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• QUEENSLAND

NEW CHAPEL FOR PIALBA

About 12 years ago 3½ acres of land was purchased in the Pialba region of Hervey Bay with the intention of establishing a Youth Centre to cater for churches on the mid-central coast of Queensland.

The project did not come to fruition and it was decided instead that this land, now in a very valuable and fast-growing housing area, should be used for a chapel, manse, and off-street parking. The remainder of the land, about 3 acres, could be used to build an Aged Home complex.

Our witness in Hervey Bay has been made for fifteen years, first in the home of members, then in a local hall, and now in the C.W.A. Hall at Torquay. The churches in Maryborough, Central, Fair Haven and Hervey Bay, have formed a circuit.

V.G.Boettcher was invited in April this year to undertake an interim ministry with a view to the possibility of establishing a church at Pialba. He concentrated on the task of building the chapel although there were great difficulties in obtaining building materials. But all have now been obtained.

Plans and specifications are for the erection of a utility Chapel-Hall, 60' x 40' to incorporate all the facilities required for the present. The estimated cost is \$18,000, after allowing for considerable voluntary labour: Construction will be of reinforced concrete and besser block base, exterior walls of Style Brick, an aluminium tile roof, sliding aluminium windows and doors, interior linings of hardboard and fibro-cement sheeting. A local builder has been engaged and

completion date is set for end of Jan. or beginning of Feb., 1974.

The Circuit has invited Mr Boettcher to continue his ministry in the Hervey Bay area for a further six months, to consolidate the work.

“OPERATION CONCERN”

HALF YEARLY CONFERENCE
— BUNDABERG

The Golden Jubilee of the Bundaberg Church was held conjointly with the Queensland Half Yearly Conference.

A coach was provided to transport visitors 250 miles from Brisbane. At a civic reception at the central Methodist Hall, the Mayor, Alderman C. Neilsen, and the Rev. J. Gunders of the local Methodist Church and Ministers' Fraternal, expressed their congratulations to the Bundaberg Churches of Christ. Conference President Len Brooks chaired all sessions, Oct 27-28.

Bundaberg's Church of Christ Minister, Ron Bassett (Barolin Street) led the opening devotional session. Avenel Heights, the second church in that city, co-operated in all the arrangements of the Jubilee celebrations.

Thirty-six churches were represented and encompassed the churches of Southport, Coolangatta-Tweed Heads on the South Coast to Chinchilla-Hopelands of the West and Rockhampton on the North.

Reports from all Departments and Committees were received during the Conference.

Guest Speaker was Gerald Parriott, Field Officer of the Home Missions Department, who is returning to the U.S.A. next month.

On Sunday, 263 attended the pre-service presentation by the Home Mission Director-Elect, Bruce Roberts (Chinchilla-Hopelands) on that Department's 10/10 Plan. (Ten new churches in the next 10 years).

Harold & Mary Finger, Missionaries to the New Hebrides for several terms and Harold as a pioneer missionary in New Guinea, were present at the Conference. A minute of deep appreciation for their sacrifice in service was recorded. A second minute of appreciation was recorded to Les Brooker of Melbourne whose efforts with the late E. C. Hinrichsen commenced the church in Bundaberg.

The Half-Yearly Conference extended the theme of the President—Love the Brotherhood—strengthen the bonds—by showing concern for others.

A. C. Male

December 15

INNER SPRINGS

A time for tenderness



Set like a shining jewel within the Christmas story, yet passing it would seem almost unnoticed, lies a touching example of the tenderness of God to one deeply troubled and uncertain. On the one hand is Joseph, faithful, loving and willing to do whatever is right for Mary's well-being and happiness. On the other a Joseph caught up in an event beyond his understanding leaving him doubtful and afraid. What right had he, a simple village carpenter to link his life with that of Mary, not just his promised wife but a woman touched by God and set aside for a holy purpose.

At such a time even one's certainties may become doubts! But a loving God is watching over His own and to the questioning heart comes not an explanation but something more—the much needed word of tender reassurance. "Joseph . . . fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife . . ." Not much perhaps but coming from that gracious heart it was sufficient. And Joseph takes his place in the most wondrous story of all time.

How rich is a word of tenderness. How soul-destroying the lack of it. The young David Copperfield meeting his stepfather for the first time is given to say of him "God help me, I might have been made another creature perhaps, by a kind word at that season. A word of encouragement, of welcome, of reassurance might have made me dutiful to him in my heart henceforth. But the word was not spoken and the time for it was gone."

Christmas is a time for many things. Gratitude, wonder and rejoicing in the coming of the Christchild. But it is also a time when many hearts are saddened by memories of the past, and loneliness of the future. A time too when tempers become frayed and we forget the true nature of Christmas.

"Our Father, we thank Thee for Thy tenderness in the gift of Thy Son sent to us that we may not walk our troubled way alone. Remembering Thee, at home, at work, and wherever we do business, grant us the grace to be kind and tender-hearted one to another."

Amen.

FLORENCE ROSIER

Matthew 1: 19-21

WOMEN'S WRITE



Edited by Gladys Mackenzie



NEW NURSING HOME— PENDLE HILL,
N.S.W.

• N.S.W. SPECIAL EFFORT

Furnishings for Nursing Home

The Churches of Christ Social Service Department has for years been involved in the care of aged people in self-contained units and guest homes. But there was always the need to provide total care for these people.

Towards the end of 1972 the construction of a 40 bed Nursing Home was commenced. Intake of patients is expected early in 1974. Those who receive priority in nursing care will be people already resident in our Homes.

The Nursing Home comprises part of a complex of the Pendle Hill Retirement Settlement and is built adjacent to the well known "Ashwood House", a Nursing Home for Aged Ladies, conducted by the Christian Women's Fellowship. When completed, the new Nursing Home will be an imposing brick building comprising two and four bed wards as well as private rooms. A large dining room and lounge room are features of the Home as well as an excellently equipped kitchen. The architect, Keith Sawdy, has incorporated

all modern facilities for the care and well being of aged people. Equipment will be the latest and best available and the Home will afford loving care for our aged people needing nursing care.

The Nursing Home is situated in spacious grounds which, when landscaped, will afford a pleasant aspect. This phase of geriatric care will now make available total care for aged people. The

Nursing Home, with Ashwood House, a growing number of self-contained units and the Boys' Home "Dunmore House", comprise a complex of our welfare services of which our churches may be proud.

The C.W.F. through the 1972-1973 "Special Effort" raised \$1350.00 which has been invested until needed, and this will provide furnishings for the lounge room of the Nursing Home. The C.W.F. Social Service Committee has independently raised money to furnish the foyer of the Home.

There will be opportunity for those who may be interested to "endow" a Ward or some nursing equipment or furniture.

AT WORK AND WORSHIP

QUEENSLAND

The devotions at the November meeting were led by Kedron C.W.F. Guest speaker was Dr Semple, secretary of the A.M.A., who spoke on the importance of retaining the "doctor-patient" relationship.

The Aust. Council of Churches answered our appeal to do something about morals and the pornographic material being displayed in films and film advertising.

Mrs Gladys Giezendanner reported the Executive's visit to Rosewood and Rosevale fellowships in the President's mini-bus. Tea and deliciously hot buttered scones were waiting after the long trip.

Mrs Cassie Baker, Miss Beverley McCulloch, and Mrs Laurel Henderson are planning to attend World Convention in Mexico.

The Quarterly Evening Women's Fellowship (Q.C.W.F.) met at Kedron with devotions being conducted by Kenmore C.W.F. Mrs McCosker showed slides of Banmatmat Bible College, where her husband was formerly principal.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Following last year's successful experiment, the November meeting went to the country. 166 women in four buses went to Balaklava, being joined by ladies from eight country churches. 210 attended.

Mrs Shepherd, local president, gave a welcome after the morning tea which greeted the visitors. Mrs Pederson, S.A. President, thanked the Balaklava ladies for their hospitality.

Mrs Joyce Edwards was remembered. A former member of the Executive, as Aborigine Committee leader, Mrs Edwards was killed in a road accident.

Mrs Judith Williams, to go to New Hebrides next year with her husband, was accepted as a "Living Link".

A representative of groups making donations towards sending a New Hebridean lady to World Convention, presented \$72 for this purpose.

A musical programme was brought by Mrs. Nancy Farmer, Soloist; Mrs. Jan Lines, accompanist; Mrs. Joan Oxenbury, violinist; and Mrs. Kath Fooks, elocutionist.

The S.A. annual camp will be at Longwood, March 8-10, 1974.

VICTORIA

R.J. Flavell, Administrator of the Gordon Homes for Boys and Girls, told the November Council of the history of the home from the time it commenced in Bowen St., Melb. It moved to Highett in 1941 and the Homes now accommodate boys and girls in family groups.

Mrs J. Strack organised a bus trip to the Inner Areas churches on Dec. 5.

Mrs G. Stirling and Mrs W. St. Aubyn arranged a "Musical Appreciation of Christmas Carols" at December Council.

Busy Planning For 1974?

A little stale on ideas, maybe!
Well, I've got some good news for you.

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• TO PRESERVE LIFE

"THEY WORK IN LONELY PLACES"

The doctors of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, the nurses of the A.I.M. and other hospitals, the Public Health Sisters engaged by State Health Departments to work in the remote parts of Australia and the missionaries engaged in the Aborigines Missions work all have one thing in common—the immense size of their practice.

They probably have the biggest area to cover in the world. They are concerned not only with health, hygiene, and nutrition, but with education, housing, spiritual welfare, and the rights and needs of the aboriginal. They need to work through witchdoctors, and tribal elders, respecting their beliefs, and station owners and managers, as well as Government officials, church and voluntary educators, and social welfare workers.

The biggest problems as regards health are those of protein calorie malnutrition, leprosy, gastro-enteritis, hookworm, yaws, trachoma, and respiratory and ear infections, and the fact that the people are itinerant, illiterate, and are from many different areas, tribes, backgrounds, and are all susceptible to different forms of disease.

Apart from sickness, these dedicated workers must face the intense heat which usually soars around 38°—45° C all year round, the dry red dust that is swirling everywhere, except in the wet when the ground is one great quagmire, the flies, the plagues of grasshoppers and other insects, and the possibility of being stranded for days by floods in some remote area with the only contact being the vital radio link with some home base.

These people in these lonely areas are carrying out a remarkable work amongst the aboriginal people and are showing a dedication to their work that few of us could match. They have a great compassion for the needs of these ill-fed and ill-treated people of the "vast Australian" loneliness particularly in the northwest of W.A. In this area because of ignorance, black babies under a year old die at six times the rate of white children.

Colourful pills given for various diseases are often used as gambling chips and medicine bottles are swigged like a cooling drink and then passed on to others, and a teaspoon is an unknown article.

Many girls become pregnant at puberty. Some have one baby after another and often are feeding two or three infants at the one time, the eldest

robbing the youngest of lifegiving nourishment, when weaned the children live on bread and tinned meat without fruit or vegetables or milk. In the areas where men are still able to hunt they may have fresh fish, kangaroo, lizards or crocodile but this is usually eaten half raw and is often full of disease-carrying bacteria.

How are these problems overcome? The first moves to co-ordinate all these groups of services was the establishment in 1972 of the Community Health Service and the first diploma Course in Public Health Nursing in W.A. started in Perth in June 1973. They received instruction from the Royal Flying Doctor Service on the needs of aircraft landing in the bush and instruction in vehicle maintenance and mechanics and emergency radio repairs. Bush training in survival from the Search

and Rescue section of the Police Department is also taught.

Identification of patients has been made easier by a photograph taken with the person's consent being attached to the medical record. This record card lists everything that is known of the patient—names both tribal and European, and the names of closest relatives. Coloured bands are fixed to the corner of the card so that it is known if the patient has been in contact with leprosy, is receiving treatment or has been a patient in the leprosarium.

All people including school children above the 26th parallel are examined yearly and immunisation programmes carried out regularly. All non infectious lepers are treated with tablets. The taking of tablets and medicine presents one of the biggest problems but progress is made with the help of A.I.M. Social Workers, officers from A.A.P.A. and Community Welfare and missionaries.

Responsible Aborigines in camps and on reserves have been trained in nursing aid and have learnt to change dressings and issue drugs needed and to report back the condition of sick people. The

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AN APPRECIATION . . .

It was at once humbling and heartening to experience a service of recognition such as we did at Lygon Street on the evening of November 30. We share again the concern expressed there that some who happen to be in a focal position receive such recognition when there are so many who in a variety of ways are equally faithful in service right across our Australian Brotherhood. However, we express the deepest gratitude for all the kind expressions made by representatives of our Brotherhood and the whole Church on that memorable night. But we thank not only these and all those who gathered at Lygon Street but members of our churches throughout Australia and friends of all communions with whom we have had such enriching experiences in ecumenical encounter.

We think of churches where we have had ministries in Australia and New Zealand and of all the churches we have visited. Whatever ministry we have given, there has been a mutual ministry and we have been enriched by the fellowship and friendships formed.

The friendship of the students of our own student days and the friendship of the students (and wives) during 35 years of association with the College has not been least of the enriching experiences. The College "family" has been very real to us.

As something deep was built into the texture of our lives by our parents and families and then by our own children so it was also built into our lives by such men as A. R. Main, R. T. Pittman, T. H. Scambler and J. S. Taylor and then by the deep and harmonious fellowship of the faculty during 29 years of principalship. The bond of friendship is as precious as it is deep.

Many letters have been directly received. Some of them were possibly intended for that surprise, secret Book of Letters. We will append them to it. To all those who wrote for the Book of Letters as well as those who wrote directly please accept our heartfelt thanks. This Book of Letters presented to us along with the barometer and thermometer and the flowers is something more novel and precious than we could have imagined or can not express. It is a priceless treasure.

Whatever we have given, we have received more. We are glad and grateful to God and you. Blessed be the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you all.

Lyall Williams

Lila Williams

CASINO FOR VICTORIA . . . ?

Several recent newspaper articles have hinted that a casino is more than likely to be established in Victoria. Many church members are disturbed by the possibility, and are asking: "What are the churches doing?" Alan Page reported to the last meeting of the Social Questions Committee that he and Rev. John Westerman, the chairman of the V.C.C. Commission on Social Questions, have recently stressed the church's viewpoint to the Victorian government. They spoke first with the Premier, Mr Hamer, and later by request had an interview with the Minister for Housing, V.O. Dickie.

The approach taken was that this is not simply an anti-gambling stance. We are concerned about the growing volume of gambling (\$320m. on the T.A.B. in Victoria alone last year), about sociological consequences, and about social attitudes resulting in some cases. Already there have been press reports from police in Hobart expressing concern about the effects of the Wrest Point Casino on crime.

The Commission on Social Questions requested the Government to wait for at least two years before deciding policy on

casinos, so that this would give time for the social effects of the Hobart Casino to become apparent. The reply indicated that about 20 applications for licences have been received, not all in the metropolitan area, and that a small Committee is looking into the question. There is no likelihood of an early report to Cabinet or decision, although policy could not be deferred indefinitely. The Government will have to make a decision within a reasonable time and will take careful account of sociological factors. The policy of "no poker machines" was categorically re-affirmed at these interviews. The Commission is now preparing a more detailed, and written, submission to be placed before the government committee.

Any factual information on casinos and their effects on human lives which could be helpful in the preparation of the submission can be forwarded by mail to the Dept. of Social Service, 217 Lonsdale St., Melbourne, 3000. If any member or church desires to contribute to the concern being felt, they could write to the Chief Secretary or their local member expressing their own views.

Jesus Commune

(N.S.W.) The Jesus Commune Christian Training Centre has completed its second year of operation. During 1973 it has been an international community with students from Tonga, Fiji, New Guinea, Saigon, Paris, U.S.A., Switzerland and India, as well as students from all over Australia.

It is located in five brightly coloured cottages in Francis St., East Sydney, near Hyde Park.

The students have represented many denominations, including Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Church of Christ, Church of England and Lutheran.

The Commune seeks to bridge the gap between the traditional church and contemporary youth. It trains young people to be active youth workers in local churches, as youth leaders, Coffee House Directors, and Home Missionaries. See page 16.

SELF-GOVERNMENT SELECTIONS

The Bible Society has produced a Scripture Booklet to be distributed in the three major languages of Papua New Guinea to coincide with self-government on Dec. 1.

Called "Building a Nation", the booklet was conceived by the Bible Society in Papua-New Guinea. The Bible Society in Australia assisted in production. It contains passages from the N.T. and Psalms relevant to forming a nation.

The original supply was to be 50,000, but before the first consignment was delivered a request for a further 75,000 copies was made.

SOUTH KOREA ARRESTS

Earlier this year, the Rev. Park Hyong Kyu, pastor of Seoul's First Presbyterian Church, was sentenced to two years in prison for "attempting to overthrow the government." His case is being appealed.

More recently police arrested an R.C. Bishop, the dean of a Protestant theological seminary, and a Buddhist priest, during a press conference where they were reading a statement, signed by 15 writers, scholars and clergymen, who called the nation to "rise up and struggle" for the restoration of democracy. The statement said "The Republic of Korea is now faced with the worst conditions, both internally and externally, because of the present regime's dictatorship and rule of terror which have brought about the withering of conscience and daily life of the people and the loss of the trust and friendship of foreign countries towards this nation."

Nine of the signatories were arrested.

7TH NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION

REGISTRATIONS FLOODING IN

The 100th registration has been received for the 7th National Youth Convention, only a month after registrations opened in November.

The 7th N.Y.C. will be held in the South Island of New Zealand, January 4-14, 1975.

Post-convention tours of the North Island, and tramping the Routeburn Track, have attracted 40 registrations so far.

State registration figures are: Victoria 31, South Australia 29, Queensland 20, Western Australia 19, New South Wales 1.

Theme of the 7th N.Y.C. is "Move Out '75". Part of the Convention will be held in Christchurch, and part of it will be held on the move around the South Island.

Because of the accommodation limitations on the mobile part of the Convention, only 200 Australian registrations can be accepted. These will be joined by 100 New Zealand young people.

Mrs Avril Chapman heads up the New Zealand arrangements committee.

Registration forms may be obtained from the Federal Board of Christian Education, 217 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000.

KADINA, S.A.

"NO NO CASINO"

Members have been active in opposing the establishment of a Casino in S.A. (most probably at Wallaroo, 5 miles away) and E. K. Russack, M.P. for Gouger, a Kadina member, was one of many parliamentarians who presented petitions in opposition. The community gave Mr. Russack strong support and the Bill was defeated in the House of Assembly . . . Dr. Thornley Thomas, Conf. Pres., was guest speaker at church anniversary and he also gave an illustrated talk on his service as a missionary doctor in India. Dr. Thomas addressed a combined afternoon meeting in the Moonta Chapel, noting the centenary of the building, having originally been owned by the "Bible Christians" (a branch of the Methodist Church). Other ministers took part in the service and the church's Centenary Choir sang . . . At the B.S. anniversary, a live lamb was used to illustrate the parable of the Lost Sheep. Garnet Hitchinson was guest speaker . . . J. Dow of Balaklava spoke at recent youth service.

WOOLWICH BIBLE COLLEGE GRADUATION

A large and enthusiastic congregation shared in the Woolwich Bible College Graduation Service, at Enmore Tabernacle, the Church For all Nations, on Nov. 16.

The Chairman of the College Board, Maurie Pieper, presided, and R. Hutchens was the organist. The musical programme was provided by Mrs Nance Souness of Hurstville and the Woolwich College Vocal Trio.

Greetings were extended by the Conference President, R. C. Hewitt, and W. Harrison, representing the Woolwich College Ex-Students' Association, and the P. E. Thomas Prize Winners were: First Year: Geoff Rowcroft, Second Year: Brian Francis, Third Year: Robert Ferguson.

Graduands Peter Pitts and Nigel Merrick brought short messages and the Student President, Robert Combridge, thanked the churches for their support and encouragement.

The Principal, Dr. A. G. Elliott, presented the Diplomas and Certificates

and the Senior Lecturer, Mr. Chapman, offered the Prayer of Dedication. Those graduating with the College Diploma were: Robert Combridge, (who will serve at Wollongong), Wallace Gibney (to Richmond, Vic.), Steven Kitto (to Federal Aborigines Mission W.A.), Nigel Merrick (Maryborough, Qld.), John Morrow (East Bentleigh, Vic.), Peter Pitts (Bexley North), Kevin Rankin (Lane Cove), and Lloyd Thom (Georgetown), while Miss Beverley Fletcher received the Missionary Certificate.

The guest speaker was Principal F. L. Ewers, M.A., of Kenmore Christian College.

WOOLWICH COLLEGE HONOURS LIST NOVEMBER 1973

New Testament III N. Merrick, J. Morrow, P. Pitts. 11 others passed.

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New Testament Exegesis IIB N. Merrick, J. Morrow, R. Ferguson, S. Warwick. 10 others passed.

New Testament Exegesis IB D. Herbert. 7 others passed.

New Testament II G. Deuble, R. Slack. 9 others passed.

Biblical Theology IIB R. Combridge, W.

Gibney, D. Herbert, S. Kitto, N. Merrick, J. Morrow, P. Pitts, K. Rankin, L. Thom. 5 others passed.

Biblical Theology (Thesis, Final Years) R. Combridge, W. Gibney, S. Kitto, N. Merrick, J. Morrow, P. Pitts, K. Rankin, L. Thom.

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

Church History I G. Deuble, G. Rowcroft, R. Slack. 8 others passed.

Old Testament I G. Deuble, R. Slack. 9 others passed.

Philosophy of Religion R. Ferguson, D. Herbert, N. Merrick, J. Morrow, L. Smith, S. Warwick. 8 others passed.

Eschatology R. Combridge, W. Gibney, S. Kitto, P. Pitts.

Hebrew N. Merrick, K. Rankin, S. Warwick. Christian Education R. Burton, R. Eldridge. 9 others passed.

Survey of World Missions B. Francis, D. McLeod, R. Slack. 8 others passed.

Comparative Religion G. Deuble, D. McLeod, G. Rowcroft, R. Slack. 7 others passed.

English Literature (NSW Higher School Certificate) 5 passed.

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

Homiletics II G. Deuble, B. Francis. 4 others passed.

Homiletics III R. Ferguson, S. Warwick. 4 others passed.

Homiletics IV J. Morrow, R. Combridge, N. Merrick, K. Rankin, W. Gibney. 3 others passed.

Pastoral Theology 11 passed.

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

Greek II G. Deuble, N. Proellocks. 2 others passed.

Greek III B. Francis, S. Warwick. 1 other passed.

-A. G. Elliott.

WORLD TALK No. 86

A.B.C. OF THE BIBLE

The word "word" is of tremendous importance throughout scripture and is used many hundreds of times. In the O.T. it was a spoken utterance of any kind. "The word of the Lord" is used 400 times speaking of God's communication to men, especially through the prophets (e.g. Jeremiah uses the phrase 50 times). Words both of blessing and cursing had a strange power once uttered. Consider Jacob's irrevocable blessing (Gen. 27). God's word was similarly effective (Isa. 55:11). The word of God had special significance in Creation (Gen.1); in the Covenants with Abraham (Gen.17) and Moses (Exo.20); and the prophets (Amos 17:15-16).

In the N.T. all these O.T. meanings continue. There are two Greek words that are used, the most significant being *logos* which is used 300 times. Luke has a Hebrew habit of using it to mean "thing" (Lk.2:15,19; Acts 5:32); It was also used to contrast word and deed (1 Jn. 3:18).

Logos was used as a title for Jesus in Jn. 1:1 where it speaks of his pre-existence, his fellowship with the Father and his deity; Jn. 1:14 of his incarnation; 1 Jn. 1:1 of the disciples' knowledge of him, and Rev. 19:13 as the descending conqueror. The background to *logos* is important: the Greek concept was of the divine reason or law that governed the universe; The Gnostic concept was of the person that bridged both the spiritual and material worlds ("the High Priest which sets soul before God"); and the Jewish concept of the wisdom of God that plans all. This one word covered three meanings, and John uses it to present us with the highest concept of the person and significance of Jesus.

The gospel was called the word (Rom.10:8) but to speak of the whole Bible as "the Word" is evangelically popular but scripturally incorrect.

WORD

DICTIONARY
Word means an utterance especially of God and is supremely used of Christ, God's complete communication with man.

FOR TODAY

Electronic gadgetry has reduced the world to a global village. Instant communication is in. Many see the replacement of the preached word by electronic methods. But the spoken word is still vital for gospel proclamation. Football coaches have not yet been replaced by T.V. films! The Church must use electronic aids as aids not replacements of the preached word.

Dr. Kosuke Koyama in Melbourne recently suggested that Australian preachers have been very successful in making the scriptures uninteresting. The N.T. preachers were excited with the explosive truth they handled. They never apologised but announced it with boldness (Acts 4:29, Phil. 1:14). We can restore the N.T. concept of excitement and boldness in proclamation.

John dared use a contemporary term to communicate the truth of Christ and so gave us our highest understanding of Him. He uses no out-worn cliché but a refreshingly new concept. He claimed the words of the philosopher—the scientific technologists of his day—and recoinced them into the service of the gospel. We need not only contemporary translations of the scriptures, but a recoincing of words and phrases in the terms of our day to make known the insights of scripture to our generation. The jargon of the astronaut is our closest equivalent to the philosopher of the first century.

T. S. Eliot spoke of the baby in the barn as "the word within a word unable to speak a word". The baby had the message, told the message and was the message.

GORDON MOYES.

\$150 BILLION FOR ARMAMENTS: HOW MUCH FOR THE BOWL?



In one sense today's world problem is not the problem of poverty but the problem of affluence, the President of the Australian Council of Churches (the Rev. Neil Gilmour) said in an appeal for support for the Christmas Bowl.

The rich people and nations were affluent because of their exploitation of the poor. This meant that Australia shared a need to give that was greater than the need of others to receive.

"We are the Dives of the world; they are the Lazarus", he said. "And it was Lazarus who had the promise of heaven. Dives had only the threat of judgement."

Mr. Gilmour said that Christmas Bowl provided the one big opportunity for the Australian Churches to throw their weight into the field of aid for others. Whether it was the drought in Ethiopia, the needs of students banned from Universities in Rhodesia or the food crisis in India, the human need continued throughout the year.

"A million dollars seems an enormous sum, but we have to remember that the world's expenditure on armaments is about \$150 billion. The million dollars we are asked to give is for life—for construction, not destruction. Strangely, we find it more difficult to give for constructive than for destructive purposes."

Belgrave Heights Convention

Overseas speakers for the 56th Annual Convention at Belgrave Heights, Vic., from Boxing Day, Dec. 26, to New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 1974, include the Rev. David Stewart, M.Sc., B.A., B.D. Principal of the Bible College of New Zealand, and Mr. Zach. Poonen of India who undertakes a Bible teaching and evangelistic ministry throughout Asia and is the author of several books.

Other speakers are Bishop Alfred Stanway, M.A., formerly Bishop of Central Tanganyika for 20 years and now Deputy Principal of Ridley College, Melbourne; and the Rev. H. Norman Pell, General Supt. — Baptist Union of Victoria.

The Convention open-sided Auditorium has seating capacity for almost 2000. Many stay in the area in Youth Camps, House-parties or in Caravans on the delightful grounds. In addition to the main meetings, facilities are available for children at the CSSM meetings and the 'Play Centre'. Young teenagers are catered for each morning with activities and gatherings arranged for their particular age-group. With greatly improved roads leading from the City to Belgrave Heights the number of day visitors increases each year, and these are well catered for with good facilities including Tea and Light Refreshment Service together with ample parking for 500 cars.

CHURCH NEWS

MISSION AT CARDIFF (R. G. Smith) "Reach out for Christ" mission was held Oct. 25-Nov. 11 with Doug Willis in the "Aerosphere" near the shopping centre. Eight made initial confession of faith. Average attendance was 91 and on last night Mrs. Hills was baptised in the portable baptistry. Highlights were the Women's Coffee Morning and the children's Happy Hours. TV and newspapers covered the erection of the Aerosphere. Richard and Shirley Pearce, country and western gospel singers joined for last week . . . The church celebrated its 22nd anniversary on closing day of mission.

NEW LOOK ANNIVERSARY (Marrickville, D. P. Holloway) A Saturday afternoon with the kindergarten, led by Mrs. Doreen Moore, began S.S. anniversary. Prizes were presented by Mrs. Grace Davidon. The Cradle Roll

session was led by Mrs. Doreen Frost and Mrs. Phyl James. Phillip Moore, Dux of the school, was awarded an encyclopedia. After tea for parents, teachers, and scholars, three films were screened. The Supt. is Brian Benson.

NEW MINISTER (Murray Bridge, A. H. Coleman). Mr. & Mrs. Des. Kuhl and family shared a week-end with us. From Kenmore, Mr. Kuhl will commence a ministry here in January . . . C.W.F. presented a programme at St. Georges Rest Home. A picture of the "Last Supper" worked in tapestry by a part inmate impressed the visitors . . . A concert was conducted by H. Long and helpers . . . Eric Long (elder) suffered very bad injuries in a car accident. Mrs. C. Harper has suffered a relapse. They are both in Adelaide Hospital . . . Gwynne Phillips will attend the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Conference, representing Adelaide Univ. Evangelical Union. . . Recent speakers were I. J. Chivell and Dr. T. Thomas.

Harcourt Centenary

The Harcourt church Vic., celebrated its Centenary on Nov. 10 & 11. The Saturday smorgasbord tea had 250 people attending. The centenary cake was cut by Mrs. A. Farrar, our oldest member. Mrs. Farrar had made the cake which was iced by Mrs. A. Spiker of Dunolly. The cake was decorated in two pieces which commemorated 100 years of remembrance and 100 years of blessings.

The evening program included items from Barry Rice and student minister, Jim Spiker. The guest singers were the Gospel Messengers from Bendigo. Congratulatory speeches were presented by the local MLC, Jock Granter, the shire president, and also the conference president, J. Leach. F. Morgan led the closing devotion.

There were 200 communicants on Sunday. K. J. Clinton was president and Barry Rice, Harcourt's first member to enter the ministry, was the speaker.

Eric Patterson, Victorian and Tasmanian conference president, brought a message of congratulations.

An informal lunch was provided by the ladies of the church. Sunday evening began with a song service. A. B. Titter spoke on "Responding to the Resurrection" as the central basis of the church's faith.

"THEY WORK IN LONELY PLACES"

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Community Health Services is also responsible for the subsidising of the cost of a special protein and milk enriched biscuit which Aborigines are encouraged to purchase for a nominal sum.

Four wheel drive vehicles and planes of the Royal Flying Doctor Service make regular visits to isolated areas, often working under extreme difficulty with only a bush shelter to use as a clinic. Serious cases are brought back to northwest hospitals for treatment and sometimes are sent on to Perth.

Missionaries on outreach work often come across cases of disease or malnutrition and have been of great help in contacting those in authority to give help where needed. Hospital visiting by missionaries and staff of the lonely patients in areas far from home is another facet of Mission work. They also have assisted in tracing relatives and friends of native people and sometimes know of the background of the patients.

The work progresses slowly but surely towards better conditions and treatment for these people. We ourselves can be sincerely grateful and direct our prayers in upholding these dedicated workers who under sometimes appalling conditions struggle to bring health, freedom from disease and spiritual well-being in these lonely places.

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.

A.C.C. & HOMOSEXUALITY

To the Editor,

Wide publicity has been given in the media to a statement on homosexuality attributed to the Australian Council of Churches.

It is necessary to make clear that the statement, which was poorly represented in the media, is not a statement of, by or for the Australian Council of Churches. The statement cannot be taken to represent the views of the Council nor yet of the member churches of the Council.

Homosexuality was one topic among several discussed by a conference convened by the Commission on Christian Education of the Australian Council of Churches at Belgrave, Vic. (Nov. 23-28th 1973) under the general title of "The Family Today and Tomorrow". The statement in question was issued by that conference. The official copy of the statement makes it clear that it "represents the thinking of the people who attended" - no more than that!

The Australian Council of Churches has not discussed the matter of homosexuality nor has it had opportunity to study the statement in question, copies of which are available at the Commission of Christian Education office, 100 Flinders St., Melbourne. I repeat that this statement in no way represents the

Council - it is not a statement of, by or for the Australian Council of Churches.

(Neil Gilmore,

President, Australian Council of Churches).

CHURCH IN A QUARRY

To the Editor,

The Church in the Wild Wood is well known but the church in the quarry was a new experience.

The churches of Harvey, Bunbury, Busselton and Collie arranged to rendezvous at Wellington Weir, about 20 miles from Bunbury. I was later than the others and after parking my car went looking for them. As I came to the edge of the quarry, the full throated singing of 150 voices came up as music from a cathedral of nature.

The quarry was formed when the Dam was built and later beautified by earth filling, landscaping, building of barbecues, and tree planting, and is now a beauty spot.

The church in the quarry was a farewell service for ministers who are leaving us to serve elsewhere: Graham Carslake of Bunbury, Jack Sewell of Busselton, Adrian Van Leen of Collie, Harvey Clark of Harvey presided and Alan Morris of Elenora Lodge gave the occasional message.

-Reg. Taylor, W.A.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

To the Editor,

The only time I get mad with our minister is at the "good will season." Nearly every year he launches broadsides at business people for commercialising Christmas, and at people who abuse the sacred season by getting drunk, and at all those who eat and drink and make merry without thinking about the birth of Christ. I get mad because none of these people are at church to hear him, so it's words down the drain.

Another thing that makes me mad with him is that I think that his attitude is limited, and I've told him so. (He's really terrific how he encourages our frankness!) Is there any other birth that is celebrated as widely as Christmas, even if not always in ways that some of us would like? Traffic jams the roads, shops and streets are crammed, millions of dollars change hands for the giving and receiving of gifts, families go on holiday, there is eating and drinking and merry-making, hymns to Christmas sweep the "pops" off the radio scene, mass media fill their pages and screens and air waves with Christmas, and there is noise and colour, and music and decoration, and good tidings of great joy. What a birthday! What a celebration!

As I said to our minister last time he sounded off like dismal Jim, "How would you like it if the day of Christ's birth was just like any other day, and its celebration some obscure date in a few diaries?" I believe that he thinks I'm some sort of nut . . . a Christmas nut!

Merry Christmas.

TERTIUS

3rd LIVING WORD PROGRAMME

To the Editor,

Every two years the Hobart Branch of the Tasmanian Council Don. E. Stewart, Church of Christ (Convener), Rev. Fr. Peter Nicholls, R.C., and group Bible study programme. To be held over a five week period from the end of February it will culminate in three nights of public teaching on April 4-6, 1974, in the Hobart Town Hall. The special guest teacher is the Rev. Dr. R. A. Cole, a world renowned Bible Scholar and presently Warden of Robert Menzies College, Macquarie University, N.S.W.

The Book chosen for study is "Ecclesiastes" because it asks questions that are agitating men's minds today—questions about justice, human misery and happiness, work, money, pleasure, death and its meaning. The Book asks these questions in a way calculated to disturb the reader into worthwhile reflection and action. It cares more about what men do than what they think, and it shows that critical thought has a place in theology. In its restless search for meaning in current situations and problems it stands close to many people today.

A Study Guide is being prepared for the Committee by Don. E. Stewart, Church of Christ (Convener), Rev. Fr. Peter Nicholls, R.C., and Rev. Leon B. Gourlay, Christian Renewal Centre.

Groups other than in Hobart will be using the Study Guide for small group studies and other folk are invited to participate as well. (Write to Living Word, 121 Bathurst St., Hobart, 7000).

-Don. E. Stewart, Tas.

NOT AN ALDERMAN

To the Editor,

On receiving "A.C." for 1.12.73, I hasten to put the record straight concerning the item on page 10, "Minister As Alderman".

I have not been elected as Alderman on the Roma Town Council. A ballot was conducted but I was not, and never have been, a candidate for Council elections.

The young man elected as Councillor to replace the Alderman who resigned, is Merv. Hewitt, the husband of one of our staunch Church of Christ members at Roma. I am at a loss to know how the report could have been sent in.

After reading Tertius' letter on "Grievance Time" and turning the page to find the error, I feel like having my own "grievance time."

Hoping you are same!!!

Merv. Gibson, Qld.

BOOKS

IN Review

PAUL—ENVOY EXTRAORDINARY!

By Malcolm Muggeridge and Alec Vidler (Collins) \$3.95

One of the best and most enjoyable books I have purchased for a long time is entitled "Paul—Envoy Extraordinary." It is compiled by two life long friends, Malcolm Muggeridge and Alec Vidler, both men of renown and qualified in the field of literature and particularly religious literature.

Muggeridge and Vidler conduct a running conversation right through the book, making very informed comments on the many facets of Paul's very interesting life. Whilst they are engaged in this conversation, they also introduce the thoughts of classical Christian scholarship and what the scholars had to say about the point in discussion.

The book also contains 24 of the best plates that have been produced over the centuries around the life of Paul.

The book has great value for ministers and Christian educators, but it would also be a delight to any person interested in the life and work of the Apostle. It would also make a wonderful gift.

—Allan Avery.

FAMILY CAMPING, a guide for local churches.

June Wright (Joint Board), \$1.25.

More and more churches are realising the tremendous values of family camping. A number of families spend the weekend together, "away from it all," enjoying recreation and study. The usual complaint is only, "Why weren't there more here to enjoy it?"

But what happens? how are they organised? what, if any, programme do family camps have?

This manual describes eight different types of family camp.

3 HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT VISION VALLEY

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ENQUIRIES: Arthur Gulliek (bookings), Rev. Fred Nile (programme)
Central Methodist Mission 210 Pitt Street, Sydney 61 8741

It outlines the basic organisation needed—how to begin finding a campsite, leadership, jobs, publicity, timetabling, equipment, resources and evaluation.

It contains programme ideas in terms of indoor and outdoor recreation, creative activities, worship, Bible study, table talk, social issues, the place of children and youth, building family life and deepening the life of the church family.

The manual is a must for the church that is wanting to deepen the significance of its outreach and fellowship.

HELP FOR TEACHERS

(Joint Board of Christian Education) \$8.

"A useful tool for planners" was the reaction of the staff of the Briar Hill (Vic.) Church School after using "Help for Teachers", the new planning kit published by The Joint Board of Christian Education.

The kit is designed to help a group of planners to assess their teacher training needs and make plans to meet those needs.

The Briar Hill staff felt it would probably be used best at the start of the year.

The kit was developed along the lines of a kit produced by the Christian Board of Publication for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S.A.

It draws the attention of planners mainly to Christian Life Curriculum resources to meet their teacher training needs, but it can be used by schools using other curriculum materials.

The leader comes on tape, so the kit provides "instant expert".

Briar Hill discovered a number of needs for further teacher training, and are now in the process of putting such training into action.

The kit is available for \$8 from the Federal Board of Christian Educ., 217 Lonsdale St, Melb., Vic. 3000. It contains cassette, manual, plan board, and multi-coloured sorting cards.

It takes about three hours to work through, and can be re-used each year to re-assess a school's training needs.

—R.W.L.

Church. Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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"I think I'll suggest serving free coffee BEFORE the service!"

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

AN EXCITING START TO FURLOUGH.

Judy Simpson.

I left Bunapas for furlough in the M.A.F. 'plane that called to pick up Brian England the Boys' Brigade National Training Officer for Papua-New Guinea. There were two pilots in the plane and we headed from Bunapas to Mt. Hogen. The weather was very bad and we had to turn back after we'd been flying for nearly an hour. It was a pretty rough ride and there were very few breaks in the clouds—none when we drew near the ranges. On the way to Wewak we developed engine trouble—David Grace, the pilot, radioed Wewak to say that we were making an emergency landing. He had a road all lined up as a "landing strip" but then the engine picked up again, so we kept on going for Wewak which was still 20 minutes away. It was a rather exciting start to furlough—I can say that seeing that nothing drastic happened! The plane had to be thoroughly checked so we had to stay overnight in Wewak. They found that a metal disc had broken in halves and gone through the engine!

Brian England was very pleased with the Boys' Brigade course. There were about 30 doing the course and he said they were all very interested and caught on quickly.

The Girls' Brigade course has been postponed until early next year. For a number of reasons we decided that this would be a better idea."

NEW MISSION BOAT

Ted Gray.

"She's a little beauty," our new boat 'ABEL BANI'. It was named after Abel Bani, a beloved elder in our New Hebrides churches, who visited the mission in New Guinea when August and Maelene Ben the first New Hebridean missionaries went to the field. Already it is proving a 100% success and will help solve our boating problems on the Ramu and Keram Rivers. This is a real answer to prayer.

It all started about 5 or 6 years ago when Graeme Sonsie, Geoff Harrison, and Dr. Peter Shannon started building a frame for a 24 ft. sea-going boat. When Dora and I came to the field, it was still a boat sketeton in a shed. With further shipping troubles and after much discussion, Graeme Sonsie completely changed the keel system and planned to put the motor high up in the forward section of the boat, and the propellers out the stern just under water level.

This was for three purposes: 1) We had more room for bulky cargo. 2) A large open space was needed to ship timbers from the saw mill. 3) The propeller could be cleared easily when choked by weed from the river.

Next we discovered a seal and lubrication system to eliminate propeller shaft wear which had been the main problem to all inboard motor boats on the Ramu. After the Sonsies left the field, Geoff Harrison fitted the engine

mounting beams and the engine before he, too, left. We were happy then to see a new burst of enthusiasm when Gordon Williams started screwing the planking on the sides and the bottom. He also finished the deck and the cabin. A special feature is that we are cutting the very best kind of boat timbers in our own saw mill for the building of the boat.

With a coat of fibre glass and paint it was ready to launch. We can service the propeller and shaft by loading more weight near to the engine in the front, this weighs the front down and lifts the propeller out of the water. On a conventional boat we would have to find about eighty men to pull the boat out on the bank of the river or sail to Madang 100 miles away and put the boat on the slips. We are now able to move up to twenty 44-gallon drums of petrol, fuel and kerosene at one time, or we can carry more store goods, missionaries goods, as well as timber for our building programme. Also, for the technical staff and others concerned with the moving of school and Bible School students, the 'ABEL BANI' has shown its usefulness.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST RESCUE M.A.F. PLANE

Rosalyn Williams.

On Thursday, September 6, a Mt. Hagen M.A.F. plane was flying not too far from Chungribu. (About 1½ days river journey away), when the engine caught fire. The pilot had to make a forced landing on a sand bank on the Ramu. Of course the fire did damage to the engine and the body of the plane was slightly damaged. The pilot was slightly burnt when he put the fire out.

M.A.F. called us up on the radio and asked for our canoes and motors to go up to help make a raft to float the plane down to Anaberg Airstrip. We supplied 2 canoes, 2 outboard motors and about 6 men. They were gone from Chungribu, Tumba, and Bunapas for 4 days.

The chief pilot David Grace, told me it was the most successful rescue done during his time up in PNG with M.A.F. Everything went smoothly and well. They had to pull the plane up a very steep bank at Anaberg but even this presented no difficulties.

Please pray for the work of Missionary Aviation Fellowship in Papua-New Guinea and give thanks to God for the ministry of the M.A.F. team.

NEW ZEALAND CHURCHES OF CHRIST ASSIST NEW HEBRIDES.

At a recent conference of the Churches of Christ in New Zealand it was agreed to assist the Australian Churches of Christ in Overseas Missions by giving full financial support for a New Hebridean Pastor and provide travel expenses for two voluntary workers each year. The volunteers would be asked to serve a minimum of six months.

Appreciation is expressed to our New Zealand brethren for their willingness to assist in this way.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

WHAT IS THE STORY?

There were almost a dozen lepers who were healed at the one time. Only one of them said "Thank you," and he was a foreigner. Jesus spoke very well of him. Do you know where the story is? You can get some help from Mum, Dad, or teacher or minister.

SERENADE

I heard that Schubert had a horse named Sarah, and when the band played Schubert's Sarah neighed.

—Willis Frost.

First Man: "I bought a new hair tonic that was guaranteed to grow hair on a billiard ball."

Second Man: "Did it work?"

First Man: "Yeah, but it sure slowed up the game."

When money talks, it always says "goodbye."

Every 24 hours my heart beats 103,689 times, my blood travels 168,000 miles, my lungs inhale and exhale 23,240 times, I eat three and a half pounds of food, speak 4,800 words, read thousands more, and supposedly exercise seven million brain cells. Boy, am I tired!

Some people are like blotters—they soak up everything, then get it all backwards.



"IT'S ALL CLEAR FOR THE NEXT TWO BLOCKS, DEAR."

VICTORIA—

1974 PLANNED (Doncaster, K. D. Horne). Board of officers held "live in" Conference at Warburton to plan 1974 programme and future strategy . . . A married woman was baptised on Nov. 18 . . . Film "Hello Up There" was screened to 31 parents at "House Party" . . . Ray McKenzie led Superintendents in "Church-School-Home" Session . . . Church filled capacity for Remembrance Day Service when RSL President was interviewed . . . Co-operating Churches of the area conducted "Advent Service" on Dec. 2 and combined Choir was conducted by Elva Crouch . . . Frank Richards is in New Guinea and is doing preparatory work for the Work Party to be sponsored by the Church in 1974 . . . Eddie Pye of "Apostles" spoke at Youth Breakfast.

CHILD SUPPORT (Mildura, T. Lawrie). C.W.F. have accepted support for a child through World Vision . . . Christian Educ. Dept. held "Cafe International" . . . The McWilliams family conducted a Sunday night service . . . C.Y.F. and C.M.S. have donated \$160 for Ethiopia . . . The C.Y.F. choir and band assisted at Sunraysia half-yearly conference at Robinvale, where G. R. Stirling was speaker . . . Mrs. Stirling spoke at C.W.F. and a coffee morning at H. McWilliams.

APPOINTMENT (Collingwood). Robert Street of the College of the Bible has been appointed to part-time ministry for 1974 . . . 250 people attended a service at which John Smith of the "God Squad" spoke . . . Westside Players presented "Christ in a Concrete City" — the Gospel through drama . . . David White of Maidstone was a recent guest speaker . . . Our minister featured East Keilor church at a Home Missions night service . . . Mr. Downie visited Mildura to work with Alan Avery in preparation for the recent H.M. Crusade.

FISHING CAMP (Chelsea, D. Oakes). Junior Explorers held a fishing camp Dec. 1-2 . . . The family camp at Monbulk had the emphasis on "Sharing" . . . C.W.A.F. entertained Elderly Citizens on Nov. 27 for their Christmas break-up . . . The Fellowship Committee conducted a "Barn Night" at Heatherton on Dec. 8.

NEW GUINEA LINK (Glen Waverley, R. Elbourne). Mr. and Mrs. Jack Acquroff are back from visiting their daughter, Julie, at Bunam, New Guinea, and Mr. Acquroff told a youth service about the mission field and showed slides . . . The evening service of the church's 20th anniversary was conducted by sporting groups. There was one decision . . . Instead of Christmas gifts for each other, ladies brought monetary gifts and are making medical bags for use by Julie Acquroff in her medical work . . . Target of \$430 per week in Review Planned Giving has been reached . . . Planning and programming for 1974 has been presented to the church . . . "Glenaires" assisted in musical programme at Oakleigh Guest Home Garden Party . . . Mervyn Symes is back after serious illness.

IT'S BEEN A GREAT CENTENARY YEAR

THANK YOU

to all who have shared and assisted in various aspects of the 1973 Centenary Year Celebrations.

Our special thanks go to

Regional Crusade Evangelism Committees

Local Church Evangelism Committees

Evangelists and House Group Leaders

Chain of Prayer Participants

Congregations involved in Centenary Projects, subsidy grants and oversight

Individual Donors and Churches for generous financial support

Inner Area Churches for their confidence and co-operation.

Churches receiving Deputationists

Ministers and Officers' Boards for co-operation and goodwill so widely evidenced throughout this year

We go into the New Year with the stimulus and encouragement of 1973 and an expectation of significant achievements in 1974.

On behalf of Members and staff
Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism, Victoria-Tasmania



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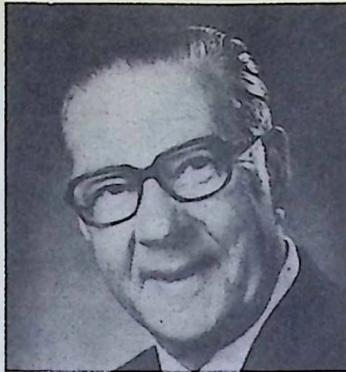
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**HAROLD
BISCHOFF**

New Zealand General Secretary

Harold Charles Bischoff will become General Secretary of the Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand in February 1974. He will succeed W. Harford, who will move to the Church at Belmont, Vic.

Mr. Bischoff was born in Queensland and trained for the ministry at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris. He served for five years at Wellington South Church, N.Z., and at St. Andrew St., Dunedin. He was chosen by the Council for Christian Education to become the first district supervisor for Religious



Instruction in schools in Otago and Southland.

In 1956, he returned to Australia to minister with the church at Marrickville, N.S.W. but then returned to New Zealand to direct, then linked with the National Bible Society of Scotland but the work of the Otago and Southland Bible Society, now merged with the Bible Society in New Zealand.

Because of his outstanding service for the Bible Society, Mr. Bischoff still holds the office of honorary Vice-President of the National Bible Society of Scotland.

'NOWTIME 74'

"Nowtime 74", the 35th Australian Christian Endeavour Convention to be held in Sydney? Jan. 4-12, 1974, will have as guest speaker Dr. David Hubbard, of Los Angeles.

The Rev. Norman Pell, President-Elect of the Australian C.E. Union, and Rev. Fred Nile, Director of "Nowtime 74" have outlined the extensive plans for the Convention. Peter Pitts is the Churches of Christ representative.

Dr. Hubbard is a well-known international speaker and author. His books include "Problem with Prayer", "Is Life Really Worth Living", and "What's God been doing all this time." A special Convention luncheon for church leaders to meet Dr. Hubbard will be held on Jan. 4. Those wishing to receive an invitation should contact Rev. Arthur Brawn, 44 Blackburn Ave., North Rocks, N.S.W. 2151. (phone 871-1106). Mr. Brawn is also in charge of pulpit arrangements for

Jan 6 and 13.

There will be elective programmes on vital contemporary issues such as Future Shock, Charismatic Movement, the Occult, Communes, Pollution, Sex Styles, and Communication. Speakers include Rev. Dan Armstrong, Rev. John Mallison, Dr. E. H. Watson, Rev. Norman Pell, Rev. Fred Nile, Rev. Tony Lamb, Rev. Don Evans, Mr. Mai Garvin, and Dr. Lewis Born.

"Nowtime 74" will also feature outstanding modern Christian music led by the "Nowtime Singers" led by David Kendall, the Nowtime Festival of Music in the Opera House will feature the New Life Singers of Newcastle, the Brisbane Harmony Group, "Family", and the Junior Nowtime pageant.

Those requiring information regarding programme or accommodation should write to Box 5093, G.P.O. Sydney, 2001, or to the nearest State C.E. Office.

Victorian girl on exchange

Karen Waters, 13, of the Maidstone Church of Christ, is the youngest ever chosen by the Rotary Club of Essendon as an exchange student.

A student at Essendon High School, Karen is also a leader in the Baptist Girls' Fellowship, which is near her home.

Karen is learning piano (fifth grade), and other interests include canoeing,

bushwalking, and camping with her family.

In the new year she will move from the bigness of Melbourne to the small town of Corinth, N.Y., U.S.A., on the Hudson River. The inhabitants number only 500 and the temperature ranges from 40 to 37°. The principal industry is a paper mill on the river.

In the exchange scheme, the parents of the student pay travel expenses; but the Rotary Club members in the receiving area (in Corinth there are 32) host the student in their homes.

Change for Eric Hollard

E.P.C. Hollard who, after a long period as Home Missions Secretary in S.A., ministered to the church at Glenelg in that State, was called to the position of Evangelism and Pastoral Concerns at the large First Christian Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, U.S.A., in 1972. He has now been elevated to the position of Associate to the senior Minister, Dr. Frank Edmund See, in areas of administration, pastoral concerns and evangelism.

Mr. Hollard will also occupy the pulpit in the church when Dr. See is absent, on vacation, or for reason of other commitments. He is one of five ministers on the church's staff.

Dr. See has written to say how greatly Mr. and Mrs. Hollard are appreciated. They are warmly accepted by the large congregation.

The Hollard's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Pederson, will join them in Tulsa in January, 1974, where Mr. Pederson will study for his master's degree at Tulsa University.

IF YOU ARE IN SOUTH GIPPSLAND

If you are holidaying in South Gippsland, or passing through, or go there especially, there is a combined service in the Toora United Church Building on Sunday, December 23, at 10.30 a.m., not p.m. as shown in our last issue.

See advertisement on page 18.

"CAMP WATERMAN" HEAVILY BOOKED, 1974

Churches, youth groups, etc., intending to use Camp Waterman, Monbulk, Vic. in 1974, are urged to make bookings as soon as possible.

The first half of the year is heavily booked and some weekends in the latter half are also taken.

Groups of up to 30 can book Rita Roberts Lodge, and these bookings are made only three months ahead.

1975 bookings for the main camp will be received from January 1, 1974.

MALAYSIAN HOLIDAY (Caulfield, K. W. Berston). Miss Mun Foo Lan was farewelled. She will spend Christmas holidays in Malaysia before returning to Caulfield Institute of Technology . . . Rev. L. Dyer spoke at S.S. anniversary . . . Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Lees are back after visiting their daughter Helen and family (Dr. Bruce Johnson and two sons) in Canada, and son, Dr. Gordon Lees, wife and son, in Auckland . . . Miss Doris Ray is home after surgery . . . Elaine Maxwell has left for Indonesia where her brother, John, is working.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

BETHLEHAM UNEXPECTED Although the Jews had been looking for the coming of their Messiah for hundreds of years, they did not expect him to come in that way and at that time at Bethlehem. "They all were looking for a king. To slay their foes and lift them high; Thou cam'st, a little baby thing that made a woman cry."

The unexpected always touched the life of Jesus. The disciples did claim him as their Messiah, and life was going along so well, when the Cross intervened.

No funeral group mourned so deeply as did the disciples. Not only their friend, but all their hopes and all their faith were shattered by the Crucifixion.

Then came the almost unbelievable Resurrection and the surge of power from the Spirit through the lives of ordinary men and women. But this was still not enough to mark out the new faith as God's ultimate word.

Almost at once, the Christians began waiting again—for some great and climactic event which, many believed, would come in their lifetime. But the Lord did not return, has still not returned—although every age, from Paul's up to and including our own, has expected an early Final Coming.

It doesn't matter that men have made mistakes about the time and manner of the Final Coming. They made mistakes about the First Advent. It is right to hope and expect, and to look for him.

He will come, in the fullness of time, whenever that time may be—but isn't it just possible that looking too hard into the future may cause us to ignore the present. While waiting for God to appear in a special way, man has failed to see him in the ordinary affairs of life.

It is the sad history of man that he has been looking almost everywhere for God except where he is. And he is with man.

God never did leave man from the time of creation. He was always there, and always available. This is not to diminish the Incarnation, or to lessen the significance of Pentecost. These were revelations of God exceeding any that preceded them.

But God was not absent from his people between Eden and Bethlehem. He was with them all the time. God did not desert mankind between the Ascension and Pentecost. He was still a part of man's pilgrimage. And while we are waiting for the Final Coming, we are reminded that Christ is still with us through the Spirit.

All of this is to recapture the special meaning of Christmas. The child's name was to be "Emmanuel" meaning "God with us."

The church is called to live as though the Lord of the Church is a present reality for all Christians. Those who turn the world upside down for faith are those who live in God's presence and take him at his word for now.

GOOD GRIEF. It's old news now but remember when Tiny Tim and Miss Vicki were wedded on the Johnny Carson TV programme? Well, the minister, Rev. Wm. Glenesk, was paid \$265 for his late-night television appearance. But he had to pay out \$275 in union dues. He sued Johnny Carson for the extra \$10!!!

BACK ON JOB (Balwyn, W. W. Saunders). Mr. Saunders had surgery for a detached retina at Eye and Ear Hospital. After recuperating, he is now back on the job. K. Turner and L. Crisp assisted in preaching . . . Officers and their wives were introduced to the new youth minister, Gary Wake, and his wife, at home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Sharp . . . C.W.F. (afternoon) donated \$200 to the church. After elections, Mrs. Sharp is Pres., Mrs. Poulton is Sec., and Mrs. Rusden is Treas. . . . Despite S.E.C. "dlm-out" the Girls' Gymnasium Club gave annual display on Nov. 16. . . .

TEMPLE DAY AT STRATHMORE (S. K. Bannon). The church's 24th anniversary on Dec. 2 featured Major

Christian, Gill Homes for Men; afternoon music from Glenroy Salvation Army Band; and at night Noel Skillicorn screened movies of church's development. A cheque for \$1150 was presented by the C.W.F. and a further \$60 was raised through "Temple Day" tins . . . S.S. picnic was held at Baringio, near Gisborne . . . N. Maddox, student minister, will "live-in" with church families next year as part of extended ministry plan . . . One young man made decision.

ABORIGINAL LEADER (Noble Park, T. Giles). Pastor Sir Douglas Nicholls and Barry Jenkins were recent speakers, and Baptist Youth Choir took an evening service . . . Youth Fellowship organised a car trial . . . C.W.F. held a coffee

morning. Groceries were brought for C.O.B. . . . S.S. and church picnic was held at Glen Cromie Park . . . Churches of Christ Choral Society took part in service on Nov. 25 . . . Mrs. D. Pearce underwent surgery.

GOLDEN WEDDING (Thornbury, G. J. Crossman). Dr. and Mrs. E. Ray Killmier, celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary. They were married in China in 1923, early in their missionary service . . . Senior Explorers spent a week-end at Sealers Cove . . . Film Night held to assist State Explorer Team in Red Cross Murray River Canoe Marathon . . . Sister West of Church Nursing Service, was Fellowship Tea guest speaker . . . Youth Council Christmas Project is to raise \$500 to purchase three Ripple Mattresses for their ministry among needy.

END OF INTERIM (Ormond). Mr. & Mrs. G. Mathieson concluded an interim ministry on Dec. 2. C. P. Clayden commences a ministry on Jan. 20 . . . Interviews on Sunday evenings included Matron Gall of Christian Guest Home, and Mr. & Mrs. Gray who have completed a term on the New Guinea mission field . . . Men of the church conducted evening services at Guest Home in Nov. Mrs. Ismay is resident there and Mrs. Sherlock at Emmaus . . . Men of the church carried out repairs to manse in Dec. . . . Recent Fair raised \$1500 to reduce hall debt.

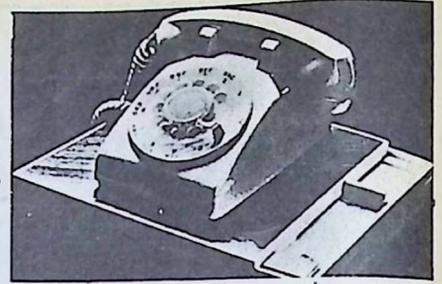
MEDAL FROM DUKE (Crown St., Toowoomba). Glenda Chant, of Y.P. Group, was presented with a Gold Medal by the Duke of Edinburgh on a recent visit to Toowoomba . . . 21st anniversary services were celebrated in new section of building. 42 feet added to the building has trebled its size. Paid and voluntary labour was under leadership of K. Yesberg. Number of anniversaries was changed from 4 to 21 to fit in with actual beginning in 1952. A.C. Male was guest speaker . . . R. V. Holt leaves at end of Dec. to take up chaplaincy at Brisbane Boys' College, Toowong . . . Kindergarten Supt., R. Varidel, with his wife, Dawn, and family, is entering service with Wycliffe Bible Translators . . . Mrs. Allen was re-elected Ladies' Fellowship President . . . All-Age B.S. being considered for 1974.

65th FOR MOSMAN (D. W. Smallbone). The C.W.F. held a luncheon to mark 60 years of work in the church. Mrs. R. Stephens and Mrs. C. Miller brought greetings from Canberra . . . The church commemorated 65 years of witness with a tea. The S.S. and church members shared in the evening service. A greeting was received from Dr. Oldfield, Vic., whose parents were among the pioneers at Mosman . . . At a Jubilee Mini Fair on Nov. 24, C.W.F. raised \$2000.

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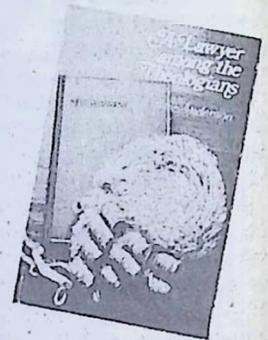
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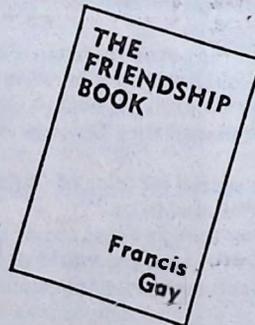
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RECOGNITION SERVICE

The full chapel at Lygon St. for the recognition of retiring Principal, E. L. Williams, and Mrs. Williams consisted of people from five Australian states. An impressive bundle of greetings came from all over Australia and from India and the United States.

Mrs. J. Strack, in a poem composed by herself, expressed the gratitude of the Brotherhood to Mrs. Williams, with flowers. Mrs. Williams, wearing a corsage given by the Victorian Ministers' Wives Association, responded.

Professor Norman Young of Queen's College, Melbourne represented the Church-at-large and said that Principal Williams had done more than any one else to enhance the image of Churches of Christ and their witness amongst the other churches. K. J. Clinton, whose appointment as senior lecturer had been announced on Graduation Night, spoke

on behalf of the College Board, Faculty and students. A. E. White, Secretary of the Federal Conference, spoke for the Australian Brotherhood.

A standing ovation preceded the Principal's reply. He made it clear that he was only retiring as College Principal, and not from the work of the Kingdom of God. He stressed again that "life is relationships . . . with God and man. Without such relationships there is no life. He said, "This involves us in accepting one another as children of God, and in accepting each other's integrity." He made a strong plea to Churches of Christ people to learn acceptance,

SHOULD CHRISTIANS BE TOTAL ABSTAINERS

A Christian gentleman said: "There is such a thing as intelligent use of alcohol, just as there is in other beverages." But intelligent thinking on alcohol as a beverage should produce total abstainers.

Excessive or continuous use of alcoholic stimulants produces the diseased condition known as alcoholism, but social or temperate drinkers also invite injury. The effects may not be soon noticed but over the years the slow alcoholic concentration is doing its work of deterioration of the cells, especially the brain cells, which are associated with judgment and self-control—these are the first affected. Prudence, reserve, modesty—some of the greatest allies which would keep youth and age on the gallant road, are put out of action. High and decent standards of conduct are an easy target at such a time.

Serious thinking on this subject makes one wonder why the voice of the church has not been more loudly heard over the years.

There are over 600 references to drink and drinking in the Bible and there is ample evidence that God's Word shows strong drink as an evil to be shunned. Examples are: Gen. 9:20-26; Lev. 10:9; Prov. 21:17, 23:21; 1 Tim. 3:3, 8, 11, 12.

In the U.S.A., alcoholics are being produced at the rate of more than 1200 a day, over 50 an hour. It poses a major problem for police, sociologists, and Christian ministers.

Complete justification of practising total abstinence rests upon an elementary

whatever our differences. He expressed his faith in what he called "the trinity of life" . . . as expressed by Paul; faith, hope and love. He went on to say that "faith, hope and love only have meaning when centred in Christ, the life of the world."

F. P. Chipperfield, Chairman of the College Board, made presentations to the retiring Principal. "A Book of Letters" consisted of a bound volume of hundreds of letters written by his friends in Australia and overseas. A barometer was the symbolic gift of the Australian Brotherhood. (Mr. Williams had made it clear that in no circumstance should there be a monetary appreciation). An oil painting of the Principal, by artist Ray Drayton, was presented to be hung at the College. Finally the Chairman announced the decision of the College Board to confer on E. L. Williams the title "Principal-Emeritus," and presented him with a document to that effect.

—G.R.S.

scientific foundation that alcohol is a narcotic drug of addiction which has no place as a beverage for human consumption. The axiom is not invalidated by the quantity taken. Whether the quantity is large or small, alcohol enters the human system as a "foreign body". It is never necessary for human existence. Alcoholism is a state of addiction or dependency.

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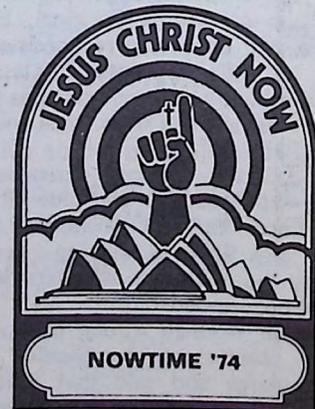
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—S. Nelson.

KILLMIER, Mrs Hilda.

Mrs. Killmier, died at the age of 76 in Royal Adelaide Hosp. on Nov. 13, only a few hours after she was admitted. Her husband predeceased her some 18 years ago. Together they had been involved in ministries at Murray Bridge, Port Pirie, Mt. Compass, and Naracoorte. Before their marriage Mr. Killmier had conducted ministries at Aldgate and Beverley. The life of Mrs. Killmier was devoted to serving the destitute and needy. Putting the "inasmuch" of scripture into practice she shared clothing, food, and shelter, to all who knocked on the manse door. Up to the time of her death she was making and mending clothing for Prisoners' Aid and Social Service. Country young people were given hospitality in her

home. Her love for young people was shown in becoming first Matron of the Girls' Hostel at Medindie. For the past 11 years she has resided at the Christian Rest "Home" and has been a source of joy and mirth to all her fellow guests. One met her only in a spirit of joy, never in sadness. The service conducted by Mr Munyard, minister at Forestville, at the request of the family had the emphasis on joy and service. We express sympathy to Dorothy (Mrs. Jacobs) and family, and to Beth (Mrs. Ackland) and husband in the loss of their mother.

—M.M.

WARD Mrs. Maggie.

Maggie Ward was born in a tiny seaside village in Scotland in 1887. She lost her parents as a tiny child and was brought up by her granny. After training in a hospital near Glasgow she served through World War I as an Army Nursing Sister. In 1919 she came to Australia as the bride of a soldier she met at the hospital. To their marriage were born three sons, Bill, Bruce and Clive. Bill was killed in action with the R.A.A.F. in New Guinea and this was but one of a number of sorrows this little lady was to bear courageously during her life. Mrs. Ward lived for others, and the history of the Travellers' Aid Society upon which she served with distinction for 30 years, and Social Service Department of our Vic-Tas Conference, with which she served for 45 years, will contain the story of this dedicated and loyal lady. In 1953-4 she was elected President of the Vic-Tas. Women's Conference and during that year her Scottish accent was heard the length and breadth of the state as she addressed all kinds of meetings. The churches at Carnegie (where she was baptised) and Cheltenham and Doncaster remember her with deep affection. She was a humble woman and yet there was in her a warm element of Scottish pride and determination. She was a woman of

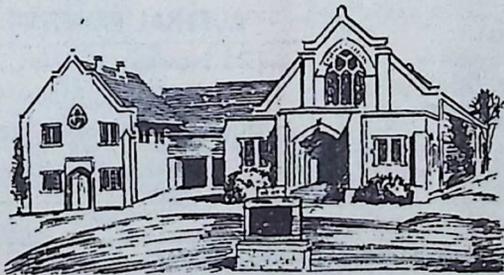
limitless love who served people not only on committees but in the very place of their deepest needs — she had a warm appreciation of religious and political freedom and was willing to defend things precious regardless of the cost to herself. She was a woman of simple faith and all her life was lived to the Glory of God. After an illness at Oakleigh Guest Home she quietly passed away and her funeral service was held at the Doncaster church on Nov. 28. We share with her family the pride that is theirs in having such a mother — and we thank God for every memory of the Scottish lass who has enriched the lives of us all.

—K.D.H.

FIRST MINISTRY (Redcliffe) The church enters its first full-time ministry in 1974 when David Hammer Jr., comes to Redcliffe. Des. and June Kuhl were farewelled on Nov. 18 . . . The 17th anniversary was held Nov. 3-4. Rex Ellis (a.m.) and the Kenmore Flying Squad shared in services . . . At "Reverse" Christmas Tree, children brought gifts for Eidsvold Aborigine Mission Station . . . The manse is debt free and the target is now a new chapel . . . Alec Peiper has returned from Sydney following successful leg operation.

MISSION BAPTISMS (Black Rock, I. Tippet) Four young ladies who made decisions at H.M. Centenary Mission were baptised recently . . . Our minister, Ian Tippet, was ordained and leaves us for Warrnambool after three years of leadership . . . Parents and S.S. scholars joined in a church picnic at the Prestons' "country estate" . . . Explorers earned Worship and Social Service pennants.

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DEATHS

ALLEN Kenneth Dougal on November 29th, at North Turrumurra, N.S.W., loved son of Gert. and Doug Allen of Hampton, Vic., sister of Pat (Mrs. Hilbig), brother-in-law of Graham.

BOAK. On November 28th, Thelma Christina Jessie, of 21 Pine Way, Doncaster East, Vic., daughter of the late Peter and Jane Boak of Oakleigh, devoted sister of Russell. "Peacefully sleeping".

PARKER, Florence: On November 21, beloved wife of Arthur (dec.), loving mother of Edna (Mrs. Quaife), Louis, Ruth (Mrs. Mason), Sheila (Mrs. Chenhall), Reg., Trevor, and June (Mrs. Jones). Aged 81 years. At rest.

MULLER Stanley Thomas, on Dec. 2nd., loved father of Ron, father-in-law of Lil., grandfather of Paul, John, Jill, (Mrs. Friebe), great grandfather of Robyn, Matthew, Lisa, Tania, Justin, and Ben. "In God's care."

WARD Maggie. On November 26th at Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh, Vic., loved mother of Bill (dec. R.A.A.F.), Bruce and Betty, Clive and Joan, grandmother of Carole, Glenda and Bill.

IN MEMORIAM

LAWRIE, Donald John. Treasured memories of a loving husband, father, and papa, who was called home, January 3rd, 1967. We bless the years we called him ours, and leave the rest to God. — Marge, Brenda, Noel, Peter, and Kerry.

NEWHAM Loving memories of my husband, Will, and son Will, called home on 17th December, 1951, and 13th January, 1967. Both sadly missed. Some day we'll be together again.—Ettie.

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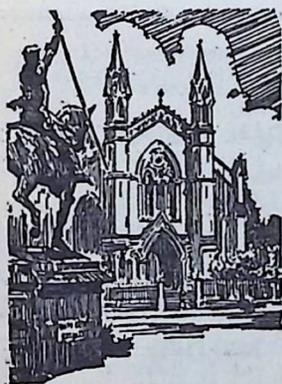
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GROTE ST. IS 127 (H. M. Long) Guest speakers at church's 127th anniversary were Brian White of Hawthorn and Peter DeWildt of Nailsworth. . . . 40 members participated in Festival of Light March The Dorcas Society has recently been re-formed Recent speakers have been Ken Packer, Norm Kingston, Gus Setsman of Henley Beach, Les Chiswell of S.A. Temperance Alliance, Ern Paddick, W.E.C. "Jubilee" Team, Dr E. Watson of Evangelism International, Geo Napper of I.C.F., and Mr and Mrs John Jones of Word of Life In addition to regular commitments the church has been giving more than \$125 a month to relief of famine conditions in India through C.O.C.O.A. The church roof is being re-covered with light metal tiles The Lay Institute for Evangelism has been given as office space for their State Director, Don Grant.

1974 CENTENARY (Prospect, R.H. Sercombe) Old Prospect members living interstate are invited back to share in the State Centenary Conference celebrations in April, 1974 Dr and Mrs Don Hemer will serve in New Hebrides where Dr Hemer has been appointed Medical Superintendent. . . . Ladies of the church held a social afternoon to farewell Mrs Carolyn Hemer Mr & Mrs B. Bussenschutt from Lay Institute for Evangelism spoke at our morning service "Come Alive" Prayer Cards for Bible bookmarks have been issued to members Robin MacGill and Mr Anstey are recovering after surgery.

SUPPORT FOR MISSIONARY (Forestville, M. Munday) The church will continue its annual support of \$1100 for Mrs Warne in New Hebrides. Support for Whyalla church building fund will also be continued Ladies have contributed \$88 for various needs W.C. Lovell was elected as a third elder. R. Wilson and C. Wood were re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer The church agreed to extend the minister's term for three years after 1974. . . . 52 are involved in group participation as a result of recent Discipline and Discovery programmes The church is saddened at the sudden death of Mrs Hilda Killmier.

WORK SYMBOLS (Maylands, N. S. Moore) When Industrial Sunday was observed church members displayed symbols used in their daily work. H. S. Prime, a former industrial chaplain, was speaker. At night a hospital sister, school teacher, and a P.M.G. technician spoke of their work. A One Day's Pay offering of \$384 was received for the Freedom from Hunger appeal Trophies for the fairest and best in girls' and boys' netball and basketball were presented Mr Tompsett, the only surviving foundation member of our church is in hospital following surgery Ross Attwell is spending his annual leave working at Longwood Campsite The church is saddened by the sudden death, by accident, of Mrs Joyce Edwards.



VICTORIA

CENTURY (Warracknabeal/Brim, S.W.Hince) Mrs Christian was 100 years of age on Oct. 25. A family party celebrated the occasion at Anzac Park The Board decided to join with the Methodist and Presbyterian churches to conduct united services on the 3rd Sunday each month in 1974.

HOME ON FURLOUGH (Box Hill, K.R. Bond) Ted and Dora Gray, home on furlough from New Guinea, showed slides of their mission work. They also spoke at Y.P.S.C.E., and Dora addressed C.W.F. . . . Young married couple made decisions C.W.E.F. Pres. is Mrs Dianne Muller. Mrs J. Tivendale is Sec., and Mrs Val Henley, Treas. . . . C.W.A.F. honoured Mrs McFarlane Sr. (a foundation member) at break-up in home of Mrs L. Ware Large quantity of Christmas cheer has been delivered to Soc. Service Dept. . . . Sympathy expressed to June Jones and Doris Clark in their bereavements Vi. Gray is in hospital. Else Morris recovering after accident. Kerry McFarlane and Mr Arnold improving after hospitalisation. Mrs S. Holloway has left for W.A. . . . C.W.F. president is Mrs L. Muller, with Mrs Peg Winkler as secretary Most Boys Explorers received "registered leader" certificates for leadership ability. Four were elected to Explorer Executive Coralie Halliday was injured in car accident in Tasmania. . . . Merle Marchant and Edie Steel improving after illness. Geo. Steele has returned from U.S.A.

GOOD TEMPLE DAY (Essendon, C.S.Badcock) On Nov. 25 auxiliaries responded with the sum of \$1543 Proceeds from C.W.A.F. Luncheon amounted to \$200. Mrs G. Hutton is Pres., Mrs R. Collins, Sec., and Mrs A. Buttress, Treas. . . . Three young men, former members of this church, were ordained into the ministry on Nov. 16: Greg. Streak, Ian Tippett, and Geo. Warren Sincere sympathy to Mrs L. Holmes in her family bereavement. Those ill are Mr & Mrs H. Grant, Mrs G. Harrison, and Miss C. White S.S. picnic was held at Hanging Rock.

CHOIR VISITS (Bendigo, M.D. Keatch) Churches of Christ Choral Society were guests at church anniversary, presenting a Saturday night programme and leading the morning service Recent service was recorded for radio 3BO "Gospel Messengers" shared in service C.W.A.F. Talent Bags realised \$86 Church was represented at Harcourt church centenary. . . . Explorers took part in 90-mile "bike hike". Activities included visiting Bridgewater Flour mill, climbing Mt. Korong, sleeping under the stars, and swimming.

AFTER 96 YEARS (Montrose) For the first time in 96 years Montrose will have a graduate minister. Allan Horne, who graduated from the College of the Bible in Nov., will commence a part-time ministry in 1974. Also for the first time,

elders have been appointed, Jack Ready and Val. Woff. . . . The Girls' Club has 18 on the roll During the summer holidays there will be combined morning services with the Methodist-Presbyterian church, alternate weeks until the beginning of February.

HOMECOMING (Ashburton, Owen Clark) Cec. Watson was speaker at church Homecoming Day. 80 stayed to lunch Cheryl Chibnall, assisted by two co-students, conducted evening service. A presentation was made to Cheryl to recognise her year of service C.W.F. President, Lesley Stirling, visited C.W.F. and led discussion Young people held function to aid D.C.E. combined service appeal Car Trial and Barbecue was held on Cup Day Matron Gall was interviewed at an evening service.

JOSEPH'S COAT (Horsham, R. Roberts). The musical play, "Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" was presented by B.S. scholars and produced by Jim Kollmorgan. Kinders and primaries also presented items A young lady at Haven made her decision C.W.A.F. have donated \$100 to help students at Banmatmat B.S. in New Hebrides C.W.A.F. Pres. for 1974 is Mrs. R. Roberts. Mrs. H. Butler is Sec. . . . C.W.E.F. Pres. is Mrs. S. Olsen. Mrs. B. Kuchel is Sec. . . . Miss Dianne Friebel has resigned as girls' club leader after 10 years. . . . Alf Werner has moved to Geelong from Dimboola.



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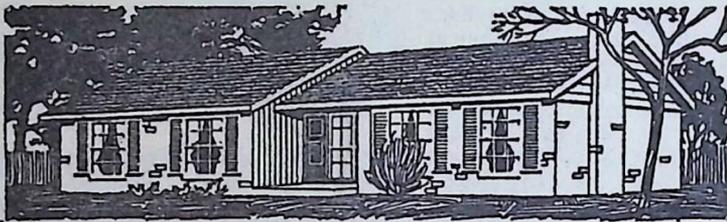
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—Paul Scherer

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Christmas is love
tugging man back to God
with the powerful clasp of
a tiny hand
reaching out from a bed
of straw.

—Molly Brooks.



IT is easier to fight for one's principles
than to live up to them.

Alfred Adler



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sandwiches to work every day, but his
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take one bite and throw them all away in
disgust.

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mate, "why don't you get your wife to
put something else on to your
sandwiches?"

"Ach," replied the worker, "it's no as
easy as that. Ah hivnae got a wife. I make
ma ain sandwiches."



"You fellows aren't going to
believe this!"