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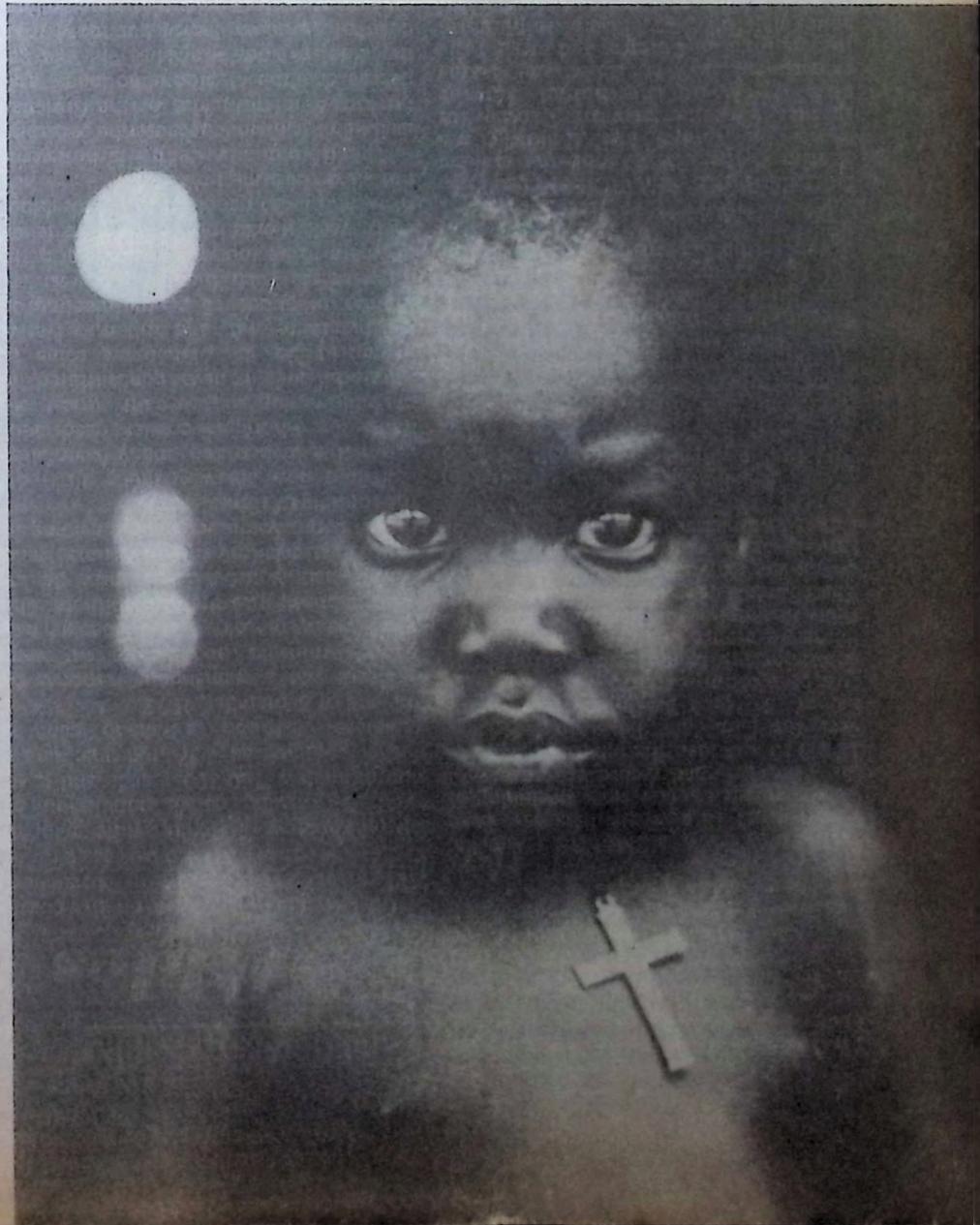
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## THE REFUGEE AND THE CROSS

*"The Christian Churches have been and continue to be a major force in raising and administering funds from the collection plate to the grass-roots of Africa, Asia, Latin America and wherever refugee problems exist."*

Report from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.



# From the migrant centre

By Alan Matheson

The following is portion of a report by Mr Matheson who serves with the Victorian Council of Churches Ecumenical Migration Centre. The report was submitted to the Conference Executive, Departments of Social Service and Christian Union, and the Advisory Board.

At December 1972, the Centre had a team of eight bilingual/bicultural members. Made up of Australian, Greek and Yugoslav backgrounds it was involved in a three unit programme of social work, research and community work. Represented on the team were Social workers, a Serbian Orthodox priest, a sociologist and community workers. The welfare program operating from a shop front in Richmond continues to serve Greek and Yugoslav nationalities.

The research unit has within it three current projects; one in association with Melbourne University (to be published 1973), one in association with LaTrobe University (to be published in association with Australian National University, 1973) and the third in association with the Poverty Enquiry headed by Professor Henderson.

The third unit of the Centre's program is community work and has chiefly been my responsibility.

A part of this unit is devoted to community education—

- wide range of speaking engagements at lay and professional levels.

- planning of teacher education conferences

- consultation with church migration agencies.

- seminars and workshops both in Victoria and interstate

- publication of Navigator (now well established and has been used to create newspaper discussion to stimulate questions in parliament to provoke enquiries in government departments)

Social and political action is a solid part of community work and this has seen my involvement in

- the Ugandan Asian question

- the development of closer relationships with both Government and Opposition spokesmen for Immigration

- representation on A.C.O.S.S., and Victorian Department of Education committees.

- involvement with the Turkish community

During the year I was involved in a number of groups, meetings and services within Churches of Christ. These included the congregations at Burwood, East Keilor, North Balwyn, Carnegie, Knoxfield, Ivanhoe and North Essendon.

The Centre continues to provide one of the most challenging ministries within

the Church. Such a ministry, involved with the poor and the powerless, is often demanding radical new approaches. The challenge is best summed up by Dom Helder Camara,

'how I yearn to tell them that true Christianity

rejects the idea that some are born poor and others

rich, and that the poor must attribute their poverty

to the will of God

When it is injustices

between men which are our real problem —

to be resolved by man

knowing that Christ wants us all to live humanly

as befits men,

neither sub-humanised by misery nor

dehumanised by riches.'

This summary report is made, because it seems to be one of the ways at present in which I can be responsible to those who ordained me.

## INNER SPRINGS

### The Motherhood bit



In a certain film on television a young mother awakens one morning to find her only child, a small babe, has died during the night for no apparent reason. In an effort to draw her from the dark grief that encloses her, the husband suggests there will be other babies. In a flash she turns on him and with bitter intensity replies, "you must get it into your head there will be no more babies. I have tried the motherhood bit and I'm through with it!"

The Motherhood Bit? Undeniably difficult, demanding in the extreme, requiring all the fortitude and tactics of a soldier at the front, plus the ability to remain feminine and gentle. Aware of the enormity of a mother's task Joaquin Miller has written of it —

The greatest battle that ever was fought —  
Shall I tell you where and when?

On the maps of the world you will find it  
not.

It was fought by the Mothers of men.

Sacrifice, pain, unlimited love, endless patience, lasting forgiveness, even betrayal, let us not be deluded — this is motherhood. But it is more, writes Elbert Hubbard, "Mother-love is the great surging divine current that plays forever through humanity". It is also that wonderful tender quality that binds home, and family and finally nations together.

In these days when motherhood is being entered into so lightly with no carnation, but a challenge. A challenge to keep above all else is, perhaps not a thing it is meant to be — a high and holy task which having begun we have no right to set aside or to use a modern term, "opt out of when the going gets rough". "No man", said Jesus, "having put his hand to the plough, and turning back, is fit for the Kingdom of God". And only as we keep faith with ourselves and with Him are we worthy of the crown of motherhood.

Dear God, help us to remain true to our high calling. Grant us the wisdom to love without indulgence, to be tender and merciful as you are with us. Remind us that our children are also Your children.

Luke 9: 62.

Amen.  
FLORENCE ROSIER



# INTRODUCING PRESIDENT LEN

He has an impressive list of achievements in the Church and the community. A man of wide vision, the church to Len includes all Christians in the pursuit of honouring their Master regardless of denominational tags.

"Love the Brotherhood" as a conference theme for '73/'74 embraces the Church in action in the world.

This appreciation of the total mission of disciples arises out of Len's work and witness within Churches of Christ. For the past 20 years he has been a deacon at Kedron and during this time has served as Chairman and Treasurer.

This is his 12th year of continuous service on the Qld. Conference Executive

as well as serving on the Youth and Christian Education Committee since 1965—he was Chairman for 5 years—Property Committee and Overseas Missions Committee have also benefited from his guidance and example.

On the Australian scene he is warmly remembered for his work as Arrangements Committee Secretary for the 1964 Federal Conference held in Brisbane.

Len is Managing Director of three family companies—Len Brooks Holdings Pty. Ltd., Les Brooks and Son Pty. Ltd. and Brooks Enterprises Pty. Ltd. These cover a diverse field of activities—Manufacturers Agents and Distributors, Property Management and development, Property Sales and Investments—which gives some indication of the scope of his business commitments.

In addition, our Queensland President is actively engaged in using his business

acumen to work for others. He serves diligently as a member of the State Executive of the Queensland Temperance League and gives his time and abilities to this organisation and its trading subsidiaries, which includes the multi-million dollar business of the Canberra Hotel/Motel Group. He is member of the Board of Directors of the hotels in Brisbane, Sydney and Toowoomba, and sees this service as being a positive contribution towards promoting the cause of temperance.

As you would expect, the flow-on from all the above activity has spilled on or into the brotherhood he loves. A self-contained holiday cabin "Brooklyn" stands at the Youth Department's "Camp Cal," Caloundra, and is a testimony to the stewardship of the Brooks family. The In-Service Training Scholarship originated with Len's concern for allowing youth to appreciate a wider world of Youth Leadership. Each year a selected youth leader travels interstate to observe youth camping and participate in youth leadership. On their return the scholars plough back into the Queensland scene their newly gained experience. This "strengthening of the bonds" is Len's reward.

A charter member of the Rotary Club of Chermiside, Len has served on various community service projects for the past 15 years and in this area of service club activity he has witnessed to the power of Christ in today's world.

Joan, his wife (nee Stevens), is currently Treasurer of the Qld. Women's Conference. Members of their family are Wendy, 21, a teacher at Pittsworth High, Janice, 19, at Queensland University, recently returned from America as a Rotary Exchange Student, and Donald, 16, is sub-senior and keen on electronics.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you the President of the Queensland Churches of Christ, Len Brooks, who urges us to "strengthen the bonds" through love for the Brotherhood.

If ever there is a man who has earned the right to issue this challenge, I believe it is Len Brooks.

A.C. Male.

—D.J. HAMMER

## Queensland C.W.F. Annual Conference

Over 200 women represented churches, at the 60th Annual Conference at Ann St., on April 12. Visitors included Mrs. Win Beale and Mrs. Janet Buli (New Guinea.) Mrs. Wendy Elliott (New Hebrides), Mrs. Gwenda Horne, and other interstate visitors.

Mrs. Dorothy Armstrong presided; Mrs. Elka Benz and the Kenmore College Girls provided items and Mrs. Win McCosker brought the Bible reading. Les Armstrong, general conference president, brought greetings, and led in the dedicatory prayer for the incoming officers.

The missionary emphasis throughout the day was inspiring and challenging. Mrs. Buli brought greetings from the New Hebridean church and the C.W.F., and also from New Guinea.

Mrs. Beale gave a stirring message on the changing emphasis of the work in New Guinea as the Christians take over the responsibility for the work. Mrs.

Morris spoke of the development of the work at Eidsvold. They have up to 30 in their C.W.F. but only two are Christians. This is a challenge to prayer! Work among the children in Sunday School and youth clubs is flourishing. An encouraging feature is the number of the older young people who are attending. Both speakers emphasised the need for prayer.

The offering \$137.19 was divided between C.O.C.O.A. and the support of our Indian orphan.

Mrs. Armstrong welcomed Mrs. Marjory Chapman as incoming president. Her theme for the year is 'We rejoice in the hope and glory of God' (Rom. 5:2). She challenged us with the thought 'My Father and I can do anything.' We need to be alert, awake and ready to hear and to heed God's bidding. In all our lives it is only through prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit that we can be effective in our walk with God.

Text of a meditation given at Church of Christ, Glen Waverley, in June, at Explorers' Service; by Lance Box, one of our senior Explorers. Theme of service: Exploring into newness.

# Exploring into newness

Somewhere in the cosmic depths of a mind, not yet conceived. To the world . . .

Dear world, I'm just about ready for my great expedition, into something really new. I can't wait to explore life, world, I want to be big like you. Everything will be so new to me—people, puppies, trees. Oh gee! Let me explore life, world, and I'll make something of it. I want to experience learning, you know, that simple art that all little ones are so proficient at; turning out the saucepan cupboard, finding the bikky jar. Oh, world! I want to grow up, to be something really great.

World, you may not believe this, but I've actually been able to see you; not see you physically, but I've been able to feel your presence in my mind. It's all so new and different. I suppose I'm like the impatient blossom bud, held up by winter; like the raindrop locked up in the ocean.

Slowly I will grow. I am born, world!

From the mind of a boy. To the world . . .

Dear world, school was great today; teacher let us go on a nature walk; I was the only guy to find a real feather. I've never really seen a feather close up before. I still don't get how a bird flies with them. I know I can't, I tried.

Nip our dog dirtied the carpet today; Mum really growled at him. I don't know why, it was cleaned up real quick and you didn't even know it was there. I still love Nip, even though Mum doesn't seem to.

Hey world! Can I tell you a secret? I found a really secret cave, it's a pirate cave; well it isn't really a cave, it's a tree-hut. But I call it a cave: I've got some jewels and everything. Sue, she's the girl over the road, well, she and I play pirates. I capture the jewels from her and hide them in my tree-hut, I mean my cave. I don't think I'll marry Sue, though. I hate girls, yechhh!

I'm learning, world!

In the mind of a man. To the world . . .

Dear world, should have seen the kids today: I've never known them to be so happy, well for a long time, anyway. Even I felt a changed person. We must try another picnic soon.

Youngsters of today really puzzle me. They're learning more at school than I did, and I found school almost impossible. They listen to horrid noises they call music. I must admit though, under all that screaming there usually is a really honest message; concepts I never even thought about when I was a kid.

Joan and I and the kids are growing closer to each other. I suppose it's because I'm home more often, and I'm not so tired. Whatever it is, it's making our lives more pleasant.

As I've grown up I have slowly been looking at myself, and in discovering my real self I have found others. Funny, that. Basically I am an individual, and now I can accept individuality in others.

I will get older, World!

Somewhere in the cosmic depths of a mind, not yet comprehended . . .

Dear world, I loved you with all my heart. Thank-you for everything new in my exploration.

# Words of worth

Thousands upon thousands of them pour from the world's printing presses each day, some cheap and degrading, others designed to stretch the mind and enrich daily living.

Words are a vital concern of the Federal Literature Department as it provides Christian Literature through the Pamphlet Club and related publications.

Believing in the worth of the printed word that confronts persons with the real and vital issues of the day, and strengthens the will to live and serve, the Federal Literature Department also promotes Christian Literature Week—this year the suggested dates are May 20-27.

With its emphasis on the worth of good Christian literature, this special week is planned so that congregations can be confronted with some vital Christian

reading and be encouraged to purchase at least one of the recommended books. Those suggested for this year are available in paperbacks, moderately priced, and there is something for all the family

## How to Plan for Literature Week

1. The suggested dates are May 20-27, 1973.

### 2. Recommended books:

Introducing the Bible—William Barclay (\$1.75), Help! I'm a Layman—Kenneth Chafin (1.15), Who Am I, God?—Marjorie Holmes (1.30), Where the Action Is—Rita Snowden (1.00), God Thoughts—Dick Williams (1.05), Jonathan Mark Series—Jacqueline Sibley (.95 ea.) (6 titles).

3. Introduce the above books to the congregation and encourage members and friends to purchase them.

4. In addition to the books recommended, provide a selection of other suitable books for sale and display on the book table.

5. Promote the Pamphlet Club which offers a regular supply of challenging material for the cost of \$1.00 per year for the twelve issues.

6. Encourage subscriptions to the "Australian Christian".

7. Make further use of the Renewal Leaflet series published by the Federal Literature Department. (Note the two new titles available this year—"When You Witness" and "When You Give.")

8. Provide a copy of each of the recommended books for your church library.

We hope the above guidelines will help in the planning of a Christian Literature Week which will be a meaningful part of your church's programme for 1973.

(The secretary, Mrs. E. M. Rankine, 5 Atkins Ave., Glen Iris, Vic. 3146, will be glad to supply any information regarding the Federal Literature Department.) (see also pages 14 and 15).

## o WOMEN OF THE WEST

# 68th WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The President, Mrs. D. R. Manning was unable, for medical reasons, to preside over Women's Day of Conference. This was most disappointing for her and the W.A. women. At her request the three immediate past-presidents shared the responsibility of the day.

Mrs. G.A. Ewers presided over the morning session when all Conference Committee reports were adopted.

The morning meditation was led by Mrs. E.B. Clapp. "Living in the Light" was the theme of her message and Mrs. R. Hollett sang "The Earth is the Lord's".

Six young ministers' wives who have recently commenced ministries in W.A. were welcomed to their first Conference.

Attendance was 250 representing 40 churches. Welcome April showers had fallen and kept many country ladies at home.

Mrs. J. A. Stewart, who had been treasurer for eight years, did not seek re-nomination. Mrs. Digwood on behalf of Conference presented her with a cup, saucer and plate as a token of thanks and appreciation.

The afternoon session was presided over by Mrs. L.W. Ladner. During the Christian Fellowship Hour, Mrs. Lowrey with Mrs. Moignard and her daughter, Cheryl, presented "Is this your Pattern? Clothed in the Fruit of the Spirit." This was followed by the Sextette singing "It was Love".

Mrs. Ladner conducted the induction of Mrs. D.M. Hughes as President. Mrs. Hughes addressed Conference on her theme for the year "Jesus Fellowship". Only six of the twenty one veteran ladies were able to be present. Each received a paper rosebud posie and souvenir bookmark.

Mrs. A. Walkington presided over the Evening Rally. D.R. Manning received on behalf of his wife the Bible which General Conference presents each year to the president of the Women's Auxiliary Conference. D.G. Nelson spoke on the theme of the Women's Conference "Glorifying God".

—Dora Gordon, Secretary.

**THREE JOIN CHURCH** (Fremantle-Hamilton Hill, H.R. Fitch — W.R. Newton) A young man and two B.S. lads were baptised at Fremantle on Easter Sunday . . . A Ladies' Choir and Miss S. Caddy assisted at Gospel Service . . . On 8th the film "Number One" was shown at a youth tea followed by discussion . . . Geoffrey Taylor (eldest brother of C.G. Taylor and father of Robert, minister of Kalgoorlie Church) died suddenly from a heart attack on April 14. Mr. Fitch conducted the funeral. Among the many present were teachers and pupils from the local H.S. at which he had been a Maths teacher. His second son, Donald (A.N.U. Canberra), has just received the Ph. D. in Inorganic Chemistry from Univ. of W.A.

## CHRISTIAN WELFARE CENTRE PERTH

Following a long term policy by the Social Service Committee in 1966, the Director of the Christian Welfare Centre, George Smith, was enabled to carry out four years part-time and two years full time study at the University of W.A. This was climaxed in a Graduation Ceremony in April when Mr. Smith received his Masters in Social Work.

The staff of the Christian Welfare Centre now consists of two qualified Social Workers, a Welfare Co-ordinator and other staff members, including part-time Task Force Administrator, Graham Chapman, Minister of the Wembley Downs Church of Christ, who commenced duties in April.

In co-operation with the Christian Centre Board of Management the new Counselling Service operated by the Welfare Centre has opened in the extended area on the 3rd Floor of the Christian Centre. This consists of two well appointed counselling rooms, office administration and a large lounge foyer. The appointments in the rooms are in memory of Dr. G.J. Hall's late father.

The Counselling Services are in constant use with problems relating to drugs, psychiatric difficulties and marital disorders.

# NEW STYLE EXECUTIVE Move into Joint Advisory Council

W.N. Bartlett, Conference President, presided over the 99th Conference with graciousness and incisiveness. The Conference elected a new style executive, without departmental representatives, with six independent members joining the Conference Officers. Departmental Directors are also non-voting members. It is believed this new format will add to the effectiveness of its work.

H.M. Long led the Conference to sincere devotion on its theme "Your Will be Done on Earth", as he challenged the Conference to preserve the balance as it responded to a call to action.

R.N. Gilmore addressed the ministers on two views of man — the biblical one and the subjective one ("as he sees himself"), and was delighted that as his subject was "Men's Lib and All That" to find the ministers' wives also present. He gave an outstanding address at the second Business Session on Friday — "Fetters of Injustice", making a strong plea for all to smash their own binding, attitudinal fetters. In this underdeveloped decade of the 70's, in which every third world country has become poorer, political controls have grown tighter, there is a need as Isaiah said long ago — "smash the fetters" — economic, political and those of attitude. In this one world we should respond instinctively to human suffering everywhere until we feel that we are one. We need to be with Jesus wherever people are suffering, with the poor and with the oppressed.

His concluding address in the Adelaide Town Hall was delivered before a congregation of 1,100 people. Speaking of today's pressure upon so many people, he challenged us "Get Lost, It's your only Hope". So many people claim to know where they are going and who they are,

but know it differently. In the turmoil they do not find it in the Church but often look for it in the things they can buy from Myers. If we want to experience that warmth of being found by another, we need to get lost — it's our only hope. Mr. Gilmore said "I live amongst the walking dead". We need to learn the spiritual spelling of things — S E L F spells Death — while O T H E R S spells Life, and this life is a present reality. We are to forget ourselves, take up His Cross, and follow Christ.

Joint Advisory Council: In a new development for our Australian Churches, the pre-centennial Conference overwhelmingly voted to share as participant members with the Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist Churches in the Joint Advisory Council in South Australia to work co-operatively with the people of God throughout the State. The Executive will appoint six representatives to share in all levels of planning, consulting and advising in the operations of united parishes. In recommending that Conference accept the proposals, I.J. Chivell, (the retiring Secretary), emphasised the advisory nature of the Council, and that all initiative for co-operative or united work must come from the local level.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICTS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Point Sturt Camp and Conference Centre was chosen for the 16th Annual Women's Conference in the Southern District on March 29, with 60 ladies attending.

Mrs. J. V. Griffin presided, her theme being "The Way of Peace".

Devotional speakers were Mrs. T. Hall and Mrs. Coleman. Mrs. Dillon conveyed greetings from State Women's Conference. Guest speakers were Mrs. M. Baker on the work among the Vietnam orphans, and Mrs. Bingham on her life in Pakistan.

The reports revealed that opportunities for practical Christian service had been

accepted by the women of the district, and much Christian work done both locally and for all State Conference Departments.

Mrs Pederson accepted a cheque for \$302.45 raised by this Conference for our District Project, to provide toilets and showers in the Duindui Hospital in the New Hebrides.

The following officers for the ensuing year were inducted by Mrs. Dillon: President — Mrs. T. Hall, President Elect, Mrs. Luff, Vice President, Mrs. R. Bell, Secretary, Mrs. M. Pollard, Treasurer, Miss R. Howard, Assistant Secretary, Miss H. Jones.

—M. Pollard, Sec.

## S.A. MINISTERS CONFERENCE CONSULTATION

S.A. Minister's Conference Consultation  
Men from Home Mission, country and suburban churches met at the Home Mission manse for a day seminar on church administration and organisation led by Brian Stanford and Richard Lawton.

Left to right: K. Fechner, R. Oke, B. Beck, R. Brand, J. Dow, R. Holmes, R. Lawton, S. Neighbour, R. Chamberlain, E.W. Heard, D. Smith, L. Banten, R. Brown and D. Sander.



# Frankston's new retirement village

(Vic.) "Preservation of past mode of living" has been the criterion of the Frankston Baptist Church in their efforts to plan and develop a retirement village which will occupy approximately 4 acres of their 12 acre block at Lot 3, Robinson's Road, Frankston.

Earthworks have commenced on site under control of the Project Managers, Specialty Structures Pty., Ltd. It is hoped that the entire Village will be completed

and occupied by Christmas, 1973. Display units will be built first so that prospective residents can pre-view their new homes.

This Village, comprising 20 bed sitting rooms, 36 one bedroom and 14 two bedroom units (70 in all) plus a cafeteria and recreation complex, will form stage two of the development of a multi phased Christian Community Centre. Stage 1, a Pre-School Infant Centre, is already completed and operating. Further stages, including a Hospital, Hostel, Church, School and Recreational Centre are currently under consideration, but no decision has yet been made, due to the magnitude of such projects.

The Manning Village Committee of Management is now interviewing prospective residents and receiving preliminary deposits. To date 12 units have been sold. Interested persons are invited to telephone Pastor K. Christensen - 781-2939 - regarding an appointment for further definite information. It is emphasised that residents will be received into the village on a strictly "first come first served" basis, regardless of their religious affiliations - or lack of them.

A Ceremony marking the official commencement of the project will be conducted at the site on Sunday, May 6, 3 p.m.

## JOY IN SERVICE

Sister Julie Acquiroff from the Cheltenham Church in Victoria is serving in New Guinea as a short-term worker for six months. Her offer to serve in New Guinea came when both Sisters Hunting and Horne were on furlough and was thankfully accepted.

Julie expresses the joy she is experiencing as she serves the Lord in New Guinea:

So far, I have enjoyed every minute and I expect my enjoyment will increase, hand in hand with experience I gain over the next six months.

As you can imagine, quite a bit of the work is rather foreign to me, but I enjoy learning about it and I have some very capable teachers in the doctor boys Jan Hunting has trained, as well as Joyce Bolton.

The village people seem very happy and friendly and I can't wait to learn a bit of Pidgin English so as I can converse with them a little more fluently.

But who needs to talk when you can look into the children's huge, black eyes, and read all the important feelings anyway.

The missionaries up here, John and Joyce Bolton, Rodney Feldhahn and Rosalie Rofe are looking after me wonderfully and I'm learning a great deal from them, not only about New Guinea but about missionaries and mission life.

Everything is all very exciting and new to me, and I am very happy. I just hope that over the next six months I can help maintain the high standard of care set by the girls I am temporarily replacing.

### WORD TALK NO. 72.

#### A.B.C. OF THE BIBLE

In the Hebrew understanding Heaven was associated with the sky being the place where God dwells (Matt. 6:9). Heaven was seen as a garment of metal covering over the sky to stop the heavenly water falling on to earth, being held up by four pillars with windows from which God's blessings pour and containing the storehouses of the wind. It was here God dwelt. Of course some Hebrews thought spiritualised Heaven. Some Rabbis taught that the righteous live in Paradise and after Judgement will be resurrected to a thousand year reign on earth prior to their exaltation to Heaven for eternity. This understanding influenced New Testament writers, particularly John. As a Christian view Paul shifted the location of the dead from the shades of Hades to Heaven (1. Thess. 4:17, 1 Cor. 15:35-54).

Paul stressed the difference between body, soul and spirit (1 Thess. 5:23; and also Heb. 4:12). His teaching was that with the resurrection it was not that man's body would be raised to Heaven nor that his soul should become immortal but that man's spirit would have the breath of eternity, leading it into a new perfection and liberty (Rom. 8:19-21). The Christian attitude of resurrection of man's spirit was neither the Jewish concept of the physical resurrection of the body nor the Greek concept of the immortality of the soul. The Apostles Creed (written about 150 A.D.) used the phrase "Resurrection of the body." This was an error perpetuated by the R.C. Council of Trent, the Presbyterian Westminster Confessions and the C. of E. Prayer Book. The Nicene Creed said "Resurrection of the dead" which is a truer summary of Christian belief. In early centuries our concept of "personality" was not appreciated as it is today. That is probably closer to Paul's "spirit" than any other word.

## HEAVEN

### DICTIONARY.

Heaven is the Bible symbol of the eternal life man's personality can enjoy with God through man's responses in faith to Him.

### FOR TODAY:

Many of our ideas about Heaven reflect human desire rather than Biblical truth. Most of our concepts of heaven come for John's symbols (Rev. 21 and 22), Milton's Poems, and Medieval artists. Human desires colour our understanding of Heaven giving us different viewpoints e.g.

"But Somewhere, beyond place and time,  
Is wetter water, slimier slime  
And in that Heaven of all their wish  
There shall be no more land, say fish."

Greater than our desires are the scriptural concepts that Heaven is our home, a relationship of true friends, of the Church triumphant, of the solutions to the riddles of life, and the consummation of all love and true desire.

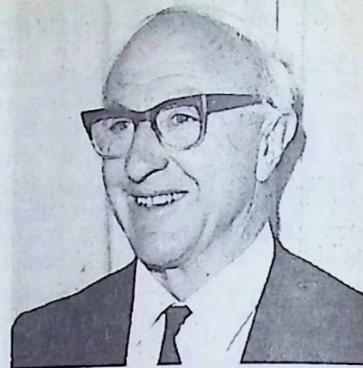
"Rest in Peace" may be spoken by Ministers but as little fact in Christian Heaven. Christians may "Rest from their labours" but there is no idleness in Heaven. It is the end of sorrow, suffering and death, (Rev. 21:4) but it is a place of work, joy, laughter and praise (John 5:17, Ps. 16:11, Matt. 5:8).

Traditionally we refer to our reunion with loved ones. The Bible teaches that marriages do not continue in Heaven (Mark 12:25); we will live as God's family but not exclusively for each other. That is bad news for widowers but good news for bachelors! Heaven is not for the solitary but for all who belong to God's family (Rev. 21:7).

GORDON MOYES.

## E. L. WILLIAMS RETIRES

On the occasion of Mr. Williams' retirement from the Council the Rev. S.I. Weeks voiced the Council's warmest appreciation and thanks to him. Unity, witness and service had characterised his contributions to the life of the V.C.C. and the A.C.C. during the many years he had represented the Churches of Christ. His leadership brought forth wise advice, inspiration, rebuke and strength for the Church in our community. Principal Williams was a formation member of the Council in 1948. He has served for most of the following years on the Council's Executive and as a past Chairman. Mr. Williams thanked the Council for its expression of appreciation.



### HURRICANE

A recent hurricane in the Pacific caused considerable damage throughout the Ellice Islands.

Bible Society translator, Rev. Alovaka Maui, reports that his church and office were both flattened and his home was flooded during the storm.

Although office stationery, books, equipment, and translation helps were all destroyed, the translation manuscripts for the Ellice New Testament, on which Mr Maui is working, were spared.

Although details are not available, it is likely that Mr Maui instinctively treated the manuscripts as his most valued possession when the storm hit, possibly carrying them with him to safety.

Translation of the entire N.T. should be completed by the end of 1974.

—B.S.A.

## PIDGIN PROBLEM

Growing independence in Papua New Guinea is presenting some difficulties for the Bible Society's Pidgin Old Testament translation project, according to Dr. Andrew Taylor, Translation Consultant for the Bible Society in Papua New Guinea.

Papua New Guineans are taking a more active part in church activities, something which the Bible Society there has advocated for several years.

However, the demand for indigenous church leaders has cut down the supply of indigenous translators for Bible translation projects. Consequently, progress on the Pidgin Old Testament, while progressing steadily, has not been as fast as might have been possible with more translators available.

"We are hesitant about approaching indigenes presently employed by the churches," reported Dr. Taylor, "because we know they are needed where they are. At the moment, we are willing to make do with the men available."

—B.S.A.

## Indonesian Leprosy

I would like to tell you about our latest admission to our Medan Clinic. He is a man of 38 years and is rather ill at the moment—with face, arms and legs puffed up. He is in a state of "Reaction" which is not uncommon with his type of leprosy.

This man who is Javanese by birth, married another leprosy patient who is "Karo" by birth—that is, she comes from one of the mountain tribes of Sumatra.

By Sister Aileen Dallimore, Associate Churches of Christ Missionary serving with the leprosy mission.

This marriage was strongly disapproved of by her parents because she married someone not of her tribe and the husband was told he must pay a very high price for this—many pigs—but he didn't have enough pigs so they had to leave the area where they were living (i.e. our "leprosarium" in the mountains). They were very poor and the husband had to walk for six days carrying his wife on his back because she was too sick to walk. He finally arrived at one of our other "leprosariums" where his wife died last year.

Myono, the husband, has a little 3½ year old son to care for and each day he has to work in the fields then cook for his young son and try to care for him.

When I discovered this patient last week he was in no state to care for himself, let alone his very active son. There was no doubt that he must come to our Medan Clinic for much care, but who would look after his son? Not one of those other 200 patients would even consider it, so after much thinking we could see that the son would have to come with the father and live in our small hospital. We were sure this would present many problems, but the little fellow is so likeable that staff and patients alike join in looking after his welfare, feeding, bathing, playing and teaching. He never goes far from his father's bed and his

father is able to rest all day and watch his now very clean son romping about in clean clothes.

I feel Myono will have to remain with us for quite some weeks, but am not sure how his son, Sudirman, will like the confined space of the Clinic for that length of time. That will be just another of the many problems we seem to have with looking after these Eastern people whose ways are so very different from ours.

I found myself thinking of the words of that chorus I learned in Sunday School—"My Lord knows the way through the wilderness, all I have to do is follow." How very true these words are, we can do nothing in our own strength, so why not "cast all our cares upon Him" who loves and cares for each one of us.

The following have been appointed Associate Churches of Christ Missionaries, please pray for them and correspond with them.

Mr. & Mrs. B. Richards, P.O. Box 354, Kathmandu, NEPAL. Mr. H. Gross, Bamrung Wittaya School, Mokara Road, Nakhon Pathom, THAILAND. Mr. & Mrs. N. Wescombe, F.E.B.A. Box 234, Mane, SEYCHELLES. Miss A. Dallimore, Djalan Petula 31, Medan, NORTH SUMATRA, INDONESIA. Mr. & Mrs. B. Heyworth, Overseas Missionary Fellowship, 2, Cluney Road,

SINGAPORE 10.

### TOP OF THE NEWS

What were the top religious news stories in 1972? The Religious News Service said it was the "widespread quest for personal spiritual experience," as evidenced by the upsurge in evangelism, the growth of the charismatic movement, Expo 72 (a big youth programme) and the build up for Key 73, in which even Catholics participated.

Other top stories listed by R.N.S. were: the religious involvement in politics; the abortion controversy, and the Vietnam war.

# 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.

## ABORTION

An open letter to the Federal Member for Diamond Valley from the clergy in the electorate.

Mr. D. McKenzie, M.P.,  
c/- Commonwealth Parliament Offices,  
400 Flinders Street,  
MELBOURNE. 3000.

Dear Mr. McKenzie,

On April 17, 1973, a well attended meeting of the Protestant and Catholic Clergy in your electorate of Diamond Valley was held to discuss the Bill you are sponsoring and known as the "Medical Clarification Act" to legalise abortion on demand.

All clergymen in the electorate were invited and with but a few apologies all attended.

The meeting expressed its grave concern that so soon after being elected to represent the Diamond Valley Electorate you presumed to know the mind of the constituency on a matter

of vital legal, moral and sociological consequence.

It was unanimously resolved at the meeting that abortion on demand (called by that name or inferred by any other) is abhorrent and unacceptable to the vast majority of the people whom you represent.

The meeting further noted that in an electoral undertaking you pledged that you would consult your constituents on important matters which involved them whether directly or indirectly. However, without having a mandate from the Diamond valley Electorate you have seen fit to sponsor such a controversial bill.

The clergymen present were of the opinion that the proposed legislation as advertised firstly, does not appear to acknowledge the rights of the unborn to life and secondly, it apparently denies the rights of doctors and nurses to refuse to participate in aborting a foetus by providing legal penalties.

Those present unanimously re-affirmed the sanctity of human life and the belief that rather

than supporting abortion legislation, elected representatives should campaign for more effective social legislation. Such legislation is obviously necessary to assist poor people, underprivileged children, handicapped children and unmarried mothers. Emphasis, we believe, should be on constructive and practical assistance rather than in the debasing and destruction of human life.

We would welcome the opportunity of discussing our beliefs with you on the assumption that you would be interested to hear the Christian viewpoint.

In the meantime, we call on you to publicly disassociate yourself from this bill in the belief that such action would be acclaimed by the majority of your constituents.

Yours sincerely,  
Clergymen of  
Diamond Valley Electorate  
(26 Signatures affixed)

THE WORLD CHURCH IS A FELLOWSHIP  
To the Editor,

Much of what is written about the W.C.C. is written by those having no personal involvement in the W.C.C. programme and activities other than the negative approach. An explanatory article by R. Neil Gilmore, "On the Inside, Looking Out," is a corrective to this negative concept. A careful review of this article gives proof that the W.C.C. is a Fellowship and understands its life to be contemporary.

When that day comes for which our Lord prayed and we discover the genuine oneness of the church, no W.C.C. will be necessary. "Super church" is a weapon used by the insecure. Neil Gilmore claims there is no interest in a contrived oneness in the church, but a deep longing to realise the oneness for which our Lord prayed.

Will R. Hibburt, Vic.

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### KEEPING GOD AT BAY (4)

To the Editor,

I've got another good idea for keeping God just far enough away for life to stay comfortable, but not too far away so that he's not there when we need him. It's quoting texts!

If God seems to be moving your church towards some sort of progress, and it looks like the thin edge of the divine wedge to get into your inner life, then get out your concordance and go like mad finding texts to oppose it. Stall for time by saying, "It's no use because the Bible says that in the last days there will be a falling away." You don't know where it is in the Bible and it mightn't be there at all, but ten to one the enthusiasts won't know that either. So you've kept them and God at bay until you get your breath and some impressive texts.

If your church wants to go all evangelistic, quote the Good Samaritan and the Book of Amos and "Love your neighbour." That will keep God from getting at you to go on that visitation programme. If your church gets a social conscience, quote all the texts about individual salvation, and you'll be able to stay out of the wet while the others go crusading for social justice.

If they propose to use women in the services hit the roof with "let your women keep silence in the church," but make sure you keep silence yourself about the verse that says that there is no difference between male and female.

If people in your church talk about change, there are thousands of verses in the Bible and you should be able to find quite a few to support your resistance. If you can't, resist change by using the word "scriptural." It never fails to impress. People in our churches have a sort of sneaking feeling that if we've done it long enough it must be scriptural. Bury your head in the status quo and you'll think you're safe from God.

And if one quiet night when your defences are down, you begin to feel the Spirit, grab the text "try the spirits whether they are of God." That will give you enough doubt to end the whole thing, and you'll be able to get some sleep.

If the devil can quote scripture, so can you.

TERTIUS

## ASIA TO ASIA MISSIONARIES

The question "Are the Japanese ready to receive Asian missionaries?" drew a mixed response when put by EACC's secretary for mission, the Rev. Alex John, at the Bangkok conference on "Salvation Today". A member of the Japanese Baptist Union said, "We are heading for the time when the number of missionaries will be zero". An official of the National Council of Churches: "We are questioning whether foreign missionaries are needed or not, so why talk of asking Asian missionaries".

The Korean Christian Church in Japan pays the salary of an Indian who teaches at Tokyo Women's College, using funds from overseas and showing it still believes in missionaries. The Japan Seikokai (Anglican-Episcopal) wants them not for evangelism but as strategists and experts in particular fields. This church is sending a Japanese pastor to Korea for three years to study language, culture and people preparatory to working among Koreans in Japan as bridge-builder between the two churches.

-E.P.S.

# BLAST FOR WHITLAM GOVERNMENT

(MELB.) The Executive Director of World Vision of Australia, Graeme Irvine, accused the Whitlam government of deserting Cambodia to the Communists.

He said, "Australia is setting up an embassy in North Vietnam and offering civil aid, while an estimated 30,000 North Vietnamese regulars are invading the Khmer Republic".

Mr. Irvine said, "Every Australian should be ashamed of it's government's lack of concern for Cambodia. I saw the

results of North Vietnamese and Viet Cong terror tactics in the villages. The country now has over 600,000 refugees as a result of the killing and intimidation of innocent women and children. Phnom Pehn is ringed by 33 refugee camps".

The emergency relief aid and childcare specialist claims people are too quick to call the Lon Nol government corrupt. Under the circumstances, it's doing an amazing job. There is no money to pay school teachers, soldiers barely earn enough to feed their families, while government workers finish early to try and earn extra money at a second job.

Mr. Irvine said, "World Vision plans to install an 'instant' hospital in a building supplied by the Cambodian Government. Australian medical teams will be sent to help staff the facility."

-W.V.M.S.

## ABORIGINE APPOINTMENT

The Australian Council of Churches has appointed an Aborigine, Terrance Widders, as secretary to its Commission on Aboriginal Development.

Mr. Widders, 25, is from Armidale N.S.W. He has completed two years of a teachers' college course, and has worked with the human relations programme of the University of New England.

He was also one of the group of nine Aborigines who visited China recently.

As the first full-time secretary to the Commission on Aboriginal Development, Mr. Widders will have particular responsibility for a community development project to provide resources and leadership to enable an Aborigine community to develop greater responsibility for their own decisions and life as a community.

Mr. Widders will also be responsible for continuing the Council's work on land rights for Aborigines, liaison with Aborigine people on behalf of the Council, and liaison with church mission boards on Aboriginal affairs.

His appointment, initially for a period of three years, is expected to be financed through contributions from churches around the world, through the Inter-Church Aid network of the world Council of Churches.

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## JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

### WHICH COUNTRY?

1. It was a very important country, but it is only mentioned three times in the Bible, twice in The Acts.
2. Many Jewish communities were there, long before the coming of Christianity.
3. It contained the capital of the world as it was known in the New Testament.
4. After the "dark ages" of ignorance, there was a great burst of new learning and it started in this land.

Anglican: "The Lord must like us Anglicans, He made so many of us."

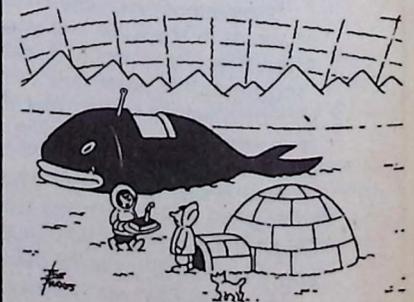
Baptist: "Maybe He's trying to find a good one!"

### GOING UP!

1. The first to get off the ground with a gas-filled balloon were the Montgolfier Brothers in 1785.
2. Otto and Gustav Lilienthal made the first glider flight in 1891.
3. For 12 seconds, Orville Wright made the first powered flight in 1903.
4. Major Yuri Gagarin was the first man in space - in 1961.

Wife: (Borrowing \$10.00 from her husband): "I'll pay it back on Thursday when I get your pay cheque."

A teacher, annoyed with his clock-watching students, covered the clock with a sign which read: "Time will pass. Will you?"



"Well, naturally it's the same thing you had for lunch!"



## VICTORIA

**MINISTRY EXTENDED.** (Portland, B. Duff). Mr Duff accepted church's offer to extend ministry for a further period on a 75% basis instead of former 50% . . . Minister and young people attended Youth Camp at Kaniva . . . Harvest Thanksgiving Service had emphasis placed on "Dedication of your Trade". Produce given to needy families . . . Officers met with J. Edwards of Norlane re Mini Mission in October . . . Two young people have made decisions for Christ.

**BOX HILL DECISION** (K. R. Bond). A young girl made her decision for Christ . . . C.W.F. entertained W. H. Clay folk with bright singing and afternoon tea. Mrs. Secomb was soloist . . . Explorer groups preparing for outdoor sports . . . Pre-Gospel and Mid-week a.m. prayer meetings maintaining good attendances . . . Combined Good Friday service held in Baptist Church.

**MISSIONARY GUEST.** (Croydon, A. B. Clark). K. Ludgater of New Hebrides was recent speaker. He also showed slides at evening service . . . A. Horne from Montrose church spoke at April youth service . . . Section 6 won grand final in tennis. A barbecue presentation night was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. Cooke . . . C.Y.F. held a "Scruffy" night at their last meeting . . . Sympathy is expressed to Mr. Ryan and family on the passing of Mrs. G. Ryan . . . Mrs. I. Smith is back after many weeks absence.

**PASSION PLAY SLIDES.** (Ballarat, F. C. Hunting). At Mt. Clear church, ladies combined for their meeting. Slides of the Passion Play were shown by Miss McTaggart. Project this year for New Hebrides Mission . . . A dinner was held for Officers and wives at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Colin Hocking followed by an Audio Visual and discussion on Evangelism through House Fellowship meetings . . . Good Companions held Walkathon to raise money for church extensions . . . Challenge to Youth meeting was led by Bruce Staley with address by Peter Burnham, Max Birch was song leader . . . Singing group "Maranatha Sounds" took gospel service on April 14 . . . Adult Classes Supt. is Bruce Staley. . . . Robyn Webb welcomed into membership.

**PEDALLING FOR EVANGELISM.** (Richmond, P. Burnham, G. Strack). The Young Adult Fellowship held a Bikeathon, pedalling 24 hours on a fixed bicycle to meet the cost of pamphlets to be distributed in Richmond, as a church and evangelistic effort. Four Bethesda Hospital nurses were in the group. \$164.00 was raised . . . Mrs. Goddard a member of the Carnarvon work party showed slides and spoke on the project.

. . . Fund Raising Committee introduced a Talent Fund, another drive for Chapel repairs . . . A Church Family Tea and Thanksgiving was held on March 25, during which Mr. & Mrs. Clarie Newham were presented with a gift of appreciation. They are on an extended holiday in W.A. with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Gaunson. Mrs. Newham has been church organist at Burnley and Richmond for over 50 years, and Mr. Newham, Deacon and Treasurer in both churches . . . Cheryl Bird has become Organiste . . . A Jumble Sale raised \$26.00 on March 31.

**PORNOGRAPHY PROTEST** (Horsham, R. Roberts) Many members have written to the Chief Secretary commending his stand against pornography . . . A young man made his decision on April 8 . . . Y.P. are visiting Wimmera towns to sing and take services to promote Youth Convention for Queen's Birthday weekend . . . M. Carter was elected elder . . . Recent speakers have been: A. Marsh (Federal Aborigines Missions); Miss Judy Hadley (T.E.A.M., Japan); Mr. and Mrs. Rathbone (S.U.M.); Rev. Brewer and K. Williams (Bible Society).

**PRAYER FOR MISSION** (Bendigo, M. D. Keatch). Prayer meeting attendances for Harris-Lacy mission have improved . . . A Family Camp re-union has been sold . . . Mrs. A. Langley and Miss Glenice McCasker have been baptised . . . Cent. & Nthn. Dist. Easter camp was held at Eppalock.



## NEW SOUTH WALES

**STALL AT SHOW** (Pendle Hill, R. Aldred) The Churches of Christ stall at Paramatta Agricultural Show highlighted the month's activities. Members' planning and participation was rewarded by enquirers and interested observers at the Show . . . S.S. film night raised \$33 . . . Easter edition of quarterly magazine "Reach Out" provided excellent means of furthering outreach into homes of non-members . . . Janet and Bill Buli were guest speakers here. Janet has been supported by the C.W.F. for several years . . . There was a baptism on April 15.

**BACK FROM N.Z.** (Chatswood, C.G. Taylor) Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were welcomed back from their New Zealand trip where Mr. Taylor conducted evangelistic missions in four centres. His return was saddened by the news of his brother's sudden death the night before. We commend the whole family to the love of our Lord . . . Roy Stanhope of Lane Cove church addressed Adult Bible Class . . . C.W.F. heard a talk about the problems of Autistic children by Mrs. Hirschl . . . C.Y.F. met for after-church fellowship at McElvenny home, where they saw a movie of work in the New Hebrides, and were addressed by Bill Bagley.



## TASMANIA

### Tasmanian C.W.F.

The President, Mrs. Iris Robertson, was in the chair for the C.W.F. conference on April 1 at Collins St. church, Hobart. The Conference was an exercise in fellowship and challenge.

Fellowship was provided by the women who came to receive the Report of the year's work and to glimpse future commitments. Mrs. C. Holland and Miss Jean Bartlett presented a duet. A state-wide itinerary by Mrs. G. R. Stirling, prior to Conference, strengthened the bonds of fellowship between local groups and with Victoria.

Challenge came from Mrs. Stirling with the theme of her presidential year: "A Faith to Share", linking it with the "Strategy for the Seventies" programme, and also by a missionary focus by Mrs. T. Sice and Mrs. J. Harrison on Aborigines' Missions. Mrs. D. Allen focussed attention on the New Guinea work paying tribute to the "fools for Christ's sake", and especially to the pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. F. Beale, retiring after 15 years there.

The challenge thrown out to our Tasmania women is that . . .

We have a Mission to our Missionaries. How dare we not care . . . or give . . . or pray.

**TRIBUTES FOR ELDERS** (Launceston, M. D. Hamilton) On April 9 a service of thanksgiving for the life and witness of a beloved father, grandfather, Elder and churchman was held prior to the funeral of James Portrey Foot. Many tributes were paid to his Christian character and service to the church . . . Miss Kalpena Airan, Australian Church Women's Keik Scholarship winner, 1973, visited the S.S. and spoke at morning service . . . The choir joined with Margaret St. Methodist choir to present Stainer's "Crucifixion" on April 15 . . . Local and visiting organists presented a series of four weekly recitals.

**MISSIONARY DISPLAY** (Devonport, E.W. Taylor) For the Missionary Convention, April 1-8, the hall held a wonderful display illustrating Missionary Work. A Family Tea was held before final meeting. Speakers were Miss J. Hyland (Nepal), Les Dixon (Indonesia), D. Grant (L.I.F.E.), S. Dinnen (W.E.C.), Mr. and Mrs. Watson (Venezuela), Miss Joan Mundy (Brazil) and Mr. and Mrs. B. Rattray (Borneo) . . . Church picnic held at Ulverstone beach . . . Church extends sympathy to Mr. J. Gillam and family in the death of his wife.

PHOTOS FOR USE IN THE  
"AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN"  
SHOULD BE CLEAR  
GLOSSY PRINTS

**TWO AT ALBANY** (K. Ewers-Verge) There were two baptisms recently, the first since our new minister came . . . There were 130 at our first Family Service for 1973, held in Ambulance Hall . . . New clubs for younger boys and girls were commenced. Mrs. Sandra Ralph is in charge of the girls.

**THIRTEEN NEW MEMBERS** (Dianella, F. Griffiths) 13 new members have been welcomed by transfer since beginning of the year. B.S. had record attendance of 104. 140 attended first church parade of year for Girls' and Boys' Brigade . . . Senior "B" Men's Basketball team won its summer competition . . . C.W.F. entertains girls from Bamburra Hostel one Sunday a month in homes . . . J. Sara of Bible Society visited here on April 8 . . . The church farewelled the Cooney family on moving to Albany. V. Cooney served three years as church secretary and Mrs. Cooney was active in the C.W.F.

**LAY WITNESS** (Chelsea, D. Oakes) "Renewal Lay Witness Mission" was held on April 6-8. There were four first decisions and over 30 re-dedications. Sharing groups are now in operation in homes . . . Women's Fellowship and Girls' Club are organizing "Trash and Treasure Sale" for church debt . . . Boys club gained awards in swimming sports. All four groups obtained placings . . . Speaker from Leprosy Mission on April 29.

**LADIES TAKE SERVICE** (Nobel Park, T. Giles) The C.W.F. took the evening service on April 8. Mrs. Holloway was speaker. Groceries were given to her for the work of the Social Service Department. C.W.F. ladies are making feeders for Kew Cottages and rugs for the aboriginal folk . . . Discipleship classes are being held, also training sessions for those on church plan . . . B. Cartmel is now assisting in the work . . . On April 7 a successful car trial was held.

**"OLIVET TO CALVARY."** (Hartwell, M. J. Savage). At Pre-Easter Palm Sunday Preparation Service on April 15, Burwood and Surrey Hills Congregational churches united with Hartwell in worship at Hartwell church. The combined choirs rendered music from the cantata "Olivet to Calvary", and a girls' choir and soloists provided Easter music . . . A "Trash and Treasurer" Sale on April 13 and 14 realized \$1,027. Most of the proceeds came from small sales of articles given . . . The annual outing and afternoon tea for guests from the Christian Guest Homes held in March was enjoyed by 110 guests, 33 drivers and 40 helpers.

**FIRST MANSE** (Collingwood, S. C. Downie) The minister and his wife have moved in to the manse, the first in the church's 105 years of service . . . Katina Miriklis is at M.B.I. . . . Robert Street is at College of the Bible. Vice Principal Gordon Stirling spoke at a Dedication Service . . . Our missionary aim of \$1,000 was met. This was 1/7th of the church's total income.

• **ABORIGINES' MISSIONS**

# Troubles at Onslow

—By Mervyn Broad

Onslow is a small town on the coast, 52 miles off the main Northwest Coast Highway. Population is approximately 150-200 white people, with a varying native population of approximately 150-300. Lance and Enid Fisher commenced work full-time here a couple of years ago. Laurel and I came at the end of September, 1972.

There was a tremendous response to Lance's ministry and before we went there we were told that 80 people had been baptised into the Church there. The people had Noualla Community Centre which was given by the Government and the Mission was guiding and helping in the running of things.

Things now are very much different. From the 80 baptised, many have fallen away. The Aboriginal convert needs a lot of building up in the faith (most are illiterate) and I have concentrated in trying to do this. When we came to Onslow there was, and still is, a Native Church of about 15 people meeting on the Reserve each Sunday, the rest are nowhere to be found. This number of 15 each week would possibly be made up from about 30 people who do come but not all at the same time.

The Community Centre is not going well. This is mainly because the control is no longer in the hands of the Christian people and the Mission is no longer able to guide in Noualla affairs. This has not been of our own choice but more from outside pressures and anti-Mission feelings being brought to bear. I ask you to pray for the people here that the Holy Spirit

will show them that there is no other way than Jesus' way.

There is racial tension but it is not as dramatic as the papers sound. Onslow as a town is a dying town unless Government aid is given and it is because all the grants have been given to Aborigines and none to the white people there is a sore point amongst the whites. This is more the trouble than race itself.

Noualla was a self-help programme run by the Native Christians and as such had great possibilities, but now with no Mission guidance and under non-Christian leadership the people are just sitting down waiting for the "cargo" to come from the Government. This is a bad situation and yet the only answer seems to be to let the people find out for themselves that things do not work properly if God is left out.

Our ministry is to uphold and strengthen the Christians that we do have, that through all this they may show the true way. We hope to do more station visitation in the future to tell others of the way and to generally be of help where we can. Pray for us here that we might be true witnesses for him who loved us and gave himself for us.

—"Carnarvon News"

## CHRISTIAN BOOK WEEK

MAY 20-27

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**FINAL MEETING** (Lenswood, A.E. Cremin) Our final meeting in the present building will be held on May 20 before it is demolished in preparation for a new Chapel . . . Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on April 8. Produce from this was distributed between the Christian Rest Home and Morialta Children's Homes.

### FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

The family Life Education section of the Marriage Guidance Council has arranged a course for engaged couples in preparation for marriage. It commences on Wednesday, June 6, 7.30 p.m., and the following three consecutive Wednesdays at the same time, at 46 Princess St., Kew, Vic. 3101.

There will be small group discussions on the first two evenings, a medical discussion the third evening and a plenary panel on the last evening to discuss the budget, food values, legal matters and housing.

For details phone 86-8512. (Melb)

### Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"How about I give you an I.O.U. for ten dollars and you give me five dollars change?"

# WHITE PAPERS

## ON LIFE AND FAITH

**CONFERENCE IN CANBERRA** There is nothing new about Conferences in Canberra. They have them all the time. Already there is a big line up for this year and the next: police commissioners, surveyors, ophthalmologists, geometres, foresters, chemists, ornithologists, stratigraphists and palaeontologists, broadcasters, Jaycees, Rotarians, and Lions, as well as conferences on tektites, meteorites, and lunarites, crystallography, and electron microscopy! But for us there is one special Conference in Canberra, 1974. The Canberra Churches will be hosts to the Australian Brotherhood in October. It will be their First Federal Conference, but its success is assured in the first class team of men and women already hard at work.

Canberra's first Church of Christ opened at Ainslie in 1951; the second at Lyons in 1967. Next year, a third will commence at Belconnen. These three churches will be expecting us to give strong support. In addition to all of the other good reasons why we should be there to further the work and witness of Churches of Christ in Australia, we should also check up on our investments. After all, Australian members everywhere helped to establish these churches through Federal Home Evangelism. Our help was given through our offerings, but our taxes built the Capital! We can check up on that at the same time.

Canberra is worth seeing at any season, but it is at its best in Spring. And Spring it will be. Plan now to attend the 35th Federal Conference in Canberra, October 21-27, 1974. The Fourth National Ministers' Seminar will follow, October 27-29.

### GOOD GRIEF!!

There was this woman who phoned her husband at work and wasn't permitted to talk to him.

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It was only the next day that the union found out that the woman had phoned the wrong factory!!! "The Australian."

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**ISLAND ARRIVAL** (Nambour, R. McLean) Jeanette Eggmolesse has arrived in Ndui Ndui, New Hebrides to begin mission work. Church members received "Ndui Ndui Bags" with view to supporting Jeanette financially . . . Recent guest speaker was Professor Wilson, a Kenmore College Lecturer and Queensland University Lecturer in Geology . . . C.W.F. continued its mission project when Mrs. R. Bull and Mrs. King told of work in New Hebrides and New Guinea . . . Easter guest speaker was Frank Beale from New Guinea.

### HAROLD GROSS MOVES

A grant-in-aid from the Disciples of Christ U.S.A., has given Harold Gross the opportunity to study the Thai language full-time.

Accordingly he has a new address for nine months, as from May 1. It is: H. F. Gross, Bangkok Christian Guest House, 123 Saladang, Soi 2, Bangkok, Thailand.

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

### APPRECIATION

**STEVENS:-** Many thanks to all kind relatives and friends for the loving concern shown to me in many ways in the sudden death of my loved husband.

Would all please accept this as a personal thanks. Lucy Stevens, North Williamstown, Vic.

### BIRTHS

**BISHOP** (Barrenger) To Gwen and Keith, East Bentleigh, Vic. a son, Ross Thomas, on April 15th, 1973. Brother for Winston, Debra and Jennifer.

**FRANKLIN** (Turnham) Lorraine and Rod are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter, Hayley Michelle, on April 3rd, 50 Taylor Rd., Hurstville, Vic.

### MISSIONARY NIGHT

**BLACKBURN (Vic.)**  
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**SUNDAY, MAY 13**  
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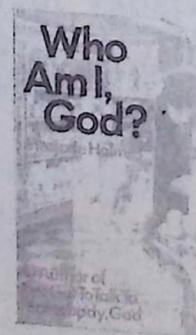
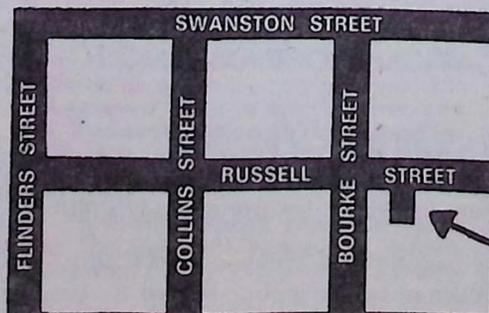


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## INTRODUCING THE BIBLE

Dr. William Barclay \$1.75

The most popular of last year's Literature Department recommendations was by far "Ethics in a Permissive Society," by William Barclay. Barclay's latest title deserves equally wide readership and is highly recommended as a valuable background guide to every Sunday School Leader and student of the Bible.

The book is written in the usual Barclay style of supplying an apt illustration for almost every important point, making what could be a rather heavy subject for people not used to study, quite light and interesting.

In the opening chapter he discusses the importance of the Bible—its unique place in Literature.

In succeeding chapters he deals with the Old Testament, its history and formation. The New Testament is studied in much the same way, and he discusses a subject about which there is a great deal of confusion and ignorance—"The Apocrypha."

He examines methods of Bible study and makes suggestions and follows this by explaining some of the more difficult Bible passages, employing all his breadth of scholarship and knowledge of customs and tradition to explain and clarify.

The final chapter lists study aids and commentaries.

## GOD THOUGHTS.

By Dick Williams (Falcon Books) \$1.05

If you move away from sex and drugs and the Jesus Movement these days, it's difficult to find a good book for young people.

One of the best available is "God Thoughts," by Dick Williams, a book of prayers. The author takes the reader inside the mind of a young man who is "feeling" his way to God. The early prayers are almost a cry for help and the young man shares his fears and doubts with a God he hardly knows and cannot yet trust. All the wonder and torment of a conversion experience is revealed as the quest continues.

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## WHERE THE ACTION IS

By Rita Snowden (Fontana) \$1.00

Rita Snowden's latest book "Where the Action is" will undoubtedly be very popular.

It is a collection of one to two page stories about people and organizations well known and not so well known who have made some worthwhile contribution to their neighbour.

Following each story there are two short prayers—the first an expression of gratitude for the work and people involved in the story, the second is more personal, helping the reader to apply the challenge or the inspiration of the subject to his own life.

This paperback could be used effectively for a number of purposes for personal devotional reading, as a resource book for illustrative material, or as a book of devotions suitable for most Church devotional periods, especially for Ladies and Youth groups.

## WHO AM I, GOD? \$1.30

Recommended in last year's list was a little paperback "I've Got to Talk to Somebody God" by Majorie Holmes. Majorie Holmes continues writing and has joined the select few whose books have been included in the top ten best selling list in the U.S.A.

The reason for the popularity of her writings is again evident in this year's recommendation:- "Who am I, God?". In brief conversational like prayers the author talks to God about many of the day-to-day concerns and responsibilities of life and in just reading these prayers we can easily identify with them and make them our own.

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# NEW GUINEA NEWSLETTER

By Aileen Draney

This year is certainly slipping away and we have had over 4 weeks of school. All, except one boy, of those who should have come back have arrived and settled in well. Forty-two new ones are also making their presence felt in various ways. All four new dormitories are now finished, and each village (or whole area) has sent watch parents and they live in the dormitories and are responsible for the children out of school hours.

This means making the children work in a garden to supplement the food provided by their parents. The care of their dormitories and for settling children at night time etc. etc. This has meant more free time for teachers and not as many squabbles to settle. With this system parents of children from Temnung area and from Asau are happy for their children to go home once a fortnight instead of every week.

Standard 5 of last year have gone up to Chungribu and so there are only 1, 3 and 5 at Bunapas. Some of standard one are very small children and I wonder how many Australian parents would be happy to send their seven year olds away to boarding school. A New Guinean teacher has joined the staff of the Chungribu school relieving Diana Catts to make a language survey of our Mission area. Pray for Diana in this work.

Will you rejoice with us in that 32 people at the Bunam area have followed their Lord through the waters of baptism? Do pray that each one will become mature Christians. Bunam have also started a C.W.F. group and the officers have been appointed.

You may remember that Soma and Ana went from the Bunapas Church as missionaries to the lower Keram area. Soma and his family stayed in the village of Kekten and visited Munyiten, Buten, Yemen, Korokapa and Yar as well as working at Kektem. Soma found he was not well received at Korokapa and Yar but at the other villages he was accepted. He found the people hungry for God's word and prepared to give time to learn. Some of his stories show the Power of God at work. Soma and Ana have grown much though the experience and have truly found that God is real.

Munakuri, who graduated from Christian Leaders Training College last

year has now gone to Kekten to continue the work that Soma was doing. Munakuri is not married and he will miss the companionship of others of his own language group. Do pray daily for him.

Thirty are now at Tsumba for another B.S. under the leadership of Bob Whan and August Ben. Of this number only eight have been to previous Bible Schools. A much larger number have come from the Lower Ramu area. The Keram area are short on numbers because of the difficulty of all the water to walk through at this time of the year. The Women's Bible School at Easter is also in need of your prayer.

May school holidays is the time for the mission Annual meeting. All missionaries will join together at Bunapas for a time of inspiration and discussion around His Word and also for a time of discussion of the work. Ron McLean the Overseas Secretary is planning to attend and Rex Ellis, a lecturer of Kenmore Bible College, is also hoping to be present.

Pray also for the renewal of the permit to stay in P.N.G. for Maeline and August Ben. Rodney Feldham has arrived and is settling into all spheres of the work connected with training of men as teachers in Pidgin English. There are four new schools this year. Continue to pray for all these men and for the children whom they teach. Rita McAllister has also returned and is settling into the work of the trade store and is assisting some 27 New Guinean trade store owners. This enables a wonderful Christian Service to be given in a practical way.

Spend much time in prayer for His work here in P.N.G. and we will all continue to see great things that the Lord has done.

Sincerely in His love,  
Aileen Draney.

## WORLD ATHEISTS

A world meeting of atheists was held in India last December. Madalyn O'Hara, (remember her? she led the move against prayer in U.S. schools), presided. Indian atheists have been promoting beef and pork parties to overcome religious taboos which they claim have kept the people ill-fed and disunited.

## OBITUARY

MACHIN, John Wenlock

Not great as the world counts greatness, John Machin was truly great in faithful fulfillment of his responsibilities to God, in unselfish living for others, in dedication to Christ and His cause, and in his uncompromising stand for good, right, and Christian truth, standards and principles. In his citizenship he sought to "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's," in his Christian discipleship he sought to put the will of God, the glory of Christ, and the good of the church first, so that the local church and the brotherhood have been enriched by his loyal and dedicated service and witness.

Mr. Machin confessed Christ in a mission conducted by the late E. C. Hinrichsen about 50 years ago. Within a few years he married the missionary's sister, Lillian, and they shared almost 47 years of happy married life, enriched by the advent of four daughters, Marle, Desley, Ruth and Coral. Now happily married and with their own growing family, the daughters are all active in the work of Christ's Kingdom.

The Machins were first associated with the Wynnum (Qld.) church, in Melbourne they have been with Hampton, Bamba Rd. Caulfield, and Tootgarook churches. Mr. Machin has served with distinction as elder, deacon, president, preacher, teacher, song leader and choir master. As a choir master he excelled because of his exceptional musical ability. His outstanding work was at Bamba Rd. where he conducted the choir for about 32 years. The presentation of anthems, cantatas and sacred concerts was his delight and added much to the life and outreach of the congregation. For a term he served as tent mission song leader with E. G. Hinrichsen.

The Machin home was simply an extension of the life of the church, its doors ever open to individuals and groups, old and young, for functions and fellowship. Many shared its welcome and warmth and testify to the influence and help of Mr. and Mrs. Machin in their Christian growth, loyalty and service.

After a short but severe illness Mr. Machin died on March 22, 1973. The esteem in which he was held was indicated by the capacity congregation in the Bamba Rd. chapel, on March 26, for a service of remembrance and thanksgiving. The writer was assisted by R. C. Bolduan (Tootgarook church) and Gary Wake (C.O.B.)

Loving sympathy is tendered to Mrs. Machin and all members of the family in their loss.

—W. W. Saunders.

STURGESS, William Alexander

Born at Hawthorn at the beginning of this century, "Bill" Sturgess died on Feb. 23, 1973. He married Miss Rita Bird in 1925. There was one son, Ken. These three accepted Christ together in a mission conducted by the Balwyn (Vic.) church in 1940.

Mr. Sturgess was a lover of cricket. For 30 years he served as secretary of the Umpires' Association of the Eastern District Cricket Association. On retirement he was made a life member of the Association and presented with a laudatory wall-plaque. Later, on his retirement from umpiring, a gift of lounge furniture was made.

Mr. Sturgess never sought prominence in the church and was ready to serve in such humble duties as door-keeping and, with his wife, church cleaning and caring for the communion table furnishings. However, the quality of his Christian life, character and dedication led to invitations to serve in important positions in the church life. He was secretary of the B.S. for 8 years and a deacon for many years.

Mr. Sturgess was ever devoted and loyal to Christ and the church, regular in attendance at services, consistent in witness. He so fulfilled the responsibilities of discipleship that Christ was exalted thereby.

E. F. Patterson, son of a former minister of Balwyn and President-elect of the Vic.-Tas. Conference, shared with the writer in the conduct of the funeral service on Feb. 26.

To Mrs. Sturgess, Ken, and all other loved ones, sincere condolences and Christian love are extended.

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## DEATH

**BANKS.** On April 15, at his home, 25 Scott Street, Belmont, Russel Albert, beloved husband of Edna, loving father of Lorraine (Mrs. Peeler) and Trevor. Tributes to Christian Home, c/o Dept. of Social Service, 217 Lonsdale St., Melbourne.

**MACHIN,** John Wenlock, of 67 Golf Parade, Rye, Vic., on March 22nd. Darling husband of Lil, dearly loved father of Marie, Desley, Ruth, and Coral, deeply respected father-in-law of Norm, Ron, Briane and John, and adored poppa of ten grandchildren. "To know him was to love him."

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Mrs. Freda Morris told of her experiences whilst travelling overseas. Prayer of Intercession was given by Mrs. G. Barnett.

Mrs. G. Stirling reported on her visit to Tasmania for the Tasmanian Conference and the meetings she was able to have with C.W.F. groups.

Women's Day of Conference will be held in the Kew Town Hall on May 2, at 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. Speaker at the evening session will be the Rev. Peter Hollingworth. A creche will be available at the morning and afternoon sessions.

Next Council Meeting — Friday 1st June, 10.30 a.m.: Speaker — Mrs. Lance Fisher.

"JESUS CHRIST IS LORD" (Red Hill) A sacred musical written and directed by Gerald Thomson was given its premiere to a crowded congregation on March 17 . . . Principal E. L. Williams was guest speaker at the church anniversary on April 8. There was a church luncheon and the "Yukana Singers" entertained in the afternoon.

YOUTH'S HARVEST (Castlemaine, J. Byrnes) Proceeds from the Harvest Festival, which included a display by Y.P., raised \$77 for Overseas Missions . . . Cars travelled to Maldon for 11th Missionary Convention and to Melbourne to see "Jesus Christ-Superstar." . . . Young people held Coffee Night following baptismal service . . . Deacons, deaconesses and C.W.F. executive met to discuss important issues . . . A dedication service was held for elders, deacons and deaconesses . . . Church Family Picnic was held in church grounds

SOCIAL SERVICE RESPONSE (Latrobe Ter., Geelong, R.V. Amos) Ladies from all Geelong Churches of Christ met at luncheon. Mrs. Holloway, Social Service Dept., was guest speaker. Offering of \$27 was donated for this work . . . Senior and Junior tennis teams won Grand Finals in District Tennis Assn. . . B.S. held barbecue at You Yongs on April 7. School will celebrate 100 years of service in July . . . School Supt. (Alan Carr) has completed 3 year Bible College Correspondence Course . . . Rev. Ingolsby of B. & F.B.S. addressed church on April 8.

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# Historic circuit move

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At the Circuit Conference on March 17, 1973, history was made when the remaining five Churches agreed to separate into two Circuits, each with its own ministry and responsibilities. The churches at Lowood and Marburg have become the Churches of Christ Marburg-Lowood Circuit, with Arthur Griffiths as minister. The churches at Rosewood, Mount Walker and Rosevale will continue to be known as the West Moreton Circuit of Churches of Christ, with Alex. Surtees as minister assisted by a student from Kenmore Christian College.

The new arrangements promise to make more effective and practicable the work and witness of Churches of Christ in this whole area.

**MISSION VISITOR.** (Redcliffe D. Kuhl) Lance Fisher, Aborigines Mission, W.A. and Mr. Adsett of Gideons International were recent speakers . . . Don Quinn, 1st year Kenmore College Student, is assisting in youth activities . . . The B.S. donated \$30 towards Cassette Recorders for the New Hebrides Mission . . . The C.W.F. continue their ministry to patients of the Nazarine Hospital . . . Mrs. V. Thomas is recovering from a foot operation . . . R. Warry has been elected to the State Overseas Missions Committee.

**"EASTER FANTASY"** (Ipswich, B. Rice) The young people are being congratulated on the presentation of the play "Easter Fantasy" at recent Sunday evening service . . . Boys' and Girls' Brigades will commence functioning in May . . . The church combined the Leichhardt for a Missionary Rally at which Frank Beale showed slides, spoke of the missionary work in New Guinea and answered many questions . . . Angela Faith, recently born to Mr. & Mrs. Rice, was the first baby born to a resident minister here in 50 years of the church's existence . . . Elder Emeritus W. E. Reeve enters hospital for a hand operation.

## 3rd ANNUAL ACADEMIC SERVICE

A large attendance at the Ann Chapel, Brisbane, was recorded for the 3rd Annual Academic Service of persons engaged in tertiary education.

Organised by the Department of Youth and Christian Education, the service was chaired by Miss Dianne Feeney, Kenmore Graduate, volunteer missionary in New Guinea, formerly with the Australian Institute of Management and now a tutor with the Queensland Institute of Technology.

Young students participated in the service and the address was delivered by A.C. Male, Director.

At supper, a panel consisting of Shirley Grundy and Bruce Gaunson, former Kenmore students, and Ken Wiltshire, Lecturer at Queensland University, discussed "Contemporary Issues in the Church" under the Chairmanship of Graham Boxhall, Lecturer at Queensland Institute of Technology, Deputy Chairman of the Christian Education Committee.

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**MEMORIAL LIBRARY.** (Scarborough, K.J. Duffy) The W.S. Bowen Memorial Library has been established in the church foyer. On March 10 "Open Day" attracted many to inspect the new \$32,000 improvements . . . Our Living Link target of \$1,000 to support Mr. Hiwale and broadcast work in India, has been accomplished . . . A Functional Church programme was approved at the annual meeting . . . Ken Duffy has accepted an invitation for extension of ministry to the end of 1977 . . . Scarborough young people presented "Revolution of Heart and Mind" at Subiaco church . . . The church mourns the death of Janet Beard following a long illness. Dawn Buckenara underwent surgery . . . The church has two senior and two junior netball teams and junior, senior and ladies' teams are making good use of the new tennis court.

**DECISIONS AT MANDURAH** Kerry Gregory has been baptized in the sea, also Mrs. Buchanan. Two young men were baptized on April 8 and five made decisions. All were from Miama, four miles from Mandurah . . . A number of members attended the W.A. Conf . . . Mr. and Mrs. Sambel and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jensen and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt have recently come to reside in Mandurah which is fast growing into a town. Lyn Sambel is teaching and relieving at the organ.

**MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY.** (Inglewood, J. K. Robinson) On Membership Sunday, April 1, over 80 attended services. Greetings were received from isolated members and Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Harrison travelled from Narrogin . . . Teachers visited homes of scholars on April 1, prior to a teachers' meeting and special church tea . . . Girls' Brigade shared with City Church Brigade on April 5 and Youth Group received Dalkeith Road young people on April 6 . . . The Drama Club presented a play reading of "The Trial" on April 8 and a Tenebrae Service, in which scholars from the school participated, was held on April 15 . . . Concluding the programme, "From Treachery to Triumph" members contributed a "Thirty Pieces of Silver" offering on April 15.

**FOR GERMANY** (Applecross, W.R. Whitton). Dr. and Mrs. Brian Thomas and family were farewelled on leaving for Germany for 12 months . . . S.S. Picnic was held on April 7 at Mosmans Beach. 20 Families had an afternoon of games, races, swimming and a Basket Tea . . . Miss Julie Saat is Kindergarten Supt., and Miss Anne Murray Primary Superintendent in the S.S. . . . Church Musical Director, Mrs. Pam Millikan, has formed a choir which sang for the first time on April 1.



**SOUTH  
AUSTRALIA**

**STAINER'S "CRUCIFIXION"** (Grote St. H.M. Long) Attendance at evening service was doubled for Grote St. Choir's presentation of Stainer's "Crucifixion". Guest Soloists: Doug. Ingram, Tenor; and Les. Dutton, Baritone . . . For Anzac Remembrance Service, the entire morning worship conducted by Ex-Servicemen. The three services represented . . . Eight ladies from Grote St. attended annual (Interdenominational) Womens' Convention at Port Elliott. Two participated in evening service upon return . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Packer showed slides of their recent tour of Japan, Hong Kong and Taiwan at after church function . . . Guest at monthly missionary rally was Rev. Chas. Lake, U.S.A., of O.M.S. International Inc. . . . C.W.F. conducted a "Bible Object-Lesson" night. At a recent "Sewing Day" 100 articles of clothing were made and sent in two parcels for missions.

**\$1000 FOR FAMINE RELIEF** (Maylands, N.S. Moore) The church has given \$1000 to the Overseas Missions Board for famine relief in India . . . Harvest Thanksgiving goods were divided between Morialta Children's Home and the Christian Rest Home. A tea chest full of groceries was sent to the Norseman Mission . . . Intermediate young people organised a Bakeathon and made 63 doz. small cakes ordered by church members. \$19.00 proceeds were given for World Relief. These young people also collected old white linen which they cut and rolled for use as bandages . . . 30 of our young people were guests of Victor Harbour church and shared in Sunday services . . . A Lay Witness weekend commenced on April 27.

**20th ANNIVERSARY** (Clovelly Park, R. L. Arnold) For 20th anniversary services J.C. Cunningham (past minister) and R. Arnold were speakers. The Arnolds' first baby, a daughter, arrived the following day . . . G. Rose (D.C.E.) and C. Dow were recent speakers at A.C.E. . . . C.W. F. spent a day viewing antiques on Mrs Joy Caudle's property at Mylor . . . Five special Easter meetings included Maundy Thursday and 6.30 a.m. Easter Day services. Baptists combined with us on Good Friday . . . A church picnic was held at Clarendon oval on Easter Monday.

**RANCH CAMP** (Magill, R. Clymer) The 15 plus group held an "Awareness Laboratory" Camp at "The Ranch", Port Noarlunga, for thirty-two young people and five leaders. The same group occasionally meet for "Christ Encounter" studies after evening service at the Manse. Average attendance is 25. The 15 Plus group join with Kensington Park on alternate Fridays . . . Seven young people (four girls and three boys) were baptised on April 29.



## VICTORIA

**HOUSE PARTIES** (Box Hill, K. R. Bond) House parties are being held to help members to meet Mr. Bond. — 6.30 a.m. weekly and pre-Gospel prayer meetings are held . . . Twentytwo senior midget Explorers camped at Balnarring — Y.P. visited Doncaster After-Church Coffee Spot . . . Y.P.S.C.E. held Barbecue at One Tree Hill . . . Mr. Broderick from Leprosy Mission was recent speaker . . . Christian love expressed to Mrs. A. Holmes in death of father . . . Mrs. Street improving after hospitalisation.

**ADVENTURE TIME** (Balwyn, W.W. Saunders) George Warren and Trevor Giles conducted a week's "Adventure Time" meetings for local children. Attendance reached 60, many not attached to any S.S. . . . A food parcel weighing 21½ pounds was sent to Miss Dorothy Holstein in India . . . On April 8 there was a church parade by the Loyal Orange Institution with supper afterward

. . . An Easter Service of Song featured the choir and soloist, Mrs. Gerbes, on 15th . . . C.W.F. Afternoon Group held a workday on April 4 . . . Scholars, staff and friends held a Halloween Ghost Night on April 14 . . . The Shoppers' Service on 13th had a special Indian emphasis. Mr. Burns recently returned from a trip to India led the service, and Miss Dorothy Geyer was the speaker.

**MISSION AT BORDERTOWN:** (Caulfield, K. Berston) Mr. Berston was welcomed back after conducting an evangelistic mission at Bordertown . . . 140 ladies attended 50th birthday of the afternoon C.W.F. . Rev. Alex. Kenworthy was guest speaker . . . Miss Marjorie Buckingham has been appointed Senior Lecturer in Secretarial Practice at R.M.I.T. Her mother is progressing slowly from recent illness.

**OFFICERS APPOINTED**(West Preston, A.J. Stora) A. Devlin and F. Gillespie have been re-appointed secretary and treasurer respectively . . . Homecoming Service, speakers were George and Betty Wood, home briefly from Wichita,

Kansas, U.S.A. . . . There have been four confessions of faith . . . Adults alternate with young people for Thursday Bible Study Groups . . . Ian and Patsy Cook and family have returned to a new appointment in Thailand . . . Through World Vision, three children are being supported . . . Mrs. Thomas, our oldest member, celebrated her 85th birthday.

**CHURCH PROBE** (Kaniva, B. W. Brown) Board members and auxiliary leaders met to examine the church programme and to discuss the primary object of the church . . . The C.Y.F. arranged the Harvest Festival for March 25. The thanksgiving offering was \$209.50 for C.O.C.O.A., and \$90 for manse fund . . . Aborigine offering was \$84.50 . . . Mr and Mrs Allan Goldsworthy and family have moved to Bendigo, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Williams to Qld . . . Special prayer meetings preceded the combined churches' youth festival when John Smith, and members of the God Squad and special singing groups addressed over 600 young people . . . The church honoured Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Williams as they celebrated their Golden Wedding on April 11.

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# QUESTING

WITH  
A. E. WHITE



Does a minister have the right to tell the church secretary what to do and how to do it, or, as the minister is the servant of the church, does the secretary call the tune?

Sometimes, the questions which come to this column have a slightly funny look. One suspects that they come out of a local situation of tension and the answer that is given may be used as a weapon of offence or defence, or the answer may deepen rather than heal a rift.

In this column we can only suggest general principles and it is not intended that such general principles should be applied to a particular case as a new commandment.

In this instance it is easy enough to state the principle. Neither the minister nor the secretary is the boss. If this kind of question has to be asked, there has already been a serious breakdown in the relationship between secretary and minister. From such a breakdown, everybody loses and nobody gains.

It is quite irrelevant to talk about the minister as the servant of the church, as through an employer-employee relationship is all that has to be decided. The secretary is also a servant of the church, as the minister is also a member of the church. Minister and secretary, each in his own way, is there to build up the ministry of the church.

Being human, they will make mistakes. Being human, they will probably do their own thing in their own distinctive

manner. Being human, they will sometimes disagree on goals and methods. However, being Christian, they will find a way to resolve any problems or differences without harming the church.

It is surely impossible to so separate the duties and responsibilities of minister and secretary so that they never overlap. They are both administrators, but the minister is often the one available and accessible during the day-time.

It is not a question of "who is boss?" The only "boss" any of us have in the church is Christ himself. If there is a difference of opinion as to the ways and means of achieving the goals of the church, then both minister and secretary should be anxious to share the matter with the elders of board members in a friendly spirit. In any case, the setting of the goals and the means by which those goals may be realised, are determined by the board, and there should not be any room for wide subsequent disagreement.

Quite often, after decisions are made, circumstances may change and alterations necessary as to methods, but both minister and secretary should know whether contemplated changes are important enough to warrant talking things over with at least some of the board members.

"Talking things over" is probably the key to the question. The kind of problem which I imagine is behind your question seldom arises when key members are working happily together, share each other's friendship, and talk over the work of the Master in a spirit of mutual commitment to a common cause.

There should be a very close liaison between the secretary and minister, and a church will quickly suffer if there is a rift between them.

It is almost unthinkable that these two disciples of Christ would be quarrelling among themselves as to who is the greatest! If that were the case, the gospel story tells us the way to check the dispute. Jesus took a towel . . . (John 13:12-15).

## THE LAST WORD . . .

It's no exaggeration to say that, in India, Hinduism, within itself and without any contact officially and openly with the Church, is wrestling with the fact of Jesus Christ.

—Canan John V. Taylor.

### TIME

"When as a child I laughed and wept,  
Time crept.  
When as a youth I dreamed and talked,  
Time walked.  
When I became a full grown man,  
Time ran.  
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