”

For those who must return home on Saturday night we give the assurance that Saturday's programme will close promptly at 8.30 p.m. allowing good time for the return journey.

Sunday's fellowship will be hallowed by sharing in either one of two Communion Services. At Traralgon the Conference President, E. F. Patterson, will preach and Mrs. G. R. Stirling, President of Women's Conference, will preside. At Morwell, G. R. Stirling, President-elect of Conference, will preach and Mrs. W. St. Aubyn, President-elect of Women's Conference, will preside. For Sunday visitors luncheon will be provided in the Church Hall with the compliments of each respective congregation.

The churches at Morwell and Traralgon are planning, preparing and praying for a great Convention in the setting of lovely Gippsland which ever since the days of Count Strzelecki has been famed for its “cheering prospects,” and their ample realisation.

OBITUARY

BANNON, R. A. W.

Ross Bannon was born in 1931 at Stoodley, Tas., where he grew up on his parents' farm. He attended Stoodley and Sheffield Area schools, and the Methodist S.S. and church at Sheffield. He became a S.S. teacher and district scout master.

Later he moved with his family to Devonport where he worked as a butcher, and then as a grocer, driving a self-service delivery van. He was popular with young and old, with his cheery words, ever-ready smile, and willingness to help. Later he became a storeman with a well-known seed and produce firm in Devonport.

In 1955 he married Teslin Lockett and in 1968 during the Jack Bond Crusade he was baptised and became an active church member. He was leader in Section One of the Boys' Brigade, later becoming leader-in-charge. He cared for the boys as a father. During the past 12 months whilst he was in almost constant pain, his one thought was for the welfare of these boys and those around him. A cup, for which all Section One Companies of the Boys' Brigade in Tas compete, has been named the "Ross Bannon Memorial Cup", in honour of one who did so much for Boys' Brigade and his Lord in Tasmania.

Ross died on June 20. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, Janine, Joane, and Ruth, and one son, Glenn. The funeral service was conducted by the minister, E. W. Taylor.

—E. W. T.

HASLEMORE Albert Samuel

The church at Fremantle—Hamilton Hill remembers with thanksgiving the life of Albert Samuel Haslemore who died on May 19 after a short illness. A cremation service was held on May 22 at which F. Rees and W. Newton paid appropriate tribute in memory of a good man who was loved by all and who was full of life and laughter and confident that the faith by which he lived was the faith which would be sufficient at the final Roll Call.

He was born in 1898 and was baptised at Northam in 1920. In 1921 he was married to Ruby Bickman at Northam by John Silvester. Though young in years he served with the armed forces in World War One, then for most of the remaining years of his life he served with the W.A.G.R.

In the church he was loyal to the services, untiring in his efforts, a friend to all. His wife shared with him the joys of Christian fellowship, and on the occasion of their golden wedding they were honoured by the church. Now Mrs. Haslemore is carrying on in spite of age and physical difficulties. We commend her and her loved ones to the comfort of the Lord who has been their strength and hope.

—H.R.F.

JONES, H. W. (Harry)

Harry Jones was a lad of ten when he arrived in Australia from England in 1911. The family settled at Kadina and, on leaving school, Harry was an apprenticed toolmaker at Wallaroo. When the mines closed there, they moved to Adelaide, where Harry worked for engineering firms. With the Electric Supply Co. he gained the distinction of being the first electric welder in S.A. During the war he was a civilian trade instructor with the R.A.A.F., and from then until retirement, a teacher in the Trades School.

He joined the Maylands church under the ministry of the late Fred Collins; he married Lilla Blanden, who predeceased him by two years; and during his 45 years' membership he served as teacher, singer, deacon and elder. Mr. Jones was a foundation member and later a President of the Payneham Senior Citizens Club, which began in the church hall.

In March of this year he married Mrs. Vera March, but his health deteriorated more rapidly

than expected and he died on June 19. The Maylands church shares with Mrs. Jones, Graham (son) and Mrs. Helgason (sister) in the loss of this wise, humble and practical Christian.

—N.S.M.

O'NEILL Mrs. Amy

Known by most by the adopted name of "Tops," Mrs. Amy O'Neill died on May 25 and the following day a crematorium service was conducted by the writer at Fremantle.

Our late sister suffered for two years from a cancer, but it was only towards the latter part of that time that physical weakness prevented her from being present at the Lord's Table and the gospel service. She often shared with the ladies of the Church in their devotions and work. Her decision for Christ was made at a Mission at Shenton Park in 1956. She was baptised at Fremantle and received into fellowship. Her gracious manner, her winning smile and her brave endurance of pain made a tremendous impact on all who knew her. She faced death as she faced life from the moment of her surrender, with quiet confidence and a hope which enabled her to say "If I am not here in the morning, I'll meet you yonder where we won't ever have to say Goodbye." To her sister Miss Elsegood and to all who feel the sense of loss we extend our love and sympathetic understanding.

—H.R.F.

INTERSTATE NEWS

MINISTER TO CHANGE (Goolwa, B. Beck) Mr. Beck will terminate his ministry at the end of this year. He has accepted a call to Christies Beach . . . E. W. Heard, H. M. Director, addressed the church on July 8, and attended the annual meeting of the church. The Board of Officers now consists of W. J. Burgar, L. H. Jacobs, B. L. Skewes, R. J. Spencer, and B. Beck. . . Raeline Tuckwell was recently awarded a Rotary Youth Leadership Award for her work among young people . . . Mrs. L. H. Jacobs is recovering after surgery.

BUS-ZAAR (Thornbury, G. J. Crossman). A "Bus-Zaar" raised \$360, bringing Mini-Bus Project over \$2000 mark . . . Paul Dimitrov, of Underground Evangelism, screened the film "Through Blood and Fire" at Fellowship Tea. Offering of \$30 was forwarded . . . Miss Dorothy Geyer, Missionary from India, visited C.W.A.F. . . C.W.E.F. screened World Vision film "Do Something Beautiful" in support of their Vietnamese Orphan Sponsorship . . . Ladies shared in Northcote City churches Fellowship Day Service . . . Youth Groups distributed leaflets, detailing church services and activities to 1,000 homes in area . . . Church participated in Northern Suburbs "Reach Out—73."

SURPRISE PARTY. (Maryborough, I. Adams). Ladies of church tended Mrs. Drake a surprise party, at which they presented her with the "Living Bible" to mark 25 years as secretary of Mission Band . . . Our clothing parcel has been forwarded for an Aboriginal girl. Also a carton of baby goods for Dorcas Society . . . E.W.F. have purchased gas heater and stove for manse and are now installing Gas H.W.S. . . . A Study Group

is held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe each week . . . A mission will be held in November . . . All auxiliaries presented items at church concert . . . The film "Heritage to Destiny" was shown on July 29 . . . Good Companions took service on Girls' Sunday. During the week they entertained their parents, minister and wife at tea. Awards won during the year were presented.

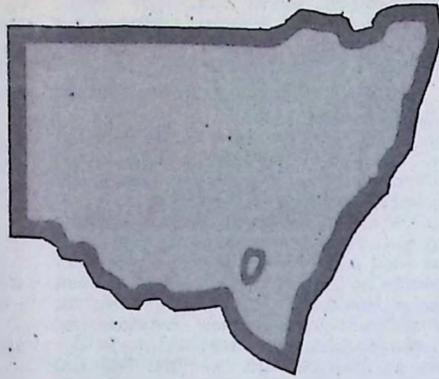
NOBLE PARK IS 19 (T. Giles). The 19th Anniversary of the church at Noble Park was celebrated on July 8. W. Mills, a former member and now minister at Peel St., Ballarat, spoke at both services. Mrs. Mills was soloist. P. Payne, a former preacher, was organist for the day. Tea was held at 5 p.m. . . . On July 22, the film "From Heritage to Destiny" was shown . . . The church business meeting decided to continue with a student ministry for 1974 . . . An electronic organ has been purchased . . . On July 29, the Youth Fellowship, now called the Koinonia Club, took part in the service. The theme, "The Ten Commandments," was enacted in drama.

DAY'S PAY (Box Hill, K. R. Bond). A Day's Pay for India reached just on \$1,000 . . . G. Grainger and Ron Muller are assisting at Wattle Park and Surrey Hills morning services . . . Robyn Wigney, Derek Jones, Peter Thomas, Ian Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Boucher were welcomed into church fellowship . . . Under thirteen football team held presentation evening . . . Glensy Fromhold has left on overseas trip . . . Wal Duffin in hospital and Mrs. Ware are improving after accident . . . The B.S. Anniversary theme was Revelation through Creation and through the Spirit . . . Phil Stevens was speaker at J.C.E. and Mrs. Holloway, Supt. Social Service Committee, at C.W.F.

LAY INSTITUTE SUPPORTED: (Ma Ma Creek) Members shared in the Lay Institute for Evangelism studies at Gatton church of Christ. Baptist and Lutheran folk also attended. . . Recent speakers have been F. J. Winter on July 1, and J. Vickers of Qld. Temperance League on July 15 . . . The church shared with Gatton in the latter's 18th anniversary. . . Marburg Youth Group, led by their minister, A. Griffiths, and Kenmore student preacher, G. Himann, visited our C.E. . . E. R. Cole is president of Ma Ma Creek youth and acting-supt. of the S.S. in the absence of H. E. Cole on sick leave. . . A. Dallinger leads the Adult Bible Class. . . Eight members of the Women's Conference Executive visited our C.W.F. on July 10. . .

C.W.F. BIRTHDAY (S. Melb., D. Stevens, I. Cartmel) On July 17, the C.W.F. Birthday was attended by 100 ladies from neighbouring churches, Rod, Boland, Life-Line, was speaker. The "True Faith" groups and a youth group entertained with modern spiritual songs . . . On July 15, Lance Fisher spoke on Aboriginal life and problems . . . Our services at 5 p.m. on Sunday are successful, and at 7 p.m. Discipleship classes are held . . . C.Y.F. held a camp at Ocean Grove and returned to church for tea. They were joined by Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stirling and "a sermon with your meal" . . . S. Melb.'s girls' netball team won the premiership. They are led by Mrs. Webster.

NEW SOUTH WALES



WOOLWICH BIBLE COLLEGE—
Following concern expressed at the N.S.W. Conference on account of the financial difficulties being experienced at Woolwich Bible College—a good friend of Woolwich promised the sum of \$1,000 if another \$1,000 were given by interested friends. In this way a "Prayer and Share Partner Scheme" has been launched with the approval of the NSW Conference Executive—and folk are being asked to pray regularly and make available a gift of at least \$5 per annum for the important work of training men and women at Woolwich.

ARMIDALE VENTURE

Since last February, Robert Ferguson, third year student, Woolwich Bible College, has been located at Armidale. This was a venture jointly entered into by the College and the church at Tamworth, and with further assistance from Inverell also, a helpful impact is being made upon students of the University of New England and also of the Armidale Teachers' College. The Lord's Table has been set up and with considerable help from the Tamworth minister, Colin Crago, and the Inverell minister, Russell Craig, and other helpers, regular services are being maintained each weekend.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

This Broadcast Programme has been operating over 2CH Sydney by Churches of Christ in NSW, for some years. However, Peter Pitts, who prior to entering Woolwich Bible College, had had considerable experience in broadcasting with the Australian Broadcasting Commission, is now acting as compere of this programme on Sunday afternoons. This is a very worthwhile effort. Each Sunday afternoon, at 4.45, Mr. Pitts presents brief messages interspersed

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JUNE EXAMINATIONS —HONOURS LIST

New Testament III N. Merrick, S. Warwick, 12 others passed.

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Church History IIB R. Combridge, N. Merrick, J. Morrow, S. Warwick, 10 others passed.

Biblical and Historical Theology IIB N. Merrick, J. Morrow, S. Warwick, 11 others passed.

Philosophy of Religion L. Smith, S. Warwick, 12 others passed.

NT Exegesis IB R. Combridge, 7 others passed.

Hebrew N. Merrick, K. Rankin, S. Warwick, 11 others passed.

New Testament II G. Deuble, 11 others passed.

Old Testament I G. Deuble, B. Francis, N. Proellocks, R. Slack, 8 others passed.

Christian Education R. Burton, G. Deuble, R. Eldridge, B. Francis,

YOUTH TEAM IN SYDNEY CHURCHES

The Tony Thomas Team, including the Cramer Sisters, from Christian Churches, Missouri, U.S.A., have been conducting meetings, mainly for young people at Burwood and Doonside.

WOOLWICH EXIT STUDENTS

Final year men at Woolwich Bible College have been negotiating with churches in various states and thus far six exits have been definitely engaged to commence full-time ministries early in 1974. Nigel Merrick goes to Maryborough, Qld., Peter Pitts to Bexley North, NSW., Wal Gibney to Richmond, Vic., John Morrow, to East Bentleigh, Vic., Robert Combridge, to Wollongong, NSW, and Lloyd Thom to Georgetown, NSW.

D. McLeod, R. Slack, 6 others passed.

Missionary Anthropology G. Deuble, B. Francis, C. Jones, D. McLeod, N. Proellocks, G. Rowcroft, R. Slack, D. Tandy, 4 others passed.

Comparative Religion R. Burton, G. Deuble, R. Eldridge, B. Francis, D. Tandy, 7 others passed.

Survey of World Missions G. Deuble, C. Jones, D. McLeod, N. Proellocks, G. Rowcroft, R. Slack, R. Thompson, 5 others passed.

Greek I G. Rowcroft, D. McLeod, 3 others passed.

Greek II G. Deuble, N. Proellocks, 3 others passed.

Greek III B. Francis, S. Warwick, 2 others passed.

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DEATH

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CIRCUIT RALLY (Warracknabeal, S. Hince) A Circuit Rally was held in our hall. We had a casserole tea and good attendance . . . Teas at the church were held until the end of July . . . Ladies entertained Baptist ladies in a social afternoon. Mrs. Gates from Canada was the speaker . . . Mr. Hince is conducting Discipleship Classes.

INDONESIA SURVEY (Preston—East Preston, J. Manallack, G. Warren). Ken Pinches left on a five week tour of Indonesia arranged by Community Aid Abroad to gain first hand knowledge of conditions of that country. He will also visit Singapore and Malaysia . . . East Preston Junior Explorers came third at the indoor sports, Midget Explorers came first in combined sports . . . The CYF from Preston, East Preston and Northcote held a weekend camp at Monbulk . . . 70 ladies were present at C.W.F. (East Preston) luncheon.

GIFTS FROM C.W.F. (Bentleigh, R. W. Marshall). C.W.F. visited Kingston Centre and distributed gifts . . . Good Companions led by Miss Cynthia Doyle took part in Girls' Sunday Service . . . W. W. Saunders was speaker on July 29 prior to Crusade Meetings in Moorabbin Town Hall . . . Church members participated in C.O.B. Winter School.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY (Thomson) The church's 10th Anniversary service on July 15 was addressed by D. H. Smith, H. M. Sec. Casserole luncheon followed . . . Upon his return from an evangelistic trip with Les Nixon, Malcolm Pitchford showed slides and films of outback Australia on July 22 . . . Philip Taylor has been baptised.

FORMER MINISTER BACK (Horsham, R. Roberts). L. S. Dewberry, a former minister, visited the church as a representative of the Temperance Alliance . . . On July 29, John McIntyre, recently baptised, gave a personal testimony . . . Mrs. L. Parfett well again, after suffering a fissure fracture of the skull, due to a fall at her home . . . Miss Norma Hunt, missionary with W.E.C., stayed at the manse during July and had meetings in Horsham and other surrounding towns. She was guest speaker at the Birthday meeting of C.W.E.F.

TWO BAPTISMS (Shepparton, L. Van Laar). There have been two baptisms . . . The Board has called for a voluntary committee to review the constitution . . . Rev. Leigh Wilson, local high school chaplain, was a guest speaker . . . 27 young people and 7 leaders held a week-end camp at Caniambo . . . Groups journeyed to "Superstar", Youth for Christ, and to a youth outreach program at Wangaratta featuring God Squad . . .

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• HAWTHORN S.A. MARRIAGE RENEWAL

C.W.F.'s 59th (Murray Bridge, A. H. Coleman) Croydon church ladies were guest artists at the C.W.F. 59th birthday. Trading table realised \$125. Ladies provided floor coverings and curtains for new manse. . . . Ladies led recent morning service with Gwen Bywaters presiding. Recent speakers were M. Arnot, a former minister, and Frank Beale who showed slides on mission work . . . Gabe Bywaters presided an annual meeting. H. Long is chairman of the Board, M. Thompson is Sec., and I. Roberts is Treas. E. Long is Elder. Minister and youth attended Sthn. District youth camp at Pt. Sturt. . . . Young folk saw "Godspell" in Adelaide . . . Mrs. C. Harper, Mrs. Johnston, and Mrs. Mogg are in hospital . . . Mr. and Mrs. Webster (nee V. Schultz) have returned from Scotland to reside here.

Is Rote Learning the Only Way?

This question, amongst others, was discussed during a weekend for Christian primary school teachers held recently at Avalon and organised by the Australian Teachers' Christian Fellowship (Victoria). The Christian teachers benefited from the fellowship and discussions on matters of direct relevance to the primary school child.

Ken Lyall, Principal, Strathcona Baptist Girls' Grammar School, led discussions on:

(a) The teacher's responsibility beyond the classroom, and

(b) Principles for education at a time of great and rapid social change.

Other areas discussed included the teacher's role in the development of the children's moral values, and the need for the teacher to be aware of the dangers of thrusting middle-class values onto lower-class children.



During its 75th Anniversary celebrations the Hawthorn Church of Christ conducted a "Marriage Re-Affirmation Service", inviting back couples previously married at this Church.

Over 200 attended, with approximately 40 couples standing to re-affirm their vows.

Presentation posies were made to the latest newly-weds, Tim and Francene Clemow, married only 10 weeks and to

the earliest married couple Mr. and Mrs. Gwyn Berry.

The Berrys celebrated that week their 55th Wedding Anniversary having been married here on July 5, 1918. They are still both active, attending both services on Sundays and midweek meetings. Mrs. Berry still drives her car.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

90TH BIRTHDAY (Inverell, R. Craig). Herbert Winter has celebrated his 90th birthday . . . Ken Coulson, Bible Society, was speaker at July's Delungra service held, as usual, in the home of Doug and Lyn Hamilton . . . On July 1, after Family Tea, there was bright gospel singing at the Guest Service by John Sawley, Alan Thrush, and Glen Dick with their guitars. The Scripture Union Film Strip "No. 1" was screened . . . On July 7 Inverell and Tamworth young people distributed literature at Armidale and joined in a Rally with Armidale church, with Mr Craig as speaker. A mission with John Timms will be held at Armidale in September.

ADVENTURE TIME (Telopea, J. Bacic) An after-school "Adventure Time" commenced July 23 with C.S.S.M. leader Owen Shelley. There were also two nights of "visual aid" training for Christian teachers, etc. . . . A bank loan has been granted for our new chapel . . . "Serendipity" is the name of new ladies' fellowship which meets for Bible study, lunch and fellowship once a month . . . Former minister, Brian White, was a recent guest service preacher. He and his three young sons also took part in musical items . . . There was a combined G.B. and B.B. display night . . . There have been fancy dress and film nights to aid the Building Fund.

PRE-SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN (Engadine, D. Krause) Our Pre-School Kindergarten commenced operations in May and is running smoothly. The new building is a great asset to the church . . . Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dudman were farewelled on their retiring to Tweed Heads . . . A Boys' Brigade Company has been formed under the leadership of Phil Dudman . . . Seven deacons were elected at the annual meeting. No elders were elected.

SEVEN DECISIONS (Tweed-Heads, Coolangatta, R. Acland) There have been decisions by five young people and two adults in recent months. Two were at meetings conducted by Eddy Gabbert, June 3-5. . . . On June 21-22 there was a 24-hour circle of prayer for the ministry and the purchase of land for a manse . . . Bob Doring has suffered a further set-back in health. Mr. Acland has also suffered recent ill health . . . Murwillumbah assists us with speakers: F. Little, D. Swanborough, and D. Way . . . Ladies conducted a "Hat Fantasy" in aid of manse fund . . . Qld. Conference C.W.F. Executive recently met with our ladies and representatives from Southport and Murwillumbah.

CHAPEL OPENING ANNOUNCED (Beverley Hills, D. Mansell) Preparations are in hand for the opening of the chapel, vestry, and classrooms on Aug. 18 . . . During the last two months morning attendances have increased 15% and evening services 50% . . . Two young men made decisions in July . . . Membership of Girls' Club and C.Y.F. is increasing.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

AL WALKINGTON FAREWELLED. (Wembley Downs, G. Chapman) The church farewelled Al., Stell, and Heather Walkington on their leaving for Canada. Mr. Walkington, immediate Past President of Federal Conference, will be engaged in a two year course at Edmonton for a Ph.D. degree in Educational Administration. Two weeks earlier, Trevor Walkington preached his first sermon . . . Elders have drawn up a policy on Pastoral Work and other areas are being investigated . . . Our Intermediate Youth Group held a camp at Burns Beach and the following Sunday shared their experiences at morning worship . . . Men of the church meet each Saturday for golf . . . Celebration of Sport in Our Lives was the theme for a sports-centred worship service . . .

MINISTRY AT MANDURAH Don Sonsie will commence a ministry here in January, 1974 . . . Mr. Slater and Mrs. Wooders, two of our elderly members were married on June 20. The wedding was followed by a luncheon with members and friends . . . \$400 was gained for the organ fund by a sale of goods and barbecue at "Hacienda Holiday Centre" owned by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Sambel. In the hall there was a singalong round a large wood fire . . . Lynette Sambel has been welcomed into fellowship. She is active in B.S. and music. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen and girls have also been received from Tasmania . . . Linda Kennedy has been baptized . . . Members attended the Medina mission. The missionary spoke at our mid-week meeting at Mrs. Whisson's home . . . Mrs. Pallot and Mrs. Robinson spoke on Aborigines Missions at ladies meeting **75TH BIRTHDAY PLANNED** (Kalgoorlie, R. Taylor) The S.S. conducted two "Paddy's Markets" and raised over \$100 towards expenses for 75th anniversary in September . . . Dennis Wright has been baptised. Andrew Creelman and Ray Ennis have been welcomed into membership . . . K. J. Patteson, State Organising Secretary, presented a programme on Stewardship on July 29. He and Mr. Taylor spent a few days in Esperance . . . Studies in Winter School. "Meeting Human Need" continuing in members' homes . . . After church, folk have been meeting in homes for tea and "sing-a-long" . . . C.W.F. ladies went to Kurrawong Mission on July 5 to conduct a sewing day.

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FOR BERWICK 1974 Barry McMurtrie, now ministering at York St., church, Ballarat, has accepted a call to Berwick. He will commence in November, 1974.

HARCOURT DISCIPLESHIP (Jim Spiker) At the service on July 15 when Mrs. Christine Broad was baptized, two young girls made decisions . . . Mr. and Mrs. Spiker took the Youth Club for a snow trip to Mount Buffalo for the weekend, July 28-29 . . . B.S. starts at 10 a.m. with a warm up game followed by a hot chocolate drink. After a short lesson by one of the teachers Mrs. Spiker leads anniversary practice . . . Mrs. J. Warren was elected President of C.W.F.; Mrs. H. Farar is Secretary, and Mrs. C. Rice is Treasurer. Mrs. G. Pellas was thanked for her service as secretary for four years . . .

FEATURES AT 5 (Glen Waverley, R. Elbourne) Auxiliaries participate in the 5 p.m. services. Speakers have been Dr. K. R. Bowes, Allan Crisp, C.O.B. students, and Dr. C. J. McKenzie, Oakleigh . . . "Glenairs," our own singing group have been a highlight at two services . . . Three Discovery Groups are now determining their own future meetings . . . A B.S. scholar made his decision . . . C.W.F. provided clothing for a boy

at Norseman . . . F. Croxford recently celebrated his 92nd birthday . . . Mrs. Elbourne is now a member of the Women's Inter-Church Council Executive . . . Church has donated \$60 to the India and Mali Relief Appeal . . . Jeff and Glenys Todd have been welcomed back after two years interstate and overseas . . . Mrs. Averil Chapman, N.S. N.Z. D.C.E. Director, was a recent speaker.

"PAPER-BACK-A-MONTH" (North Balwyn, A. R. Pigdon) Church has started a "Paper-Back-A-Month" Readers' Club to encourage more reading of Christian Literature . . . Good Companions have a special effort to supply New Hebrides missionaries with basket balls . . . The church has just completed Planned Giving Programme led by E. Keating . . . John Paterson is home after being in hospital recovering from a road accident . . . Mrs. Phillips from World Vision was the speaker at the C.W.F. Birthday Dinner . . . The gospel service is at 5 p.m. during the winter months.

MINISTERS' MOTHERS TAKE OVER (Richmond, P. Burnham and G. Strack) The mothers of both of our ministers have been in our pulpit. Mrs. Doreen Strack was C.W.F. guest speaker, and Mrs. Burnham spoke on Mothers' Day . . . Four day Adventureland with fun and games was held during school holidays . . . Special Services have featured each auxiliary. Highlights were Frank Richards, Christian Education and Overseas Missions Work Parties;

Australian Inland Missions, and Marantha Sounds from Ballarat . . . On Girls' Sunday Miss Gwen Bunn presided . . . Three months Talent Fund raised \$222.40. E. Addicott, R. Fiddler and teams from Croydon, Essendon, Nth. Balwyn and Cheltenham C.M.F. groups have led the worship services.

NIGHT OF DIRECTION (Echuca, R. Ritchie) A Great Night of Direction was held on July 22. 130 were present. The Youth Choir had an important role with well presented items which were a credit to Mr. Ritchie's training . . . Five young men from Cummeragunga were baptized. Pastor Sir Douglas Nicholls was present and read the scripture . . . The church has purchased a min-bus to transport S.S. pupils and folk from Cummeragunga to and from services.

BAPTISM DELAYED

In Switzerland's Geneva canton (state), it is reported that the ruling body of the Reformed Church (the denomination organized by John Calvin) has recommended that infants be "presented" to congregations and that baptism be postponed to a later age.

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Mr. Payne, Commonwealth Secretary of the Bible Society of Australia, was introducing National Bible Society Week.

Mr. Payne said the Bible Society had arranged throughout Australia for that week to draw attention to the importance of the Bible in modern-day society.

The theme for this year's was National Bible Society Week was "Good News Unlimited," Mr. Payne said.

This referred both to the Bible's contents and to the Society's aims in producing Bibles for every person throughout the world in his own language.

This year, an estimated 240 million Scriptures (Bibles, New Testaments, Portions and Selections) would be published by the world's associated Bible Societies, on a total budget of about \$9 million.

Yet this would represent less than one piece of Scripture for every 20 of the world's present population, he said.

He described the scale of the task as being unprecedented in Christian missionary history.



By **BRUCE P. UPTON**

In order to keep up with the population increase, the associated Bible Societies "must find a way to publish and distribute at least 500 million Scriptures by the year 1980," Mr. Payne said.

This year's National Bible Society Week also aimed to draw attention to the need for financial assistance to the worldwide missionary ministry of the Bible Society.

Australia's share of this year's world budget amounted to \$300,000.

Mr. Payne said that local churches and Bible Society branches throughout Australia were being urged to make a special effort during National Bible Society Week "to make all Christians aware of the urgent tasks facing the Society in its vital missionary operation around the world."

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