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at
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Children without defence

Throughout Australia there is growing concern about the number of children who are being physically ill-treated. It is being suggested that doctors be required to notify the police where children are assaulted in their homes, but doctors claim that such a law would discourage parents from taking their children for treatment.

The following news item from "The Christian" (U.S.A.) deals with the same problem in America and tells what is being done about it.

EVERY WEEK, all across the nation, hundreds of small children are beaten, slashed, scalded, burned with cigarette stubs, tortured with electric shocks. Some are burned over open flames, gas burners and cigarette lighters; some are suffocated with pillows or plastic bags; some are strangled; some are drowned.

According to reliable estimates, 60,000 American children are reported each year to the authorities as requiring protection from parental beatings, cruelty or neglect.

Tragically, some 700 or 800 of these defenseless children succumb to such abuse.

Child-beating has long been one of the standard horrors of hospital emergency rooms, but now the crime is on the increase in many parts of the country.

PARENTS TOO YOUNG? Experts pretty well agree that two factors are mainly responsible for the nation-wide rise in the crime of child abuse. These are drug-addicted parents and those who marry while scarcely more than children themselves.

Can anything be done on a national scale to solve, or at least mitigate, the ghastly horrors?

Sen. Walter F. Mondale (D. Minn.), chairman of the Senate Sub-committee on Children and Youth, believes so, and is leading a determined attack on the problem.

He has introduced a Senate bill aimed at eliminating what he calls the "tragic and perplexing problem of child abuse."

He has called national attention to the need of an all-out federal effort on behalf

of America's children, who, he points out, are so vulnerable and defenseless.

The Senator's proposal would, among other things, establish a national centre on child abuse and neglect, provide demonstration grants to train people to deal with the problem, and set up a national commission to assess the effectiveness of existing laws on child abuse and neglect.

Senator Mondale's proposal would also authorize \$90 million for these activities, to be spent over a five-year period. Senate outlook for passage of the proposal is said to be fairly good.

ABUSE REPEATED Research aimed at curbing the crime and its causes seems to be showing signs of promise.

A profile of child-battering parents shows that they, as children, were abused, beaten and neglected by their parents. The results of this traumatic rearing is often parents who have low self-esteem and seek constant assurance from those around them—including their children.

So, when the children fail to satisfy their parents' emotional needs, the parents react with the same violence they experienced as children.

At the same time, when confronted with authority, these parents expect that they will be abused attacked and charged with being "bad" parents.

FOR THIS REASON, persons working in the area of helping parents who abuse their children are trying to reassure these parents that they are worthwhile as individuals.

Self-help organizations, similar to AA, are being organized, so that these troubled parents may help one another.

Voices are being raised to demand a "bill of rights" for children, and a new look at the legal status of children is under way. A legal principle holds that, for all minors, parents know best. This is not always true.

A new concept of a child as a human being is needed, and it is time to recognize his inalienable rights.

MISSIONARY RESTRICTION

(Somalia) According to the Sudan Interior Mission, SIM and Mennonite missionaries are the only Protestant missions now working in this coastal country. And the number of SIM personnel actually in the field has been reduced to three. Since it came to power three years ago, the Supreme Revolutionary Council (military government) has been imposing increased restrictions upon Christian witness.

—World Vision.

Corroboree at Church

National Aborigines' Sunday 1973 was observed in a most unusual fashion during the morning service at the Cheltenham (Vic.) Church. Some 400 people gathered in the Christian Education Centre for the morning worship service which was led by a group of full-blooded aborigines from the Gulf of Carpentaria. This was a combined meeting of the two usual morning congregations.

They conducted the service in their own language and accompanied it with musical boomerangs and the didjeridoo. They were dressed in normal corroboree fashion with only loin cloths and their human hair hats.

They sang and danced a number of traditional aborigines' dances and explained some of their aboriginal customs and bark paintings through their interpreter, Dr. Glen Wilkinson, a noted Australian anthropologist and educationalist.

Gordon, a tall and very handsome aborigine, delighted the children by using his fire sticks and special incantations to create fire in less than a minute.

The whole corroboree came to a highlight when the Lord's prayer was sung by the congregation and the aboriginal Christians in English and the native tongue. This was an act of unison in which both black and white felt a oneness in fellowship.

A special display of aboriginal artifacts and a practical demonstration of spear and boomerang throwing as well as discussion on aboriginal culture concluded the day.

The congregation gave \$200 of its \$1000 offering of that day to provide accommodation in Melbourne for the Momington Island Aboriginal Dance Company. Other members of the church have subsequently provided furniture for the house.

The Company seeks to spread information and understanding about aboriginal customs and traditions.

VICTORIA— TASMANIA NEWS

By Stanton H. Wilson



Tasmanian Governor—No Appendix

Tasmania's next Governor will be the present Chief Justice (Sir Stanley Burbury), the first Australian to hold this position. He will succeed Sir Edric Bastyan who was appointed in 1968 and retires on Dec. 1 to return to England.

Sir Stanley who is a West Australian (born Perth 1909) is a first-rate after dinner speaker. His impeccable diction scintillates with sparkling wit. In their earlier days he and Lady Burbury were amateur actors of distinction and Lady Burbury (nee Pearl Barrow) is remembered as a singer of renown.

Upon his appointment, Sir Stanley dismissed the idea that State Governors were "unnecessary ceremonial appendages to the body politic". "A titular head of state removed from the political arena is a constitutional necessity," he concluded.

Tasmanian Chief Justice—No Racist.

A 36-year-old Launceston magistrate is to become Tasmania's Chief Justice. It is believed that this constitutes the youngest appointment to this high office in Australian history. Moreover, his acceptance marks one of the fastest and most dramatic rises to legal prominence of anyone in Australian legal history. Little more than two years ago, he left his private practice in Launceston to become a stipendiary magistrate in that city.

Appointed so early in life this high judicial post is one which Mr. Green could hold for the next 34 years!

The Greens have three children under eight years of age—Jill (7); Ruth (5) and an adopted Aboriginal son, David (3). This "healthy black-eyed bundle of mischief" they adopted when he was only eight weeks old, Mrs. Green explained and went on to say they expect to adopt a brother for David very soon.

Victorian Farm—Not Motorised

Gordon Phillips works his 320 acre farm in the verdant hills of Gippsland. There are sheep, pigs, ducks, hens, calves and 80 cows, but no tractor or motorised farming equipment. Instead, eight splendid Clydesdales plough the paddocks and cart the hay. Gordon works the land he'll never see, because he is totally blind and has been since he was six years old.

Today his successful farm is a tribute to his initiative and courage, his wife's competence and co-operation, the loyalty of his children and the strength and faithfulness of eight handsome horses.

Gordon, who is a member of our Warragul Church, freely testifies to the help of his Saviour and Lord and readily acknowledges the strength that comes from above. For 25 years now he has successfully fulfilled the seemingly impossible role of a blind farmer.

In a recent interview with Elizabeth Lyons of the Melbourne "Herald," Gordon Phillips explained that he had developed his farm so that he knows just where he is at any time.

"The farm is worked out on the basis of a square. I know the exact size and shape of the property" he said. "My paddocks are all fenced on the square." Mr. Phillips knows how many chains each fence runs. "I've also made each fence different. Some have droppers, some haven't. Others have wires on different sides of the posts. If I get lost I walk until I find a fence, and by touching it I can tell exactly where I am."

His underground water reticulation system is also laid on the square. "I have a pretty good chance of finding a problem spot if anything goes wrong," he said.

Mrs. Phillips (Rita, daughter of Tom Cuddy of our Parkdale Church) also makes a good Christian witness in the community, on the farm, in the home among their five children. Cheerfully she says that her husband's blindness does not oblige her to take on any extra farm-work and casually explains: "Most farmers' wives help with the milking and feeding."

British Churches—Not Pessimistic

Victoria-Tasmanian Conference had several personal links with the 1973 Conference of our British Churches. Mr. and Mrs. Ern Baxter formerly of Blackburn (England) but now of Blackburn (Victoria) visited this year's British Conference.

At that Conference Ernest Gray's term as Chairman of the Home Mission Committee was gratefully recognised. Mr. Gray, after missionary service among our churches in Malawi held ministries in Scotland and England. He and Mrs. Gray have accepted the invitation of the church at Hampton to render an interim part-time ministry beginning in October next.

The Conference Secretary sent greetings from the Vic.-Tas. Conference to the assembly of our British Conference this year in Birmingham.

Philip Morgan (General Secretary) in acknowledging our good wishes sent the greetings of our British Churches and added:

"Conference this year has been remarkable in a number of ways. We have called a woman to be President for the first time. We have received as fraternal delegate from the United Reformed Church, its Moderator, the Rt. Revd. Kenneth Slack who addressed Conference and gave an account of the conversations taking place between our two Churches. Consideration was given to the ministry of women, to a changed and fuller use of Overdale College and to the new face of

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PHILLIPS
AT
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TIME

3. The "Separatist" Stream

THIRD IN A SERIES BY
GORDON STIRLING

From the earliest years of the Restoration Movement in Australia, recruits have come into the Movement in four ways:

1. Youths from Churches of Christ families were baptized on their confession of faith.

2. People were won to Christ from unbelief and were baptized.

3. Members and adherents of other churches were convinced concerning New Testament baptism and were received by "faith and obedience".

4. Large numbers of baptized believers were received into the churches, especially in areas where there were no other immersionist bodies. Those received thus were Baptists, Brethren, and sometimes "evangelicals" from other churches who had "seen baptism" and had been baptized before coming to us.

Struggling Churches of Christ were only too eager to receive such "ready made" adult members, many of whom were very able and committed christians. In turn these "baptized believers" especially those of Baptist and Brethren origin, were impressed by our appeal to the Scriptures for the faith and order of the churches, for this was also true of their heritage.

ANABAPTISTS.

Thus there came into the Restoration Movement in Australia, by absorption, many who were not in the tradition of the Movement, particularly that of the "Unity Principle". Their tradition went back to the Anabaptists who were the radical wing of the European Reformation. Their name means "re-baptizers". They believed in believers' baptism. For being "re-baptized", as believers, thousands of them were put to death, often by drowning, both by Catholic kings and Protestant princes. Zwingli opposed them, Luther hated them and Melancthon rejoiced in every effort to annihilate them. Catholic Charles V did the annihilating. Earlier church historians were often unfair in writing of them, drawing attention only to some of the excesses of some of them. Later historians have remedied this injustice.

Anabaptists came on the scene at the beginning of the sixteenth century. They looked to the New Testament as their authority, desiring to restore the Christianity of the New Testament. They believed in local, autonomous congregations of those who had had the personal "inner experience" of salvation. They were anti-clerical, having leaders but no "clergy". They were opposed to both state and church. They took no part in politics and often were pacifists. Their form of worship was the simple celebration of the Lord's supper. They formed communities separated from the world. They practised a high standard of personal piety. They expected the immediate return of Christ to set up his millennial reign on earth.

But the main belief they held grew from the attitude of both church and state to them. This was the doctrine of "Separation". They knew all about Separation. Every man's hand was against them. Also their belief in the imminent return of Christ led them to think of themselves as the "separated remnant" in the midst of an evil world and as apostate church, both of which were soon to be destroyed.

Paul in writing to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 6:14-18) warns them to remain separated from the pagan standards and habits from which they had come. In verse seventeen he says, "Come out from among them and be ye separate." From this verse came the doctrine of "Separation" as practised by the Anabaptists and their spiritual descendants to this day. In what may be called the "Separatist" tradition would be Baptists, Brethren, many but not all evangelicals, undenominational missions and publishing houses and bookshops, some followers of the Keswick movement, Bible Institutes and missionary colleges, undenominational magazines such as "New Life", and organizations such as Campaigners for Christ.

It should also be noted that many "Separatists" have also followed the Anabaptist belief in the imminence of the Second Coming, and particularly the Pre-Millennial theory of the Second Coming, mainly through the Brethren tradition. It should also be noted that traditionally, the Restoration Movement, while accepting the doctrine of the Second Coming, has not been well disposed to the Pre-Millennial theory. Indeed its most bitter opponents have been the non-instrumental Churches of Christ.

"CAN LIGHT HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH DARKNESS?"

It can readily be seen then that large numbers of "baptized believers" coming into Australian Churches of Christ have brought with them many of the beliefs and emphases that go right back to the Anabaptists. Many of these "baptized believers" were outstanding in the quality of their Christianity, their Bible knowledge, their zeal, and their teaching and preaching ability. Many became elders, deacons, ministers, missionaries and brotherhood leaders. Many brought up within the Restoration Movement and influenced by these "baptized believers" also became leaders and ministers and teachers in the brotherhood. Their influence has constantly been strengthened by their natural affiliation with others of like conviction in various undenominational and "evangelical" organizations, some of which are mentioned above. They form the "Separatist" stream in Australian Churches of Christ.

It is to be readily understood that many in the "Separatist" stream are unhappy about the affiliation of Australian Churches of Christ with the World Council of Churches. "Separatists" believe only in co-operation with those of "like faith". Some churches affiliated with the W.C.C. would contain too many heterodox Christians for them to feel able to share in its fellowship. "What fellowship hath light with darkness?" In any case they are not happy with the hierarchical church systems of some denominations. And their fear that the W.C.C. might turn into a super-church is rooted deep into their tradition.

The experience of their spiritual ancestors of a century or more of persecution by both Rome and the national Protestant Churches does not dispose modern "Separatists" towards the "Unity Principle". The very doctrine of "Separation" that grew out of those harsh days and has been nurtured since in the rugged school of spiritual individualism, makes most "Separatists" quite opposed to the "Unity Principle" as understood traditionally in the Restoration Movement.

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Change means movement

The end of an era has arrived. Wherever one looks in the church and its ministry with migrants the end of an era is upon us.

- o The Lutherans have halved their migration budget.
- o Anglican migration departments are fighting for survival.
- o Presbyterians are engaged in a rearguard budget battle.
- o Methodists—according to conference reports, are less active, and have disbanded immigration committees.
- o Australian Council of Churches are winding down one of the most significant refugee resettlement programmes in the Church's history.
- o Federal Inter Church Migration Commission is helpless and lost in a sea of confusion and uncertainty.

Change is the cry—Change is either frightening or exciting—Change is inevitable—Change means movement.

Movement means friction (according to Saul Alinsky), friction means heat, heat means controversy.

Ours is a new decade and a new era, a new beginning, with new opportunities and new challenges.

Some believe that we can find a six point successful program for a migration ministry.

Some believe that all is lost.

Some will hope and grasp perhaps at only a suggestion work it over, and worry it through, excited by the challenge.

But how do you learn to minister with migrants, how do you understand, how are you challenged to serve the emerging

By Alan Matheson

ethnic groups when there are so few migrants here to help us?

Alienated and Denied

This is the first lesson for us. For somehow or other we are separated from those who could teach us. "In the past 25 years almost 1 million non-British migrants have joined the Australian working class, and more specifically, it's industrial section. Predominately southern European, they constitute unquestionably the majority of the lower paid workers of those on or nearest the poverty line, of those first and hardest hit by even the mildest economic recession.

"Next to the aboriginals they are the most alienated section of Australia's population, they occupy a distinctly inferior socio-economic and ethnic position."

So commences the proposal for a migrant worker's conference to be held late this year.

And these words have a strange, familiar ring. Was it an Amos who some 2000 years ago proclaimed the judgment of the Lord on Israel.

*'You have trodden on the poor,
taken his livelihood,
You have built your fine house, and
You have planted your pleasant vineyard
You have denied the poor their rights.'*

I guess there were many of us who were disturbed and profoundly concerned at what happened at the Ford plant. Many were shocked as they watched the instant replays of the futile, hopeless attack on factory walls and babble of voices and the milling crowds. There were many who grew afraid and bewildered at the resentment and anger and childlike enthusiasm in the eyes and faces that couldn't possibly be Australian . . . could they?

What I believe we, as a Church, must realise is that the frustration of the migrant worker outside Ford was but an expression of a more intense and bitter resentment, disappointment and sullen apathy with Australians and their society.

"Our people are tired of being treated as second class citizens . . . they're no longer content to be treated as factory fodder" said one leader of a migrant organisation.

Frustration with the failure of the unions, powerless, caught up in the deadly monotony of an endless assembly line, devoid of meaning and dignity: all in the cause of a better life for you and me, all in the cause of greater dividends and increased profits.

But what we must come to terms with is that frustration is compounded by the dawning realisation that their children will not escape a similar fate.

The official Government reports are brutally frank

* "only 20% of migrant children in schools who need English tuition are receiving enough of it"

* "the largest single concentration of disadvantaged schools is located in and about Melbourne, where there are very high proportions of migrants from non-English speaking countries."

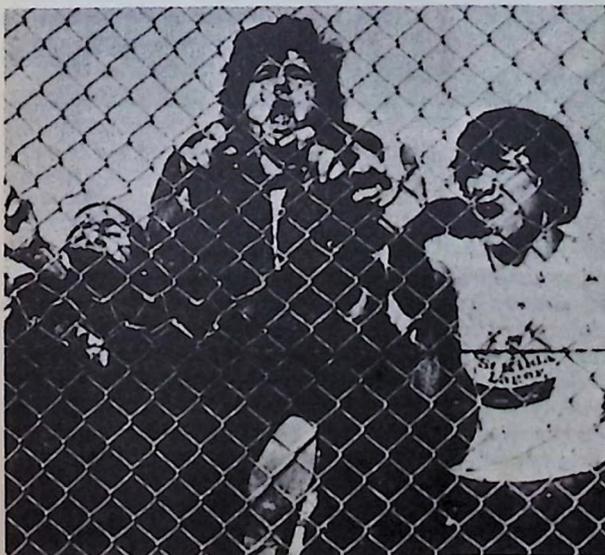
All of which means two things:

—children are blatantly denied their right to equal educational opportunities, and
—the high aspirations of parents for the educational success of their children are dashed and destroyed.

Parents, uncertain themselves, see their children caught up in an educational system whose only success lies in the subtle ways it strips from a migrant child layer by layer, language, tradition, custom and religion, in effect, all that is rich and cherished by the migrant parent is forever lost.

Angry.

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Migrant workers in anger

Change means movement

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Resentful.
Powerless.

Denied his rights . . . who can blame him. But where is the church?

Read the prophets, and reflect on the world church's thinking on migration, and I believe that there is no escape from a clear call

- to stand with the oppressed
- to join in the struggle for justice
- to identify and support local organisations of oppressed migrants who are striving for equal treatment and political influence. (W.C.C. Canterbury 1969)

- to work for the elimination of all systems exploiting and discriminating against the migrant (Uppsala-W.C.C.)

Where is the Church?

I believe that the Church finds herself caught up in a most uncomfortable compromise.

It's difficult to condemn and fight against a blatant elitist education system which denies migrant children their rights, when the church finds herself so deeply involved in maintaining that same system. If you had any doubts, you will not find Wesley or Scotch or Melbourne Grammar in the list of the most disadvantaged schools in the State.

It's difficult to identify and support activist organisations of migrants when for all intents and purposes we have no real commitment to a radical redistribution of power and resources.

It's difficult to support migrant workers conferences, activist parent organisations, the formation of activist groups intent on change, when the very thought of 'risk' is a budget maker's nightmare.

Dignity

The welfare ministry that the church so often gets herself involved in, the welcoming of new arrivals, the distribution of food parcels and

second-hand clothes, the support and counselling of individuals, so often falls short of our best intentions.

There will always be a need for the church to extend its warmth, love and fellowship to the lost and bewildered. No other institution in society has had as much experience in this as the church. There are hundreds of families who still speak of the friendship and welcome they received in their first few weeks in Australia.

That must continue.

Nevertheless, I believe the church is called to go further than that. The one inescapable fact for migrant workers in this country is that they are powerless.

To be without power means that you are politically unimportant, that all the forms and documents are in English, that you'll buy your car licence, that the teacher will not let you in the school yard, that you'll be fined for lighting a fire or hosing your garden when you shouldn't that you'll be excluded from city councils, and state governments.

To be a migrant for too many people means the lowest incomes, the worst houses, the poorest councillors, the least kindergartens, and the oldest schools, but the newest 20 storey flats.

To have power implies choice. Power in the sense of an individual's control of resources, enables him to make choices about what to buy, how to spend his time, where to live, which occupation to pursue.

Secondly, power implies the capacity to give.

A person's self-image is enhanced when he can give to others, whether it be providing for his children or buying a drink for a friend.

Giving is an expression of dignity.

The capacity of the poor to give is severely limited.

Realisation

The Church, like any institution, has to

come to terms with what happens when change threatens. Few like change. And all too often the church, confronted with radical demands for action, will resist with all of the committees and conference motions it can muster.

But if the Church is to respond, if the Church is to be prophetic, if there is to be an intensifying of caring concern, if there is a determination to join migrant groups in their struggle for justice and rights, then it would appear a number of actions will be demanded.

*Committees like the one that initiated this conference, congregational committees, national committees will need to be far more open to placing themselves in those situations where they can begin to hear the cries of injustice. Let there be no more meetings or conferences where "the experts" stand before you; but let your confrontations be with those, the migrant workers, who can tell it as it is.

*There must be a more intense opposition to the practice of selling church buildings for service stations and more support for giving buildings to struggling minority churches and religious groups.

*As a way out of the church's compromised position on education, you should demand the withdrawal of cash and chaplains from your church schools and their redeployment where the needs are greatest.

*For all the words that have been uttered, and for all the words yet to be uttered, I have a haunting doubt that together you and I may have failed today.

Without him who is a migrant, Without him who is powerless and angry and resentful, can we really plan?

How can you expect a man who's warm to understand a man who's cold!!

(From an address given by Mr. Matheson, of the Ecumenical Migration Centre, to a conference called by the Methodist Immigration Committee.)

THE "SEPARATIST" STREAM

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PRE-MILLENNIALISM

As many "Separatists" are also "Pre-Millennialists" it can readily be seen why they may be opposed to both the "Unity Principle" and the W.C.C. and kindred organizations. For many Pre-Millennialists, Rome is the "Beast of Revelation" and the present reciprocity between Rome and the W.C.C. is thus looked upon as the worst form of apostasy. Also Pre-Millennialists have a very strong conviction that Christian unity can only come after the Second Coming. For them, if any union comes before the Second Coming it will be imposed by Rome or some other hierarchy by force, and thus be the work of Antichrist. Conversations, fellowship and service together amongst the churches are for them a waste of time. They believe that the Lord's return is imminent and that the

only valid activity is to let as many people know as possible before the event takes place.

In short the "Separatist" stream in Australian Churches of Christ accepts the validity of believers' baptism and the "Restoration Principle" but is not really happy with the "Unity Principle", which in fact of Restoration Movement history came before the other two. This is probably the major reason why the "Separatist" stream and the "Unity Stream" find themselves with different views about the ecumenical movement and the W.C.C.

(The next article in the series will look at the "Unity" stream. The fifth and final article will look for answers to the question, "Can the Streams flow together?")

The United Church of Christ

To The Editor

Wilkie Thompson's letter ("A.C." 28/7/73) "exonerating" Churches of Christ of any relation to the United Church of Christ, alleging that the UCC includes Disciples of Christ, and labelling the UCC as "Communist," calls for correction. It is the United Church of Christ that must be exonerated. As a current member and former minister of Churches of Christ in Victoria and South Australia, who is at present serving a UCC congregation in Michigan while doing post-graduate work in the Divinity School of the University of Chicago on a Disciples of Christ fellowship, perhaps I can help. The truth makes an interesting story.

Australian Churches of Christ people who are aware of their American heritage will be familiar with such names as James O'Kelley, Abner Jones and Barton W. Stone. As the nineteenth century opened these three men were found leading religious movements emphasizing freedom in matters of faith and practice. Their union in 1808 brought into existence the Christian Connexion. Most of these "Christians," as they were called, entered into the historic union of 1832 with the "Reformers" who were led by Alexander Campbell. From this union the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) emerged. But there were some "Christians" who refused to participate in that union, and they continued as the Christian Church until 1929 when they united with Congregationalists to form the denomination known as Congregational Christian Churches.

At that time union negotiations were also taking place between two denominations of German origin, the Reformed Church and the Evangelical Synod, which climaxed in 1934 as

they united in the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Finally the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church came together in 1957 to form the United Church of Christ.

The truth is clear from this history that Disciples of Christ is not a part of the UCC. Moreover, since the UCC came into being only in 1957 it cannot be that "body of United Churches" which the pope allegedly referred to as "Communists" in the 1930's.

It is a fact, however, that Disciples and the UCC share common roots to some degree. There is also a strong association in the present between the two denominations; but it is not the relation of unit, though union is hopefully somewhere in the future. It is true that in some localities Disciples and UCC congregations have united, but that is the exception rather than the rule. Discussions with a view to unity have been held in the past, however, and I understand that the UCC was instrumental in involving Disciples of Christ in the current multi-denominational Consultation on Church Union (COCU). There are other instances of co-operation too. Here in Michigan for the second successive year Disciples and the UCC held their state conferences conjointly, sharing in worship, keynote addresses and study, separating only for business sessions. Ministers also occasionally cross denominational lines, and in my own case, though I am not a member of the UCC, the denomination has accorded me full ministerial standing.

My knowledge and experience of the relation between Disciples of Christ and the UCC is certainly a happy one. I for one, as a member of Churches of Christ in Australia, have no need to "exonerate" of participation in that association. True, there is no connexion

between Churches of Christ and the UCC, but, knowing as I do some of the great emphases of the latter, I am sure that, if it were possible, a relation between the two could only enrich the life and work of the former, even as my own life has been enriched.

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"YOUTH IN" (Bendigo, M. D. Keatch). 60 young people from Mildura, Dareton (N.S.W.), Swan Hill, Robinvale, Pyramid Hill, Warracknabeal and Bendigo shared in a "Youth In" recently. Visitors were billeted in homes. Programme included tram and bus trips, drama, simulated games, prayer breakfast, discussion and morning communion service. J. Manalack of Preston was guest speaker . . . Mr. and Mrs. G. Stirling were recent speakers . . . Mr. Harris preached on Aug. 26, assisted by the "Gospel Messengers".

MAGILL IS 21 (R. Clymer). The church celebrated its 21st Anniversary on August 5 with special services and a "family" tea. Many old friendships were refreshed. A. J. Ingham, our first minister, at what was called Koongarra Park, was morning preacher. Max Johnson presided. At night, S. A. Conference Secretary, John Chivell, was guest speaker and singing was presented by the choir and a reconstituted Koongarra quartette . . . Ian McPheat and Brian Phelps have been elected as elders.

WORLD TALK NO. 81

A.B.C. OF THE BIBLE

In mediaeval English the word "quicken" as used in the K.J.V. means to give life to a dead body. It was used of a foetus during pregnancy when it moved in the womb.

In the N.T. it has an important meaning. Quicken does not mean to energise someone who is already alive. That was covered by the word from which we get our word "energise." This word was used in Eph. 2:2 and Phil. 2:13 where both power of evil and the power of God are at work energising their subjects to action.

But to quicken has a much deeper meaning. It comes from two Greek words which literally mean "to make alive" or "to bring to life." That pre-supposes a state of death. "He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also" (Rom. 8:11). To give life to dead bodies is to quicken.

DICTIONARY.

To quicken means to give a quality of life to those who are either physically or (generally) spiritually dead in such proportions that it is a change literally from death to life.

FOR TODAY.

Millions of people now living, are not. They are merely existing. While some are concerned about signs of life after death we should be concerned for these people to discover signs of life before death. When the Apostles Creed mentions "the quick and the dead" it is not referring to the two categories of city pedestrians. It is talking of the living as distinct from those who are merely existing and those who are

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dead both spiritually and physically. To those who merely exist, God offers life in its fulness. (Eph. 2:5, Jn. 10:10).

Learning to live is like playing a piano solo in public, learning while we go. We have had no prior instruction in how to live. It is an art that is learnt in the doing. God provides us with a book of instructions, guidelines for playing and a Master teacher to help us. He offers forgiveness for wilful mistakes, help for slow learners and encouragement for those people who go through life no fingers and all thumbs.

The young man on his motor-bike was asked what living meant: "Three B's—bikes, beer and birds—in that order. Man that's living!" To talk of existentialism has no meaning to his understanding of life. He can only understand what really living is as he has a practical example to follow. The Church must seek to show life in its fullness with a relevance at every level of existence.

"What do you do for a living?" The question does not make sense. Man neither does a living nor earns it. Real life is a gift to be accepted and an art to be presented.

One cannot live this life in its fullness until one becomes sure of living in the next life. Certainly about life after death gives confidence for life before death. Death then becomes not a defeat of life but a door to life.

Jonathan Swift has the final say: "May you live all the days of your life." To be quickened by the spirit of God is to be reborn into real life.

—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.

COLOUR TELEVISION

To The Editor,

The proposed and imminent introduction of colour television into Australia raises fundamental questions.

1. Who decided we need colour T.V.? Are we to accept another luxury item without our participation in the decision making process and without any regard to its effects on the whole of mankind?

2. Can we justify the spending of between \$400,000,000 and \$600,000,000 on the luxury of colour T.V. at a time when so many are struggling to obtain the basic necessities for life itself?

3. How long can we continue to support an economy which is based on continual economic growth and the selfish exploitation of the earth's limited resources.

4. How necessary are all the tariffs, quotas and subsidies that protect our industries? While sections of the electronics industry argue for up to 85% tariff protection on colour T.V. sets, others contend:-

(i) that if all those employed in this section of the industry were laid off, and their salaries paid out of consolidated revenue, the savings to the consumer would be in the order of \$30,000,000 a year.

(ii) that 7 of the 13 firms represented on the Committee of the Australian Electronic Component Manufacturers Association are wholly overseas owned, and only 4 have Australian majority shareholdings.

Colour T.V. is a symbol of our affluence and a symptom of our selfish, throw away, convenient society. We call on all Australians to look critically at what is happening to us, and to reject colour T.V. as a further expression of "progress" for "progress" sake.

Bill Armstrong,
Action for World Development

MINUTES AND HOURS

To the Editor,

In "Questing" of June 16, '72 you made suggestions re. the conduct of church Board meetings; but I question your expression—"Forget about the formality of the minutes of the previous meeting—over a year they can waste hours." If what you assert is true—why waste time recording minutes?

One could reasonably assume that you consider minutes of a meeting to be of little import.

Competent opinion is that the minutes are not only basic; but essential for the proper conduct of any business—even

church business.

Considerable church business is conducted within the requirements of the State law and if any action of the church Board was challenged at law—the minutes of the meeting at which such action was determined would be the basis for deliberation.

No meeting is held in "isolation" i.e., some of its business stems from some decision or unfinished business of the previous meeting and informed continuation—avoidance of contradiction can be assured only by the endorsement of the minutes of the previous meeting.

It is incredible that you are so emphatic about the "big business of the church" and yet suggest disregard for basic procedure which is essential for its implementation.

It is imperative that correct procedure should not only appear to be done; but is done.

Leslie E. Baker Vic.

FINANCIAL APPEAL

To The Editor,

"A1," April 21, under the heading of "Financial Appeal," certain questions were raised by the S.A. Conference Secretary, I. J. Chivell, and partly answered by him.

It should also be noted in answer to the five questions raised that:—

1. The Federal Executive and Federal Home Missions has not been involved in establishing work in Mt. Isa and Cairns.

2. The Queensland Executive and Home Mission Committee do not require individuals to submit appeals for their endorsement.

A mutual basis of trust exists between recognised ministers and Conference committees.

3. Whilst as yet Mt. Isa and Cairns churches are not affiliated, both have received financial assistance from Brotherhood Committees. State Conference has endorsed other financial appeals for both centres.

4. The Evangelists visiting England did not officially represent any Brotherhood Committee. They heard of the need and volunteered.

5. Aersphere Crusade accounting has

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

WHO AM I?

To the Editor,

There ought to be a ban on the cruel game of "Who am I?" It is usually played by two people . . . a smart guy and an unsuspecting victim. I always play the part of the victim! The smart guy starts the game by standing squarely in front of you, so that you can't pass with a friendly nod and smile, as though you'd known him all your life. He says, "Come on now, who am I?" or "Don't tell me you don't remember who I am!" This opening move of the game is always accompanied with a broad smile and a look that I've seen on the face of our cat when he temporarily lets a mouse go!

With my sort of memory I am the perfect victim. During the aching seconds that follow the opening of the game, my mind flashes over old school photographs, the annual office party where once a year the underlings get to meet the senior staff, distant relatives, the ephemeral husbands of my wife's innumerable friends, the fathers of the kids who have had the distinction of playing footy and hockey against my offspring for the last ten years, and people I was introduced to at church last Sunday. But does the smart guy relent? Never. He's got you and he knows it, and the longer you foolishly play for time, the more he is enjoying your discomfort. To find some clue you ask him how his wife is, and find she's been dead for twenty years (probably another victim!) You say brightly, "How is the old home town?" He says, "Fine!" Then you lie about having a good memory for faces, but not for names. That's the most subtle way of saying, "I give up!" He's won. He may or may not tell you his precious name. All he needs now is to choose his weapon for the kill before he goes off to find another unsuspecting victim. (He loves church conferences, parties, and crowded streets, and showing up in places where you'd least expect him.)

Every time I get beaten in the game of "Who am I?" I thank God for people like Ray Farmer. I have been meeting him once a month at the interchurch discussion group all the year. Every time he smiles, puts out his big hand, and says, "I'm Ray Farmer!" And I say, "Hullo, Ray!" and feel like a million dollars.

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS

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been audited and printed in the "Aerosphere Crusader" over the past ten years. This paper is obtainable from the Queensland Home Missions.

Doug Willis, Qld.

THE BEALES WRITE

To Everybody,

Win and I wish to thank all who have helped us over the years to serve God overseas and lately to make the change back to Australian living. Many people have been involved. So many of you we have never met, yet we have been supported by your caring over the years.

We were able to serve so long because our children were willing to be separated from us as their Christian contribution. Other people were willing to care for them. Our parents supported us by foregoing the comfort they could have expected in their latter years. And so to each one who in prayer and giving, has supported us and now made smooth the transition to living in Australia, we wish to tell our appreciation.

Frank and Win Beale,
82 Lindsay St.,
Hermit Park, Qld., 4812.

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NORTH FITZROY (Vic.)
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3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Centenary tea at 5 p.m.

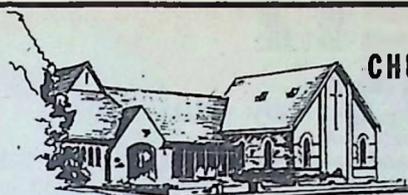
COCIAC
GOSPEL
CONCERT

Saturday, September 29th
7.45 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Stanton St., Collingwood
(near Collingwood Town Hall)

Programme
Reservoir Youth Singers
Charles Nipps
Katina and Rosé
C. E. Male Quartette
The Soul Agents
Barry Jenkins
Comper: Steve Downie
(All Welcome)



CHURCH OF CHRIST, DONCASTER

110 YEARS

THE CHURCH AT DONCASTER WILL CELEBRATE 110 YEARS OF SERVICE AND WITNESS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 1973.

FRIENDS AND PAST MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO THE

HOME COMING

OCTOBER 7th, 1973

9.30 a.m. Speaker: A. E. White, B.A.

11.00 a.m. Subject: "Being Christian in a World That's Not".

7.00 p.m. Speaker: E. L. Williams, M.A.

Subject: "What is Christianity?"

"Coffee at the Church" commencing at 5.30 p.m. will give friends and members an opportunity to meet informally and view the special display of the Church's history.

Further information or arrangements for hospitality can be made with the Secretary JOHN BERRY, 850 2902 or the Minister KEITH HORNE 848 1546.

INNER
SPRINGS

SPRING WILL COME
AGAIN—BUT?



Everywhere I went the signs of Spring were in evidence. Perfumed breezes, bursting blossom and leaf buds uncurling tender green fingers. Birds with a new air of business were preparing a place for the young ones to come. In spite of all this, the calendar declared that it was still winter!

But, you see you can't hold back the Spring. At a given signal, in response to some impulse deep within, every dormant thing must burst into new life and beauty and spill its loveliness over the land. And those age-old words of Solomon echo with the cadence of a song for all those with ears to hear and eyes to see. "For, lo the winter is past, the rain is over and gone . . ."

But supposing, I said to myself, I were to close my eyes to all the loveliness about me simply because man has set a date to the coming of the seasons? How much I would have missed! How poor my days! Yet so many are doing this very thing.

Just as Spring comes to the earth with its lovely message of resurrection and renewal, so I believe does God come to every life in a variety of ways. But blind in our conceits, we let the moment pass into oblivion and we spend our days in poverty when we might be gloriously rich. We may deny Him, turn aside from His gentle touch, leave His knock unanswered, but we cannot pretend we were unaware of His coming.

Oh! Passionate love!
Oh! Passionate heart!
And Passionate look which said

And hasn't He at some time or another, filled your heart with something not of this world? Spring will undoubtedly come again but—will you be here?

Our Father, you have placed us in a world that is very beautiful. Forgive us that we are so often indifferent and unseeing, both of Thy handiworks and of Thyself. Remind us that time is passing and we know not what a day may bring forth.

Song of Solomon 2:11-12
Rev. 3:20

You longed to touch Me—
This I knew
But I've touched you instead.

Amen

FLORENCE ROSIER

CHANGES AT CARNARVON

By Olive Laird

An extension to the Mission Children's Homes has commenced recently in the town of Carnarvon. A new Boys' Home, "Orana," has opened at 62 Olivia Terrace, with Mr. and Mrs. David Solomon as home parents. Five boys aged between five and nine years were selected from various homes and are now settling into Orana very happily. They think living in the town is really great.

Circumstances have made a few changes necessary around the Children's Homes in recent weeks and we are just getting adjusted. Mr. and Mrs. Butler and family are now living in town in the home behind the Christian Centre. Being in town, Mr. Butler is able to oversee Mission affairs that involve the local community, whilst still spending most days at the Mission. He is continuing as Field Superintendent.

As a temporary measure, the Senior Boys' Home has been closed. Mr. and Mrs. Foot and family have moved into the Superintendent's House, so that Mr. Foot can be on hand at the office when Mr. Butler is not available. Mr. Foot is Deputy Superintendent at the Mission. The Foots have the four eldest senior boys, Brian Hayes, Michael Dooler,

Andrew Hicks and Bobby Yates living with them. The younger boys went into other homes taking the places of those who went into the Orana Hostel.

If you were to visit the Mission these days, you would see that the woodwork of the office is newly painted olive green, and the widened verandah and surrounds concreted. The verandah features a brickwork partition and a potplant in a stand really sets off the new look. Superintendent's office has been added with an office storeroom behind it, all quite functional and modern.

T. Cuddy, Victoria has come to stay for three months at the Homes and is helping as a handyman. He is also adept with the paint brush, and you should see our lovely orange and black kitchen chairs.

Roy Aitken has been accepted as minister of the Church in Carnarvon under the direction of the Mission and the Federal Board. Services average around 200 at both morning and evening. We are pleased that Roy and Sylvia have answered this call and that they will still continue to serve with the Aborigines Mission Board as missionary staff at the Centre.

• S.A. C.W.F.

Compere communicates

227 ladies attended our meeting on Aug. 7, held in the evening instead of the usual morning. Many indicated that they are unable to attend in the morning, leading us to see the benefit of this innovation for at least one night meeting a year.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Margaret Anderson and Mrs. Ruth Edge from Brighton Gardens, the theme being "Communicating". Mrs. Anderson pointed out that communication is hindered by walls of self and silence; impatience and intolerance; and even words themselves; but with God there are no walls. He knows our thoughts and understands. He is around us and alongside us.

Visiting speaker was the Rev. Neil Adcock, compere of a very popular morning open-line talk back session on Adelaide radio, with a listening audience of 80,000-90,000. He spoke of his aims in this session, as an attempt at bridge building - a link between church and the people outside, and called himself "a voice in the market place". He attempts to build a personal relationship on common ground. The session gives an opportunity to many to express opinion or need and leads in many cases to off air assistance. Many have been led back to an awareness of God through this witness, though it is often indirect.

Mrs. Gorge from Flinders Park was appointed as leader of the Social Service Committee.

-A.M.S.

83rd VICTORIAN C.E. CONVENTION.

More than 300 gathered at Warrnambool for "Action Time," the 83rd Vic. C.E. Convention. Guest Leader was Colin Ray from the Methodist Dept. of Christian Educ. in Qld.

The Baptist Church at Warrnambool was filled to capacity for most of the sessions, which were presided over by Victorian C.E. President, Keith Pitt, Church of Christ minister from North Williamstown.

Special guests for "Action Time" were "THE ENDEAVOURERS" a talented group of young people associated with the S.A. C.E. Union led by Peter Fopp.

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JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

The Boy Jesus.

1. In what town was he born?
2. In what town did he grow up?
3. We are told only one story about the boy Jesus. What was it?
4. The rest of what we know about Jesus the boy is in Luke Chap. 2. What does it say?

(Answer on page 18)

Fireman (to new recruit): "You may be new to this job, my boy, but we never knock off in the middle of a fire to make toast."

Twitch: To itch in two places at the same time.

One thing we know about the speed of light—it gets here early in the morning.

Two college students were talking. "I must be getting insomnia," said Frank.

"What makes you think that?" queries Fred.

"Well, for one thing," answered Frank, "I woke up twice in history class yesterday."



-Art by Howard Paris
"It's one way to get them to Bible school on time."



ON THE MOVE, a magazine of new learning possibilities for churches.

(Joint Board quarterly,) \$1, or \$3 p.a.

"As good as anything similar that comes from America" was one initial reaction to the first issue of this new Australian magazine for Sunday School teachers, superintendents, ministers, education committees, etc.

Each issue will have one major focus. In this issue it is The Church with Children, outlines of a number of new approaches to Christian education with children in Australia, New Zealand and U.S. Churches, and some reflection on these by Joint Board educator, Roland Giese.

There are the first of a regular series of articles on worship (words and music of two new songs, and an order of service based on a 3rd term lesson series), working with adults (a two session study/action outline on Ministry), youth programmes (three approaches to youth-adult dialogue), swap shop (two Biblical games, based on Luke 19: 11-27 and Luke 15: 11-32), and a planning flow chart.

Layout is pleasing and professional.

(Single copies and subscriptions forms available from F.B.C.E., 217 Lonsdale St., Melb).

—R.W.L.

THE PROBLEMS WE FACE AS A PEOPLE

By A. H. Walkington B.A., B. Sc., M. Ed. (The Pamphlet Club No. 217).

Al Walkington has always been a sharp thinker and direct speaker. For 25 years he has been active in our churches as a member, church secretary, Board chairman, Brotherhood Committee servant and W.A. and Federal Conference President.

Asked to make some observations on the church following his term as Federal President, he tells us pretty bluntly that the problems we face are:—a lack of churchmanship, an amateur leadership, an unwillingness to trust those appointed to leadership and an inability to cope with change.

He frankly confesses that it is easy to list the problems but very difficult to overcome them. However, seeing the real problems is surely the way to start any work of correction.

This recent addition to The Pamphlet Club is well worth study and serious consideration.

BUILDING TODAY'S CHURCH

By LESLIE PARROTT (Baker Book House) \$2.95

Dr Parrott belongs to that much needed band of church leaders who refuse to accept the notion that the church is out of date or that church services cannot be interesting or significant in today's changed world.

He presents a lot of helpful and practical ideas in his chapter "Making Sunday an Event" (A Morning Service that inspires; A Night Service that brings them back). There is also a useful study on church management and organisation.

But it is in the area of leadership quality that he is most forceful. No programme will build the church unless there is dedicated and competent leadership. Too many of our ministers and officers are negative and weak. Parrott describes the plus-minus pastor as having strong attitudes about his own ability but poor attitudes about the ability of his colleagues. The minus-plus pastor has weak concepts concerning himself

but over-appreciates the capacity of others. He is always making surveys, consulting experts, seeking a consensus, and never making real decisions (unless they are to do nothing). He never follows up positively the advice he seeks and gets.

Parrott says most pastors "would do well to dig a hole and bury their fear of failure, deep down." The best kind of pastor or layman is a plus-plus person who has confidence in his own skills and equal confidence in the abilities of others. With such leadership a team is built.

It would be good for the board to buy their minister this book (or for the minister to give a copy to his board!) Whatever way study is begun, the results will be rewarding.

CREATED SECOND.

Barbara Thiering (Family Life Movement, \$2.75).

The Women's Liberation movement, despite some excesses, has helped us to see in recent times that women have often held second-class status in our community.

Barbara Thiering discusses aspects of this situation in Australia, and especially in the church.

She examines New Testament principles and practices and argues that the church today is disregarding its own Gospel in its discrimination against women.

The Church fought the Jewish-Gentile question early in the piece. It took much longer to resolve the master-slave relationship. It still has not completely come to grips with the male-female question, and therefore still has not fully realised the impact of Galatians 3:28.

"A Church that defines one section of its membership as inherently different from the rest, or acts as if it does, is guilty of a heresy, in terms of its own theology."

Barbara Thiering herself is a Master of Theology, Doctor of Philosophy, university lecturer, churchwoman, writer, and mother of three children.

It's an important book, both for the church to consider, and for people to consider.

(Available from Federal Board of Christian Education, 217 Lonsdale St., Melb.)

—R.W.L.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Today's sermon is on the virtue of patience. I'm sending a mimeographed copy to each of our creditors!"

CONVENTION AT MORWELL

Even the cold and rain of a Gippsland winter could not dampen or detract from the warm fellowship of those who came together for a week-end of fellowship, discussion, and preaching in the Half Yearly Convention on August 18-19.

Don Thomas of Morwell and Warren Hamilton of Traralgon were host ministers and they were backed up by the local churches who did everything, and it was plenty, to provide hospitality and a setting for a worthwhile Convention.

The visitors in turn made a significant contribution to the local churches, boosting congregations and sharing mutual concerns. The Dept. of Home Missions and Evang. brought out a special issue of its church guide "Sharing" for the event. The Morwell Girl Guides looked after the creche.

In the afternoon there were discussion groups and one team

simulated a church Board meeting, at which we eavesdropped as they argued, manipulated each other, did special interest pleading, and talked each other down as they fought for or against the erection of a new church hall. (Someone suggested that each Board meeting should start with a tape-recording of the low points of the previous meeting. It would be humiliating and maybe helpful!)

While some were discussing, others were out as a Task Force on the street corners of Morwell and at the doors of homes asking people what they thought of the church and its meaning for today. At night a summary of this survey was presented by means of an overhead projector and the opinions and attitudes were reviewed.

Keith Horne was evening

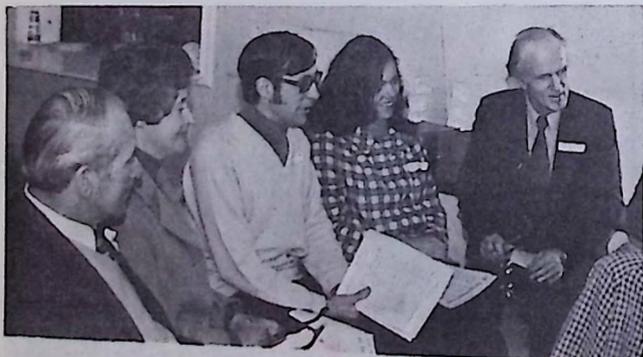
preacher on the subject "Wanted—A Pulpit." "The Couriers", a local Salvation Army group of singers of excellent talent, sang several items. Others taking part were Malcolm Gray (Traralgon), W. W. Saunders (Balwyn), and R. W. Marshall (Bentleigh). Eric Patterson, Victoria-Tasmania Conference President, presided.

Many stayed over for the Sunday services. At Traralgon, Mrs Lesley Stirling presided and Eric Patterson was speaker, and at Morwell, Mrs June St. Aubyn presided and Gordon Stirling gave the message.

As evidence of the interest in the Convention throughout Victoria, folk were present from as far away as Warrnambool, Geelong, Shepparton, Ballarat and Wangaratta.



AT MORWELL Eric Patterson (Conference President), Ray McKenzie (Director, D.C.E.); Stanton Wilson (Conference Secretary); and Don Thomas (Morwell Minister).



Left to Right: Lance Fisher, Doreen Gordon, Roger Hollard, Barbara Lawton, and David Allison in discussion.



Mrs Jean Rudd, Mrs Nancy Tavner, Mrs Barbara Culph, and Mrs Millie Coleman in the kitchen at Morwell.

THINGS TO COME

VICTORIA

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

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SEPTEMBER

29. Girls' Netball Association Presentation Dinner, 7.30 p.m. in Christian Centre.

NEW SOUTH WALES

SEPTEMBER

15 Boys' Home Fete, "Dunmore", Pendle Hill
21-23 CWF Camp, Stanwell Tops
28-Oct 1 Senior High Camp, Stanwell Tops



Do you dig The Church?

Of course we do not mean in the archaeological sense. In this modern parlance, we are simply asking how you see the role of the Church in today's world. To stimulate discussion on this subject the Graduates Association has planned an evening in the Brotherhood Centre, Melbourne, on Monday, 1st October next. (See advertisement in this issue).

We have called in Dr. Geoffrey Whiting to help us in our thinking. Dr. Whiting is well qualified to contribute his thought on this subject. His involvement in the life of our churches and overseas is well known.

Dr. Whiting as a lad of 15 years was baptised by L. C. McCallum at Balaclava, S.A. Entering the College of the Bible in 1941, he completed the course in 1944 and married Marjorie, the daughter of L. C. McCallum. The Whitings ministered to the Church at Wembley Park, W.A., where Geoffrey graduated B.A. from the University of Western Australia.

In 1951 they moved to Dulwich, S.A., and ministered there for three years and then Geoffrey Whiting served as Director of Education in the S.A. Brotherhood for 4½ years.

In 1958, Mr. and Mrs. Whiting and their two children went to U.S.A. for four years. Here Geoffrey graduated Master of Religious Education from Christian Theological Seminary and Doctor of Education from Indiana University. Ministries during this time were with the Christian Church, New Palestine (1958-60)

and minister of Christian Education at Bedford, Indiana (1961-62).

On returning to Australia, Dr. Whiting became the minister of the church at Hartwell (Vic.) from late in 1962 to 1966 and this was followed by two years with the Federal Board of Christian Education.

At the beginning of 1969 he joined the staff of the Technical Teachers' College, Hawthorn, Vic., as a lecturer in educational psychology and student counsellor. He is now serving full-time as student counsellor.

Dr. Whiting has had sustained active involvement in the life of our churches both in Australia and overseas and will bring his valuable insights to bear on the subject of the "Role of the Church in To-day's World."

A. E. White (Federal Conference Secretary) with his close knowledge of the Australian Brotherhood will be an able Discussant.

All this under the genial chairmanship of Rowland Morris will make for an evening no-one can afford to miss.

Frankston Inter-Church Council Youth Accommodation Project.

THIS PROJECT WILL PROVIDE GOOD AWAY-FROM-HOME ACCOMMODATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ON A PERMANENT BASIS, AS WELL AS TEMPORARY AND EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION IN NEEDY AND CRISIS SITUATIONS.

MANAGER or MANAGERESS

required (wife or husband can continue normal employment). Excellent resident accommodation provided. Duties to commence on September 26th, 1973, or as soon afterwards as possible. Salary \$3120/annum plus accommodation.

Specifications of duties available from:

Rev. A. Coulson,
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Frankston,
Victoria 3199.
787 4753.

Applications close September 19th, 1973.

MATRON FOR GIRLS HOSTEL

The Social Service Dept. in South Australia requires the services of a married couple to manage the hostel and Medindie. The husband may continue with his usual employment, or alternative work may be found in the Department. Accommodation is provided. Salary to be negotiated. Applications stating age and giving references to;

MR. A. R. JONES,
104 GROTE STREET,
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A JOB IN A GOOD CAUSE

AUSTCARE.

(Australians Care for Refugees)

Needs a competent typist for its office at 37 Swanston St., Melbourne, 3000. Preferably full-time, Monday to Friday, but will consider adjusting hours to suit applicant. Salary by arrangement. Age immaterial.

Please ring Mr. WIDDOWS,

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9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST HAMILTON, N.S.W.

(27 Gordon Street)

50th ANNIVERSARY

September 21-23, 1973

GUEST SPEAKER:

Pastor W. D. HOWARD

An invitation is extended to all past ministers and members to attend — or forward greetings on this special occasion of Thanksgiving to —

Secretary, M. J. Fraser, 122

Lockyer St., Adamstown,

N.S.W., 2289.

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

E. W. HEARD

Debate on Racism.

"The Age" reported the August General meeting of the Australian Council of Churches under the headline—"Churchmen launch attack on racialism" (15/8/73). The A.C.C. called for a national fund to compensate Aborigines for loss of land. It drew attention to the 'repressive' Queensland Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders Act and urged the inclusion of Aboriginal representatives on the Woodward Commission into land rights.

Churches to retain control of Council

The current A.C.C. financial crisis has affirmed the emphasis that it is to remain a council of Churches. This means that the member churches are responsible for the Council and they were accordingly asked to increase their contributions from 45% to provide for 60% of the total A.C.C. budget.

More money from an increase in the World Council of Churches Fellowship will be coupled with new moves to present a better understanding in the churches of the work of Council. An amount of \$15,000 was voted from the Genge Bequest as a legacy to be used to strengthen the life and impact of the Council.

Bible Study—"Salvation Today."

Morning and evening workings and daily Bible Studies centred on the theme "Salvation Today" as members sought fresh insight from the Word. The two agents in Isaiah, the suffering servant (42:1) and King Cyrus (45:1) were seen to illustrate that "Salvation is hope in action" and point up the question, "who are the Lord's agents of Salvation includes freedom from bondage—for the isolated, the infant-tied, suburban housewife or the production-line worker

NINE BAPTISMS (Strathalbyn, R. L. Oke). Nine young people have been baptized and welcomed into fellowship . . . Mr. Oke will commence a new ministry at Kensington Park church Feb. 1974 . . . A parcel of clothing for an aboriginal child in Nourseman was purchased and packed by the church ladies . . . Mr. and Mrs. S. Bartlett formerly of Strathalbyn but now of Goolwa church were presented with a gift, in appreciation for faithful service over the years . . . Miss Blundell and 3 students from A.B.I., Victor Harbour, took the Aug. meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary . . . Young folk saw "Godspell" in Adelaide . . . A.P. Moar has had a further set back and is in hospital again.

who can't extract themselves without upsetting the system. Jesus saves and exhilarates.

God's Minus Children.

The A.C.C. expressed concern for peoples and Churches facing difficulties. It affirmed support for those in South Korea, the New Hebrides, the Southern African blacks, and blacks in the Portugese territories. The ACC further urged all Christians to sign the Amnesty International petition for the abolition of Torture of prisoners.

Delegates to the Council.

Churches of Christ were represented at the meeting by Dr K. R. Bowes, E. W. Heard, R. N. Gilmore and I. E. Allsop (alternate for our Federal Conference President, Graham Gilmore).

Faith Issues prominent in debate.

Throughout all section reports and the programmes of the various A.C.C.

Victoria—Tasmania News

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our overseas enterprises. Opportunities were found during Conference to visit a Serbian Orthodox Church and a Sikh Temple, and seminars were held on such diverse subjects as the Jesus Movement and investment in South Africa.

A variety of worship was shared, varying from the solemn joy of the Ordination Service to the wide-ranging use of dance, guitar, slides and films during the evening providing by the Christian Education Department.

Although there are difficulties we see great opportunities in the next few years in unity, in evangelism, and in the opportunities God presents to us. We go forward in good heart."

Various

R. W. Marshall, minister at Bentleigh, was recently appointed to succeed J. E. Bailey (Conference Treasurer) as a representative of Churches of Christ, along with R. F. Geyer (North Balwyn) on the Victoria Auxiliary of the Bible Society. R. F. Geyer has been a member of the Auxiliary for 26 years and its chairman for the past 12 years.

R. L. Mullen and G. L. J. Marsh who were members of the Worship Sub-committee are now members of the Adult Education Committee—a sub-committee of the Department of Christian Education. R. L. Mullen was recently appointed to represent our churches on the Liturgical Centre.

Commissions and associated agencies, the imperatives of the Christian Faith were presented with clarity. World Christian Action is acting with responsible stewardship and ministry towards the \$1 million contributed annually by Australian people for Aid and Development. The Division of Faith and Witness continues to promote study and mission through its two commissions, Faith and Order, and Overseas Mission. Future programmes of this division will include a Joint Working Group Conference in 1974 on the theme: "The person in Church and Society."

A continuing programme of education and action for Justice and Development will be undertaken by the A.C.C.

Many aspects of Justice and Service received attention but one important motion was the resolution urging people and governments to take positive measures to overcome the social consequences of the misuse of alcohol. It suggested the abolition of T.V. advertising of liquor.

The impact from the Council meeting is that the churches have a positive approach to the future, and there will be significant advances made in the area of Witness by the Churches acting together in affirming their Faith.

Sir Douglas Nicholls, as active as ever in our Brotherhood, is now Advisor to the Director of Aboriginal Affairs of Victoria.

The Conference Executive publicly and gratefully acknowledges receiving, on permanent loan from the Austral Printing Company a most valuable portrait of Alexander Campbell. It was painted by T. Flintoff in 1875. It is presumed that the late A. B. Maston who commenced the Austral Company in 1890 secured his portrait from USA.

It will be appropriately hung in the new premises at 52 Latrobe Street when the Executive and certain Brotherhood Departments are located in this new venue.

The transference of the Brotherhood Centre to its new location has been entrusted to a Re-location Sub-Committee comprised of R. F. Geyer (Convenor), L. J. Butler, G. B. Frecker, V. L. Gole, R. B. Lee and R. P. Morris.

We are indebted to these trusted and competent brethren for undertaking this responsibility.

Dr. Keith Bowes, Principal-Elect of the College of the Bible, will leave Australia on September 22 on a three weeks 'flying-visit' to the United States. While there Dr. Bowes, who is a Vice-President of the World Convention, will attend one of its Executive Meetings to be held in St. Louis. The main purpose of Dr. Bowes' tour will be to visit six theological colleges as an observer.

SCHOOL PLAN TO AID ABORIGINES

The State Education Department is employing an Aboriginal liaison officer at the Norseman Junior High School in W.A. in an attempt to improve communication between Aboriginal parents and the school. The experimental scheme is believed to be the first of its kind in W.A.

The officer, Allan Bonney, is a missionary at the Churches of Christ mission, ten miles from Norseman. He works part-time at the school.

The Director of Secondary Education, H. Loudon, said that the suggestion for the appointment came from the school's headmaster, D. Wright. Mr. Wright thought that such a scheme would help with some of the difficulties encountered by Aboriginal pupils. Mr. Bonney said that one of the main jobs was to try and encourage parents to send their children to school. He also tried to help with homework problems.

OBITUARY

ASHWOOD, Elma Lilian.

Elma Ashwood died in her home at Nth. Balwyn on Aug. 13, at the age of 83 years. With her passing there went from us a lady who reflected all the fine qualities of the parents into whose home she was born in Sydney 1890. With her parents, John and Elizabeth Ashwood, and her sisters, she worshipped with the City Temple when it was in Elizabeth Street and later at Petersham and finally at Chatswood. Miss Ashwood moved to Victoria in 1937 and for a time worshipped with the church at Gardiner. She built a home in North Balwyn twenty years ago and linked with the church at Doncaster. She will be remembered by this church and her many friends across Australia as a very generous and gracious lady whose love for her church was of first importance. From childhood Elma Ashwood was not physically strong and her health was always a cause for concern for her loved ones. It is indicative of her spirit that she drove her car until she was eighty years of age, travelled extensively and regularly worshipped at the church. Her health in recent years had confined her to home. To the very last she was deeply interested and well informed about every aspect of the brotherhood's work. The well attended service at Doncaster further indicated the extent of her circle of friends. The hymn chosen by her family for that service was "Fight the Good Fight" and expresses perfectly the spirit of this courageous and dedicated lady. To her sisters Miss May Ashwood and Mrs John Robertson (Queenie) we express sympathy and yet rejoice with them in a life well lived and a battle well fought.

-KDH

CORNISH, Sydney George.

Sydney died on August 13 in a road accident. From his earliest years his parents sought to encourage him in the church. He made a commitment to Christ but, like many youngsters, he had a lot of growing to do. Last year, at his church in Strathmore, he made a recommitment of his life during a mission. He didn't find the way easy, but his rededication was for real. God was at work in his life and he expressed a desire for some kind of full-time Christian service. In his church he was always prepared to serve with enthusiasm and took an active part in S.S. youth work, and church meetings. He walked many miles collecting money for Austcare and other good causes. Above all, he wanted his life to count for Jesus Christ. On his way by bike to attend Boys' Explorer Club he was struck by a car and killed instantly. He was seventeen years of age. The chapel was packed for the funeral service with those who knew Sydney and valued him. His influence will live on in our hearts. S. K. Bannon and A. E. White shared in the service at the chapel and Fawkner cemetery.

-S.K.B.

RELIGION AND HEALTH

The National Conference on Religion and Health will be held at Naamaroo Conference Centre, Lane Cove National Park, Chatswood, N.S.W., Oct. 8-13.

It will be associated with the World Federation for Mental Health 25th Anniversary Congress, Wentworth Hotel, Sydney, Oct. 8-12.

Registration forms may be obtained from Rev. Alan Galt, Registrar, 99 Eastwood Ave., Epping, N.S.W. 2121.



NEW WINE TURNS IT ON

The "New Wine Singers" were the featured artists at a recent Coffee House conducted at Tamworth Church of Christ.

This dedicated group of Christian musicians are all students at the University of New England, mostly in their final year.

Earlier this year the group returned from a Scripture Union sponsored tour of South-East Asia. Bearded Geoffrey Butler, formerly of Inverell Church of Christ, highly praised the expanding Asian Churches they visited.

Tamworth young people were correspondingly loud in their praise of the New Wine's musical ability; their intensive preparation all became worthwhile.

BOUNDY, Hilda Grace,

Born at Brinkwell, S.A., in 1891, Mrs. Boundy became associated with Churches of Christ in her teens, and interested herself in social service work. Moving to Melbourne she attended the city church, Swanston Street, for some time. In 1955 she transferred to Malvern-Caulfield, where she became active in the women's work. Mrs. Boundy shared with others on a committee set up by the church board to recommend color-scheme, carpets, etc., when Malvern church was re-decorated in 1960. Following a few weeks of poor health, she died on July 19, 1973 aged 81 years. J. Wilkie Thompson conducted services at parlors and the Wilson chapel, Springvale crematorium.

-A.L.F.

LINK NOT BROKEN

The Gardiner Church of Christ, Vic., has been supporting Frank Beale as its Living Link Missionary for many years. Now that the Beales have returned to Australia, Gardiner church is giving practical recognition to the devoted services that their Living Link has maintained over the years.

Already \$400 has been contributed and the church plans to give 15% of its Thanksgiving Offering to this Appeal Fund. To give folk everywhere an additional opportunity of being a partner in this enterprise, a concert has been arranged for Sept. 29, 1973. Notice concerning the concert is on page 18.

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• Overseas Missions

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Sister Dianne Cooksley from Victoria has been accepted for 12 months missionary service in the New Hebrides. Sister Cooksley will leave Melbourne on September 17 for Sydney and on September 24 will leave for the New Hebrides.

Frank Richards and Howard Weedon both of Victoria have offered to serve at Bunapas, Papua-New Guinea for several weeks during the furlough of Mr. and Mrs. T. Gray.

Mr. Richards is Chairman of the Victorian O. M. Committee and Mr. Weedon is a member. Both men have previously served with Work Teams to our mission work in New Guinea. It is expected that they will leave for the field early October.

N.S.W. & W.A.

BACK TO EGYPT. (Enmore, R. C. Dixon). George Youssef, one of our S. S. scholars recently baptized, has returned to Egypt with his family . . . Mrs. Rose Snr. and Miss Joan Walker were baptized on August 12 . . . Several parents visited S.S. on Aug. 12, the beginning of Education Week . . . Systematic visitation of those attending gospel services has been begun by a small group of members.

GREAT SHOW BAG FILL. (East Victoria Park, W. Thornton). C.W.F. members are helping to pack Show Bags during Show Week. Every bag packed yields 2 cents for department funds . . . Dennis Hughes (Kalamunda) and Brice Wells (Rivervale) were speakers in August . . . Mr. Thornton visits and speaks at Thomlie church on alternate Sundays . . . Owing to pressure of work and study, Brian Wrightson has had to resign as church secretary. Mrs. Les. Dennis is correspondence secretary and Ron Hunt arranges for speakers . . . Mrs. Ron Hunt, Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Pearl Brown have been welcomed back after illness and injury. Mrs. Pearson is also back after her motor accident . . . The C.W.F. had twenty Fremantle ladies as guests on Aug. 21. They led the devotional. A stall to aid general funds, yielded \$10 . . . The men of the church are painting the interior walls and cleaning up outside etc., in preparation for our October mission.

AID FOR OTHERS (Hornsby, D. A. Oldfield). A Progressive Supper and a Smorgasbord Dinner were held to raise funds for Dunmore House, Pendle Hill and Dr. Chae's Orphanage in Korea. Amount raised was \$146.05 . . . Guest speaker on Aug. 26 was Ron Hewitt, Conference President. He also spoke at the Coffee Shop . . . Other recent speakers were G. Rowcroft, R. Bartholomew and E. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Baker from Victoria have been appointed to Ranmawat, Pentecost Island, New Hebrides. They will replace Mr. and Mrs. H. Finger who recently returned from the New Hebrides. The Bakers are at present serving with the church at Reservoir. They will leave for the New Hebrides next January.

Dr. and Mrs. D. Hemer from South Australia have been appointed to the New Hebrides, and will replace Dr. and Mrs. T. Taylor who have been serving on a short term basis. Dr. and Mrs. Hemer will leave for the New Hebrides toward the end of this year.

INDONESIA

The Overseas Mission Board has appointed Sister Dorothy Manning, S.A., as an Associate Missionary in Indonesia. Sister Manning will serve with the Leprosy Mission and after a period of leprosy training in Thailand, will go to Jakarta. It is expected that she will leave for Thailand toward the end of September. The Overseas Mission Board has accepted responsibility for Sister Manning's travel expenses from Adelaide to Jakarta.

The Overseas Mission Board will sponsor two Bible Reading Note Writers Production Workshops in Indonesia during 1974. The Workshops will be held

at Bogor and it is expected that 20 pastors and laymen will attend each course.

This is one activity of the Bible Reading Promotion Programme being promoted by the Institut Oikumene Indonesia. The Institut was established by the Indonesian Council of Churches in 1971 and serves as a Central Training Centre for Indonesia.

It will work in close co-operation with the Indonesian Scripture Union Board officially called 'Persekutuan Pembaca Alkitab' and the National Bible Society. The purpose of the Workshops is to train Indonesians to become effective Bible Reading note writers, using the Scripture Union method. D. R. Maitimoe, Director of Institut Oikumene Indonesia, and Chairman of the Scripture Union Board in Indonesia, writes, "According to our experiences, we should not work with the translations from the English, from the very beginning Nationals should write the Bible Reading notes for their own folk. Indonesian Christians know better than any one else what Indonesian Christians need in order to relate God's word to their own spiritual life, and to their social life. So does every church in its National situation."

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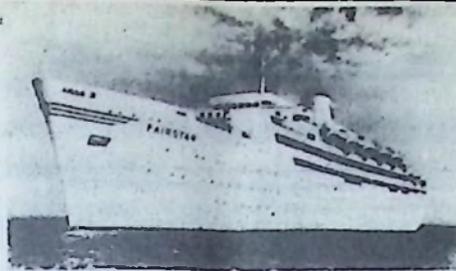


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DEATH

BLACKWELL—On August 26th at R.G.H. Heidelberg, Gilbert Darlow of 1/17 Cosy Gum Rd., Carnegie, loved father of Mavis (Mrs. Knee) and Joan (Mrs. McMillan), father-in-law of Alf and David, loved Pa of Julie and Geoff, Robyn and Alex, Brian, Ian, Dianne and Ray and Pamela, and great grandfather (old Pa) of Peter, Paul, Sarah, Adam, Wendy and Narelle. Aged 77 years.

ASHWOOD Elma Lilian At her home 24 Willis Street, North Balwyn, on August 13, 1973. Dearly loved sister of May and Queenie and brother-in-law of John.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MISSION DECISIONS (Port Lincoln, B. Hill). Crowded meetings throughout Garman mission. Todd sisters featured. 16 decisions for Christ. Good support from other churches. Old and young have volunteered for counselling . . . Mrs. Ron. McLean visited C.W.F. on August 23 to speak to 53 members and visitors . . . 13 travelled to Wundinna for E.P. conference with Gordon Stirling . . . Youth Group conducted recent evening service.

S. S. PEAK (Berri, K. Fehner). The S.S. has recorded its highest attendance for years. I. J. Chivell was S.S. anniversary speaker . . . There has been one baptism . . . Three have been welcomed as Christian in Fellowship . . . C.W.F. afternoon and evening groups have combined to meet alternately afternoons and night . . . Stewardship campaign resulted in offerings of \$155 per week . . . Bus load travelled to Adelaide to see "Godspell" . . . Marriage rededication brought folk from as far as Pt. Augusta and Adelaide . . . Women have been given the opportunity to read and preside . . . Keith Blyth won Glossop High School Public Speaking competition . . . \$60 worth of Christian literature was sold at book display . . . Gerald Rose and team conducted Teacher Training for all Riverland churches.

CALLED TO MILE END (N. Hodgkiss) I. R. Martin of Gilgandra, N.S.W., has accepted a call to commence a ministry in Jan. 1974 . . . There were ten baptisms at the Mission to Mile End with Joe Garman of America and "The Joytones" singing group from Qld. There were two other confessions and five who will be

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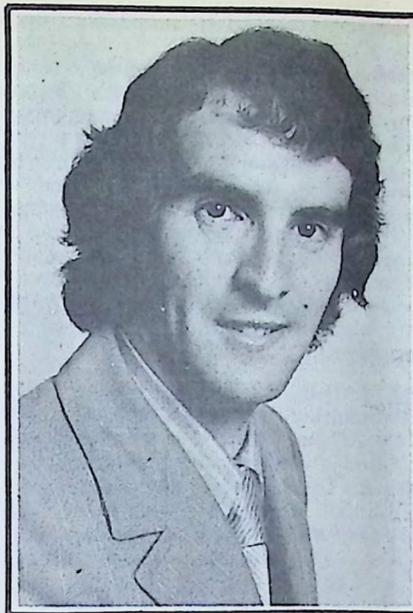
attending other churches . . . On Aug. 19 Ken Dawson spoke for Gideons International. \$27 was donated for Bibles as a memorial to the late Mrs Rawling who dearly loved her Bible and had been a member of Mile End since 1911 . . . Happy Hours conducted by the "Joytones" during the Joe Garman mission resulted in 12 new B.S. scholars . . . C.E. and teenage group "Jesus Seekers" are showing increased interest and numbers.

MISSIONARY PROJECT (Nailsworth, P. DeWildt) The Missionary Project was completed and Mr McLean accepted a cheque for \$465 for a Quintrax boat for August Ben Mui in New Guinea . . . The newly elected and standing officers were inducted during a church family tea . . . There were ten enquiries for discipleship at a youth rally at Prospect Town Hall with Joe Garman and the Todd Sisters . . . The film "Question Mark" was screened by the B. & F.B.S. . . . During Men's Annual Dinner and church service, Brigadier H. Wilson, from the Salvation Army Rest Home, was guest speaker. Three men were baptised.

DIAMOND WEDDING (Unley, W. J. Philp) Mr and Mrs Alan Carlake have celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary and in acknowledging congratulations they gave "Thanks to God for 60 years of happiness and Christian friends." . . . The death of Mrs Beryl Venus, wife of elder Geo. Venus, has saddened and called forth the sympathy of the whole church . . . Jillian Rogers was baptised at a Girls' Brigade church parade.

LEAVE IN INDIA (Blackwood, L. G. Cooke) Miss Chris Hemer will spend her long service leave assisting Hazel Skuce in India . . . A church family lunch was followed by an A.B.C. recording of hymn singing to be heard nationally on Sept. 2. . . Junior and Inter. B.S. Depts. held inspiring anniversary telling of the calling of the disciples and emphasising that Christ is still calling today . . . Mr and Mrs G. Cooper, Dr and Mrs N. Elson, and Misses Sandra and Yvonne Bonney have been welcomed into fellowship.

EVENING SERVICE REPLACED (Barmera, K. Fehner). The evening service has been discontinued in favour of Youth Outreach to town led by D. Creeper, G. Acland, and B. Harvey . . . Offering has doubled as result of Stewardship Programme . . . Church is to visit all new families moving to Barmera offering them Christian Education, Worship and Pastoral facilities. There is also continuous visitation to increase B.S. enrolment . . . Three of seven netball teams are in finals . . . Several teenage girl members are to take part on the reading plan . . . Mr. Fehner is conducting a study at each C.W.F. meeting . . . H. Wilkerson has had long period of sickness . . . Forestville church took the B.S. anniversary service at which John Hunt was speaker.



• V.-T. Home Missions

CENTENARY PROJECT APPOINTMENT TO KNOXFIELD

The Knoxfield church has appointed Michael Pelling to commence the church's first full time ministry in 1974. This appointment has been negotiated with the Vic.-Tas. Home Missions Department and is one of the Department's major developmental thrusts in its Centenary Year. Mr. Pelling is currently minister at Boondall and is completing studies with the University of Queensland.



VICTORIA

240 FAMILIES NAMED (Doncaster, Keith Home) Second edition of "Church Directory" listing names and details of the 240 families worshipping with the church has had popular reception . . . CYF and YAF have had camps at "Rosslin," Warburton . . . A married man and teenage boy were baptised Aug. 12 . . . George Mathieson, D.C.E., conducted programme with the Board "How Does Your Church Rate?" . . . Barry Jenkins, H.M.C. Inner Areas Programme, spoke to 40 at CYF Breakfast, and to both morning services . . . Recent "Chat'n'Snack" programme has received high rating and will be

repeated . . . Series of "House Parties" involving the whole church for a period of two weeks.

HORSHAM DECISION (R. Roberts). A young lady made commitment on Aug. 5 when D. H. Smith (Director, H. M. and Evang.) was guest speaker . . . On Aug. 7, 10 ladies travelled to Kaniva for the Women's N.W. Dist. Conf. . . . Pastor Chae in Korea, gratefully acknowledged a gift of \$70 . . . C.W.E.F. forwarded a parcel of clothing to John and Evelyn Friebel in New Guinea . . . Several Baptist couples are now meeting with us . . . One lady was received into fellowship on Aug. 26 . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. Harmer were honoured on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

STAND-INS (Nth. Williamstown, K. H. Pitt). While Mr. Pitt (Pres. of State C. E. Union) attended 83rd State Convention at Warrnambool, speakers here were R. Lane (Gospel Mission) and Ron White (Student Minister, Footscray) and group of Footscray young people . . . On Aug. 14 a bus load attended Blackburn High School Assembly Hall to hear "The Endeavourers" give a repeat of their "Gospel Spectrum Concert" . . . Ladies

from district churches attended C.W.A.F. birthday. Mrs. J. St. Aubyn (Pres. Elect. of C.W.F.) led devotions and "Minstrel Ladies" provided program . . . Half-yearly Conference at Morwell and H. M. and Evang. Centenary Dinner was attended by members.

MEMORIAL ORGAN (Hurstbridge, Gary Wake). An electronic organ has been purchased in memory of Mrs. Rose McIntosh . . . C.W.F. provided clothing and cheque for 14 year old Aboriginal girl . . . Mrs B. Chouffot and Mrs. R. Clarke represented ladies at Social Service Luncheon . . . N. Webb attended Home Mission Centenary Dinner on behalf of church . . . Plans are in hand for extensions to church building . . . Mrs May Harris is showing slight improvement after serious major surgery . . . Julie Jones senior B.S. scholar was baptized . . . An after-school "Adventure Hour" held for one week. 90 children enrolled, 61 attending each day. It culminated in a Parent-Child Sunday evening service when work of children was displayed and an Audio Visual on the week's theme "Thanking God for Everything" was shown . . . 35 members and S.S. scholars made a bus trip to the snow at Mt. Donna Buang.

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CLOTHING BY THE CRATE (Box Hill, K. R. Bond) Twenty-three crates of clothing and Christmas gifts were packed at Box Hill by Vic. C.W.F. for Aborigines. Mrs. D. Clark showed Carnarvon Mission slides at Y.P.C.E. . . . Mr. Bond is Pres. of Cricket Club, M. M. Farmer is Sec., and G. Clare Treas. Mr. Grainger was given a vote of thanks on retiring as Pres. after two years . . . G. Steele has left for three months business trip to U.S.A. . . . Bob Irvine, captain of firsts football team won best and fairest award in competitions . . . Junior and Senior Netball teams won in grand finals—Fairest and best in junior team was Jan Mitchell: in seniors, Dianne Muller . . . Sympathy expressed to Mrs. Thompson in the death of her brother . . . Julie Henley, Ron Webster, and Mrs. McFarlane Sr., are ill. Sandra Lobbe is improving.

FAMILY GIVE LEAD (Gardiner, L. S. Dewberry). Former "local lad," Ian Corlett, preached on Aug. 26. His father, S. W. Corlett, presided, and his brother, Dr. R. Corlett, read his scripture . . . Recent speakers were G. Barnett, (H.S. Chaplain) Don Oakes, (Aborigines Mission) Fred. Combridge, (Social Service), and Mr. Broderick (Leprosy Mission). F. J. Funston led a hymn service . . . Discussion groups followed church dinner on July 25 . . . Former treasurer, R. Lancashire, is Board chairman and S. W. Corlett is new treasurer . . . Our ladies conducted a party for children at Yooralla hospital . . . Mrs. Dewberry led combined women's meeting in our church . . . Mr. and Mrs. Crawford were received into membership . . . Mr. and Mrs. Paul, Miss Joy Willshire, and Mrs. Webster have returned to services after long illnesses. Harold Watkins is making good recovery after major operation. Mrs. Blackman is in hospital.

SWAN HILL VISITORS (R. E. Pritchard). Recent speakers have been G. Cameron (Dept. of H. M. Evang.), and G. R. Stirling (College of the Bible) . . . Several of our young people attended "Youth In" at Bendigo . . . Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hartshorn have been welcomed.

C.W.F. CONFERENCE (Warracknabeal, S. Hince). Ladies went to Kaniva for annual C.W.F. Conference. Next Conference will be at Warracknabeal with Mrs. Harmer as Pres., and Mrs. Pollard as Sec. . . . A number of youths went to Bendigo for youth weekend . . . A donation has been sent to India Relief . . . Church has new morning service times, 9.30 and 11.30 an alternatively. Kenneth Evans and Mrs. Baum are home after being in hospital . . . Mrs. Newell presided recently at the Lord's Table . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. Rogers have returned after some months in Qld.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

WOMEN OF THE WEST.

Our president, Mrs. Hughes, brought the thought for the month. "Three things remain — faith, hope and love and the greatest of these is love." The leader of the Auxiliary Meeting Meditation, Mrs. J. Pendlebury, told us that loyalty is an extension of our love.

This was further expressed when Mrs. Hewitt led a "Christian Welfare Interview" with members from the Christian Welfare Centre — Mrs. K. Eaton, co-ordinator; Mrs. Drake-Brockman, social worker; and George Smith, Director. It is the love of God that enables one to love the unlovely, new and old Australians, the mentally disturbed; the physical needs and most of all the Spiritual needs are supplied.

Points for Prayer and Praise.

* For the 30 people who attended the tea in the Warick Kindergarten Hall to discuss plans for the new building and future growth of this young church.

* For Don Sonsee as he prepares to minister with Mandurah Church, 1974.

* For the young church at Thornlie as it begins church building programme.

* That the drought has been broken in our mission area in India. Continue to pray for follow up rains.

* For the opportunity of showing our concern by sending powdered milk and finance to our Indian brethren.

* For the outreach work at Eidsvoll, Qld. with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Morris.

— Dora Gordon, Secretary.

TO MEET NEW MINISTER (Dianella). Picnic luncheon was held in Hyde Park following morning service on July 29 when members met John Somerville, minister-elect . . . Girls' Brigade presented 3rd anniversary service on Aug. 12 and included items by girls, presentation of awards and guest speaker, Mrs. B. Prangnell, State G. B. Commissioner . . . Girls also participated in lemon drive to raise funds for State HQS. Boys' Brigade Cos. 1 and 2 attended State Display. No. 1 Section participated in programme . . . Church extends sympathy to Mrs. Gwen Thomas and children in loss of husband and father . . . Mid-week prayer and bible study group re-commenced with B. Stitt assisting . . . Church auxiliaries combined to present concert on July 28.

\$18 was collected to commence "organ fund".

FOUR BAPTISMS (Wembley, J. K. Bond). During Mr. Bond's interim ministry attendances have improved. There have been four baptismal services and the mid-week prayer meeting has taken a new lease of life. Mr. Bond will serve the church till the end of January 1974. Attractive advertising assured an encouraging response for first month. Special gospel services lasting through school holidays commenced on August 19, with emphasis on Y.P. interests and activities.

BATTALION PARADE (Inglewood, J. K. Robinson). A Battalion Church Parade on July 22 was attended by 74 girls and 7 officers from the Inglewood/Maylands district. Guest speaker was Cedric Jacobs, Methodist Aboriginal minister . . . 250 attended the Drama Club's production of the 3-act comedy, "The Chiltern Hundreds". Folk from other metropolitan churches are members of the Drama Club . . . August features included a Men's Tea and service, and a Youth Tea and service in which Inglewood were hosts young people from Dianella, Perth and North Perth churches.



NEW SOUTH WALES

AID FOR BOYS' HOME (Inverell, R. Craig). C.W.F. sent a parcel of articles for sale at the Boys' Home Fete, and clothing for an Aboriginal girl at Norseman mission. They also provided a new cloth for the communion table . . . During 2nd week of John Timms mission at Armidale, Mr. Craig will conduct an after-school Happy Hour programme . . . Recent speakers have been Joe Parker (Godeons International), and Mr. Willis (Leprosy Mission) . . . Mr. Craig spoke at Oakwood S.S. anniversary on August 5.

CRUSADE TRANSFER (Albion, B. Benz). Following transfer of Northside Crusade to Albion, members have been involved in final preparations. Ted Watson addressed a pre-crusade rally . . . Mr. Benz has accepted the invitation to minister for an additional year . . . Missionary Faith Promises now exceed \$6000. Over \$2000 has already been received and during the same period the general offering has increased . . . The policy of hiring a film for screening at church on Sunday evening and in members' homes for remainder of week, has proved successful . . . Films have included "The Professor and the Prophets" and "City of the Bees".

"KEY FOR '73" (Pendle Hill, R. K. Aldred). The theme for the 35th anniversary on Aug. 12 was "God Holds the Key for '73". Joe Shaw was guest speaker. Mrs. Helen York and Rick Anderson were soloists. A Recognition Luncheon honoring Frank Perry, our longest-standing member, was included in celebrations, with 140 attending. A presentation of The Living Bible was made to Mr. Perry. Visitors travelled from Queensland for the occasion.



VICTORIA

FORMER SECRETARY HONOURED (Essendon North, J. Whiltshire) Frank Mason, a foundation member and former church secretary was honoured on his 80th birthday at a Sunday afternoon gathering of over 100 . . . There have been two baptisms . . . The Essendon Grammar School band shared in an evening service, led by Ken Smith, who also gave trumpet solos. John Williams, Essendon footballer, and a Presbyterian elder, was interviewed by John Birt, former Essendon coach . . . Visiting speakers have been K.H. Pitt, R. Drayton, S. McBride and Mrs L. Morgan . . . The 47th anniversary was celebrated with a family tea and Dr. K. R. Bowes was guest speaker . . . Joy and Bill Barratt are now leading C.Y.F.

RUTH SKILLICORN HOME (Croydon, A. B. Clark) Mrs Ruth Skillicorn was interviewed at July youth service. She is staying with her parents, Mr and Mrs Morall, whilst on furlough after 20 years in India. Visiting speaker was Mr Fletcher from Bayswater church. Y.P. were present from Ringwood . . . 30 attended C.W.F. progressive dinner in July . . . Dr K. R. Bowes (C.O.B.) was recent speaker. He shared in after-church question time and supper . . . Mrs G. Stirling visited C.W.F. on July 31 . . . Sympathy is offered to R. Skelton and family in the sudden death of Mrs G. Skelton.

OUTREACH MEETINGS (Red Hill, P. Richter) A week of Outreach meetings led by Ted Keating concluded on Aug. 12. During previous week coffee mornings and evening meetings were held in homes of members. One lady was baptized on Aug. 12.

CHILDREN'S MISSION (Ormond, G. M. Mathieson) Messrs White and Coleman held a Children's Mission recently. 37 potential scholars are to be visited, representing 25 homes with no church affiliation . . . There is much sickness in the congregation . . . Three young men have made decisions and are awaiting baptism.

S. C. DOWNIE TO CONCLUDE (Collingwood). The minister, Mr. Downie, has announced his resignation from the church as from the end of 1973 . . . M.B.I. Singers presented a programme to 300 on August 5 . . . Barry Jenkins was a recent speaker and the Conf. Secretary, S. H. Wilson, visited our morning service . . . The Mayor of Collingwood, Cr. G. Brebner, donated \$50 to the church following the classification of our building by the National Trust. We have had excellent press coverage following the classification.

"JESUS WAY RALLY" (Bayswater, A. Fletcher) Eastern District Area youth met in full force for evening "Jesus Way Rally", prior to coffee and toast at "Shadrach's Shack," Boronia Church of Christ. Music and testimonies by the "7 Peace Power" band were features. Two decisions for Christ were made. Trevor Giles was in the pulpit.

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QUESTING

WITH

A. E. WHITE



Referring to "Questing," June 16, I question your expression "Forget about the formality of the minutes of the previous meeting—over a year they can waste hours." It is incredible that you are so emphatic about the "big business of the church" and yet disregard the basic procedure which is essential for its implementation, (see letter on page 8).

I am unrepentant, but a bit misunderstood.

Of course I realise the importance of the minutes of a meeting. They should be written with clarity and be a true record of decisions made.

The point was made on page 284 that the recording of the names of movers and seconds and an adherence to formal meeting procedure are not really necessary when the board members, representing the church family, come together to consider the church's life. However, I went on to say "an exception to this informality should be made when the church constitution lays down regulations or if there are property or

financial decisions that have legal implications."

You quite rightly state that no meeting is held in isolation and that further business stems from previous decisions or some matters are carried forward. In my brief summary of procedure I covered this point on page 284 when I referred to "continuing items, those brought forward for further attention from earlier meetings."

It was taken for granted that the board members would have a copy of the minutes. Any matter requiring further attention may be brought forward by any member if the item is not already covered in the agenda. But it should be on the agenda.

There are times when board meetings run on too late because of unnecessary or unproductive mulling over "the minutes of the previous meeting" as when one board member (absent last month) wants details of an item that exercised the board for quite some time at the "previous meeting."

One church board in preparing the agenda not only listed the new business and the "business arising" from the last meeting, but would list every item where action was still required. Some of the matters went back for months!

The plea of this column was not to give up writing the minutes, but to prevent last month's completed business getting in the way of this month's "big business of the church." If ten men spend ten minutes unnecessarily looking over the past, it is not just ten minutes wasted. It is one hundred minutes!

THE LAST WORD...

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