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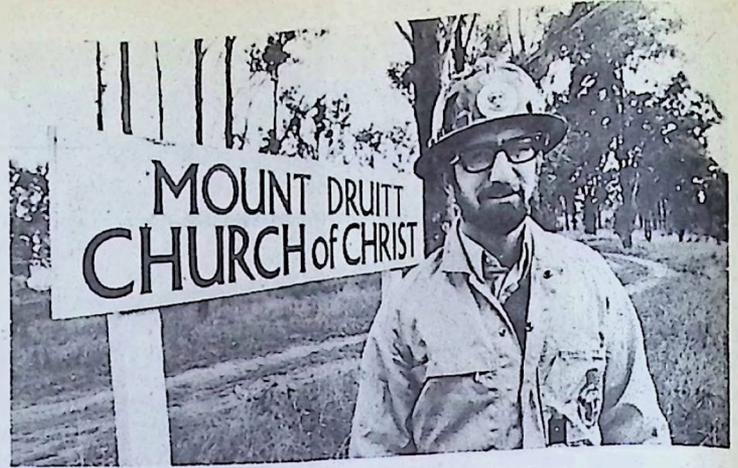
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MARY WHITEHOUSE IN AUSTRALIA

—WORLDWIDE PHOTO



Pastor in bushfire brigade



Volunteers in the bushfire brigades come from all "walks of life, but one new member from Mt. Druitt stands apart from his flock.

He is Robert Smith, minister of Mt. Druitt Church of Christ. He joined the brigade when fire control officer Roy Sergeant appealed for

more day-time volunteers to man the brigade.

Mr. Smith has been presented with a special helmet to wear on duty. It acknowledges his role as a minister, is painted black, and bears a gold cross mounted on the Bushfire Brigade's emblem.

He welcomes the change from spiritual adviser to bushfire fighter when the fire alarm rings. "It gives me two opportunities—to serve the community in which I live, in a different kind of role, and possibly indulge my sense of adventure, also to meet and mix with the men of the brigades in their volunteer work. I also enjoyed attending the special training classes for bushfire brigade personnel.

Mr. Smith has served as minister of the church of Christ at Mt. Druitt for the past three years. He praised a group of women in the church who give up their time helping others. "In some cases this involves just visiting and being a sympathetic listener to the problems being experienced by residents of the area. Some of the New Residents of Mt. Druitt previously lived in suburbs which had all the supportive services. Many suffer from a sense of isolation and loneliness when they move out here, particularly if they have no relatives or friends in the area."

Mr. Smith is looking forward to the establishment of the church's child-minding centre, being set up with the aid of a Commonwealth Education Dept. child care centre grant. It will open for approximately 10 hours daily during the week, and will be used at weekends for church activities.

At present, church services are held in the Whalan Community Centre, and Sunday School at his home. "Our home, the garage, and several tents accommodate more than 150 S.S. students."

Mr. Smith trained for two years as a marriage counsellor and is now undergoing a civil chaplain's course which involves study of psychology, and visits to psychiatric and general hospitals.

INNER SPRINGS

FOR LOVE ALONE



"This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." How easy it is to read those words and miss their full significance. We might have expected them to come at the end of Christ's ministry, crowning his years of dedicated service. Instead they were pronounced at the very beginning before He had performed one miracle or one act of mercy. Why then was the Father so pleased? Because Jesus had fulfilled the first and most holy of all the commandments: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart . . ." He had put first things first, and in doing so He would be enabled to fulfill every other demand made upon Him, even to the laying down of His life upon an agonising cross. For only love makes enduring that which would otherwise break the heart.

The truth of this was brought home to one, Brother Andrew, in the book "God's Smuggler." Wounded during the war and confined to bed he wrote: "The hospital to which I was assigned was run by Franciscan Sisters. I soon fell in love with every one of them. From dawn until midnight they were busy in the wards, cleaning bedpans, swabbing wounds, writing letters for us, laughing, singing, I never once heard them complain. One day I asked the nun who came to bathe me how it was that she and all the other sisters were always so cheerful. "Why Andrew, you ought to know the answer to that—a good Dutch boy like you. It's the love of Christ." When she said it, her eyes sparkled, and I knew without question that for her this was the whole answer. She could have talked all afternoon and said no more."

Unless our motives are rooted in the same kind of love, the service that we do will only become a burden that benefits no one and in the end dishonors God.

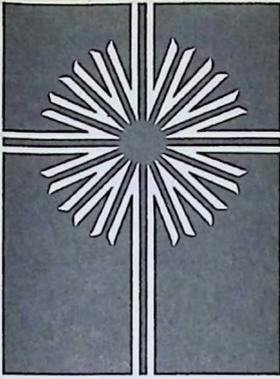
Into the depths of mind,
Searching the plan designed,
Gladdest when Thou dost find
First of all, Thee.

All my best works are naught,
Pleasee thee not Thee;
For past my busy hands
Thine eye doth see.

● Thou who hast fashioned us for Thyself, help us to seek Thee first of all; then shall we do those things that are pleasing to Thee.

Matthew 3: 13-17
Luke 10: 27

Amen
FLORENCE ROSIER



Mary Whitehouse and the Festival of Light

Writing in "The National Times" and commenting on the visit by Mrs Whitehouse, George Coughlan clearly set out some of the issues we face today. "From the very start the festival (because it is identified with Roman Catholic and Protestant evangelical church circles) is met with prejudice, with the facile brush-off, by a majority of the community. To be smeared, justly or unjustly, as a 'wowsler,' is enough to have one's message and motivation ridiculed, caricatured, belittled by every petty pen-pusher and every cynical satirist.

"One of the meanest yet most effective methods of protecting an evil thing from thorough scrutiny is to get the immature laughing, with the affectation of superior insight, at the attackers. When Lord Longford has been identified for months as "Lord Porn" a rational consideration of his report is rendered virtually impossible.

"The phony art of the 'send-up', falsely posing as serious comment, is among the many devices by which the pushers of obscenity, pornography and violence have worked an almost incredible confidence trick on a gullible community."

(Following two World Wars the churches were bankrupt of meaning and relevance to a changing society) and into the vacuum stormed the 'neophiliacs': the idolisers of the new, the exciting, the liberated, the avant garde, the radical, the revolutionary . . . in the result, what happened was that the sexually repressed, the lovers-haters of aggression, the pursuers-fearers of love, got into an unholy alliance with the utterly callous, mercenary minded controllers of the increasingly persuasive means of communication and advertising.

"Between them they brought off an incredible coup: they have seduced a majority, even of the apparently enlightened, into identifying the most outrageously dehumanising depictions of sexual imagination and behaviour with — wait for it — 'freedom,' 'emancipation,' 'progress,' 'realism.' For it is one of the saddest traits of our nature that we cannot do any rotten thing to one another unless we can find a noble name for it!"

When Mrs Mary Whitehouse came to Australia there was the expected advance rubbing that some sections of the media hand out to anyone who tries to call a halt to declining moral standards. But she impressed most fair-minded persons as liberal in her attitudes and by no means a member of the "whatever-it-is-I'm-against-it-school."

Charged with being against homosexuals, she said she is not. What she is against is the suggestion that homosexuality is a good thing and that it is a 'normal' alternative to heterosexual relationships. She is not against sex education, but she is against the exploitation of children in the name of sex education. She is not advocating censorship, and is opposed to any small group dictating to the majority what they should see and hear. There are people already charged with keeping an eye and ear on the media and people should be using their pens, voices, and phones, to make clear what they think about what they get.

It was not Mrs Whitehouse, but an opponent of her point of view who, at the Melbourne meeting, made the only reference to a specific media programme when he said, "I agree that there is a certain amount of filth on TV, and 'No. 96' should be thrown out."

The Australian Festival of Light, which Mary Whitehouse came to support, is not a call to wowslerism but, to use the words of the Melbourne programme, "A Call to Responsible Citizenship" with the objective of "A nation where individuals, families, and groups, by the practice of Christian standards, ensure freedom, justice, and an improved quality of life for everybody." If this objective remains the target, the Festival of Light can in no way be equated with negative wowslerism!

THE NATIONAL VIEWERS

Mrs Whitehouse was an art teacher in a secondary school in 1962 when she became concerned at the falling moral standard of some B.B.C. television plays. She formed the National Viewers and Listeners Association which was at first ridiculed but is now regarded as a responsible section of the community and is listened to with respect.

In 1971 she helped organise the Festival of Light rally (with Malcolm Muggeridge) in which 90,000 met to call for improved standards. It is claimed that 75% of this great crowd were young people.

Because the question of morality in the media is recognised more and more as an international problem, the Citizens for Decent Literature invited her to America in 1972.

"THE OTHER SIDE"

Mrs Whitehouse argues that "the other side" have been getting away with excesses because small groups worked to achieve their ends. In the early 1960's a very militant homosexual group set out their policy which included homosexual law reform, euthanasia, abortion law

reform, and sexual emancipation which was directed against the establishment of marriage. When some of this got into the statute books it was realised that it happened because of the action of just a few committed people. They found the right people to express their point of view in Parliament. But after the passing of the homosexual reform bill, militant homosexuals began prosletysing and persuading others that this was a normal way of living for both men and women, and they have moved into the schools. There is no doubt that the Bill made young people very vulnerable to these groups.

We have been very naive, says Mrs Whitehouse. The Abortion Law Reform Bill was passed in the same way as an expression of liberalism. But there has been very little reduction in the number of back street abortions which this Bill was supposed to cure. The latest figures from the Registrar-General's office show that girls are becoming pregnant at 10 and aborted at 11. Of the 2,296 abortions performed on girls under 16 years of age, three were on 11 year olds and 529 were on 14 year olds.

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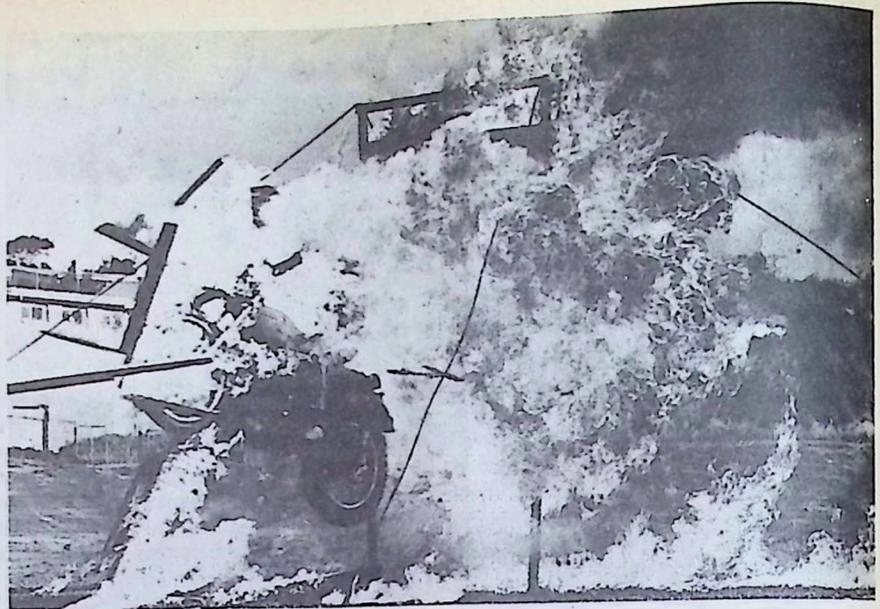
THE APOSTLES' STUNT TEAM

The Apostles Stunt Team is comprised of eight young men who have joined to form a motor cycle and car display team, featuring balance and precision riding and crash work with both cars and motor cycles. Their show is one of thrill upon thrill.

This is more than coincidence as one of the eight has toured with two of the most famous stunt teams in the world as their No. 1 motor cycle rider and their No. 2 car driver. During his career Eddy Pye broke and still holds two world records for the longest and highest jump on a motor cycle from an 18" ramp. It is his responsibility to train his younger team members and instill a professional standard into their work.

At first sight there is little relevance between being an attraction for an agricultural show or staging a stunt show of their own and the work of the church. The relating factor and the distinctive thing about their group is that each member has had a personal experience of Jesus Christ. It is this experience which is alluded to in their choice of name, for an apostle is a messenger, one who has a personal knowledge of Christ and has been sent out to preach the Gospel.

Wherever the group puts on a show their commentator seeks to explain their belief in Jesus and points to relevant similarities between the 12 acts and life. Halfway through the show a break is taken while one of the members comes to the microphone and tells simply of the



change that has taken place in his life. The team attempt to co-ordinate their shows with church services on the following Sunday and invite those in the crowd to share with them at the service.

Churches have responded to assist this work by allowing the use of the pulpit and billeting team members when in country areas. Some have used the team's skills by the organising of a weekend of outreach into the community. An example of this was when the Hastings Ministers' Fraternal invited the group to stage a show on the local football oval. Then followed a publicity programme which included articles in the local papers, the displaying of posters, distribution of handbills and a parade through the streets on the morning before the show. Preceding all this organisation and continuing throughout was a series of prayer meetings. The crowd was invited to share in a barbecue and coffee shop, where church members and team members intermingled with them. On the Sunday, members of the team led or participated in six church services throughout the district.

Much of the responsibility for follow up of those who have made commitments is left with the local pastor but the group uses an interdenominational publication in the initial follow up. Letters of appreciation from many of those whom they have led to the Lord have been of great encouragement.

Where it has not been possible to stage a show, some churches have asked the team to take services showing slides of many of their acts, giving testimonies and sharing a message.

The idea of forming the team was given to Eddy who had experienced life without satisfaction despite his fame and popularity. With Christ things changed and Eddy realised the potential a Christian stunt team could have in presenting the claims of a personal saviour to a large section of the community who have no church affiliation.

He first set about re-establishing himself as a stunt man. Gradually others have joined him until the team has grown

to what it is now; five riders including an inimitable clown, a commentator, field manager and photographer. Many have been attracted to the work because its initial appearance is one of glamour and excitement but the long travel and exacting demands leave only those who are certain of the their calling.

Most expenses have been met by the team themselves although they are deeply indebted to the British and Foreign Bible Society for the provision of modern tracts and copies of John's Gospel used in counselling and follow up. Kawasaki has provided one of the team's motor cycles but more are needed. Individuals and youth groups have also responded to help defray costs.

The future seems bright for the Apostles Stunt Team who have been encouraged by the interest many have shown in their work. Negotiations are also under way to secure a series through the holiday areas of the Mornington Peninsula over the Christmas period and to participate on the main arena of the royal Sydney Show.

Prayer letters are mailed to those who wish to share in this ministry and can be obtained by writing to P.O. Box 193 Lilydale, Victoria, 3140. Information regarding appointments can be gained from the same address.

EDITOR JOINS BIBLE SOCIETY

A Brisbane editor, Les Pobjie, aged 31, has been appointed a journalist, in the National Public Relations Dept. of the Bible Society in Australia.

Mr. Pobjie has had wide experience with daily, weekly, and suburban newspapers. Until recently he was editor of five suburban newspapers published in Brisbane, with a weekly circulation of more than 200,000.

ATHEISTS. According to the last census, Australia's atheists have increased 900% in a five year period. Those who claimed no religion (but this may not mean they are atheists) now number 855,676; 6.7% of the population.

GRASS COUNTRY PATROL

By J. Bolton

The Grass Country is an area West of the Keram River toward the Sepik River in Papua-New Guinea. The villages were recently visited by two teams of missionaries and church representatives. John Bolton and August Ben and four New Guineans were members of one of the teams and following is an extract from their report:

KAMBARAMBA—Population 1598.

The people of Kambaramba treated us with suspicion and doubts as to whether we would really do anything to them. This attitude has been built up by bitter experience of various missions having a look at them, making a lot of promises and then never returning again. With this background their attitude was understandable.

We found that in the history of these people they are related to the Banaro people (Bunam, Mui area) this is a good natural avenue for the gospel to move through.

The main request was for schooling in either Pidgin or English. There was a group which included some Councillors that wanted Bible teaching.

WOM.—Population 708.

Only a small group of people met with us but these were all the important men of the village. Their attitude was much the same as that of Kambaramba and for the same reasons. Those who did meet had some good questions and requested spiritual help. It would be difficult but with the village leaders in favour I think it would be worth the effort.

It was here we encountered an attitude that I found to some degree throughout the whole area. This was that if we were prepared to come and do a thorough work then we were most welcome, but, if we were just going to fiddle around and then leave again in a few years, well don't bother starting.

BOBATEN—Population 336.

This is 2½ hours by paddle canoe from Wom. We received an enthusiastic welcome. The village was unanimous in its invitation to establish a work there. The main concern was for spiritual teaching, but if we could help with some form of education (Pidgin or English) they would appreciate it.

LANGAM AND MONGOL—Population 593.

This is 2½ hours walk from Bobaten.

Mongol and Langam are very close together and work as one. They did not know us but have no mission working with them. It is six years since the Roman Catholics visited them. They were confused between educational schools and Bible teaching but said we could go there if we desired.

PAMBAN—Population 142.

This is 1½ hours from Bobaten. These people did not know us at all, but Bobaten is their main centre and they say that if they welcomed us there, then we are welcome to come to their village also.

KAMBUKU—Population 265.

It took us 3½ hours over terrible tracks to get from Pamban to Kambuku. This time would be reduced once the road was cut, but it would never be an easy track.

In several places we found a rumour that said: If anybody shook hands with us and then committed sin they would die immediately.

This rumour was held strongly here. Once we dispelled this idea we got along very well.

We would be welcome to work there if we desired. They did not know us but it seemed that if we were prepared to do the job properly we would get 100% support from the people.

SIMBIRI—Population 90

This is 1¼ hours from Kambuku. Once again the people did not know us but they definitely desired to have the Gospel brought to them.

There is a good airstrip site with a station site alongside. The village is small but very attractive.

YAMEN—Population 316.

The old section of the village is 1¼ hours from Simbiri, with the new section where we already work a further half hour on.

Here we were requested for a regional Bible School and their desire for a missionary has been known for a long time.

There is an airstrip site at this village.

SAMBAM—Population 481.

This is 1¼ hours from Simbiri. Here we had a warm welcome. We received a lot of questions and we were asked to come and open the scriptures to them.

The teachers at the Government School requested us to come and give Religious Instruction to the children. We have had contact with this village for a long time and they have always wanted us to put a station in their village.

RATEM—Population 383.

This is a half hour from Sambam. Here we got a direct request for spiritual help, they did not request anything else.

Some general observations:

The villages that knew our work were very keen for us to come and all wanted to have a regional Bible School in the area. Most suggested at Yamen.

All the people that did not know us desired Bible Teaching, but naturally were a little unsure of us.

The area would be the most difficult for travel in all our mission areas.

The living conditions would be the worst in our area.

My evaluation of the area is that there is a definite opening for us to spread the Gospel among those people. The most likely thing we could do would be to establish one station and I would suggest this be at Simbiri. The reason for this is that it is at the junction of the two tracks that go to the main areas of population and also Yamen could be reached quite easily.

Joseph and the amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

The Margaret Street Church of Christ, Launceston, Tas., recently shared in the production of this entertaining musical of Webber and Rice. It proved to be a rewarding and worthwhile achievement, built a strong relationship between members of the large cast, projected something of the church in the community, and raised \$250 for our project. This money is to be divided equally between the New Guinea Mission and the church organ fund. Capacity audiences on both nights were followed by requests for further performances. The cast travels to Hobart in October, and there are plans for a "Freedom From Hunger—World Christian Action" performance later.

Billed an "A.B.C." production for Miss Doris Allen (producer), Barry Birtwistle (musical director) and Mrs. Leonie Cripps (sets and costumes), it brought together a cast of 36, a small choir, and a music group of piano, drums, guitar and clarinet, and involved people whose ages ranged from 11 to 50 years.

Practice and rehearsals continued for over 3 months. Members of the cast, and Tasmanians who have enjoyed the performances, express appreciation of the inspiration, patience and persistence shown by our producer.

• IN UNITY

Together in caring

"How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" . . . The old man looked back to the land from which he had fled—home and family gone in the birth throes of a new nation, Bangladesh they called it, the name was strange to his tongue. Excited children's voices drew him on to new country that he didn't want but he was hungry and here was food and shelter and warmth of care . . .

The Christian churches were there . . .

TOGETHER IN CARING!

From the rubble of earthquake in Iran a new village arises, lifting with its wall the hopes and morals of the people—people who share a great experience . . .

The Christian churches were there . . .

TOGETHER IN CARING!

Nigeria—rebellion and bloodshed, frightened children and homeless families, hospitals without medicine, staff or supplies—but then—

The Christian churches were there . . .

TOGETHER IN CARING!

That land where the rains fail—India, of teeming hungry people. The wells are dug, the hungry are fed, the naked are clothed because . . .

The Christian churches are there . . .

TOGETHER IN CARING!

But space fails to tell of Uganda and Peru—refugees and earthquakes, of New Guinea and Ethiopia—of famine and development, of Hong Kong and the Middle East—of student aid and refugee care, of the Philippines and Nepal—of agricultural training and village clinics, of Vietnam and the Sudan—of child care and rehabilitation . . . of all the places and all the people, of all the programs and all the projects where . . .

The Christian churches are . . .

TOGETHER IN CARING!

We cannot care alone . . . the needs are too great! Together the churches care and share a \$20 million program of Christian care that circles the globe with its practical love. "Inter Church Aid" is the World Council of Churches shorthand for its caring program and translated into home-grown Australian, 'World Christian Action.' Action it is; Christian Action; World Christian Action, and we can't do it alone!

—Department of Christian Union.

Mary Whitehouse and the Festival of Light (from Page 3)

imprisoned for rape and serious sex offences. 55% of the rape cases and 35% of the serious sex offences were directly linked with pornography.

THE NEXT STEPS

Festival committees have been set up in each state and there will be increasing outreach into the public arena and into country districts. Mass public meetings will also be arranged.

While it is often claimed that the repeal

of obscenity laws reduces sex crimes, there is evidence from a representative of the Danish State Police that in his country while the number of sex crimes has decreased the numbers of violent sex crimes of rape and attempted rape are increasing every year.

The American Presidential Commission on Obscenity and Pornography reported the results of a survey of those

GOLDEN WEDDING

(Bendigo) Eighty people attended the Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs A. C. Mudford at the Bendigo church on September 29.

The social evening included euphonium and pianoforte solos by their grandson, Mark Witham.

Presentations were made to Mr and Mrs Mudford and reference was made to the churches where the Mudfords had served. These include Barmera, S.A., Wedderburn, Mildura, Rochester, Stawell-Ararat, Wedderburn-Boort, Pyramid Hill circuit, and Castlemaine.

Greetings were received from the Prime Minister, the Governor-General, the Premier of Victoria, the local Member of Parliament, and many friends.

Mr. Mudford is an elder with the Bendigo church.

• QUEENSLAND

CONTRACT ACCEPTED FOR ARCHIVES

A quotation of \$9,570 for the construction of the C. R. Burdeu Memorial Archives Complex has been accepted by the Queensland Conference sub-committee administering the Appeal.

On Sept. 22, a Garden Party and Flower Show raised some \$1,500 for the project. The function was held right on the site of the proposed complex at Kenmore Christian College and was organised by Mrs. Burdeu and Mrs. Connell with the strong support of women's fellowships of the Brisbane churches. Boys' Brigade companies from our Zillmere and Camp Hill churches provided fine marching and gymnastic displays. Conference president, Len Brooks, in officially opening the function encouraged everyone present never to discard anything which might be of value to the Historical Society, and Principal Ewers outlined the many benefits which the archives would provide for research.

To date funds in hand total \$8,930, including \$2,000 of interest free loans, so the acceptance of this quotation is an act of faith in our church members to give to this appeal to make up the leeway. It is also a desperate attempt to keep ahead of escalating building costs. The aim is to hold the official opening of the Archives at the 1974 State Conference. Donations should be sent to the Queensland Conference Treasurer, 428 Ann Street, Brisbane, and cheques made payable to Churches of Christ Theological College Building Fund. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

QUEEN'S BADGE (Bunbury, G. B. Carslake) David Crawford, a Boys' Brigade member, was awarded the Queen's Badge, the fifth from the local company to achieve this. 35 attend B.B. each week . . . 30 young people from Kalamunda and Bunbury held a camp at Bunbury on long week-end . . . D. Hughes preached at night . . . Working bees are preparing the Busselton camp-site for caravans this summer . . . Cement slab paths have been laid around the new units at Elanora Lodge. Plans for extensions, a hostel and more units, are being drawn up . . . Painting has been done at the manse and carpets are to be laid . . . Vera Dean spoke to over 70 at C.W.F. "At Home."

A.C.C. PROTESTS TO RUSSIA

The Executive Committee of the Australian Council of churches has expressed to the Soviet Ambassador its grave concern at the reports of mounting pressure on leading Soviet scientists and writers and of the misuse of psychiatry in dealing with dissidents.

The A.C.C. resolution said "We are deeply disturbed at the continuing victimisation, in spite of protests, of Soviet citizens of Jewish origin wishing to migrate to Israel. We request that the strong protest and concern of this national council of twelve churches be conveyed to your Government. The Council at its recent General Meeting resolved in support of the international

appeal of Amnesty International to the President of the United Nations urging the observance of Article 5 of the Declaration of Human Rights opposing torture, cruelty, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."

The Executive also agreed that the A.C.C. President, Neil Gilmore, take up with President Park of South Korea the cases of the Rev. Pak Hyoung Kyu and his colleagues currently detained in Korea. Attention to the matter was drawn by Amnesty International.

The A.C.C. maintains a consistent concern for those suffering oppression regardless of the political stance of the oppressor.

MOVING? —WHY NOT TO INNER SUBURBS

(Melb.) Inner suburban churches lack leadership. Some people can help on a part time basis, but the real need is for committed Christians to live and work in the inner suburbs. We recognize that it is not always easy for a family to move to a new locality, but young adults, young marrieds and energetic grandparents are needed desperately to share in this ministry. We need people with a vision who will see their home as an open door as a place where the gospel can be gossipped. Migrant families are going to be reached best by Australian families living in the same locality. Contact Barry Jenkins, c/- Home Missions Dept. (Melbourne) if you are looking for accommodation or if you are interested to know more of our plans.

HOSTS TO SENIORS (Bentleigh, R.W. Marshall) Geo. Mathieson Sr., was morning speaker for the church's 44th anniversary . . . On Oct. 14 the church was host to 80 Senior Citizens from surrounding districts at afternoon tea and 5 pm service. Items were rendered by choir from Oakleigh Guest Home and other visitors.

THE CHURCH IN ASIA

* Six new land rovers recently arrived from England to replace the old fleet of vehicles belonging to Asian Christian Service Laos Programme. Three of the vehicles were donated by Christian Aid of the British Council of Churches.

* The latest book published by the Burma Christian Literature Society on "The Art of Preaching" is, after three months, approaching sell-out point. Paper rationing restricts printing of each

publication to 2,500.

* The Fifth Assembly of the W.C.C. will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia, July 22-Aug 8, 1975, with the theme "Jesus Christ Frees and Unites".

* A "Japanese N.T. Project" is being carried out jointly by the Japan Bible Society and the American Bible Society. 100,000 Japanese New Testaments will be distributed to Japanese-speaking people throughout the U.S.A.

WORLD TALK NO. 83

A.B.C. OF THE BIBLE

The purpose of all religions is the salvation (in one sense or another) of mankind. Christianity differs from other religions in that its main emphasis is not on how man achieves salvation but in the proclaiming of the fact of salvation. God has saved his people. He has accomplished this in our history. In O.T. times God saved his people Israel as an example of how in N.T. times he has saved all people who will accept that salvation.

God is our saviour—this is the gospel of both the O.T. and the N.T. That salvation has already been achieved although it has yet to be fully realised.

In the O.T. "to save," "saviour," "salvation," have a wide range of meaning but all have the concept of God's deliverance of his people from bondage. Salvation usually applied to the deliverance of the Jews from the bondage of death, adversity, sin, national oppression and slavery. The prophets looked to a greater salvation of all mankind through the Messiah.

In the N.T. salvation is used 150 times, of man's deliverance from sickness, demon possession, shipwreck, death and sin. Jesus Christ is the saviour, the one through whom mankind receives deliverance. This was a development of the O.T. record of God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt through Moses. This is the type of God's deliverance of humanity from the bondage of sin through Jesus Christ.

Jesus saw the salvation of mankind as the purpose of his coming (Lk 19:10). Faith in him allows the forgiveness of sin and the freedom from the bondage of sin and death (Rom. 6:23).

Salvation is closely tied to the concept of adoption (Word Talk 65), faith (W.T. 70), incarnation (W.T. 73), justify (W.T. 74), obedience (W.T. 79) and redeem (W.T. 82).

Christianity is not a system of philosophy, human merit or ethics, although all these are involved. It is the acceptance of the deliverance of God through Jesus Christ.

SALVATION

DICTIONARY

Salvation is the central theme of the Bible referring to God's historical rescue of the Jews and of his redemption through Jesus Christ of all of mankind, from the bondage of sin and death to the liberty of life and eternity.

FOR TODAY

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man. "To save" also means "to make whole." The Church must be concerned for the whole welfare of mankind. This is our charter for hospitals, homes, chaplains involved in schools and factories, and for social, political and economic action. Man—body, mind and spirit—in his wholeness must be our concern.

Although communications shrink the world into a global village many feel the world is disintegrating. Few people are an integrated whole. Many people suffer disintegration of body, mind and spirit. We need a centripetal force to bring us together. "In Jesus all things hold together—in him everything coheres" (Col. 1:17). Jesus has been the means of many people finding harmony and unity in their lives.

The cross must be central to Christianity for salvation to have any sense. The whole of Christ's historic presence is necessary for our salvation. His birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension, and return are all necessary to complete the salvation of mankind.

But not only mankind is to be saved. The whole world, the human environment and the universe are to be saved, delivered, renewed and recreated in him (Eph. 1:10, Col. 1:20). This salvation has been achieved by Christ in history, but as yet to be completed beyond earth and beyond time.

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 150 words.

HOW MANY STAY?

To the Editor,

Periodically there are announcements of numbers of decisions made in missions and evangelistic meetings. This is to indicate the success of such meetings or the evangelist. I would like to know how many of these people, who make the decisions, are after one year still members of a church of Christ. My experience so far as I travelled about in Australia has been that out of about 100 decisions from such missions approx. one is a member after a year. I write this first to find out if this is a true assessment of most missions today and if so what is to be our attitude.

It seems to me that biblical evangelists had a concern for their converts. A large portion of the N.T. was written because of the concern of evangelists for their converts. Settled teaching ministries of months took place as well as correspondence and return teaching missions. The emphasis was not on head counts but on the establishment of viable churches.

Why, if so many make decisions and are baptised, do the Conferences report fewer members each year? It seems to me that missions can only be successful when the evangelists are able to provide post decision biblical teaching on Christian growth or else the evangelist must be sure there is a church already capable of doing that.

I do not know of any overseas mission that does not provide a positive programme for teaching and growth of a Christian before, if possible, and after a decision.

Frank W. Beale, Qld.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

To the Editor,

So Mary Whitehouse is coming to Australia; like a white knightess she is going to show us how to combat sex, filth and immorality. Personally, I object to her visit and I object to the whole idea of the Festival of Light.

No one would deny that our society is in bad shape but to focus attention on permissiveness is really to put up a smoke screen and to ignore the real issues facing us.

Ballyhoo and gimmicks are no substitute for honest hard work in the area of social policy and community development.

It is time we stopped providing simplistic solutions to complex sociological and philosophical questions. By choice we have pushed ourselves to

the fringe and left the arena (where the action is) to others.

John Wise, S.A.

FEDERAL CONFERENCE.

To the Editor,

I am concerned about the lack of family involvement in our Conferences. In my limited experience of them, I have seen nothing which encourages young children, and older ones too, to feel they have a part in the church as a whole. Sometimes, it seems to do just the opposite. With Federal Conference usually being held in October it prevents families attending, but with the next one being in January, it gives an ideal opportunity for families to attend together.

Recently I read a letter sent from one of our members who has been in Germany for two years. They had just returned from a Baptist Conference and they had taken three young children. There were graded Bible studies, art workshops, music workshops, and various other activities for the children. Those in the art, drama and music groups co-operated with each other to present a

combined performance to the whole conference. Very young children were cared for in nurseries and kindergartens.

While this sort of approach is very ambitious and needs the support of many families, could we not encourage something similar at our Conferences?

Joy Parry, W.A.

FEDERAL CONFERENCE

To The Editor,

Some reasons should be given for the change of date and format for Federal Conference.

The date has been changed to January during school holidays. There will need to be a dramatic change to the form of Conference to induce me to take my family (ages from 4 yrs.-14 yrs.) to Federal Conference.

The concept of "living-in" appeals, and I presume that arrangements are being made to programme for all ages of children. Attending Federal Conference once with our children definitely curtailed our involvement in the Conference.

However, such a problem probably won't arise, as holidays at that time of year are at a premium, and it will be more difficult to arrange to get this time off than in October. I presume it will fit in better with holiday arrangements for our ministers, but if Conference becomes even more top heavy with ministers, this will be a pity.

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

"PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR"

To the Editor,

I've always wondered about the bit that says, "Preach the gospel to the poor." It must be alright because it's in the Bible. But it doesn't seem quite fair. After all if he's hungry, and if he has worn out clothes, and if he's not getting justice, surely we ought to feed and clothe him and help him to get a fair go. After all who wants to listen to the gospel when his stomach's empty, and he's cold, and he's feeling that all the world's against him . . . and may be even God has forgotten him? (I know a lot of affluent well stuffed people who don't want to listen to the gospel on Sunday nights if there's something good on telly!)

Maybe Jesus didn't mean preaching the "usual sort of gospel message" to the poor. After all if the gospel is good news, good news to a poor man is news of some one who for the love of God is bringing him food and clothes and a job, and who is fighting for a fair deal for him. Although it's probably easier to preach sermons to the poor than it is to round up food and clothes and get mixed up in politics on their behalf.

I can only see one problem about "preaching good news to the poor" as giving them practical help. Some of the poor will drink and gamble our charity away, and lose the jobs we get them, and live on unemployment insurance we fought for, and generally fail to cope with life. This seems to point up the need for the other sort of "good news" . . . the gospel that God changes people so that they can stand on their own two feet and not be dependent on charity and handouts and the dole. Although it's probably easier to give them handouts and work for justice for them, than it is patiently to lead them to God.

Maybe the poor need good news of both kinds.

Hoping you are the same,
TERTIUS.

And what about cost? I realize that using the A.N.U. will be cheaper than Lakeside International Motel, but for the family man the cost may still be prohibitive, especially if the alternative is camping by the seaside.

I may be less inclined to knock what could be an exciting experiment, if there were more facilities available.

—Trevor Banks, Vic.

TRADE UNFAIR

To the Editor,

As Christians we believe we must in all conscience condemn the Australian Trade Fair which is to take place in Johannesburg, South Africa on October 22-26.

The Trade Fair is designed to promote Australian trade with South Africa, and thereby supports an oppressive minority government. Australia already has large business interests in South Africa. These Australian companies are forced to work within the minority government's discriminatory apartheid system, and by so doing, uphold that system. As a result many Australian companies pay wages below the poverty datum line set within South Africa (the P.D.L. is sufficient, not to live in any kind of human decency and dignity, but simply to survive) i.e., they pay starvation wages. The wage structure is racially biased towards the white people so that the average per capita income of Africans is 8% of whites.

We oppose the South African apartheid system.

By continuing to trade with South Africa we are giving active support to that country's policies, and thereby 'interfering' in their internal affairs. We deplore the involvement of our country in this way.

We therefore believe that the only moral decision for the Australian business community is to withdraw its investments from South Africa and to oppose the Trade Fair in Johannesburg.

We also call on the Australian Government to withdraw the Australian Trade Commissioners, Mr. M. F. Roberts in Johannesburg and Mr. C. C. Williams in Capetown.

Signed by: Rev. Ted Arblaster—Director, World Christian Action, Bill Armstrong—Development Education Officer, Action for World Development, Bill Byrne—Secretary, National Commission for Justice & Peace, Rev Douglas Dargaville—Secretary, V.C.C., Rev. Neil Gilmore—President, A.C.C., Terry Hanley—Research Officer, National Commission for Justice & Peace, Vaughan Hinton—Development Education Officer, Action for World Development, Mark Raper S.J.—Asian Bureau Australia, Tim Walsh—National President, Young Christian Workers' Movement, Rev. D'Arcy Wood—Secretary, Division of Faith & Witness, A.C.C., Rev. Sandy Yule—General Secretary, A.S.C.M.

MORE ON THE MINUTES

To the Editor,

Your articles in the issues of June 16 and September 8, were interesting and timely, but correspondence shows that they were misunderstood by some.

There is much folk-lore about the conduct of meetings, often amusing, and relatively harmless. Occasionally this folk-lore takes a more serious line and one such case is recorded on page 436, Oct. 13. This could be misleading to many unless rebutted. The statement reads 'In law the names of the mover and seconders of motions are also required'. This assertion, as a general principle, is not correct.

Students preparing for academic qualifications as Secretaries learn the basic necessities of correct minute recording, amongst which will be:—

Minutes should begin with the nature, date, place, hour, name of chairman and such other people present as circumstances require.

Only particulars of the actual business transacted and the decisions arrived at should be recorded.

Language should be brief but comprehensive.

Record should be impartial without arguments used on either side, unless inclusion is deemed necessary.

Inclusion of names of movers and seconders of propositions is optional, but sometimes desirable.

R. R. Tippett (Vic.)

NO LIAISON

To the Editor,

One wonders how many more will be lost to active membership of churches of Christ before liaison and cooperation between our congregations is improved.

The practice of our Board is always to notify the nearest church by letter of the impending arrival in their area of persons or families previously associated with our congregation. In four years I can recall only one such letter ever being acknowledged. Over the same period, families coming to our area have sometimes been here for weeks before the church discovered, usually quite by accident, of their arrival.

For reasons unknown, people are sometimes reluctant to introduce themselves into a new church situation. A simple notification from their former church would enable newcomers to be welcomed immediately on arrival and, as a result, we would see fewer members "Lost in Transit."

E.C. Rogers, Vic.

KEEPING MINUTES

To the Editor,

Further to the discussion on keeping minutes of church board meetings, excellent publications for secretaries, chairman and board members include "Take The Chair" published by Australian Rostrum and costs about

\$1.00. Such books explain in detail and clarity how to conduct a meeting.

Would it be too much to ask each newly elected board member to read such a book? The secretary's task of taking minutes would be made much easier if proper meeting procedures were followed and as an additional benefit, the length of board meetings would be cut back from hours to minutes. Malcolm G. Gray, Vic.

COLOUR TV

To the Editor,

I am disgusted by the values expressed in Mr Gray's letter on colour T.V. Logically and morally he argues like an interested party.

In point (1) he is really saying: "Rejecting colour T.V. won't do a great deal for the under-developed nations, so why not add another inch to Dives' waistline while Lazarus sits at the gate?" While his fourth point really means: "Since we maintain a guilty silence about other capitalistic luxuries, let's have no sudden scruples about colour T.V." This sounds more like Henry Ford than Jesus Christ.

But the worst thing about Mr. Gray's letter is its central assumption about the church's role in the world. The church must be a success, he declares. Therefore, it must not champion any lost causes, since this would damage its ratings. Perhaps we ought to include this popular song amongst our Supplementary Hymns: "Nothing succeeds like success, and I guess I wanna be just like all of the rest

This is not Christian doctrine, it is ruthless big-business mentality. Is the church to become the whore of Capitalism? Must we bow and scrape to the idols of apathetic affluence and unprincipled popularity?

If the church has come to this, then in the words of its founder (who was "programmed for failure" at Golgotha) it is like the useless salt, that deserves to be trodden under foot by men.

Shirley Grundy Old.

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•TASK FORCE

When you need a neighbour — we'll be there!

A Perth hospital wants to discharge a patient. However, the house of the patient is in a chaos and needs to be cleaned up before the person returns home. A pensioner is unable to look after her garden. She can't pay a professional.

Two fairly simple jobs that most of us can handle. When these people needed a neighbour — TASK FORCE was there!

TASK FORCE aims to give practical assistance to people in need. Jobs are received from social workers, ministers and some write for assistance. The Administrator assesses the job and then calls in a TASK FORCE group or an individual TASK FORCE worker. Over the past four years the volunteer workers of TASK FORCE have completed over 400 jobs. Jobs like moving furniture, mowing lawns, unclogging gutters, painting roofs, cleaning up gardens, fixing doors and on one occasion taking kittens to the cat home!

The Chairman and founder of TASK FORCE is Dr. John Penrose, member of our North Beach church and lecturer in Physics at the WA Institute of Technology. John sums up the philosophy of TASK FORCE as trying "to be the neighbour next door." John and his wife Sandra worked in the British Task Force while they were studying in London. They realised how the vitality and drive latent in young people could be directed into creative social endeavour. When the Penroses returned to Perth, they asked George Smith, Director of Christian Welfare Centre, for his support in forming TASK FORCE in Perth. The support was forthcoming and in February 1970,

—ROSS MILLER PHOTO.



TASK FORCE AT WORK.

TASK FORCE was launched.

All the early volunteers came from Churches of Christ groups around Perth. Now volunteers from other sources are part of TASK FORCE. At the present time approaches are being made to Senior High Schools for their support.

1972 saw a great step forward with appointment of Lee Eaton, an experienced youth organiser, as Administrator on a part-time basis. His enthusiasm and drive led to an improvement in the organisation of TASK FORCE. It also meant that the capacity of TASK FORCE's work was being extended. In April 1973, Graham Chapman, minister of Wembley Downs Church of Christ, became Administrator. Also at this time an enlarged executive was appointed to enable TASK FORCE'S work to expand. 1973 should see TASK FORCE over the 200 job mark for the first time.

The salary and expense of TASK FORCE were originally paid by relying on donations and the support of the Christian Welfare Centre. In early 1973, the Premier of W.A. made a grant of \$1500 per year for three years to TASK FORCE. This eased the financial burdens to a considerable extent.

TASK FORCE is an exciting group to work with. It has a valuable role to play within the overall welfare network in Perth. It enables young people to express some of their concern for people in a concrete and practical way. TASK FORCE - when you need a neighbour, we'll be there.

By Graham J. Chapman.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

WILD ANIMALS

When Jesus was telling people that he had no home, he said that certain animals had holes, but he himself did not have any place to lay his head. What animals did he name?

"Can the . . . change his spots?" This is a well known verse from the Bible. It has become a proverb, suggesting that people cannot change. What was the animal mentioned? (see page 18)

OLD GIANTS

In Australia, in prehistoric times, there was a kangaroo which stood 12 feet high, a relative of the wombat as large as a rhinoceros, and a giant goanna, 15 to 17 feet long with terrifying teeth, serrated at the edge.



Carlotta Carruthers
Has the nicest of mothers
Who never says "No!"
Like some of the others.

Carlotta said, "Please may I ride on a horse, instead of that pony that walks 'round the course?"
Her mother said "Yes."

So Carlotta went out for a ride on a filly, which tossed her so quickly that she was knocked silly. She wound up in bed with a nose that was bent, and it didn't grow straight till the day after Lent!

Carlotta Carruthers
Has the nicest of mothers
Who should have said "No!"
Like some of the others.

Marjorie Murch Stanley
"The Christian"

REVIEWS

ISSUES NO. 4.

(Joint Board youth/adult study kit.) \$1.50. (Newsheet, Issues for Today No. 4, 5c each).

No week goes by these days without articles in the press or programmes on radio and TV about marriage and the family. Pessimistic?

Some of us are confused or disgusted because growing numbers of people (usually young, but not always) are living in different ways—they look different; they may live in communes; they may be vegetarians, or at least stick to health foods; they may not care about "good" jobs and their careers. Who is right?

Many of us feel guilty about the aged in our community, especially if they are relatives. Some of us are afraid because we may reach old age ourselves. Are we then on the scrap-heap? Who has responsibility for the aged?

Few happenings put as much fear into church leaders as speaking in tongues. Yet The charismatic movement is again making its presence felt in the churches. Is it God's work, or isn't it?

These four issues are taken up for study in Issues No. 4: Is marriage out of date? the search for new life styles; grow old . . . the best is yet to be? how is God working today?

The Issues kits are designed to take up key issues while they are still current. This one is no exception.

It includes a record, poster, news-sheet, and leader's guide.

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

—R.W.L.

JOURNEY INTO UNDERSTANDING

by Anne Arnott (Hodder & Stoughton) \$1.55

Anne Arnott's earlier book "The Brethren", was commended in these columns, and showed some of the beautiful dedication and some of the ugly harsh exclusiveness of the Christian community named in the title.

The story was personal and told of the spiritual pilgrimage that led her away from her family but not away from faith. It is no surprise that Mrs Arnott was pressed to write more about her family and the narrow religious conservatism from which she came. For she writes with sensitivity and compassion and has too much love and respect for people to resort to bitterness even toward those who rejected her.

A inexpensive half-step back to the age of horse and coach, gaslight, and the family and religious tensions that belong to ever age. Well worth reading.

NEW LIFE, NEW LIFESTYLE

By Michael Green, (Hodder & Stoughton) \$1.00

The last work by Michael Green reviewed here was "Evangelism in the Early Church." His latest outlines the revolutionary nature of the Christian life in today's world.

He describes the Christian's life and beliefs and the new

SKILFUL HANDS (Studies in the life of David).

By Raymond Brown, Lakeland Paperbacks (Marshal Morgan and Scott).

Dr. Raymond Brown, after serving in a pastorate, is now on the staff of Spurgeon's College. He has chosen as the theme for devotional and expository studies the great Old Testament character, King David.

In the biblical narratives some Hebrew monarchs are briefly dismissed in two or three verses, but the story of David spans forty chapters.

There are mingled in David tremendous

threads of good and ill. There are courage and cruelty, adultery and murder. On the other hand there is the heart-breaking cry of penitence and humble acceptance of pardon.

—J.E.B.

AMAZING GRACE (Aspects and insights in the life of the Apostle Paul).

By Marcus L. Loane (Marshal, Morgan and Scott).

Doctor Loane, Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, has become more and more a prolific writer of devotional studies. And the best of it is that it is not only

extensive, but intensive as well.

The author is a fervent admirer of the Apostle. Yet in all the unconscious greatness of Paul there is no sense of pride or personal achievement. It is "all of grace". "By the grace of God I am what I am."

The archbishop has gathered a series of ten studies from the apostle's writing with strong cumulative effect. He closes by dealing with the chapters of the Epistle to the Hebrews. While giving no credence to the claim for Paul's authority there, he rightly emphasises the similarity of the great ideas in each writing. —J.E.B.



"Probably just trying to make us feel guilty for not paying our pledges on time!"

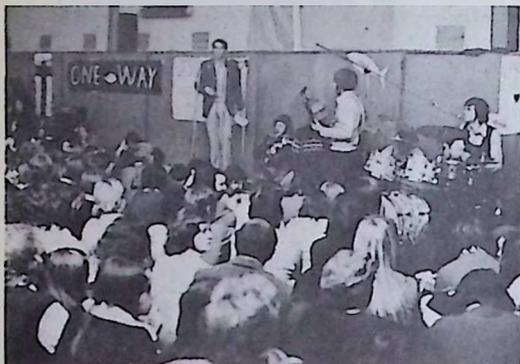
lifestyle that opens for him. In the chapter entitled "Silent Revolution" there is some good stuff on sex, pornography, suffering, death and self-discipline.

The new lifestyle is not an other-worldly pie in the sky faith. Christians, says Green, should not only be concerned with evangelism, but with social and political issues, with the equitable distribution of wealth and power, and the preservation of our world for future generations. He refers to his last visit to Australia. The Anglican diocese of Sydney is one of the most evangelical in Australia and it gives more money to social work than any other diocese in the world "and the motivation comes from a strong sense of the new life brought by Christ." Green refers to the Archbishop of Sydney who tramped the Kokoda Trail to help raise money for the impoverished diocese of New Guinea and who accused the then Federal Government of policies which produced unemployment and poverty.

The Prime Minister was patronising and said he would have a chat with the Archbishop who clearly did not understand these things. One M.P. said the Archbishop should stick to sin while politicians handled economics. In the event, churchmen and others backed the Archbishop and the government was red-faced with embarrassment. The result was the Current national enquiry into the causes and cure of poverty.

This book would make an excellent adult study. At \$1.00 what is there to lose.

JESUS WAY '73



The Home Missions Centenary Evangelism Programme, "Jesus Way '73," in the Melbourne North-Eastern suburbs, was a most exciting and stimulating experience for the co-operating churches.

Gordon Moyes of Cheltenham, was guest evangelist. The attendances totalled more than 3200 and there were 85 enquiries, the greater part of these being "decisions for Christ".

Three meetings were held in the Box Hill Town Hall - A "Gospel Sit-In" for youth filled Blackburn Church hall to capacity - 250 men met for breakfast at "Country Fare" in Doncaster Shopping Town and 1200 people filled the P.L.C. Auditorium for the final rally.

An outstanding feature of the meetings was the musical support of organ (Beryl Condict) piano (Norma Johnston), drums (Robert Hall). Guest soloists and groups included Kay Bails, Fred Strong, Le Masurier Quartette and Daddy's Friends. Ted Keating led the singing and Keith Horne chaired the meetings.

Initial preparation for the programme commenced late in 1972 and an Executive Committee of Basil Goldstein, Ron Johnston, Ron Muller, Roy Hone and Geoff Keeler co-ordinated the work of very many people. The talk in the North-Eastern suburbs is "Let's do this again in '74!"

Moving on Mexico

Another new face to recognize and a name to remember! That was the constant experience at the executive meeting of the World Convention of Churches of Christ held in St. Louis, U.S.A., late in September. The secretary, Dr Allan Lee, had taken the opportunity not only to assemble the executive but also the various committees. And the result was a time of hard work and rich fellowship.

Many of the Americans expressed pleasure that it was truly a world meeting. Through the generosity of Mrs B.D. Phillips, executive members from outside the United States were brought to the meeting without cost. Dr Daniel Lopez de Lara was there from Mexico and he told of the work being done by the local churches in preparation for the Ninth Assembly of the World Convention which will meet in Mexico City July 31 to August 4, 1974.

Mexico is a land that beckons. The climate is kind and the people are known for their hospitality. The meetings will be bi-lingual, through the use of interpreters in small groups and through mechanical aids in the large meetings.

The programme promises a great time of Christian witness and encouragement. Dr George Sweazey, well known to many for his book *Effective Evangelism*, will give the Bader lectures in the mid-morning. One of the features will be the great use of choirs, many of them youth choirs. The programme committee

is ambitious enough to plan for about 50 choirs to be present, some singing before meetings and others during them. I had an exciting preview as I listened to the youth choir of the Rosemont Christian Church in Dallas perform the musical "Love" one Sunday evening. These 60 young people will delight all with their multi-media presentation and their clear dedication to Christ and His gospel.

The time is running out for registration—1st December is the deadline if you want to share in the air concessions. Already more than 2,000 have registered, including about 100 Australians. I.J. Chivell of 104 Grote Street, Adelaide, will be glad to send details, but quick action is needed. Your presence in Mexico will encourage greatly the small but dedicated group of Christians in our churches there. And Christ will be discovered again in the fellowship.

FOR INDIA (Wyoming, D.J. Gurney) "Bibles & Hymn Books for India" is new mission project. The aim is \$350 by end of 1973 . . . Hazel and Ken Westbrook spoke on work of Aust. Aborigines Evang. Mission at Cundeelee . . . Miss Clara Dennis was farewelled on leaving to work with Aboriginal children at Norseman . . . Shirley and John Truscott have gone to Indonesia for six months . . . Mr Gurney was song leader at recent mission at Armidale . . . R. Hewitt, Conf. Pres., was speaker at S.S. anniversary on Oct. 7. He also addressed the church.

Hornsby church relocates

October 14 was an historic occasion in the life of the Hornsby Church of Christ marking the conclusion of 63 years of witness in Albert Street. The Church was established in Hornsby in July 1906 by the Lord's Table being set up in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Crosthwaite. Since then the church grew, passed through some great days, passed also through lean days but today the church is in good heart and strong.

Early in 1972 the need came for expansion in buildings coupled with the rapid development of the commercial sector of Hornsby around us. Word came that the Nazarene property at Thornleigh was up for sale and after some meetings and negotiations it was decided that we purchase portion of their property which had a large chapel on it. During the negotiations our own property was also sold. However after unexpected delays in finalising all matters relevant to the deal the property at Thornleigh finally became ours on October 11.

To mark this historic occasion on the 14th it was decided to combine the B.S. Anniversary and the 67th Church Anniversary. The Kindergarten Session at 9.30 a.m. had R.F. Bartholomew as speaker. D.A. Oldfield was the preacher at the morning service. H. Bishop (B.S. Supt.) conducted the evening service with the B.S. scholars contributing items.

The inaugural Services in our new chapel were held on Oct. 21, H. Bishop again conducted the gospel service during which a teenage lad was baptised by Mr. Oldfield.

The work and witness of the Hornsby church continued as it re-locates its centre to Thornleigh and will be known as the Hornsby District Church of Christ. It is at the corner of Pennant Hills Road & Loch Maree Avenue, Thornleigh, with the morning service at 10.40 a.m. and the Gospel Service at 7 p.m.

RENEWAL MISSION (Canley Neights, G. Bradley) A Renewal Mission was held Oct. 5 to 7 with Barry Tattersall of Geelong, Vic. as co-ordinator, with group leaders from various churches. A great spiritual revival was felt throughout the church. One primary decision was made.

YOUTH SERVICE (Murwillumbah, D. Eagling) Church youth conducted evening service. A girl made her commitment to Christ and four young people were baptised . . . Recent visitors have been K. E. Crawford, H.M. Director; F. J. Stephenson, Conf. Sec., and representatives of W.E.C., O.M.S., and B. and F.B.S. Barry Cutchie, from Camp Hill, Qld., spoke at S.S. anniversary.

BIBLE CAMPAIGN (Nailsworth, P. P. DeWildt) Our church is sharing in a Bible distribution campaign with other churches in Prospect area . . . At B.S. picnic at Williamstown Oval, older scholars defeated Salisbury Methodist young people in football game . . . Jim Bosma was afternoon speaker at B.S. anniversary. One young lady made her decision at night . . . Teenagers are meeting at the coffee shop for prayer and Bible study, led by Peter Spence.

THREE BAPTISMS (Glen Waverley, R. Elbourne) There were three baptisms recently . . . Mr Elbourne is president-elect of Waverly Council of Churches . . . Tennis and cricket teams involve 100 people . . . Seniors were equal firsts and Juniors outright first in Good Companions S.E. Zone Swimming Sports . . . The Board of Officers held a 1974 Planning Conference at McRae . . . 8 ladies attended C.W.F. camp at Monbulk and shared in World Community Day service at R.C. church . . . C.W.F. visited Emmaus Rest Home and provided programme . . . The Balson family has returned after two years in England . . . G. Frecker has been appointed churches of Christ representative on Churches Committee for Tertiary Institutions.

ABORIGINES LINK (Echuca, R. Ritchie) A large number of Aborigines, transported by the Men's Fellowship, attend evening services from Barmah and Cummeragunga . . . Temple Day services on Oct. 14 saw an offering of \$395. Features were a Family Service, an illustrated children's talk, and musical items by M. Bertram, the Hipwell Family, and Youth Choir.

THINGS TO COME

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Nov.
10 Village Fair at Carinya
13 H.M. & Youth Christian Educ. Rally,
Christian Centre, 7.45 p.m.

VICTORIA

Nov.
16 C.O.B. Graduation & Ordination Lygon St.
8 p.m.
17 Social Service Homes Annual Garden Party.
24 F.O.Y.A.
25 Annual Offering, Dept. H.M. & Evang.
27 C.F.A. Annual Meeting.

MISSIONARY VISITOR (Bendigo, M. D. Keatch) Mrs. D. Smith, former missionary to the New Hebrides, was guest speaker at combined C.W.A.F.-C.W.E.F. meeting . . . Boys took part in Boys' Sunday services . . . Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Whitting and family, the Doolan family, Mr. and Mrs. Manderson, and Mrs. D. Stilwell in the deaths of loved ones . . . Mr. Rogers of Maidstone was guest speaker at S.S. anniversary for which the ladies did the catering . . . C.W.A.F. has sent a parcel for Aborigines . . . C.Y.F. assisted in Oct. 14 service . . . Footsray members shared with us their experience with the Lay Witness mission.

INDONESIA VISIT (Preston, East Preston, G. Warren, J. Manallack) Ken Pinches who was in Indonesia recently with Community Aid Abroad, gave a film night sponsored by Good Companions and Explorers. Proceeds were for Temple Day. Ray Davies is president of the newly formed branch of Community Aid Abroad . . . The church's 71st anniversary had Eric Patterson, Conf. President, as guest speaker. 110 were at lunch. The Whitehorn Male Choir entertained at the P.S.A. After tea there was a panel discussion on "Jesus Christ Superstar" . . . The Intermediate S.S. class raised \$35 on a Walkathon for Freedom from Hunger . . . The 3rd Monster Fair (Preston) raised \$550.

MINISTER FROM BRITAIN (Hampton) Ernest Gray has commenced ministry here. Mr Gray was President of the Conference of Churches of Christ in Britain in 1961, and has served as chairman of the Home Missions Committee there. At Hampton an induction service was conducted by V. Gole and D. Allen on Oct. 14 and at 5 p.m. Mr and Mrs Gray were welcomed at a Family Tea . . . The church is grateful to those who have assisted in the pulpit over the past four months . . . Through gifts from members and friends, the manse has been completely furnished, floor coverings laid, and repairs effected . . . Mr and Mrs Henshilwood have been welcomed home after an overseas trip.

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR (Thornbury, G.J. Crossman) Preston Girls' High School Junior Choir presented the cantata "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at an evening service to a large appreciative congregation . . . Mrs Reeder of Trans-World Radio was a recent speaker at C.W.E.F. . . . Mrs Butler is the new president of C.W.A.F. Mrs Wilkie is Vice-Pres.; Mrs Crossman, Sec.; and Mrs Baker is treas.

STIRLINGS VISIT (Harcourt, J. Spiker) G. R. Stirling spoke to the church on Oct. 7. After family luncheon, Mrs Stirling spoke to the ladies and Mr Stirling to the men. On Oct. 14 at a combined meeting with Bet-Bet, Dunolly and Kyneton churches, again Mr and Mrs Stirling were visitors. There was a fellowship tea. The student ministers asked Mr Stirling questions . . . In Sept. there was an exchange of ministers between Harcourt, Kyneton, Bet-Bet and Dunolly . . . Paul Burnham was guest speaker at the S.S. anniversary for Mrs Anthea Spiker prepared by the children.

HOLY LAND VISIT (Horsham, R. Roberts) Mr & Mrs C. Crouch of Kaniva showed slides of their visit to the Holy Land . . . Members took part in the Freedom from Hunger doorknock appeal . . . C.W.A.F., held a Family Social on Oct. 18 with items and stalls . . . Senior Girls' Club spent a weekend under canvas at Hall's Gap, Oct. 19-21.

MINISTERS AND WIVES

Victorian Ministers and Ministers' Wives Associations. Thursday, November 15. **CRICKET MATCH AT SOUTH CAMBERWELL OVAL.** 10.30 a.m. start. All are invited to come for a picnic day. B.Y.O. Picnic lunch.

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The Vic.-Tas. Conference Executive acknowledges further anonymous gifts: Home Missions, \$30, Overseas Mission, \$30.

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Wednesday, 3rd April, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bus tour of institutions and the hills.

Thursday, 4th April, 10 a.m. Women's Conference. 7.30 p.m. Business Sessions — Grote St.

Friday 5th April 10 a.m. Ministers and Ministers' Wives Annual Meeting — Grote St. 7.30 p.m. Inspirational Meeting, Maughan Methodist Church.

Saturday, 6th April 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Business Session — Grote St. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Afternoon Tea, Longwood Youth Camp. 7.30 p.m. Youth Demonstration — Maughan Methodist Church.

Sunday, 7th, 11 a.m. Visiting ministers invited to occupy pulpits. 7 p.m. Evangelistic Service — Adelaide Town Hall.

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WOOLWICH NEWS

Deputation

In recent months, Student-Deputation teams have presented the work and the message of the College in many churches, including Wagga, Belrose, Nth Balgowlah, Canley Hts, Lidcombe, Tempe, Holroyd, Asquith, Narraweena, Pendle Hill, Seven Hills, Liverpool West, Granville and Austral.

In addition, the principal visited churches at Bexley Nth, Lane Cove, Nth Sydney, Marrickville, Chatswood, Epping, Penrith, Rockdale, Nth Turrumurra, Bowral and Campbelltown.

Prayer & Share Partners

There have been many splendid responses to the Prayer & Share Partner Plan, launched early in October. Folk have been asked to promise to PRAY regularly and GIVE at least \$5.00 per annum for the on-going work of training men and women at Woolwich to serve our Australian Brotherhood at home and overseas.

Visiting Missionaries

Visiting Missionary representatives have included E. Neal of the Sudan Interior Mission, Ian Belcher, of the Jewish Evangelical Witness, Keith Williams, of the B & FBS, and Ray Christmas, of the Wycliffe Bible Translators.

On September 28 Woolwich held "A Day of Evangelism" in which Mr Williams led in a series of lectures, seminars, discussions illustrated by excellent film-strips on various methods in the task of personally presenting Christ to individuals in the community. This exercise was followed in the afternoon by a house-to-house "Evangelism Drive" by the students in the near-by Lane Cove district. On the following Thursday night, the whole student body made a Gospel Literature impact upon the Bankstown Square Shopping-Centre during "late shopping night".

Mr Christmas, of Wycliffe Bible Translators, stressed the tremendous importance of translating God's Word into the native tongue of individual

nationals in indigenous Mission churches, and indicated the priority given to this vital ministry among so many missionary organisations in these critical days of Bible presentation and church growth. Graduation Service

The Woolwich Graduation Service will be held at Enmore on Friday, Nov. 16. Nine graduates will receive Diplomas and Certificates, the P.E. Thomas Prizes will be presented, graduants will bring messages—and Principal F. L. Ewers, of Kenmore Christian College, Queensland, will deliver a challenge to the out-going students.

LIFT FROM FETE (Telopea, Jay Bacik) \$850 was raised at a recent fete for the building fund . . . Mr. Bacik was speaker at Mt. Druitt mission, Oct. 11-21. Recent speakers here were David Crawford; Laurie Wallace, O.A.C.; and Ken Jones, Epping . . . Mal. Leask of Life-Line spoke at October Guest service . . . Combined youth rally for "North-side" churches at Telopea featured Greenacre and Epping talent. David Surtees was speaker . . . A special prayer meeting was held on Oct. 21 for Len Evans in hospital with a spine injury. Mrs. Barbara Clelland and Ron Ogdon are also ill. . . Four teams have been chosen to play summer basketball in Prot. Churches Assoc.



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Youth at Asian Conference

Young people under 25 formed a creative pressure group and made a real contribution to the recent Assembly of the East Asian Christian Conference in Singapore. They were open, articulate, courageous, showed a clarity of thought and were much less inhibited than many of the older Asians. These were the impressions of Rev. Roland F. Giese, Methodist Director of The Joint Board of Christian Education, who represented the Australian churches at the conference.

Mr. Giese said that the young people came from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, the Philippines,

Indonesia and a number of other countries. Most of them met at the Youth Resource Conference, held immediately prior to the Assembly at Kuala Lumpur. During the assembly they put on a festival of youth, with dancing, singing, a celebration of worship which gathered up all of the participants in a very significant spontaneous happening. In particular, the group from Thailand sang, danced, put on a shadow puppet display. They were inspired by an ex-Catholic priest from the United States, now teaching at the Chieng Mai Seminary, who had mastered the music of Thailand.

The theme of the Assembly was

"Christian Action in the Asian Struggle".

Indian Leader

Mr. Giese was impressed by the quality of Daisy Gopelratman, former lawyer and magistrate, now Secretary of the Church of South India, who had a keen wit and incisive mind. In an address which was part of worship conducted by Indian delegates, she said that the average life expectation of her countrymen was 45.

Bishop Yap Kim Hao (Methodist Chinese Bishop in Singapore) was elected General Secretary at the Assembly. Two associate General Secretaries were elected—Rev. Harry Daniels, an able forthright Indian with an urban-industrial mission background, and Rev. Ron O'Grady, of New Zealand Churches of Christ, who is held in very high regard by Christians in Asia.

CHURCH NEWS

MANSE SOLD (Long Plains, L.W. Marshman) The manse has been sold for a satisfactory figure . . . 50th Jubilee of Soldiers Memorial climaxed with communion followed by Memorial service with Mr Marshman giving the address . . . Church visited Flinders Park for two services on the occasion of their church anniversary. Visitors were accommodated in church homes for lunch and tea was shared in church hall.

HUNGER TEA (COWANDILLA, S. Thomas). On Oct. 14 twenty were involved in a door knock when Mr. Nam Soo Woo from the Korean Churches of Christ showed slides and spoke concerning the work in Korea. Approximately \$240 was received from the door-knock appeal and the hunger tea . . . Boys' Brigade No. 1. Section raised \$85 for missionary project and painting of church through Old Time Music Hall Concert . . . 80 attended church annual picnic at Loftia Park.

MINISTERS IN DISCUSSION (Merredin/Bruce Rock, D. A. Good) The Merredin Ministers' Fraternal held a seminar with the State Director of Christian Education in Schools, and also had lunch hour meeting with local doctors and matron . . . S.S. and church picnics were held . . . Speaker from Christian Missions to Communist World visited churches . . . Merredin Youth I class held a three day camp at a farm.

METHODISTS COMBINE (Owen, L.W. Marshman) Combined anniversary was held with Methodists, with communion and P.S.A. I.J. Chivell was speaker. Offering went to Vietnam Refugee Appeal . . . Long Plains and Balaklava supported J.C.E. annual social . . . At Family Service on Sept. 30 a married lady made her confession. She was baptized on Oct. 14 . . . Many attended Light Time Commitment Rally in Adelaide.

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OBITUARY

DORNING, Bob.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you."

These words illustrate the pattern of life of Bob Dorning, who died on Sept. 2, 1973, following a lengthy illness in the Tweed Heads Nursing Centre, N.S.W.

Bob was brought up in Newport, Vic., and was baptised in the Newport Baptist Church at the age of 14. When the depression took away his job, he and his father commenced making canvas goods at home. The business prospered and he remained in the trade until retirement in 1970. Retirement and ill-health brought him to Tweed Heads.

Service to the church and associated organisations characterised his activities. He was engaged in youth work with the Collingwood Free Breakfast Mission and "Campaigners for Christ". "Everyman's Hut" at Koki Beach, Port Moresby, is a memorial to his vision and effort. He established this youth centre in 1955, and remained the treasurer of the appeal committee until his retirement.

A keen photographer, Bob always recorded his interests and travels on film. One of his later trips to the Indian Mission stations, the Holy Land and Europe, brought pleasure to all who saw his film. A regular ministry was the joint work of Bob and his wife, Mary, to the women prisoners in Fairlea Prison. Bob would use his film projector to present the claim of Jesus Christ.

He linked up with the Ivanhoe church of Christ about 1956 where he became an Elder. Later he established his home in Greensborough. The Ivanhoe church became interested in establishing a new church in the Briar Hill area and the Dorning home became the focal point for meetings of interested persons before the church buildings were opened. Bob's wife, Mary, was the first president of the Briar Hill C.W.F. Briar Hill church quickly became an independent congregation. When ill-health necessitated his resignation, a grateful church appointed him "Elder Emeritus."

His children, Judith (Mrs. Ellis), Robert and Rhonda mourn his passing. Many people in many places are the richer for having been touched by the life of Bob Dorning.

— Alan Bush

BANNERMAN, Dorothy, M.

A tireless worker in the Belmont Church, Mrs Bannerman died on Aug. 26. Born in 1899, Dorrie Stronach became a Christian at a mission held at Bordertown, S.A. about 1905. She became a primary school teacher and taught in a number of small country schools in S.A. before sickness brought about her retirement.

She was married to Bert Bannerman in 1928 by the late A. Garland. At Brim she was secretary/treasurer of the Ladies' Guild for 15 years, before coming to Geelong with her husband and sister Bessie in 1948.

In the Belmont Church, Dorrie worked no less hard or faithfully than the Christian women we read about in the Acts. Provision of food, clothing and other necessities for the sick, widowed and underprivileged, demonstrated her love for the Lord. An inspiration to the ladies of the church, Dorrie and her sister Bessie worked as a very faithful and efficient team.

The large funeral service was conducted by Bert Stevens, a longstanding friend.

MATTHEWS, Reuben

After a long illness, Reub. Matthews died at the Maryborough, Vic., hospital. We pay tribute to him and to his ministry among us. His handiwork is visible around the chapel. He delighted in his task of caring for God's ouldings. He was also a great witness for Christ,

often visiting the elderly shut-ins. The crowded chapel was a testimony to his worth in the community. Rowland Pritchard paid a splendid tribute to his life as he shared the service with Ian Adams. Sympathy is extended to his wife, son Ian, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren.

MUNRO, Clara Violet.

Mrs. Munro died at the age of 81 years after years of faithful service and witness with churches of Christ. Born in Knightsbridge U.K., baptized by Bartley Ellis at Twynholm in 1903, married in 1914 to Will Munro, they migrated to Australia. In Australia their membership continued with churches of Christ and in later days at Ann Street, Brisbane. In 1950 Will Munro died and in 1972, their daughter Jean, also passed away. Two children remain, Ian and Nancy, ten grand-children and two great-grand-children. Mrs. Munro will be missed by her many friends and the church where she loved to worship. A service was conducted at the church and later at the crematorium by the Anne Street Minister.

—L. G. Armstrong.

PARKER, Alice Isabel.

Mrs. Parker joined the Newmarket church of Christ as a young woman and had a long association with that church. Born at Geelong in 1893, Alice Kyme came to Melbourne as a small girl and spent most of her years at Newmarket. In 1917 she was married to Herbert Thomas Parker by W. L. Jones. She was very active in the Newmarket church and served as organiste, pianiste and B.S. teacher. Mr. Parker died in 1964 and Mrs. Parker passed away on October 12 at Queen Vic. Hosp. Mrs. Parker was a woman of great faith and very loyal to her Lord and her church. She was given to hospitality and endeared herself to many College students and others who were privileged to have known her. We commend her loved ones to our Heavenly Father as they recall a wonderful mother.

Ray McKenzie.

SMITH Ivan

The church at Albany lost one of its most faithful disciples when Ivan Smith died, following a short illness.

He was born at Kaniva in 1897, was baptized there and in 1920 married Florence Whisson.

In 1927 they left Kaniva and carried on farming in W.A. at Bruce Rock and later at Narembeen. In both places they set up the Lord's Table with other Christians. This was the foundation of the Eastern Wheatbelt work which still continues.

In 1955 Mr and Mrs Smith "retired" to Albany, although it is only in recent years that Mr Smith really retired from farming interests.

To Mrs Smith and the children, Lindsay, Joyce, Coralie and Cliff, we extend sympathy, but also rejoice with them for a life well lived and a hope witnessed to.

STUBBIN, Leslie Ira

A link with the pioneer family responsible for the beginning of the Boonah Church was severed with the death of Leslie Ira Stubbin who died at Buderim.

It was in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Stubbin, that the Boonah Church was set up following their conversion under the preaching of Stephen Cheek. Ira saw war service during World War II, and on his return continued in the family business in partnership with his father and brother, Clarrie. Ultimately he took over the business in association with his son, and retired to Buderim just about 12 months prior to his death.

Ira was not one to take a prominent lead in services, but was constant in his attendance and support of the work in every way. We express our sympathy to his wife Myra, his son Robert and daughter Beryl (Mrs. J. Hopson).

—E.T.H.



TASMANIA

DEVONPORT VISITORS (E. W. Taylor) Recent speakers included Rev. Tanner of B. & F.B.S.; R. Ashley; K. Napper of E.A.M. on Borneo mission work; B. Eagles of Launceston addressed the S.A. anniversary; and a former B.S. scholar showed slides and told of Bethany Children's Home . . . Sect. 2 of Boys' Brigade went to Cradle Mountain and Sect. 1 held a church parade . . . Sympathy is extended to Mrs Bannon Snr., in the death of her sister.

LOSS TO LAUNCESTON (Margaret St., M. D. Hamilton). The gracious and kindly influence of Mrs T. Orr who died while holidaying in W.A. will long be remembered by her family and large circle of friends . . . Twenty ladies from Launceston attended the State Women's Camp. One was in her 80's . . . Mrs. Inez Williams and Mrs. Shirley Street are in hospital for surgery . . . Mr. Hamilton, shared a service recently at Ulverstone.



VICTORIA

CHELTENHAM'S MANSE (G.K. Moyes) following lunch in the church centre on Oct. 14, in a short opening ceremony the new manse was dedicated and declared open by the Conf. Pres. Eric Patterson . . . Several have made decisions recently and have been baptized . . . Many prominent personalities have been interviewed at evening services . . . Over \$1000 was given by members through an annual self-tax offering. This year India's hungry people were remembered. Over \$300 was collected in Freedom from Hunger campaign.

YARRAWONGA IS 48 Ken Craig from S.L.M. was guest speaker at the church's 48th anniversary on Sept. 30 . . . Teenagers have planned a singing group, accompanied by guitars, for Sunday night services . . . A new church foyer has been completed and the church building covered with "Permacric." A. Stephens designed and built the foyer, assisted by several men of the church . . . The anniversary thankoffering of \$400 is to be spent on new carpets for the church. The E.W.F. will pay for new carpets for the foyer . . . A Mini-Mission is planned for November with G. R. Stirling as leader . W. Nothrop is speaker at most services.

CHURCH MEETING NEED (Ringwood, D. Smith) In the series on "The Church Meeting Need", Race Matthews, M.P., was a speaker . . . Explorer Boys shared in Boys' Sunday service. John Henley was speaker . . . Appeal for overseas aid reached \$354 . . . There was a general response to appeal for signatures for Amnesty International . . . There were four decisions from Ringwood in the "Jesus Way '73" mission . . . A team again shared in Freedom from Hunger doorknock . . . A new public address system has been installed.



VICTORIA

MINISTER RESIGNS (Warragul) On Oct. 7, the officers made the following announcement: "The officers regret to advise that our minister, I. R. Mullen, has had a breakdown and subsequently tendered his resignation, which has been accepted. The change is effective immediately and arrangements are being made for assistance with the various aspects of ministry."

DONCASTER IS 110 (K.D. Horne) 430 Communicants and 300 at the evening service made the 110th Anniversary an outstanding event in the church's programme. A.E. White and E.L. Williams were guest speakers. A display of the Church's history was arranged by A. Launder, A.W.C. Candy, and L. Petty. Two young men were baptised on Oct. 14. The third "Family Camp" brought 86 parents and children to Monbulk. The annual meeting indicated giving had increased 30% over the year and brotherhood support had lifted 26%. Added to the Board of Officers were R. Rogerson and M. Drayton. Chairman is C.L. Ward, Deputy Chairman J. Bailey, Secretary J. Berry, Treasurer R. Lee.

PLANNED GIVING (Boronia, D.R. Olafsen) A Planned Giving Review programme resulted in a 26% increase in offerings. E.C. Keating, Field Officer for the Dept. of H.M. & Evang., was leader . . . Members shared in "Jesus Way '73" . . . Roger and Marjorie Cleverdon spent long service leave on a mission station in W.A. . . . At a stall in shopping centre, the ladies raised \$74 for church kitchen improvements . . . Miss Nance Shields is still confined to her home . . . J.E. Brooke is receiving further treatment at Royal Talbot . . . Church expressed sympathy to Mrs Nell Glover in the death of a sister . . . A Monday night group continues to share in ministry of prayer.

SENIOR TREAT (Swan Hill, R.E. Pritchard) Christian Men's Fellowship treated 35 people from Swan Hill and Woorinen churches to an afternoon drive on Oct. 14, finishing at A.D. Anderson's farm for afternoon tea . . . Barry Jenkins was guest speaker at S.S. anniversary . . . Film "City of the Bees" has been screened in several homes.

METHODIST BAPTISMS (Norlane, W. J. Edwards) Several members of the Ocean Grove Methodist Circuit were baptised recently in the Norlane Church by their own minister, Rev. G. Fletcher . . . "Jesus for Today" crusade in the second week in Oct. was the culmination of months of preparation by Geelong churches. The preacher was Alan Avery . . . Malcolm Pitchford showed slides and spoke of his tour "Outback" with the Les Nixon Team . . . Members took part in the "Freedom from Hunger" doorknock appeal . . . At "Bible-ware" parties, held in members' homes, Bibles, portions, and other literature to the value of \$130 were sold.



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HADDOW (Comley) at Francis Perry House (R.W.H.) on Aug. 27th to Gwen and David, a son, Adam Nathan. Both well.

WEGNER (Cornish) To Glen and Margaret, in Murgon, Qld., a daughter, Heidi Louise, born in Toowoomba on October 7th, 1973.

ENGAGEMENT

SCOLLAR-WILSON Reg. and Margaret Hillbrich, of Carnegie, Vic., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Judy, to Adrian Wilson of Springvale.

DEATH

STEVENS (Vera): Passed peacefully away Oct. 21, 1973, dearly loved wife of Len, of 97 Holland St., Wembley, W.A., loving mother and mother-in-law of Audrey and Ian Nicholas and Lesley and John Horton, dearest grandma of Susan, Philip, Sarah, Denise, and Anita. Foundation Member of Wembley Church of Christ, W.A. "The Lord is my Shepherd".

IN MEMORIAM

GHYS, Lawrence. A loving tribute to a dear husband and father, who was called home on October 25th, 1970,—Ida and family.

HADDOW, Loving memories of a very dear husband and father, Nat, who passed away in Perth, October 22, 1965. Inserted by his wife and family. "Blest be the tie that binds".

JONES, cherished memories of dear Freda, passed away, Oct. 24, 1961. Loved sister of Roy (dec.) and Elsie.

RICHARDS—Treasured memories of my dear husband and our dear father, John Loftus, called home Oct. 30th, 1958, also grand-daughter, Glenda, (Williams) Oct. 10, 1959. "Till we meet again beyond the sunset". E. M. Richards and family.

SUMMERTON (Sell). In memory of my dear wife, Jessie, called home on 6.11.1969, "It does not need a special day, Jessie To bring you to my mind, For the day without a thought of you Would be impossible to find". Till we meet again, Love, Fred.

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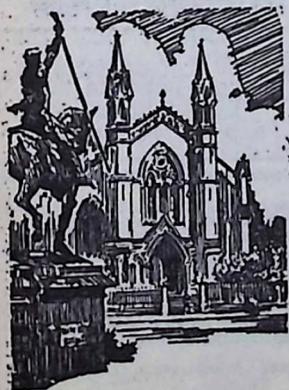
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ELDER EMERITUS (Dulwich, M. Drake) W. Allison, who retired after many years as elder, was appointed Elder Emeritus at the annual meeting, held after communion and basket lunch on Sept. 9 . . . On the 16th the annual meeting of the Dulwich-Rose Park United Parish, of which we are members, was also held. A minister of the parish, Rev. W. Stafford, becomes President of Methodist Conf. in Oct. . . . Phil. Bradley, one of our young people, and a new board member, is joining a Work Party in New Guinea during next Christmas vacation. The youth group is working to raise the fare.

MILK FOR INDIA (Aldgate Valley, H.G. Norris) Over \$100 was received for the Milk for India appeal . . . Torrensvalley members paid a visit on Sept. 16 . . . I.J. Chivell was speaker at three services. The members shared in lunch and tea. The

afternoon session was on "The Brotherhood." . . . Mr & Mrs Ray Caudle are home after four months overseas . . . When Mr & Mrs Reg Long spent a week-end at Magnetic Island, Qld., Mr Long helped with the painting of youth buildings . . . Blackwood church continues to assist by providing monthly presidents . . . Work parties have helped in Kindergarten repairs and painting . . . The Stirling Council has erected a new bridge across the Aldgate Valley creek.

YOUTH CHOIR VISIT (Kensington Pk. W. Bartlett) The Churches of Christ Youth Choir with John Mathieson as leader and Chester Schultz, pianist, conducted the service on Sept. 11 after which there was more singing and refreshments in the hall . . . After-church Sankey hymn singing had Mrs. McKay as pianist; Allen Hallman, organist and Daryl Green and Miss Jackling, soloists. Ron Dix was compere . . . The Adelaide Glee Club presented a Variety Concert which raised over \$60 to pay hall debts. Murray Young, secretary of this Club, was recently baptised and received into fellowship.

ORGANIST FAREWELLED (Mile End, N. Hodgekiss) Miss O. Moore has been in fellowship here for 39 years, serving as organist and choir leader. She was farewelled recently on moving from the district. Presentations were made from the choir and church in thanks and appreciation . . . Exciting negotiations are being made with the Greek Evangelical church which meets in part of our buildings, for closer co-operation between the two ministers and church fellowships . . . \$3000 has been given through the "Faith Promise" plan, apart from regular offerings, in 1973 for various overseas projects and for Aborigine support . . . Pledge Promises will be presented at the end of October for next year.

GUEST SERVICE (Ascot Park, C.L. Smith) Preacher for the guest service on Sept. 30 was R. Clymer, minister-elect for 1974. A coffee hour was held afterwards to enable members to meet Mr Clymer . . . The B.S. went into camp at Longwood for the Labour Day week-end . . . Mr Chinnick is progressing after surgery . . . Sympathy is expressed to Mrs Pettet and family in the death of her father, Mr Verner, and to Mrs Smith in the tragic loss of her husband.

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STUDENTS HELPED (Fremantle-Hamilton Hill) Our students at the College of the Bible will receive the proceeds of a "Quiz Night" conducted by Fremantle C.W.F. . . . A young lady has been baptized and received into fellowship . . . Mr & Mrs Wilkie Thomson and Mr & Mrs Johnson were visitors from Blackburn, Vic. Mrs Johnson, L. Mus. A., played voluntaries for evening service . . . The first of a series of combined after-church fellowships was held at Hamilton Hill. A Tuesday morning Bible study for ladies commenced at Hamilton Hill.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER (South Perth, D.G. Nelson) Ian Moyses commenced service as associate minister with Mr Nelson on Sept. 2. Unexpectedly, "almost miraculously", the house next door to the church came up for sale, and was purchased for a manse . . . Mr Nelson's sermons and mid-week studies are taped and made available to isolated groups on request . . . Geo. and Betty Wood in Wichita, U.S.A., tell of attendance of 1000 with 36 decisions on a recent Sunday . . . John Brear is to commence at Kenmore next year. There will then be nine South Perth students in colleges . . . Joe Heiduk cares for the church grounds which are looking beautiful.

MAYLANDS ADDITIONS (F. Rees) The Gems of Joy mission team led by Roy Aitken and Geo. Jones, conducted a mission. There were two first decisions . . . There were also three decisions by S.S. scholars on Oct. 7 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Crockford and Mr. and Mrs. Hawks conducted a successful Quiz evening . . . The S.S. anniversary was well supported by parents.

MISSION AT E. VICTORIA PK. (W. F. Thornton) The church held a mission with W. Gaunson from Oct. 12 to 21 . . . Mr. Collingwood of City Church was guest preacher on Oct. 17 . . . Geo. Smith, Social Service Director, addressed the C.W.F. on the drug problem . . . A lovely hand-made communion cloth has been presented to the church by Miss Horton who is a patient at the Carlisle Hospital.

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"HIGH MARK" BUS (Nth. Williamstown, K. H. Pitt) A bus was chartered each night of the Western suburbs "High Mark" Crusade at the Essendon Town Hall, Sept. 12-16 . . . Two young ladies were baptised and received into fellowship at morning service, Sept. 9. At night there was a parade and participation by members of Newport Rechabite Lodge . . . Mr. Pitt told of insights gained from visit to New Tribes Mission (Sydney) where two of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Aherne, are training for missionary service . . . Church officers attended special Board meeting at Footscray to discuss development at Hoppers' Crossing.

CHILDREN AT COMMUNION (Bayswater, A. Fletcher) At the Sunday School anniversary, Mr Fletcher explained in simple terms to the children the meaning of the communion service. With dignity and confidence four primary scholars presented the emblems and took up the offering. The children sang under the leadership of Daniel Hills and pianist Wayne Clinton. Mr Whitehill of the B. & F.B.S. was guest speaker. After lunch there was an inspection of displays before the afternoon service which climaxed the anniversary.

MRS SKILLICORN HOME (Oakleigh, Dr C.J. McKenzie) Mrs Keith Skillicorn recently shared some of her experiences on the mission field in India . . . M. Allen, Victorian manager of L.J. Hooker Enterprises, gave a personal testimony in the Fathers' Day Service. Mrs Pat Shepherd spoke concerning "A God Who Works Miracles." . . . Sunday night services have included interviews with people concerning their work and faith. A panel of young people discussed "Is Christianity a Killjoy?" . . . The church tennis team won the premiership in Section 7 of Churches of Christ Baptist Winter Competition.

ASCOT VALE DECISION (K. Denton, J. Caporn) There have been three additions, one by faith and baptism . . . The annual meeting was held on Sept. 16 after a basket luncheon . . . C.W.F. held two stalls in the main street and raised over \$100 towards brotherhood giving . . . Help in the services is received from Essendon, Nth. Essendon, and Williamstown . . .

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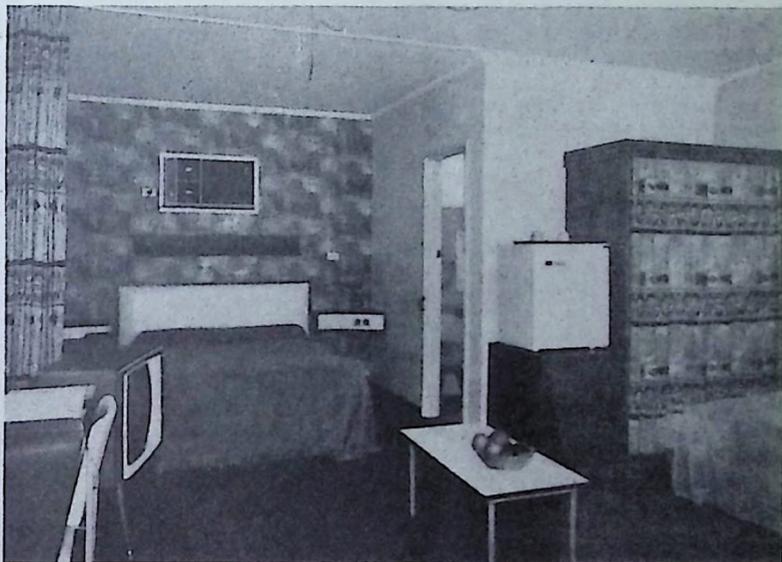
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There rises an unspeakable desire
After the knowledge of our buried life;
A thirst to spend out fire and restless
force

In tracking out our true, original course;
A longing to enquire

Into the mystery of this heart which
beats

So wild, so deep in us—to know
Whence our lives come and where they
go.

—Matthew Arnold.



"One person with a belief is equal to a
force of ninety-nine who have only
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Never lose an opportunity of seeing
anything beautiful. Beauty is God's
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Miss Beulah Blink, a Northside belle of
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First Lady: "My husband was named
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Second Lady: "Well, that shows you
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"Considering he can't afford
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