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ACCIDENTAL
IMMIGRANT
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EVANGELISM

— natural, free & homely

by John Poulton

EVANGELISM, WHICH WAS A DIRTY WORD IN CHURCH CIRCLES A FEW YEARS AGO, IS COMING TO THE FORE AGAIN.

There are so many plans by so many churches of evangelistic action that if they get off the drawing board and into action up and down the land, we might well wonder if the next few years could not be called "Operation Overfish!"

Personally, I'm inclined to be hopeful about it all for at least three reasons:

1. The first is obvious enough. Most of us now accept the fact that evangelism need not mean Billy Graham or some big name and big organisation. The pattern of evangelistic work tends more and more to tie in with the ordinary before and after life-style of a Christian congregation, and to add strength for a while to its house-groups, or to enable a parish to set these up for an ongoing task.

2. Secondly, I believe we are now mercifully through the worst of our sometimes almost wilful misunderstandings about others.

3. The third thing which makes me hopeful today is the experience of Christians of what has come to be called charismatic renewal. By this we mean the fresh personal and group experience of the gifts and presence of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes this is manifested in the gift of tongues or of healing.

But, as one watches what is going on, the much more significant sign is an outpouring of love, and the determination of those it reaches to stay as loyal members of their churches, and to share with everyone else in local, congregation-based evangelism.

Can we move on, then to asking how sharing of all this is being done today? It is intriguing to observe how much of this has to do with ourselves becoming, and being seen as embodying, our message. We are coming out of the period when we left it all to the specialists or to the clergy.

Some of our more obviously special evangelistic activities are not as new, either, as once they were. Monthly guest-night services, with or without a visiting speaker. A six Sundays mission, with a tailor-made preaching programme with the preachers encouraged to avoid using the pulpit, and to welcome questions. Coffee mornings, coffee

evenings, teach-in groups frankly exploratory towards faith—no hysteria, no pressure, but a plain setting forth of faith in terms personally understandable.

What about our house-groups and cells? These too can be points of growth for the church. Often we fall down by imagining they will carry themselves without leadership training, but where a church includes the sustaining and inspiration of the leadership group as a crucial part of its strategy, these homebased efforts can be effective.

I believe that new things lie ahead for us all, but these will be experiences and insights we can only receive if we receive

them together. Basically we Christians tend to be Catholic or reformed or pentecostal in background and "feel." Each of us, each parish we represent, has such a foundation or origin. But whereas in times past we built walls around ourselves and glared forth over the ramparts, today we are getting quite bold in having a look at one another as brethren in need of each other.

All we have in this one accepting, forgiving, ever being renewed Body, is not for us anyhow—it is for all men.

Where we have reached is to say the Holy Spirit seems to be quietly driving each congregation in its own place to renewed and confident efforts to know Christ better, and make Him better known, in a free, natural and homely way.

(This is a portion of an address given by John Poulton in Rochester Cathedral and reported in the "British Weekly.")

INNER SPRINGS

THE WORDS WE SAY



I spent a little time watching a professional tree cutter at work. His instruments were sharp and merciless. In less than an hour he had destroyed forever the product of many years of patient growth. How much simpler it is to destroy than to build up.

Nowhere is this parallel more evident than in our human relationships. One cutting word can tear family and friends apart. Merciless gossip and criticism can destroy in a matter of moments, a loving relationship built over long years. Who of us has not suffered from a careless tongue? Worse still, to wound another with one's own. Such a little member but what havoc it causes!

"He that will love life and see good days," said Peter, "let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile." And James had a great deal to say about it. "But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?"

In our best moments we know that it does not. And no word, sweet or bitter can be retracted.

The deeds we do, the words we say,
Into still air they seem to fleet.
We count them ever past,

But they shall last,
In the great Judgment Day
And we shall meet.

The Prayer of the Psalmist will save us many a regretful hour. "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord."

James: 3

FLORENCE ROSIER

MARTIN ZELIUS

— THE ACCIDENTAL IMMIGRANT



"PLASSEY" OF DONCASTER.

The Prince referred to on the cover was the Duke of Edinburgh. The year was 1867. The place was Melbourne and the city was really turned on!

In our day there is a certain coolness toward Britain and her new Market friends. We are even having a competition for a new national anthem. It may be hard for us to understand the excitement of Melbourne in 1867, but this was the first member of the Royal Family ever to visit Australia and there were no local heroes against which he had to compete for attention. The city concentrated upon its princely visitor and arranged an exciting round of social engagements. The Telephone Company even put on what was called "a daring display of revolving lights."

They were pretty smart with electricity in the colonies. As early as 1879 a football match was played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground—under electric lights!

While the Duke was here he laid the foundation stone for the Melbourne Town Hall. If you get to the Vic.—Tas. Conference Rally there this year, the Duke's Stone is a good place to meet your friends. It is right on the corner of Collins and Swanston Streets.

After his masonry duties were over the city presented the Duke with a trowel of 22 carat gold weighing a pound and a half, with the handle "surmounted by a ducal coronet set with diamonds, emeralds and rubies." Maybe they paid for this trinket out of their saving on the governor's salary. When there was a new vice-regal appointment round about that time, the governor's salary was reduced from £15,000 to £10,000 a year. That was some saving!

Melbourne was already the eighth city of the Empire and Anthony Trollope, the author, was quite impressed when he visited Australia. Melbourne, he said, had even got rid of debtors' prisons years before they vanished from the scene in England. His praise of Melbourne was marred, however, by this extraordinary statement: "Boastfulness I found

everywhere (in Australia), but nowhere louder or more assertive than in Melbourne." He would never have got to be King of Moomba!

Celebrating in his own way the coming of the Duke was Martin Zelius. He was a pioneer member of our churches and it was typical of him that while the emphasis was upon the great, he gave a three-day feast to the poor.

The poster reproduced on the cover was the work of the master-printer, Troedel, and measured 36 by 24 inches. The poster was displayed all over the city and showed concern not only for the hungry poor, but for the spiritually poor. There was an invitation there for all to meet with the Christians at the Lygon Street chapel in Carlton.

Zelius was born in Norway into a Lutheran family and was brought up in that church. His mother encouraged him to go to sea and assured him that if he kept his mouth clean and his hands clean, God would prosper him. He did, and God did!

When Martin's ship reached Melbourne it was at the height of the gold fever. His shipmates deserted and headed for the diggings and Martin was stranded. He did not follow his mates. He must have had a pretty good idea where the real gold was to be found. He got a job in a William Street restaurant, washing dishes and peeling potatoes. In a few years he owned the place. The "Western Dining Rooms" to which he invited the poor, was his own business.

He became a member of our churches. Maybe he was converted by the preaching of H. G. Picton and James Service who did a lot of street evangelising. James Service later became Premier of Victoria.

Zelius helped to establish churches at Collingwood and North Fitzroy and was instrumental in bringing from America men like H. S. Earl, G. L. Surber, H. L. Geeslin, J. J. Haley and others. He

opened his own home to most of them. A.O. Carr was also a close friend. He must have had a home as big as his heart for, after marrying a Scottish girl he met in Carlton, they had to make room for their ten children.

One of his business ventures was to buy the vessel, "Lady of the Lake" which he used to trade along the Gippsland coast. When the railway reached out towards Bairnsdale, Zelius was quick to see the writing on the wall for coastal trade. He sold up and his next venture was to buy an orchard at Doncaster.

There, in 1888, he built "Plassey", the most elegant home in Doncaster in its best days. It is still there in Doncaster Road, an old grey house with delicate cast-iron decorations. The facade has delicate symmetry from the steps with their decorative urns, the slender cast-iron verandah posts, up to the slate roof topped off with fine ridge decorations.

The magnificent cut-glass chandelier that was in the sitting room is now gone, but under it, great men like Andrew Fisher and William Morris Hughes were pleased to sit as guests of their friend Martin Zelius.

The grandson of Martin, Albert Zelius, lives next door to "Plassey". He still has many of the fine pieces that once made the Zelius home a showplace. From Martin's diminished library, Albert produced a full set of the bound volumes of "The Australian Christian Pioneer" to pass on to Australian Churches of Christ.

When Martin died in 1908, most of his ten children were with him, and many well-known citizens followed the horse-drawn hearse as it made its slow way to the Old Melbourne Cemetery, an appropriate burial place for one who had been so deeply involved in Old Melbourne's life.

The accidental immigrant had kept his mouth and hands clean and God had prospered him.—A.E.W.

SALVATION TODAY

Just after Christmas, some 326 Christians from 69 countries gathered in Bangkok under the auspices of the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism of the World Council of Churches to consider the meaning of Salvation Today.

(Bangkok, Thailand)—“We are at the end of a missionary era and at the very beginning of the world mission.” That is the way Dr. Emilio Castro, new director of the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism of the World Council of Churches (WCC) summed up the “Salvation Today” Conference, in January.

“We have heard here harsh words on the missionary enterprise. But now it is more than emotion—it is theological reflection. The affirmation of African culture, the conveying of Indian spirituality, the challenge to social revolution are the starting points for a new day in world mission. The cry for help from brothers and sisters in Europe, the expression of concern for world mission by delegates of socialist countries invite us to a new day.

“Our mood should not be frustration but anticipation,” he concluded.

The first purpose of the World Conference on Salvation Today was to celebrate and proclaim the richness of salvation as a gift of God through the Holy Spirit, as witnessed to by the Scriptures, and experienced in many ways by men and women today in their struggle for meaning and fullness of life and for social justice.

The conference had many experimental aspects. All but four of its eleven days were spent in small groups so that everyone would have opportunity to make his or her contribution. Most people chose to explore the meaning of personal salvation through the study of biblical passages, although a few brave souls worked in the medium of meditation, art and singing. Then all moved into an exploration of its communal aspects. Here the point of departure was action reports given by people deeply involved in struggles for salvation in Northern Ireland, Angola, Singapore and elsewhere. Others examined how the conversion experience was affected by the cultural setting and the quest for identity. The section on Salvation and Social Justice in a Divided World said: “Through Christ, men and

women are liberated and empowered with all their energies and possibilities to participate in His messianic work . . . He liberates from the prison of guilt. He takes the inevitability out of history . . . Faith in Christ releases in man creative freedom for the salvation of the world.”

Identity Crisis

Illustrating the problem of being black and Christian, one participant reported: “A white shop assistant smiles at her white customers. When she turns to me her face and eyes go blank and she sees not a person but a black . . . I hate her.

BELTANA CAMPS

IVAN K. HULL

When I graduated from Glen Iris in 1952 I sought a Priest-worker type ministry. This gave opportunity for a ministry which met the laity on equal terms. I was involved in the same muck heap as they were. It was a most rewarding ministry.

After 20 years I have moved away from involvement in Adelaide's commercial life. However, from three hundred miles north of Adelaide we still minister to the people in the cities.

While serving as Chairman of the S.A. Executive of S.C.M. in Secondary Schools I was leader in a Programme of experimental camps. The camps proved so successful that my wife and I decided to set up a camp site for camps in school time. It was a step in faith. We do not have the financial backing of any group. We simply sold our home in Adelaide and launched out. We were fortunate in being able to purchase suitable land and interesting old buildings in the ghost town of Beltana in the Flinders Ranges.

Beltana is the historic centre of the north of South Australia. Among other things it is the home of the Australian Inland Mission. Our setting up of Beltana Camps has meant the saving and restoration of a number of the historic buildings in the town. Holiday work

But as a Christian I have to go beyond hate to the love that involves suffering, forgiveness and reconciliation.”

The section on Culture and Identity said: “Where there is no human being one cannot even speak of ‘salvation today.’ White racism has deprived many people in Africa and other parts of the world of their identity as human beings.”

Noting that “God has been heard to speak predominantly with a ‘masculine voice,’” a paragraph on women's liberation said: “God's ‘feminine voice’ will only be heard as women are enabled to make their own particular contribution to theological thinking and in the whole life of the Church.”

Due to the widely diverse experiences with which Salvation Today participants began, the result of the meeting could not be embodied in a theological statement or message of the kind expected from ecumenical gatherings. On the eve of their departure participants were able to come together in a “happening” featuring songs, art, worship and dance which many found more liberating than all the words churned out during the previous 10 days.—E.P.S.

camps (for all ages) are doing much of the restoration work. At our request the South Australian Government has Proclaimed our land a Historic Reserve.

Beltana Camps commenced operations in 1970. We provide a basic programme including the use of map and compass, bushcraft, first-aid, country code etc. This programme is the prelude to other fieldwork. The accompanying teachers are able to use our local knowledge to assist their teaching of specialised subjects.

Geology, arid region Geography, Biology, History, Art, Social Studies (particularly local Aboriginal situation), Physical Education and Australian Poetry are among the subjects in which exciting work has been done during camps. The most important benefit to campers however, seems to be in what we call a growth in their understanding of their community responsibility. They sense the necessity of human interdependence. I need you and you need me.

Our staff consists of myself, my wife Nancy and Miss Sue Thorpe, both former State Training Officers with the Girls' Brigade and our daughter Jan who has been involved in our camps from the earliest experiments.

WHO CARES?

—H. E. EASTON



"TAINGEIL"

Because of its quaint name and the regular advertisement in the "Australian Christian", the church at The Patch is probably one of the best known Churches of Christ in Australia.

Of the numerous visitors from all over Australia who come to the Patch, many confess that, they have been intrigued by the name and the advertisement.

The Patch is a delightfully scenic spot between Belgrave and Monbulk in the the Dandenong Ranges, Vic. The chapel sits in beautiful surroundings on the slope of a hill.

Formerly a Union Church it was taken over by Churches of Christ in 1956, a very useful hall was added in 1960. All is now freehold.

The membership is 40, the majority of which are pensioners. Up until this year, except for a short term when the late Arthur Hurren led in part time capacity, the church has been served by students and faculty from the College of the Bible.

There is a B.S. of 30 and a recently commenced Youth Club of 12, but because of transport difficulties it is not considered a young peoples church. As a result additions to the church by faith and baptism are rare.

In 1965 the church turned its activities to the great social need in the district. It was decided to build six cottages for elderly members at Kallista, about two miles from the church; also in delightful surroundings adjoining part of Sherbrooke Forrest. These one bedroom cottages with all necessary facilities, known as "Taingeil" were opened in 1966, at no cost to the church. For six and a half years, 13 members have enjoyed the privilege of living at "Taingeil" part of the time and two members for the full period. Details of this scheme and availability of cottages

can be obtained by contacting the Secretary, H. E. Easton, St. James Avenue, Kalista Vic. 3791.

In 1966, the C.W.F. ladies rented a shop in Belgrave and commenced an "Op Shop". It soon became apparent that there was a tremendous need in the district among underprivileged families, single mothers, and deserted wives. Working in close contact with the Shire of Sherbrooke's Welfare Officer, The Patch church has been able to help in numerous cases of need—by supplying food parcels, clothing, furniture, paying rent, S.E.C. bills, paying for families to be shifted into Housing Commission Flats and helping in various problems. The church decided to buy the shop which is now nearly paid for.

The shop which has taken over \$25,000-00 in six years, is operated by ten volunteers, two being rostered per day over the 5½ days a week.

BANGLADESH NEW PROJECTS

New projects and programmes totalling \$905,710 were approved by the Bangladesh Ecumenical Relief and Rehabilitation Service (BERRS) of the W.C.C.

This covers agricultural relief, tools and materials for craftsmen and fishermen, rehabilitation work at hospitals and community buildings. The BERRS committee had made field trips to see work carried out by BERRS as part of the \$13 million programme supported by churches all around the world.

BERRS responsibilities will be handed over to the newly established Development Commission of the Jatio Church Parishad (National Council of Churches) on Feb. 1, 1973. This means that control will pass from international church agencies to the churches of Bangladesh.

In August this year the Shire of Sherbrooke called a public meeting, and a Community Aid Service was formed for the Shire. H. Easton, secretary of The Patch church was elected to the committee. This Community Aid Service is to co-ordinate all organizations within the Shire who can help in some form of Social Welfare. The Patch Church Opportunity Shop is committed to help wherever and whenever possible.

We count it a privilege to be able to do this in the name of the Church but we are conscious of the help, guidance and blessing our Heavenly Father is giving in all our activities.

"Who Cares"?

We are glad to share the good news of the way in which a caring project has been blessed and has proved a blessing.

WORLD CONVENTION NEWS

Mrs. Jesse Bader has moved to 310 Fifth Avenue, S.E. apt. 1170, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52401, U.S.A. and would be glad to hear from her Australian friends.

Mrs. B. D. Phillips and the B. D. Phillips Charitable Foundation has made a gift of a new IBM Selectric Typewriter for the W.C.C. office in New York.

Thirty groups around the world are studying the 1974 World Convention theme: "Emmanuel — God With Us." The results of these groups will be used as the basis for the discussion booklet for Mexico City study breakfasts.

Before the 1974 Convention, Dr. J. Daniel Joyce, World President, will lead an exciting and educational tour to South America. There will also be many post-Convention tours.

OPEN FORUM

Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the management or editorial panel. Correspondents are requested to say only what is true, kind, necessary, and Christian, and to say it in no more than 250 words.

CITY AND COUNTRY

To the Editor,

We were interested to see the letter from Betty and Maurice Keatch concerning young people temporarily resident in Bendigo.

We are concerned for young people from our churches who move into city areas for short periods for study, consolidation in their careers or for the early months or years of marriage. They sometimes wish to retain membership in their home churches and often miss fellowship with others in similar situations.

It is not unlikely that such situations are the initial step in the loss of many members from our brotherhood, and one way of combatting this problem would be to ensure the availability in each area of at least one home where young people could receive hospitality and meet for fellowship.

In the absence of a manse in this area we would be glad to offer hospitality to young people temporarily or permanently resident in Hawthorn, and would be glad to receive names and addresses of such young people.

Joan and John Pye, Vic.
(29 Oak St., Hawthorn 3122.)

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

To the Editor,

There were two letters of concern about our churchmen attending the Eucharistic Congress ("A.C." Dec. 16, 1972). Should we not rather listen to Christ's command in John 15:17, "These things I command you, that ye love one another". How can we love if we do not make any attempt to know Christians of other faiths?

I remember my Roman Catholic brother-in-law saying before he died, "Why is it that Protestants and Roman Catholics cannot live together in peace. After all, we worship the same God?"

In Luke 9: 49-50 John said, 'Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us.' And Jesus said unto him, 'Forbid him not for he that is not against us is for us.'

Because of the furore of the Eucharistic Congress, I read an article in the "Leader", then obtained "Eucharistic and Life". One of the main points of disagreement is that during communion Catholics believe they are actually partaking of Christ's body. We do not, of course, accept this, yet I have heard these words in our churches, "As we partake of our Lord's blood, and eat of his body, we remember him".

I was invited to a combined Roman Catholic and Protestant Christmas Carol service one year, held in an evangelical Church of England; I must say I found such dignity, reverence, and love there that I was filled with love for my Lord, and fellow Christians.

I applaud Stanton H. Wilson's final words in his reply to the above letters, "any communication will be received and responded to with Christian courtesy and consideration". Too often Christian courtesy and love is forgotten. I was pleased to read ("A.C." Jan. 27) that the Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres., M.J. Savage, accepted two out of four invitations to the Eucharistic Congress, and is sending a representative to another.

N.N. Risson, Qld.

"MRS TERTIUS"

To the Editor,

Many thanks to "Mrs Tertius" for putting our well-known and highly regarded Mr T. in the picture regarding salvation by Grace, N.T. version or old. ("A.C." Feb. 10.)

20th century Christians are far too prone to overlook that salvation, whether in O.T. days or since, was always a matter of Grace, since

Adam, before the fall, was not promised anything. To do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God is the only way to claim the blessings that Grace will bestow and place ourselves beyond the power of Grace.

Since our Lord himself said quite plainly that he had come to fulfil the law - not destroy it, and summarized the law as love of God and neighbour, "love" being "active good will" in this as in most other cases, then to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God is not only fulfilling the Law but also accepting God's matchless Grace.

L.R. Reeves, Vic.

MINISTRY PRESSURES

To the Editor,

"Ministers having nervous breakdowns - ie. getting ill." (Questing "A.C." Feb. 10), and to see in this a failure of the minister's faith, plus asking, "Isn't Christ able to keep His servants healthy?" was very well discussed.

If in the cause of one's duty or mission there is a nailing to a 'cross' then God may require his servant to go through a time of suffering, after which there can be a 'resurrection'.

As to the question: "How can they (the ones broken) offer help to others", it may be remembered that any suffering servant may be in a better position to do so because he has been there also.

Further, where are those with the gift to bring well-being and true friendship to any Christian worker in need? I thank God for true friends in my life and ministry.

G. Satsman, S.A.

MORAL ISSUE ELECTION

To the Editor,

I believe that a change of government could bring renewed pressure for the introduction of poker machines to Victoria not to mention other forms of gambling. The extension of liquor licences is another possibility.

The Churches should take up the challenge and unite to fight these evils in the community.

There will be a State Election in May and the policies of each party will be put before the people. But the most important things, the moral issues, will not be mentioned. They will be given full consideration after the election when it will be too late to do anything about it.

For instance, how many people have written to the Chief Secretary, Mr. Meagher, supporting him in his stand against poker machines and pornography?

Let the congregations be asked to put the following questions to the candidates in their electorates.

1. What is your attitude to the introduction of poker machines to Victoria?

2. What would be your reaction to a proposal to build a hotel-casino in Victoria.

These questions require an answer. We want to know how to vote. The moral issues are more important than anything else.

Let the replies be read to the Congregations and published in the Church Papers, also in the daily press on behalf of the Churches.

Charles D. Rumbold, Vic.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

"THINGS OLD AND THINGS NEW"

To the Editor,

There is a spirit of questioning abroad. If anything has existed for a while its validity must be questioned. So we question the church, previously accepted moral standards, democracy, the sanctity of marriage, the validity of the family, and even God himself because He's been around longer than any of them. Probably this questioning is a good thing if it helps us to see truth more clearly.

On the other hand we are not supposed to question anything new. If it's new it's right. If it's old it's wrong. The new is sacrosanct because it is new.

But I can't help asking questions about some of the new things. For instance how far is Women's lib. liberating women? How free is the new sexual freedom? If God is dead, who's carrying his business on because we sure need what He's stood for down the ages? If we overthrow the system what is going to take its place? If everybody has the right to do his own thing, what happens when those rights conflict with each other? And why is it wrong if it's old and right if it's new.

When everything old is wrong, how does it feel to be an old editor of an old journal. I bet you'd like some new subscribers?

TERTIUS

CHURCH PAPER CHANGES HANDS

(Melb.) The Anglican weekly newspaper "Church Scene" was commenced in February, 1971, by Stockland Press in Melbourne. It filled the gap left by the closing down of the "Anglican", when the journal's managing editor, Francis James, disappeared in China. With Gerald Davis as its Editor, "Church Scene" rose rapidly in significance and, most importantly, in circulation, and it is now greatly respected for its range of church news and its probing articles on church mission and on social issues.

It has now been announced that Stockland Press have sold the journal to new proprietors who will trade as Church Press Ltd. The new directors include Alan Kerr, founder of the Kerby Furniture group of companies; Bishop Stanway, retired Bishop of Central Tanganyika,

new deputy-principal of Ridley College, Melb.; Bishop Gerald Muston who, prior to ordination was a journalist; Robert Coles, a director of G. J. Coles group; and John Nash, advertising manager of the Melbourne "Age". How can they lose? Gerald Davis will continue as Editor.

OXFAM IS 30

An informal group of concerned citizens of Oxford met at the Friends' Meeting House 30 years ago to discuss the suffering of peoples in enemy-occupied Europe. They called themselves the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, and began to look into ways of sending food through the allied blockade.

It is now a permanent organisation with scores of regional offices and projects in every area of massive suffering, whatever the cause.

APPEAL FROM IRISH LEADERS

The leaders of the main churches in Ireland, both Roman Catholic and Protestant, have called on all Christians in Ireland to help stamp out the wave of brutal assassinations sweeping the country. Police figures show at least 121 people to be the apparent victims of reprisal killings in 1972.

The church leaders said: "The horror of recent assassinations haunts our minds. We are conscious of the multiplying numbers of women and children who are being robbed of the men they love and who are living nightly in fear." They appealed to the whole community "to root out the evil. Tell the murderers and assassins they are on their own."—EPS.

WORD TALK. No. 67

A.B.C. OF THE BIBLE

Many Biblical words have the basic idea of fellowship or sharing. In Classical Greek the word "Communion" was used to describe the relationship within a marriage, a business partnership and in religion. Eighteen times it is used in the N.T. where it speaks of the Christian living and sharing in partnership of goods, faith, suffering and hope.

In the O.T. God's special Covenant relationship with Israel was spoken of as a communion. God promised to be with Israel (Exo.3:12) and the Ark (Num:35-6), the Pillar of Cloud (Exo.33:7-11) and the Temple of Jerusalem were symbols of his presence.

God also had a special personal relationship with individuals, mainly the Prophets, e.g. Isaiah (61:1), Amos (3:7), and Moses who had a closer relationship with God than any (Deut.34:10). Both the nation and the individual by faith had communion with God.

In the N.T., Christians are brought into close contact with God through Christ. We enter this communion with God on our conversion and baptism (1 Cor.1:9) and it is completed in the fulness of life we are sharing after death (1 Thess.4:17). The Christian can live and die in communion with Christ (Rom.6).

Because we share in friendship with God we also participate in friendship with each other. Our brotherhood is exercised through our common Fatherhood. We belong to each other because we belong to Christ (1 Cor. 12:12-27) and we need each other to be complete.

Our communion with each other and God is best seen in the observance of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10:16). This is the communion we have together with each other and God as we are brought into the new Covenant with God through his blood.

DICTIONARY.

Communion means the sharing together as Christians with each other and God and is seen at its highest around the Lord's Table.

COMMUNION

FOR TODAY.

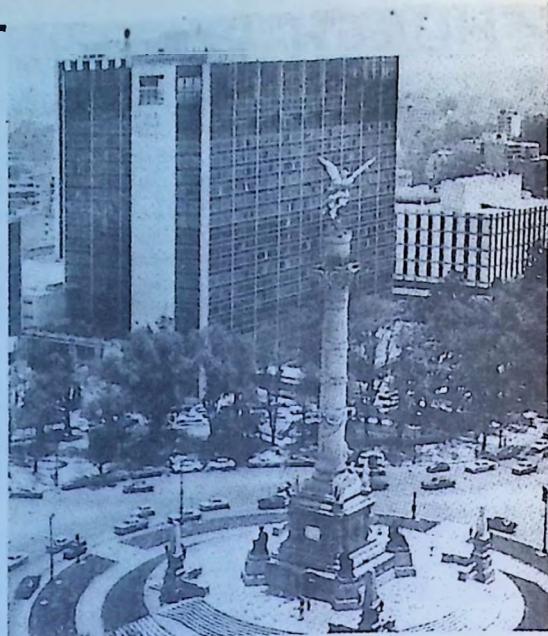
In the slums of Calcutta, London and Fitzroy a group of Indian nuns work among the human refuse of society. Their leader, Mother Teresa, recently said in a worldwide telecast—"The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted, uncared for, and deserted by everybody. The greatest evil is the lack of love and charity, the terrible indifference towards one's neighbour who lives at the roadside assaulted by exploitation, corruption, poverty and disease." Man needs communion with his neighbour and with God.

The sense of communion with God and other Christians has been the single sustaining factor among persecuted Christians in all ages. Paul persecuted, imprisoned and alone was sustained by his communion with God (2 Tim.4:17). His testimony "The Lord stood with me and strengthened me" has been repeated in every generation by men and women like Jan Huss, Joan of Arc and Richard Lurmbbrand. Our own Pearl Anderson in a Communist Chinese commune speaks of the strength she has through communion with God. I heard Martin Niemoller say after three years in solitary confinement in Hitler's concentration camp "I never once felt that I was alone, I always felt that God was there." Time fails to tell of the testimony of that communion from Watchman Nee, Haralan Popov and a multitude of other witnesses. Communion with God and the saints has strengthened them through persecution knowing that if they suffer with him they will also be glorified with Him. (Rom.8:17, Phil.3:8-10).

In an age of increasing isolation man needs communion with God that is beyond a communion with nature and the garden. He needs a communion with God expressed through his fellowship with other people.

GORDON MOYES

THE CHRISTIAN OUTLOOK



The Maria Isabel-Sheraton Hotel in Mexico City, which will be the headquarters hotel for the World Convention, July 30-August 4, 1974. In the foreground, is the Angel Monument on the Reforma.



The December-January consultation on "Salvation Today" at Bangkok, Thailand, brought together leaders from many different branches of the Church. Here, General T.B. Simatupang (left) of Indonesia, talks with U Kyaw Than of Burma, the Rev. Wichan Watakecharoen, head of the host church, and Dr. Phillip Potter, General Secretary, W.C.C.



To spearhead a new effort to assist Melbourne's inner suburban churches, Barry Jenkins was inducted as Inner Areas Minister at North Fitzroy Church on February 11. Chatting after the service are (l. to r.): Les Withers (Chairman of Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism); Mrs Joan Pye (Hawthorn Church); D. H. Smith, (Home Missions Director); Perc. Foster (North Fitzroy Church); and Barry Jenkins.



One of the many activities of the Scripture Union is the popular CSSM Beach Missions. Here Heather Boyd of Hawthorn is leading a group of boys and girls at McRae Beach, Vic.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

RUSSELL BAKER RETIRES

FOR WORLD'S HUNGRY (Croydon, F. B. Burt) At the B.S. Picnic seven Youth One pupils accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. Charmaine Commander and Mrs. Carolyn Hemer, were encouraged by Dr. Don Hemer to conduct a walkathon of 5 miles around Williamstown. They were sponsored for varying amounts and \$50 was raised to assist the World's Hungry People.

GOOLWA FULL TIME The beginning of this year was also the commencement of our first full time ministry led by Brian Beck, Mount Compass having withdrawn from the Goolwa circuit. . . Ray Hewitt has been farewelled on taking up a position with the United Church of North Australia on Goulburn Island. . . Two successful youth camps for different age groups were held in January. . . A young girl was baptised on January 28.

WESTERN VISITOR (Kensington Pk. W. Bartlett) Roy Raymond, one of our well known ministers was a visitor from Western Australia and presided at the communion service. . . Recent speakers have been A. Ingham and H. Greenwood. . . Phillip Roots has been baptised. . . Bronwyn Bilette, David Fosdyke, and Phillip Roots had success at recent Leaving Exams. . .

SECOND YEAR (Lenswood, A. E. Cremin) Mr. Cremin has commenced his second year of ministry with us. . . The sympathy of the church was extended to Mrs. Clasohm and family in the death of their husband and father. . . Mrs. L. Stafford is attending services again after hospital surgical treatment. . . The S.S. is continuing to grow.

CHANGE AT ALDGATE VALLEY H.E. Paddick concluded a 13 months ministry on January 28. He received a gift of books and Mrs. Paddick was presented with a sheaf of flowers. The Chairman, R. Caudle, and secretary, R. Harslett, spoke in appreciation of Mr. Paddick's ministry. . . Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Norris were received into fellowship on February 4 at the commencement of a three-year part-time ministry. . . A Russian evangelist and his family were present at a recent gospel service. . . Mr. and Mrs. Ken Dover are back from Norseman. . . Miss L. Hoyle is Kinder Superintendent and Mrs. B. Stratford is B.S. secretary in succession to Miss Shirley Porteous.

MORRIS FAREWELL (Clovelly Park) The church farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Alan Morris after an enriching ministry of five years. Their encouragement, concern and love have been an inspiration to all. At an afternoon fellowship on January 28 tributes were paid and a presentation made as they left to continue ministry at Stirling, S.A.

In 1921, Russell Baker graduated from the College of the Bible, at the age of 21. He soon established himself in our Victorian Brotherhood as one of our able preachers and a most diligent pastor. After ministries at Maryborough, Shepparton, Ormond and Lygon Street, Mr. Baker became General Secretary of the B.F.B.S. in Victoria, which position he held for 25 years.

The name of Russell Baker became synonymous with the Bible Society right throughout Australia and beyond. The head office of the Society in London held him in high regard. In 1964, our Federal Conference in Brisbane honoured him by calling him to occupy the Presidential chair. In 1965 he represented the Australian Brotherhood at the World Convention Assembly in Puerto Rico.

On reaching the age of retirement, Mr. Baker came to South Australia and for one year was the Secretary of the B.F.B.S. in this State. When most men would consider the time had arrived to take life a little easier, he offered to go to Balaklava for a year's interim ministry, and upon the conclusion of that ministry, accepted the call of the Ascot Park Church where he has ministered for the past three years, concluding his ministry on Jan. 28.

The following Sunday evening was designed by the Church to be a service of praise and thanksgiving. It was presided

over by Don Fenn, and Rev. David Harris, Secretary of the B.F.B.S., read the Scripture and led in prayer. I.J. Chivell gave the address. After the service the hall was packed with people grateful for the ministry Mr. Baker had given to them. A varied programme of community singing and individual items was enjoyed in an informal atmosphere, after which W. Bartlett, Conference President, and Rev. David Harris representing the Bible Society, and C. Butler, Chairman of the Overseas Committee, expressed the thanks of those they represented for the service rendered by both Mr. and Mrs. Baker.

L. Simpson, Chairman of the Church Board, presented a beautiful marble-topped coffee table as an expression of the appreciation of the Church for what they have been and done over the past three years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Baker feelingly responded thanking the Church for the manner in which they had received them and responded to their leadership. An excellent spirit of fellowship and harmony prevails in the Church.

Mr. Baker said in his concluding remarks: "The Baker era has ended". There are probably many people throughout Australia who would like to wish them well in their well-earned retirement. Their address is 13 Fowler Street, Seaview Downs, S.A. 5049.

-I.J.C.

● S.A. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

ABORIGINAL CHALLENGES

After a short business session, the president, Mrs. Dillon handed the February meeting to the leader of the Aborigine Mission Committee, Mrs. Edwards, who introduced their Rally.

Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Wehr and Mrs. Butler, members of the committee brought devotional thoughts on the theme "Our Heritage" and reminded us of the privileges and responsibilities of Christian women in such a land. Our responsibilities must extend to the first Australians. Mrs. Nobel sang and Mrs. Walker led in prayer.

Special speaker was Pastor Bob Brown who ministers to the Aborigines of Adelaide for the Aborigine Evangelical Fellowship. He brought his own testimony of what God had done for him in changing his life and said that the greatest need of his people was to know

the Lord Jesus Christ and his saving power, though not minimising their physical and social needs. He told of Crusades which he hopes to conduct in the city and country centres during the year. He asked that our attitude be one of Prayer and Love.

At one time the Aboriginal church was meeting in our Beverley church; but now has moved to a more central place in the city. Mr. Brown and his wife sang a duet accompanied by Mr. Brown on the Guitar. They had with them two of their children.

Ladies support as their "LIVING LINK", Miss Edna Lincoln. The C.W.F. Camp will be held at Longwood, March 9,10,11 with Mrs. Heard as study leader. The theme is "Getting to know God Better - Making my life count"

-A. Saunders.

● EXPORTED TO NEW ZEALAND

MOBILE YOUTH CONVENTION

The 7th National Youth Convention of Churches of Christ in Australia will be held in New Zealand, Jan. 4-14, 1975.

Four of the ten days will be spent in Christchurch, and six will be spent on the move around the South Island.

Workshops will be concentrated in the Christchurch section, Bible studies in the mobile section.

As well as receiving the inspiration of the Convention, conventioners will see such famous scenic attractions as Mt. Cook, Milford Sound, Lake Wakatipu, Haast Pass and Te Anau.

Post-Convention tours will be available through the North Island, or "tramping" the Milford Track.

National Youth Conventions have been held in alternate years since 1963 in Adelaide, Sydney, Perth, Brisbane, Melbourne and Canberra.

AIMS

Mrs. Avril Chapman, field-worker/secretary for the New Zealand Department of Christian Education, said recently that efforts would be made to acquaint Conventioners both with Maori culture and with our New Zealand churches.

Richard Lawton, Director of the Federal Board of Christian Education, said that the Convention was aimed to provide exposure to another nation, another culture, and to the New Zealand churches. It was also hoped that the Convention might provide a boost to our New Zealand young people.

SAVINGS SCHEME

The Federal Board of Christian Education, which is sponsoring the Convention, has organized a Savings Club to help make the Convention possible for young people.

Young people will pay \$10 deposit, and then \$2 or \$3 a week for 18 months from March 3. \$3 a week is expected to cover fares and all Convention expenses. The deposits will attract bank interest, and can be paid weekly or monthly.

Withdrawal will be permitted at any time, with loss of only the deposit, but monies cannot be refunded until 31 August, 1974.

The Convention is open to young people 16 years or over on January 1, 1975. Application/registration forms are available from all State Departments of Christian Education, or the Federal Board of Christian Education, 217 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000.

● VIC-TAS. CONFERENCE APRIL 29 - MAY 4, 1973

Business information

The Conference Secretary draws attention to the following extracts from the Constitution:

"ADMISSION OF CHURCHES:

Churches desiring to affiliate with Conference shall make application in writing to the Conference Secretary at least six weeks before annual Conference." (i.e. not later than March 17, 1973).

NOMINATIONS:

"The report of the Nominations Committee shall be forwarded to the churches four weeks before annual Conference," (i.e. not later than March 31, 1973) "such report indicating that additional nominations, except for the office of president-elect, may be made by affiliated churches only, in writing, with consent of nominee, such nominations to be forwarded through the church board to the Conference Secretary, not later than one week prior, to the opening day of Conference." (i.e. not later than April 21, 1973).

"NOTICE OF BUSINESS -

Six weeks' notice in writing shall be given to the Conference Executive setting forth all proposed motions to be brought before the annual Conference, such to be signed by the proposer." (i.e. such written notice should be received by the Conference Executive not later than March 17, 1973).

"ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION -

Amendments of and additions to this Constitution shall be considered only at the annual Conference, and at least six weeks' notice of the intention to move such amendment or addition shall be given in writing to the Conference Executive." (i.e. such written notice should be received by the Conference Executive not later than March 17, 1973).

- Stanton H. Wilson.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

WHO AM I?

1. I was an orphan in a strange land and won a beauty competition. This led to my being made Queen.

2. A personal enemy of my uncle who had brought me up, formed a plot to get rid of the Jews. I did not know at the time that I was of the Jewish race.

3. With the help of my uncle, I was able to prevent this tragedy, and a book of the Bible was named after me. (See page 18)

It's difficult to get much pleasure
From this mild and lovely day,
For weathermen keep telling us
"Another cold wave's on the way!"
—HELEN M. WEBSTER

My neighbour's wife kept pestering
him for a Jaguar. So he finally bought
her one and it ate her.

Nature is wonderful. She didn't
know we were going to wear glasses,
yet look where she put our ears.

This isn't such a bad old world,
once you get used to being nervous
about the future.

At a health store a fellow had a
reducing formula. "I eat only things
that swim." "Then all you eat is fish?"
"I can eat anything. First I teach it to
swim, then I eat it."



"He's talking about Daddy."

REVIEWS

RACISM IN AUSTRALIA: The Australian Experience. Ed. by F. S. Stevens. Vol. 1 Prejudice and Xenophobia. Vol. 2 Black versus White. (ANZ Book Co. \$7.50 each)

Two volumes and 35 articles make up the collection of documents sub-titled "A Study of Prejudice in Australia". Sponsored by the United Nations and the Australian Committee to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, the series (Vol. 3 is yet to appear) should be in the hands of everyone interested in the black minorities in Australia. Now is the time for a whole reevaluation of the church's involvement with them and these two volumes will provide excellent source material.

The documentation of the physical, psychiatric, sociological and economic effects of devaluation, prejudice, paternalism and racism is depressing in the extreme. And it continues. One of the key issues in both volumes is that too often and for too long the white man has ignored the rights and wishes of those we've been helping, evangelising, educating and saving. The black minorities are now demanding to be heard.

Both documents one hopes will find their way into ministers libraries, ethics lectures at theological colleges, missionary studies, layman's lounges and committee folders.

—A.M.

POP STARS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Johnny Farnham, Helen Reddy, Petula Clark, James Taylor, Franciscus Henri and several other pop/folk singers are at your service in the February 1973 issue of Immediate magazine.

Immediate is a guide to the use of media and pop culture, and the February issue reviews 40 songs—12 pop singles and 2 LPs. Among the songs featured are Johnny Farnham's "Don't You Know Its Magic", Helen Reddy's "I Am Woman" and Petula Clark's "Wedding Song". The two LPs are Gabriel's Mother's Highway (Franciscus Henri) and One Man Dog (James Taylor).

Suggestions are given for the use of these and other pop or folk songs in youth groups, Christian education classes and worship.

The magazine is designed primarily for use by youth club leaders, teachers and ministers, but any women's group could benefit from the use of the material on "I Am Woman" in the current issue. Parents for whom pop music is "just a lot of noise" would be interested in reading about the meaning to be found in so many popular songs.

Immediate is now beginning its second year of publication, and is available only on direct subscription from The Joint Board of Christian Education, 147 Collins Street, Melbourne, 3000. There are six issues per year, and subscription is \$2.00 p.a.

A PASTORAL COUNSELLING GUIDEBOOK

Charles F. Kemp (Abingdon) \$3.50

Charles Kemp directs the Pastoral Care and Training Centre of the Brite Divinity School of the Texas Christian University, a post-graduate school of pastoral counselling. In fact, this book consists of the notes of the Centre's course.

This is probably the most practical book on pastoral counselling available. It is designed for the ordinary minister who so often has to do his counselling in very un-clinical conditions, in homes, down the street, at the church door, or in the thick of a crisis. There is theory in the book, but only enough to give meaning to a great deal of factual and practical information. It is easy to read and "jargon" free.

The book reflects the modern trend away from the sole use of non-directive, client centred, insight counselling ("Rogerianism"). This trend arises from the discovery that a

lot of people do not get insights, but that help can be given to them in establishing new and helpful behaviour patterns without clear insights into what it is all about. It also reflects the influence of Victor Frankl and the "meaning-for-life" therapists (logo-therapy). Frankl plays down the obsessive dredging of the past for reasons for present behaviour patterns. Rather he deals with present behaviour as it is, helping the client to discover meaning for life for the present and the future. The discovery of meaning tends to neutralise the effects of the "deep, dark, past".

There is a fine chapter on the Holy Spirit in pastoral counselling. There is strong emphasis on the minister as pastor rather than amateur psychiatrist. There is a very good guide to referral counselling (that is continuing to give pastoral care while also enlisting the help of experts in the field of human caring). The book is set out as a work-book rather than as a formal treatise on Pastoral Care.

—G.R.S.

A NEW SONG

By Pat Boone (S. John Bacon) \$1.25

Dean Martin said once, "That Pat Boone! He's so religious, y'know, I shook hands with him the other day and my whole right side sobered up!"

But Pat Boone can take it, and he witnesses to the people we think are great and important and he does it with a simplicity and directness that is impressive.

For most of us Pat Boone has always been a "good guy." He was a churchman and from the outside was going pretty well. But this book tells us that his marriage was breaking up and that his career was close to being wrecked. At this point he had a new experience of Christ.

He thinks that there are many young people desperately searching for spiritual meanings to life and quotes as evidence and songs they are buying and hearing.

This an autobiography that shows the real Boone behind the image of the all-white, all-clean American boy. The real Boone is human, able to make mistakes, get himself into a mess, but fortunately knows that there is a Christian answer and is man enough to find it.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Weren't you taught to say 'Thank you', young man?"

T. E. ROFE SETTLEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Under the T. E. Rofe Settlement grants are made to graduates from the College of the Bible studying at Australian Universities. The late T. E. Rofe in making the settlement had two things in mind. **FIRST**, he was concerned for Australian Churches of Christ to have an educated ministry. **SECONDLY**, he was anxious to encourage ministers in tertiary education in AUSTRALIA. Some Australians who studied overseas did not return.

Graduates of the College of the Bible intending to study in Australian Universities in 1973 may write for an Application Form to the Vice-Principal of the College of the Bible, 7 Elm Rd., Glen Iris, 3146. It should be noted that only those graduates who intend to remain in the ministry should apply, according to the intention of the originator of the Settlement.

LONG PILGRIMAGE IN SOUTH AFRICA

A mass service in Cape Town on January 14 marked the end of a 600-mile walk undertaken by an ecumenical group of clergy and laity to draw attention to the "appalling consequences" for African family life of migratory labour. The long march from Grahamstown to Cape Town took 30 days.

The eight people concerned, all white South Africans belonging to the Anglican, Methodist and Roman Catholic churches, said they were moved to take part in the "pilgrimage" because they were deeply disturbed by the situation in the country. "This society . . . is tearing husband and wife apart through the system of migratory labour." The marchers said they were asking parliament to make it legal "for every South African husband and wife who wish to do so, to live together with their children in a family home at their place of work."

Many prominent church leaders, among them Archbishop Selby Taylor, Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, and Archbishop Denis Hurley, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Durban, accompanied the marchers for periods of their walk and special services were held on the route of march.—E.P.S.

MOZAMBIQUE PRISONERS RELEASED

The 37 pastors and members of the Mozambique Presbyterian Church detained in Machava for six months have been released by the Portuguese authorities. This follows protests from the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Canon Burgess Carr, general secretary of the All Africa Conference of Churches, and other church leaders around the world after the hearing of the deaths of Pastor Manganhela and Mr. Sidumo, a prominent layman, in prison.

In a joint statement announcing the news, the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the Mission Department of the French-speaking Protestant Churches in Switzerland said that no information was available on the release of the hundreds of other political prisoners in Mozambique.

Staff of the Mission Department said that while they were glad to hear of the release "they wept with those who mourned Pastor Manganhela and Mr. Sidumo" and remembered the many other political prisoners in Mozambique who were waiting for justice in the spirit of the Declaration of Human Rights.—EPS.

BUSINESS CODE FOR CHURCHES

Politicians, public servants, and big business have a code language that is most impressive and one can sound up with it without getting on with it. Church conferences are catching on to the code and using it more often. A few examples:

To expedite: to move correspondence quickly around the office.

Co-ordinator: a fellow who has his desk between two expeditors.

Consultant: any ordinary person more than 50 miles from home.

To activate: to make carbon copies, or work the duplicator.

Under active consideration: somebody's looking in the files for it.

Reliable source: the chap you just met.

Informed source: the fellow who told the chap you just met.

Unimpeachable source: the chap who started the rumour in the first place.

Note and initial: responsibility for this one should be shared, so the boss won't get the blame.

We are making a survey: we need more time to think up an answer.

COOKES WELCOMED AT BLACKWOOD (S.A.) Mr and Mrs L.G.Cooke and Merran were welcomed into the church fellowship as Mr Cooke commenced his ministry. B.V. Coventry is associate minister . . . Young people's camp at Pt. Sturt was led by D. Fitzgerald . . . B.S. has 10 new teachers, including five from senior classes. . . Mrs Cooke spoke to the Women's Fellowship on "New Beginnings". . . Mrs G.T.Fitzgerald is now at St. George's Rest Home.

ASCOT PARK CHANGEOVER (S.A.) S.R.Baker was farewelled on Feb. 4 after a much appreciated ministry. I.J.Chivell represented the brotherhood at a social hour. Mr Bibby presided. W. Bartlett, Conf. Pres., also spoke. Mr and Mrs Baker were presented with a marble-top coffee table. Mr and Mrs Baker responded to the expressions of thanks and goodwill. . . Guest singers were Miss Colleen Sammells, Mrs Calaby, and a trio of our own girls: Alison Crowley, Wendy and Dianne Wilkinson. . . Colin Smith has commenced an interim ministry. . . Alison Crowley came top in the State in Matriculation French and was recommended for two awards. . . We have had to say goodbye to the Chennell family. Mrs Chennell has been invaluable in youth work and as a B.S. worker.

MAGILL COMES OF AGE (R. Clymer) A "year of development" will mark the coming-of-age of the church which will celebrate its 21st birthday in August . . . A "getting to know you" lunch was held after church on Feb. 11 and on 13th the Women's Fellowship held a picnic at Nightingale Reserve . . . Name tags are issued to members and friends to encourage closer ties. A church directory has been printed and given to every family.

VIC.—TAS. CWF

(MELB.) 164 delegates represented 57 churches at the February Council meeting. Mrs. F. T. Morgan presided.

Stanton Wilson expressed appreciation to the C.W.F. for contributions received through the Golden Bag Project and outlined amenities purchased to date.

Mr and Mrs Ludgater, on furlough from the New Hebrides, were present. Mrs. Ludgater described the format of women's meetings in the New Hebrides, and Mr. Ludgater spoke on the progress being made by New Hebrideans in translating scriptures for themselves.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Joy Gilmore, and Mrs. Loris Joyce gave the prayer of Intercession. Mrs. Fisher brought greetings from the Aboriginal Mission fields.

The March Effort will be on March 20 in the Lower Melbourne Town Hall, 8 p.m. Theme — "Down Memory Lane." Next Council: March 2, 8 p.m. Speaker — Win Beale.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Following the decision by the Austral Printing Co. not to print a calendar showing suggested scripture readings and hymns, etc., the Federal Conference Executive discussed the matter.

Action will be taken to produce a calendar for 1974 and the 'Australian Christian' will probably provide the required information for the remainder of 1973.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

CHRISTIANS FOR CRISIS. Since Alan Walker founded Life Line a few years ago, this service for those in distress has grown until the volume of calls is staggering. "People in trouble, in despair, alone, afraid, have only to dial Life Line." Troubled persons are dialling in ever increasing numbers. In Melbourne, where the service began in April, 1971, there were 14,000 calls in the first year. There are now about 450 calls a week. One in every four callers is under 25.

Although many of the calls relate to sociological problems, Life Line is a Christian service with Christian resources to offer. This means that people may be offered the Gospel as the answer to their needs.

However, in a television programme last week, Alan Walker was challenged by the policy to use only Christians at Life Line's end of the 'phone. Jews were mentioned as excluded, and this brought a storm of protest. One Jewess even called the "Australian Christian" office to register her feeling of deep offence.

A Melbourne radio "talk-back" session phoned Alan Walker to ask if this meant that Jews were regarded as "second class citizens", pointing out, as an example, that Jews would be welcomed as patients in a Roman Catholic Hospital. Walker declared that Jews were also helped through Life Line. But he said that it was very unlikely that the doctors and Catholic orders that controlled hospitals would include Jews. They are Catholic hospitals, run by Catholics, and, said Walker, Life Line is a Christian ministry, run by Christians.

Walker pointed out that Life Line referred callers to rabbis or leaders in other faiths where this was appropriate. This is right and proper. But Christianity makes absolute and exclusive claims for its Lord and it is hard to see how Life Line can pretend otherwise. Judaism is also absolute and exclusive in its religious demands, and so are other faiths. It would be different if Life Line were a secular service, in which case religion would probably have to be wholly excluded.

If Life Line were to be opened to Jews, the same privilege would also have to be accorded to Moslems and Buddhists, as well as to off-centre Christian groups such as Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, and Seventh Day Adventists — each of which could have a distinctive view of the religious aid a particular person should receive.

None of these are second-class citizens. All of them should be treated with dignity and Life Line would act without Christian responsibility if it failed to refer callers of these faiths, or of no faith, to the appropriate religious or humanist leader. We believe that Life Line already does this, and that the television and radio fuss was unfair.

GOOD GRIEF!!! In an Anglican church near Derby, England, the rector, Rev. Kenneth Bowler, 36, has obtained authority to have his church licensed as a social club. This will enable him to set up a bar and serve drinks after services and at other church functions to develop the church's social life. Drinks will be served to members only.

FAITH DECLARED (Box Hill, G.A.Grainger) Two made the Good Confession at the worship service and a young girl at the gospel meeting. . . After being married at the College Chapel, the wedding of Ian Cartmel and Glenys Russenberg was catered for at Box Hill church where Ian served as student minister. . . W. Wigney and his daughter, Gwen Farmer, were farewelled on leaving for an overseas trip. . . Sympathy expressed to relatives of the late Mrs Ruby Tilley, a former member.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION (Inverell, R. Craig), David Eagling will be guest speaker at the Annual Missionary Convention, March 2-4 . . . Intermediate C.E. commenced year with swimming night at Tingha . . . New C.W.F. President is Mrs. E. Boland, Secretary is Mrs. Elva Mackie, Treasurer is Mrs. Joyce Mackie . . . Church welcome Miss Anne Medlow, of Warrawong, now on staff of Inverell High School . . . On Australia Day young people held a picnic by the river on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Thrush.

Happenings

"There is no evidence that leprosy is declining in the world today," said Dr. Frank Davey, of Dichpali Hospital, South India.

Many of the 120 species of wild-life mentioned in the Bible have disappeared and others are facing extinction. To save what is left Israel is assembling surviving species on an 8,000 acre preserve in the Negev.

The First Church (United Church of Christ) of Newton, Massachusetts, is closing after 308 years. Its highest membership was in 1952 with 1200. They have now 325 with only 25% under 50.

Not all the churches are failing. The Glendale Baptist Church is a "black" church with 519 members. 80% are under 40 and 150 are teenagers.

Cologne's famous twin-spired cathedral's stonework is decaying so rapidly from atmospheric pollution, that it may soon be closed to the public.

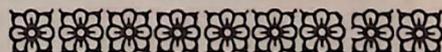
Bishop Chandu Ray says that the Christian church in Burma is moving forward. Laymen have a much greater place in worship and witness with young people providing the driving force.

The East Asia Christian Conference donated VN\$132,165 as a Christmas gift to the Pastors' Widows Fund of the Evangelical Church of Vietnam.

The remains of a 2,000 year-old Herodian palace has been discovered on a hill-top overlooking Bethlehem, the burial place of Herod the Great. The palace was complete with swimming pool, chariot race-track, and guest house.

In the Asia-Pacific Region, Bible Societies distributed 37 million Scriptures. Last year Australia gave \$250,000.00 toward world translation, production, and distribution of scriptures.

The public did not like "Church of Canada" as for the proposed merger of the United Church of Canada, Anglicans, and Disciples of Christ. The Commission of Church Union is now trying "Church of Christ in Canada."





VICTORIA

BAPTIZED TOGETHER! (Beverley, R. W. Saunders) Mr. and Mrs. Robin Parish were baptized together (we have a large baptistery!) on Feb. 11 in the first baptisms here for some years. . . . Phil Saunders presided for the last time before leaving for Melbourne to study at the College of the Bible. He has been S.S. Supt. and a member of the Board of Officers for the past 12 months. . . . Mrs. Barrett has been appointed B.S. Supt. . . . Geoff. Frost, recently come from Flinders, has started Friday night Youth Club.

CO-ORDINATED PROGRAMME (Shepparton, L. van Laar) Auxiliary leaders and Board members met to plan and co-ordinate 1973 programme. . . . Young Adult Group organised a Mobile Scavenger Hunt to Yarrawonga, joining in the evening service there. . . . Church anniversary featured an outing to Lake Victoria. . . . M. J. Savage, Conf. Pres., spoke at Shepparton and Mooropna. . . . The S.S. empty Christmas Tree gifts amounted to \$40 which was presented to C.O.C.O.A. . . . The church regretfully farewelled Margaret and Geoff Philpotts and family. . . . Mini-market raised \$500.

NEW FOR KANIVA Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Brown have settled in at the renovated manse. Mr. Brown was inducted on Feb. 4 and a welcome social was given on Feb. 8. . . . The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Irene Maddern. . . . A teachers' dedication service commenced the new B.S. year on Feb. 11. Reg. Dyer is B.S. Supt. . . . Those moving away include Leanne Wheaton, on a secretarial course in Melb., Allana and Colin Goldsworthy who continue studies at Bendigo, and David Gordon, appointed Senior Analyst with Bougainville Copper Ltd. . . . Mr. & Mrs. Fred Rees and family from Maylands, W.A. visited Kanova and Mr. Rees spoke at two services.

MINISTER GOES TO CHURCH (Latrobe Tce. Geelong) Mr. Amos attended morning worship on Feb. 11 for the first time since his absence through illness. Keith Ludgater of the New Hebrides was speaker. Russell Ritchie was at the organ and he preached at night when one lad confessed Christ. . . . The B.S. is using literature produced by Standard Co. . . . A kitchen tea in honour of Glenys Russenberg and Ian Cartmel went on without the couple who were unable to return to Geelong from Glen Iris because of floods.

RICHMOND APPRECIATION: On Jan 21, there was a farewell and presentation to Mr and Mrs Doug Smith and family after a much appreciated two year ministry. . . . On Feb. 4 there was a "sing-a-long" and welcome to Mr and Mrs Greg Strack and Simon. . . . A gift of acknowledgement was made to Mrs

Barbara Andrews on her retirement after six years leadership with the Good Companions. . . . Over 60 of the church family shared in Church Family Picnic on Australia Day. . . . A mid-week Youth Activity Centre commenced in Feb.

MISS HALL FAREWELLED (Warracknabeal) The one lady minister of Australian Churches of Christ, Miss Norma Hall, was farewelled on Jan. 28 after completing her ministry here. She will serve in South Australia. Mrs. Parsons spoke on behalf of the Mid-week Prayer meeting, Mr. McPherson for Brim, and Mr. Harmer for Warracknabeal. Mr. Newell presented gifts to Miss Hall and to Miss Spence who was also farewelled. . . . On Feb. 4, S. Hince was inducted into the ministry. E. Patterson, President Elect of Vic.—Tas. Conf., presided. Visitors and relatives from the city were present. Mr. Newell welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Hince into the church, and W. Harmer led in the prayer of commitment.

ASSISTANT AT FOOTSCRAY (F.B.Alcorn) Ron White has been welcomed as youth leader and student assistant to Mr Alcorn. . . . A presentation was made to Mr and Mrs Robin Macgill who returned to S.A. after two years assistance in the ministry. . . . Thankoffering of \$446 was divided between Church of Christ Overseas Missions, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Missionary Aviation Fellowship, Sudan Interior Mission, and Overseas Missionary Fellowship. . . . Afternoon ladies donated \$90 to Yalinga appeal for hospital for elderly folk.

FORMER MEMBER LEADS INDUCTION (Horsham, Vic.) R. Roberts commenced his ministry on Feb. 4 when Mr and Mrs Roberts were welcomed into fellowship. A past member and President-Elect of Conf., Eric Patterson, led the induction service. . . . Mrs Beryl Carter will edit the weekly news sheet "The Harbinger".

ADVENTURE TIME (Chadstone) A smorgasbord luncheon followed the induction service of Kevin Caulton on Feb. 11. . . . Chadstone churches combined in last week of school holidays for "Adventure Time" for pre-schoolers to Form 1 children. . . . On Feb. 11, members said goodbye to Barry and Maureen Jenkins at the home of Mr and Mrs. Smith.

EASTER RALLY (Warburton, C.W. Jackel) Taking advantage of last year's successful Easter Premillennial Rally the church is holding another one this coming Easter. Speakers include Dr. and Mrs. Harold Nickel of Arizona, U.S.A. (See Advert. this issue). Both American visitors are accomplished singers and musicians and have had faithful ministries for over thirty years. . . . Our fellowship had a joint gospel witness with the Brethren in their assembly hall when a married couple was baptised. . . . Miss Dawn Martin addressed Women's Guild. There was one decision.

OBITUARY

CROXFORD, Elsa May.
The family of Mrs. Croxford had a long association with the Cheltenham church. The original chapel was built on the property owned by her grandfather. Her father, William Robert Tuck, was secretary of the church for forty years and was also secretary of the BS for twenty years.

With her husband, Frederick, Elsa Croxford moved to Shepparton and was actively associated with the church there. When they returned to Melbourne membership was with the Essendon church. She was President of the Mission Band and Ladies' Guild. She played the piano for the South Melbourne Ladies' Group. She also played the organ for Pascoe Vale, and was a member of the Churches of Christ Ladies Choir. In 1968 Mr. & Mrs. Croxford moved to Glen Waverley to be near their family. Her commitment to Christ, her sense of humour and her bright, friendly personality endeared her to the whole church. Her Christian influence is evidenced in the life of her son, Lindsay, secretary and elder at Glen Waverley, and daughter, Kath, serving in the Good Companions Club. In the last year she was a patient at the Will H. Clay Nursing Home where she died on Dec. 24. The funeral services at Glen Waverley chapel and Springvale Crematorium were conducted by the writer. We share with Mr. Croxford, Eric Lindsay & Margaret, Kath., and the grand-children the sure hope of the resurrection in Christ.
—R.B.E.

GROVES, Mrs. Mavis

Mavis Isabel Jane Groves died of the effects of a coronary at her home in Ballarat, Vic., on Jan. 15. She was aged only 59 years. The suddenness of her passing was a shock to the members of the Peel St. church, where she was a valued and active member.

Mavis Groves was born in Ballarat and very early in her life became a member of the Dawson St. church, where she taught in the B.S. After her marriage she moved to Warrnambool, where for twenty-three years she was a devoted and busy member of that congregation. She carried out the duties of deaconess, BS teacher, and representative for the B. & F. B.S. Several years ago she returned to Ballarat to live and linked up with Peel St. She was a staunch member of women's groups, and a valued supporter of all the church's activities. She was a foundation member of the women's A.I.D. group and keenly interested in its work, because it gave her an opportunity to express her liking for helping those in need.

She was a kind-hearted and generous woman and always ready to assist Christian friends. She often spent time in the home of sick friends, helping nurse and care for them. In recent years she also served as a voluntary worker at both our mission stations to the aborigines at Norseman and Carnarvon, W.A.

Her passing was deeply mourned by her aged father and her three children and their families — Leslie of Warrnambool, Florence (Mrs. Davies) of Macleod, and Faye (Mrs. Hodgson) of Ballarat. A packed church for the funeral service indicated the esteem in which she was held.

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During the preceding week a panel of speakers will present the gospel at the university, colleges and schools of Canberra.

A 12 page "free" paper will be produced to be handed out to virtually every citizen in Canberra. The paper will give a Christian response to the issues of today.

Title of this Jesus crusade will be "Kairos 73." "Kairos" is the Greek word for "time" and this march will be a time of special significance.

Groups include the "House of Freedom" in Queensland, "House of the New World", "Teen Crusaders" and "Newness" in Sydney, "Theos" in

Melbourne, the "Jesus Centre" in Adelaide and "High House" in Perth.

A full-time worker will be employed to co-ordinate activities during February, and he will work from an office which has been offered by Bible House, in Canberra.

Jim McLennan, of Charisma coffee house in Canberra, said this week the aims of Kairos 73 were:

*To proclaim to the nation that a change in lifestyle and values was needed far more than just a change in Government.

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"Kairos 73 is for Christmas throughout the nation to tell the nation that the great Australian dream is just not enough," said Mr. McLennan.

All the camping grounds of Canberra are being booked out to accommodate the visiting youth, and large C.S.S.M. beach mission tents will be used.

Further details about "Kairos 73" are available from: Scripture Union, 59 Rathdowne St., Carlton, Vic. 3053.

MISSION EMPHASIS FOR VICTORIAN CHURCHES

The Rev. H. Christie-Johnston told the quarterly meeting of the Vic. Council of Churches that Presbyterians planned a year of concentrated evangelism for 1973, beginning with a Lenten study of "Who is Jesus Christ for us today?" The emphasis would include a request for congregations and church departments to do some "goal setting."

Methodist churches were looking to World Mission in 1975, said Prof. Young, and plans were being made for the Australian church to engage in this when possible on an ecumenical basis. This could be done with a plurality of approaches and interpretation, he said. The Baptist report also indicated a World Mission emphasis. The Rev. N. Pell referred to the Victorian participation in the World Mission of Reconciliation. A similar emphasis was reported by M. J. Savage, President of the Churches of Christ in which a major thrust was seen in 1973 as part of the centenary celebrations of their Dept. of H.M. and

Evang. This was part of an overall "Strategy for the Seventies" he said. After preparatory work, regional missions would be conducted in late 1973 throughout Victoria.

Salvationist Col. R. Beasy said that 1973 would see a "Family Focus" as part of an international campaign. It follows emphasis on Youth over the past two years, and concentrates on underlining Christian standards as a basis for home life.

-V.C.C.

"Seen Any Chariots Lately?"

The ABC radio "Encounter" programme on March 3, 1973, will look at the Swiss writer Erich von Daniken's book "Chariots of the Gods" and the film of the same name. The book claims that in ages past Earth has had many visitors from outer space.

OBITUARY

ACQUROFF Jean

Mrs Jean Acquroff died in January at the age of 75. This gracious lady contributed much to the work of our churches at Carnegie and Cheltenham and through her family to other churches as well. A true Christian in life and faith she well demonstrated practical concern and personal devotion. From an age of 14 she knew constant suffering. T.B. of the hip crippled her legs throughout her life. 27 years ago she lost the use of most of her vision and at the same time lost most of her hearing. She had two operations for cancer, and a series of strokes late in life left her paralysed and blind yet her triumphant spirit constantly spoke of God's care and goodness. Through her children she continued to exercise a very practical and helpful ministry to other people. The Churches at Cheltenham and Carnegie mourn her passing but praise her long life of gracious faith. Our sympathy is extended to her family: Jack and June Acquroff (Glen Waverley), Bruce and Betty Ward (Doncaster) and Nancy and Geoff Luke (Carnegie).

CONNOR, Ruth Annie

Mrs. Connor reached the age of her century of 100 years on June 24 last year. For some time she had been dwelling at our Nursing Home, Wahgo Road, Murrumbena, Vic. and died in Jan. After a Service of recognition and remembrance at the church of Doncaster a private cremation was conducted at Springvale.

Mrs Connor spent the early years of her life in Newport, Glamorganshire, Wales. At the age of 10, Ruth Smith, as she was then, left Plymouth with her parents for Australia, and settled in Townsville, Qld. The death of her mother left her with the responsibility of helping, in a big way, in bringing up the family. In later years, whilst attending the church of Cheltenham, Vic., she met Andrew Connor. Both were baptised and later married in this chapel. They shared a most successful ministry, serving in many of our churches in Victoria and a short ministry at Subiaco, W.A. The ministry at Doncaster, over a period of 8 years, is well remembered with loving thanksgiving. There were three children, Annie Marguerite (Mrs Paul) deceased—Lorna Bessie Jean (Mrs Gilbert Tully) and Andrew Kenneth.

Mrs Connor has outlived the majority of her associates, but she is remembered and loved by quite a number of older members of the church at Doncaster, and in the community. Her influence still lingers and many profited by her life. The church members at Doncaster, along with many others in various places, express loving understanding to the next of kin, and rejoice with them in the victorious life which has just been laid down.—A.W.C.C.

OAKLEY Hannah Rosalie

Gave her life to Christ early, and spent all her active years serving him in the Norwood church, SA. My first close contact with her was in 1938 at the commencement of a ministry there. She quickly became as one of our family, and we felt that bond to the end when she passed away on Dec. 22, 1972. A trained, and highly capable teacher in Girls' Technical Schools, she used her teaching ability effectively in B.S. service, and in leadership in Christian Endeavour activities. Her talents in music and singing were outstanding, and were available whenever sought. She loved singing in the choir, and her ability as organist constantly lifted and deepened the spiritual worship of the congregation. Following a stroke some twenty years ago she was unable to serve actively, but passed those years with no murmur of complaint. Many of her Technical School scholars visited her during those years, testifying to her influence upon them. Those who knew her most intimately miss her deeply.—A. J. Ingham

TRICKEY, Mrs Edna Melina (Minnie)

The church at Kyneton mourns the loss of Mrs. Trickey, a faithful member who died on Jan. 24 at the age of 71. Her early years were spent at Drummond and she was baptised in 1915 at Taradale by H.M. Clipstone. She married Albert Trickey at Drummond in 1922. They lived at Powelltown and then moved to Finley, N.S.W. where Albert managed a station property. From there they went to Melbourne and afterwards retired to Kyneton. Mrs. Trickey was loved by all who knew her because of her gentle kindly nature. We commend her husband, her family and relatives to our heavenly father in their time of sorrow. The services at the Kyneton church and Malmesbury Cemetery were conducted by the writer.—A.C. Mudford.



NEW SOUTH WALES

DEGREE TO MINISTER

(N.S.W.) Russell A. Craig, minister at Inverell, northern N.S.W., has received the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New England, Armidale. Mr Craig graduated from Woolwich College in 1965.

CAR ACCIDENT (Georgetown) There were seats in the aisle at a thanksgiving service for the preservation of two of our girls, Edna Craig and Helen Solman, who were in a car accident on Boxing Day on their way to a missionary camp. The driver, Don McDermott, was killed. Kel. Willis, W.E.C., was the speaker. . . Young people helped at Beach Missions at Tea Gardens and Halifax Park and a Motor Camp during holidays. . . Chris and Delys Good from Fitzroy Crossing; Steve and Fay Rogers, Boonah; Kaye and Beth Porter; Orange; and Joyce Long, Grote St.; were all "home" for Christmas. . . Neill Proellocks, second year Woolwich student, commences March 4.

MISSION FOR LIDCOMBE (Peter A. Pitts) Visitation and prayer meetings are in preparation for "Operation Outreach", March 25-31, in co-operation with Auburn church. Evangelist Eddie Gabbert spoke at combined churches' tea on February 3. . . Mr. Pitts continued in ministry during College vacation. . . 6 p.m. service resulted in increased attendances. During the service at the new time in second week, a car crashed into the side of the church. No one was hurt, but there was quite an outside congregation for a while! . . . Auburn provides a Monthly morning president. . . B.S. and church forwarded \$105 for Famine Relief in New Guinea.



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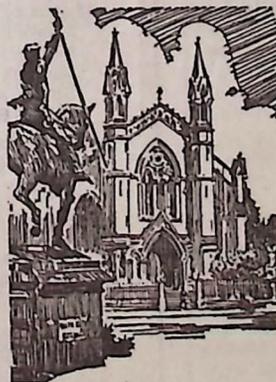
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CHRISTMAS — NEW YEAR CAMPS

MINISTERIAL MOVEMENTS

R. V. HOLT to Crown Street, Toowoomba, formerly Chaplain, Bairnsdale Vict. High School. COL. McCOSKER to Warwick, formerly of the New Hebrides Mission field. ROD FELDHAM of Mt. Walker, to Bunam, New Guinea to work with Language School. ROGER RISSON, to Gympie, formerly at Mackay. TED WATSON from Southport to "Welcome Home" Centre. NOEL NEWTON of Acacia Ridge is to go to Southport. BARRY RICE, formerly of Muggon has commenced at East Ipswich. ERN. STEVENS has moved from East Ipswich to Wattle Park, Vic. GLEN STIBBE, Kenmore exit student, to Arana Hills. GARRY STADDAN from Arana Hills to full-time University studies.

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CONFERENCE 1973—April 12-15.

K. D. Horne (Doncaster, Vic.) will be guest speaker at this year's conference, under the Presidency of L. G. Armstrong.

The Ministers will share in a Seminar at "Camp Cal" prior to the Conference, April 9-11.

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A.C.'S A.C. GAINS B.A.

A.C. Male, Queensland's editor to the "Australian Christian" completed four units at the University last year and gained his Bachelor of Arts Degree.

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CONFERENCE TREASURER CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

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DROUGHT WORSENS

NEW DELHI — The failure of the monsoon in 1972 has brought about a severe famine situation by which two-thirds of the country has been affected. In the words of the Indian Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, "It is a national calamity". The Indian Government has announced that the severe drought had produced food shortages in 14 of the 21 states, affecting some 200 million people. Many families have left the land and crowded into the towns and cities. Indian sources claim that the drought is the worst for 100 years in some areas. Present food stocks are not sufficient to meet the needs.

—E.A.C.C. News

MIDGETS (7-9 Years) saw 208 in residence at Camp Cal. 143 Midgets with at least 50 from non-church families had five fun packed days on the theme "Christmas Is" . . . Two marquees, a caravan and a house nearby were used for the overflow crowd.

JUNIORS (10-12 years) was a full camp of 150 on the theme "Disneyland." Studies on "Boy, it's great" and numerous activities made this an action filled experience. Seven decisions were recorded.

TWEENAGERS (13-15 years) with 130 made the sophisticated scene with studies on "Discipleship." Miss and Master Tweenager were chosen. Leonie Bartrim of Murwillumbah, N.S.W., and Kyle Capell from Zillmere received this year's awards.

SENIORS (15 + years) with 55 full-time and a further 35 over the New Year weekend studied "Great words of the Faith."

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IN - SERVICE TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP '73.

Claire Cobine (Sunnybank) affectionately known a "C.C." was awarded this year's scholarship. Her programme included a return air trip to Melbourne to attend a Teenage Camp at Halls Gap, National Youth Convention in Canberra and the Fifth Summer School of Leadership at "Vision Valley" at Arcadia, Sydney.

TOOWOOMBA'S 22ND CAMP

The 22nd Annual Family Camp of the Toowoomba Churches was held on Australia Day week-end. Seventy shared in study and recreation under the leadership of Horace Christensen with Roger Foletta preparing the studies. The theme was "A Church with a purpose" and groups were led by Merve Muller, David Lowe and Ted Grenfell.

Also helping in a Toowoomba Camp for the first time was Ron Holt, the new preacher at Crown Street.

Camp Staff consisted of Camp Father, Hec. Large; Mother, Eileen Grenfell; Hostesses; Mrs Lowe and Mrs. Winter; Treasurer; Margaret Grenfell; Musicians, Shirley Christensen and David Lowe.

The first unfortunate accident of our 22 years happened when our Mrs. Bartkowski, 74, fell while paddling in the water and suffered a broken hip. Because of a lack of facilities at Caloundra and Nambour hospitals she was transported to Toowoomba Hospital.

EXPO '73

At "Camp Cal" Caloundra, representatives from many Queensland churches gathered to share together in Departmental plans and activities for the year.

Richard Lawton, Director/Editor of the Federal Board of Christian Education attended from Melbourne and led in constructive sessions.

The minister of Townsville church, Mr. Allan Weedon, flew down and shared the need at that Centre following cyclone Althea's destruction of the Camp Site on Magnetic Island. Each youth group is asked to make the re-building of the camp site a special appeal this year.

Chaplain for the Training weekend was Ross McLean of Nambour.

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TEEN-WEEK '73.

Preparations are under way for Teen-Week at Annerley in May. Allan Weedon of Townsville will be guest speaker.

A spiritual stimulus, wholesome entertainment and challenging interviews are part of the programme. Mrs Averil Chapman of New Zealand's Christian Education Department will share in the activities.

This will be the 6th Annual Teen-Week conducted in co-operation with the Youth Department.

David and Gill Lowe set up their station sedan as an ambulance and Sister Bev. Grenfell cared for Mrs. Bartkowski on the 140 mile trip. She has since had her leg operated on and is doing well.

The Camp was greatly in prayer for Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rowbotham and Family in their anxious time of Russell's illness. They have been on the Indian fields for many years and have had to return for urgent medical attention.

Jehovah's Witnesses Threatened.

Widespread persecution of Jehovah's Witnesses in Malawi is reported by Reuters news service. It is alleged that members of the sect have been assaulted, raped, had their houses burned and some have been killed. An estimated 9,000 have fled into Zambia and Mozambique. The purge against the sect, which was banned in Malawi in 1967, follows its denunciation by Malawi's life president, Dr. Kamuzu Banda, at last month's meeting of the Congress Party.—E.P.S.

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NORLANE LOSES ASSOCIATE (W.J. Edwards) Malcolm and Beth Humphries have been appointed to Santo, New Hebrides, where Malcolm will be business manager for the Overseas Mission Board. He is an accountant and will assist the missionaries and the Santo indigenous church. He also gained the L.Th award in recent M.C.D. exams. Since graduating from the College of the Bible Malcolm has served two years as associate minister here. He and Beth have been greatly used in service to the young people. . . There were two decisions in January. . . Norlane will be host to S.W. District Conference on March 3.

FAMILY CAMP (Bendigo, M. D. Keatch) Family camp was held at Hall's Gap on Australia Day week-end. . . The C.Y.F. provided tea recently for the older church members. . . The Explorer Club has won for the fifth time the "Will Newham Memorial Cup." A number of pennants have also been won.

MINISTRY EXTENDED: (Maryborough, I Adams.) Mr. Adams has accepted the church's invitation to extend his ministry . . . Recent speakers were R. & A. Kennedy; R. Huggins; Social Worker Mr. Ritchie; and F. Drake . . . R. Matthews is recuperating after hospitalisation . . . Mrs. B. Johns is home after a long stay in hospital. Diplomas were presented to Young Worshipers' League. They have donated \$162 to worthy causes since its inception. Ladies Aid raised \$1,983 in the last four years through Jumble Sales to reduce the building debt.

MISSION (York St. Ballarat B. McMurtrie). Eddie Gabbett conducted a short mission. There were five decisions, including a family of four . . . R. Brooker was B.S. anniversary speaker . . . The Veal family were welcomed home for a short holiday from India. They have now returned to the Field . . . The Harrison family suffered the loss of some personal property on the return trip from New Guinea and the church assisted in replacements . . . \$180 was given to the Christmas Bowl at a Combined Christmas Service . . . Women's Auxiliaries and individuals have raised \$300 towards the Building Fund . . . Mrs. McMurtrie is in good health after hospital surgery . . . In January Mr. McMurtrie conducted a "College for Christians".

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SCHOOL RECORD (Avonsleigh) An attendance of 45 at S.S. on Feb. 4 was a record. There were two new scholars . . . Mrs. Legg has attended services after her recent illness . . . The church extends sympathy to Mrs. Irene Falcone in the recent death of her husband.

"HUNGRY?"

— FEED THEM

THERE ARE MILLIONS HUNGRY IN THE LAND OF INDIA TODAY, millions who have no guarantee when or where they will get their next meal. Thousands are thirsty as wells have dried up and they have to rely upon water being brought into the area by motor tanker trucks, and then they have to buy it. The summer has not yet descended but even so the temperature is already around the century fahrenheit each day. There are still four to six months before any relief from the searing heat and water shortage. Four months if the Monsoon breaks early and six months if it is average.

Besides the kitchens which are operating at the centres of our main work there is also the very extensive relief work being conducted in conjunction with the Government, and Christian Agency for Social Action (CASA). Miss Edna Vawser writes:

"There have been lots of consultations with Committees and others concerning the best way to help the famine stricken people. Drinking water wells, community wells, agricultural wells, wells under the Baramati Agricultural Trust and Percolation Dams. Our field of operations is to be increased.

"Out of 49 wells commenced under the Percolation tank (dam) zones 46 have struck good supplies of water.

"This is a tremendous success. The other three have only gone down a few feet so we await results from them. Lutheran World Relief people who have provided finance for the sinking of the wells were delighted, and CASA people were thrilled.

"Yesterday the Agricultural Trust asked me to go to Ahmednagar to try to secure a drilling rig from a supply coming from England. Last week we had one

given to us from Killick Nixon & Co., Bombay. We are to have the use of this one for three weeks out of every four. In the other week it will be used by the Malegaon Sugar factory. This arrangement is to last as long as the famine continues. Kirloskar Bros. (a very large engineering firm) gave us 60 oil engines and pumps at cost price for the Trust, and we had a big ceremony when these people were here. Earlier in the week the Lutheran World Relief Representative gave us 11 engine and pump sets, and we visited 11 wells while he was here. Water is in the minds of people everywhere, and we hope before the summer is over there will be lots done to deepen existing wells and provide many new ones ready for the day the Monsoon breaks. Thanks for all the co-operation and all the help that has been provided."

NOTE ON: RELIEF KITCHENS: (R. A. Powell)

For the most part the relief Kitchen operations at Indapur, Dhond, Shrigonda, and Dhorja/Bhangaon seem to be meeting a real need and to be being run wisely and effectively.

At Indapur, Mr. Dongre feeds nine widows with one meal a day. At Baramati 80 to 90 adults and children are fed, at Dhond 75 to 80 and at Dhorja 20 to 25 people are served meals. Cost for feeding the present number is between \$300-400 per month and this is but one aspect of our relief programme. Local relief committees have been set up by the Church and resident C.O.M. members. Proper accounts are being maintained, and each person must daily sign or give a thumb impression as evidence of his or her having been given a meal.

BANGLADESH

New projects and programmes totalling \$905,710 were approved by the Bangladesh Ecumenical Relief and Rehabilitation Service (BERRS) of the W.C.C.

This covers agricultural relief, tools and materials for craftsmen and fishermen, rehabilitation work at hospitals and community buildings. The BERRS committee had made field trips to see work carried out by BERRS as part of the \$13 million programme supported by churches all around the world.

BERRS responsibilities will be handed over to the newly established Development Commission of the Jatio Church Parishad (National Council of Churches) on Feb. 1, 1973. This means that control will pass from international church agencies to the churches of Bangladesh.

College of the Bible CORRECTION

There was an editorial error in the Feb. 10 issue of the "Christian" giving details of the Examination results for College of the Bible students.

The final section of the Melbourne College of Divinity Diploma of Divinity (L.Th.) should read: Christian Ethics: R. Haskell, D. Smith.

B. Ryall, G. Warren, and M. Humphries (a former exit) completed the L.Th.

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CHURCH SADDENED (Peel St. Ballarat, W. Miles) The church mourns the sudden death of Mrs. M. Groves . . . Bruce Harmer was a member of the C.S.S.M. team at Torquay . . . The Christmas Bowl offering was \$43 . . . Darryl McLeod commences training at Woolwich College in February.

MINISTRY CHANGE (Sunshine) A presentation was made to Mr & Mrs Bradley on their departure for Sydney. N. Carter commenced his ministry here in January. Mrs Carter will be Superintendent of the S.S. . . . The Temple Day offering was \$200 . . . Many toys were received at the church Christmas social and given to A.W.C. Candy, the Hospital Chaplain, for distribution.

INDUCTED BY VICE-PRINCIPAL (Ringwood) The new minister, D.F. Smith was inducted by G.R. Stirling, who gave the charge to Mr. Smith and the congregation. A smorgasbord fellowship luncheon followed. . . S.S. teachers' dedicatory service was held on February 11. . . Wednesday study and prayer group is growing.

BAYSWATER PULPIT Geo. Mathieson Jnr. led the induction service for Alan Fletcher on February 4. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher and family were officially welcomed by F. Handasyde, chairman of the Officers' Board. A luncheon followed to enable members to meet the Fletchers.

DOUBLE INDUCTION (Preston) The double induction service for Jack Manallack (Preston) and Geo. Warren (East Preston) was shared by 155 at Preston, F. T. Morgan presided and F.J. Combridge represented the brotherhood.

R.W. MARSHALL AT BENTLEIGH Stanton H. Wilson, Victorian-Tasmanian Conference Secretary, conducted the induction service for R.W. Marshall on February 4. On February 10 there was a welcome fellowship tea and social.

PRAHRAN BAPTISMS (I. Bunnett) A married couple and six young people were immersed recently. 36 young people later met at the manse for fellowship. On December 10, seven were received into the church. . . Mrs. Cruse and W. Webb are back after illness and surgery . . . C. Bennett and B. Miller have been recent speakers. Others who assisted were Mrs. Walpole of Oakleigh, at the organ, and Mr. and Mrs. S. Thomas of Cowandilla, S.A. who, respectively, led in singing and played the piano. . . H. Christensen is leading special studies on the Holy Spirit.

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Why do so many Christians oppose capital punishment? Life is precious and, surely, if a person deliberately takes the life of another, he should forfeit his own. See Genesis 9:6.

Genesis 9:6 does not convince me. It reads, "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for God made man in his own image."

Christians will give many different reasons for opposing capital punishment. Some of mine are: 1. Life is a precious gift from God and we devalue it if we usurp God's place to destroy it.

2. If but one executed person was subsequently found to be innocent (and the score is much higher!) then the whole justification for capital punishment is in jeopardy. Mistakes will be made even in courts but capital punishment makes it impossible to even attempt to correct them.

3. The death penalty is often society's revenge upon the wicked, but society's values are suspect. It is possible to earn a medal for burning men, women, and children with napalm in a war situation and to earn the death penalty for striking one blow in anger.

4. Today, a crime may merit the death penalty, not because of the nature of the offense but because of the political party in power.

5. There is no conclusive evidence that the death penalty for crime is a deterrent to crime.

Those who quote Genesis 9:6, or maybe Number 35: 16, ("The murderer shall be put to death.") are usually a bit selective about the passages of scripture they regard as binding. Nor the same authority is given to Exodus 35:2: "Whoever does any work on (the sabbath) will be put to death." Nor would they find in Deut. 21:21 sufficient justification for putting to death a stubborn and rebellious son.

When Cain murdered Abel, God certainly did not condone the crime. Cain was punished and Cain said that his punishment was greater than he could bear. But God expressly forbade anyone to kill Cain.

There was only one occasion when Jesus was challenged on the question of capital punishment, John 8:1-11. Jesus did not regard the Law of Moses as operative. He said to the woman caught in the act of adultery, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again."

He was not condoning the sin of adultery. He was saying that the death penalty was not the answer, and that there was forgiveness even for adultery.

This is the Christian view of the sin of murder. The crime is not condoned, and it should not go unpunished, but the death penalty is not the Christian's response. Life is not man's to take, and there is forgiveness to be gained—even for murder!

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Dressed in pink, a sweet rosebud.

Time to go, and she's found—mud!

—Beth M. Applegate.



Don't let your pride become inflated—you might have to swallow it someday.



A father explained why he put a 50-foot extension cord on the telephone: "Now that the weather's better I want my daughter to stay outdoors more."



The banker was exasperated. "Your finances are in terrible shape," he said. "Your account is overdrawn and your mortgage is overdue. Why do you let your wife spend more money than you make?"

"Frankly," replied the meek fellow, "Because I would rather argue with you than with her."

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