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## "STATISTICS ASK QUESTIONS — AND DEMAND ANSWERS"

"The motive for careful numbering required in mission statistics is not pride in our accomplishments but the recognition of the seriousness of the commission given to us lesser shepherds 'to care for the flock of God' until 'the Chief Shepherd' comes (1 Peter 5: 2-4). Good numbering is part of good shepherding." (Tippet: "Church Growth and the Word

of God.")

The following are extracts from the Statistical Report presented at the Annual Meeting of the Overseas Mission Board for the year 1973. They are an indication of the extent of our overseas mission work and church growth.

### CHURCH GROWTH

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** There are now 13 Churches of Christ in Papua New Guinea with a total membership of 639. During 1973 there were 166 baptisms and 384 people attended Discipleship Classes. In addition to the established Churches 48 villages are contacted. Average attendance at Mul is 250; of this number 19 have been baptised. At Gokto the average attendance is 300 and while none as yet have been baptised, there are 103 in Discipleship Classes.

The work in Papua New Guinea continues to expand and a new work is to commence in the Grass Country where villages with a total population of 5,200 have expressed a desire for the mission to come and work among them.

**NEW HEBRIDES:** There are 60 Churches of Christ in the New Hebrides with a total membership of 2,242. During 1973 there were 134 baptisms. There is a new responsiveness to the Gospel in heathen villages on Santo and New Hebridean pastors have been welcomed by these people. There are new opportunities for Christian witness in the towns of Vila and Santo.

**INDIA:** There are six Churches of Christ in membership with the Conference of Churches of Christ in Western India with a total membership of 1,158. The Church is small among a large non-Christian community, resistant to the gospel, but we praise God that during 1973 94 people were baptised.

**YOUTH WORK**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOLS:** In India there are six Sunday Schools with a total enrolment of 535. In the New Hebrides Sunday School is held in most villages with many school age children attending. Teachers are New Hebrideans.

**CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR:** There are three Societies in India with a total membership of 279. In the New Hebrides weekly meetings are held in three centres.

**GIRLS' BRIGADE:** There are 20 Seniors, 72 Juniors and 36 Cadets in the Girls' Brigade at Dulndul, Aoba. **BOYS' BRIGADE** was commenced in Papua New Guinea during 1973 but no figures are available.

**BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE — INDIA.** Bible Correspondence, Literature and Radio Evangelism continue to be means of communicating effectively the message of reconciliation. Radio broadcasts are produced using the Marathi language, and Bible Correspondence lessons and Christian literature are printed in Marathi and Hindi.

### Bible Correspondence

**Statistics:**  
Enrolments 6232 (English), 13,270 (Marathi), 335 (Hindi); Number completed courses 608 (English), 828 (Marathi), 35 (Hindi); New enrolments during year 705 (English), 1161 (Marathi), 59 (Hindi). Total lessons marked through year — 24,847.

**THEOLOGICAL TRAINING NEW HEBRIDES:** Twelve students were enrolled at the Banmatmat Bible College during 1973. Enrolments for 1974 were 25.

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** Five Bible Schools each of two weeks duration were held during 1973. Attendance at each school was approximately 40. One Women's Bible School was held with 60 attending. Two men graduated from the Christian Leaders' Training College.

**INDIA:** In India Mr Benjamine Teivori, B.D., graduated from the Yeotmal Theological College.

### EDUCATION

	Primary Schools	High Schools
New Hebrides	1037	67
New Guinea	727	—
India	155	562

\* Includes 527 attending Village Pldgln English Schools.

### CHILDREN'S HOMES

**INDIA:** 267 boys and girls were cared for in our three Children's Homes.

**LIBRARIES AND FRIENDSHIP CENTRES**  
**INDIA:** 807 people were enrolled at our four Libraries and Friendship Centres with a daily attendance of 220.

**BIBLE TRANSLATION**  
In the New Hebrides our first New Testament was finished on February 12, 1974 in first draft in APMA, a central Pentecost language spoken by two to three thousand people. Seven booklets in APMA have been printed by the Bible Society. The translation of the New Testament in the Dulndul language is nearly completed.

**MEDICAL CARE**  
**In-Patients:** 1084 (NG), 1168 (NH), 24,180 bed days (India).  
**Out-Patients:** 23,916 (N.G.), 28,419 (N.H.), Nil (India).  
**Treatments:** 45,465 (N.G.), Nil (N.H.), 54,000 (India).

**RELIEF PROJECTS**  
Work on the one hundredth percolation tank in the Bara-mati area in India was commenced in December. Feeding kitchens, deepening of wells and other food for work projects were conducted in India. Through C.O.C.O.A. \$11,858 was sent to India during 1973 for famine relief projects.

## REFLECTING CHRIST'S LOVE

The theme for our Overseas Missions Annual Offering is 'Reflecting Christ's Love—in varied ways and many places.'

The Overseas Mission Board expresses sincere appreciation to all members of Churches of Christ who during the past year have supported our Sister Churches in India, New Guinea and the New Hebrides in reflecting Christ's Love.

Christ's Love has been reflected in varied ways, such as village and town evangelism, distribution of Christian Literature, radio broadcasting, Bible Correspondence, medical care, famine relief programmes, caring for orphan and destitute children, education, pastor training, short term Bible Schools, cassette ministries, surveying unevangelized fields, Bible Reading Promotion Programmes etc.

Christ's Love has been reflected by missionaries and their

co-workers in many places, such as isolated villages in the New Hebrides and Papua New Guinea, in large towns in India, in scattered areas throughout Indonesia as assistance has been given to Bible Reading Promotion programmes, in the homes of people, in the market place, in schools, hospitals, Children's Homes, and in the Churches.

As you prayed and gave, you participated in this extensive ministry of Reflecting Christ's Love to other members of the human family in lands across the sea.

Missionaries allowances and field budgets have again been increased, and it is estimated that \$172,000 will be required from the Churches for general operational expenses during the 1974/75 financial year.

To make this possible, will you prayerfully consider increasing your giving to Overseas Missions this year?

## CHANGES IN WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

By R. S. A. McLean

In June 1973, the Conference of Churches of Christ in the New Hebrides formed a Conference Committee replacing the Missionary Committee, which previously had been the most influential body in determining policy and plans for the work in the New Hebrides. The Overseas Mission Board communicated directly with the Missionary Committee in all matters related to the work.

Today, the Conference Committee, which consists mainly of New Hebrideans, meets to determine policy, plan new ventures, decide whether missionaries should be invited to return after furlough, makes requests for new missionaries and decides where they will be located. The Overseas Mission Board communicates directly with the Secretary of the Conference Committee who is a New Hebridean.

This does not mean that the New Hebridean Churches no longer require our support. They need financial assistance and are still inviting us to send missionaries. But the provision of financial aid does not entitle us to determine policy and the sending of missionaries is only acceptable if they are prepared to work as requested by the Church in the New Hebrides.

We give thanks to God for this development. It is typical of changes taking place throughout the world as national churches continue to press for autonomy and accept responsibility for evangelism within their own country and the sending of missionaries to other lands.

This new situation in working relationships is clearly explained by Bishop Festo Kivengere of East Africa when he writes: "Missionaries have always been welcome in Africa. However, there has been a re-thinking about the role of missionaries here, in the context of independent Africa, with growing independent churches. African leaders are coming to the fore. A missionary will seldom come to East Africa now to run a mission station. If a missionary comes to my diocese, for example, he will come

## NEW PATTERNS IN MISSION



Mr. & Mrs. J. Liu, New Hebrides. Mr. Liu was appointed Principal of the Banmatmat Bible College when the Conference Committee was formed last year. He and his wife, Adalean, who is a qualified nurse, are at present doing further studies at the Pacific Theological College, in Suva, Fiji.

under our church; our committee will place him where he is needed. His role will not be determined by the mission board back home.

"Many mission boards are co-operating with this new way of doing things. There are some, however, which want to remain on their own. But that is dangerous, because it doesn't help the Church's

fellowship. Apart from that kind of tendency, missionaries are welcome.

"It is important for the Christian church worldwide to adjust its attitude to: We support a man who loves our Lord Jesus Christ to do the work of the Lord, not to do the work of our denomination. If that can be done, the entire body will benefit tremendously."

## ASIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETIES ADVANCE

A historic event, with great meaning for the propagation of the Gospel, took place in Seoul, Korea, in 1973. Twenty-five Asian Christians with deep concern for the missionary outreach of Asian churches met and came to a unanimous decision that missionaries are urgently needed to strengthen the evangelistic task in Asia.

Conviction came on them from the Holy Spirit that any talk of a moratorium on sending or receiving missionaries is unscriptural. They declared they would work together toward placing at least two hundred new Asian missionaries in the field by the end of 1974. They issued the following statement:

"Having gathered in Seoul from August 27-30, 1973, as Christians with deep concern for the missionary outreach of the Asian churches, and having been invited by the Host Committee of Korea for the first All-Asia Mission Consultation, we came from Hong Kong, Indonesia, India, Japan, Korea, Khmer, Malaysia, Philippines, Pakistan, Republic of China, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

"Being convinced that God our Saviour wills that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, He having provided salvation for all mankind in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, offering man forgiveness and

the Holy Spirit to recreate him for eternal life, and realising the work of the Holy Spirit in the mobilization of the Christian community of Asia, and in the expectation of a fresh mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit which expresses itself in a dynamic movement of evangelization of the lost in Asia and other parts of the world;

"Having had factual reports from representatives of many Asian countries where the Gospel of Jesus Christ has not been effectively preached; and realising that the unfinished task is so tremendous (98% of the populations of Asia have so far not responded to Christ); we appeal to the Christian church in Asia to be involved in the preaching of the Gospel, especially through sending and receiving Asian missionaries to strengthen the witness to the saving power of Christ.

"We are compelled by the Holy Spirit to declare that we shall work towards the placing of at least two hundred new Asian missionaries by the end of 1974.

"These missionaries will be involved primarily in evangelism in the power of the Holy Spirit in order that men and women may come to believe God's work of grace through Jesus Christ and in turn be agents of evangelism in the fellowship of the Church, the Body of Christ. These missionaries will also be sent to plant evangelistic churches where they do not already exist."

# ARE YOU A DROPPED STITCH?

Dianna Catts (Papua New Guinea)

Row 1—K2 (p.1, K.2) to end.  
Row 2—P2 (k.1, p.2) to end.

To the uninitiated the above would seem a puzzling secret code. But those who know about these things realise it is part of a knitting pattern that can be used to produce something attractive and useful.

The study of linguistics reveals that every language has a pattern of sounds, which can be used to convey useful and pleasing concepts from one speaker to another. At present we are working on finding the patterns of the Rao language, which is the mother tongue of many of our Papua New Guinean Christians and enquirers.

Although, about 4,000 people use Rao as their first language, until April, 1974,

there was nothing written in this language. We have been gathering language material with the aim of discovering the patterns of sounds, so that we can make an alphabet which will be suitable for Rao speakers to use when reading the writing their own language. In April, Tombe, a Rao speaker, and Diana Catts took this collected material to Ukarampa, the Papua New Guinea base of the Summer Institute of Linguistics (Wycliffe Bible Translators).

For three weeks we worked with the facilities and expert consultant help generously made available to us by S.I.L. So in May we hope to circulate some written material in a tentative alphabet for the Rao language. Our next aims will be to produce reading primers for teaching reading to the large number of

Rao speakers who are preliterate; then other reading materials. The ultimate aim—Bible translation.

It is interesting to think about the elements which make up the pattern of our Christian service. Many people and agencies will work together to produce a Rao New Testament. S.I.L., Missionary Aviation Fellowship, and the Bible Society are part of the pattern. The Australian Churches of Christ are providing personnel and finance. A women's fellowship in Brisbane made and sold packets of biscuits to provide some finance. People from many parts of Australia and Papua New Guinea are part of this work.

How important it is that there are no 'dropped stitches'—some not doing their work in the place the Designer planned for them. It would be sad if my lack of effort produced something shoddy and faulty. It is encouraging to know there are so many other people who are part of the pattern. Let us continue so that we can produce something useful and attractive, pleasing to Him—a New Testament that will speak to the Rao people in the language they know best.

## "SET YOUR MIND . . . WHERE?"

Conversations coming from Australia . . .

"Hey your Caravan is just gorgeous!"

"Oooh, I think I'll save up for that nice car. Shouldn't take too long to save."

"The sound is just fabulous. Sure makes a difference when your Stereo has two large speakers. What did it cost you?"

"Yes, we had a great time on our holiday trip. Travelled miles and miles. Must have done well over 800 I reckon. We feel it did cost a lot but we are fit and healthy after it!"

"Well I guess I do have lots of nice clothes in my cupboard but let's face it, who wants to look dowdy? I like nice clothes and I feel so much better when I can look smart and with it."

While these conversations are going on in Australia let's just quietly slip up into the office at Bunapas in Papua New Guinea. I believe they also are talking about money.

"Phew! Look at that account for Shell Company. It is costing us \$16.50 for just one 44 gallon drum of petrol for our outboard motors. But you have to add \$7.50 to that for the shipping of it to Bunapas from Madang. And to think we need 20 drums each month for the Ramu and Keram outboard motor work. We have to buy 20 drums each month, otherwise we shall have to cut out some of the trips we make to take God's Word to the 30 villages we visit. Oh well, maybe it wouldn't matter if we only went to them once a month."

"How can you say that it wouldn't matter only going once a month?"

"Yes, I know that no one can read at some of these villages. I wonder what it would be like not to be able to open your Bible if you were feeling lonely, or discouraged and felt like being encouraged by God, but not being able to read one word? Guess it wouldn't really matter if we only went to each village once a month to encourage them and to explain more about God's Word to them."

Miss Williams, Business Manager, Churches of Christ in Papua New Guinea, at work in her office in Bunapas.



"Guess it wouldn't matter eh? All right, let each one of us throw away our Bible for one month and then say 'Guess it wouldn't matter.' Of course it matters. We must keep buying petrol each month so we can reach these villages."

"OK then, we will still buy the petrol we need. But tell me, when the account comes and we are charged for these 20 drums plus another 17 to 20 drums for Delselline, Kerosine and other oils coming to approximately \$1200.00 each month, how can I write the cheque? I can't write to the manager of Shell and say 'The money is coming. We are praying that Christians at home will increase their giving so we will pay you soon.' That just wouldn't go over well with the manager!"

"I've got an idea, how we can cut down on costs, so we can pay for this Shell account each month. Let's cut out one of our planes and just have 2 planes a month. Guess it wouldn't hurt us just to have our groceries delivered twice in a month. Not much though, is it. Come to think of it, if we do that we will have to stock up our cupboards really well and that would cost us a lot out of our own salaries. We would have to ask the churches for an increase in our salaries though, so that wouldn't save us money in the long run would it?"

(Sigh) . . . "How can we meet the essential needs and costs of running the Mission when we can't cut out anything we are doing?"

" . . . Only the Churches in Australia can do that . . . I guess if they all increased their giving to the Overseas General Fund this would really be the answer . . ."

# LIGHT OUT OF DARKNESS

By G. Warne

Mark is a man of two worlds. In his life he has stepped from heathen darkness into the way of light. His parents lived in the heathen village of Bunlap (meaning 'Big Devil') on the rugged Eastern coast of Pentecost. The village is remote, inaccessible, backward and primitive, with deprived and unhygienic living conditions. Bunlap represents the incarnation of paganism as Paul describes it in Romans 1.

When a family feud arose over the sharing of wives, Mark's parents moved across to the west coast of Pentecost, where they came within the influence of the Christian churches. It was here that Mark was born. At the age of 12 months however, his father died, and the young Mark was adopted into a new family and reared with the loving care of a Christian home.

As a youth, Mark moved amongst the various mission stations on Pentecost, finding work, and endeavouring to glean what meagre schooling he could find. He tells of the time he first learned to write on the backs of pieces of split bamboo. Under the influence of the missionaries, Mark was challenged to give his life to Christ, and was prepared for baptism by Frank Beale.

Soon after his baptism, Mark moved to Vila to train as an Agricultural Officer. He confesses how the nine years spent in the 'big town' were wasted, and how his tender faith faltered. It was only on his return to Pentecost to marry that the dying embers of his faith were revived, through a renewed experience of God's grace and forgiveness.

As his faith revived, so did his desire to serve Christ grow in strength. He was appointed as a Deacon in the village church. His village was small, and Christian leaders few. So Mark began to feel God calling him to prepare himself for more effective service amongst his people.

Thus he found his way to us here at Banmatmat, and has enrolled in the "Christian Leaders' Course" this year. Study is hard for any man of 32 years, but with his limited education (less than Senior Primary equivalent!) Mark is faced with an immense intellectual challenge. Yet he has applied himself to his studies with tenacious determination, and

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Mrs Maeline Ben, who trained at Duindui Hospital in the New Hebrides, treating patient at Mui, Papua New Guinea.

dedication, with the certainty that this is what God wants him to do. Leaving pride behind, Mark listens as younger students, with better education, read the study notes to him and explain them patiently in pidgin English.

Mark's story is but one example of the way God is working in the lives of men and women, and leading them to us at Banmatmat to equip themselves for service to Christ amongst their own people. It is our privilege to witness the Spirit of God at work in the lives of these quiet, unassuming people. To see Mark's face alight with joy as he catches glimpses of God's truth for the first time, brings

satisfaction to our hearts which is unequalled anywhere.

Banmatmat plays a vital role in the preparation of leaders for the indigenous church of tomorrow . . . and it is only possible through the constant prayers and faithfulness of dedicated men and women at 'home base.'

"For it is God who said 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts, to give light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us!" (2 Cor. 4: 6, 7).

## REFLECTING CHRIST'S LOVE THROUGH MEDICAL CARE

Dr. D. Hemer

You could never call life boring at Duindui Hospital. Although a few days may go by without incident, soon something happens to liven up our lives again. A woman may need a forceps delivery, or a young child may swallow kerosene. We may have two babies born at once, a circumstance which somewhat upsets the routine of our O.B. Block.

On the north end of Aoba, to which one needs to travel by boat or plane, is a Church of England Hospital at which no Doctor is resident at present. This has meant that I have visited there when there has been a seriously ill patient, or they are sent here.

One such case was a young married man who was treated improperly elsewhere for one month with an abscess, and by the time he reached us he was very ill and had quite a chance of dying. The whole of his right thigh was full of pus, as was his right knee joint, and two operations were needed to drain these,

and now, after expensive antibiotic treatment, he is much better.

His hospital bill is over \$60 and he will have little or no chance of repaying even a part because he will take some months to get well.

It is patients like this who create problems as far as finance is concerned. Medical treatment is not a profitable business, in fact this hospital runs at a very big loss. It is an essential service to the people, and is a very useful way of showing our Christlike concern for those with whom we are working.

I would ask that you give increasingly to overseas missions services so that we can continue to provide medical care. Costs are always increasing and unless increasing support is given, the standard of care will decrease. People like Paul, the man with the abscess, depend on your support to care for them.

(Assistance from C.O.C.O.A. has been made available to assist patients who have difficulty in paying for medical treatment.)

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# ASHOK, HINDU, — NOW CHRISTIAN

By B. C. Bhonsle, Bombay

He said, "I am a Hindu, but Christ has come into my heart." I was surprised at his remark and interrupted him. I said, "But Ashok, you are not Hindu any more. You are a Christian even though as yet you have not been baptised."

It was Saturday evening. I was getting ready to go to our cottage prayer meeting at Kiroi-Ghatkipar when I heard a door bell.

The door was opened, and I saw a young man about twenty-two years of age, neatly dressed, but with a letter in his hand. I began to suspect that here was another unemployed person.

But this time I was mistaken. Ashok had a job. He is a turner and lives in the industrial colony just opposite our building. This was a letter from a friend of mine who had given my address to Ashok and Ashok had come to meet me. He just wanted my fellowship, guidance and encouragement. Ashok has a retired father and his mother is still working in a

textile mill. His father being eldest in the family—among his brothers—has the honour of setting up Ganapati in his home. Ganapati is a Hindu deity with an elephant head.

So Ashok was proud that all his uncles and other relatives have to come to his house to visit this family shrine. He also hoped that one day he would be a Hindu priest after his father. But this did not eventuate. His Christian neighbour confronted him with the gospel of Christ. Ashok began to examine the claims of Christ from the New Testament. As he began to read the New Testament he was convicted of his sins.

"Every word in the Bible is living. It speaks to my heart. No one has died for the sins of men but Jesus Christ the Living God. He is living—very much alive today." Ashok was telling his experience, and although it was getting late for my meeting, I didn't mind.

"I gave my heart to Jesus. He is living

in my heart. I want to tell about Jesus to every one." Ashok was continuing his conversion story as both of us began to go to the prayer meeting. Ashok was warmly welcomed in this small group of worshippers. We were about 22 of us.

After some days Ashok came to see me again. This time there was something very special on his heart to share with me. "This week one of my colleagues—a Hindu friend of mine—accepted Jesus as his Savior." Ashok was full of joy as he was telling me this news. His three co-workers in the workshop seemed to be interested in Christ so he took a day's leave and brought them to his home. He was speaking with them about the Lord for the whole day. The result was one of them accepted the Lord.

But these days Ashok is going through a time of trouble. He used to read Bible passages to his mother. His father did not like this new book and the new religion in his home so Ashok's Bible is taken away from him. He is not allowed to read any Christian literature at home and he is not allowed to visit his Christian friends.

Sunday is a working day for him because of the power shortage and Saturday is his day off. On Saturdays I look forward eagerly to seeing him. I hope that the Lord is keeping him. Will you pray for Ashok?



Mr. S. Mantode, Assistant Treasurer, Conference of Churches of Christ in Western India, with his wife, Flora.

There can be few experiences in life which give greater satisfaction than to watch the spiritual growth and maturity of those who at one time were children in our Children's Homes. At the last Annual Meetings in India, Samuel Mantode was appointed the Assistant Treasurer for our Conference. After completing his Primary and High School education while in the Baramati Boy's Home in the 1950's, Samuel went on to University to study for his B.Comm. degree. Following the completion of this course he went to work in Bombay. While working there, he continued his studies and has since completed his M.Com., specialising in Advanced Accountancy, Costing, Company Law and Taxation.

For some years now he has been working with the large firm of Godrej Soaps Pty. Ltd., where he holds the

## LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES IN INDIA

Assistant Accountant's post. When asked if he would accept the position of Assistant Treasurer of the Conference, he wrote as follows: "It is really my privilege to work for our Conference. I have prayerfully accepted this work. I am always asking God for His guidance and help in this and other work which I have undertaken. I am very thankful to the Overseas Mission Board and the Conference for bringing me up as they have done, and I stand firmly and faithfully in my life as they have shown me.

"My work commitments will enable me to spend four or five days each month for Conference Treasurer's work. I plan to spend some of my holiday time with Mr. Powell at Dhond gaining an insight into more of the financial side of Conference work.

"My wife, Flora, is a fully qualified nursing sister, who has also undertaken much wider studies, having completed a laboratory technician's course, and her B.A. degree. At the moment she is studying for her M.A. degree along with running the home and caring for our one year old son."

## NALINI JADHAV

Miss Nalini Jadhav who is in charge of the Girl's Home and the School at Shrigonda writes: "We have just completed the year's exams (April) and have been very busy, and we will continue to be busy marking papers for sometime. I am fortunate to have one of our young men formerly from the Dhorja Boy's Home as clerk. He understands the office work so well, and I can trust him to do it efficiently. I personally do not have the time for the office work with the other obligations, but Namdev Ransingh is most satisfactory.

"You will be interested to know that the price of grain has risen very steeply during the last month. I was able to purchase some at Rs 105—Rs 110 per bag (approx. \$10.00 per bag). It is now Rs 150 (approx. \$14). It will make the cost of feeding the children so much higher." (It is interesting to note the Cost of Living index published by the Government of Maharashtra for the city of Poona which is the nearest large city to our work. Prices at Poona affect the whole of the area where our work is located. During the past 12 months the overall increase was at the rate of 26%. Because this item covers clothing and footwear, housing, fuel and lighting etc. as well as food, it does not give the full picture of the increase in food costs. This was to the extent of 44% for this period.)

# WOMEN'S WRITE



Edited by Gladys Mackenzie

## QUEENSLAND C.W.F. CONFERENCE 1974

The President Mrs. M. Chapman opened Conference in the words of the Psalmist, "Rejoice in the Lord today, rejoice evermore."

Acacia Ridge C.W.F. was welcomed into fellowship, and attendance of 235 was recorded. Also present were representatives from organisations with which the Conference is affiliated, and interstate visitors, Mrs. E.L. Williams and Mrs. Spence, Canberra.

Miss Muriel Holt, serving at Eidsvold, told of contrasts in the work on our mission stations, in W.A. and Qld. Miss Holt was stationed at Norseman for five years.

Greetings were brought from General Conference by the President, Len Brooks, who also led in a Prayer of Dedication for the Officers for 1974:

President—Mrs. R. Haigh, Vice President—Mrs. W. Brumby, Secretary—Mrs. L. Henderson, Treasurer—Mrs. J. Brooks, Ass. Treasurer—Mrs. M. Cobine.

Of great interest was the interview between Mrs. Hammer and Mrs. June Wilson, home from the New Hebrides.

Guest speaker was Rev. Norma Spear, who represented the Federation of Methodist Women at a United Nations Conference in New York. Her message stressed the importance of being

## NETTA NEWHAM OUR VOICE AT W.C.W.F.

For the past four years I have served as Australian C.W.F. representative to the W.C.W.F. The tasks included the preparation of the Bi-yearly Newsletters from Australia and then the distribution of the World Newsletters to the various States.

It was not arduous and it gave me the opportunity to build friendships with women in various parts of the world, and the friendships last long after the job is done.

As I am attending the World Convention, America has invited me, as Australian Representative, to attend the American Quadrennial Assembly as their guest. It will be held at Purdue University with the theme, "God is—Rejoice!!" On Ecumenical Day 500 women of other communions and C.W.F. leaders will be in discussion groups.

Between Purdue and the World Convention we shall be guests of American women in their churches and homes. The W.C.W.F. retreat will be at Union Theological Seminary at San Jeronimo, Obregon. The business of W.C.W.F. is attended to at these sessions. From there we move to the World Convention, Mexico City, with the theme, "Emmanuel, God with us."



The Women's Session is on Sat., August 3. As the World Communion draws to a close on Sunday it is my job to represent the women of Australia at the closing Communion Service by taking one of the Thanksgiving Prayers.

Plans have been made for me to leave Sydney on June 22 and to meet Sarai Bani at Nadi. She is the New Hebridean representative, is 26 years old and the daughter of Abel Bani who, since 1945, has been considered "Head Teacher" of the church in the New Hebrides. Political issues and social problems have altered the character of the leadership, but he is still a powerful man and Sarai has many of his qualities and characteristics. The missionaries and New Hebrideans place great hopes in her potential leadership and we pray that as we return it shall be with even greater desire to make known that "God is—Rejoice!!", "Emmanuel, God with us," in everything and every place.

"Informed people, Sensitive people, prepared people." Soloist was Mrs. Gwynne.

The Offering of \$151.86, goes to support our Indian orphan girl, and C.O.C.O.A.

Mrs. N. Hoens closed morning session with prayer.

A Remembrance segment, led by Mrs. Giezendanner, concluded with Mrs. Gwynne singing "The Lord is my Shepherd".

A report on the Evening Women's Fellowship was presented by Mrs. L. Henderson. This raised the question "Do we continue with the Evening Fellowship?" After discussion it was agreed that the executive seek the opinion and support of the various groups with a view to its continuance.

Mrs. D. Potter thanked all responsible for a very inspirational day.

## A FAITH TO SHARE VIC.-TAS. C.W.F. CONFERENCE

The 88th Annual Conference opened in the Kew City Hall with a call to worship by the President, Mrs. G.R. Stirling. Pianiste was Mrs. Norma Johnston, L.Mus.A.

Mrs. L. Birtwistle, Tas., led in the morning devotions and Mrs. Helen Jones, also from Tasmania, was soloiste.

Attendances at the three sessions were 500, 600, and 720. Visitors were welcomed from 22 country churches, 10 Interstate, 2 New Zealand and 1 from England, Mrs. Gray.

After careful consideration of all factors a motion was carried that Ludbrook House be sold, the net proceeds be invested and to use the income therefrom for missionaries and missions as determined by the C.W.F. Executive.

Delegates voted that the Golden Bag Project 1974/75 be shared by the Vic. Department of Christian Education and the Federal Board of Christian Education.

Mrs. F. Morgan introduced Superintendents of Committees. Recognition was made of retiring Superintendents, Mrs. A. Hodges and Mrs. L. Clencie, also retiring members of Executive, Mrs. F. Morgan, Mrs. B. Dow and Mrs. M. Nelson.

During the afternoon session, Eric Patterson, President, brought greetings from General Conference. Cheques were presented to representatives of the following departments: College of the Bible \$747.28; Overseas Mission Department \$1494.56; Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism \$1494.56.

Under the direction of Mrs. June St. Aubyn a Tableau "1886/1974" was presented, readers were Mrs. E. Giezendanner and Mrs. M. Keating, with Mrs. B. Dow as soloiste. Words for Tableau and solo were written by Mrs. Lesley Stirling. Golden Bag offering 1973/74 was received and this amounted to \$2514.51.

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# OPEN FORUM

Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the management or editorial panel. Correspondents are requested to say only what is true, kind, necessary, and Christian, and to say it in no more than 150 words.

## CALL TO VOTE

To the Editor,  
In our democratic system I would very strenuously defend every person's right to choose his own political allegiance, whether he be a minister of religion or indeed any other person. However, as a Christian whose membership in the Churches of Christ has continued for over 35 years, the last 20 years at least as a deacon; and as a Country Party Member of Parliament in the last Parliament and again in the new Parliament, I was extremely distressed to see two of our own church leaders, clearly identified as writing under the affiliation with "Church of Christ" publishing in the National Press with other clergymen, a clear recommendation to Australian electors to return the Labor Government to office.

Whether it was intended or not, the "imprimatur" of the Australian Churches of Christ was implied, and very many of our members were very seriously upset at that action. Surely to be pawns in a political campaign which involved the Labor Party using sympathetic economists, educationalists, students, and other groups including "clergy," to publicly participate in their promotion, is most unwise. For every group there is an equally impressive group with a completely opposite point of view. I do

not expect that all members of the Churches of Christ share my own political philosophy, but I expect that the membership of our churches will share my own distress at the blatant association (through such a statement) of our brotherhood with any one side of the political campaign.

As a Christian I could be equally decisive as to why I cannot find any commendation for a Labor Government whose term of office was highlighted by:—Close association with Communistic and anti-democratic nations—the midnight raids in Sydney—the acceleration of permissiveness—the erosion of the family unit—the move for a abortion on demand—the blatant deception in supplying answers and information to Parliament which have subsequently been directly contradicted in the other House—the virtual abandonment of censorship and the flood of pornographic films and literature which has resulted—the vicious discrimination against primary producers and other groups with a lesser political voice, and so on. I suggest too that the clergy who praise the Government so warmly should attend just one session of Parliament and see how many Labor members attend the opening prayers preceding each sitting. It would prove most educational.

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### "MATTERS OF PRINCIPLE"

To the Editor,

There was a great row at our church last Sunday over the "table of redeeming love."

The young people had asked and been given permission to conduct the morning worship. Naturally they introduced some novelties. They put the table in the centre of the building and arranged the seats round it . . . it took them half a day! No one minded that. They left the table unattended during the service. Each stood and took his part from his seat. Helpers came to the table and quietly and with dignity took the emblems and passed them amongst the people. No one minded that.

The thing that upset the "oldies" was that they had a full loaf of bread on the table instead of the unleavened biscuit. They had one cup, which they wiped with a tissue after each one drank. The older generation objected strongly on the grounds of hygiene and the Bible. It has all calmed down now, and the young people have promised not to do it again.

It put me in reminiscent mood. My dad was a radical in his youth. He used to tell me with glee how he and the other young ones of his day fought the battle of the bread. The loaf was ousted, and the Jewish passover biscuit took its place. And he delighted to tell me of his father, who also must have been a radical. He fought the battle of the communion cup. His generation conquered the "oldies" and individual cups became the order of the day.

And now it has all gone full circle. It has left me wondering how many life and death "matters of principle" over which we "shed blood" today will have no meaning for the next generation!

TERTIUS

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

The letter of the clergy even commends trade policies and other policies of the Government as worthy of support. I cannot help but inquire how they manage to presume to have such expertise and authority to offer such advice in such fields.

By all means let every man vote as he wishes and as his conscience dictates, but please let not the brotherhood name of "Churches of Christ" be associated again in this manner in what was a bitter political campaign. As a Member of Parliament I receive helpful and encouraging letters from church leaders of many denominations on my stand in Parliament on a number of moral and spiritual issues. The two members of my own brotherhood who are our "leaders" were not among them. Perhaps they weren't aware that we were fighting to preserve our moral and spiritual values—they were possibly studying trade statistics so they could expertly advise the electors in that complex field.

A. EVAN ADERMANN M.P.  
Federal Member for Fisher.

### ON THE OTHER HAND

To the Editor,

Eric F. Morris of N.S.W. in June 1 "The Australian Christian", makes the point that churchmen should not advocate voting for the Labor Party because the leader is a non-Christian. It appears to me what is far worse are men who call themselves Christian but who act otherwise.

Among my friends are self-acclaimed atheists and agnostics and I am often challenged on this type of issue. In fact on the eve of the 76 church people declaring themselves, after listening on television to a spate of incorrect and misleading information from the opposition, one of these people asked me, "Where are your church leaders? This is the time to say something".

I was proud indeed to be associated with the statement in the press the following day, and may such people always have courage to state what they believe the best for the people of this country. Do not forget these men are in a position to see more than what we are told in the press. These men are also in a position to see what the Labor Government has done for welfare and education among other things.

However, I cannot be proud of, indeed I hesitate to reveal to my friends the names of so-called Christians in government.

It seems the Christian leaders have gone underground in America too, where the country badly needs spiritual leadership. An article by a New York journalist in one of our papers remarked about this, naming some of the Christian leaders. He said a great number of public figures, including church leaders were writing to the press expressing their opinions but asking to keep them anonymous or not to print them.

Are all Christians always to remain elitist and silent at such times?

Roma Recek, Vic.

June 15

# OPEN FORUM

## CHRISTIANS ONE

To the Editor,

Applause for the warm constructive approach of the new Australian Council of Churches fellowship to be called "Christians One" — one in Christ, in outreach, in action — announced in AC of April 6. It came as a breath of fresh air after reading the letter in the same issue rationalising separation. Surely the quoted injunction, "stay away from those who cause divisions and are upsetting people's faith . . ." condemns those who glorify separatism, not those who work for the unity of the Christian family! But separatists today will not be persecuted by Christians. They can be left to persecute themselves.

Ron Fergie, Papua New Guinea.

## BRICKS AND STUMBLING STONES

To the Editor,

As one who 'paid for a few bricks' in the Churches of Christ Christian Centre in Perth, W.A., and sought during the initial appeal to persuade others to do the same, I was disappointed to read the resolution of the 1974 Conference ("A.C." June 1) not to allow the W.A. Council of Churches the use of the Centre.

## WORD TALK No. 97

Throughout the Bible God is seen both as man's creator and supreme Judge (Ps.50:6; Isa 33:22). But the N.T. is equally clear that God has appointed Jesus to be the Judge of man.

In the O.T. the leadership of Israel under Moses was through the elders, or heads of the tribes (Dout.29; Josh.23). Because of the strain on Moses that this involved Judges were appointed to assist him (Exo.18). For 460 years the Judges were the civil rulers of Israel until Saul was anointed as the first king. The Judges continued their role as magistrates in civil matters eventually becoming a judicial council, the Sanhedrin. It was before the Sanhedrin that Jesus was condemned.

In the early days of the nation the Judge was frequently a prophet of God (e.g. Samuel) and often the general of the army (e.g. Gideon).

In the N.T. Jesus is seen as the Judge of mankind both in his teaching and that of the early church.

In the gospels Jesus is seen as Judge—the great prophet, deliverer and magistrate of man. There is a score of parables to illustrate this (Matt.13; 18; 21; 22;25). In Acts, Peter declares in his preaching that God made Jesus to be Judge both of the living and the dead (Acts 10:42). In the epistles Paul repeats this (Rome.2:16; 2 Cor.5:10; 2 Tim.4:8); James stresses it (5:9); Hebrews has it as a fundamental part of Christian teaching (5:2); and Peter reiterates it (1 Pet.4:5).

In the N.T. church his role as Judge featured strongly in the early preaching, teaching and creeds. Both the Apostles and the Nicene Creeds emphasize it.

The judgement of Christ would be associated with his second coming. It would involve both the living and the dead, be both of individuals and nations and the judgement is not only to come but has already started according to man's reaction to the claims of Jesus.

During the early planning and building I greatly admired the vision of the planners and later, was proud of the fact that a relatively small body as Churches of Christ in W.A. could provide such a facility which was used by other Churches from time to time as a venue for large functions.

In the restriction upon this organisation, committed to providing a meeting point where differences and similarities between Christians can be aired and evaluated, the resolution seems to me to be a contradiction of all that Churches of Christ have stood for in their concern for reconciliation between divided Christian communions. Who put blinkers on the vision?

What is more disturbing, however, is the terms in which the resolution is couched. As it stands reported, it borders on the offensive and must make us appear less than serious in our declared concern for the whole state of Christ's Church.

Denis G. Beanland, Vic.

## POLITICS AND CHURCH.

To the Editor.

Unlike Mr. Morris and the Board of Management at Doncaster (A.C. 1.6.74), where apparently the church members were not consulted on what the Board considered an important matter, I was very pleased to see the statement by church leaders, including Churches of Christ ministers, prior to the elections.

I would have thought by now it was well known that such statements, unless otherwise stated, were the persons'

individual views and not necessarily those of the church or organisation they represent. Mention is made of congregational liberty and individual freedom. Individual freedom is what these men were expressing in their document when they asked us to vote a particular way. We in turn express our individual freedom by accepting or rejecting their advice. These men have opinions and a conscience the same as the rest of us and give much thought to political and social matters, more thought I would suggest than the average person.

Mr. Whitlam has made his position quite plain and we know where he stands, which is more than can be said for most politicians including the leaders of other parties. In all the election campaigning I didn't once hear any of the other party leaders proclaim themselves Christian or non-Christian. I would suspect that most of them are fellow-travellers in the true sense.

When are we as a so-called brotherhood going to stop this business of criticizing every little thing with which we disagree, of reading into public statements something which is never intended, maybe, you know, the other person just may happen to be right!

We have a bigger and better job to do. Read again the gospel the life of our Master, see again how he was involved in the political and social life His day. Remember it was our Lord who said "Love one another, as I have loved you".  
P. Collyer, Vic.

The Names of Jesus

## JUDGE

### FOR TODAY.

Many men feel happy with the thought that judgement may come in a future life for they bank upon the fact that it just may not! Jesus, however, stresses that judgement is already among us and in one sense we judge ourselves. It is our reaction to him that determines our judgement (John 12). Christians are assured now that they do not come under God's judgement because of their response to Jesus (John 5:24). There is a note of judgement that needs to be sounded in this generation when God is everybody's pal. In our stress upon the nearness and love of God we have tended to overlook his awesomeness and his judgement.

Jesus both saves and judges and we must keep the balance both in our preaching and in our response to him. So many extempore prayers in this conversational era with chatty sermons and dialogues need the backbone of the concept of God's judgement.

Forty-seven different preachers conducted services in the White House during the period of the Watergate mess. Somewhere along the line the note of judgement, of warning and prophetic counsel should have been made. What a difference to the moral state of a nation today had preachers included the concepts of God's judgement upon our deeds starting now.

Christians need not fear the judgement of Christ. Charles Wesley's great hymn (No.562) expresses this:—

"Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus, the Judge, shall come  
And take His servants up To their eternal home;  
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
The trump of God shall sound: Rejoice!"

GORDON MOYES.

# FRANKSTON ELDER IN BUSINESS

For the past two years Fred Adams has been the President of the Corporation of Insurance Brokers of Australia.

He has been a member of Churches of Christ for 41 years, in membership with the Church at Gardiner until 1946 after which he moved to Frankston. In Frankston he has been Secretary, Treasurer, Sunday School Superintendent and is now Elder and a member of the finance committee.

In his younger days Fred played football with the Gardiner Church of Christ, the Seaford Football Club and the Malvern Amateurs.

He was one of the pioneers in the formation of the Baptist Churches of Christ Tennis Association, and for many years was the mainstay of the Frankston



FRED ADAMS,  
A.A.S.A., A.A.I.I., F.C.I.B.

Church of Christ team, who were in something like 9 consecutive grand finals in "A" Division. Fred still plays a very mean shot.

Fred is the Chief Executive Officer of the well known firm of Insurance Brokers, Bailleau Bowring in Melbourne. He has made two world trips for his firm in recent years. Fred married Jeanette (MacDonald) and has four children, Dick, Julie, Bob and Janet.

# THIEVES AT THE CROSS!

("Waverley Gazette" photos)

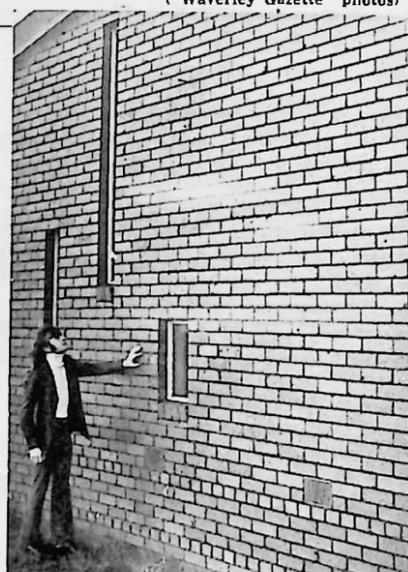


Someone has stolen the Cross from the Chadstone church.

When the minister, Kevin Caulton, returned from a short visit to Sydney in May, the cross was gone. The picture shows Mr. Caulton and the cross just before the opening of the new church in February of this year.

The cross, made of redwood, was 12 feet high and 4 feet wide and cost \$63. Mr. Caulton said that it is long and awkward to handle and probably required two people and a truck to take it away.

Someone may have seen the cross on



its way to its illegal destination, if so, phone Mr. Caulton, 277-2096 (Melb.)

**MINISTER MARRIES** (Harcourt). Our student Minister Brian Spencer and Miss Margaret T. Baker were married recently . . . The C.W.F. took the Mother's Day service in the evening and other services were led by Kerri Woods from the C.O.B., Reg Broad, Mr. Mudford and Arthur Symes from Bendigo . . . Harvest Thanksgiving goods sent to married students of the C.O.B. . . . The C.W.F. held its 22nd Birthday in May. 61 were present at Luncheon.

# JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

## JAY'S QUIZ

The Jews hated the Romans and some clever enemies of Jesus asked him a question, hoping to get him into trouble. They asked, "Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar?" They thought that if Jesus said "Yes," the Jews would hate him, but if he said "No," he would get into trouble with the Romans. What did Jesus say? (See page 18).

Customer: "Are you sure these field glasses are high-powered?"

Ambitious Salesman: "Lady, when you use these glasses, anything less than ten miles away looks as if it were behind you!"

## SPOONERISM

A minister named Spooner used to get his words mixed up, like this: I have received a blushing crow, instead of I have just received a crushing blow. Another example: For real enjoyment give me a well boiled icycle. Work it out for yourself.

## COMPETITION DETAILS NEXT ISSUE

When my hands are dipped in glue,  
Smearred with ink or other goo,  
It's always then, you can suppose,  
I've urgent need to scratch my  
nose!



"I've saved you a piece of my birthday cake, Herbie! How soon can you come over?"

# BOOKS TO READ

## THE SINGING BIRD

. . . Tina Lawton's Story  
by Kathleen Lawton (Paperback) 2.95

It comes as no surprise to hear that the first edition of Tina Lawton's story was sold out within a few days of its release. For Tina was a special kind of person and this is a special kind of book.

She had splendid gifts with a choice in professional careers where most artists struggle in one. Her singing opened many doors to fame and enrichment and at the time of her death she was coming into maturity and acknowledged success in the field of graphic arts. To choose was hard for Tina, for any choice would mean commitment to a narrower area of life. In Tina's restless searching for full meaning and expression, this could have meant a kind of prison. She would not compromise her standards or commercialise her talents.

She was a star in the Churches of Christ Youth Choir in South Australia and helped to build that choir's deserved reputation for Gilbert and Sullivan operas. The choir was professional in every sense but that of making money for themselves.

Tina was soon in demand for concerts and before long was appearing in TV shows such as "Country and Western Hour," "In Melbourne Tonight", and "Bandstand". She became even better known through the ABC TV series "Tina Lawton Interludes", and through her tour of the Vietnam theatre of war for the Australian Overseas Fund concert party.

But she was back as an art student in Glasgow when a visit to Kenya ended in death in a light plane crash.

When we first heard of Tina's death we were struck with the tragic loss of a young, gay life, still to be fulfilled. But now we are not so sure. How do you measure fulfillment except in living each day to the full, in taking all that life has to offer and giving it back in love and joy. Tina's short 24 years were worth more than the three score and ten years of many others. And how could Tina ever grow old? She was just not the ageing sort.

We can be grateful that this book will share her youth and joyous adventure with a wider public. Kathleen Lawton writes with love, sensitivity and integrity.

## ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE JORDAN VALLEY

by Elmer B. Smick (Baker Book House) \$4.95

This volume is number 3 in the series "Baker Studies in Biblical Archaeology." It is well written and widely illustrated by the use of photographs. There are nine hand-drawn maps at the close of this very helpful book. At a time when science is highly regarded in our world, this book supplies evidence as to why we should be impressed by the accuracy and assurance of God's word. Whilst the book only deals with a small part of biblical country, it is wise to remember that this is only one book in a series which was prepared by a very competent band of men. This is a very good book for those who are interested in the discoveries of modern archaeology.

-R.V.A.

## THE YOUNG ADOLESCENT IN THE CHURCH

(Geneva Press) \$1.20

The hopes of the 40s and 50s that the church's future would be assured by a special emphasis upon youth has not materialised, and Youth Departments anticipating the failure have switched to Departments of Christian Education thus extracting themselves from an awkward situation.

Nevertheless, there remains for the local church the problem of evangelism and christian development among youth. It is certainly an area that is filled with problems and pitfalls. "The Young Adolescent in the Church" is a study for youth leaders and potential youth leaders which seeks to understand the situation with its problems and give the impetus to the finding of a way in which Youth work may be approached. It maintains that we should cease our emphasis on youth being the church of the future and see them as part of the church NOW!

The aim of this study is integration of youth into the life of the church rather than the disintegration of the church into 'oldies' and youth. The study in nine sessions takes up the "most difficult" age group—the young adolescent. While the study comes out of an American Presbyterian background and some aspects have to be translated into our Australian Churches of Christ terminology the resulting study is very worthwhile.

All who are concerned about the young adolescents in our churches would do well to get this book and use it as the base for a study on youth work in their church.

-Don E. Stewart

## BRIGHT WIND OF THE SPIRIT

by Steve Durasoff (Hodder and Stoughton) \$6.25

With the Charismatic Movement coming into prominence this book should prove to be very interesting. It is written by a member of the academic staff of the Oral Roberts University, in the United States. It is quite a large book and bears the sub-title "Pentecostalism Today." The writer has a thorough grasp of his subject, and his work is well indexed. Dr. Durasoff has written about the Holy Spirit—his person, his ministry, his works, and his gifts. The book covers a wide range and contains a wide use of notes and gives a big bibliography. There is a section on the Russian scene. One chapter (chapter 10) gives a brief summary of the persons and work of people who are well-known in the world today.

-R.V.A.

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



REV. TWEEDLE, D.D.

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"I robbed a preacher once, and all I got was fifty cents and two quotations from scripture!"

# WE REALLY

# MOVE

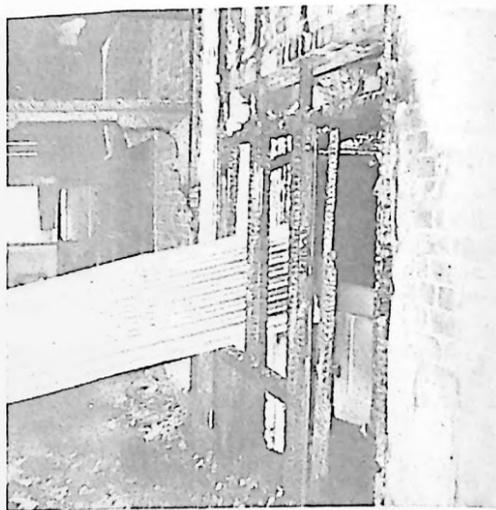
# = AND HOW!!

**Stanton H. Wilson**

**Vic.-Tas. Conference Secretary**

The Vic-Tas. Conference Executive office on the morning of May 11th 1974.

Despite extensive damage important records and vital documents were preserved.



The Conference Executive and the Departments formerly located at 217 Lonsdale Street are now occupying their new premises at 52 La Trobe Street. The removal from Lonsdale Street had been planned by the Re-location Committee to be an orderly, progressive and dignified event. It transpired to be the very reverse!

When, due to causes unknown, fire gutted the Lonsdale Street building in the early hours of May 11, a scene of desolation and despair confronted the staff. An "on the spot" decision was made to set up the offices in the adjoining and undamaged premises which we owned and which had been untenanted for several weeks. The Conference Executive had made the two large front windows on the street level available, free of charge, to the Bible Society. A colourful display of literature, posters and Bibles in several languages attracted considerable attention from the passing public.

With this scriptural foreground, Conference Departments set up their "wares" as in a Persian market, behind borrowed trestles flanking each side of a central aisle. Chalk marks on the floor indicated when one had passed from one Department's territory into another.

This hasty transfer to the adjoining building was made under some conditions highly reminiscent of the Ancient Exodus. The Brotherhood is profoundly grateful to the members of our churches who came voluntarily and carried heavy loads some of which were charred and others water-logged. The men of the Christian Men's Fellowship rendered valuable service in the final move from our temporary quarters to the La Trobe Street building. We are also grateful to

the many friends who telephoned expressing their interest and offering practical help.

All concerned are agreed that this sudden and dramatic transfer could not have been effectively achieved without the long hours of hard work rendered under very trying conditions by Frank Richards and his son John. These good people along with a great many other brethren and sisters who worked tirelessly and cheerfully have our warmest appreciation.

Such were the circumstances of our 'moving out' and our 'moving in' that a great deal of responsibility has devolved upon our trustees, the Properties Corporation. We are grateful to this company of competent brethren who have put their time, experience and expertise at the disposal of the Brotherhood. The building and its contents were satisfactorily covered by insurance. Notwithstanding the fire, the sale of the Lonsdale Street property is progressing in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

Those acquainted with the circumstances of our removal and re-location will appreciate the singling out of Allan Emmett (Executive Officer of the Properties Corporation) for special mention for what he has done and continues to do for the welfare of all the Departments concerned and the Brotherhood as a whole.

Throughout this experience we have been helped by expressions of interest and concern and assurances of prayer from State Executives, congregations, and individual members.

The building formerly known as "Peters House" has a new owner — the

Victorian-Tasmanian Conference. It has a new name — "Churches of Christ Centre." It has a new purpose — to promote the Gospel of Christ and to glorify God.

These are the exciting developments and promising prospects which we plan to celebrate corporately when an official Dedication Service is held as soon as circumstances make this practicable.

## FLOOD RELIEF

E.T. Hart, Qld. Social Service Director, advises that fifty families suffered losses in the disastrous floods earlier this year. Four churches also incurred serious damage, but the needs of these congregations have yet to be assessed.

In recommending the closure of the appeal the Queensland churches sent the following message:

"The Churches of Christ in Queensland place on record our deep appreciation of the spontaneous and generous help, financially, materially and in personal interest, by their brethren throughout Australia. Mere words cannot convey just what this support has meant to us, but we are thankful to our God for a very wonderful brotherhood."

Most States have adopted the suggestion by the Qld. churches that some of the money received be used to set up a "National Disaster Fund."

The total amount received for the "Flood Appeal" throughout Australia was \$29,227.57 plus \$11,017.46 raised in Queensland. The sum of \$14,500.00 has been sent to Queensland leaving a balance of \$14,727.57 toward the establishment of the Disaster Fund.

**ORGANISTE FOR 60 YEARS** (Margaret St., L'ceston, M. D. Hamilton) After 60 years as organiste Mrs. Stevens is transferring to Hobart. She was honoured at a P.S.A. and presented with a gold watch. Representatives of many musical circles were present. Mrs. Brian Gibson was appointed organiste in her place. . . . An after-church family luncheon preceded the annual meeting.

## WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

**UNION . . . AND DIVISION** What the Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists do about uniting with each other is largely their own business. But it also concerns the whole Christian church.

And we are sad about the conflict within the Presbyterian Church. The Methodists and Congregationalists are strong for union, but the Presbyterians just scraped in with a handful of votes.

We carefully read the reports in the various journals to see what reasons were motivating those Presbyterians who oppose union. We could find only one reference. It was to a "principal objection" that the Basis of Union "contained no clear commitment to the Word of God as truth". This was not very convincing, since there is no doubt that those proposing union were committed to the Word of God as truth, and at the very worst there may have been some desirable rewording of the Basis.

We are all distressed at the prospect of Christians

taking one another to court. We are all hurt on hearing that those who have shared the gospel are now turning their backs on their brethren.

This is not a question of our sitting in judgment on others. We have no right to do that. We are called instead to pray that the churches whose members have now committed themselves to union will be strong in faith and strong also in conciliatory love for each other.

If our own people were to vote on union, it is very clear that we should face a similar conflict and divisions. We are in exactly the same position as the Presbyterians, except that we haven't voted.

If and when our turn comes, we may well ask ourselves how Christians who are reconciled to Christ cannot be with reconciled with one another. We have the Spirit of unity and love to guide us. If we cannot live and love and work and worship together, what message do we have for a fragmented world?

## COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

### BAPTISMAL SERVICE

Captain William Keddie completed his officer training at the Salvation Army Training Centre in New Zealand seven years ago. His appetite for theological study was whetted, sending him to the Queensland Bible Institute where he earned his L. Th. with the Melbourne College of Divinity. Moving to Melbourne, along with his Corps work, he began studying for the Diploma of Theology. Serving in the Reservoir district he met a student from the College of the Bible. This led to his inquiry about the possibility of getting some help at the College for his New Testament studies. He was readily accepted as a "guest student" at the beginning of 1974.

Quickly Bill entered into friendly relationships with the students. He liked what he saw at the College. Informal discussions with students and faculty, and experience at the College attracted him to the position, life style and ministry of Churches of Christ. He applied for admission to the College to take the full ministry course. He was accepted by the Board of Management.

On Tuesday, June 4th, the daily College worship was held at the Gardiner chapel for the baptism of Bill Keddie and his wife Ria, whom he married two years ago. In the presence of the student body, in a specially prepared service of worship, Bill and Ria were baptised by Senior Lecturer, K. J. Clinton. The service was

led by the Principal, Dr. K.R. Bowes. As they come into the life of Churches of Christ, Bill and Ria bring with them much of the enrichment and experience of their years as faithful workers with the Salvation Army.

### T. E. ROFE SETTLEMENT

Income from the T. E. Rofe Settlement is available each year to assist graduates of the College of the Bible studying at an Australian or New Zealand university. Those desiring to apply for such assistance should write immediately for an application form to the Vice-Principal, College of the Bible, 7 Elm Rd., Glen Iris, 3146. The intention of T. E. Rofe in establishing the Settlement was to encourage an educated ministry. Applicants therefore should be those intending to continue in Christian ministry.

**REGISTER NOW.  
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**PENTECOST BAPTISMS** (Swanston St., A.L. Webb) Pentecost Sunday was celebrated with seven new members being welcomed through faith and baptism. There have been 11 baptisms (including 6 Asian students) since April. Attendances have consistently exceeded 200 . . . The Wescombe family are home on furlough from the Seychelles. Dr. and Mrs. Geof. Francis have been accepted for missionary service in Indonesia. This means there are 12 church members on missionary service in South East Asia . . . Extensive preparations are well advanced for gospel concerts in July with "All God's Children" choir and George Wood from America . . . Lunch-hour prayer meetings are held each Wed. at the church as well as five regional Bible study cell groups.

**CHILDREN'S MISSION** (Footscray, F.B. Alcorn) Following after-school meeting led by the children's missionaries, White and Coleman, B.S. teachers visited the 43 children developed as contacts from the average of 85 who attended . . . 18 children began attending B.S. or junior school as a result. 15 are still attending six weeks later. The B.S. will use a series of family nights to encourage children and parents to deepen fellowship within church family.

**SECRETARY HONOURED** (Georgetown, L.G. Thom) Mrs Gladys Fraser was presented with a travelling bag and a book in which to record various types of women's meetings over 30 unbroken years as C.W.F. secretary . . . Seven of our folk shared in district churches' group visit to Ayers Rock, arranged by Mrs Joyce Aird . . . 40 young people held a week-end camp at Bethshan Holiness Mission studying basic Christianity.

## OVERSEAS MISSIONS

### SUNDAY—JULY 7

## REFLECTING CHRIST'S LOVE

# ABORIGINES

## A HISTORY OF EVANGELISATION AND UPLIFT

Part 7

By A. M. Bell

### CONCLUSION

Space prohibits recounting much of the exciting expansion and development of the past 15 years. But to summarise:

From tiniest beginnings the brotherhood now operates in the Carnarvon town an integrated church complex, the Mission and two town hostels, regular visits to Onslow and other outreach, Aged Persons' care. The church is around 200 strong. The southern area extends from Kalgoorlie through Norseman to Esperance and liaison with the tribal people east and north through thousands of miles. From a Christian influence standpoint this is very important. New hostel accommodation is operating at Norseman and the Perth

metropolitan area. Eidsvold in Queensland has burgeoned into a large and promising field and plans are in hand for a hostel and aged persons homes to be added to the church and outreach work.

Land, housing, vehicles and equipment in use total over half a million dollars. The biennial cost of running, as reported to Federal Conference, was \$418,060, and has grown since. Committees in every State contribute valuable assistance. The brotherhood staff numbers 65 missionaries, who with the Board are knit into a tremendously harmonious team.

Concerning people, there have been many disappointments but those who

have been lifted and numbers who have accepted Christ and are living exemplary lives, make a great host and we can thank God that in Adelaide, 1941, Churches of Christ decided to launch out into the deep of attending to "the evangelisation and general uplift of the aboriginal and halfcaste people."

### A. MASTON BELL, A VETERAN RETIRES

After a lifetime of 75 years, 65 of them as a member of Perth City Church (previously Lake St.), of which his parents were foundation members, Maston Bell must relinquish much of his active service. He has always shown a devotion to the Lord; a loyalty to his Church; and a willingness to spend his life in the service of others, which has been a challenge and an inspiration to younger Christians.

For 50 years he has been a Church deacon, some of the time as board chairman; ten years were given to Youth work; ten were spent as F.M. secretary; eight as Conference secretary and H.M. organiser; thirty-one on the Federal Aborigines' Board. He was Conference president for its 60th anniversary.

In 1954 he headed the committee for the establishment of the Christian Centre and in December, 1973, shared in the joy of the Thanksgiving Service, when it was completely paid off. Today, it is valued at half a million dollars.

By regular, thorough study, he has kept himself abreast of the trends of theological scholarship.

To quote his own words: "I am sincerely grateful to God for the enrichment it has brought me, in my own spiritual growth; for the fellowship we have had together as brethren in the Lord. I shall continue to be an intercessor for the work of the City Church. For the future may I share with you the beautiful words of this hymn:

"Be still my soul; my God doth undertake To guide the future as He has the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; All now mysterious, shall be bright at last. Be still my soul; the waves and winds shall know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below."

Our message to him: "The Church as a whole, and many individual members are grateful for your encouragement in our Christian walk. We thank our Heavenly Father for the steadfast witness you have maintained in life and word, and this opportunity is taken to express this sincere word of gratitude, and to wish you much blessing as you continue to serve our Lord. The Lord will surely continue to bless and use you."

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Without a care in the world! Who is there living and loving who could make such an extravagant claim? Mere contemplation of the world's ills even for a short time is sufficient for most of us to echo the longing expressed in Ian Mudie's poem "The Petrified Man."

Whenever I must contemplate  
Cruelty or ugliness or hate

I almost wish my eyes were cut  
From cold uncomprehending  
stone.

But to remain aloof from life is to alienate ourselves and to perish in utter aloneness. We must care if burdens are to be shared, hearts strengthened and comforted, the unlovely loved, and changes made for the betterment of mankind. "Bear ye one another's burdens," said Paul, "and so fulfil the law of Christ." Thus caring in this sense is a lovely thing and in accordance with the will of God.

It is the other kind of "care" that Jesus warned us against. The needless worry. The anguished imaginings. The joylessness. These are the things that undermine us, making us weak and ineffectual when we might be strong and resourceful.

"It is God's will that I should cast  
On him my care each day;  
He also bids me not to cast  
My confidence away.

But, Oh! I am so stupid, that  
When taken unawares,  
I cast away my confidence  
And carry all my cares."

### PRAYER:

Gracious God, Thou hast shown us how to live. Help us so to abide in Thy Presence that anxiety and care have no power to separate us from Thee. Let peace and joy be our portion each day. Amen.

Matthew 6: 25-34

FLORENCE ROSIER

## CHURCH NEWS

**LOSS TO MACKAY** (H. O. Francis). The church will be challenged by the transfer to Brisbane of the B. W. Nielson family who were active in every auxiliary of the church. B.S. teacher and Supt., Secretary & Treasurer, also C.W.F., C.Y.F., B. & F.B.S. etc. With them go our best wishes and congratulations . . . Revival Fellowship mid-week meetings have returned to "Cottage Meetings" . . . The Lord's Table at gospel service has been discontinued . . . Starting time for morning service has been changed to 10.30 a.m.

**NEW MINISTER WELCOMED** (Blackburn). Church welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Ted. Keating and family and after Induction Service led by Eric Patterson, Past Conf. Pres., and former Blackburn member, 270 people had lunch. Church thanked R. Lawton for splendid interim ministry . . . Sen. Citizens hired bus for day's outing to Waterman Camp, Monbulk, also held Polynesian night raising \$30 towards set of Indoor Bowls . . . C.W.E.F. had Miss Haining, Strathcona Head Mistress to speak . . . C.W.A.F. had speaker from Braille Library . . . 2 working bees have been held to tidy and clean church buildings . . . Variety Night run by Y.A.F. & C.W.F. with items by auxiliaries . . . Y.A.F. & C.Y.F. girls and boys held soccer match with T. Keating as umpire . . . There was evening service discussion on "Sanctity of Life v Abortion" with slides from "The Right to Life Assoc." shown by Jan Youens . . . Also Mrs. Nan Stephenson, mother of severely handicapped child, and Barry Burns, young Christian beaten up by skin-heads, were interviewed.

**PRESIDENT'S VISIT** (Latrobe Tr., Geelong, N. Hodgkiss). The Conference President, G. R. Stirling, and his wife visited the church May 26. A married man confessed Christ at conclusion of Mr.

## OBITUARY

**MORRISON, Joseph William**

Joseph William Morrison died on May 16, at the age of 71. He was baptized at Dawson St. church Ballarat, Vic., as a boy. He lived at Mt. Gambier, S.A., Griffiths, and Wagga Wagga, N.S.W. At the time of his death he was deacon and treasurer of the Wagga church. Always interested in music, "Joe" Morrison was song leader and choir conductor for many years. He willingly trained the children for the S.S. anniversary. For some years he was active in the Wagga Male Voice Choir. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Olive, daughter Betty, and son in law, Aubrey Willis, and sister, Hettie Morrison of Ballarat.

**STEVENSON, Charles Andrew**

Members and friends of the La Trobe Tee. Church affectionately remember 'Uncle Charlie' who had been a member for 62 years, having been baptised in 1912 during a mission. Charlie who was 85 years of age, will always be remembered as one full of kindness, ready to do any practical thing to assist people. Our brother will always be an encouragement, as we remember his love for Christ and his generous love for Christ's body in Geelong.

-N.H.

Stirling's address. At casserole tea on Saturday at Belmont Mr. & Mrs. Stirling met officers and wives of the five Geelong churches. The majority of Terrace board and wives attended . . . The Thomson and Terrace Churches are preparing for a Mission with Dr. A. C. Caldicott and Joytones, in September . . . On June 2, Junior Endeavourers led by Mrs. H. Coleman took the service and gave testimonies and vocal items. A junior lad occupied the pulpit . . . Sympathy is expressed at passing of one of oldest members, Mrs. May Brownbill.

**MINISTER TO LEAVE** (Ashburton, O. Clark). The minister has tendered resignation as from end of 1974. College of the Bible student, Peter Halliford was welcomed as assistant . . . Successful Junior and Intermediate camps have been held at member's Philip Island house . . . Minister is conducting midweek Bible study for young people . . . Tennis team has been formed and entered in competition . . . C.W.F. catered for C.O.B. Tea . . . Women conducted morning service on Mother's Day . . . \$205 was raised at Election Day stall . . . A church barbecue lunch was held at Doongala.

## WOMEN'S WRITE (FROM PAGE 7)

Bowl of Remembrance was arranged by Mrs. P. Carnaby and Prayer of Remembrance was given by Mrs. Enid Fisher. Mrs. Dorothy Davis entertained during afternoon with two solos.

Miss Pam. Bowers spoke on her work as part-time minister of the Stawell Church and part-time field officer for the Council of Christian Education in Schools.

Mrs. Netta Newham, Australian Representative of the World C.W.F. spoke on the forthcoming World Convention to be held in Mexico City. The afternoon session was closed with prayer by Mrs. L. Wardle.

The evening programme consisted of three segments:

(1) of items by the Blackburn Methodist Choir, a solo by Mrs. Lorraine Travill and monologue by Mrs. Isa Tully, (2) an Audio Visual, arranged and presented by Mrs. Mavis Elbourne,

## AT WORK AND WORSHIP NEW PRESIDENTS

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA** - Mrs. Jean Middleton at May meeting introduced her theme for the year - "God with us" and the verse from Proverbs 3:6.

Mrs. Joyce Long - President Elect, led devotional thoughts on God's Trade-ins. Mrs. Helen Austin concluded this segment with solo.

Mrs. Aird was appointed as Treasurer and Mrs. Hodges to Aborigine Committee. Special mention was made of the splendid service of Mrs. Lorna Packer as treasurer for past five and a half years.

Mrs. Rosalind Phillips, Deputy chairman of S.A. Festival of Light Committee addressed the meeting.

**SOUTH MELB. BAPTISM** (I. Cartmel, P. Stevens). On May 5, Graham Young was baptized and received into the fellowship . . . On Mother's Day Mrs. Glenys Cartmel addressed the congregation, Mrs. Fletcher presided, assisted by Mrs. Dall and Mrs. Wilson . . . School holidays "Adventure Time" was held with a group from COCIAC assisting our volunteers . . . On May 26 at youth meeting the "Maranatha Sounds" led our singing, 70 were present and supper was served . . . Our Officers Retreat considered the future of Sth. Melb. and Middle Park.

**JOSEPH PLUMMER DIES** (Tootgarook, D. Brown) The church mourns the death of Joseph Plummer . . . Mrs. Plummer attended services on June 2 . . . "Auntie Glad" Cookeley is at Aoba, New Hebrides, visiting her daughter Dianne, for one month . . . 5 C.W.F. members helped in the program for "Freedom from Hunger" held in the Rosebud Church of England Hall . . . A "Church Family Tea" was held on May 26, in the following service a Film was shown by Mr. and Mrs. Roediger, entitled "God Loves People".

entitled "A Faith to Share", and (3) a Brains Trust.

Mrs. June St. Aubyn introduced her theme for the coming Conference Year "To know God and to serve others", Text: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God and thy neighbour as thyself."

Mrs. Stirling was thanked for her leadership during the past year and presented with a bible and a sheaf of flowers.

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**QUEENSLAND** - Twelve churches were represented when the President, Mrs. Ruby Haigh, led period of devotions.

The Mothers' Play Groups for intellectually handicapped children requested aid from women able to look after children between the ages of four and six years.

Mrs. Dempsey, Overseas Superintendent, reported that missionary Miss Aileen Draney, is appealing for scissors and duplicating paper.

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**ALL STATES**

**BOX HILL DECISION** (K. R. Bond). Young man made good confession . . . Barry Porch and Maidstone singers assisted at gospel service . . . Stan Goodman showed slides of recent work in New Guinea . . . Mr. Grainger relieving at Ivanhoe for next three months . . . Mr. Bond led studies at C.E. Intermediate Camp at Hall's Gap . . . David Althorpe assisted at Hurstbridge . . . Mrs. Betty Sercombe from W.A., past member, visited us on way to reside in N.S.W. . . . C.W.E.F. held birthday meeting at the manse when F. Hodges gave illustrated talk on gem stones . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Alan Young and Peter Mackley on sick list.

**S.S. SCHOLARS BAPTIZED** (Devonport, E. W. Taylor). Three S.S. scholars were baptized and welcomed into Fellowship . . . S.S. picnic held at Bluff beach . . . There are 10 Bible Study Fellowship groups operating weekly in church homes . . . A Family Tea was held, followed by films and Y.P. service . . . G.B. girls had “Treasure Hunt” . . . G.B. and B.B. groups had hiking picnic . . . Two films of Dr. Henry Grant on marriage relationships were screened . . . Mr. and Mrs. T. Scotland, (“Soon” Missionary Outreach) spoke on work in S.E.A. . . . P. Horell, Sth. America, was guest speaker . . . Y.P. joined with Baptist U.P. at Baptist Hall for Y.P. week service. Film “World of Seance” screened.

**CLOSER AT COMMUNION** (Ascot Park, R. J. Clymer). Seating in the chapel was re-arranged informally. The Communion Table was placed on the floor in front of the platform and the pews arranged in three rows on either side. The idea was to bring everyone closed to one another. Mr. and Mrs. John Curtis and family were welcomed from Perth en route to Brisbane . . . The Young People led a gospel meeting on the theme “Darkness and Light” . . . Mr. Clymer has started young peoples' talks at morning service for the under 8's. They come out to the front and sit on the carpet for their story . . . Elders and Deacons attended a camp at Mt. Barker for studies and forward planning for future work.

**DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY** (Berri, K. Fechner). Church planning for diamond anniversary in Aug. with Ed Roffey as speaker. . . A door knock is planned to promote Church activities and encourage B.S. attendance. . . Chris Sweet and Colleen Webb received Pioneer Pins at Girls' Brigade Parade. . . J.C.E. completed 207 laps of the Church block to raise money for mission, (on bikes!). . . Deaconesses have assumed responsibility for hospital visiting and visiting scholars who miss B.S. . . “Young Life” earned \$85 to help finance weekend trip to Adelaide. Most of the money came from picking grapes. . . Riverland Women's Conference held at Berri. Speakers were Doug Bannear and Sister Dalziel. . . A rocking chair ROCK.A.THON is being organised for all Riverland Churches to raise money for the Bible Society.

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**GOLDEN WEDDING**

**MASON-MILLER**—Wal and Glad delighted to announce the 50th anniversary of their marriage celebrated at the Ascot Vale Church of Christ on June 21st 1924 by the late Mr. Harold Patterson. A musical "at home" will be open to all our friends at the North Essendon Church of Christ (Berry St.) on Sunday 23rd June at 2.45 p.m. No gifts by special request.

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**DEATH NOTICE**

**HANSEN** On May 15, at Mornington, Vic., late of Bayswater, Henry, loved husband of Doris, dear father of Lorna, Mrs. Alan Perry and Edna, Mrs. Ken Wilson and family.

**POLLOCK** On the 21st May, 1974, at 193 Don St., Bendigo, Jean, loved mother of John, Donald, and Elizabeth (Mrs. K. Packer), dearest sister of Mavis (Mrs. Methven) and Bruce.  
"The Lord's faithful servant."

**WATSON** Geoffrey Graham, 27 (result of accident in France, 26th May). Dearly loved youngest child of Bert and Merle Watson, Croydon, loved husband of Janice, dear brother of Bev, (Mrs. Reichl), Peggy (Mrs. Jones), and Richard. "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

**WATSON** On May 26th at Calais, France (result of accident), Geoff., dearly loved nephew of Cec. and Lil., Elva and Howard (Barnden), Alan and Eleanor. Loved cousin of Ken and Lorraine, Ross and Margaret, Lorraine and Alan, Eleanor and Ian. "Precious Memories".

**IN MEMORIAM**

**BOAKE** Clarence Allen. Passed away June 11th, 1969. Loved husband of Florence (dec.), loving father of Russell (dec.), Dorothy (Mrs Baines) and Lorna (Mrs Coates); loved-father-in-law of Ian and Graeme, and loving grandfather of Wendy, Allan, Ken, Lynette, and Peter. "Ever Remembered."

**PERRY**, George Edward. (Late Red Cliffs). 14.6.73.  
You never really left us or travelled very far. You just entered God's garden and left the gate ajar.  
Loving wife, Glad and family.

**APPRECIATION**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Youens and family would like to thank all those who have sent messages and cards after Mr. Youens suffered a severe stroke. He is at present in hospital, and is making a certain amount of slow improvement. The family is very conscious of the prayers and thoughts of their many Christian friends.

**JAY'S QUIZ**

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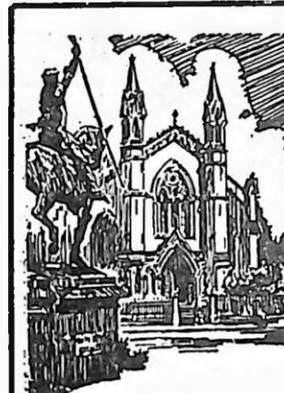
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## VICTORIA

**TRAGIC LOSS** (Croydon, A. B. Clark). Our sincere sympathy is expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Watson and family in the tragic loss of their son, Graham, in a motor accident in France . . . Hobbies exhibition raised \$35 which went to Leprosy Mission . . . C.W.F. meeting on May 28 had Mrs. Doreen Gordon as speaker. Also groceries have been collected for C.O.B. . . . Half yearly business meeting was held on May 29 . . . Opportunity Shop has sent 2 cartons of men's clothing for flood relief . . . A book stall has been held over the past few weeks . . . C.Y.F. had a visit from Ivanhoe Youth Group .

**VISIT TO NEW HEBRIDES** (Preston/E. J. Manallack) Mrs. Glad Cooksley & Mrs. Nina Pinches are visiting Dianne Cooksley in the New Hebrides. C.W.F. (P) are collecting linen badages, etc., and are preparing to send another parcel to India . . . A presentation was made to Ken & Joyce Pinches and family on leaving for Doncaster . . . C.W.F. (E/P) held luncheon recently, followed by a speaker from Bundoor Geriatric Complex—about 80 present, and \$150 was made . . . Approx. 65 attended joint tea and evening discussion on May 5 . . . A United Pentecost service was held on June 2 in Preston Town Hall . . . Congratulations to both Mr. & Mrs. Tregurtha who both celebrated their 80th birthdays!

**AHEAD OF CONVENTION** (Berwick, K. J. Clinton). Mrs. Norma Clinton has returned from New Zealand where she covered route to be taken by Youth Convention in January 1975. . . Mrs. Mary Finger was guest speaker at church tea. . . C.W.F. conducted evening service on Mothers' Day. Mrs. M. Crowden was speaker and they staged a play "Mothers' Day—Has she had it". . . An evening service was held in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Handasyde of Officer. . . United service with St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Berwick. **MINISTER MARRIES** (Harcourt). Our student Minister Brian Spencer and Miss Margaret T. Baker were married recently . . . The C.W.F. took the Mother's Day service in the evening and other services were led by Kerri Woods from the C.O.B., Reg Broad, Mr. Mudford and Arthur Symes from Bendigo . . . The Harvest Thanksgiving was held with the goods being sent to the married students of the C.O.B. . . . The C.W.F. held its 22nd Birthday in May. 61 were present at Luncheon.

**MISSION** (Bayswater, A. Fletcher). Frank Hunting of Ballarat has had us "on our toes" with Bible Study groups in homes, a family film night and P.S.A. Service. . . The Yukana Singers, Merv. Jensen and his electronic accordion, Heather Davis with her guitar and Daniel Hills all brought messages in song and music. . . A morning baptismal service was held. . . The right hand of fellowship was extended to Margaret Miller, June Wood, Brian Clift and Patricia Mitaxa.

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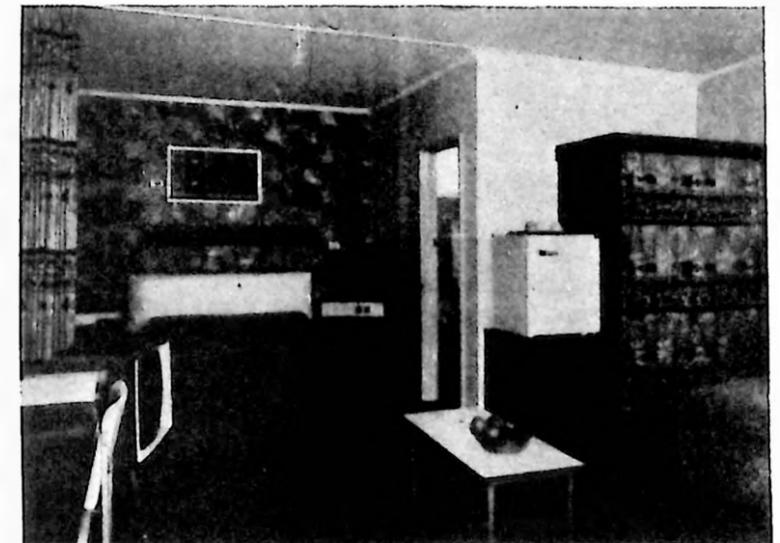
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## QUEENSLAND

**WITH WORK PARTY** (Southport, N. Newton) Jill and Warren Taber are in Vila, New Hebrides, where Warren is in charge of a building work party. . . The C.Y.F. entertained "oldies" at a Fancy Dress Social, and also at Sunday evening Coffee Shop. The young people conduct gospel service once a month. . . There have been three baptisms recently (see page 19). . . Two new elders have been elected: David Capuano and Stewart Jones. Owing to departure of Ross Davis and family to Adelaide John Budgen is chairman of the Board.

**CHURCH NEWS:** (Avenell Heights) Tea before prayer. The midweek Prayer & Bible Study meetings have been preceded by Fellowship Tea followed by series of Filmstrips "Now that I Am A Christian" . . . Young People attended Missionary Rally at Baptist Church with representatives from South Seas Evangelistic Church. . . Ladies held Mothers' Morning with guests from Salvation Army who led the Devotions. Over \$30 was raised towards the Organ Fund from the offering and proceeds of Talent Table. . . Warren Fisher has recovered well after major surgery and is home convalescing.

**TOWNSVILLE MINISTRY** The minister, Alan Weedon, and his wife, have accepted the church's call to a further 12 months ministry here. Frank Beale has been appointed associate minister. . . A Family Fun Evening was arranged by the C.W.F. . . 75 attended latest of regular services conducted by young people, with assistance from musical group "Stand Out." Gwennyth Beale and Ann Sellers gave messages.

**FAITH PROMISES** (Albion). As a result of Faith Missionary Promises, \$6131 was raised for missions in addition to normal giving. . . Gary Staddan, who came from the U.S. seven years ago to study at Kenmore College, has completed his ministry at Albion, and he and Mrs. Staddan have left to minister in New Mexico, U.S.A. . . Graham and Sue Boxhall have been welcomed back after a year's service with New Hebrides Mission. . . The Church Family Camp at Camp Cal, Caloundra had Gary Staddan as study leader. . . Meals on Wheels have been operating from the church for a year, and 11,000 meals have been distributed to residents. . . The church is without a full-time minister. Jack Wiltshire is conducting a part-time ministry.

**NINE DECISIONS** (Nambour, A. G. Leane) The church rejoices over nine baptisms. . . Young People's Group raised \$52 from Walk-a-thon for church building projects. . . S.S. picnic was at Wappa Dam. The S.S. observed Mother's Day with morning tea, mothers being waited on by the men of the church.

"Mother and Daughter" tea was held by C.W.F. . . Country Prayer Day service on May 23 had programme conducted by C.W.F. groups from Brisbane, Gympie, and Maryborough. . . Increased attendances at services has necessitated extra seating in foyer. . . New elevated baptistry has been installed.



## NEW SOUTH WALES

**CHATSWOOD'S JUBILEE** (C.G. Taylor) Many former members and friends came home for the church's 60th anniversary. Guest speaker was A.E. White. After dinner for 170 Friday night was a night of reminiscences from "Bill" Graham and Y.M. Middleton. Mr White shared snippets of news from the 1914 volume of "The Australian Christian". Not so many turned up for the wild and stormy Saturday night but there were good Sunday attendances. Among those specially welcomed at the anniversary services was our "Living link" missionary, Miss Rosalie Rofe. Many old photographs and documents were used in an exhibition tracing Chatswood's 60 years. . . Roger Wilton is making good progress after major heart surgery. . . On Mother's Day, the ladies led the p.m. service. The sermon was preached by Mrs Helen Chapman. Supper was served by the men.

**CHRISTIAN RENEWAL** (Epping, Keith Farmer) A study of Christian Renewal, commenced by a handful, has spread to the whole congregation. In February, six elders at a planning retreat at Stanwell Tops, studied "Renew My Church" by David Haney. Chapter by chapter discussion was repeated on a weekly basis by elders and deacons together. In the next stage, weekly study was extended to some 50 members (many of them auxiliary leaders) in five groups. A further generation of groups now meeting means that nearly all members of the church have been touched.

**MOTHERS SERVICE** (Gilgandra, R. Bassett) Mother's Day evening service was by the B.S. and C.W.F. Mrs. J. Farr gave the message. . . B. Hill, S.A. and Mr. & Mrs. L. Morris, Eidsvold, Qld., have visited their home church here.



## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**FOR ORGAN** (East Vic. Park, W. Thornton). Organ Fund near \$500 mark. C.W.F. held a stall for this fund which realised \$45. . . Mrs. O'Meara (President C.W.F. Aux.) was guest speaker in April, also Mrs. J. Pallot, who showed slides of our missions etc. . . Mr. & Mrs. Ken Roberts were appointed as planning co-ordinators for church programming. . . Mr. John Somerville minister at Dianella, was recent speaker. . . The C.W.F. took the service on Mothers' Day.

**HAPPY HOLIDAY** (Hamilton Hill, W.R. Newton) The church conducted a school vacation "Happy Holiday Club". Over 75 were enrolled and 50 attended each day. . . The church was saddened at the death of Tom Ede. . . Mrs. Atkinson came from Ireland to spend six weeks with her son whom she had not seen for 18 years. . . Miss Enid Smith, Miss Mary Bracken, and Mrs. Jean Thompson were welcomed into fellowship. . . C.W.F. continues to visit elderly folk at Wasa Wasa Hospital. . . Auxiliaries and groups presented items at a Saturday night "Revue."



## VICTORIA

**TEMPLE DAY** (Carnegie, D. Stow). Eric Patterson spoke on Temple Day when \$895 was received. Following this service luncheon was served to 144 members and past members. . . "Sunday at Seven" services have been conducted by Cricket Club and Girls' Gymnasium. Artists were the G.E.K. Group and Bob Clark. . . C.W.F. Evening Group celebrated 21st Birthday. . . Sth. Suburban Cricket Assoc. Presentation Dinner was catered for by C.W.F. members. . . Y.P.F. held barbecue on One Tree Hill and Visited Caravan and Camping Exhibition. . . Denis House is new leader of Explorer Club.

**WITH A DIFFERENCE** (Bendigo, M. D. Keatch). Family evening service with a difference included personal testimony by K. Lacy, bagpipe solo Mark Donnan, recorded songs and music, duet by Mrs. & Miss Lacy, then supper in school hall. . . J. K. Martin conducted book stall for Christian Book Week. . . Casserole tea at home of Mr. & Mrs. E. Steele aided Eppalock Dormitory Fund. Swan Hill men donated \$50 to this fund. . . Church congratulates Mr. & Mrs. G. Turner on the occasion of their ruby wedding. . . The church was filled when tribute was paid to beloved member, the late Mrs. Jean Pollock who died after much suffering. The church's deepest sympathy is extended to all her loved ones. . . Mr. Carter spoke on Lay Witness Mission in helping other churches. . . V. Sutch and V. Symes are recovering from surgery. . . Mrs. H. Langley is laid aside with a damaged ankle.

**LIFE STORY** (Kaniva, B. W. Brown). C.M.F. tea was opened to ladies also, to hear Will Wigney give his life story. . . Our church was packed when combined churches met for evening service on Pentecost Sunday with Rev. J. Kinsman, Bordertown Anglican, as speaker. . . Gideon representatives conducted service on May 26. David Rackett from Bordertown was speaker. . . A farewell presentation was made to Beth Champness as she starts nursing career. . . C.Y.F. conducted evening service at Warracknabeal that night.



## VICTORIA

**NOBLE PARK BAPTISMS** (G. Agnew) Two ladies were baptised on April 28. . . The young people's club held a very successful social. . . On May 5, Howard Weedon, Dept. of Christian Education, was speaker. The audio-visual "The Stranger" was screened. **LEADERSHIP AWARD** (Cheltenham, G.K. Moyes) Ian Henry, youth leader, was chosen to receive Rotary Leadership Award. . . Mrs Muriel Stafford retires after six years as deaconess convener. . . Recent speakers have been B. Cartmel, Asst. Minister, W. White, and John Morrow (East Bentleigh). . . Ladies capably led Mother's Day services. . . \$200 was sent to Brotherhood Centre for "After Fire Expenses."

**HARVEST THANKOFFERING** (Warracknabeal, S. Hince) Thankoffering at the Harvest Festival was over \$100. . . Mr. Doyle, Baptist church, was a recent speaker. . . Mrs. D. Rogers and Mrs. E. Harmer were delegates to Women's Conference. Mr. Hince attended Conference. . . G. at . . . Meeting was here for church tea and service.

**C.Y.F. STATE COMMITTEE** (Vic.) A film night was held at Carnegie church where 350 saw "Flight Lieutenant Robinson Crusoe". \$200 was raised for Combined Services Appeal.

A team went to Ashburton for discussion with young people on running a youth club, especially on what young people wanted, relationship of club to church, and introduction of new resources such as serendipity studies and simulation games.

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**SPECIAL WEEK** (Thornbury, G. J. Crossman). Good preaching, enthusiastic singing and happy fellowship marked church's recognition of 53 years of service. Guest preachers were R. W. Lawton (Director, Fed. Board of Christian Educ.) and Principal Emeritus E. L. Williams. Thornbury Salvation Army Songsters delighted with their spirited, heart-warming singing at P.S.A. . . 14 attended C.E. Camp at Halls Gap. . . Rev. Max Brewer (Bible Society), A. West (Gideons) and Mrs. Betty David were recent speakers. . . 6 cartons of children's clothing were taken to Mooroopna Church for Flood Relief.

**CHANGE SUGGESTED** (Shepparton, F.L. Van Laar) A special meeting discussed a change of format for morning service in which discussion time after

**90 AT WARRACKNABEAL** (Vic.) Mrs. Annie Parsons of the church at Warracknabeal celebrated her 90th birthday with a tea party provided by the Fire Brigade Ladies at the Men's Bowling Club.

Her grandson, Bill Parsons, was Master of Ceremonies.

Mrs. Parsons was born at Dunmunkle in 1884. She spent all her schooldays there and had only one teacher. She left at 12 to help her mother with house duties. She and her sister Ett used to walk three miles to the Dunmunkle church.

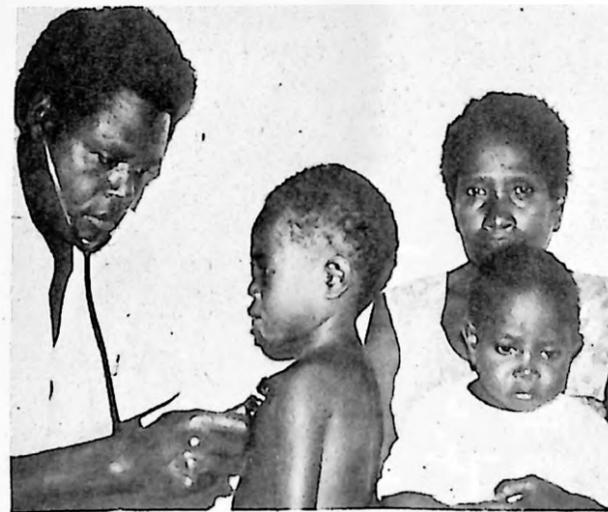
She married Alf Parsons in 1906 and they had seven children, six of them are still living and were at the birthday celebration. Mrs. Parsons lived all her life on the farm until 28 years ago when they moved because of her husband's ill health. When on the farm she used to bake bread three times a week, and churn butter at night. They sold butter for 6 pence a pound and eggs for 6 pence a dozen.

service will be an Adult Education Programme. . . Barry Tattersall, headmaster-elect of Canaan Community, a new Christian Co-Educational school, was recent speaker. . . Young people held commendable pre-Easter service. . . S.S. picnic was held indoors, due to rain. **ELECTION WIN** (Boronia, E.L. Williams/D. Stevens) As our hall was a polling booth we conducted a vote on election day and as a result added \$245 to our building fund. . . Church farewelled Neil and Anne Ewart and son as they left for a 12 months round Australia working holiday. . . A picnic/barbecue was held on the Williams property at Narre Warren. . . Four Explorer leaders are to undertake training courses. . . Miss N. Shields and L. Sercombe are confined to their homes because of illness.



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