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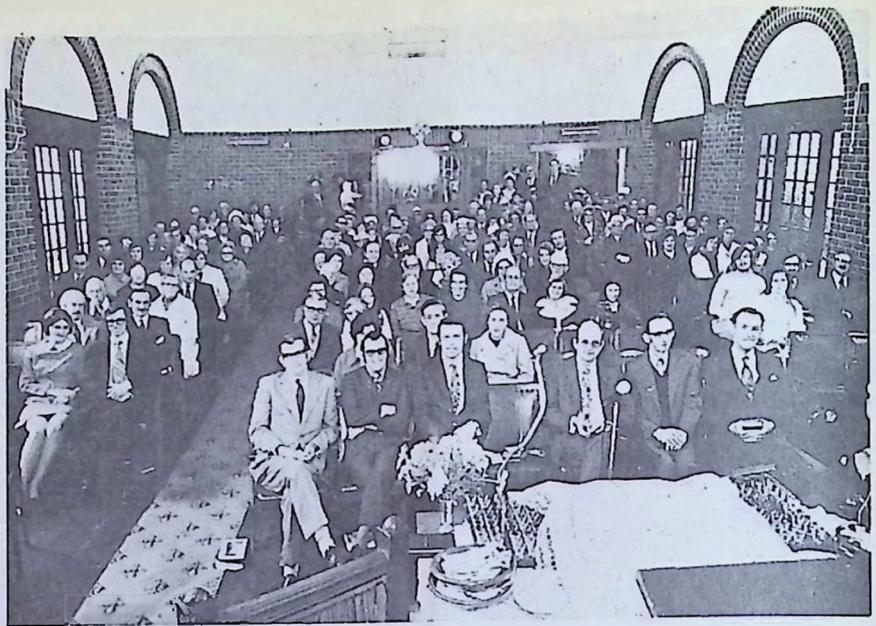


# Jubilee at Epping



The crowd of 300 who shared in the Jubilee celebrations at Epping, N.S.W., on July 8, contrasted sharply with the handful of four persons who made up the church's first congregation exactly fifty years earlier.

Although none of those four pioneers is alive to see the fruits of their labors, their hearts would have warmed to see a



large assembly and, no doubt, their eyes would pop to see the chapel service relayed to an overflow congregation of 80 in the fellowship hall by means of closed circuit television!

Sunday morning guest speaker was Harold M. Long, minister at Epping from 1961 to 1969, and now of Grote St., Adelaide. His sermon centred on the spiritual interpretations of the Jewish Jubilee Year of Liberty and Redemption.

Keith Farmer, present minister, preached at the evening service, which also featured a variety of musical items.

Other Jubilee features during the week-end were a concert on Friday evening and a Saturday midday Jubilee Dinner. Over 250 guests at the buffet dinner watched Mrs. McKellar and Mrs. Wright, early members of the church supported by the minister, Keith Farmer, cut the large anniversary cake, using the trowel presented to T. G. Cosh in 1928 for setting the foundation stone of the present church building. (see cover photo).

## INNER SPRINGS

### *Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered*



Don't you feel that sometimes? Bewitched by television, radio and the supermarket into buying this and saving for that. And if you have succeeded in resisting those there is the post with its many beguiling offers of fabulous prizes for little or no effort.

Bothered by the many demands on your time to join this committee and that good cause, until we lose all sense of purpose in our living.

Bewildered by the many problems of our time. The ravages of war, pollution, corruption in high places, controversy everywhere and the constant threat to our physical safety all combine to leave us with a sense of helplessness. Even thought becomes wearisome. When this happens there is only one answer. "In returning and rest shall ye be saved: in quietness and confidence shall be your strength." Only as we became more conscious of God will we be less conscious of the clamour of the world which saps our strength. We cannot solve all the world's problems, but in maintaining our own inner peace we can live amid them without losing ourselves.

*'Mid all the traffic of the ways,  
Turmoils without, within,  
Make in my heart a quiet place,  
And come and dwell therein!*

*A little shrine of quietness,  
All sacred to Thyself,  
Where Thou shalt all my soul possess,  
And I may find myself!*

Our Father, when we are confused and cumbered about many things, grant us the commonsense to turn aside from the world and seek Thee. And finding Thee, return to our task with a renewed spirit.

Isaiah 30: 15

Amen.  
FLORENCE ROSIER.

## 25TH MENTAL HEALTH CONGRESS

The influence and effects of religion on social change is certain to spark animated discussion at the forthcoming 25th World Mental Health Congress in Sydney.

Religion is among the seven major groups of topics for discussion at the Congress, to be held October 8-12, at the Sydney Opera House.

Opinion is expected to polarise the fifth session of Religion and Social Change when delegates reach the topic "Religion as a Divisive Force Within Society", in which the technical speaker is Dr. P. Glasner of the A.N.U.'s Department of Sociology.

Plenary session speaker on religion will be Professor Howard Clinebell Jr., Professor of Pastoral Counselling at the School of Theology at Claremont, California.

Professor W. Nicholls of the Dept. of Religious Studies at the Univ. of British Columbia, Canada, is also a planned speaker.

Other major topics for discussion include Family and Community; Education; Physical Environment and Social Stress; Migration and Mobility; Mass Communications; Law and Mental Health.

SEPTEMBER 1st IS  
FATHERS' DAY

# THE NEW FATHER

The so called "traditional roles" of mother and father appear to be clear-out. The father is considered the head of the household, the breadwinner, the strength of the home, the dominant one. The mother is supposed to be the homemaker, who gives the family circle a gentle touch. She is the submissive one.

Since roles are never clear cut except in stereotypes, this appears to be largely a myth. In the best of family relationships, there is always a blurring of roles.

Sociologists are saying that something pretty startling seems to be happening to modern fathers. They are really getting interested in their children! After centuries of being the slightly shadowy figure who mysteriously goes out of the house in the morning and comes back at night just in time to read a bedtime story—if he is not too tired—and only really comes alive on Saturday and Sunday, father is suddenly becoming the major influence in the family.

The "new" father no longer considers child care to be strictly women's work. He is much more aware of his child's emotional needs. One reason for the change may be that the current generation of fathers felt abandoned by their fathers who were away too often on business or war. But whatever the reason, the result is encouraging in our day when many are ready to knock the family and prophesy its ultimate disintegration.

The new father is seen by some as probably being more crucial to the healthy development of children than mothers, because he can encourage the child to reach out and cope with the world, and he becomes a model for getting along with others. It has been found that children who don't get adequate fathering in the first two years of life have more trouble later, both academically and socially.

The new father is well in the picture even before the child is born, keeping the expectant mother in what may be called a good frame of mind by "understanding" for yearning for Caramello chocolate at two o'clock in the morning and her inexplicable bouts of weeping. The new father is often present at his child's birth, and his presence from birth keeps the relationship between mother and child from getting too intense and exclusive, so that some hospitals, particularly in America, encourage fathers to begin

caring for their new-born immediately after birth, sometimes allowing them to sleep in an adjoining room at the hospital.

The new father spends more time at home. Stuart Turner, a middle bracket executive with a London ship-broking partnership, recently refused promotion on the grounds that he would be away from home at a time when his young children were growing up. At first his boss didn't think he was serious, he couldn't believe anyone would turn down the job for a reason like that. "But to me" said Turner, "fatherhood is the most important job I've ever had. How can I do it properly if I'm never in the home?"

But the most fundamental requirement of fatherhood must be Christian faith. There is a sad and poignant story concerning Charles Finney, the American preacher. The night he was converted he went home and told his father. He said, "Father, you are now an old man, your children are grown up, and I have never heard a prayer in my father's house!" Fathers need all the help they can receive from God.

When our children are in infancy we think there is plenty of time to share with them, teach them all they need for their growth to Christian maturity. Then suddenly, one day, the boy is a man, the girl is a woman, about to make their way in the world. A father realises he has used up all his opportunity, all his time for fatherhood. Then a father asks some questions, and hopes for good answers:

## DID I SPEND ENOUGH ON MY CHILDREN?

Not money—that is the easiest, and, in a sense, the least important thing a father can give his children—but enough of his time, enough of his mind, enough of his own soul. As Paul wrote to some whom he called his "children." "I will not be a burden, for I seek not what is yours, but you; for children ought not to lay up for their parents, but parents for their children. I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls." (11 Corinthians 12:14,15) Of course Paul's "children"



here are adult Christians, but the principle is the same for any father and children. Did I really give enough of myself for my children's growth? Gladly spending myself for their souls? Did I give to my children without expecting a return in kind? A father's love gives itself freely, and is not dependent on return.

## DID I GIVE MY CHILDREN ENOUGH ENCOURAGEMENT?

"Fathers" wrote Paul in Colossians 3:21, "do not provoke your children lest they become discouraged." It is significant that Paul addressed this word to fathers. Perhaps because mothers have a kind of divine patience, but fathers are more likely to misuse their adult powers. A father should be able to make his children feel that he believes in them expects the best of them, so that they come to believe in themselves.

Joseph P. Kennedy was fiercely proud of his brilliant children, always doing all he could to encourage and foster their personal confidence. On the occasion of one of the late John Kennedy's memorable television debates with rival Presidential candidate, Richard Nixon, the young Senator telephoned his father to get his reaction. He turned from the phone after talking with his father and said, "I still don't know how I did. If I had slipped and fallen flat on my face, Dad would have said "The graceful way you picked yourself up was terrific!" Happy the son who has such a father.

## DO MY CHILDREN'S MEMORIES OF HOME GIVE STRENGTH?

The memory of shared ideals and purposes, common high efforts which a family has known together, is one of the stoutest reinforcements for living today. Great character emerges out of what a family gallantly tries to become over the years. Charles Poore wrote, "Time can be used more than once, particularly through memory. To have a reservoir of memories to fall back upon when disaster

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## 2. The "Restorationist" Stream

In the United States the "Restorationist" stream is very strongly represented in those churches that broke away at the turn of the Century, calling themselves Churches of Christ. They are also distinguished by their refusal to use instrumental music in worship. They sincerely believe that they are the restored New Testament churches. For them, valid unity is the fellowship of congregations like themselves. For them, Christians are believers, immersed for the remission of sins, into the restored New Testament churches. Naturally they will have no dealings with any other churches or councils of churches, believing in all sincerity that they are not Christian. Any contact they have with "other Christians" is not to find a basis of unity with them, but to lead them to Christ and into the true New Testament church.

### "INDEPENDENTS"

The "Restorationist" stream is also seen in those Restoration Movement churches in the United States who are generally called, for the sake of convenience, "Independents," because they do not participate in the organizational activities of the Disciples' Brotherhood. Some of their missionaries have come to Australia and conducted missions in some of our churches. They also claim to be New Testament churches and feel unable to recognise as Christians, those who are not immersed believers. They also believe in Christian unity, but not through discussions with the denominations. They are earnestly dedicated to the working out of the plea for unity by baptizing as many believers as they can, and bringing them into "churches after the New Testament order."

Naturally they cannot, in all honesty, participate in the ecumenical movement, nor in any councils of churches. But by the same token, neither will they participate in Billy Graham crusades, Keswick-type conventions, Navigators, "undenominational missions", I.V.F., World Congress of Evangelism, Underground Evangelism, and the like. A lot of Australians do not realise this consistency of position of the American "Independents" and Churches of Christ. Perhaps their only inconsistency is that they sing the hymns of the unimmersed.

SECOND IN A  
SERIES BY  
GORDON STIRLING

### IN AUSTRALIA

In the early days of the Restoration Movement in Australia there was strong emphasis on both the "Unity Principle" and the "Restoration Principle". One only has to read the magazine, tracts and books (e.g. "That They All May Be One.") of those days to be aware of this. In missions and gospel services the plea for Christian Unity was preached in no uncertain way. We believed that we had the answer to a divided church and denominational rivalry. It was the organic union of all Christians through the restoration of New Testament Christianity. We believed that our churches were in fact New Testament churches and thus a pattern of the congregations of the future united church. Modern members of Australian Churches of Christ who have misgivings about Christian union, believing that Christ only intended a loose sort of "spiritual" unity, or believing that there can be no unity before the Second Coming, should remember that these views are innovations among us and were not accepted by our fathers, who believed in and prayed for organic union. Sir Irving Benson, writing over thirty years ago in "The Age" about Churches of Christ, titled his article, "The Church Which Began to Unite All Churches." The article was reprinted by the Austral Company as a tract, and was distributed by the thousands by our people.

Active participation by members of Australian Churches of Christ in the Christian Endeavour Movement, Temperance Societies, the Bible Society, Ministers' Fraternal and mass evangelistic crusades brought them into close co-operation with members of other

churches. This tended to strengthen the "Unity Principle" among us and weakened to some extent the "Restoration Principle". Large numbers of our people began to accept un-immersed church people as Christians, showing the "fruits of the Spirit" in their lives. Our communion tables began to be opened to "those who loved the Lord." In doing this we did not think of ourselves as unfaithful to the plea for unity through restoration. Rather we looked on the new co-operation as a step towards the time when we could come with our brothers of other churches to find with them a basis for unity, in the New Testament.

### UNHAPPY ABOUT CO-OPERATION.

However, we need to remember that some among us have by conviction, continued in a "Restorationist" stream. They have never been happy about co-operation, be it with councils of churches, or Keswick conventions. In all sincerity they cannot call Christian those who are unimmersed. They do not call them non-Christian either, leaving to God the prerogative of deciding the issue. They prefer the Lord's Table to be only for immersed believers.

They believe that all forms of interdenominational and undenominational fellowship have weakened our witness and dulled the "cutting edge" of our plea. They no longer emphasise unity because, for them, the word now has connotations of compromise. But they still hold the "Unity Principle" as valid, believing that unity would come if the denominations would discard their traditions and accept the baptism of the New Testament and the New Testament order of things, as seen in the life of Australian Churches of Christ before inter-denominational co-operation dulled the purity of the stream. Their method of convicting the other churches of this is to convince individuals "one by one". Mostly they are not happy with the Australian Brotherhood affiliation with the World Council of Churches.

Next time we will look at the second major stream in Australian Churches of Christ, the "separatist" stream).

# CHAPEL OPENING AT NAMBOUR, QLD.

Mr. Evan Adermann, M.H.R. for Fisher, officially opened the Nambour Chapel in its new location on Saturday, July 21. Seventeen years previously, his father, whom Evan has succeeded as Member for Fisher in the Australian Parliament, opened the original building. The relocation was due to expansion of the High School at Nambour, resulting in the resumption of the church property.

Mr. Adermann told of the pleasure and joy it gave to perform this function since he and his family are now worshipping with the Church at Nambour.

In his address, Evan covered the carefully recorded history of the Church of Christ in Nambour. In June 1945, a group of isolated members from Woombye, Nambour and Palmwoods met for communion, first in the E. J. Kingston family home at Woombye, then in the Palmwoods School of Arts and later the Friendly Society's Hall in Nambour. In 1950, the church appointed its first Elders and Deacons, and in 1951 was affiliated with the Conference of the Churches of Christ in Queensland.

Purchase of land in Coronation Drive was authorised in 1954 at the price of four hundred pounds. A new chapel was built and opened on July 21, 1956, by C. F. Adermann M.H.R. Records show that the cost of the building was £1672. The Church at Nambour has always kept excellent records of meetings with details of the president at the Lord's Table, the preacher, often the theme of his message and comment by the secretary. Many names well-known in Churches of Christ in Queensland are listed amongst the preachers. Included amongst these were A.J. Fisher, C.R. Burden, F. Beams, J. Clothier and many well-known figures of today, including G. Haigh, R. Cardew, V. Parker, S. Vanham, K. Burkhead, G. McKelvie and many others. The name of Evan Adermann is shown in the record. On this occasion the record did not note what the theme was, nor did it record the secretary's opinion of the quality of the message!

Today we open and dedicate a new Chapel, a lovely building here in National Park Road, and a new milestone in the life of the Church of Christ in Nambour.

"We love to refer to ourselves as the Restoration Movement," said Mr Adermann. "Our written constitution and basis of faith and practice is the Bible

alone, our Head the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, our model the first Christian Church as revealed in the Book of Acts. Known as Christians only, we are of course not the only Christians, and on this day we are very happy indeed to have the fellowship of many other Christians from other fellowships."

In continuing his personal testimony, Mr. Adermann said "It was about 35 years ago in a Tent Mission at the Church of Christ in Kingaroy I took Jesus as my Saviour and Lord. Of all the decisions I have made in life, of all the stands I have taken, that was the most vital and most important I have ever made. As a family, we have always resolved that each Lord's Day would find us in the Lord's House. As a nation, we must seriously note the scriptural injunction righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people. History records the disintegration of even the greatest civilisations when they have turned from God. Never in the history of our nation has such a responsibility rested upon the Christian Church, and Christian people to stand up and say, Thus saith the Lord.

"One of my happiest discoveries since entering Parliament is to discover an active Christian Parliamentary Association including members of all

political parties, some Ministers and Backbenchers, who meet for devotions and prayer breakfasts. Our numerical strength is often around 30 people.

"I am very happy that among many distinguished visitors today is Mr. D.A. Lowe, M.L.A., who was present and took part in the opening of the previous Chapel in Nambour in 1956, and is present and again associated today with the opening of our new Chapel exactly 17 years later.

"The official statistics record that the building we open today was erected at a cost of \$13,000 but this does not include the tremendous amount of voluntary work which has been contributed. There are plans for future expansion and development programmes, and it is my prayer that in this troubled old world of ours, people will find in this place the Prince of Peace; that in this age when people ask the age old question, "What is Truth?" and are seeking the meaning of life in many directions, here men and women will meet the One who said "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." In times of sorrow and mourning may find comfort and strength, strength for today and hope for tomorrow. The task of the Church is to proclaim the great Gospel of Christ and may that Gospel be faithfully preached in this place, and his open Word be found and followed.

"We opened today a building, but there is not one of us who does not know that the Church is not merely a building, it is a body of Christian people and the future history of the Church of Christ in Nambour and indeed the Church universal will depend on the faithfulness and steadfastness of its members."

## POSITIONS WITH A.C.C.

The Australian Council of Churches has recently re-structured a number of Executive staff positions in order to meet changing needs and conditions. A number of staff complete their terms in office this year. There is no increase in the number of staff.

The council is currently seeking an Assistant General Secretary who has organizing ability, experience in journalism and in church and public relations.

A secretary for Finance and Administration is needed to take charge of the management of the Council's National Office and the financial management of the Division of World Christian Action.

Information about the two positions is available from the General Secretary, Australian Council of Churches, Box 111, Brickfield Hill, N.S.W. 2000. Phone 26-2901 (Sydney).

## ... THE NEW FATHER (From page 3)

menaces is to be fortified against despair and buttressed against defeatism." A father should try to give his children the finest times to remember, so that they can use time over and over again.

**DID I HELP MY CHILDREN FIND GOD'S PURPOSE FOR THEIR LIVES?**

A little boy, whenever he was absent from school, always brought a written excuse. On one occasion the teacher asked him to bring his birth certificate the following day. The lad unfortunately forgot it. "Please Miss," he said very apologetically, "I have forgotted my excuse for being born!" A wise father will not let his children forget the purpose of life, but will gently urge, "Let God have your life—He can do far more with it than you can." He will not see his child as his "possession," but as a trust from God. A wise father will give his children back to God.

# Frank & Win Beale . . . Missionaries

By R. S. A. McLEAN

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beale, pioneer missionaries to New Guinea concluded their extended period of deputation in July, and are now living in Townsville.

The announcement of their resignation and expression of appreciation has already been made, but it is fitting as they settle into a new life at Townsville, that as a Brotherhood, we convey our sincere appreciation to them for their years of dedicated missionary service.

Mrs. Win Beale (nee Waterman) went to the New Hebrides, as a missionary nurse in 1952 and when she returned for furlough in 1954, she and Frank were married. They went to the New Hebrides in 1955 and served in school and general church work at Duindui on Aoba, and Ranwadi on Pentecost.

On returning to Australia in 1957 for furlough, they were approached by the Overseas Mission Board to pioneer a new work in New Guinea. The Beales had become greatly attached and devoted to the work in the New Hebrides, but after much prayer, agreed to accept the appointment to New Guinea. Mr. Beale returned for a brief period to the New Hebrides in 1957 to complete some work at Ranwadi, pack their goods and say farewell to the New Hebridean people.



Frank Beale with 11 new disciples at Chungribu.



On May 20, 1958, Mr. Beale and Harold Finger arrived in Port Moresby to meet Government officials and establish a relationship in preparation for the commencement of our mission work in New Guinea. Mrs. Beale had remained home in Australia to wait until things were in readiness for her and the children to go to New Guinea.

On June 13, Mr. Beale and Mr. Finger went to Bogia to make a general survey of the surrounding area, to ascertain the possibility of commencing missionary work. On July 2, an invitation was received from the men at Tung village, about 25 miles from Bogia, to set up a mission, and the work began there on July 23. On November 27, Mrs. Beale and the children arrived.

From that small beginning at Tung, the Beales and their fellow workers have rejoiced to see the work of God expand along the Ramu River, across to the Keram River, into the Schrader Ranges and the vast Grass Country between the Keram and Sepik Rivers. The first baptisms took place in November 1963, and today our church membership in New Guinea approximates 500 and churches continue to grow and multiply as new areas open up to the gospel.

The church growth in New Guinea is the result of dedicated service given by the Beales and their co-workers in the gospel, and the blessing the Lord has given to their ministry.

We can say of them as Mark wrote, "they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it." Mark 16:20.

On behalf of the Brotherhood we express appreciation to Frank and Win and the children, Marilyn, Gwennyth, and John, and pray for the Lord's abundant blessing upon them as they serve Christ in the home land.

## TO PRESERVE MOUNT OF OLIVES

Former Churches of Christ minister, Maurice A. Coombs, has been appointed Director of the Foundation for the Preservation of the Mount of Olives. The foundation has been formed to raise \$5

### BIBLE SOCIETY FOOTBALLER

(S.A.) Sturt footballer, Keith Chessell, presently manager of the Epworth Book Shop in Adelaide, has been appointed Trade Manager of the Bible Society in Aust., at Bible House Bookshop, 133 Rundle St., Adelaide.

Mr. Chessell was formerly Youth Representative for the Bible Society.

million so that land on the Mount of Olives may be purchased and retained as a garden and spiritual centre rather than be built on commercially. Mr. Coombs will take up his appointment in August. He will be based in New York, and will also serve as Associate Rector of Grace Church in Brooklyn Heights.

Mr. Coombs was minister of the Maryborough (Vic.), Albert Park (S.A.) and Long Plains-Owen Churches in South Australia before becoming producer/director of the Christian Television Association in South Australia.

He became an Anglican priest, took up

an appointment as Principal of Forest Lodge in Geraldton, W.A. (a boarding school for country children), and was then appointed Chaplain to the Archbishop of Perth, Rev. George Appleton. When Archbishop Appleton was appointed Archbishop of Jerusalem, Mr. Coombs continued as his chaplain, and Mr. Coombs has been in Jerusalem for the last 5 years.

He came originally from the York Street, Ballarat Church. He married Mary Heath (Maylands, S.A.). Mr. and Mrs. Coombs have two teenage daughters and a son.

# BUDDHISM WINS INDIA'S 'UNTOUCHABLES'

For 3000 years millions of Indians have qualified as the most miserable, woebegone, despised class of human beings on earth. They were given this distinction more than 3000 years ago and have never lost it.

Numbering today between 80 and 100 million persons, their debased way of life is rooted deep in the caste system of traditional Hinduism.

Despite constitutional prohibitions, despite efforts of social reformers, and in the face of professions of horror by every political Party and by religious leaders, they continue to live in forced, degraded backwardness, especially in rural areas where 90% of them dwell.

The late Mahatma Gandhi called them "Harijans" (Children of God). "Socially, they are lepers," said Gandhi, "economically, they are worse than slaves; religiously, they are denied entrance to the places we miscall houses of God."

Since the mid-1950's as many as two million of India's Hindu outcasts have embraced Buddhism.

Last March, some 2500 untouchables—barefoot, wrapped in tattered clothes—travelled to New Delhi

from dozens of remote villages scattered across the northern Indian province of Uttar Pradesh.

As they assembled near the centre of the city, the saffron-robed Dalai Lama, exiled Buddhist god-king of Tibet, led the group of menial laborers, servants, and street sweepers, in a series of chanted pledges, at the end of which they dedicated themselves to "establish equality in human society."

In unison they chanted, "I shall not steal. I shall not lie. I shall not take liquor. I shall abide by the ideals of wisdom, morality and compassion. I hereby forsake the Hindu religion. I believe that I am reborn into a new way of life."

Buddhism is a natural refuge for the untouchables. Unlike Hinduism it is a classless religion that emphasises freedom and the attainment of happiness in the here and now, rather than in the hereafter.

The new converts know well enough that their new Buddhism is not going to change their relationship with the high caste Hindus in their own villages. But a 27-year-old laborer said, "We have been deprived; we have been treated unjustly. We were nothing. Hinduism is a most

harmful religion. Now we can experience a change. We can transform ourselves."

A house-servant declared, "Maybe life will not change for me. But I will feel equal."

To the long distance observer comes the question, "Did not the Christians have anything to say, and to do, to show that the way of Christ is the way of freedom and dignity?"

## "FAMILY" ALBUM

FAMILY is a top Brisbane singing group which was chosen by Burt Bacharach to support him during the latter's recent tour of Australia.

M7 RECORDS announced August 17 as the release date for "Family's" locally produced Jesus album. The group is different from most top singing combinations in that they are strong believers in Christ and prepared to make effective witness of their faith.

Ian Truscott, 20, is a medical student. His brother, Phil, 18, sells crockery. Ian Smallbone, 21, is a primary teacher. They all sing and accompany themselves with guitars, violin, bass, and piano.

## WORLD TALK NO. 80

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

Prayer consists of man's thanksgiving, confessions, entreaties, praises, meditations, intercessions and petitions to God and God's reaction, guidance and answers to man. The words involved in prayer are numerous.

In the O.T. prayer developed in concept from primitive forms of bargaining with God (Gen. 28:20-22), conversations with God (Gen. 3:8-19) to asking for guidance (Exo. 9:22-23) and reflective meditation (Jer.) and liturgy (Psalms). The prophets strongly developed the concept of prayer as more than ceremony. It involved sincerity and moral acceptability (Amos 4:4-5, Isa. 1:1-11, Hos. 6:6, Mich. 6:6-8).

Prayer involved recollection of God's acts in history (Deut. 4:9, 32-9, 7:18-19). Prayer was used as meditation by Jeremiah to consider the situation aloud with God (Jer. 10:23-4, 11:18-20). Prayer was also used as a liturgy of praise (Psalms 17, 86, 90, 102 etc). Isa. 6 gives an individual experience of prayer.

In the N.T. the commonest words for prayer all refer to asking God.

In gospels Jesus prays at every key event in his life, before and after great decisions, in moments prior to sleep and in the early morning quiet. He would also have prayed at the table in the home, at sun-up and sundown, in the synagogue and at the Passover as was required. A number of parables concern prayer (Luke 18) and the Lord's Prayer was given as a guide for his disciples (Matt. 6:9-13).

All Paul's letters reflect his prayers for the recipients both at the beginning and end and in many throughout. Thanksgiving and petitions are numerous (Rom. 15:5-6, Phil. 1:9-11, Col. 1:9-12). Hebrews develops the concept that prayer is the drawing near to God through Christ. By our faith we approach with confidence. (Hebs. 10).

## PRAYER

### DICTIONARY.

Prayer is a form of communication between God and man usually by man voicing his concerns to God.

### FOR TODAY.

Most people must sweat before they pray. Desperation drives them to their knees. "All is lost! To prayers!" (The Tempest. Scene 1). In time of desperation many have found prayer a sustaining power. Harry Fosdick's "The Meaning of Prayer" grew out of an emotional collapse that led to the discovery of the power available. However, it is sensible to learn to pray before the storm.

God uses our resources to answer our prayers. The offered bread and fish of the small boy provided the basis for a large answer to prayer. Frequently, people pray without offering the resources. Prayer for Missions without gifts attached limits the response to the prayer request. Prayer prior to a gospel service by the very people who should be bringing the unconverted limits the response to the gospel. We must pray and provide.

In the Bible the scene of prayer is everywhere—prayers are offered from persons in storms, in gardens and even in the belly of a great fish! Anywhere is a place to pray and anytime is a good time. One man prays every time his car stops at a red light. One woman every time she washes dishes.

Prayers are always answered. "No" is also an answer. Frequently, we discover that refusal to grant requests asked with good intentions but with limited knowledge is the best answer. God may answer our intention by denying our request. "Wait" is another answer to prayers that are not granted. This prayer will be answered positively but in God's time not ours.

—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.

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

To the Editor,

Just to keep the record straight it should be indicated that the "United Church of Christ" (USA) (see letter from Wilkie Thomson, Vic. A.C. July 28th) came into being as the result of the union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches. The Basis of Union document bears the date 1949 and the Constitution of the United Church of Christ is dated 1960/61.

The United Church of Christ is associated, with eight or so others, in the Consultation on Christian Union, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) being the one of the parties to these negotiations.

Neil Gilmore, Vic.

## "TO GIVE A REASON".

To the Editor,

Ben Crowden's "Lord, What's Happening to Us" (A.C. July 28) would awaken many to acknowledge that we find difficulty in giving others a reason for the hope that is within us.

The Adult Committee of our D.C.E. is available and anxious to help in training

sessions arranged within a church for adult members to learn the skills of understanding and expressing clearly the faith we hold. In addition training sessions can be conducted on a wide field of Christian activities as Understanding Worship, Worship Activities, Sensitivity Training, Discussion Group participation, Presidents and Readers, Review of Activities in the Church, Setting Goals.

Write to the D.C.E. Director, Ray McKenzie, 217 Lonsdale St., Melb. 3000 for further information.

David Allison,  
(Chairman, Adult Committee.)

## GIRLS' BRIGADE

To the Editor,

The Girls' Brigade is a church based youth group, with a programme right for girls, for it is by Australians for Australians and incorporates the latest educational methods and it places faith right in the middle of every activity.

In each State in Australia—The Girls' Brigade is working, this is a positive youth movement on the move with an in-built programme of training.

We are happy to come and talk about our Programme, or for you to share in

some of our activities.

Each State Department of Christian Education would be able to give you the State Councils address, or if you prefer write to: The Girls' Brigade, National Office, 2nd Floor, 9 Albion Place, SYDNEY.

Jan Christie,  
General Secretary.

## TOWARD UNION

To the Editor,

In the light of Western Australian Conference motion regarding withdrawal from the World Council of Churches, we must look again at what is commonly believed among us about the position of churches of Christ and ecumenism, and the principles which brought us into being as a people.

The Christian Church is entrusted with the message of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18-19). But how dare we preach the reconciliation of races, nations, classes, and individuals, while division remains and the Gospel of Reconciliation is denied in the very lives of those proclaiming it? The 'sad', 'accursed', 'unnatural and anti-Christian' divisions within the Church scandalise it in the eyes of the world just as if, to use the metaphor of E. L. Williams, the members of a temperance society were always drunk.

The Body of Christ, the Church, is essentially one and Christ prayed that it would never fall from this ideal (John 17:21). His prayer implies that the unity of the Church is visible, since its purpose is that the world may be impressed and believe. To believe, it must see manifest unity, not manifest division. The N. T. concept of unity is both spiritual and visible, and it is for this ideal that I believe we as Churches of Christ have always sought.

The World Council of Churches is a fellowship of churches which confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures. It is essential that if our particular witness to the truth as we see it is to be maintained, our involvement in ecumenical encounter through the World Council of Churches be continued and encouraged. If we withdraw, our witness will die a tragic death and we will have become the people who might have been.

Yours sincerely,  
Roy L. Arnold, S.A.

## SUICIDE IN U.S.A.

Suicide is the Number Two cause of deaths among young people (first: accidents). Of the estimated 75,000 persons between 15 and 24 who will attempt suicide this year, about 4,000 are likely to succeed, according to a published study. Researchers cite inability to communicate, loneliness, and pressures at home as chief factors. Fewer than 30 per cent leave notes.

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### THE ANTHROPOLOGIST AND THE MISSIONARY

To the Editor,

My wife and I have always been interested in Aboriginal welfare, so the other night we attended a lecture on the subject by an impressive looking anthropologist. He spent a lot of time talking about how bad the missionaries had been for the Aborigines, in leading them away from tribal traditions and folk ways, and in getting to dress in white man's cast-offs, and in "brain washing" them with an alien religious culture. He made it so clear that missionaries were the villains of the piece that I almost looked under the bed before retiring, lest a missionary be there to do me harm in the night.

But I lay awake reflecting. I wondered who but the missionary with all his faults and old-fashioned ways amongst Australian whites, in the last hundred years, has alone forgotten race and colour and gone to the Aborigines as brothers. I asked myself what political opportunists and "band-wagoners" were doing for Aborigines before they became political capital, or something to demonstrate to the "establishment" about. And I wondered how much interest anthropologists would take in Aborigines if they didn't provide them with the means to get university degrees and fascinating outdoor research jobs.

I began to wonder, if you could measure love with some sort of machine, how the anthropologists would make out alongside the missionaries. With all that I began to fall asleep, but not before looking under the bed in case there was an anthropologist there!

TERTIUS.



Neil Gilmore

## NEIL GILMORE: PRESIDENT, AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

the ministry of Christ in reconciling the world.

When an interviewer from Channel O asked what new moves he would like the Council to make, Neil Gilmore's reply was typical — short and to the point. Initiatives were needed in the field of witness, he said — that is in evangelism. He sees that as fundamental to the ministry of reconciliation.

Those who have worked closely with him know that he will bring positive but balanced leadership to the Council. He will be broad in his appreciation of others, but he will be firm in his insistence that all must stand under the lordship of Christ. His deep concern for sound Biblical scholarship will continue to cause him to call for facing differences realistically. That will help all churches to consider again the witness of the Scriptures.

He will value your prayers for this important task to which God has called him at this time.

Neil Gilmore, B.A., B.D., minister of our Brighton church in Victoria, was elected as President of the Australian Council of Churches at the General Meeting of the Council on August 10-14th. This is the first time that the president has been a member of Churches of Christ.

Mr. Gilmore succeeds Bishop David Garnsey, of Gippsland, and will hold office until the next General Meeting of the Council in February 1975. Then he will be eligible for re-election for a further term.

Neil Gilmore's personal involvement through the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches with Christians in Africa and Asia has led him to plead strongly for justice, especially for those oppressed by racial discrimination. But the motivation is the conviction that this is an essential part of

• VIC./TAS. D.C.E.

## TRAINING, PROJECT, FESTIVALS

Training Sessions for key young people and adult counsellors have been held in three regional areas. Subjects included. EVANGELISM; PROGRAMMING, SENSITIVITY TRAINING, SIMULATION GAMES. Guest leaders were Julie Rogers (C.O.B.), Richard Lawton and Peter Burden.

The Director and Field Officer have conducted Training Sessions for a group of Blackburn and East Kew Young People on Coffee Shop Evangelism.

S. Waghmode and G. Ball have visited many C.Y.F. groups to show the Department Audio-Visual and to talk about the Service Project.

Good Companions Festivals of Arts & Crafts Expo '73 were held in 6 areas and were well supported by clubs and parents. The standard of cooking, craft and poster entries, choirs, poems, etc. were of a high order. Girls are busy raising money for the Service Project at present.

### WORLD VISION GETS A MILLION

World Vision of Australia has received over one million dollars for childcare and emergency relief in the first ten months of its financial year.

The Executive Director of World Vision, Graeme Irvine, has described the result as an opportunity to praise God. "When people are changed by the living Christ, they start looking beyond their own needs to the needs of others," he said. "The Australian office has only been open seven years. Our ministry is a channel between those in need and those who want to help. It appeals to a wide cross-section of the community, but it's mostly committed Christians who support World Vision."

World Vision became a modern-day pioneer of evangelical social action when it began during the Korean war. It now operates in 30 countries with programs of emergency relief, evangelism, leadership training and childcare.

"We have two main methods of getting the job done," Mr. Irvine said. "World Vision either co-operates with evangelical missions in the countries of need, or works directly through the national church."

—EPS

## A JOYFUL KIRCHENTAG

The 15th German Kirchentag — the joyful Kirchentag — drew to a close on July 1 at Dusseldorf with a service attended by 25,000 people. Among them were representatives of the Protestant churches, the Roman Catholic Church and figures prominent in public life, including President Gustav Heinemann of the Federal Republic of Germany. Having given one of the major addresses at the first Kirchentag in 1949, he this year participated in the working group on "Living Ecumenically".

Dr. Philip A. Potter, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, spoke at the closing service. Recalling that the Kirchentag had always been ecumenical in orientation and programme, bringing the Gospel to the whole man in the whole world, he welcomed the theme of this year's gathering—"Not by Bread Alone".

The ecumenical leader saw the theme as a call to repentance, to a new type of thinking in which God and world, cross and resurrection, bread and Word would no longer be torn apart. "In this repentance begins the new quality of life

that everybody talks about today", he said.

"We are brothers of Him who described himself as the bread of life", Dr. Potter stated. The daily bread of his human brothers was for Jesus as central as the bread of communion with God—the Word of God, he said. The two belong together because one is rooted in the other.

The Word that God utters is the power that creates and sustains our common life. It works righteousness and justice among us. Therefore it is the Word of God which creates community and fellowship.

"We are still far from a world community in justice", he said. Christianity can, however, contribute to it if Christians become able to incarnate the Word of God as justice happening in community. Christians who live out of their brotherhood with Jesus Christ search for brotherhood with all men by struggling for justice for all.

## THE TRUST SAYS:

# "Keep that Church"

Collingwood Church of Christ is 105 years old.

To mark its birthday, the National Trust has ordered that the church be preserved.

The church, in Stanton Street, is considered essential to the heritage of Australia and must be looked after, the Trust said.

The minister, Steve Downie, said it was a heartening decision by the Trust to preserve what was one of the few remaining landmarks in Collingwood.

"I am proud and delighted to know that such interest has been shown in our building, although it is against my better judgement to say so.

"I believe that a church is not just a building but is the people who worship in it," he said.

Miss E. M. Darke, from the Trust, said that the building was described as a "strongly expressed design in stucco pediment motive supported and flanked by Corinthian columns and pilasters."

The church was designed by J. Rankine in 1869, and is a scaled down replica of Spurgeon's tabernacle in England.

Spurgeon was a famous Baptist

preacher of the 19th century.

"His Church seated 3000, ours has the capacity for 450."

### Work

Mr. Downie attributes the excellent state of preservation of the church to the hard work of handymen in the congregation.

The convener of the Collingwood Residents' Association's historic buildings committee, Raphael Byron, said that he was pleased to see The Trust's interest in the Collingwood area.

The church celebrated the anniversary with a combined church service, with congregations from the Abbotsford Baptist, the Rumanian Baptist, the North Fitzroy Church of Christ, the Noone St. Mission in Clifton Hill, and the Palmer St. Mission in Fitzroy joining the Collingwood group.

## HOSEA COMES HOME

The Oakleigh C of C "Hosea Group" have returned safely from their successful season as guests of the combined Churches of Launceston.

Their venture in faith, stimulated by hard work by the cast and a wonderfully responsive audience ensured that for some time Launceston streets will sound to be tunes and message that is "Hosea."

The message of love that "Hosea" presents has grown like love itself; the spark that was nurtured in Melbourne and carried as a torch to Launceston has lit the fire prepared by the wonderful people of that city.

Denominational institutes united to provide homes, creeds became works, Presbyterian, Baptist, Church of Christ rubbed Christian shoulders together in a spirit of co-operation, self denial and dedication that made every visitor feel he was one of a very large "Family of God."

The good will and fellowship generated within the cast has provided a very firm foundation from which it is hoped further productions will emanate.

## Watergate Sermon

Did President Nixon take personally the sermon he heard last Easter? Watergate-conditioned reporters asked the man who preached it: Pastor John A. Huffman Jr., of Florida's Key Biscayne Presbyterian Church.

With the Nixon family in the congregation, Huffman delivered a "tough talk" on sin and the need for transformation, basing it on a study of Festus and Agrippa during the trial of Paul.

People hesitate to change, he declared at one point, because it hurts and may be embarrassing. "You'll notice the business dealings you'll have to stay out of. There'll be some friendships you have to

break off. And there'll be some courageous statements that are going to be tough to make, to your friends, to your enemies, and to the society around you."

The President appeared attentive throughout the sermon and afterwards shook hands with Huffman before departing for the Bahamas.

Did the sermon have any connection with the Watergate mess at the White House? "You can draw any implication you want to," Huffman, an evangelical, told reporters. "Whatever the President wishes to make of it was between him and the Lord."

—Christianity Today.

## JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

### WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

From the beginning the Jewish people kept sheep and the disciples of Jesus must have seen shepherds hundreds of times. They would have known the 23rd Psalm as well as we do, so it was expected that Jesus would tell them a story about shepherds. One shepherd, said Jesus, had a hundred sheep. He may have known each one by name. In any case, he knew exactly how many he had, and when he found that one was missing he—What happened next (see page 18).

Always put off until tomorrow what you are going to make a mess of today.

Fat man to skinny man: You look as if there had been a famine.

Skinny to Fatty: You look as if you caused it!

They said I should try frogs' legs  
Because they taste like chicken.  
And now I can't eat chicken  
Because it tastes like frogs' legs.

### What Is a Teacher?

"A teacher is an educated person who is to help other people. She does not go to school for her own good."—JEROME BENZ, age 12.



"A human being with \$5 has to be with you."

o SHEPPARTON, VIC.

## Faith for Life Campaign

The Faith for Life campaign was launched in March at a family tea, followed by a series of special meetings designed to create and strengthen contacts with non-members. Activities were arranged for women, men and young people.

In June and July casual house meetings were held. Over 100 attended each series. 33 contacts participated at this level, averaging 22 each week. The assistance of Barry Jenkins in these was greatly appreciated.

Gordon Stirling spoke at the final meetings, to the ladies, men and young people at separate, informal gatherings and on the final Sunday addressed both

well-attended services. Three decisions were made public that day.

Members have accepted the challenges brought by the campaign. Special youth service and after-church coffee-shops will be held every five weeks. Auxiliary leaders have also accepted the responsibility of maintaining and strengthening contacts.

### MEET RENNIES MILL

Friends of the Rennies Mill Student Aid Project and others interested are invited to meet Mr. and Mrs. David Taylor personally at a reception to be held at TAY CREGGAN, 30 Yarra Street, Hawthorn, Vic., on September 9, 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Afternoon tea will be served.

OFF TO KENYA (Ascot Park, C.L. Smith). On Aug. 5 Miss Diane McKenzie, a graduate of A.B.I., was guest speaker. She left for Kenya on the 14th with the African Inland Mission. There was also a baptismal service when Mrs. S. Calaby was baptised . . . Mr. & Mrs. Pearce of Warrnambool were visitors, they are the parents of Mrs. Hill, recently received in from Murray Bridge . . . E. W. Heard spoke recently in the interests of the D.C.E.

1000 HOMES VISITED (Georgetown, N. Proellocks). Fifteen pairs of doorknockers made two visits to 1000 homes in Georgetown in a Scripture distribution campaign of excellent material prepared by the Bible Society from Good News for Modern Man. Good contacts were made and new B.S. scholars gained . . . Plans are in hand to extend the visitation to adjoining areas . . . Lloyd Thom, graduating from Woolwich College, commences ministry with us in February.

## BOOK REVIEW

The Strange Silence of the Bible in the Church

By James D. Smart, S.C.M. \$2.95.

From my observations as a pastor this book focuses upon a problem that really exists within the churches—the fact that the regular neglect of the Bible by the members of our churches has reached epidemic proportions. Smart sees the problem as arising from several causes; the attitude of Liberal Christianity which ought to excise from scripture all that it found disagreeable and therefore left a Bible that was largely irrelevant; the attitude of a Fundamentalist Christianity that has buried its head in the sand from all recent scholarship and research and has left it a book of the past no longer grappling with the real life of the present; and the attitude of historical critical scholarship that has failed to bring out the theological message of scripture.

Smart suggests that rather than look for the authority of scripture in an infallible book or an infallible church its authority will be revealed when its message is expounded and understood. He goes on to point to the way that the scriptures can be interpreted. Ministers need no longer hide from their congregations the results of recent scholarship, they must use it and at the same time concentrate on the work of interpreting the message for today.

It seems to me that this is an important book for college lecturer, minister and layman pointing the way forward to the reinstating of the Bible in its rightful place in the life of the Church.

—Don. E. Stewart.

THE CHURCH BEFORE THE WATCHING WORLD, Francis A. Schaeffer (I.V.P., 90c, 94pp. paperback).

THE TASTE OF NEW WINE, Keith Miller (Word, \$1.55, 127pp. paperback).

Having heard so much about Francis Schaeffer, this reviewer was keen to read him. High motivation.

Having read this book the only motivation left is to see if the others can be that bad.

Perhaps it was a bad one to start with. In it Schaeffer concentrates on the question of the doctrinal purity of the church. He assumes the widespread presence of doctrinal impurity, throughout the world.

The result is a highly judgmental book slamming the modern church for its "spiritual adultery" and "apostasy." Sure, the church is not perfect. But even surer is the need to be positive and constructive, and to head our Lord's dictum, "Do not judge . . ."

The one saving feature is that Schaeffer pleads that we love our straying brothers.

Keith Miller's book is everything that Schaeffer's isn't. This ex-oil company executive simply and humbly traces his own spiritual development.

He directs the book to people who do not know how to pray, how to witness to others about Christ without being embarrassed, how to communicate with their families, and how to live as Christians in their jobs and social lives.

He writes out of his own struggle, and out of some years of working with lay people in small groups and discovering their inmost needs.

"The Taste of New Wine" is a first-class book, recommended for anyone who is keen to have a satisfying relationship with God and with people.

—R.W.L.

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"My husband's beginning to show signs of interest—last week he commented on your nice parking facilities!"

# VIC. CHURCH CENTRE FOR AUCTION

The Victoria-Tasmania Conference office building at 217 Lonsdale St., Melbourne, and property at the side and rear, will be sold at auction on the premises, on September 12, 1973 3 p.m.

Louis A. Sallman and Co. are the auctioneers, and an attractive brochure has been prepared giving details of the property and terms of purchase.

Alternative accommodation for use as a Brotherhood Centre, has been purchased. It is Peters House, 52 Latrobe St. A special committee has been appointed to ensure the most effective use of office space in the new building.

## "REACH OUT—'73"

Melbourne's Northern Suburbs Churches shared in a combined evangelistic effort as part of the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism. Centenary celebration. A committee, represented nine churches with G. J. Crossman and M. R. Lee as Chairman and Secretary.

G. R. Stirling, College of the Bible Vice-Principal was guest speaker and the theme was "Future Shock and The Family."

The day before "REACH OUT—'73" was due to commence, June 20, saw the imposition of heavy power restrictions, which forced the cancellation of the planned program at the Northland Community Centre.

"REACH OUT—'73" then took place on July 26-29.

Gordon Stirling led the four sessions. Ladies' Night looked at "The Wife and Marriage Today;" Youth Night centred on "Future Shock;" A Men's Breakfast (in the Croxton Methodist Hall) considered "Family Man—1993." The final meeting was a Sunday 5 p.m. Family Service on the theme of "Smoothies and Wrinklies."

Aggregate attendance was close on 1,000 for the four sessions. Numerous people assisted with musical talent; others shared in stimulating conversation of their faith.

Seventeen people made responses indicating desire to give their life to Christ; interest in Church membership; or seeking assistance with their faith.



## Dr. Paul White launches World Vision Cambodia appeal

Dr. Paul White, internationally known as the Jungle Doctor, has launched an appeal to meet a medical crisis amongst Cambodian refugees.

Dr. White said, "Cambodia has a medical emergency. Australia has one doctor for every 800 people. Cambodia—one for every 20,000.

"Men and women and children, particularly refugees, are suffering and dying hopelessly—for no other reason than that there are tragically few doctors and pathetically few hospital beds and facilities," he said.

Dr. White said, "World Vision is to send a team of doctors and nurses to provide urgent medical services to refugees. These dedicated Australians must work with speed and skill. That's why the help of the Christian public is needed now."

"Let us help the people of Cambodia in a united act of compassion," he said.

### 1. REFUGEE RELIEF

Direct distribution of the most urgently needed commodities.

### 2. RESETTLEMENT

Refugees will be housed in planned village-type centres rather than makeshift camps.

### 3. REFUGEE SCHOOLS

Four primary schools will be built and a fifth remodelled. One thousand children will be introduced into our sponsorship program and be given the chance of an education.

### 4. EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

A 200-bed hospital will be installed. All the equipment and furnishings for this hospital are already in hand.

Mr. Irvine said, "Australia is playing a special part by providing a medical team to work among the most needy refugees."

Dr. James Sinclair of Melbourne is helping to form and prepare the team. He draws on wide experience, after serving with two Australian surgical teams in Vietnam.

BLACKWOOD HYMNS  
(S.A.) A.B.C. radio "Community Hymn Singing" on Sept. 2, comes from Blackwood church, S.A. All states, A.B.C. Radio 2.

### HOME MISSIONS CENTENARY DEPUTATIONS

At the beginning of August over seventy deputation visits had been arranged by the Vic.-Tas. Department of Home Missions and Evangelism. The current rate of request is meaning an active programme of speaking for most Department members. Churches all over Victoria have sought speakers and every request to date has been met.

Other churches yet to plan a visit are invited to do so at the earliest possible date so that all visits can be completed by early December.

## THINGS TO COME

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

#### AUGUST

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

### VICTORIA

#### AUGUST

1-24 Boys' Explorers' Knowledge Programme.

25 F.O.Y.A. (D.C.E.)

25-Sept. 8 D.C.E. Boys' Camp and Form 1 & 2 Co-ed, Camps.

#### SEPTEMBER

16 State C.E. Junior Rally

23 - Oct. 23 D.C.E. Explorers' Worship Activities.

26 D.C.E. Engaged Couples Course - Brotherhood Centre.

(October 3, 10, 17. Engaged Couples Course - Brotherhood Centre.)

28-30 C.W.F. Camp Monbulk.

29 F.O.Y.A. (D.C.E.)

30-Oct. 7 Ministry Week

### NEW SOUTH WALES

#### AUGUST

20-23 Ministers' Refresher Course, Blue Gum Lodge

#### SEPTEMBER

2 Fathers' Day

4 3rd Term begins, NSW Bible College

7 Closing Date, Aborigines Missions Christmas Boxes

15 Boys' Home Fete, "Dunmore", Pendle Hill

21-23 CWF Camp, Stanwell Tops

28-Oct 1 Senior High Camp, Stanwell Tops

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

#### Secretaries

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# DAVID WHITE JOINS SCRIPTURE UNION

David White, minister of the Maidstone, Vic. Church of Christ, for the past seven years, will join the Scripture Union staff early in 1974 as the Children's Work Officer.

The Children's Special Service Mission, which is a part of Scripture Union's ministry, began in 1867, with the aim of creating "a happy informal service in which the friendship of Jesus Christ seemed real, desirable and attainable."

The presentation of Jesus as the Perfect Friend of children is set today against a backdrop of mass media communication which is aimed at adults but seen by children, and in a society where the educational expression of



children is often superior to their parents, and where there are broken homes causing rejection and insecurity. Added to this, the effectiveness of the Sunday School is under a cloud in the minds of many Christian Educationists and is reaching fewer and fewer every year.

David White will bring to his task energy, creativity, and an overwhelming concern for boys and girls. Mr. and Mrs. White have two daughters, Rebecca and Joanna.

Scripture Union's new venture include a big new camp development at Lake Victoria, and a Training Unit under the direction of the Rev. Peter Corney.

**LAP-A-THON** (Devonport, E. W. Taylor). Boys from B.B. went to Latrobe to join in bicycle "lap-a-thon" to raise money for their Companies. . . . Guest speakers have been R. Harvey (Brazil), R. Nicholas (Gideon's International); and Mr. McKeown (Leprosy Mission) . . . A drug film was shown on July 8 . . . At B.B. church parade, the film "Clockmaker's Secret" was screened . . . Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Bannon Sr., in the death of her sister, and to Peter and Marlene Bellchamber, of Ivory Coast, in the accidental death of their baby son . . . Wednesday night Bible Study is held in members' homes.

**"YUKANA" AT WESLEY** (Bayswater, A. Fletcher). The "Yukana Singers" had the privilege of singing at Wesley Church P.S.A. . . . Good Companions were Zone winners at the Eastern District Art Festival for exhibits of pottery, poster work, craft, cooking, and poetry and choral items. The choir consisted of 25 children between the ages of 7 and 11 . . . Three families came with their children to take part in a dedication service.

**FAMILY SERVICE** (Albany, K. Ewers-Verge). 130 attended the Family Service on Aug. 5 in the Ambulance Hall, with the S.S. taking part . . . Two men's teas have been held. Fletcher Broad, Town Clerk of Albany, and Merv. Turner were speakers. The film "Time and Eternity" was screened following last men's tea . . . The C.W.F. are helping to clothe a child at Norseman Mission. . . . The clubs are successfully including the Mini-Minors, a young adult group started recently.

**THE GOOD SEED** (Prospect, R. Sercombe). Prospect churches are combining to deliver printed messages to every home in the district. This will be followed by personal visits and the distribution of gospels and scripture portions. Four training sessions will be held for visitors . . . G. Bonney was elected as elder; K. Dix, as secretary; and Miss D. Woods as treasurer, at the annual meeting. The morning service was in the hands of our Conference President, Dr. Thornley Thomas . . . At the Girls' Netball church parade, Miss Leonie Burton, State Team representative, sang . . . Mrs. Liz. Burton is in Queen Victoria Hosp., Mr. Rebbeck Sr., at Royal Adelaide Hosp., and P. Britton is home from Daws Rd. Hosp. Mrs. M. Sharpe and Mrs. J. McBride are recovering . . . Mrs. Wainwright has celebrated her 84th birthday.

**WOMEN SERVING** (Ivanhoe, J. H. McCormick). At a recent board meeting it was decided to invite women of the church to indicate their willingness to assist at the morning service . . . Our effort in the recent Austin Hospital Doorknock was \$244 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Russell Clinton are back after journeying through the Simpson Desert and visiting missions in the heart of Australia.

**RUGS FOR KOREA** (Thornbury, G. J. Crossman) C.W.E.F. have completed four colourful rugs of woollen squares for the Geon Children's Homes in Korea . . . 60 ladies attended C.W.A.F. Birthday Luncheon. Miss Turnbull of Missions to Seamen was guest speaker . . . After-church Singalongs are held monthly.

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## CHAPLAIN

A Chaplain is required for Swinburne College of Technology, Hawthorn, Victoria, commencing 1974. Swinburne is a tertiary institution and is a constituent College of the Victoria Institute of Colleges.

Intending applicants are requested to write to:

**Secretary of the Chaplaincy  
Committee,**

8/45 Evansdale Road, Hawthorn, Victoria,  
3122,

for a schedule of duties and full details regarding the appointment.

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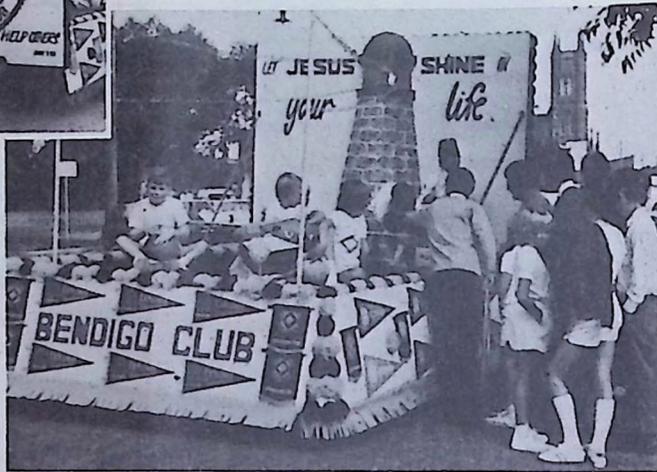
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# FINE RECORD

## Bendigo Boys' Explorers



Since commencing leadership of the club in June 1965, after a two year break in activities the club has won 16 banners, 20 pennants, and 5 championship flags. Some of these were displayed on the float along with the clubs activities represented. The newly formed midget group sat on the float and in the kayak with seniors and juniors walking alongside.

Let Jesus Shine In Your Life was the theme, emphasised by a flashing beam from a lighthouse and the front panel displayed the Explorer emblem made from yellow and blue paper flowers. The Clubs own printed T-shirts and explorer

uniform were worn by the boys. The club was placed 3rd as best illuminated float in the torchlight procession on Easter Tuesday evening.

Although small in number, with an average of 20 attending Friday nights in the 3 age groups, midgets at 6 p.m. led by Trevor Lacy, and juniors and seniors at 7 p.m. lead by Ian Lacy and Trevor Keatch, the club has an impressive record.

We are proud to have won for the last five years in succession the Will. F. Newham memorial championship cup for the best all round country and interstate club. We have enjoyed this success

through the involvement in the programme as set out each year by the Explorer executive and D.C.E. Attending D.C.E. camps, conducting our own camp at Axedale, and overnight "Bike Hike," taking part in Boys Sunday and worship activities, and knowledge and worship projects as well as indoor, outdoor and swimming sports, have gained the championship points. Club programming is also taken into account along with regular church parades.

A club does not have to be big to achieve "big things" in the Explorer programme. It is hoped that reading this report will encourage others to involve themselves in the vital work for boys in our churches. The D.C.E. can supply information on the many leadership training programmes available to those interested.

### ASIA PACIFIC BIBLE APPOINTMENT

The United Bible Societies has announced the appointment of Roy Gwyther-Jones, a former West Australian missionary, as its first Regional Consultant for Literacy in the Asia-Pacific region.

The U.B.S.—which represents the world's 56 associated Bible Societies—has established this "key" post as the first of a number of such positions.

Mr. Gwyther-Jones will be based in Singapore, but will travel from there throughout Asia and the Pacific.

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By  
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Willis



Left to right: (In London) Morris Munyard, S.A.; Shirley and Richard Pearce, Qld.; Alex. Surtees, Qld.; Doug Willis, Qld.

Six Australians visited England to preach the gospel. Two teams were organised to conduct five two-week and two one-week crusades, with seven churches of our British brotherhood. Churches in Great Britain.

Of the 93 reporting to the conference, only seven have a regular communion attendance of more than 50 people. Average attendance throughout England is 23. The largest has an average of 90. There are very few teenagers and young marrieds. There are only about 20 ministers serving local congregations and circuits. In the past three years, seven churches have closed down. During the past year, 70 of the churches reported no additions by baptism.

## The Team.

The first team consisted of Alex Surtees of Sth. Qld., accompanied by his wife, Mavis, and song leader Morris Munyard, of S.A. The second team consisted of Doug Willis of Nth. Qld. and musical team Richard and Shirley Pearce of Qld. During the last three weeks both teams were assisted by the singing Rostvit Twins of America.

## The Results.

The response to the meetings was most encouraging. Non-church members were present at practically every service. A number of counselling interviews were

conducted and hundreds of homes were visited during the day. On some of these visits we had opportunity to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

The Crusade at Tunbridge Wells resulted in the baptism of one teenager and four adults. Several also made the Good Confession at Nelson and Ulverston, and one teenager at Kirkby. There were five confessions of faith and one other request for baptism. Of the five, two were daughters of an Anglican clergyman. This resulted in sharing convictions on the New Testament teaching with the local Vicar, who finally agreed not to prevent their baptism. These were some of the immediate and visible results.

One of the great blessings of the crusades was the uplift and encouragement to the churches involved in the meetings and nearby congregations who supported them. The value of an intensive Gospel campaign is immeasurable.

## The Future.

Is there anything we can do to help? Five British churches have already requested similar, but longer crusades next year. Several American evangelists are ready and willing to go.

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## NEW SOUTH WALES

### AUGUST CAMPS

The N.S.W. Dept. of Christian Education, led by Director, Ron Kallmier, will hold a Junior High Camp, at Stanwell Tops Camp, Aug. 24-31.

### VISITORS AT WOOLWICH

Recent visitors at the Bible College at Woolwich have been Keith Napper, Borneo Evangelical Mission; R. Patfield, European Christian Mission; and Dr. and Mrs. David Grubbs and family, en-route to furlough in U.S.A. from the Christian Churches Mission, Mashoko, Rhodesia, in the United States of America.

### INDONESIA

Noel Flint, former minister of the congregation at North Sydney, who went to Indonesia on an exploratory ministry told of his experiences to The N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal at Burwood on July 23.

### HAMILTON'S 50TH

The church at Hamilton, N.S.W. will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on Sept. 21 and Sept. 23, when former minister, W. D. Howard, now at Taree, will be the guest preacher.

### ENMORE

God is certainly working at the Church For All Nations, at Enmore, N.S.W. where Roy Dixon is serving. 8 confessions of faith have been reported in recent weeks and S.S. attendances have reached 104.

### HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES

The Lord Mayor of Melbourne, A. D. Whalley, has written appealing for help in promoting Hospitals' and Charities' Sunday, October 28, 1973.

This is the 100th appeal since it was started in 1873 by the then Mayor of Melbourne. Over the years our churches have given very strong support for this appeal but in recent years there has been a lessening of interest and giving.

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Conference arranged a service of recognition for 18 primary school teachers and workers. These former Conference employees were transferred to the Government Zilla Parishad when the Conference handed over to the Government the Dhorja Primary School in July 1970 and the Baramati Primary School in August 1971. Between them these teachers had provided a total of 240 years of service and witness in the service of the Mission and Conference.

Miss Sarazabai Jadhav, who had also served as a Bible Woman and worked in the Office of the Bible Correspondence Course from its inception had given the longest service 25 years. Two others M. K. Jadhav, and C.C. Daruwalla had each given 24 years of service.

On behalf of the Conference, Hariba Waghmode, Conference Secretary, spoke in appreciation of the services of these workers. Ray Veal, Conference Chairman,

made a presentation to each teacher in proportion to years of service. (Approx. \$5.00 per year for each year of service for a married man and \$2.50 for a single teacher.) This presentation was made possible by a special gift from the Overseas Mission Board of \$550 added to the rent received from the Government for the use of the old Baramati Primary School buildings during the past two years (\$450)

M. K. Jadhav (Baramati) and S. B. Randive (Dhorja) responded on behalf of the teachers of the two schools expressing their thankfulness to the Mission for the gift which would be so useful in these days of such high prices due to the famine. They added that although they were no longer in Conference employment they still maintained their Christian witness in the schools. Continued prayer support of all in this their new area of employment would be valued greatly.

So an era is passing. Instead of "Mission-Conference" Schools, there are "Government" Schools. But the witness for Christ goes on.

(One Major factor causing the Policy Decision whereby the Dhorja and Baramati Primary Schools were handed over to the Government was that in the past 10 years the salary scales payable to teachers has risen over 300%. Thus it was felt that with increasing Governmental responsibility in this area, the finance could be more effectively used by the Mission in other areas of outreach.)

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## OBITUARY

**LEY, MARGARET ELIZABETH**

The church at Maryborough, Vic., was saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Ley on June 20, aged 85. Born in Ballarat she married the late Joe Ley in Bendigo in 1918. She made her decision in Maryborough during S. Russell Baker's ministry and served the church well in the ensuing years. For 35 years she attended to the Lord's Table. Her hospitality, was well known, and she was faithful in all avenues of service. The minister, Ian Adams, and elder, F. Drake, conducted the funeral service and paid tribute. Sympathy is extended to her daughters, Joyce (Mrs. Coleman of Brisbane) and Mavis (Mrs. Green of Melbourne) who was in England when her mother died.

**MILLER, ALMA**

Alma Miller died in Box Hill Hospital on July 17. With her passing went a lady who had lived all her life in Doncaster and who as a girl had given her life to Christ in the church of which her parents were pioneer members. She was the youngest daughter of George and Ellen Petty and was born on August 11, 1893. It was only to be expected that the church at Doncaster would become a very important and precious part of her life. In 1919 she married Albert Miller and to them were born Vera, Margaret, Gwenda and Ross. Alma Miller will be remembered by many people for her singing, first as a soloist and then as a member of the "Petty Quartette". For her, the garden was a real love and her floral arrangements over many years at RSL and Church functions were a truly gifted expression of this love. Her generous spirit meant that her garden was always a source of supply for people needing blooms. Over recent years she had not been well and since major surgery early in 1972 was confined to her home. Her husband and family were tireless in their love and care during this very trying period. Although unable to go to church she was always a delight to visit and never happier than when she was talking about the story of the church. The congregation at her funeral service was an indication of the high regard in which she was held and the extent of her large circle of friends. We rejoice with her loved ones in the victory that is hers and the quality of the life she lived.

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**CLOTHING FOR GIRL** (Footscray, F. B. Alcorn). Ladies provided clothing for a 5-year-old girl at Norseman, also a parcel of linen . . . Youth group conducted an evening meeting at Emmaus . . . Several prayer and sharing groups have been formed following Lay Witness mission . . . Meetings at Hoopers Crossing are encouraging. (See advert this issue) . . . Mom Carter of Sunshine was recent speaker . . . Mrs. Bryant and Mrs. Raybould were recently baptised . . . The sympathy of the church is extended to the family of the late Mrs. Norton.

**MINISTER RESUMES** (Dandenong, C. E. Watson). Mr. Watson has resumed ministry after illness. Speakers assisting have been Ben Crowden, A. G. Mathieson, Ray Patterson, Special guests were Mrs. Webberly, a member of the orthodox Jewish Community, who spoke on Jew-Arab relationships and A. R. Pigdon, speaker at Youth Tea on July 29 . . . Almost \$300 has been raised in six weeks for Indian Famine Relief. . . . The C.Y.F. held a Family Social dance . . . Kelvin Hazlett has been elected church treasurer . . . C.W.A.F. 46th Birthday had Rev. Alex Kenworthy as guest speaker. Mrs. G. Stirling led the devotions. . . . The C.W.E.F. gained a victory when they challenged the men to a Sports' Night . . . Six young people made decisions for Christ at a combined S.S. meeting with A. R. Pigdon as speaker . . . Sympathy of the church is extended to Pat Paule on the death of her father.

**NEW GUINEA TEACHER** (Coburg, E. Morrison). Jennifer Aldred has left for several weeks teaching round in New Guinea . . . July stewardship services culminated in Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving offerings included \$55 for India and Mali Famine Appeal, and \$33 to Overseas Missions services . . . Members participated in "Reach Out '73" with Northern Suburbs churches . . . A parent dedication service was held for Maureen and Harry Jenkins and their son, Michael . . . Mr. Morrison is conducting the

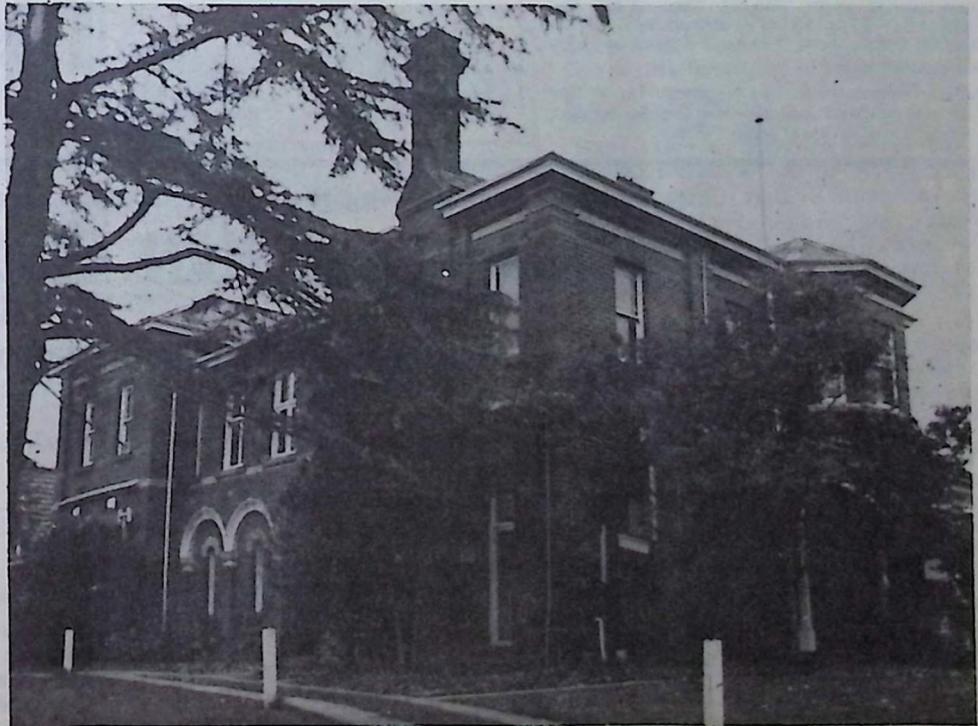
Elderly Citizens Fellowship at Brunswick church. One July evening service featured Elderly Citizens . . .

**WINTER AT 4.30** (Nth. Fitzroy, Mr. and Mrs. G. Nelson). July and August services were held at 4.30. Seating was in informal semi-circle, Coffee and biscuits were served at close of service. Guest speakers were H. Weedon, O/Seas Missions, K. Turtmann, school chaplain, Miss P. Bowers, Girls' Sunday, P. Burnham and a singing group from Richmond . . . "Youth Yac" for young people meets fortnightly . . . C.W.F. held afternoon for Aboriginal Missions. Mrs. G. Stirling was speaker. Sale of gifts raised \$92.

**CHANGE OF SERVICE** (Boronia, D. R. Olafsen). Mr. Olafsen has requested release from his ministry with the church to serve as school Chaplain . . . Members shared in segments of a Family Service and tea . . . Young Marrieds held a mini-film festival . . . Players and parents of our seven netball teams held a pie and film night . . . C.W.F. visited the Christian Guest Home . . . 5th Sunday combined service was held at the Methodist church . . . "Focus on the Real Australian" was the theme when Sir Douglas Nicholls was guest speaker. Neil Ewart showed slides of the Carnarvon Work Party . . . The church school shares occasionally in their morning service as a part of the Christian Life Curriculum.

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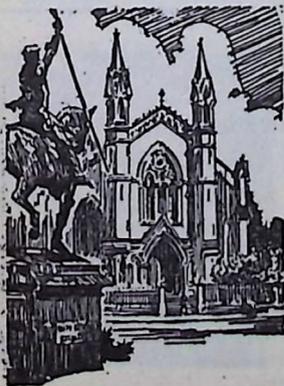
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## NEW SOUTH WALES

**BOY'S HOME HIGHLIGHTED** (Pendle Hill, R. K. Aldred). Dunmore Boy's Home was highlighted during July. Extensive publicity in the local press brought forth considerable financial and practical support from the general community. An interview on 2CH with Tal Smith, Manager of Dunmore, and R. Aldred, Chaplain, resulted in several families offering to take boys for weekends and school holidays. Almost all the boys have now been placed following approaches to individual churches by Mr. Aldred. Church members donated school requisites for use by the high school boys. T.E.V. Bibles were also provided for all the boys. A well-attended evening service, in which members of the Dunmore committee, and a Dunmore choir participated, concluded a successful project on behalf of our Boys' Home.

**BIBLE APPOINTMENT** (Hamilton, D. Craig) Ken Shaw has been appointed

Field Representative for the Bible Society in Aust. . . . Worldwide Evangelistic Crusade members were guests on July 22. Ken Booth, Aust. Secretary, and K. Willis were speakers at the evening special guest service . . . G. Whitnal, Newcastle Representative, Gideons movement, spoke on August 5.



## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### WOMEN OF THE WEST

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

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

Mrs. C. Moignard, floral convener, was welcomed back after hospitalization.

July 17 was set aside for Bible Study. There were two old Testament studies. God as Creator; Amos: Prophet of God; The Pre-eminence of Christ; and Personal Relations in the New Life.

### Prayer and Praise

\* For A. Maston Bell's many years of faithful service as chairman of the Federal Aborigines Mission Board. (Mr Bell has resigned for medical reasons.)

\* For Mr & Mrs Roy Aitken, of Carnarvon church.

\* For new missionaries to Overseas fields, the Zambras, the Humphries, and Marie Henderson.

\* For Dorothy Geyer as she prepares to return to India, and the Ludgaters as they "take up the threads" again.

\* For those responsible for distributing milk and biscuits (2000 each day in India), to small children, nursing and expectant mothers.

D.M. Gordon

**\$1000 TARGET REACHED** (Bunbury, G. B. Carslake) At the church anniversary the Thankoffering target of \$1000 for manse improvements was reached. Des. Nelson, South Perth, was guest speaker . . . July Missionary month with special teas featured Aborigines Missions (D. Butler), Leprosy Mission (H. Short), and Bible Society (T. Booth) . . . Four local members are on a world tour . . . 12 more aged persons' flats will soon open at Elanora Lodge where A. Morris is the new administrator . . . The mid-week group has been using the notes on "The Church Meeting Need" . . . There was a recent baptism . . . A Women's Convention used our premises when Mrs Fewchuk of the Slavic Mission was speaker . . . 21 young people attended "Dinner Down Under" in Perth.

**SCRIPTURES BY AIR** (Bruce Rock/Merredin, D. A. Good) Trevor Booth of the Bible Society visited Bruce Rock and used an Audio-Visual to tell of visiting Northern and Inland Australia by plane distributing scriptures . . . A young lady made her decision and has been baptised . . . Mr. and Mrs. Keith Metcalf, formerly isolated members of Northam, have been welcomed to Merredin. Sanders family about to move to Perth . . . Members went to Mukinbudin for fifth Sunday services D. Thorpe, Bassendean, was speaker.

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## VICTORIA

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

At the August Council meeting the Film "Heritage to Destiny" was shown. 86 delegates were present, representing 40 churches.

Eric Patterson, Conference President, led in devotions. Prayer of Intercession was given by Mrs. Lois Smith.

Registrations for C.W.F. camp to be held in Monbulk, Sept. 28-30, close on Sept. 14.

Next Council—Because of school holidays, next Council will be held on the second Friday—Sept. 14. W.C.W.F. Birthday Service will be presented by the Missionary Committee.

—M.N.

**LOSS AT ESSENDON** (Essendon, C. S. Badcock). We regret the death of Mrs. Jessie Strack, and sincere sympathy goes to George Strack and family. Also sincere sympathy to Mrs. A. Ferguson on the loss of her father . . . Mrs. L. Tryde, Mrs. C. Ferguson, Mrs. G. Sell and Mrs. G. Harrison are convalescing after hospitalisation . . . Prayer meetings each Wednesday evening at church followed by discussion groups . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. Hartney have returned after holidaying in N.Z. and Qld . . . At recent evening service Mrs N. Hutton and Mrs. J. Goldsworthy rendered a duet.

**P.S.A. FOR SENIOR CITIZENS** (Balwyn W. W. Saunders). Mr. Saunders arranged the program, and ladies of the church assisted with the afternoon tea at P.S.A. at the local senior citizens' club, The Balwyn Evergreens . . . The Annual Church Business Meeting on July 29, took new form. The morning service was followed by basket luncheon, with soup, tea and coffee served in the hall. The business meeting commenced at 12.45 p.m. After the business, the gospel service was conducted, concluding at 4 p.m. . . . At the C.W.A.F. meeting on Aug. 1, they welcomed the C.W.F. State President, Mrs. G. Stirling, as speaker . . . On July 11, Laurie Dunn presented the beautiful audio-visual "With Him in the Garden" . . . R. J. Johnston, secretary of the organising committee spoke on July 22 on the eastern district Home Mission Centenary Evangelistic Crusade. Prayer and Bible Study sharing in the coming crusade is held in members' homes.

**LAY WITNESS MISSION** (Wangaratta, A. B. Withers) After much preparation a Lay Witness Mission began on July 20. The team consisted of Trevor Holmes and seven members of the Springvale church. The effort created continuing interest and enthusiasm. With one members of the team included, twelve people re-ommitted themselves to Christ.

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**FUND FOR ORGAN** (Castlemaine, J. Byrnes) A fund has been opened to purchase an electronic organ for the church . . . Geo. Sheen is new B.S. Supt. and Mrs. Cattermole is Cradle Roll Supt. . . . The minister and deaconesses meet once a month to discuss church matters . . . The Y.P. meet regularly at the manse after evening service for "Quiet-In" and there are monthly sing-a-longs in members' homes . . .

**TO COTTESLOE** (Caulfield, K. W. Berston) The church has regretfully received the resignation of Mr. Berston who has accepted an invitation to serve the church at Cottesloe, W.A., early in 1974 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ted Terry were welcomed home after overseas trip . . . S.S. scholars gained 14 first prizes in the Bible Society competition . . . Norm Lynch and Miss Eileen Arnott are recovering from illness.

**ZONE SPORTS SUCCESS**, (Box Hill, K.R. Bond) At Boys' Explorer indoor sports, Midgets came 5th, Juniors and Seniors won Zone pennants. Geoffrey Wigney set new skipping record . . . Recent speakers have been Mrs Wilkie Thomson at C.W.F.; Mr Grainger at Y.P.C.E.; Mrs Josie Weedon and Mrs Barbara Lord at C.W.E.F. . . . A Pantry Tea was held to assist unmarried students at the College of the Bible . . . Senior Explorers held week-end camp at Pheasant Creek . . . Assistance was given at an outing for Emmaus guests . . . Mrs McFarlane Sr. and Sandra Lobbe recovering after hospitalisation, also Mr Duffin after recent operation. Mrs Burns is improving after illness.

**GOD'S SQUAD** (Oakleigh, Dr C. J. McKenzie) On Aug. 12, members of the God Squad shared in gospel service, assisted by the music group "Flock". A coffee hour followed . . . The Good Companions were entertained to tea and shared in the service on Girls' Sunday . . . Miss Pat Walpole has left for England and Mrs McCulloch for Scotland . . . The trip by 54 members of the "Hosea" cast to Launceston was memorable. Nearly 2000 attended the two performances in the Princess Theatre.

**WELCOME TO MIGRANTS** (Ashburton, Owen Clark) The C.W.F. celebrated its birthday by entertaining migrants to lunch . . . The annual business meeting was held after lunch at the church . . . Mr Clark has accepted invitation to minister for a further two years . . . The help of Cheryl Chibnall (C.O.B. student) is appreciated . . . Young marrieds held a progressive dinner as part of pre-regional crusade friendship campaign . . . Square dance raised \$42 and C.W.F. (afternoon) \$22 for Indian Famine Relief, . . . C.W.F. contributed \$52 to World Christian Action at Inter-church Fellowship Day.



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**CHURCH SADDENED** (Cowandilla, E. S. Thomas). The church is saddened because of the death of Keith Russell in a road accident on July 30. His brother, Colin, was critically injured. Sympathy is extended to the Russell family . . . Evening worship on Aug. 5 was around the meal table, R. Ellis, Mrs. V. Symons, and Miss V. McLean gave messages on "What worship means to me." A Bible Society film was screened . . . A new concrete drive-way has been completed by voluntary labor.

**MINISTER PROGRESSING** (Croydon, F. B. Burt) Mr. Burt is making steady progress after two periods in hospital following eye surgery . . . The S.S. Youth 2 group conducted the youth service on July 29. Five young people accepted Christ as Saviour following a moving service.

**MISSIONARY MUSICAL** (Victor Harbor, J. Luff). Missionary spots were features of recent winter series, and the church choir presented a bright missionary musical, "Go ye into all the world." . . . R. Hall is now Supt. of B.S. The B.S. anniversary was held on August 19 . . . Women's Fellowship met at the home of Mrs. N. Gruhl for evening programme . . . The Bible Society held a week of varied meetings . . . Extensions are well under way at the manse.

**JAPANESE AT WAMPOONY** (R. C. Combridge) On July 15, Kazuo Sekine, a Japanese A.B.I. student, spoke of his conversion to Christ at the age of 14 years and concluded his testimony with a solo. Another visitor was Mrs. M. Brunton from Newton Grange church, Edinburgh, Scotland. A sister of Tom Hamilton Sr., she presented the church with a visitors' book . . . At our annual meeting it was decided to raise \$350 for new batteries for the lighting plant at Nasawa Mission, Maewo Island, New Hebrides. John Tabi is now working there as a teacher in the school he once attended. Mr. Combridge was stationed there from 1957-1967 as a missionary . . . G. L. Brown has been sponsored with two other men by the Libyan Government for the F.A.O. for three months to supervise the preparation and sowing of 20,000 hectares of pasture. He will leave in August.

**BACK FROM CANADA** (Brooklyn Park). K. Bruce Marriott was inducted as our minister on July 22. Mr. Marriott has returned to S.A. after 6 years in U.S.A. and Canada . . . At June holiday weekend Youth Camp five Decisions were made . . . Young Wives are running a weekly at home morning discussion group. They are planning a play-group at the church for pre-kindergarten ages . . . Church Board is reviewing its structure and constitution aimed at up-dating to current circumstances . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Webb were farewelled as they moved to Christian Guest Home at Oakleigh, Vic.



## QUEENSLAND

**INTERIM MINISTRIES** (Maryborough/Hervey Bay, V. Boettcher). Stan and Marlene Mitchell concluded their interim ministry on July 29 and are on final deputation work before leaving for Nepal. A special offering of \$268 was made towards their travel expenses, and the church has pledged another \$100 and budgeted for monthly support. Other mission projects include a target of \$700 for a new ablutions block in the New Hebrides and a movie projector for the Eidsvold Aborigines' centre . . . Vic. Boettcher commenced an interim ministry until the arrival of Nigel Merrick in the new year . . . The Tony Thomas Group conducted a youth crusade at both the Maryborough and Hervey Bay churches . . . Youth work has been re-organised into three groups to use C.E. material with greater emphasis on Bible Study and individual training . . . Attendances at Fair Haven Home morning communion average 80 and include parents and children from the Children's Home.

**CHRISTIAN BOOKSTALL** (Southport, N. Newton). A Christian bookstall is to be set up at the church. Mr. and Mrs. Brian Burt will care for it . . . Robyn Prince and Bev. Gray shared in church and youth activities wherever they went on their working holiday around Australia . . . A C.W.F. group has commenced at the Golden Age Retirement Village. 20 women attended the second meeting when Matron Cane referred to gems in the Bible. A display of gemstones added interest.

**LEAD TO MISSION** (Ipswich, B. Rice) July gospel services led up to Youth Mission with Tony Thomas for America, sponsored by Revival Fires. The mission commenced with a Monday tea to introduce the team. There were seven decisions including two young people from Warwick church. The five from Ipswich were from non-church families. The team shared in early morning prayer meetings, including a well-attended Saturday prayer breakfast. Kenmore Asian students conducted Overseas Missions Sunday. Hiroshi Inada, Japan, gave the address . . . Twenty Q.B.I. students conducted youth night. Member Greta O'Neill is a student there . . . David Hammer was a recent speaker . . .

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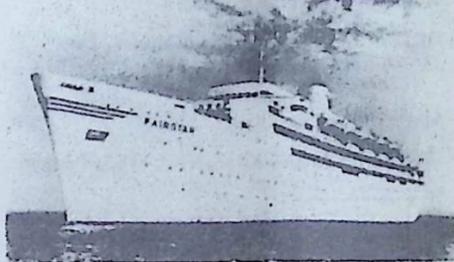
**COMBINED CRUSADE** (Wedderburn) The church is combining with the Joint Parish (Methodist-Presbyterian) in a crusade to be held Aug. 31-Sept 9. with Norm Harris as speaker . . . Mrs. Jackel Sr. has been ill . . . Recent speakers have been Ellis Sutcliffe and Brian Bish, Wycheproof, and Bob Lanyon, Boort . . . Mrs. Wells has returned from a visit to her daughter in New Guinea.

**MISSIONARY PROJECT** (Blackburn, E. W. Roffey) The B.S. held a film night for school's missionary project . . . C.W.E.F. Progressive Dinner raised \$20 for project . . . C.W.E.F. held a work night for Dorcas, and C.W.A.F. held a work day . . . Mrs. B. Jones and Mrs. I. Lowry, Social Workers at Winlaton, spoke to C.W.A.F. . . . Y.A.F. held snow weekend at Bright . . . P. Nelson led the studies . . . Explorer Dads and Lads travelled by train to Train Museum at Williamstown . . . The Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres., E. F.

Patterson, was recent speaker . . . Christian Literature display was prepared by G. Warmbrunn, P. Joyce, and P. Nelson. B. Jenkins and Harold Harris were speakers at C.M.F. . . . C.Y.F. led 9.30 and 11 a.m. services with Lynne Rhodes and P. Nelson giving addresses . . . Cheryl Leanne and Lynne Marie Johnston are in Doncaster Eisteddfods.

**BIBLE MONTH** (Nth. Williamstown, K. H. Pitt). Emphasis for July was on the Bible. M. D. Brewer, Field Secretary for Bible Society spoke to S. S. and church. Bibles and Scripture Union notes were on display and for sale . . . In connection with "High Mark" Crusade for Western Suburbs churches, Mr. Pitt exchanged platforms with J. D. Wiltshire (North Essendon) to speak on the outreach work in the area, in preparation for Dept. of H. M. & Evang. Centenary year . . . On July 29 there was a youth service with a difference. The folk musical "Light" was presented by 32 young people who form the "Sons of Light" Group, mainly from Mitcham Baptist Church. Challenge to all ages was presented followed by time of fellowship around the supper table.

**FIRST PREACHER BACK** (Reservoir, A. Baker). Our first preacher, Mr. Plummer, presided at the church's 39th anniversary service. Guest speaker was E. F. Patterson, Conf. Pres. Mr. McInness, associated with the church until 1970 and Tom Clift, of Berwick, were readers. Lunch was prepared for past and present members. Church choir, led by Doug Baker, gave items at both services . . . At youth service and "Den," "Star Cross" provided speakers and items . . . Church took active part in "Outreach" meetings at Northland. "Believers Incorporated" gave items . . . A week of "Teach-in" meetings was led by Pat Kavanagh. Items were given by Lorelle Grayden and Fred Strong . . . C.W.F. visited ladies of Barton House, Belfast Rest Home, and Greenvale . . . Bruce and Judy Grayden, with their children, David and Elizabeth, left for the Philippines to work with Wycliffe Bible Translators . . . Mrs. Grace Collins leads the Girls' Club in place of Valerie Collins, now nursing at Royal Melb. Hosp.



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By HAROLD GROSS

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When he tired of piracy he took to growing vegetables and sugar cane at a place sadly misnamed Lovely Valley. There he came to know 'The Tiger Lady,' herself a former bandit and now a christian. She tried to lead Hwan to Christ. At first he was very sceptical but in 1966, convinced by what he considered to be signs from God, Hwan became a christian.

His home at Lovely Valley then became a centre for christian worship. He had three lovely little daughters and his wife also became a christian. But he had his troubles. Most of his land was confiscated for a Government irrigation project. His baby son died. Then fellow-villagers taunted him for becoming a christian. Their explanation of the child's death was that Hwan had offended the gods.

About this time, however, funds became available from America and the Church in Nakhon Pathom decided to offer Hwan help to educate his children. He accepted a post as custodian for the Thai Church. Hwan has a way of dealing with the thieves, heroin addicts and trouble makers who lived in the area behind the Church. Previously, they pillaged the chapel and terrorised those who lived nearby. Hwan's green fingers are also beautifying the surroundings of church and school. (He was appointed to look after the adjacent Christian Girls' School).

Today this man goes about his humble tasks with a ready smile opening the doors of the Lord's house for all who would enter. He incarnates the sentiment of the psalmist: 'I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than dwell in the tents of wickedness.'

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The United Bible Societies have arranged to import 100 tons of special paper from the Peoples' Republic of China, according to the Director of the Bible Society in Hong Kong, Keith W. Ellem.

Mr. Ellem said the Societies—an association of 56 Bible Societies throughout the world—hoped that later permission would be obtained to return the paper to China—in the form of Scriptures.

Mr. Ellem, a former Canberra resident who has been in Hong Kong for four years, has returned to Australia on leave.

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Our language idiosyncrasies  
In no wise will diminish,  
When such vague terms as "wind up"  
Mean both to start and finish.

—H. E. Martz.



A gentleman dismissed a dishonest gardener, but for the sake of the man's family, this is how he worded the customary character reference: "I hereby certify that Higgins has been my gardener for over two years and that during that time he got more out of my garden than any man I ever employed."



"Have you finished typing my sermon? . . . Miss Higgins? Miss Higgins, wake up!"