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## NOT "EITHER - OR" BUT "BOTH - AND"

By Walter D. Bingham

Perhaps the most crucial task facing the Church in the decade of the seventies is helping its members understand the world in which they must witness and serve.

Some key questions relevant to a global perspective on Christian Mission are: How do Christians respond to the call of the God who sends them forth to be his servants in a pluralistic social order beset with massive human need? What is the proper Christian response to a world in ferment and revolution? What is the proper role of the Church in the face of rising frustration and expectation on the part of the oppressed people of the world? What, indeed, are the demands of the gospel in a world in conflict?

People of the world live either in what are known as developed nations or in what are known as developing or under-developed nations. The divisions and conflicts are between those who enjoy a monopoly of the wealth and the technology and those who may be described as the "have-nots".

While many "haves" believe that their more favored status results from their own initiative, ingenuity and productivity, the "have-nots" are convinced that their less favored position came about as a result of a history of exploitation on the part of the "haves".

Since the goal of the "haves" is to maintain the status quo, they fear radical change as a threat to their security. The "have-nots" on the other hand, consider revolution as the only viable option left for them to effect long needed changes in their situation.

How can such divergent interests and concerns be resolved to the benefit of all mankind? How can the Church be a servant and reconciler in this situation when so many of its members are either unaware of or are largely unconcerned about this global dilemma?

The answer to these questions is made even more difficult when you consider that many church members live in a "never-never" land, in a religious community that defines itself by its isolation from the world. Such isolation is not unlike the isolation of a feudal lord who lived in a castle surrounded by a moat and the drawbridge up.

Why must we regard the Church's task in evangelism and its work in social concerns as an either-or proposition? Why can't we see these mission tasks in the context of both-and?

Perhaps the most meaningful statement on a world view for Christians was said by Jesus Christ: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; AND your neighbor as yourself" (LUKE 10:27). — "THE CHRISTIAN"

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## INNER SPRINGS

# THE BELIEVING HEART



"Mary stood without at the sepulchre, weeping" — we can picture her there, confused by the events of the past two days, her heart filled with grief at the loss of One who had brought new meaning and purpose into her life. Her words echoed the loneliness she felt. "They have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have laid Him."

And then she becomes aware of another presence, "but she knew not that it was Jesus", until with exquisite tenderness He revealed Himself to her and radiant joy took the place of sorrow.

And this is so much like us. Engulfed in trouble and desolation of spirit, conscious of our need of Him but unable somehow to recognize and feel Him near.

"He is not far away.

Why do we sometimes seem to be alone.

And miss the hands outstretched to meet our own."

The Psalmist says "I had fainted unless I had believed to see." Belief is the door through which He enters in, and once there He will reveal Himself in the most delightful ways and sometime when your need is greatest and He knows that nothing less will do, He will give you one brief moment of illumination, when you will stand quite clearly in His very Presence and life will never be quite the same again.

How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is given  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven.

No ear may hear His coming  
But in this world of sin  
Where meek souls will receive Him still  
The dear Christ enters in.

Dear Lord, increase our consciousness of Thee through the written and spoken word, through the lovely and the commonplace, and through the ministry of family and friends.

John 20: 11-18.

Amen.  
FLORENCE ROSIER

# HOW TO GET WHERE YOU'RE GOING!

This article is submitted by World Vision International, a Christian service agency involved in a wide range of activities in support of the Church all over the world. These include leadership training, welfare, relief, medical aid, evangelism, childcare, and an information centre on the work of the Church.

Are you a leader in a Christian organisation that seems to be bogged down by its own weight? Are you frustrated by your inability to "get things moving"? Do you have a many-aimed organisation that seems to be getting all tangled up in itself? Well, you're not alone. There are pastors, denominational leaders and executives in Christian organisations all over Australia who are in the same plight. Some are getting nowhere. Quite a few are working their way out because of attention to a few basic management principles.

Let's look at the basic issue of "setting and working against clear objectives". But first, we must ask ourselves, why Christian organisations are prone to various forms of down-in-the-mud disease.

## CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS ARE DIFFERENT

Christian organisations are different — or at least they should be! They are different because they have a higher allegiance than the basic purpose of the organisation. They work on the assumption that they are doing something, are part of something, that has an eternal value. They are different because the individuals in the organisation share in this common allegiance to a "God who is there". And because they have this higher and common purpose, they assume a moral and ethical level which should always transcend their short-term goals.

This means that they must continually place a high value on the worth of the individual and his personal development and needs. That's an easy statement to make, but in practice it takes on tremendous implications. When do we put the good of the organisation above the immediate needs of the individual? How far can we go in letting the desperate plight of one member divert the group from its calling?

Most Christian organisations have a degree of voluntarism to them. At one end of the scale is the organisation that pays all its members a salary, but makes special demands on them because of this higher allegiance. At the other end is the local church, with very few, if any, paid workers. In this respect the local church is one of the most complicated and sophisticated kinds of organisation in the world. It's one thing to lead a group of people who are dependent on the organisation for their livelihood. It's quite another to motivate a group 99% of whom are volunteers!

Fortunately, we are slowly learning that the best management methods work in both extremes.

## THE BOGGED DOWN ORGANISATIONS?

Regardless of the many different kinds of symptoms, the basic problem is usually the absence of clearly defined, highly communicable objectives.

The organisation may have a grand purpose ("Witness to Christ", "Serve Mankind", "Care for the Needy"), but too often that purpose is not stated in terms of what we intend to do to accomplish that purpose. One of the major signs of this malady is a large number of committees, departments, or boards that are organised around what they do rather than what task they are trying to complete. In the local church this might show itself in a multiplying number of Boards of Christian Education, Visitation Committees, Ushering Committees, Building Committees, etc. When these groups are formed, they usually have a clear idea of why and what. But after ten years, their original goals become fuzzy, and institutional hardening of the arteries sets in. Each year new budgets are approved which are just an extension of "What we did last year, plus . . .".

Staff is added to carry out this function or that. People are asked to "serve on this committee for three years". People are recruited less and less on the value of what is to be accomplished and more and more on allegiance to the organisation ("afterall, this is our church . . ."). Sound familiar?

## HOW DO YOU GET MOVING AGAIN?

Start with yourself. Do you, as a Christian leader, have a clear picture of what you want to do and be in one year, five years, at the end of your lifetime? Write down in action-orientated, measurable terms your goals for you. You can't lead other people in defining their goals if you don't know your own.

State your idea of the basic purpose of your organisation and then write some five-year goals for it. Five years from now how is your world going to be different because of what you and your organisation have done? How will you (and the rest of the world) know this has happened?

Now, consider what kind of an organisation and what kinds of people are needed to accomplish these tasks. Wherever possible make all organisation groupings around tasks, not functions.

Set dates for when each task and sub-task is to be completed, and plan to disband the task force when it has reached its goals.

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## BUT WHAT ABOUT OTHERS?

This all sounds very good in theory. In practice it's not easy at all. In fact it's much "easier" to keep on fighting fires and have committee meetings that seem to get nowhere.

People are uneasy with the lack of results, but many people like change even less. It's not easy to switch from "this-is-how-we-do-it-here" thinking to "THIS-IS-WHAT-WE-WANT-TO-GET-DONE".

Here are a few basic steps to establishing organisation goals which will capture the allegiance of your group.

1. Bring together key people who can lead others. Ask them to start dreaming and thinking with you about what your organisation should have accomplished in five years.
2. Bring in other people early in the process. Perhaps an organisation planning retreat by departments or other

3. Remember the principle of goal ownership: "Good goals are my goals, and bad goals are your goals".
3. Prioritize the many good ideas you'll get and decide on a few over-arching purposes and some specific major goals for each year.
4. Analyze what steps would be needed to accomplish these goals.
5. Estimate the cost in people, dollars, and facilities.
6. Assign specific people to the task.
7. Communicate your goals in every way possible. Preach them, measure them, talk about them!
8. Remember you are in a process. Each year the situation will change. New goals will have to be set.

## MISSION WITH GEORGE WOOD

(South Perth, G. Nelson) A large gathering of South Perth people gave an enthusiastic welcome at Perth Airport to former minister George Wood accompanied by Betty his wife, and his parents, Mr and Mrs Albert Wood from West Preston. The well planned inspiration joyous fellowship embracing all brotherhood churches, teaching of high standard and most importantly, salvation.

To cope with the demand attendance emergency arrangements had to be put in from the first night. Average attendance was 360, the maximum being 475. Thirty four decisions for Christ were recorded but the impact has gone well beyond that which can be conveyed statistically. The ladies' meetings were addressed by Mrs Wood whose experiences in the American scene were most informative. The ladies' "At home" was attended by 300.

Des. Nelson was chairman and the song leader was David McNeilly. Organist Ron Raymond and pianiste Carolie Arnott combined magnificently. Soloist Reg Shelly was ably assisted by many fine supporting artists. Both Mr and Mrs Geo. Wood addressed meetings of ministers and their wives.

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Christians of all denominations will observe the week of prayer for Christian Unity from May 31 to June 10 at special services throughout Australia.

A pamphlet has been prepared which contains a suggested order of service, as well as daily Bible readings and themes for meditation. The order of service provides for printed responses by the congregation, and special prayers of intercession on the theme of the needs of the universal Church, the needs of the world, of the nation and of the whole community.

For the final hymn it is suggested that the congregation sing "They'll Know We are Christians," for which both words and music have been written by Peter Scholtes.

The pamphlet also carries the "Prayer for Christian Unity" written by Father Couturier, of Lyons, France, who initiated the observance of the Week of Prayer for this purpose.

Victorian Church Leaders will attend a city-wide Week of Prayer Service to be held at St. John's Anglican Church, Camberwell on Pentecost Sunday, June 10, at 7 p.m. Camberwell churches are co-operating in the arrangements.

-V.C.C.

## TASMANIA CONVENTION

The State Convention was held at the Collins St., Hobart Church. The Saturday business session of Convention was soon over. A Hobart man, Cec. Neville, assumed the position of Conference President. Cec., unable to be present because he is hospitalised, sent apologies and greetings. The next Convention is to be held at Ulverstone on a date to be decided.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to profitable discussion on the Convention theme—"You shall be my witnesses . . ."

The Saturday night programme was chaired by the outgoing Conference President, Carl Clayden, and most of the programme was led by young people. The Collins St., Youth presented a modern version of the Prodigal Son focussing on the issues that effect youth today.

Murray Savage, Vic-Tas Conference President, spoke to the youth and was also guest preacher at the Sunday morning Convention Service at which about 220 were present.

Women's Conference met during Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Robertson from Launceston remains the President.

In the Sunday evening service Mr. Stewart interviewed Rev. Bill Rae, the Director of Life Line Hobart.

Among the visitors was Mrs. Leslie Stirling, the Vic-Tas Women's Conference President elect.

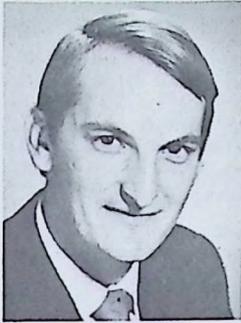
In all, Convention '73 was an inspiring occasion.

## WOMEN EXECUTIVES

The new United Methodist Commission on the Status and Role of Women, composed of 26 women and 17 men, has agreed that one-third of all executives of national agencies of their denomination should be women by 1976. It has also set the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution as one of its priorities. The amendment, requiring ratification by 38 states, would bar all discrimination based on sex. The Methodist group proposed to contact legislators, distribute material on the biblical/theological perspectives on women, and cooperate with other organizations urging ratification.

### MINISTER FOR AUSTIN HOSPITAL COURSE

John Paver has been selected for a 12 month full-time advanced internship in Clinical Pastoral Education at the Austin Hospital, Melbourne. This programme is designed to develop pastoral skills and ability to communicate the Gospel to persons in crisis and in need. He completed a 3 months basic course at the hospital in 1972. Mr. Paver commences his training in June, 1973. Currently, he ministers to the church at Hampton, Vic.



## CO-OPERATION AT DARETON

Peter S. Richter will commence a ministry with the joint Methodist and Churches of Christ congregations at Dareton early in 1974. Co-operative work began in 1972 and has been successfully led to date by Mr. J.W. Rankin, a Methodist Home Missionary. Mr. Rankin has served pending the appointment of an ordained minister of one of the churches. The co-operation was reviewed late in 1972 and the two congregations approved continuance.

Dareton follows Churchill as a second co-operative programme within the Victorian-Tasmanian Conference. Both projects receive oversight from the Home Missions Departments of the co-operating churches. Mr. Richter is completing his theological training at Glen Iris in 1973. He is currently the resident student minister at Red Hill. Prior to entering the ministry he was a boiler maker and welder.

## GRAHAM AND CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

American evangelist Billy Graham stated during a speaking tour of South Africa that he supported President Nixon's proposal to revive the death penalty in the USA. "I think that where capital punishment is administered equally—to white and black—it's been proved to be a deterrent", he said. (The Central Committee of the WCC in 1971 urged member churches to press for the abolition of capital punishment "as a significant expression of our belief in the sanctity of life".)

—E.P.S.

## PRIMATE ATTACKED

Archbishop Makarios, primate of the Church of Cyprus and president of the republic, has been attacked by three bishops of his church who say the canon forbids the simultaneous exercise of temporal and priestly powers. He declared their charge "null and void" and the matter now will be put to a vote of the members of the Church of Cyprus. The bishops have the support of General Grivas while various Orthodox leaders have supported the archbishop.

—E.P.S.

## GENOCIDE CONVENTION PRESSED

The Lutheran Council in the USA has urged the United States Senate to ratify the long-debated "Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide". At its seventh meeting in New York recently the Council said attempts to destroy national, ethnic, racial or religious groups is "barbaric and rightfully abhorrent to all people of justice and good will".

The Genocide Convention was passed by the UN General Assembly in 1948 with U.S. support; 75 countries have ratified it but the U.S. is not among them.

—E.P.S.

WORD TALK NO. 71.

## A.B.C. OF THE BIBLE

"God-Spell" is playing on the Australian theatre circuit and is the account of Matthew's Gospel. Its title is the Anglo-Saxon form of the word "gospel." This literally means "good tidings" (Isa. 40: 9; 52: 7, Luke 2: 10, Rom. 10: 15). Jesus came to proclaim the gospel (Mark 1: 14-15), but he himself was the gospel.

In Greek usage gospel had no religious connotation until the rise of Caesar worship. In the Hebrew it meant the proclamation of great achievement by God for His people. The gospel required one to proclaim the good news. In this sense it is found in Luke (25 times), Matt. (1), Paul (21) and is not found in Mark, James or John. However, the noun is used by Mark (8), Matt. (4) and Paul (60), but is absent in John, Hebrews, James and Luke. In the N.T. the gospel is spoken of as the word of God 88 times.

The person who brings the gospel does not do so in his own right but is under authority from God as a herald. The content of the gospel includes the announcement of what God has done in Christ for the salvation of mankind. It centres on the life and events concerning Jesus e.g. 1 Cor. 15: 1-7. By 2C. the records of events of the life of Jesus were called the Gospels.

### DICTIONARY.

The gospel is the summary of the whole Christian message of what God has done for man through Christ.

### FOR TODAY.

"In Great Britain everyone loves the gospel: The English talk about it, the Welsh sing about it, the Irish fight about it

## GOSPEL

and the Scots love it because the gospel is free."

—Dr. John Wesley White.

The gospel is not a wordy statement proclaimed at special meetings. It is an event that shows forth its own purpose. Our words must proclaim it but not cloud it. Clarity is essential in proclamation. We are to proclaim it not fumble over it or apologise for it. We can hinder it (1 Cor. 9: 12), twist and distort it (2 Cor. 11: 4; Gal. 1: 6-7). The gospel has a cutting edge demanding response. We should let it cut.

Our churches have a tradition of a Gospel Service. We should use it but not confine the gospel to it. Preachers as diverse as Martyn Lloyd-Jones, Alan Walker and Norman Vincent Peale urge churches in their denominations to institute a gospel service. The gospel in preaching means man's need for truth, hope, peace, salvation, immortality and victory over sin and death, and of how Christ has met this need.

Paul speaks of "My gospel" (Rom. 2: 16, 16: 25 etc.). The gospel is always God's for he is sole Author. But we must make it ours before we proclaim it. Personal response to the gospel is a pre-requisite to proclaiming it.

The re-discovery of the gospel has always brought fresh vitality to the Church: Paul (Romans 1:17), Luther, Wesley, Barth, the Revivals in Wales and Scotland and currently in Indonesia and Korea all have the same source — the gospel.

The Gospel must be proclaimed, not just talked about, sung about or fought about!

GORDON MOYES.

# OPEN FORUM

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

## FINANCIAL APPEAL

To the Editor,

Churches in South Australia are asking me as Conference Secretary if the letters from Doug Willis, or the Queensland Conference Executive, which they have received have the support of our Conference Executive. These letters are asking for financial support for the churches in Mt. Isa and Cairns, and to send five teams of evangelists to Britain.

Our Executive was not approached by Doug Willis, or the Queensland Conference Executive, or anyone else, relative to this matter. I would like answers to some questions:

1. Has the Federal Executive endorsed these appeals?
2. Has the Queensland Executive or Home Mission Committee initiated or endorsed them?
3. Are there affiliated churches in Mt. Isa and Cairns? (They are not listed in the Queensland Conference Report Book).
4. Who will choose the five teams of evangelists to go to Britain in the name of the Australian Brotherhood?
5. Will the three funds named, "Aerosphere Crusade, Cairns Fund", "Aerosphere

Crusades, Mt. Isa Fund", "Aerosphere Crusades, British Fund", be subject to audit as are all other Brotherhood Funds?

Comment by the Secretary of I. J. Chivell S.A. Conf. Secretary Federal Conference Executive: The Federal Executive has not, endorsed the appeals in question. Neither the Queensland Executive nor the Queensland Home Missions Committee have approved the appeals or knew of them until they were sent out. The church groups at Cairns and Mt. Isa are not presently affiliated with the Queensland Conference, although both causes have the sympathy of the Home Missions Committee. Mr. Willis is a part-time field worker for the HOME Missions Committee, but it is evident that the appeal is a personal venture by Mr. Willis. — A.E.W.

## ARMIDALE, NSW.

To the Editor,

The Churches at Tamworth and Inverell, northern N.S.W., are sponsoring an outreach in the city of Armidale. Sunday Services are held in the C.W.A. Hall, Rusden Street, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. with a Young People's tea at 5.30

p.m. Pastoral assistance is available through Woolwich College student R. W. Ferguson and the ministers of Tamworth and Inverell Churches.

Anyone knowing the location of Churches of Christ members in the Uralla, Armidale or Guyra area, University of New England or Armidale Teachers' College, would you please write giving details of name and address to P.O. Box 492, Armidale, N.S.W. 2350.

C. D. Crago, NSW.

## ECUMENICAL SERVICE

To the Editor,

How proud I was to see a minister from our brotherhood on the dais with other Protestant ministers and Roman Catholic prelates at the recent Ecumenical Service at the Melbourne Cricket ground.

What a grand success that service was too. I believe the Catholic folk combined with the Victorian Council of Churches to produce the order of the service.

Neil Gilmore, the minister in question, is chairman of the Victorian Council of Churches and a member of the central committee of the World Council of Churches.

Thank goodness that old fashioned bigotry is disappearing and paving the way for Christian Church Unity; a platform of the early Churches of Christ and surely our platform for today. We must be all one in Christ.

Frank Robinson. Vic.

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### KEEPING GOD AT BAY (3)

To the Editor,

Here I am again with more tips about keeping God at bay. No one minds believing in God with the head. That keeps you in control of the situation. You don't do anything rash like committing yourself. The danger is when you believe in God with your emotions as well. Emotions are such unreliable things!

So to keep God at bay, the main thing is to keep your inhibitions well in place. You don't like emotionalism? Well stick to that and you'll keep God at a safe distance. You're not the emotional type? That means that you have a "thing" about showing your emotions. Hang on to that "thing", and God won't trouble you. You like dignity and order? Keep your neck stiff and you'll be right. But once you let go of your inhibitions, you've had it! God may very well get to the heart of you while you're off your guard. You might feel a delirious sense of joy. You might feel the agony and pain of God for his world. You might laugh or cry because the experience of God might get you that way. You might commit yourself to some wild scheme and give up your job and go away with A.V.A. or to college or something. You see, if you get too enthusiastic and sincere about God you've had it!

So to keep God at bay avoid all emotion in religion. (You wouldn't want to get religious mania would you!) Remind yourself that ours is a reasonable faith. Tell yourself that people who claim an experience of God are possibly having psychological re-action. Quote to yourself texts like "a reason for the faith that is in you" and "let everything be done decently and in order." Don't look up their contexts: that would mess things up.

Above all oppose like mad these new fangled ideas about getting some joy and celebration into worship. Get mixed up in that sort of thing and the next thing God will get under your emotional belt and you'll be having a real experience of him. Nothing could be more dangerous.

In religion as in business, don't let your heart rule your head.

Hoping you are the same,  
TERTIUS.

## ABC RADIO

Alan Matheson of the Victorian Council of Churches Ecumenical Migration Centre will speak on the ABC Radio 2 programme "By The Way" on April 30, May 1, 3, & 4. His subject is "The Church in Migration."

## Canadians challenged

Leaders of the Roman Catholic, Anglican and Protestant churches have told the Canadian Government that Canadians must help close the gap between rich and poor at home and abroad, even if it means lowering their own standard of living. A brief sent to the federal cabinet said this was "a practical necessity for the survival of our common humanity on this planet".

Presentation of the brief marked the beginning of a national campaign, "10 Days for World Development". The churchmen urged Canada to "start paying fair prices" for commodities such as rice, coffee, cocoa and sugar and give trade preference to poorer countries' goods. "In Canada", said the brief, "the top one-fifth of our population still take home twice their share of the national income, while the bottom one-fifth continue to receive only one-third of their share. In the world it's the same story".

E.P.S.

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## REVIEWS

### MIRACLES IN INDONESIA

by Don Crawford (Tyndale House) \$1.40

The growth in the church in Indonesia during the last five years is a remarkable story. Journalist Don Crawford was sent by his publisher to discover what had been happening. The book is in the form of a travelogue, but it is full of valuable information and insights. His comments on the general Indonesian scene show that he has "done his homework" well, and this gives confidence on his ability within nine weeks to assess the situation accurately.

He begins with "the strange stories of miracles, visions, healings, even resurrection from the dead" in one district in Timor. His reporting is careful and balanced. As the story unfolds he makes the point strongly that the ways in which God works is varied indeed. Years of careful teaching, patient pastoral work, the constant ministry of prayer and loving concern all have led people to faith in Christ, often with little display of the "miraculous" except the miracle of changed lives.

While many of his contacts were with "faith missions" Don Crawford also gives a fair picture of the major "denominational" churches who co-operate in the Indonesian Council of Churches. They too are deeply involved in evangelism. He also acknowledges the superficiality of some of the mass "conversions" but rightly sees these still as opportunities.

It is a stirring book which will greatly increase knowledge of the important land to the north where more Christians go to church on Sunday than do Christians in Australia. It is a story of God very much at work through committed people.

—K.R.B.

### PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF PASTORAL CARE

by Russell L. Dicks. (Fortress Press)

This book is the introductory volume of the Successful Pastoral Counselling Series and the author is the General Editor of the series. Dr. Dicks is directing his work to the parish minister of whom he says "he is the most accessible professional person in the community." He writes with understanding of the problems that face the non-specialised minister serving the local church.

He divides his book into two parts. Part 1 deals with principles and he looks at what he regards as some very important aspects of Pastoral Calling and Pastoral Counselling. He goes on to deal with some theological aspects of Pastoral care. Part 2 is devoted to practices of pastoral care and he speaks of the way that we help people by means of pastoral counselling and goes on to point to the importance of building relationships between the pastor and the parishoner. He spends a chapter on the importance of prayer in the pastoral encounter and includes a selection of his prayers. He concludes with a chapter on the pastoral care of the person undergoing psychiatric treatment.

This is a most useful introduction to the concepts of modern pastoral care into which today's minister is being thrust. While it is an introductory volume it still brings some very valuable insights for those who have been involved in pastoral care for some time. Throughout the book he points to other more specialised volumes in the Counselling series, of which there are 23 more volumes. It is a book that ministers should find a valuable help.

—Don E. Stewart.

### WHITE SECTS AND BLACK MEN

by David Edwin Harrell Jr. (Vanderbilt Univ. Press)

This is a most interesting study of the sectarian attitudes of Southern U.S. conservative churches, such as Churches of

Christ, Assembly of God, Free will Baptist, etc. These are generally considered the churches of the lower classes and have often been charged with being theologically conservative, socially reactionary, and racially bigotted.

As churches become more affluent, groups tend to change from a sect to a denomination. Liston Pope is quoted as noting these changes: "From economic poverty to economic wealth, as disclosed especially in the value of church property and the salary paid to ministers;" "From non-cooperation . . . towards established religious institutions to cooperation with the established churches in the community;" "From adherence to strict Biblical standards . . . to acceptance of general cultural standards as a practical definition of religious obligation."

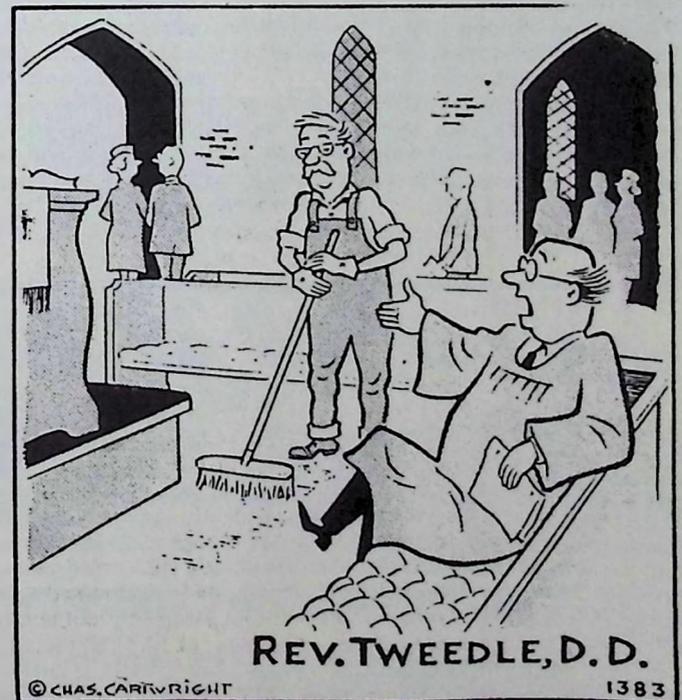
This study concentrates upon racial attitudes and where they are changing. We would have a special interest in the Churches of Christ (although the group examined in this book is the non-instrumental churches) and Harrell says that they are perhaps the most impressive in the number of leaders who have come to the fore recently with moderate racial views. In 1968 an interracial "Conference on Race Relations" in Atlanta had 50 ministers discussing ways of improving race relations in Churches of Christ. One Texas conservative's reaction was one of stunned disbelief, "Are you sure they were of the church of Christ? . . . I pray these were not of the Lord's church." But the message was coming through clearly from a growing number, "The Churches of Christ must end the image they have as a racially segregated group."

Although concentrating on racial problems the book throws a lot of light on the way churches change socially and culturally.

The concluding "Bibliographical Essay" refers to a variety of journals and books, and is most helpful.

Another of Dr Harrell's books is "Quest for a Christian America" published by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society.

### Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"If I don't mention money, they think the church is flush — if I do mention it, they say I'm too worldly! Would you consider trading jobs?"

# YOUTH HAPPENING '73....



## .... COCIAC WAS THERE!

The newly formed Churches of Christ Inner Areas Conference sponsored a camp at the recent Youth Happening at Belgrave Heights. 30 young people representing eight of the COCIAC churches attended. After sharing in the programme with 900 other campers and a total of over 2000 for the meetings each day, several campers told us how amazed they were that there were so many other Christians in Melbourne.

The meetings were challenging. Many young Christians were challenged to get their hands dirty by going to places where kids hang out who do not know anything about the love of Christ.

John Smith, of the God's Squad of

Christian Bikies, in a 75 minute message on Saturday night urged us to love those who reject the gospel. We should love them and shed tears for them as Jeremiah pleaded with the obstinate people of Jerusalem to turn back to God.

Why would 2000 teenagers sit through a total of five messages in a day, with each meeting running into the next one?

The answer is they are hungry for the gospel in their own language, in their own cultural scene, and they are wanting to hear that the gospel means involvement, commitment, and "revolution for Jesus." The Jesus Revolution has a lot to say to our churches.

—Barry Jenkins

## NOT FOR USE BEYOND 1975!

A New Zealand Christian Educator, Rev Ross McCrostie, has devised a "fun" discussion starter to help people come to grips with the serious issues raised by Alvin Toffler's book "Future Shock." Ross says, "My experience of using the test is that it has proved rather more accurate than my original intention of producing a "fun" kind of discussion starter."

Titled "Test Your Survival Quotient," it was originally prepared for use with adults, but a youth version is printed in the April 1973 issue of "Immediate" magazine. The test is marked "Not for Use Beyond 1975" as a reminder of how rapidly our world is changing.

Other material in the same issue of "Immediate" is a film review of "A Day in the Death of Joe Egg" and a pop music section features "Everybody," describing an encounter with a tired, troubled Jesus who talks about morality, starvation and sin. The rock opera Tommy is reviewed and suggested as useful material for a youth camp study.

Opportunities for talking about the meaning of the Lord's Supper arise from a new set of posters which are reviewed.

"Immediate" magazine is available on direct subscription from the Joint Board of Christian Education, 147 Collins Street, Melbourne, 3000. \$2 p.a. (six issues) cash accompanying order.

# JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

WHO AM I?

1. I was a slave but ran away.
2. Paul met me and persuaded me to go back to my master.
3. He sent a letter with me which asked my master to receive me back as a "brother".
4. The letter is in the New Testament and is known by my master's name.

(See page 18 for answer).

Ron: "You sure look worried!"

Don: "Man, I've got so many troubles that if anything happens today it will be at least two weeks before I can start worrying about it."

An unsuccessful attempt at sculptoring is a chisel fizzle.

The surest way for you to tell  
If Johnny's finished growing;  
He stops asking where he came from,  
And starts telling where he's going!

—Agnes Thomas

Patting yourself on the back  
doesn't push you ahead.

"Why is a watch which is stopped  
more accurate than one which is a  
minute slow?"

"Because it is correct twice a day  
and one which is a minute slow is  
never right."



"The interesting program we had planned for today fell through. Instead, our pastor is going to speak to us."

# BILL BULI IN AUSTRALIA

Bill, his wife Janet, and their children Ron (2½ yrs) and Ann (7mnths) arrived in Sydney last month. They spent 11 days as guests of the N.S.W. Committee, before Janet and the children went to Qland while Bill visits S.A. (till April 18) and then Victoria for 10 days. We encourage as many as possible to meet Bill while he is here to learn firsthand of the work he is doing as a pastor in New Guinea.

Some say that having lived his early life in a very rugged area of the Island of North Pentecost he has been prepared for the Schrader Ranges area of New Guinea. Bill studied at our Mission schools at Ranwadi and Londua and graduated from the Banmatmat Bible College in 1968. Janet trained as a nurse at the Duindui Hospital. Early 1970 these two went to Gokto, N.G., Bill to live and proclaim the gospel as pastor, and Janet through medicine at the clinic she established. Bill has not only visited 15 villages in the foothills, but also made contact with the 'mountain people' who live further inland.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** (K. R. Bond)  
A youth has made his decision for faith in Christ . . . After fellowship luncheon, 16 C.W.F. ladies heard Win Beale at Hartwell speak of her missionary experiences . . . Illustrated travel talk given by Mr Arnold at C.W.F. and C.W.E.F. . . Senior Explorers attended Inter-Club Adventure Camp in Cathedral Ranges . . . Many young people attended youth meeting at Belgrave Heights auditorium . . . 11 Midget Explorers camped at Balnarring . . . Harvest Thanksgiving gifts were donated to C.O.B. . . . Mrs Street is in hospital.

## 53rd CHURCH ANNIVERSARY COBURG (Vic.)

**MAY 6th, 1973**

11 a.m. Worship & Communion.  
Speaker: MR. B. J. W. JENKINS.  
3 p.m. Fellowship Afternoon Tea.  
5 p.m. Evening Worship.  
Speaker: MR. E. K. MORRISON.

ENQUIRIES: Mrs. A. E. Chambers  
63 Glenora Ave., Coburg 3058.  
Phone: 36 3948

Former members and friends of Coburg and Moreland churches invited.

Vic-Tas. Ministers' Wives Victorian Ministers' Wives will meet together for tea at the C.W.F. Conference, Kew Town Hall May 2, and afterwards between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. will hold their Annual Meeting. Ladies would you please buy your own Tea Ticket.

**LOSS OF MEMBER** (Sth. Melb—Middle Park, D. Stevens—I. Cartnol) Our church was saddened by the death of James Livingston, our oldest member with 55 years of service, after two years of ill health . . . Mr. and Mrs. Pulzie and their two children from England were welcomed at a social evening. They are visiting Bev's parents and relations . . . A church picnic was held at Wattle Park . . . On April 1, Don Smith, H. M. & Evang. Director, was speaker . . . House meetings are being held once a month.

**College of the Bible Club**  
(All former students of the College — both men and women)

### The Annual Dinner and Reunion

at the Brotherhood Centre  
**on Tuesday, May 1 at 5.30 p.m.**

Speaker: Principal E. L. Williams —  
"A Review of My College Years"

We invite all members to join in in this time of fellowship.

### WORK AND WORSHIP IN MELBOURNE'S INNER AREAS

Families and young people are needed to help small churches in their outreach.

Contact: Barry Jenkins, 35 6272

Vic. O/s M. Committee says:  
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New Hebridean Missionary  
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**Brotherhood Centre,  
Melbourne**

**Tuesday, 24th April, 7.45 p.m.**

Show support to  
**MALCOLM & BETH HUMPHRIES**

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Fellowship 8.15 p.m.

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## ADULTS

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| <b>HELP! I'M A LAYMAN</b> —Kenneth Chafin    | 1.00 |
| <b>INTRODUCING THE BIBLE</b> William Barclay | 1.75 |
| <b>WHERE THE ACTION IS</b> Rita Snowden      | 1.00 |
| <b>WHO AM I GOD</b> Marjorie Holmes          | 1.30 |

## YOUTH

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| <b>GOD THOUGHTS</b> Dick Williams | 1.05 |
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## CHILDREN

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## WINTER SCHOOL "THE CHURCH MEETING NEED"

The Winter School at the College of the Bible on the four Wednesdays of July will be devoted to the study of the Church in the areas of need. Some shapes of human need are loneliness, boredom, emotional problems, material worries, family problems, ageing, insecurity, lack of meaning, the problems of the newcomer, housing, alcohol, drugs, sex problems, sickness, poverty. The aim of the School will be to help our people to discover need, to discover what is meant by the Church meeting need, to discover what is meant by the Church meeting need, and to plan and programme for Christian action where need is. The four nights will be four programmes of discussion, workshop and information. Any church group of interested and committed people could put on the four programmes with the Kit that will be provided. The Kit will be produced in co-operation with the "Strategy for the Seventies Committee" of the Victorian-Tasmanian Conference. (See advertisement elsewhere in this issue.)

### DIPLOMA OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Ian Tippett was granted a supplementary examination for the Diploma of Christian Educ. examination of the Melb. College of Divinity. This was because sickness prevented his sitting in November 1972. He has been notified that he has passed in the required subjects for the Diploma.

### STUDENTS ENTERTAINED BY FRANKSTON CHURCH

Almost the entire class of seventeen new students together with wives of those married were entertained by the Frankston Church on March 4. The students were responsible for both morning services and the evening service. The party was entertained in the homes of Frankston members for lunch. The evening service was conducted round the pool in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Williams, and included a talk on her pilgrimage from Buddhism to Christianity by Samai Tepinta of Thailand, who is doing a brief course in Christian Education at the College. The names of new students were included in the previous report to the "Australian Christian". Inadvertently the names of two prominent "freshers" were omitted. Here they are: NEVILLE MADDOX (Kilburn, S.A.) and NOEL MITAXA (York St., Ballarat, Vic.)

—G.R.S.

## WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

**MINISTERS FOR MIGRANTS** The Minister for Immigration, Mr Grassby, has not only shown enthusiasm and energy in his new post, he has been quick to experiment with new ideas, particularly in the field of human relationships. One of the big difficulties met by migrants has been the language barrier. To overcome this, Mr Grassby has set up an emergency telephone interpreter service in Sydney and Melbourne, and is appointing multi-lingual welfare officers to work in immigrant communities throughout Australia.

Dr. C. I. Untaru, writing in the "National Times", raises another need. He says that one of the greatest problems confronting new arrivals is not material but spiritual. Many migrants suffer from acute spiritual poverty. He does not know of any migrant who has left Australia through lack of food or clothing, but many have left for psychological reasons.

Migrants coming from less-developed areas of Europe are often more religious than the urban population of their new homeland, and they need the church on arrival here. Ministers in their old land have considerable status and act as advisers on civil and family as well as on religious matters. Quite often, migrants look in vain for the kind of assistance that was previously given by their native church, but their need is even greater.

Dr. Untaru believes that ministers of religion should be preferred as counsellors wherever possible, with the aims of assisting the new immigrants, solving their psychological problems, helping them to learn English, and visiting them in hospital.

Native ministers who can communicate directly in the migrant's own language would be greatly useful. Dr. Untaru urges that funds be allocated for this purpose, and it may not cost much—especially as he thinks that big expenses now being incurred in mental hospitals can be reduced and there could be a lessening of the equally costly departure of otherwise physically fit and professionally skilled immigrants.

**THE EDITOR COMES HOME** When it was necessary for the "Australian Christian" to sever its connection with the Austral Printing Company, the "Christian" not only lost its printer, the Editor lost his office.

He decided to talk to the officers of his one-time church, North Essendon, Vic., to see if accommodation could be made available there. The officers were most ready to provide office space as a service to the brotherhood, and the "Christian" has a new but very familiar home.

The church members at North Essendon have always been interested in the church beyond its own local witness and service and this new gesture of co-operation with the Churches of Christ in Australia is deeply appreciated.

The office houses the "Australian Christian" and the records of the Federal Conference of Churches of Christ. The Editor of the journal is also the Secretary of the Conference.

The Church at Essendon North is in Berry Street, but the postal address is P.O. Box 101, Essendon North, Vic. 3041. The phone number is 379-1219 (Melbourne STD 03).

**GOOD GRIEF!!** This advertisement was placed in resort and travel sections of newspapers by the Mexican National Tourist Council: "Pray for peace in a foreign church next Sunday. Why not pack the family up and take them to church next Sunday? Even if prayer is not on your mind, you'll find churches that other countries would be hard-put to match . . . there's a church for every taste . . . That's what makes a Mexican vacation so exciting. The peace and quiet of a centuries-old church. Or, the never-ending throb of nightlife in Mexico City's Zona Rosa." Your travel agent is "praying that you'll make it soon."

**TEEN WEEK:** This annual youth mission in Queensland has three aims: (1) wholesome entertainment, (2) intellectual stimulation, and (3) inspiring messages.

Conducted at a suburban church, using the local CYF as a core, the programme consists of a "Launching Out" deeper-life teaching camp, a 24-hour prayer meeting involving the whole church fellowship, two training nights and five nights of services.

Agreement to conduct Teen-Week is obtained from the local church, which underwrites the cost, the local youth group which raises the money, and the State Department. Messages in song, interviews of people in the news and direct messages for today, achieve the stated objectives.

Annerley is the site for Teen-Week '73 (the sixth), from 28th May—3rd June.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY MAY 6th.

QUEENSLAND JUNE 3rd.

**CAR CAMPS TO HIT NEW SOUTH WALES:** In 1973 the N.S.W. Department of Christian Education has introduced a new form of camping — evangelistic car camps. The aim of these camps is to form small teams of interested young people to travel to one or more country churches and to assist in the regular programme of these churches as well as extend the usual scope of their work.

Activities include contact visitation for church and Sunday school, coffee shops, literature distribution, family night programmes, and personal evangelism.

For the team members themselves the daily programme also involves training and Bible study workshops.

Three objectives are in view: (1) for the country churches to receive assistance and encouragement through fellowship with enthusiastic Christian young people; (2) to give the members of the camping team practical and theoretical training in a variety of evangelistic activities, in fellowship with other young people of different church backgrounds; (3) to feed back better equipped and more enthusiastic young people into the ministry of their home churches.

The response from participating churches and from team members has been very encouraging.

**'To love is to approach each other CENTRE TO CENTRE':**

If you love as Christ loved then that is the way you approach anyone, centre to centre, particularly when you want to share the deepest things in your life.

This is the simple idea behind the special Commitment Programme for young people in S.A. in 1973.

**Stage One** — In each church young people will be encouraged to form a core group of concerned youth committed to open and honest sharing of themselves in genuine personal relationships and in depth Bible study. These groups will meet at least every two weeks and follow the recommended study. This is the Serendipity Series book "RAP", by Lyman Coleman, from one of the most exciting and promising series of studies to appear in the last decade.

**Stage Two** — The core group is essential to the task of youth evangelism in the local church. Where there is a group of really concerned young people who relate openly and acceptingly to their peer group young people will be won for Christ. The secret is not in the words they say but in what they are and do. Stage two of the programme provides a special occasion for these young people to witness to their peers. The S.A. Youth Choir will present special youth services in various districts to which the core groups will bring other young people. In preparation for this special commitment programmes will be conducted in church school grades and clubs.

**Stage Three** — A Youth Festival of Faith and Commitment will be held in Adelaide in October, when the Youth Choir will present something entirely new in Christian witness. This Festival will climax the Centre to Centre programme but, if the work has been done properly, not the ongoing mission of bringing young people to serious consideration of the significance of Jesus of Nazareth and the commitment to His way.

**THE DOOR:** coffee shop and pool parlour, was officially opened on February 10, 1972. "The Door" is a City of Perth Combined Churches Youth Project. It was established to provide a "drop-in" centre for the youth of the inner city, whose needs are not at present being met by the churches.

A Government grant of \$10,000 from the W.A. Youth Council enabled the present property to be rented and furnished, and paid part of the Director's salary. "The Door" is open every night from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., or later, and during the daytime. Lunches are available. The staff in the evening are young people from the churches who volunteer and are rostered for duty. There are also three trained counsellors, at least one of whom is present each night. They are Geoff Moor (full-time Director), Vin Dale (Holy Stir Inc.), and Ellis Griffith (Methodist Youth Director).

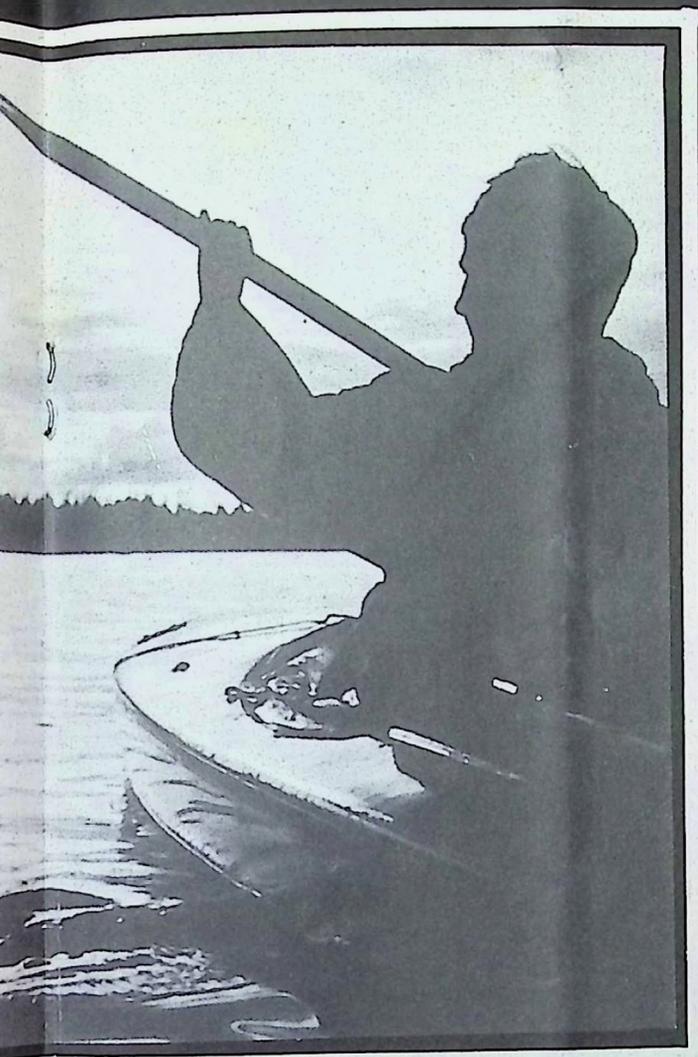
About 1500 attend each week. Some are regulars who attend several nights per week. Most have no church affiliation.

From time to time on Sunday evenings a programme known as "Holy Stir" is conducted. At these a guest speaker briefly introduces a subject, such as Law and Order, or Sex and Love. This is followed by comments and question. Those who have a particular interest in the subject form discussion groups which meet in homes or in the reading room at "The Door" on other nights.

Personal conversation with those who come to "The Door" is still the main method of making Christian contact with the young people. "The Door" has become a meeting place for a "Jumbana group", run by the Mental Health Education Council to help people.

Some young people from "The Door" helped with the recreation programme at "Nyandi", an aboriginal training centre. Now the group workers have been bringing some of the "Nyandi" girls to work in the kitchen at "The Door" to give them experience in a work situation.

..... answer



**VICTORIAN/TASMANIAN CANVAS CAMP AT LAKE MAGAMBLE 1972:** Two hundred and forty nine Explorer boys, leaders and friends sat down on the newly cut grass, under the gum trees by the lake for the Sunday morning communion service. Mr. R. Hillbrich, then minister of Shepparton Church of Christ, had travelled twenty miles to address the 9 a.m. meeting, before travelling back to conduct his normal 11 a.m. service. Seated in rows of about 30, the Explorers were quiet and attentive, as they listened to the simple gospel and witnessed the sharing of the emblems.

This was Sunday morning at the annual combined camp-out of Victorian Explorer Clubs. They had travelled from the metropolis miles away with their trailers, pack-trucks and boats. Friday night in the dusk they had put up their tents and, as Saturday sunshine warmed up, more tents sprang up in the narrow neck between the gentle lake and the grand Goulburn River.

The program consisted of alternating "stations", yachting, canoeing, archery or exploring. Those who brought yachts sailed groups of boys across the lake, teaching skills which many were experiencing for the first time in their lives. Kayaks and Canadians were in the River and, after lectures on craft skill and water safety, each group in turn pushed off into the lazy current and across to the swamp under the watchful eye of the instructors. Some smaller boys felt the challenge too much for them, and waited on the banks for their mates to return. It was good to know that the programme had contained enough challenge of danger — yet at the end the leaders were proud to know that their carefulness had yielded a nil result on the accident list.

The camp organisation system was simple. Clubs registered as they arrived and paid the fees charged by the local council. They brought their own food and equipment, and set up their tents wherever they chose. They found their programme set out on the time table at headquarters caravan, and joined in at the end of each day for talks and films on exploration expeditions. Each day closed with a devotional theme, and the example of leadership was evident witness of the common bond of recognition of the one eternal Lord and Master.

**A NEW APPROACH TO TEACHER TRAINING:**

**A PROBLEM!** Teachers in urgent need of training so that new methods and materials could be used effectively. Some way had to be found to retrain the whole staff of local schools and not just the 2 or 3 keen members who take the trouble to attend special courses. Unless all are involved training it is almost impossible to get new ideas off the ground, and enthusiasm soon wanes.

**THE ANSWER!** Most teachers spend a large portion of Sunday involved in church activities. Add a few more hours and arrange for someone else to look after their class, and you have a whole day for specialised intensive training.

**ONE DAY TRAINING SEMINARS** — are now conducted on seven Sundays in each year by the S.A. D.C.E. The entire staff of one or, at the most, two schools (carefully matched for similarity of situation and problem) spend an entire Sunday at Longwood Youth Camp for planned teaching skills training. The minister, elders and prospective teachers are also invited.

**THE EMPHASIS** is on the practical rather than the theoretical. The day begins at 8 a.m. when teachers meet at their local church and then journey to Longwood. The programme includes a shared experience of learning in which the new skills and resources are demonstrated. From this first hand experience, insights are gathered on the way people learn. Audio visuals and creative activities are used but the most important experience of the day is the preparation and presentation of a lesson by each grade.

**SKILLED TRAINERS** are provided by the D.C.E. for each grade. These assist the teachers to master the "know how" of lesson prep. and to solve the particular problems of the grade. The highlight of the day comes when the teachers are able to demonstrate their new skills in presenting their lesson. While some lead, others have a chance to get a 'child's eye view' of the lesson.

**A COMMUNION SERVICE**, often held as part of the evening meal, concludes the day and everyone is on the road home by 8 p.m.

**THE RESULTS** of these seminars have been greatly encouraging and a number of schools have already requested a second seminar. Best of all is the noticeable change in the enthusiasm of the teachers.

**YOUTH GROUP EXCHANGE:** In May each year the Brisbane metropolitan youth groups travel to their "matched" provincial centres (within 250 miles) for the weekend. September sees the return trip by the country groups to the city. 1973 will see the 7th annual Youth Group Exchange, arranged by the Department of Christian Education. An interchange of fellowship and an awareness of the Brotherhood is the inevitable result of these exchanges.

**RENEWAL PROGRAM:** *Another meeting? Yes, but these sessions conducted over two days are certainly different. The aim is to help people discover more about each other, about themselves and about the person of Christ.*

*By the use of creative writing (poetry on a page in a diary) drawing pictures, and studying passages of scripture, people are invited to make their own voyages of discovery.*

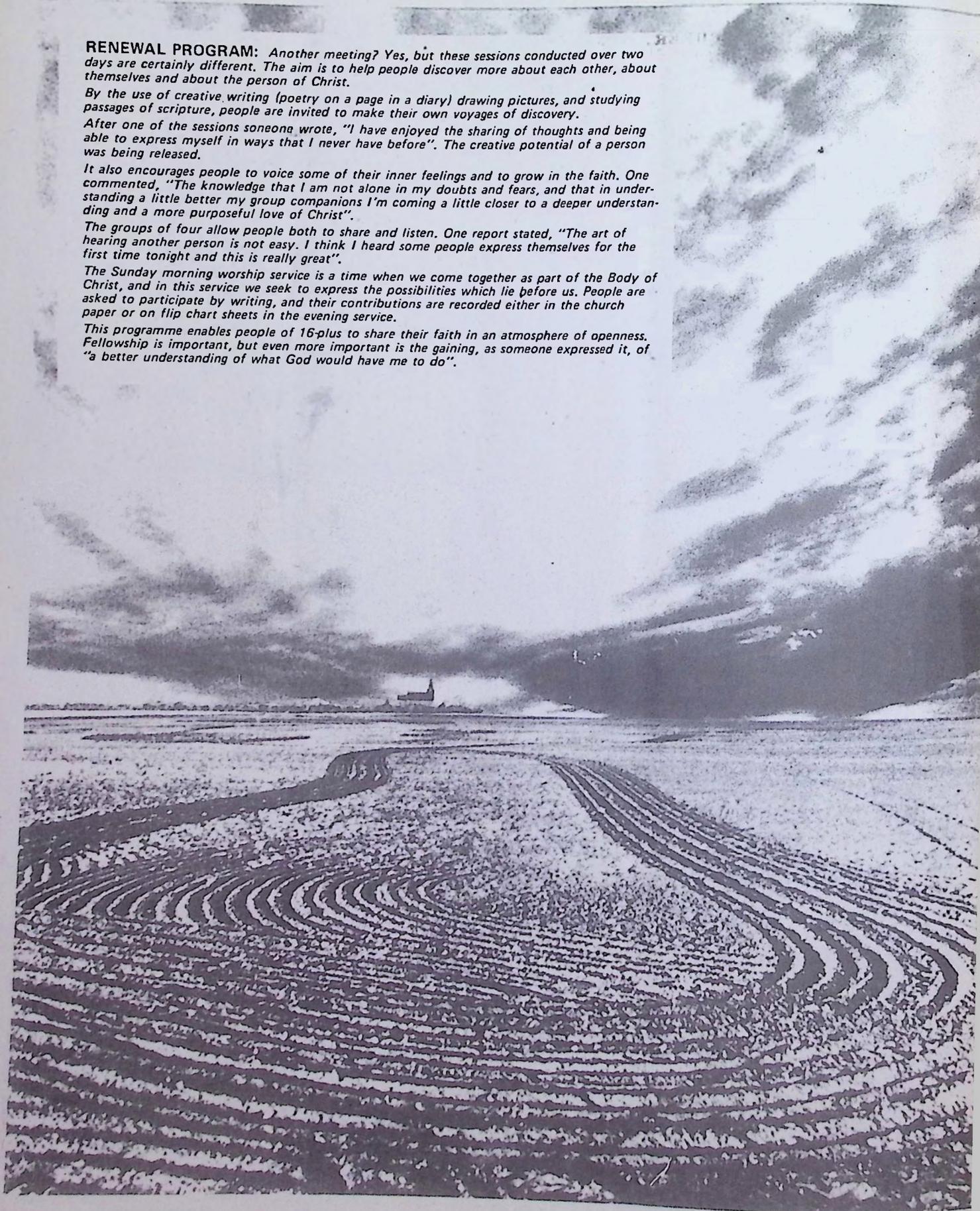
*After one of the sessions someone wrote, "I have enjoyed the sharing of thoughts and being able to express myself in ways that I never have before". The creative potential of a person was being released.*

*It also encourages people to voice some of their inner feelings and to grow in the faith. One commented, "The knowledge that I am not alone in my doubts and fears, and that in understanding a little better my group companions I'm coming a little closer to a deeper understanding and a more purposeful love of Christ".*

*The groups of four allow people both to share and listen. One report stated, "The art of hearing another person is not easy. I think I heard some people express themselves for the first time tonight and this is really great".*

*The Sunday morning worship service is a time when we come together as part of the Body of Christ, and in this service we seek to express the possibilities which lie before us. People are asked to participate by writing, and their contributions are recorded either in the church paper or on flip chart sheets in the evening service.*

*This programme enables people of 16-plus to share their faith in an atmosphere of openness. Fellowship is important, but even more important is the gaining, as someone expressed it, of "a better understanding of what God would have me to do".*



## CHURCH NEWS

**21 YEARS AS TREASURER.** (Cheltenham G. K. Moyes). After 21 years' service, Charles Ferris retires from Church Treasurership. Appropriate presentations were made at social gathering after the 116th annual meeting, which revealed continued growth. Work is to commence immediately on building a new manse on same site as old one. Mr & Mrs Moyes will reside at Dromana for 20 weeks during building operations . . . 33 decisions for Christ were made during the year. There were 21 baptisms. Church stewardship reached an all-time high with av. weekly income \$621.00. Church has now given \$2,400 toward building of new Keysborough Church. \$4,700 given for Christian work beyond our own . . . 450 families now receive church paper "The Sentinel".

**BIBLES FOR NEIGHBOURS** (Oakleigh Dr. C. J. McKenzie) 10,000 copies of a Scripture selection "Good News for Oakleigh" are being distributed to every home in the city of Oakleigh . . . \$16 was raised by the sale of vegetables donated by a member for the Vila, New Hebrides, Christian Centre. Total so far is \$650 . . . The repeat performances of the musical "Hosea" have been to packed houses . . . Special pre-Easter week-night services are on the theme "The Silences of God."

**FOR U.S.** (Briar Hill, R. Baxter) Mal. Symonds, church secretary, is in the U.S.A. for ten weeks . . . 50 young people were in camp at Yarra Junction . . . Keith Ludgtater (New Hebrides) and Mrs Wally Thorpe (for Aborigines Missions) were recent speakers . . . Explorers attended Adventure Camp at Cathedral Mountain. The Good Companions honoured Mrs Helen Tate after six years as leader . . . The senior cricket team won their premiership and trophies for junior and senior teams were presented at a Sports church parade on April 15.

**RELATIONSHIPS WORKSHOP.** (East Victoria Park, W. Thornton). The second stage of our mission programme commenced on April 8. It is a series of Human Relationships Workshops at the church each Sunday evening . . . C.W.F. meets twice monthly at various homes . . . K. J. Patterson was guest speaker on April 8 . . . A busy-bee was held at the manse on March 31 . . . The Youth Club is functioning well.

**PUTT PUTTERING** (Blackwood, B. Coventry) 75 of the 13 Plus Youth Group enjoyed a Putt Puttering. The 17 plus group held a beach party. Camps were held for 20 Junior Girls' Brigade members at Macclesfield, Seniors and Pioneers under canvas at a Williamstown farm and No. 1 Boys' Brigade at Clarendon.—A special business meeting considered alterations to the Constitution.—17 ladies from St. George's Rest Home were entertained at lunch and afternoon tea at two members' homes. This is a twice-yearly event.—Junior-Inter. B. S. Dept. held a fellowship tea with parents.

## A.C.T.

**FOR BELCONNEN** (Canberra, A.C.T. C.H.J. Wright, C.G. Dredge) George Warren, a final year student at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, has been appointed minister-elect of the new cause at Belconnen. Mr Warren will commence his ministry next year. On March 25, Mr & Mrs Warren visited Canberra, spoke to the church at Ainslie and following a basket luncheon, members in the Belconnen area met with the Warrens.

E.C. Keating of the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of H.M. & Evang., conducted a Planned Giving Review programme . . . Young people from Ainslie and Lyons participated in Kairos 73 march to Parliament House . . . A Couples' Club for engaged and married couples has commenced at Ainslie . . . Name tags were worn at Ainslie's March Friendship month and visitors were welcomed. Coffee was served after Church. Miss Dorothy Geyer addressed the morning service and showed slides following a Church Family Tea.

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## TASMANIA

**APPOINTMENT TO ULVERSTONE** Paul Burnham, who completes his studies at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, this year, has been appointed to minister at the church at Ulverstone, Tas., and will commence in 1974. The appointment is for four years.



## VICTORIA

**OFF THE ROSTER.** (Warracknabeal, S. Hince). The ladies have decided to give up church cleaning and pay a cleaner . . . Several young people attended Kaniva Youth Festival . . . Youth Club held a special night at the Harmer's place . . . Women's World Day of Prayer was held in our church . . . The church is grateful to an anonymous donor for a gift of \$100. . . . A Family Camp was held by the church at Hall's Gap . . . At the annual meeting E. Harmer was elected secretary and H. Parsons is treasurer. The S.S. Supt. is S. Hince, F. Nix is Cradle Roll Supt. Deaconesses are Mrs. Stubbs, Mrs. Baum, Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Harmer.

**"EMMAUS" FOR RALLY.** (Carnegie, R. E. Hillbrich). In the church's plans to support the Vic.—Tas. Conference at the Town Hall on April 29, a 45 seater bus has been hired to take members and ladies from "Emmaus" Rest Home to and from the Rally . . . Family Services have been re-introduced to boost evening services.

**MORMONISM EXPOSED.** (Nth. Williamstown, K.H.Pitt). On March 29, Einar Anderson, U.S.A. spoke on "Mormonism in the Light of the Bible". Mr. Anderson was previously a Mormon . . . Members of Ixthus Fellowship met for 7 a.m. breakfast on April 1 . . . Youth gospel service on April 8 featured the Audio-Visual "No.1" . . . C.W.F. members had "Favourite Recipes Night" and catered for a wedding . . . Sympathy is extended to Mrs. L. Stevens in the sudden death of her husband.

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**SETTLED AT PORT PIRIE.** Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Baxter and family have settled into the work here . . . At a recent youth gospel service, slides were shown by Mr. Baxter and young people took part . . . A working bee was held on April 7, but there is much more to be done . . . Recent speakers were Trevor Ellis, L. Arnel and J. McNicol.

**1000 HOMES SURVEYED.** (Forestville, M. Munyard). The church conducted a survey of nearest 1000 homes to chapel. Each home was given a copy of the gospel of Mark or John and a brochure on church activity. The results are being assessed. 75 contacts were made for follow up . . . The church released Mr. Munyard to help in a three weeks' mission at Swan Hill . . . Several folk have assisted with Church Renewal programme at Nailsworth.

## OBITUARY

Cosh, Mrs. Esther A.

Esther Anne Cosh was born in Sydney in 1897, and attended the Church of Christ City Temple. She and her family would walk each Sunday from Annandale to attend morning worship and evening service. She was active in the Phi Beta Pi girls' work and loved singing. She was married at City Temple to William James Cosh, a member of a pioneer Church of Christ family. Mrs. Cosh was a pioneer member of the church at Epping, N.S.W., attending when the church met in the School of Arts.

For 16 years Mr. and Mrs. Cosh attended the Popinjay Community Church, north western N.S.W. She nursed her sick husband through 9 years of ill-health and after his death in 1943 she returned to Sydney to nurse her sick mother for a further decade. Although she was very rarely sick herself, she spent a considerable part of her adult life nursing those whom she loved. Her dedication to them reflected her natural compassion for all people in need; this concern led her to work actively in Social Services for many years. Mrs. Cosh's personal warmth and love, her Christian dedication and her friendly disposition have been communicated to her daughters, Marjorie and Dorothy.

—Keith Farmer.

Foot, James Portrey

J. P. Foot, Elder-Emeritus of the Margaret Street Church of Christ, Launceston, died on Saturday, March 31, 1973, in his 84th year. Mr. Foot exercised a wide ministry among our Tasmanian churches over the years, and we join in expressing gratitude and thanksgiving for the life and witness of this Christian gentleman. At the large and representative Service of Thanksgiving, C. J. Robinson paid tribute to his gracious influence in the lives of many, recalling an article in the "Australian Christian" in June, 1968, in which he had given a profile of J. P. Foot; "He was a man of God, and that sums up whatever else may be added."

Mr. Foot was baptised in the Mission Church in 1908 and was amongst the first to be associated with Margaret Street when a congregation was formed here in 1912-13. He was active in almost every sphere of church life, being church secretary for 22 years, and in later years an esteemed and honoured elder. Many recall the inspiration of his conduct, the wisdom of communion, the encouragement and wisdom of his conversation, and the example of his holy life. Mr. Foot was also devoted to living. Mr. Foot was a member and officer of the Launceston City Mission, of the Tasmanian Council of Churches, and other interdenominational interests.

## CLIFF RICHARDS IN AUSTRALIA

Cliff Richard, Britain's top male singer and TV personality, will speak, sing and take part in dialogue in gospel concerts in every capital city of Australia from April 17 to 27 in a tightly packed itinerary.

Richard first came to public attention as a committed Christian when he spoke from the platform of a Billy Graham Crusade in London in 1966. Since then he has made many appearances, both singing and speaking, at church services, evangelistic crusades and charity concerts.

He has given a lot of time to Evangelical Alliance Relief Fund, a Christian organisation which sends aid to refugees. Surpluses from the Australian tour will be divided among local children's hospitals and overseas relief organisations.

Dates are: Hobart, April 23; Adelaide, April 19; Melbourne, April 25; Sydney, April 21 and April 26; Brisbane, April 28; Canberra, April 22.

Though never seeking honours, he served the Tasmanian Churches in almost every executive position—as Conference President, secretary, treasurer, Secretary of the Home Missions Department, and Treasurer of the first Federal Conference of Churches of Christ held in Tasmania in 1933.

It is not without significance to note that the inspiration of this man and his wife, who died some years ago, became the heritage of their family, all of whom are actively associated with our churches; his son, Geoff, being an elder and Chairman of the Board of Officers here, and grandson, Greg, secretary at the Collins Street Church in Hobart.

To Gwen, Geoff and Mollie and all other members of the family, we extend our Christian love.

—M.D.H.

TREGLOAN, TOM

Tom Tregloan died in hospital on March 8. Born in Broken Hill, 1930, he joined the church at Whyalla, S.A. He was devoted as a schoolteacher and headmaster, serving in many S.A. country towns before coming to Adelaide in recent years. Wherever Tom's profession took him, the church benefited. Whyalla, Nailsworth, Cottonville, Cowell Methodist, Mt. Hill, Tarpeena, Frances Congregational, Mt. Gambier, and Windsor Gardens—Tea Tree Gully were churches where his influence was felt as member, deacon, superintendent, president, teacher, and preacher. There are those who still remember some of his sermons preached in the early fifties. Tom was a keen cricketer, footballer, soccer player, basketball, and tennis player. Always held in high esteem, he was known for his example, "second-mile" work, and warm friendship. In more recent months he had been engaged in a course preparing him for work with handicapped children.

Less than two weeks prior to his death Tom conducted a communion service in the hospital chapel. His faith challenged the twenty-three present, and the man who as a lad had wheeled a barrow to help build the Whyalla chapel, continued his ministry from a wheelchair.

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—R.R.B.

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**LANEY.** (McManus)—March 12, to Sandra and Richard—a son (Christopher Alan) 54 Georges River Cres. Oyster Bay, 2225.

**WISE**— Shirley and John, John Jnr. and Mark welcome to their home Elizabeth Kate born at Blackwood S.A. on March 31, 1973.

### DEATH

**BYARD**— Marion Eliza passed away at Hobart on April 4, 1973, beloved wife of late James Byard, and loved mother of Marion (Mrs. Armstrong) Amos, William and Huon.

**FOOT** — On March 31, 1973, James Portrey, beloved husband of the late Susan Foot. Loved and loving father of Gwen and Geoff and father in law of Mollie. Grandfather of Warwick, Jocelyn, Greg and Anne (nee Wright) and great-grandpa of Jane and Robyn. In his 84th year.

**LIVINGSTONE** James. — On March 22 at his home 19 Oak Grove, North Brighton, Vic., dearly loved husband of the late Mary Daphne and loving brother of Rosina. In God's loving care.

**SMITH.** — On 8th April (suddenly), Keith Charles, late of 9 Railway St., Euroa, dearly loved husband of Valerie and wonderful and much loved father of Elizabeth, Colin, Rosemary, Trevor and Alison.  
Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life, He who believes in me, though he die, yet he shall live."

**WRIGHT** (Seal)—Violet Millicent. On March 28, loving and loved wife of Matthew William, loving and loved mother of Lois and Robin, Graeme and Jeanette, June and Graeme, Keith and Judy, loving Nan of Karen, Sandra, Allison, Peter, Robert, and Carol-Ann. "See you in the morning."

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**THREE ADDITIONS** (Ascot Park, C.L. Smith) Mr & Mrs Emmins and their daughter Sharon, have been baptised and received into fellowship . . . The church is grieved at the tragic death of J. Harris in a car accident at Nhill. His wife is critically ill in hospital. Mr Harris was a brother of Mr R. Turner of this church. . . . The B.S. picnic was held at Loftia Park . . . Both boys' teams gained wins in basket ball, and the Junior Biddy Ball team also won their game.

**NEW CONSTITUTION** (Cheltenham, R.W. Saunders) A new Constitution has been adopted by the church, it provides for new methods of nominating elders and deacons. Names of those eligible were distributed to active members. Elders elected are A. Frost and M. Padget. The new elders and deacons were inducted on March 25 . . . Mr Saunders has commenced a further two-year term and H. Greenwood will continue as Field Officer.

**60 YEARS AT MURRAY BRIDGE** (A. H. Coleman) G. R. Stirling is guest speaker for 60th anniversary this month . . . Junior and Intermediate Depts. of the B.S. now operate as a Christian Life Club and meet on Monday nights for a trial period . . . Goods from harvest festival were sent to church homes . . . Ladies from Social Service visited C.W.F. and clothing was donated . . . Several from here attended Ladies' Conference at Point Sturt. . . . Church extends sympathy to Bywaters family in the loss of a sister, to the Long family in death of

a brother and a sister-in-law; to Mrs Harper and N. Gruhl in the loss of brother and husband, Clem., and to G. Dinning in the death of his brother . . . G. Thomson gained a scholarship to study at Institute of Technology . . . On the sick list are Joan Thompson (through accident), Mrs Page, C. Schultz, Mrs Carter, Mrs Mogg, Mrs Wilmshurst, and Mr Brooker. Bill Hutchinson has celebrated his 80th birthday.

**WITHOUT MINISTER** (Christie's Beach) Since January the church has been without a minister and the services have been maintained by local men. Visitation work is being carried on by a Pastoral Care Committee. Prayer and Bible Study at a mid-week meeting is now a special feature of Church Life . . . The film "In His Land" was screened at an evening service . . . Cliff Jones, Church Elder, has been appointed to undertake part time pastoral work. He is the church elder . . . Ladies held a Windsor Chicken Luncheon which has allowed \$50 to be sent towards "Upgrade Norseman". Ladies have also begun monthly morning discussion group. Sewing mornings are contributing towards Trading Table clothing.

**VISITOR FROM CANADA** (Henley Beach, G. Setsman) W.R. Gladstone of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, is visiting Australia and attending our services . . . The ladies of the church send many parcels of milk powder for Miss Hazel Skuce in Baramati, Poona, India, who reports a desperate shortage on our mission station . . . The annual business meeting elected R. Strudwick secretary and J. Shrubsole & S. Glastonbury as elders . . . The Bible School has undertaken to pay for education in music, piano, of an aborigine girl at Norseman, W.A.

**TO DISTRICT CONFERENCE** (Victor Harbor, S.A. J. Luff) On Mar. 25 members met at Strathalbyn for Southern District Conf. The speaker was P. DeWildt. The Victor Harbor choir assisted . . . For several years our young people have given Vietnam Orphan Support to Thi Tiep. This support has now finished and our youth are now helping Kim Nga Huynh . . . E. Paddick, Stn. Dist. Conf. president, addressed a Sunday morning service . . . Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Gruhl in the death of her husband.

**MINISTRY INDUCTION** (Clovelly Park, R. Arnold) Dr. T. Thomas inducted Mr. Arnold into the ministry . . . Participation and action are highlights of the "children's spot" during a.m. services with talk by minister to children seated around him . . . The congregation has learned modern hymns . . . seventy attended our first weekend family camp at Ironbank with studies on "Life, Love and the Spirit" . . . Over 21's have been to an A.B.C. Prom. Concert and had a beach barbeque at Aldinga recently.

**SEWING FOR PRISONERS.** (Kensington Park, W. Bartlett). A Sewing Day was held for Prisoners' Aid . . . W. P. Crowhurst is a patient at Tara Hospital, Payneham, and Mrs. Crowhurst at Kensington Park Hospital . . . Recent speakers have been Malcolm Gaskin and Barrie Pryor and Trevor Norton from Lenswood was soloist . . . On Aborigine Sunday Cliff Manning was speaker. Several children from Oban St. U.A.M. sang at the evening service . . . Adult Social Group met for a games night on March 29 . . . At C.W.F. Mrs. Wehr spoke on her visits to Aborigine Missions in W.A.

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**A TIME OF CHANGE** (Wembley Downs, W.A.) 1973 has been a time of change. In February, Lesley and Graham Chapman took up residence in our new manse. Graham is the first minister the church has had and is engaged on a half time basis. The President of W.A. Conference, T. Banks, inducted the new minister. The then chairman of elders, Bruce Brown, and the Mayor of the City of Stirling welcomed the Chapmans. . . . Alan Cant and Trevor Wornes have been elected to the positions of chairman and secretary of the Board. Graeme Black is Treasurer. . . . Albert H. Walkington resigned as Elder on preparing to leave for Canada for two years to do a Ph. D. in Educational Administration. . . . Al Walkington had been on the Board since the church was established serving as Chairman for six years and Secretary for two. . . . There was a Church Family Camp on Mar. 16-18 at Rockingham. A young girl has made her decision at a recent morning service.

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**GIRLS' BRIGADE STARTED** (Wembley) Forty girls attended the first night of Brigade, 25 from the disbanded Subiaco Company and 15 new girls. Mrs. Audrey Nicholas is the Captain and Lieutenants are Mrs. Shirley Karhu, Misses Rosemary Manning, Cheryl Moignard and W/O Carol Gribble. . . . The Boys' Club has recommenced under the leadership of Ross Yeats. . . . Graham Paget was farewelled on leaving for London for further medical studies. His wife and children will follow. . . . Mr. & Mrs. Don Manning have returned from a brief trip to India to visit their daughter Judy who was injured in a road accident in Afghanistan. Judy has since returned home for further treatment. . . . Ladies Fellowship entertained 4 church ladies over 80 years of age at a special afternoon tea. . . . A lady and a young man have recently confessed faith in Christ and a young man has been baptized.



## VICTORIA

**CALLED FULL-TIME** (Ringwood) The church has unanimously called Doug. Smith to a three year full-time ministry at the conclusion of his one year student ministry. . . . On Aboriginal Sunday, Pastor David Kirk, of the Aborigines' Evangelical Fellowship, pleased with his preaching and singing. . . . The church joined in an ecumenical week of prayer relative to World Development at the Church of Christ. Miss Anne Hollingworth of the Australian Volunteers Abroad told of her experiences in a Papuan village. . . . Boys' Explorers and their leaders camped over the holiday week-end. . . . Dr Geoff Reed is chairman of the officers board. . . . Dr Neil Nankivell has taken up a Research Fellowship in Population Biology at the National Univ., Canberra.

**FIELD OFFICER VISITS** (Shepparton, F. L. Van-Laar) Geo. Mathieson, field officer with the D.C.E., met with B.S. teachers and assisted at youth meeting and gospel service. . . . A family tea was used to promote forthcoming Mini-mission. . . . The service of Roy Clydesdale has been recognised in his appointment as life elder. . . . A wide age-range has necessitated the formation of two youth groups led by Arthur and Robyn Fennell and Arnold Farrar. . . . Ladies raised \$260 at their recent opportunity shop. . . . Explorer boys participated in an under-canvas camp near Eildon.

**MISSIONARY CONVENTION** (Bentleigh, R.W. Marshall) The missionary convention began with a special tea on Mar. 18. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Beale spoke about their work in New Guinea. Later Mr. Beale was the speaker at the evening service. On Mar. 19 Mrs. Lance Fisher told of Aborigines Mission

at Carnarvon and Onslow. Mr. Thomas, field director of the Oriental Missionary Society, recounted his recent visit to Haiti, Colombia and Ecuador; and David Cumming, Australian director, Wycliffe Bible Translators also spoke. . . . The church was saddened by the death of Alan Cowan.

**FESTIVAL OF FAITH** (Chadstone, K.A. Caulton) Burwood East, Glen Waverley and Chadstone Churches will hold a "Festival of Faith" August 12-19. . . . 15 Young people are attempting to stay awake 24 hours in a "Wake-a-thon" to raise money for the Church Rebuilding Programme. . . . Boys' Club collected \$140 for the Red Cross.

**FARM PICNIC** (The Patch, Dr. K.R. Bowes) Church picnic was held on E.L. Williams' farm at Narre Warren on Mar. 17. . . . Church Anniversary held Mar. 4. Speaker was Don Smith. Soloist Bev. Beasley. . . . At annual meeting A. Reed was elected elder, H.E. Easton secretary and E.H. Holmes treasurer. . . . Fellowship Visits, when a roster is drawn up for church families to visit each other for lunch on Sunday, was held on Mar. 25. . . . After Harvest Festival on April 1, goods went to College of the Bible. Soloist was Pam McDowell.

**TEAM MINISTRY.** (Preston). Jack Manallack and George Warren are present at both morning services at Preston and East Preston. The one due to speak at Preston has time for a handshake with the East Preston people before moving on to Preston in time for his sermon. The other arrives at Preston at the close of the service, to be sociable there. It works! . . . Church Elders' combined meetings are fruitful. The Officers' Boards of both Churches have separate meetings first to discuss local matters and then a combined meeting dealing with matters of joint interest. . . . On April 1 G. R. Stirling, Vice-Principal, C.O.B., gave the address at the Youth Service. . . . The church is co-operating with Reservoir in matters of outreach.

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**ABORIGINAL SENATOR** (Annerley, C.A.R. Smith) Senator Neville Bonner was guest speaker at Men's Rally . . . Church members undertook "Friendship Visitation:" 186 attended first guest service and 100 were at guest social . . . \$190 was raised on Council Election day and will be used for P.A. system in the chapel . . . Wendy Jones and Glenda Donaldson have returned from overseas working holiday . . . Julie Smout and Russell Schafer are prefects at Yeronga High School.

**100 AT FAMILY CAMP** (Ann St. Brisbane, L.G. Armstrong.) Over 100 attended the annual church camp at Caloundra, March 23-25, led by Ted Watson of Southport Church . . . A girl recently made her decision . . . Mr & Mrs William McKelvie have transferred to Lismore. Mr McKelvie, the church organist, has been associated with the church for 32 years . . . Mr & Mrs Hector McLane have moved to Southport. Mrs McLane has served on brotherhood committees and is a past president of Qld. Women's Conference.



**NEW SOUTH  
WALES**

**FOURTH YEAR.** (Gilgandra. I. R. Martin). Mr. Martin has commenced his fourth year of service with the church . . . At the annual meeting Mrs. J. Thorne was elected secretary for the church. Mrs. J. J. Farr is assistant secretary and I. Combridge was again elected treasurer. J. J. Farr is assistant treasurer . . . A missionary convention weekend featured visiting speakers from three mission organisations, the offering being given to these three missions . . . The church is entering upon its 60th year of witness in the Gilgandra district since its commencement by the faithful work of the Butler and Mudford families.

**HORNSBY** (D.A. Oldfield) C.W.F. guest speaker on March 6, was Mrs Wendy Elliott from New Hebrides. Members of C.W.F. visited "Bingley Hall" on the 13th. Guest speaker on March 20 was Mrs

Tucker, a Girls' Brigade leader. The ladies conducted a Country and Western Style evening at the home of Mr & Mrs R. Bartholomew on March 24. Proceeds of \$25 from an Auction Supper went to the Alternative Centre.

**GUEST SERVICE.** (Hamilton, D. Craig). At a special guest service on April 15 the film "In His Hands" was shown . . . At the annual business meeting all retiring deacons were re-elected . . . The S.S. picnic was held recently at Halifax Park.

**C. G. Taylor in N.Z.**

(Chatswood, C. G. Taylor) Mr. Taylor, N.S.W. Conf. President, accompanied by Mrs Taylor, is in New Zealand for a series of evangelistic meetings. G. Chapman and Bill Bull, New Hebridean missionary to New Guinea, have been speakers . . . At the annual business meeting, 10 deacons were elected, and also 3 new elders — Don McElvenny, Eric Morris, Alan Williams . . . Janet Crick and Heather Bothwell are on an overseas trip . . . Heather Wilson, an exchange student in Brazil, found the going very tough as she is staying with a family where only one member speaks English and where most people scorned her faith. However, at last letter she had met up with a missionary couple and is worshipping at a Baptist church . . . The front porch is being renovated, providing more room . . . C.W.F. sold cakes, jams etc., at a stall during Willoughby Festival Week . . . Girls' Brigade held a Pool Party.

**CONCERN AT  
ABORTION LEGISLATION**

The Roman Catholic Bishops of Victoria and the Archbishop of Hobart met under the chairmanship of Cardinal Knox on April 6. They discussed the proposed legislation on abortion due to come before the Federal Parliament. They also had in mind the possibility of similar state legislation. They were gravely concerned about the further attack on human life and will issue pastoral letters to instruct their people and defend the unborn child.

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**NEW SECRETARY** (Manifold Hgts. A.E. Stevens) Norman Mark is new church secretary . . . Ron Ellis, Geelong Director, Youth for Christ, was speaker on March 18 . . . Minister and six members attended Creatives Camp at Lake Eppalock . . . The annual meeting was preceded by a Fellowship Tea . . . Y.P.C.E. led a recent evening service . . . The Women's Mission Band is clothing a girl at Norseman Mission . . . Frank and Win Beale were recent missionary speakers at a combined meeting here on March 22.

**CLOSING SERVICES** (Frankston, A.A. Avery) The present building must be vacated at the end of April. "Chapel closing services" are being held throughout the month, with former ministers returning as guest speakers . . . Temporary church accommodation has been found in the Seventh Day Adventist buildings . . . A modern "Harvest" Festival was held on March 18 with members displaying items relating to hobbies or work. Ten members told of their respective occupations . . . A Christian Educ. Committee has been formed to supervise total educational programme of church.

**NEW ELDER** (Knoxfield, E. W. Williams) The annual meeting elected Noel Wolstencroft as chairman of the Board of Officers. Geoff Douglas is secretary. It was decided to create the office of elder and W.A. Thompson was unanimously elected to this position . . . The C.W.F. holds one evening meeting and one morning "workshop" each month . . . Good Companions has recommenced on a weekly basis . . . The tennis club completed its first season in fifth position and has entered a team for the winter season.

**SUNSHINE DECISIONS** (N. E. Carter) There have been four decisions by young people recorded this year . . . Discipleship classes are in progress . . . Prayer and Bible study meetings are held at the manse of Tuesdays and Thursdays . . . Footscray and Maidstone ladies joined C.W.F. afternoon group to hear Mrs Win Beale from New Guinea . . . The manse exterior is being repainted.

**MISSION PRESENTATION** (Noble Park, T. Giles) The Oriental Missionary Society organised a mission week-end, March 16-18. Frank Beale told of New Guinea, and N. McKewon of the Mission to Lepers, illustrated leper concerns through slides. N. Thomas, National Director of O.M.S. addressed the Sunday tea gathering and a youth service followed . . . The young people held a Labour Day week-end camp at Mt. Martha . . . Brian Cartmel is assisting in the work.

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State Conferences are being held again and representatives will be elected to serve on Brotherhood Departments. Why is it so very few women are even nominated to serve on Conference Departments? Some are co-opted as representatives of the Christian Women's Fellowship, but this is not the same as electing them as representatives of the churches as a whole. In these days when women are given equality in professional fields, why are they accorded an inferior role in the church?

I don't see any reason why women should not fill any or every office in the churches or in a Conference of Churches.

We acknowledge that there are a few New Testament passages which appear to limit the leadership role of churchwomen, but such passages are in conflict with other passages. To reconcile these opposing viewpoints, and we must reconcile them, we need to see the restrictions imposed on women as being temporary.

The Christian gospel came into a world where most women and many men held inferior social positions. Although the gospel had within it the seeds of liberation and equality, a major attack by the Christians upon any widely accepted

social stratum would have distracted the Christians from their major (or only!) purpose of confronting all men with God in Christ. The new Testament appears to condone slavery, but where Christ was Lord, slavery had to go. It took a long, long time! Where Christ is Lord, the inferior position of women also had to be changed. That has taken even longer!

The same Paul who told women to be silent in the church said, "We are no longer Jews or Greeks or slaves or free men or even merely men or women, but we are all the same—we are Christians; we are one in Christ Jesus." (Gal 3.28 Living Bible)

The only barrier remaining is one of tradition. The Federal Constitution of our churches states that all members have "eligibility for any office at the disposal of Conference." I know of no constitutional barrier to the election of women to State Conference offices.

However, the very success of the separate Women's Conferences in the state and federal spheres has probably helped to maintain the traditional dominance of men in general church conferences.

A change is only a matter of time. We have women missionaries who, in the mission field, fill all the positions of church leadership. It does not make sense to suggest that they are unqualified as soon as they come back to their homeland. We have a woman in full ministerial standing, we have women who preside at the Lord's Table in the local church, we have women who read the scriptures in public, serve as helpers at the Lord's Table preach the gospel, serve as church officers, secretaries and treasurers.

There seems no reason why nominations committees should not nominate women for conference department or committee elections, or for the office of President of Conference.

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