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A Mexican man receives his introduction to advanced literacy through a Good News Selection in Spanish.

SHEPPARTON & MOORoopNA FLOODS

Politicians said it could not happen again—the weir and flood gates would see to that. Developers played it safe by making sure that land for building was 1 ft. 6 in. above the 1956 flood level. In 1974 it did happen! A flood which covered two of Shepparton's private housing estates and parts of several Housing Commission areas. Many other streets were under water as flood waters backed up drains and storm channels. Mooroopna was more severely affected; only the labour of hundreds of men prevented the hospital from being inundated. Surrounding farm lands were transformed into inland lakes; some low lying areas are submerged.

In terms of damage—many homes and household goods damaged and ruined, business equipment and supplies useless, the annual income of primary producers vastly reduced if not wiped out. Seven homes of people in contact with our congregation were inundated, our farmers had their recently planted seed washed away, and orchardists are fearing a further loss of trees due to salinity problems.

The whole community responded in a tremendous fashion. Members of the Shepparton and Mooroopna churches were no exception.

Many were involved in filling sandbags, building levies, manning switchboards,

SECOND FAMILY GROUP HOME FOR QLD.

Queensland State Cabinet has voted \$32,900 as a 50% Subsidy for Queensland Churches of Christ second "Family Group Home" to be built at Mackay.

Inflation has carried the cost of this home to a price almost twice the cost of our very successful first home at Maryborough.

A challenge is thus presented to the church to discover the equal amount to make the project possible.

Help can be forthcoming in 3 ways:

1. Direct Gifts, 2. Interest Free Loans, 3. Investment in the "Christian Debenture" at an interest rating of 8½%.

Interested people are invited to send their gifts or write for information to The Director, Churches of Christ in Qld. Social Services Committee, 363 Gregory Terrace, BRISBANE, Q. 4000.

distributing meals and rescue operations. A group of men evacuated people and possessions, even breaking into the home of a church family who were away on holidays. The chairman of the Church Board, S. Carr, had the tremendous responsibility of ensuring a safe and normal water supply. The church baptismal waters found a new use with the minister calling on flood affected people. Church families billeted evacuated people and stored household goods.

The fine assistance of brotherhood churches through their donations of clothing should not be overlooked. F. Cambridge, Director of the Department of Social Service, Vic. & Tas, co-ordinated much of this work. With money made available by this Department the Shepparton and

Mooroopna churches have assisted in cases of immediate need.

Church members are continuing to meet need — cleaning up operations, continuing care, professional advice and practical assistance. However it is the ambivalent and contradictory statements by the State Government which are at present adding to hardship and uncertainty. It is primarily voluntary agencies which have made available immediate finance for urgent personal needs. This is pathetic. It is a mystery to many that the self sacrificing but efficient and compassionate services and assistance offered by the voluntary organizations (including the Church) cannot be duplicated by a Government which has available finance and paid manpower.

The prayers of concerned Christian people are solicited. Many married couples will need to re-adjust to less comfortable circumstances, elderly people have lost mementoes of former years and the primary producers face a frustrating year. Furthermore, it is only the beginning of winter, with all the weirs and dams filled, further heavy rain could cause a repeat of the disaster.

INNER SPRINGS

YOU CAN DO MORE THAN YOU THINK!



Standing at a discreet distance the shopkeeper and I watched a very small girl attempting to insert a very large banana into a new unopened paper bag. For some moments she wrestled with the problem of trying to get one inside the other. Then, with a half suppressed sigh, banana and bag were laid aside and she went away defeated—with success at her fingertips!

This tendency to give up and give in marks all our days from childhood to adulthood. We are continually retreating behind our limitations and saying, "Thus far and no farther can I go." Faced with a difficult task, some new responsibility, we shrink back in fear and trembling. We look at ourselves and see only our inadequacies, our poverty.

God looks at us and sees all the rich potential within us and says "Come, is anything too hard for Me." (Genesis 18:14) In effect He says, "Come, let us do this thing together." And those who have stepped forward in loving trust have found Him wondrously adequate and their lives fulfilled in a way hitherto undreamed of. For those who are not sure what this trusting means, a perfect example can be seen in those comparatively modern doors that open only when a foot is placed directly on a certain area. You may linger about on the edge all day and get nowhere. Step boldly forward and the way is opened!

"I will trust Thee, and not be afraid," wrote Isaiah. If only we would do the same!

Oh, there are heavenly heights to reach
In many a fearful place,
While the poor, timid heir of God
Lies blindly on his face;

Lies languishing for light Divine
That he shall never see
'Til he goes forward at Thy sign
And trusts himself to Thee.

PRAYER:

Deliver us Dear Lord, from our own limitations. Where we are weak make us strong, where we are doubtful make us trusting, where we are hesitant make us daring, that our lives might become meaningful in Thy sight.

ISAIAH 12:2

Amen.
FLORENCE ROSIER

BIBLE SOCIETY LAUNCHES

NEW PROGRAMME

The Bible Society in Australia today announced its participation in a massive, international, multi-lingual campaign to help the world's new literates retain and develop reading skills.

The program, GOOD NEWS FOR NEW READERS, will provide scientifically-designed reading matter for people who are learning to read.

Carefully graded Scripture Selections will help bring new readers from the fringes of illiteracy to the point where they can comprehend regular printed material in their own language.

A project of the United Bible Societies, GOOD NEWS FOR NEW READERS will see the translation, production and distribution of 725 million specially designed literacy Selections in more than 200 languages during the first 12 years.

New Reader Selections have been developed and tested over more than 20 years. They utilise linguistic and instructional concepts that allow each new reader to move at his or her own pace from simple words and sentences, through other material of increasing difficulty until the new reader is able to read at the normal language level.

GOOD NEWS FOR NEW READERS is designed to overcome a disturbing problem in the world's efforts to beat illiteracy—the lack of suitable materials for new literates.

Commonwealth Secretary of the Bible Society in Australia, the Rev. James Payne, said: "It is an astonishing fact that throughout the world, when most people learn to read there is nothing for them to read."

"Once new readers have been brought to basic literacy level, there is little or

nothing to read at that level and, in many countries, more than half lapse back into functional illiteracy."

For lack of practice the skill of reading is never really mastered; the ability to read is lost.

Illiteracy is a world problem. Almost 800 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. The map of their world coincides with the maps of poverty, disease and hunger.

UBS New Readers Consultant, Roy Gwyther-Jones, said "Each year millions of primary school children and out-of-school youth and adults are learning to read and write.

"Five, 10, 15 years from now, will these people still be literate?" he asked.

He said that in the rush to provide the world's illiterates with the basic tool of literacy, few have stopped to seriously investigate literacy retention—how, when, why, and to what extent people retain or lose literacy over time.

One fact had been clearly established, he said. There was a close correlation between literacy retention and the availability of the right type of literature.

ILLITERACY

- UNESCO estimates there are almost 800 million adult illiterates in the world. That is, one in every three adults (15 years and over) in the world is illiterate.
- Between 1950 and 1970 the percentage of illiteracy among the world's adults fell from 44% to 34%.
- The world population, however, increased during the same period from 1579 million to 2287 million.
- Thus the total number of adult illiterates increased from 700 million in 1950 to 783 million in 1970.
- With the help of the United Nations, governments and many private and religious agencies, extensive literacy programs are underway in most countries.
- As a result of these literacy programs there are more new readers, but not enough reading material is available at their newly-achieved level of proficiency.
- Often there is little or no printed matter to bridge the gap between the first stages of reading and the discovery of the meaning in normal printed matter—nothing to carry these new readers from the edge of literacy to easy comprehension of their own language in print; and nothing to prevent many millions of new readers from lapsing back into illiteracy.
- THIS is why the Bible Society in Australia is taking part in the United Bible Societies GOOD NEWS FOR NEW READERS program.



"The tragic lack of materials for new literates has been commented on at every regional meeting on book production, distribution and promotion organised by UNESCO in recent years," Mr. Gwyther-Jones said.

GOOD NEWS FOR NEW READERS Selections are being offered to governments, church and other educational literacy programs going wherever and whenever there is a need.

In the United States, two State educational systems have decided to use the Selections for teaching adults to read, while other States are considering them.

In Jamaica, 30,000 people are using the Selections in reading courses. And 800,000 Selections have been distributed among the five million people living on the border between India and Nepal.

The New Reader Selections were first tested in Latin America where, using the one language, Spanish, they could be tried in a variety of cultures.

Since the first Spanish language New Reader Selections were produced in 1966, they have been ordered by all Spanish-speaking countries of Latin America.

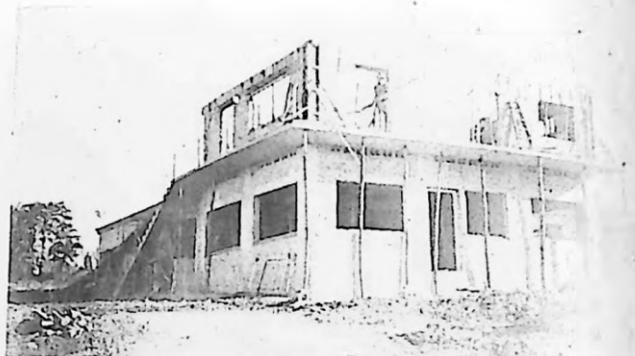
More than 10 million were distributed in Latin America in just over five years.

At first glance the Selections appear to be little different from Bible stories often used in many Sunday Schools. Appearances are deceiving. While the illustrations are colorful and the language simple, the print large and well-ordered there is no real comparison with such story books.

The style is carefully calculated to give each new reader new confidence and experience at the same time. The illustrations and type arrangements have also been tested to encourage new readers to read at their level of competence.

VILA CHRISTIAN CENTRE

By R. S. A. McLean



FELLOWSHIP CENTRE—PORT VILA

It was most encouraging to see, when I arrived in Vila recently, the splendid progress being made on the construction of the Vila Christian Centre.

Four men from Australia, W. Taber, D. Eagling, F. Freckleton and M. Archer, all sponsored by the N.S.W. Men's Department, with a team of New Hebridean brethren, were working on the project. Mrs. Taber was assisting by being responsible for the preparation of the meals.

While there had been a number of setbacks due to unavailability of some building supplies, in just over three weeks the men had completed the floor and walls of the lower level of the building, and had most of the floor and walls completed of the top section. The lower level will be used as a meeting place for the church in Vila and the top section will be transit quarters and a residence for the pastor.

The Overseas Mission Board had remitted \$14,400 for the construction of the building. This was contributed by concerned churches in Australia who wanted to share in this project. However with the sharp increase in building supplies (cement alone had risen by 75% since quotes were given in the New Hebrides last year), it was evident that

the finance remitted would not be sufficient to complete the project. The Overseas Mission Board in considering this matter felt that it was essential to provide at least another \$4000.

It gave me great pleasure to be able to convey this good news to the men who were working so hard, and were wanting to complete as much of the building as possible before returning to Australia on June 5.

The Vila Christian centre will not only be a place of worship for our island brethren, but will serve, as do our Friendship Centres in India, as a place where any person may come during the day and evening for fellowship. People who are away from their villages living in Vila need to have a place such as this. We trust too, that many brethren from Australia visiting Vila as tourists, will make certain they visit the Christian Centre and have fellowship with our island brethren.

It is a worthwhile project which has only been made possible through concerned giving and the willingness of the Australian and New Hebridean work team to leave their homes, and sweat it out in the hot sun. Confident that there would be those prepared to contribute further to this venture, and the

Brotherhood would want to see completed, a good work started, the Overseas Mission Board readily agreed to advance the needed finance.

The New Zealand Churches of Christ have offered to support financially the New Hebridean pastor responsible for the work in Vila, and for this we are most grateful. Please pray for the church in Vila as it ministers to the people in the town.

COMMITMENT TO CHRIST

A time of rich blessing was experienced at the Duindui Church in the New Hebrides on May 26 when in response to a challenge by R. S. A. McLean, Federal Overseas Mission Secretary, 24 leaders of our island churches both men and women, stepped forward to indicate their desire to rededicate their lives to Jesus Christ.

Most of them have for many years faithfully served the Lord, but they wanted to express publicly their desire for a closer walk with God, and to have more of the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Their response may be the beginning of a new responsiveness to Jesus Christ within the life of our island churches. Please pray that this might be so.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS SUNDAY JULY 7 REFLECTING CHRIST'S LOVE

NEW HEBRIDES POPULATION

"Estimates released by the Condominium Government statistics in Vila show that since 1966, the populations of Vila and Santo, the two main towns in the New Hebrides have doubled.

"The population of Vila has increased from 7,457 at the end of 1966 to 13,897 at the end of 1973 and Santo has leapt from 2,487 to 4,251. Estimate of the total population of the New Hebrides at the end of last year is 91,212." ("New Hebrides News"—issued by British Government, Vila.)

The Conference of Churches of Christ in the New Hebrides is working in both Vila and Santo, and New Hebridean pastors are responsible for the work.

A Fellowship Hall and Pastor's House is being built in Vila and plans are being made to build a new church in Santo.

The witness in Santo extends beyond the limits of the town to the villages, a number of which still remain heathen.

Tuna fishing is a major industry on Santo and the possibility is being considered of commencing a ministry through Christian Literature and Bible Correspondence to the large number of Korean seamen who work on the tuna boats.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Humphries are the first Churches of Christ missionaries to locate on Santo. In addition to being responsible for the business affairs of the Conference they are available to help New Hebridean pastors in their ministry.

DEAN JOYCE RESIGNS FROM PHILLIPS

Dr. J. Daniel Joyce, Dean of the Graduate Seminary and Professor of New Testament at Phillips University for the past twelve years, has resigned his posts effective September 1. He is currently on sabbatical leave from the University to complete his work as President of the World Convention of Christian Churches which meets in Mexico City, July 30 to August 4. The Bethany Christian Church of Houston, Texas, a congregation of more than a thousand members, has called Dean Joyce to become its Senior Minister, beginning in September.

Dr. Joyce came to his position as Dean of the Phillips Seminary on July 1, 1962, one year after Dr. Hallie Gantz became President of the University, following a two year period as Professor in Christian Theological Seminary at Indianapolis. Prior to that, he was for five years of the Hanover Avenue Christian Church in Richmond, Virginia, and for one year a Senior Student in the Ecumenical Institute of the University of Geneva, Switzerland. He holds the Ph.D. degree



from Yale University, as well as the M.A. degree, and the M.Div. and M.A. from Christian Theological Seminary, and baccalaureate degrees from both Lynchburg College and Johnson Bible College.

WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA the most prestigious biographical reference volume, has selected Dr. Joyce for inclusion in its 38th biennial edition to be published in August, 1974, a distinction limited to three persons in ten thousand.

Elected to the Presidency of the World Convention of Christian Churches in 1970 at Adelaide, Australia, he has made preaching tours of Australia and New Zealand on two occasions, 1970 and 1972. He was commissioned by the United States Army to make a lecture tour for chaplains of all three branches of military service in Thailand, Japan, Korea, and Okinawa, in 1968. While

residing in Geneva, he studied and travelled in eighteen countries of Europe and the Middle East.

Mrs. Joyce was elected this year as an Elder of Central Christian Church, the first time ever for a husband and wife to serve as elders in this church.

Phillips President Thomas E. Broce said, "Dan Joyce has distinguished himself in Christian education and his new ministry in Houston is a well-earned distinction for himself and his fine family. The Joyce family has been an important part of Phillips and our Enid community. Dr. Joyce's election as president of the World Convention has brought even more international recognition to him and to Phillips. We will follow his ministry with great interest and appreciation."

SECOND MINISTER FOR DONCASTER

The appointment of a second full time minister to work in team with the present minister, Keith Horne, has been announced by the Doncaster Church.

The new "team" member will be Owen Clark at present the minister of the church at Ashburton (Vic).

Mr Clark has had extensive experience in three States. He will bring to the ministry of the Doncaster church particular skills and abilities which will enable the congregation to increase its pastoral and counselling work on a wider and deeper level and co-ordinate and develop the youth ministry of the congregation.

Keith Horne has entered his third year of ministry with the congregation which is reflecting the development of the community it serves. The communicant average of the church is over 240 and with an intensive program covering all ages more than 1200 people are using the buildings each week. The giving of the church has continued to grow over the years and at the present time 47% of the giving of the congregation is for "others". It was the expressed aim of the congregation in its last Planned Giving Program "to give more to others than it spends on itself."

Owen Clark and his wife, Marion, have three young sons. He will commence his work with the church on Feb. 9, 1975.

In September this year the church has sponsored a "Work Party" to go to Bunapas (PNG) to erect a Community Centre in that village. The team, which will be led by Frank Richards, includes Bob Rogerson, George Wood-Burgess, Dick Morrison (all of Doncaster) and Allen Carr (Geelong) David Harmer (Warracknabeal) and Ross Atwell (Maylands SA). The team will leave for New Guinea on Sept. 9.

WORLD CONVENTION TO HONOUR DAN JOYCE

Dr. J. Daniel Joyce has a special place in the life of Australian Churches of Christ. He was elected President of the World Convention at the 8th Convention in Adelaide, in 1970, and since then, has revisited Australia and preached in most States. He was guest preacher at the Federal Conference in Perth, W.A., in 1972.

Since becoming President he travelled more than the distance around the world, sharing with church leaders, speaking at minister's retreats, as he did in Perth, and has been a featured speaker at many State conferences and regional assemblies.

At Mexico City, July 31-Aug. 4, the World Convention would like to honour Dan Joyce by making a gift in his name to the Permanent Endowment Fund of the Convention. Dr Allan W. Lee, General Secretary, writes, "Dan's life and love have been given generously to the World Convention these past four years. Surely, we can perpetuate the work he loves so dearly by making a contribution in his name to the Permanent Endowment Fund. Churches should give generously to it. Individuals can share abundantly. State and regional areas where he ministered should be led to honour him."

Gifts to honour Dr. J. Daniel Joyce through the Permanent Endowment Fund may be sent to: The Treasurer, Federal Conference Executive, Churches of Christ in Australia, 6 Dent St., Glen Iris, Vic. 3146.

OUR NEW HYMN BOOK . . . ONE MAN'S STORY

By Frank J. Funston

The 1974 Churches of Christ Hymn-book is so near publication stage that some account of its preparation and contents may be of interest.

The committee which prepared the 1931 book was almost non-existent when Federal Conference reconstituted it later, redefining its duties and adding to its numbers. Meanwhile it was always in mind that someday a new hymnal could be called for and the British "Christian Hymnary" was given careful scrutiny. Its really good qualities did not necessarily mean that it should be used here, especially as the 1888 and the 1931 books had so conditioned the brotherhood to a big "gospel song" content in their worship.

A later conference introduced and carried a motion recommending a new hymnal, interpreted by Federal Executive as meaning "words only" and "words and music" editions. It is impossible to set down in strict order the procedures adopted, as many of the stages overlapped.

However, one by one the 858 current hymns were examined, accepted, rejected, modified or reserved for future examination. Meanwhile "musts" from current hymnals of our British and American churches were noted, while one and another of the committee went painstakingly through a wide variety of other hymnals. The fine constructive work of the late V. C. Stafford in these stages is still remembered with gratitude.

The work of the Hymn Society of America came under notice. Their advice was sought and given and their sets of hymns produced annually in co-operation with the National Council of Churches gave us a selection of fine modern hymns. As the collection took shape, supplements were issued, each with 37 hymns, taking the consecutive numbering from 858 to 895 and then to 932. The value of this work became evident. The present writer conducted a number of "favorite hymn" services, based on ballots of the respective congregations.

Uniformly, in proportion to numbers, hymns from supplements have been most favored, "retained" hymns next and

(The writer has been secretary of the Hymn-Book Committee since its first meeting in 1947.)

"rejected" ones so neglected that it was plain that they were "not wanted". This seemed to point clearly to the committee having sensed the mind of the churches.

The selection of tunes was no less arduous than selection of the hymns themselves and a great deal of work was done, even after a tune was selected. Musically knowledgeable members frequently located a better setting, better harmonies or a more singable key and these were examined and adopted (or rejected!). Willing and highly competent helpers co-operated and gave much time to this part of the work. Several "all-day" sessions around piano or organ gave further insights as to the quality of what was being chosen—with some deletions and some changes resulting.

Meanwhile, the secretary felt that his main task seemed to be the preparation of lists, lists and more lists, some of them in many columns—perhaps date of acceptance (for reference purposes), first words, source (book and number), author, dates of birth and death, tune, source, composer, dates similarly, probable copyright position of words and music.

Date of death was required because authors and composers leave their work automatically protected by copyright law throughout a period of fifty years after their death. (It may seem ludicrous, but one hymn was "protected" for 115 years, the author having lived 65 years after writing it. Nevertheless, be it said in fairness, the holder of copyright was gracious with permission to use and with no thought of a charge).

LEPROSY ON INCREASE

Over-simplified programmes and unjustified optimism in official circles, including the World Health Organisation, have helped create a worsening situation in the world of leprosy.

Prof. Paul W. Brand, consultant in orthopaedics to The Leprosy Mission, asserting this, goes on: "The disease is escaping from us".

With at least 15 million known cases in the world, of whom only a small minority are even within range of treatment, leprosy is a major health and social

A "stockpile" of well over 600 hymns, words and music, "mounted for the printer" was built up on uniform sheets, the committee worked out classification into sections and the arduous tracking down of copyright holders went on. Contradictory statements as to holders, searches in overseas telephone and business directories, information from publishers of hymn-books and from the Hymn Society, changed addresses, some holders who plainly refused to give information or repeatedly delayed doing so all complicated and lengthened the task, even though airmail was always used and a uniform printed request greatly simplified the applications. Results varied from flat refusal all the way through to generous and more-than-merely-gracious permission with no charge.

The committee is more than ordinarily grateful that when the date of publication came near, representatives of Federal Executive "took over" much of the business and financial side of things. Competitive prices were sought and a contract let, the arduous work such as proof-reading remaining, however, with the committee . . . and nobody knows the number of man-hours that have been and are being spent on this.

For obvious reasons, the committee fully intended to have the two editions appear simultaneously, but conditions as to printing of music in Australia made this impracticable without further delay being involved. As an interim measure, a list of recommended tunes and their sources has been prepared for distribution with the "words only" edition.

Explaining, in short, the content of the collection, the committee believes it has retained the worthiest "1931" hymns, adding to them from many sources some previously neglected, together with some fine modern ones with all desirable spiritual, literary and musical qualities. Further, it adds some few hymns not previously published or in newly modified form. It should further be added (by a grateful secretary) that the work of the committee has been harmonious throughout and that all members have contributed to its work.

problem, in spite of notable advances in prevention and treatment.

The position is made worse, he says, by the discovery that a number of victims have developed resistance to DDS, the main anti-leprosy drug; this resistance has been identified at a number of centres, including the USA Government Leprosy Centre at Carville, Louisiana, where Prof. Brand is also director of rehabilitation. The Leprosy Mission is celebrating its centenary this year.



It is no secret to Christians that God is at work around the world, but evangelical leaders from 150 countries who meet at Lausanne, July 16-25 will get an up to date and extensive report on some of that work.

The information will be presented during an evening session at the International Congress on World Evangelization to give the 2700 participants a global perspective on spiritual movements.

The special hour-long program on July 19 will attempt to answer the current questions of whether any of the emerging trends are universal and whether there is evidence of revival in all parts of the world. Commentator or anchor man on the television-news type presentation will be W. Stanley Mooneyham, a veteran observer of international Christianity and

president of World Vision, an interdenominational Christian humanitarian agency.

Mooneyham is an evangelist long involved in international affairs, and his organization works in 26 nations. Mooneyham asked over 100 Christian leaders throughout the world for the latest information and for their assessments of it. He has received responses from most of them, many furnishing very detailed accounts.

"I'm surprised particularly by the number of similar responses we are getting," the World Vision leader said. "Letters continue to arrive, but a consensus that God is working in several universal areas seems to be clearly emerging."

He noted that many Christian leaders are enthusiastic about the rapid development of indigenous leadership during the past several years. Where this is happening, national leaders are accepting the responsibility for evangelizing their own peoples and are experiencing an effectiveness not often possible with "foreign" missionaries.

"At the same time, 'Third World' churches are definitely becoming missionary-minded," Mooneyham declared. "The first missionary from Indonesia recently arrived in the Netherlands; Christians in Nagaland (India) are training missionaries for Burma, Northeast India and other nearby countries; one mission-minded church in

the Philippines is supporting 40 Filipino missionaries; and strong mission movements are present in Korea, Japan and several Africa nations."

Considered significant by many of those furnishing information were the emergence of a Biblical and evangelistically-oriented wing in the Roman Catholic Church and the growth of the charismatic movement. Reporters working in Roman Catholic areas throughout the world almost universally pointed out these new developments, Mooneyham noted.

Many of the leaders he queried also commented either on the increase of Pentecostals in South America, Africa or Asia on the rapid expansion of charismatic groups in North America and Europe.

"Although most of the informants are not themselves involved," the commentator remarked, "they report that they have observed the impact of these movements on people's lives. We, therefore, must consider their testimony carefully and remember that God's ways are not always our ways."

Mooneyham also mentioned the growth of Bible reading and study throughout the world as another indication of God at work.

"We've seen The Living Bible in North America and Good News for Modern Man in several European languages become best sellers," he said. "Christian leaders in

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WORD TALK No. 98.

The Bible abounds with the use of the word king and kingdom. There are over 2700 references. Associated words like throne and reign abound.

In the O.T. God is frequently referred to as king (Ps. 10:16; 7:10; 84:3). In the N.T. it is Jesus who is referred to as the king. The parables particularly speak both of his kingdom and of his reign (e.g. Matt. 18:22,25).

The life of Jesus saw him worshipped as a king by visiting wise men (Matt. 2); tempted as a king (Matt. 3); encouraged to be king by enthusiastic crowds (Jn 6); hailed as a king of cheering citizens on Palm Sunday (Matt. 21); charged as a king by angry priests (Lk 23:2); questioned as a king by enquiring Pilate (Matt. 27); rejected as a king by jeering soldiers (Matt. 27); crucified as a king according to the proclamation notice (Matt. 27); and taunted as a king by onlookers as he died (Matt. 27).

Yet Jesus rejected the temptation to establish an earthly kingdom both at the beginning of his ministry (Matt. 3:8-10) and at the height of his popularity when the Northern Galilean crowds wanted to make him their king. (Jn 6:15). And he explained to Pilate his kingship was not of this world (Jn 18:36).

One of the first believers, Nathanael, accepted him as king (Jn 1:49), long before the epistles or gospels were written. While Jesus was alive on earth the first thing ever written about him proclaimed him king! (Jn 19:19).

The Names of Jesus KING

FOR TODAY.

The king rules wherever his kingship is recognised. The Kingdom of God is wherever Christians accept Christ as king. A young friend of Tolstoy when being examined by a Russian judge for refusing to be conscripted on the grounds that a Christian should love his enemies was told that the Kingdom of God had not yet come. He replied "Sir, I recognise that the kingdom has not come for you or Russia or the rest of the world but it has come for me and I cannot go on living as if it hadn't."

One of the beautiful stories associated with Handel's "Messiah" concerned its first presentation in London in 1743. As the choir began singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" King George II was so impressed with the thought that Jesus was "King of Kings" that he stood to his feet in acknowledgement. The audience stood too and remained standing until the end of the chorus. That custom persists today whenever the oratorio is presented.

During the thirties a Christian Youth Conference in Japan sent a telegram to a similar Youth Conference in Scotland. It read simply "Let us make Jesus king." This surely is the directive for all who claim him.

Leslie Weatherhead considers that to claim Jesus is king is a sneer by those who do not see his kingdom, a vision of those who see the triumph of God and a challenge to those who work in his service.

GORDON MOYES.

OPEN FORUM

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

ELECTION CALL

To the Editor,

In all the fuss over the pre-election statement to which my name became attached, two things have been repeatedly overlooked.

(1) The statement did not give 'blanket' support to the Labor Party. The point at issue was social justice; on that ground alone, as being of high significance in the election, was assessment of policy made and conclusion drawn.

(2) The statement was not a direction 'how to vote' but a statement of intent on the part of the signatories. The final sentence (in capitals!) read, "WHAT DO YOU THINK?" In other words the matter was left open-ended and without that sentence I could not have been party to the statement.

Reliance on news reports and failure to read the actual statement has resulted in many being both hasty and harsh.

To me it seems that on other grounds, say, rural issues, abortion, and character of leader one could arrive at other conclusions. The signatories declared themselves as 'Christians concerned for social justice' with no desire to dictate, but with a preparedness to state their own position; not asking that everyone agree but seeking that social justice issues be not forgotten and trusting that honesty and openness in stating their conclusions would be met with love and understanding.

Finally, let me say again that the Australian Council of Churches had nothing what-so-ever to do with the statement and I regret that the descriptive of 'president' of that body was attached to my name.

Neil Gilmore, Canberra

To the Editor,

I write as a member of the Doncaster Church of Christ to express my disagreement with a letter written on behalf of the Board of Management of that church ("A.C." 1.6.74).

R. N. Gilmore and A. Matheson are reprimanded for being signatories to a statement urging Australian Christians to vote in a particular way and they are accused of doing so "in the name of Churches of Christ." It seemed quite clear to me that they signed this document as individuals, and that the denomination and ecumenical organisation with which they are connected was given only as a point of interest. Surely no one would suggest that Dr Max Charlesworth spoke for the Roman Catholic Church or the University of Melbourne!

Furthermore, it seemed patently obvious the two gentlemen concerned did not so much intend to "guide Churches of Christ members how to vote", but rather to encourage Christians of all persuasions to vote in a particular way for

it presented, would receive substantial two-faced support, perhaps even a "substantial majority".

"The Conference of Churches of Christ calls on each church—

(a) to encourage the availability of school buildings and grounds after hours, (b) to study the use of their own and other church halls,

(c) to be affronted and profoundly disturbed by the making available for hire and occupancy premises in our Christian Centre to a body known as the Western Australian Council of Churches.

"Furthermore, we seek governmental action on specific needs such as Infant Health clinics, community halls, etc., but where two or more are gathered together in Christ's name, the Conference hereby directs and instructs that the tenancy shall not be extended beyond the original term of 12 months."

Michael McCuaig, A.C.T.

SOCIALISM

One of the sad misfortunes of our society is that so many Australians (especially Christians) believe that socialism is an evil and that the free enterprise capitalistic system is our God-given heritage. Yet is socialism so different from the Christianity of our Lord? Here is a dictionary definition: Socialism is a "political and economic theory that the means of production, distribution and exchange should be owned by the nation, that wealth should be equitably distributed, and that opportunity and security should be available to all."

A writer in A.C. 1/6/74 is appalled by the number of Australians who voted

reasons given in the statement. Personally, I welcome the opinions of Christians involved in various areas of community life rather than be left to the mercy of a biased press and advertising campaigns of questionable ethics and honesty.

It is easy to be wise after the event. Perhaps Messrs Gilmore and Matheson should have made it more obvious that they signed the document as individuals and not as spokesmen for any organisation. It is also easy to sit in judgement, but perhaps on that Day it will be we, the silent majority, who will be judged for our culpable ignorance of and our damnable silence about the plight of the powerless poor and the victims of the terrible injustices of our "lucky country", who have been ignored by our governments and treated as the recipients of our paternalistic handouts for far too long.

I may not agree with all that these two men do, say, or believe. But at least they do something and have the courage of the prophets of old to stand up and be counted.

Graham J. Lord, Vic.

CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

To the Editor,

On reading the summary of the 1974 W.A. Conference in "A.C." June 1, 1974, I wonder if the following resolution, were

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

"NOT UNDERSTOOD"

To the Editor,

At school we used to launch off into a poem thus . . . "Not Understood, by T. H. Bracken!" Four lines of it have stuck with me. I have a remarkable memory for the first few lines of about two hundred poems. Bracken's lines went something like this:

"Not Understood

We move along asunder,

Our paths grow wider as

The seasons creep along the years."

I have frequently consoled myself with these words, when sorry for myself, I have felt myself ill-used. The boss bawls me out (unjustly of course), the kids mistakenly think that I'm on their backs, and the wife doesn't seem to realize that I will make that phone call, sometime! Then I wrap myself in my self pity and say softly to myself . . . "Not understood . . ." But it doesn't cure anything!

In fact I've made a discovery. The problem is not so much that we are "not understood", but that we don't understand. I find that when I work on understanding people and what makes them like that, I don't feel misunderstood. I don't know why, but it works.

I do remember another line of the poem as it squelches through self-pity to a dreary end. It says,

"And then we fall asleep

Not understood."

My theology may not be too hot, but of this I am sure, that when we get to that "fall asleep" bit, we will at least be understood by God. After all he spent some thirty odd years living as one of us.

TERTIUS

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

OPEN FORUM

Continued

Labor at the last election as Gough Whitlam is not even a Christian. What of Bill Snedden and Doug Anthony? How deep does their Christianity go?

But let us not be side-tracked from the main issue. Are we, as Christians, going to be supporters of big business and its greedy grasp of wealth or should we be on the side of the common, ordinary people of this land? Remember, all worthwhile social service benefits have come from the Labor Party and not from the Liberals, despite their long tenure of office.

Like Kagawa of Japan "I am a Socialist (albeit, one with qualifications) because I am a Christian," and believe that the best government is the one which cares for the people, and, while admitting there are weaknesses and faults in the Labor Party, it is still to be preferred.

—Don. A. Jackson, W.A.

(Ed.

This correspondence is now closed.)

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

To the Editor,

Dirk Bakker, in "AC", 1.6.74, misses the whole point in his reply to my letter.

He accuses me of being ill-defined (which I must confess is partly true) and then proceeds to produce a whole range of particularly vague, largely meaningless clichés.

As a society, we have little to fear from permissiveness and pornography. They will wax and wane from time to time and from place to place.

Our future is threatened not by 'Porn and Perm' but by global inequalities and poverty; a system that wastes scarce resources without coming to terms with the consequences; a way of life that breaks down supportive structures that isolates young families in corridor suburbs far away from family and other

GOOD NEWS (FROM PAGE 3)

As reading competence increases, the hunger for material grows and the length of Selections available at each succeeding level rises to meet this need.

GOOD NEWS FOR NEW READERS is a co-operative effort with Bible Societies throughout the world. The Bible Society in Australia was founded in 1817, to translate, publish and distribute the Scriptures, without doctrinal note or comment, to every person in his own language and at a price he can afford.

To help provide funds for the GOOD NEWS FOR NEW READERS program the Bible Society in Australia has undertaken to increase its support of the UBS world service budget from \$289,000 last year to \$500,000 by 1980.

resources; a system that allows life to grow impersonal and destructive; a passion for greed that all but consumes us.

The church has an important message for the whole world. A message of reconciliation, concern, sensitivity and hope. However, if we spend our time and energy with meaningless and pointless 'trivia' like the 'festival' we will have neither the will, interest or expertise necessary to get out message across.

John Wise, Vic.

MOSQUE IN ROME

To the Editor,

In these days when much is being made of the ecumenical aims of the Roman Catholic Church and the readiness of the Protestant Churches to accept this to mean indication of change in the attitude of the Vatican, it was disturbing to read in the March number of 'Church & State' an American journal the following report:

"In January (1974) it was announced that Pope Paul VI had 'agreed to permit the building of a Moslem Mosque in Rome. Vatican press secretary Frederico Alessandrini told the press the Pope has no objections to the construction of a mosque so that the Moslem residents or those passing through Rome should have their own decorous place of worship. It is superfluous to note that as regards the location, the external dimensions of the building and other details, attention must

be paid to the special character of Rome, the center of Catholicism."

"Moslems, of whom there are 120,000 in Italy and 4,000 among the Arab diplomatic community in Rome, have sought for 20 years to have a mosque constructed for their worship in Rome. In 1953 Pope Pius XII refused permission to the Moslems.

"The event prompts some serious questions. What right has the Pope to grant or deny permission to build non-Roman Catholic places of worship in the City of Rome? Is not Rome an Italian municipality subject to Italian Civil law? Under whose authority has the Pope been given such extraordinary rights?

"Another revealing and significant fact has come to light. No non-Roman church may open on a main road in Rome. Their church, synagogue or mosque doors must open into an inconspicuous side street only. This is the case, for example, with the American Episcopal Church, St. Paul's-inside-the-Walls, and the Church of England in Rome.

"Does the Vatican really believe in the religious liberty declarations promulgated at the Second Vatican Council in 1965? If so, why haven't the decrees been fully implemented in the Eternal City, the centre of Roman Catholicism? Concerned believers in religious liberty deserves an answer."

Where is the change in the attitude of the Papacy?

J. Morris, Vic.

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A QUESTION OF LANGUAGE

The most important aspects in aboriginal education are pre-schooling and English classes for both adults and children. Adult education classes should be so placed that students could start at their own level. A member of the guidance branch of the Education Department in W.A. has said that the biggest problem faced by children in need of remedial training was that they had been failing for a long time and had to be re-motivated to want to learn. Aboriginal children like migrant children are often unfairly assessed at school because of language problems.

What is going to be done? The Prime Minister, Mr. Whitlam, said recently that Aboriginal children in distinctive Aboriginal communities would be taught traditional and cultural skills in the future. These would include Aboriginal art, carving, music, dancing, tracking, traditional religion and mythology.

The programme is aimed firstly at the Northern Territory children and then will extend to the tribal areas of northern Queensland and Kimberleys in W.A. and Northern S.A. His idea is good in that tribal cultures will be preserved not crushed. The culture would mostly be taught by aboriginals themselves. The Government is to train teachers and teacher aides (some of them Aborigines) to help with the special tuition.

However, leading anthropologists feel that aboriginal teachers will have to be used. They are necessary because aboriginal words have so many shades of meaning. A dictionary is being compiled at the moment by Professor A. P. Elkin with 15,000 entries. Professor Elkin says that there were 700 aboriginal languages before white men took over. Dozens are still in use. Each language is related but knowing one would not help a person to speak another.

This policy is fraught with difficulties. Not only are there languages but there are dialects. However, if the twelve main languages are known then someone can make himself understood anywhere. But who is to learn all this? Many Aborigines are multi-lingual and can understand if not speak languages related to their own languages.

The Watts-Gallacher report on aboriginal education completed in 1964 said that it would be impossible that all teachers should master an aboriginal language. If this was one of the pre-requisites of teaching we would not have enough teachers. Another problem is that should a teacher become proficient in one aboriginal language it would be

necessary for that teacher to remain in that area. Teachers could not be transferred to another area because of the difference in languages.

Most aboriginal languages are complicated. There can be up to 900 forms of one verb. The Aranda word for man (ata) changes case and as it changes case it changes form—atula, atuka, atuna, atu, atunga, atualela—and that is a simple noun. However, the most important thing about aboriginal languages is that they are all related to the people's culture. They cannot be understood or satisfactorily mastered without a knowledge of tribal thought, belief and custom. A full course of aboriginal culture needs to go with every course in aboriginal language. And who is going to teach the teachers?

There is a course in Pitjantjara at the University of Adelaide. The Institute of Aboriginal Development in Alice Springs teaches Aranda, Pitjantjara and Wailbri. Even the aborigines themselves are divided on the issue on the use of their language. The elders welcome it as a chance to hold on to the old cultures and tribal laws, the youngsters who have been brought up in English speaking schools would prefer English because the world into which they are moving is English speaking. Teaching tribal culture in the class room has been going on since 1964 when some boys in the north were taught to play the didgeridoo, paint on bark by skilled tribesmen as part of normal classes. The problems are enormous.

At Norseman we are trying to play our part. Alan Pallett, liaison officer to Warburton, Cundelee and other areas, has taken a course in languages by correspondence through the Adelaide University. We have on the staff an aboriginal man who can speak his own language from Cundelee. The children are encouraged to respect their culture and tribal law and speak their own language. This gives them pride in their race. With the help of the Gospel of Jesus Christ we are trying to assist in this very difficult task of bringing an identity back to the Aborigines of Australia.

—B. G. W.

Should courses on the occult be taught in public schools? A course on the supernatural in literature at a high school in New Hampshire, U.S.A. is getting national attention as church people press for its removal, mostly because of fears of Satanic influence on the students—one of whom reportedly now identifies herself as a witch.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

Jesus once said that the kingdom of heaven was like a mustard seed. Why did he say that? (see page 18.)

My friend reports that his little grand-daughter watched curiously as he removed his dentures and placed them in a glass of water, while preparing to retire.

Whereupon she asked, "Grand-daddy, do you take your tongue out, too?"

SPOONERISM: DATCHING SCRAWGS

If your flawg is troubled with deeze, try saithing him in the bea. Salt is feetle to flays.

MOTHER: Now, Willie, you musn't be selfish. You must let your brother have the sled for half of the time.

WILLIE: But, mother, I do. I have it going down the hill, and he has it coming up.

COMPETITION

For Boys and Girls, (aged 9 or under) from Queensland and Western Australia. How does the church help others? Send a drawing to Jay. Call it "The Church Helps People". Post it to: Jay, P.O. Box 101, Essendon North, Vic. 3041. The competition closes on August 31 and there will be prizes.



BOOKS TO READ

THE GAGGING OF GOD

by Gavin Reid, (Hodder & Stoughton) 44c

While this book came off the press as long ago as 1969 it is a book that all our people who are concerned with the problems of communicating the Gospel should take the time to read. Very often we are only preaching to the converted while out there in the communities that surrounds our churches there are thousands of people who not only do not hear the Gospel but also see no reason why they should bother to be informed.

Reid pulls together many sources in a very readable book that have dealt with some areas of the problem and seeks to find ways out of the impasse. He focuses attention on our changed and changing society and draws out implications for "preaching." He raises the importance of "cool" media, of "instant tell," of the "image" we project and of the need to better understand our faith as it relates to our culture. He shows that much that goes under the name of "outreach" is in fact "in drag."

This book is about presenting the Gospel by one who is involved in this very task. It is a book about change and the need for change in the Church so that the Gospel we present may remain the same. The cheapness of this book says nothing about its value.

—Don. E. Stewart.

BOYS, GIRLS, AND SEX

by George Coughlan (West Publishing Corp.)

This volume is the result of a question often asked of the author in his work with the Marriage Guidance Council. That question is, "Can you give me the name of a good book on sex, and growing up, that I can give my eleven-to-fifteen year-old children to read, or that I can read with them?" Mr. Coughlan says this, therefore, is only a short book, was written especially for girls and boys in their last year at primary school and their first few years at high school or technical college. In writing he also had in mind parents and teachers, as well. There are three brief forewords in which the book is commended by a headmistress, a doctor, and a Christian educator. It is a very frank book, and as Miss Archdale says in her foreword, some will "object to this book." The writer agrees with this, but still writes very realistically. In our reading we come to the conclusion that here we have a fearless book, in which the writer deals with some of the facts of life very freely. The knowledge of the author is undoubted as he deals with one of the problem areas of life. Both the written word and the illustrations of Mrs. Margaret Snape, who that this is a very factual book. It is a volume which many will find helpful.

—R.V.A.

EXPERIMENT WITH GOD

by Gosta Ekman (Hodder and Stoughton) \$1.30

With the sub-title "Frank Buchman Reconsidered," and translated from Swedish by Dr. John Morrison, this book was written by one of the editors of a Swedish daily paper. Here he provides fresh facts for the evaluation of the personality of Dr. Frank Buchman. He considers the message of this man even more relevant today than when it was first given. For many people Buchman and the Oxford group are inseparably linked with a decisive personal experience. In recent years comparatively little is heard of either the man or his message, and this according to Gosta Ekman is partly due to a deliberate policy of silence by much of the mass media. The writer sets before us a new presentation of Dr. Buchman and his work which makes very interesting reading.

—R.V.A.

THE STORY OF RELIGION IN AMERICA

by William Warren Sweet (Baker Book House)
Paperback 492pps

The first edition of this book was printed in 1930. This edition is enlarged and revised and carries the story up to and including the formation of the World Council of Churches.

It is a valuable study of the origins and development of religion in the U.S.A. relating it to politics, economics, and social change during the development of Colonial America into the most affluent nation in the world.

Religion had a profound influence upon America and America had a great influence upon religion. The established churches, imported from Europe had difficulty in maintaining their traditional positions in the light of the growing desire for religious liberty. The pomp and ceremony of European cathedrals just did not suit the log-cabin era, and when economic enrichment came, religion was taking its own course largely independent of European influence.

The Roman Catholics are especially strong and grew quickly. Their numbers increased from 600,000 in 1830 to 3,500,000 20 years later. There are more Jews (5,000,000) in the U.S. than in any other country, including Israel.

It is characteristic that new faiths, or new forms of the old faith, flourished in the land that had at first tried to destroy its "heretics". Seventh-Day Adventism, Mormonism, modern spiritualism, and Christian Science, all began in the U.S.A. So did other departures from the established order, including the Restoration Movement which, however, received what we think is most inadequate treatment. But perhaps we are just more sensitive about our own cause.

It is a complicated story and Sweet does well to maintain some sense of unity in a fascinating history.

Recommended for colleges and large church reference libraries.

Unless otherwise stated, books reviewed on this page may be obtained from: The Baptist Book Store, 162 Russell St. Melb. 3000; The Christian Centre Bookshop, 142-146 Beaufort St., Perth, 6000; N.S.W. Churches of Christ Book Shop, 69 Campbell St., Surry Hills, 2010.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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"My husband's home watching services on TV — he thinks it's a great religious labor-saving device!"

ANGLICANS DELAY N.Z. UNION

The Anglican general synod in New Zealand has voted to delay a five-way church union scheme.

The required two-thirds majority vote for union was obtained among Anglican bishops and lay people, but Anglican clergy missed getting the required support by two votes. Their commission on

church union was reappointed to continue the work towards union. It was asked to set out at an early date the necessary constitutional, legal, and practical steps for implementing the Plan for Union.

A new vote on the union will be taken in 1976.

NEW MINISTER FOR IVANHOE. The church has called A. B. Withers, currently at Wangaratta, to the ministry for a period of three years from early 1975. Members appreciated interim ministry of G. R. Stirling and pulpit assistance by R. Bust and G. Barnett (Chaplains) and R. Baxter (Briar Hill). G. Grainger, who has commenced three months interim ministry, met with Board to plan special evening services . . . Janis Conning is in U.S.A. for three months youth leadership position in American summer camping program . . . Women are now being used on service plan for morning services . . . Parcels of clothing were sent to country areas for flood relief.

SPEAKERS (Box Hill, K.R. Bond) Two young people have made confession. . . Recent speakers have been Gideon International representative at church service, Mrs Jones of Windsor Youth Welfare Service at C.W.F., and Barry Jenkins on migrant work at Y.P.S.C.E. . . Cherie Hawke gained B.Ag.Sc. and is now studying for Dip. Ed. . . Lil Muller and Murray Farmer on sick list. . . C.Y.F. enjoyed ice-skating night.

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the Philippines, and western Bible translators are discovering that the key to meaningful and effective translations is in the rise of native tongue translators."

Mooneyham also noted that many Christian leaders reported a new openness to the Gospel among adherents of other religions. As examples, he cited Buddhists in Cambodia, Animists in Thailand, high caste Hindus in India, and Moslems in Indonesia.

"Some of the most exciting news we're getting," he said, "indicates that God is working mightily with youth throughout the world. It began in the United States with the Jesus People but as quickly spread worldwide. All of the leaders who have responded to our inquiry call this movement outstanding, both in its numerical size and in the depth and courageous witness of youth who have encountered Jesus."

DEATH OF PHIL. WILLIAMS

The brotherhood in Victoria was shocked to learn of the sudden death of Phillip Alexander Williams at the early age of 39.

Mr. Williams was Treasurer for the College of the Bible Board of Management, a member of the Vic.-Tas. Co-ordinating Committee, member of the Vic.-Tas. Conference Executive, a Trustee of the Properties' Corporation of the Churches of Christ, and a director of the Austral Printing and Publishing Co. For 15 years he served as Chairman and Treasurer of the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Christian Education.

In his business life he was Managing Director in Australia for Golden Poultry Farm Pty. Ltd.

An obituary notice will appear in the next issue.

APPOINTMENT TO NORLANE In association with the Department of Homes Missions Evangelism, the church at Norlane, Vic., announces that Ian Adams, now minister of the Maryborough, Vic., church, has accepted a full-time appointment at Norlane, commencing in Feb. 1975.

EPPING SINGS ON ABC

Community Hymn Singing, the regular Sunday evening ABC radio programme will come from the Epping Church of Christ on June 30.

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UNION PROPOSAL IN BRITAIN

Concrete proposals have been made for uniting the United Reformed Church (URC) and the Churches of Christ.

A United Reformed announcement said union could come as early as 1977.

The report was published in Reform, a monthly journal of the URC, a denomination founded in 1972 through merger of the Congregational Church in England and Wales and the Presbyterian Church of England. The new United Reformed Church has more than 200,000 members, while the Churches of Christ have about 5,000 members.

One of the pledges in the "Basis of the United Reformed Church" is to seek wider unity of the churches; talks with the Churches of Christ were opened soon after the URC inaugural assembly. Each church has been represented by six members at these talks, and the chairman has been Norman Goodall, an elder statesman and top negotiator of the URC.

All talks have been held privately and have drawn little or no press publicity. The announcement here said:

"Following the sixth meeting of the two churches it is now almost certain that (URC) assembly will be asked to receive and pass on to synods and districts concrete proposals for uniting our two churches . . .

"It (the new church) would also both

practise and proclaim two forms of baptism. Such proposals clearly result from new thinking on both sides and reflect the fact that unity and renewal go together."

The Churches of Christ movement was pioneered over 150 years ago and their 5,000 adherents in Great Britain and Ireland are enrolled in about 100 congregations. Fourteen of these congregations, with just under 1,000 members, are in Scotland.

The URC gives equal recognition to the validity of both believer's and infant baptism but the Churches of Christ believe only in believer's baptism. The Churches of Christ also hold the Lord's Supper to be the main service of worship every Sunday, which is another characteristic making them different from most Free Churches—"THE DISCIPLE."

BACK ON DUTY (York St., Ballarat) B. E. McMurtie has resumed duties after sick leave. . . "Maranatha Sounds" guest group at Gospel Service. . . Six adults have been immersed recently. . . Gospel Services during July and August to be held at 5 p.m., followed by after-church fellowship. . . Average winter attendance over 130. . . Gospel Film "The Rapture" screened. . . Men have participated in a working-bee painting chapel at Colac. . . Church saddened by tragic accident which claimed the life of Mrs. Maureen Howard, and seriously injured her husband and three children. . . Early members of York Street, Mrs. Burdett

MISSION WORK (Harlaxton, Fred Winter) Frank Ewers, Principal, Kenmore Christian College, speaker at 52nd Church Anniversary. . . Fred Winter providing interim ministry. . . Chapel extensions almost complete, provide meeting room for adult Bible classes, youth groups, open baptistry, and extra seating for missions. . . Men's Society undertaking to provide motor bike for Fay Christensen, Chungribu. . . Ladies raised \$61 for Dr. Chae, Korea. . . Lyn Large, former A.P.C.M. worker N.G., studying at Kenmore College; and Harold Finger (Living Link) has returned to New Hebrides. . . Home Bible Fellowship meetings held weekly in three homes.

(HORNSBY DISTRICT, D.A. Oldfield) B.S.P. was held recently. . . At a annual church business meeting all nominated were elected. Mr. Ellerby, Secretary, and Mrs. E.R. Bishop, treasurer. . . Other appointments: D.A. Oldfield, C.W.F. President, C. Baker, Leader in the Girls' Brigade. . . Speakers at short notice due to the minister's illness were: Mr. Ellerby and Mr. Dallinger. . . Bryan Bartholomew in Hornsby Hospital with a badly damaged knee after playing soccer.

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND (Taree, W.D. Howard) K.J. Bond spoke at the 111th church anniversary services, May 31, June 1 and 2. . . Manning River C.E. Choir presented items each evening. . . After the Saturday evening meeting slides depicting the work over 100 years, first shown at the 100th Anniversary were presented again. . . Supper followed in the Fellowship Centre. The week-end offerings amounted to \$550.

and Mrs. W. Barrett, both passed away recently. . . Mr. Schenk Snr. is home again after surgery. . . Ladies celebrated Evening Fellowship birthday with progressive dinner.

MEN COMBINE (Victor Harbor, J. Luff) The combined Men's Fellowship Tea is always a great success with men from all denominations attending. Colin Stock (J.E.W.) was this year's speaker. . . The ladies celebrated their annual tea with Miss Robyn Haskell (H.M. Dept. Field Officer) as guest speaker. . . Elaine Henderson is President of Senior C.Y.F. . . The South Coast churches combined in week of services to pray for Christian unity. . . Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dinning and son Malcom have moved to Strathalyn. They have been excellent workers in the church.

INTERESTING SERVICES (Hampton, Ernest Gray) Recent evening services have included slides of mission work in Malawi, where Mr. and Mrs. Gray worked for many years. . . The Conference Executive Audio-Visual, "Give us a Hand, Please." . . A combined service organised by the Hampton Council of Churches held in the Presbyterian Church and a family service conducted by the C.Y.F. . . A study group has been using the booklet "Acts - The Community of Faith". . . Explorer club won zone championship.

VIC.-TAS C.W.F.

The next meeting of Vic-Tas. C.W.F. will be held on July 5, 10.30 a.m. in the Swanston st. Church of Christ. This will be followed by a Superintendent's meeting at 1.15 p.m.—M. Bismire, Asst., Secretary.

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WINTER WARMTH (Murray Bridge, D. Kuhl) Church celebrated 61st anniversary with special meetings and fellowship tea . . . Minister organised christian study for school children during holidays . . . Ted and Grace Winning have been accepted for Norseman mission. . . C.W.F. held winter warmth meeting at N. Coleman's . . . 6 a.m. coffee hour and midday prayer meetings well attended despite cold mornings . . . Recent speakers were Mrs. Maskrey and Mr. Stock from Jewish Evangelical Witness and Robyn Haskell from Home Missions . . . Mrs. Ray Thomson and Mrs. Long convalescing . . . Mrs. Simons celebrated 70th birthday . . . few members looking a bit sorry after injections for visit to Mexico.

OUTREACH (Essendon, C. S. Badcock) Visit to Sunbury surveyed need for a church in that area . . . New Hebrides missionary Mrs. Finger—guest at morning

service . . . Sacred music with Shirley Wallis on organ and Geoff Cheal on piano was followed by a get-together in the family centre . . . Graeme Hardney won solo-flying competition. . . Dot Murphy and Mrs. Holmes are sharing holiday in Qld. . . Prayer meeting and sharing group held each Wednesday evening.

BIBLES FOR KOREA (Maylands, N. S. Moore). C. W. F. have raised \$376 for Bibles for Korean teachers . . . Leprosy Mission Appeal amounted to \$63 . . . B. S. weekend camp was held week-end 8 June . . . Austcare Doorknock Appeal

resulted in \$298 collected . . . Members attending the World Convention are Mr. and Mrs. N. Moore, Mrs. A. Fletcher, Mrs. J. Hutchinson, and R. Potter, who will also visit South America to attend an International Conference for the Blind . . . Mrs. N. Heath is visiting her daughter Mrs. M. Coombs in New York, U.S.A.

MID-WINTER RALLY (Collingwood, R. B. Street). Members from many inner suburban churches attended the C.O.C.I.A.C. Mid-winter rally and tea. Speaker was Spiros Katos-pastor of the Evangelical Greek Church.

OBITUARY

JOSEPH PLUMMER

Born on Sept. 1886 at Jersey in the Channel Islands and educated at White Friars School, so began the life of Joseph Plummer. Through the friendship of the Baptist minister in Bristol he met and married Sarah Thomas in 1909. On the boat coming to Australia in 1919 his response to the question "What religion are you?" was, "Just call me Church of Christ". Little did he know that this group of people he had never met was to become in Australia a most important part of his life. After setting in Sydney he became a minister of our churches and served at North Sydney and Naremburn and then was brought to Melbourne by the late Campbell Edwards to run a mission. In Victoria he served the churches at Hawthorn, Middle Park and St. Kilda and then came an association of 25 years with the church at Reservoir. At this church he was made a Life Elder.

To Joseph and Sarah Plummer were born three children David, Harold and Carol. Cricket

played a significant part in his life. Music was one of his greatest loves and on the Wednesday before his death he taped a solo for a friend on the mission field. He was a member of the Historical Society and was for 14 years Secretary of the Melbourne City Mission. After almost 50 years of marriage his wife died in 1958. For Joseph the next years were in association with the church at Doncaster. During that time he helped to set up the Elderly Citizens Club and became its first secretary. He married a long-time friend and ex-missionary, Gladys Denham, and for them both the next five years were rich and wonderful years at Rosebud. The church at Tootgarook became for them both a place of friends and continuing service. Joseph Plummer became elder of the congregation and regularly took the Bible Studies. To the end of his days he was alert and happy—he lived every part of life to the full—his first love was Jesus Christ who richly blessed this saint of God who was the very epitome of all that is gracious and gentle and lovely. The service was conducted at Doncaster Church and the writer was assisted in the service by Ross Lloyd a friend and brother minister, and David Brown, the student minister of Tootgarook.

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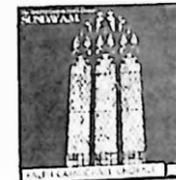
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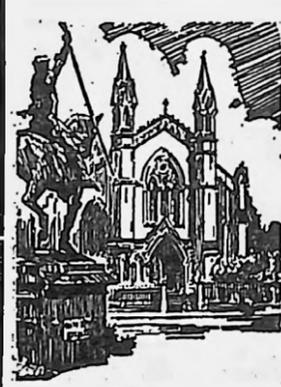
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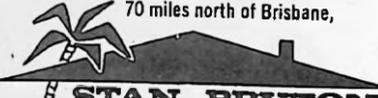
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ADDITIONS IN RINGWOOD (D.F. Smith). There have been nine recent decisions and five baptisms . . . Because of special visitation by elders and board members there were 130 at the Family Camp at Yarra Junction . . . Members have covenanted to spend 12 weeks in "Balancing the Christian Life", sessions on challenge and commitment . . . A Russian, A. Semenchuk (Slavic Gospel Assoc.), was featured speaker at missionary service . . . Youth Circle "Starve-In" raised \$100 for church duplicator . . . Mr. & Mrs. Neil Sonsie and family have returned from Broken Hill.

FULL UP (Knoxfield, M. Pelling) Good Companions are unable to take any further enrolments as the club has reached capacity . . . C.W.F. "Trash and Treasure" raised \$110 for manse furnishings and C.W.F. funds . . . The theme for May 5 was "Family and Neighbourhood". A Forum on Neighbourhoods followed, centering on a discussion booklet by John Shone, Knox Community worker . . . Arthur and Ruth Knight and family shared in a Parent/Child Dedication service. W.A. Thompson, elder, accepted David on behalf of the church . . . A bookstall added further interest in May . . . Plans for the manse are now in hand . . . On May 25, men prepared spouting for painting, ladies cleaned cupboards and did gardening at a working bee.

SUPERINTENDENT HONOURED (North Essendon, P. Nelson). Over 200 attended an evening to honour J. Pemberton, retired B.S. Supt. Many old scholars came from all over Melbourne to express appreciation. Slides of S.S. Picnics, camps and church activities were screened . . . Successful Review Planned Giving Campaign was led by T. Giles (H.M. Dept.) and J. McRae (Church Treas.) . . . On June 9 there was one baptism, one confession and two welcomed into membership by transfer . . . Cricket club concluded a successful season with a Presentation Night on June 9 . . . Young people held a camp at Anglesea during school holidays. Leaders were P. Nelson & Mrs. Joy Barratt . . .



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"CALVARY ENCOUNTER"

(Horsham, R. Roberts) "Calvary Encounter" Youth Convention over Queen's Birthday week-end had 100 enrolments but many more attended. Ross Gaskin, former missionary and now Staff Director, W.E.C. in S.A., conducted the Bible studies and spoke to more than 200 on Sunday morning. Evening evangelistic sessions were led by Jim Hogg, a Scotsman with much experience in mission and convention ministries.

Coffee Shops were conducted in Horsham Youth Centre on Friday and Sat. evenings with about 180 attending

Mrs. Mary Finger spoke to a large gathering at C.W.E.F. . . . A presentation of a suitcase and a cheque was made to A.E. White who leaves soon to attend World Convention.

CHORAL SOCIETY VISIT (Wangaratta, S. Hince). The Churches of Christ Choral Society provided a Saturday night programme on June 1. Sunday communion was led by the visitors. They sang "The Day of Pentecost". In the afternoon a further programme was provided . . . The church participated in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, involving meetings in six separate buildings . . . There has been one baptism.

FIVE BAPTISED (Kyneton, D. Ryle). There were five baptisms on June 9 when one B.S. scholar and four adults from distant areas were immersed . . . The B.S. anniversary had M.D. Keatch of Bendigo as guest speaker.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY (Springvale, T.R.W. Holmes) A church family camp focussed studies on "The Christian Family" over the weekend May 4-5 at Rosebud . . . Dr Williams and his wife, Joy, spoke recently. Trevor Cole, a Christian funeral director, spoke on "God and Grief" . . . On Pentecost Sunday, Ian Bunnett, minister at Prahran, spoke on "Pentecost and Churches of Christ" . . . A contemporary discipleship programme, "Come Follow Me" is planned for June and July.

on Sat. There was a Film Festival on Saturday afternoon, and Clayton Youth Group presented a musical "In Search of Love and Truth." Other singing groups were "Sonrise" (Geelong), "Exodus" (Kaniva), "Inner Peace", "Living Faith", and "New Life" (Horsham).

At the Sunday gospel session there was one decision and at the following youth rally there were 3 decisions and 8 rededications.

There was a Bar-B-Q at Mt. Arapiles on the Monday and a final rally in the Youth Centre at night.

HOSPITAL TOYS (Croydon, A.B. Clark) At C.W.E.F. work night, 53 cheese boxes were covered and filled with toys for hospital visitors. . . A young married woman was baptised and welcomed into fellowship. . . The "Maranatha Sounds", music group from Ballarat, were with us for 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. services and P.S.A. On June 9. . . A young girl made her decision. . . C.Y.F. held a "Box Auction" . . . The church offers deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. G. Golding in the sad loss of their 14 months old baby.

NEW ELDER (Reservoir, K.H. Pitt) C. Fletcher has been appointed elder of the church. . . Four new members have been added by transfer. . . Gail and John Middleton are leaders of new Youth Fellowship with 20 members. . . Prayer Fellowship meets in homes in winter months. . . Recent speakers have been David White (Scripture Union), and an A.A. representative. . . Girls' Netball and Men's Basketball teams held church parade.

MINI OLYMPICS (Dawson St., Ballarat, F.C. Hunting) Teens and Twenties held evening Mini Olympics with Pastor Sutcliffe from Town and City Mission. . . Family Picnic was held at Mt. Cole, on Queen's Birthday week-end. . . Mr. Hunting was speaker at Challenge to Youth. . . Chris and Sue Spiker were farewelled on leaving for Alice Springs. . . Seven were baptised. A man and his wife of Catholic faith requested immersion.

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WESTERN
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C.O.B. TO FREMANTLE D. Ryle, an exit student of the College of the Bible, has accepted the church's invitation to minister here from early 1975. Meanwhile, guest speakers fill the pulpit. Our former minister, H.R. Fitch, has spoken twice recently . . . The Board of Officers is changing to having a chairman appointed for six months at a time. D. Plenty is first such chairman . . . The film "Yoneko" was screened recently.

30 PIECES OF SILVER (Maylands, J.K. Robinson) A recent 'Thirty pieces of silver' offering will be used to purchase new Hymnals. . . Recent additions have been, Stan Mott, (faith and baptism), Mrs. Allan Collins, and the Streeton family from Albany. Mr. Streeton was elected to our Officer's Board . . . A Northern Suburbs Y.P. service featured a literature and poster display, bright music and the 'Living Waters' singing group. . . Attendances and offerings are being maintained. Please pray for the speedy recovery of Colin Bryan and Hartley Smetherham of our diaconate, after severe illness.

MANY RESPONSES (Bassendean, D. Thorpe) There have been 18 responses to the invitation in past three months. 10 have been added to the church through faith and obedience and there have been two further first decisions. Six sought reconsecration . . . Recent speakers at Women's Fellowship have been Rosalie Rofe, missionary, Mrs Peg Eaton on Social Welfare Outreach, and Mrs Urquhart on floral arrangements . . . A church picnic and barbecue was held at Lake Gngangara on Foundation Day holiday . . . The accidental death of Laurie Wilkins saddened the church and deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs Wilkins and family.

49 IN BOYS CLUB (Albany, K. Ewers-Verge) The Boys' Club now has 49 members attending. A camp was held during recent holidays . . . Our church building is venue for Women's Christian Convention Bible Study held every 4th Monday of the month . . . Two young people were baptised on June 9 by Mr. Verge . . . Our church participated in a recent series on church unity. Our ladies served supper after the Saturday meeting in Albany Town Hall. Mr Verge was song leader.

WAKE-A-THON (Mandurah, D.J. Sonsee) C.E. held a Wake-A-Thon to buy a stove for the manse, \$180 was collected. . . The church ladies held an afternoon for local churches. Mrs. Jones was speaker. . . Bible study was held in different homes. . . Weekly leaflet written by Mr. Sonsee is appreciated by members.



VICTORIA

MISSION VISITOR (Brighton, G. Mathieson). Rosalie Rofe was interviewed on her work on New Guinea Mission Field . . . Combined Church and B.S. services continue on the first Sunday each month. Coffee Hour with parents of B.S. Scholars and church members follows the service . . . Joan Mann was one of the leaders of a party of school teenagers visiting Central Australia in May vacation . . . Progressive dinner organised by E.W.F. raised \$128 for manse maintenance expenses . . . Mother's Day service was conducted entirely by the ladies and auxiliaries . . . Youth participation in evening services continues.

TRASH INTO TREASURE (Dandenong, A. V. Page) Combined C.W.F. held Trash and Treasure stalls on April 30 and May 7 in Mrs Doreen Mills front garden and raised \$136 . . . The Action Squad meets every Monday. They have adopted a World Vision Vietnamese child . . . The Adult Bible Class took a recent service . . . Three more food parcels have been sent to India . . . C.Y.F. has been re-formed . . . Mrs. Mary Finger showed slides and spoke of New Hebridean missions on May 29 . . . Mrs June St. Aubyn spoke to C.W.A.F. . . . Tom Broderick was guest speaker for Leprosy Mission . . . At P.S.A. \$54 was raised for organ fund . . . Our choir presented a missionary cantata at Frankston church. . . The Evening Group ladies won 2nd prize in the "Talent Quest" in Lower Melb. Town Hall . . . A family picnic was held at Beaconfield after church.

STREET COFFEE (Horsham, R. Roberts) Y.P.'s Coffee Shop in main street was outstanding success. Attendance over six days was 1116. The shop was decorated and taped music played in background. It was conducted informally with young people speaking of Christ at individual tables. Groups sang and testimonies were given. The venture promoted the Calvary Encounter Youth Crusade to be held over long week-end . . . Christian Women's Conventions International held convention with Matron Phyl. Davies, R.W.H., as chairman, and Mrs. Wykes as speaker. 100 women attended.

TEA FOR SCHOLARS (Caulfield, K. Christensen) Following tea on May 26, B.S. scholars played games and saw an audio-visual. "The New Covenant Singers" provided musical programme at night . . . E.W.F. visited "Elanora" Home for Blind, Brighton, entertained residents and donated a gift of soap . . . C.W.F. helped W.C.T.U. organize a "Holidate" at Hawthorn Rd. Methodist for primary children during school vacation . . . W. W. Saunders was guest speaker at church anniversary. Methodist Youth Singers provided P.S.A. programme. 150 sat down to hot meal at 5 p.m. Musical items were given by choir at both services . . . Half yearly meeting was held on June 5 . . . C.W.F.

supported Bible Society meeting at Carnegie on June 19 . . . C. Smith is in Prince Henry's Hospt. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Tyler still confined to home. Mr. Neeson and Mrs. Tippet improving. The church sympathises with Mrs. Jeanes and Mrs. Beer in the death of their brother.

HOLIDAY CLUB (Mt. Evelyn, D. Kernick) The B.S. and David White of Scripture Union conducted a "Holiday Club" in May School vacation. 150 were enrolled on first day and two marquees were hired for more space. Another 50 came on second day and others were turned away. 160 attended on final day. Behaviour was very good and children were responsive to the word of God . . . Dr. Steward of Adelaide conducted a Missionary Convention. Displays of missionary fields were shown. Church promised to give \$3400 for next year. This enables us to support Ann Buckmaster at Norseman and to give substantial support to overseas missions.

YOUTH LEAD (Briar Hill, Bob Baxter) The Youth 1 of B.S. led a service as a result of their camp . . . Two young people were baptised . . . Annual church picnic and barbecue was held at Donnybrook . . . Our church was host at district church Fellowship Night to start Week of Prayer for Christian Unity . . . Bob Baxter led recent service at Ivanhoe with Ivan Sherriff as soloist . . . A square dance was held . . . Trevor Jones returned from a business trip to U.S.A. . . . Good Companions held fashion parade to raise money for Overseas Aid project . . . A youth tea was held.

MARATHON CONVERSION (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes) Marathon runner and record breaker, Adelaide to Frankston, Terry Cox, thrilled with story of his conversion and present Christian service . . . During Mr Moyes absence, Brendan Cartmel, associate minister, conducted his first service. Other services were led by Wal. White, and C.Y.F. . . . Geoff Downey showed slides of his tour of New Guinea, including missionary work and cultural developments . . . L.S.S.A. began second 25 years of service by donating a large carpet for the Kindergarten . . . The Mayor of Moorabbin, councillors, Town Clerk, and families attended our civic service . . . Our minister spoke to a conference of bank managers on stress and anxiety, but still cannot assure us of securing overdrafts!



SOUTH
AUSTRALIA

SIX WEEKS FOR FREE (Magill, Dean Sander) Malcolm Boyd worked voluntarily for six weeks at Carnarvon Aboriginal Mission . . . The minister greets folk entering the church. This makes for freer movement and interchange after service. Groups of families meet in one another's homes giving a chance for Dean and Kathy Sander to meet members for longer periods than is possible at church . . . Eight friends of the church are travelling to Mexico World Convention. Two are also attending the Congress on World Evangelisation in Switzerland.

BACK TO HAMPSTEAD GARDENS (G. T. Lawrie) Past members and adherents were visited and invited to 20th anniversary celebrations with Saturday social and special services and basket tea on June 2. Good response with 200 at a.m. service to hear Bruce Marriott, former minister and first full-time minister . . . Churches of Christ youth choir led evening service on May 26. Inspiring thought-provoking theme "Hands" with songs, verse and slides . . . C.E. meetings have commenced.

DEBT REDUCED (Barmera, K. Fechner). Another \$200 paid off building debt . . . Church meets quarterly with Berri to coordinate activities. Every fifth Sunday a combined service is held with local Congregational Church . . . "Young Life" took a morning service . . . Adelaide Men's Societies visit regularly to help with the services. These visits are followed by church family dinners . . . Following her marriage Vivian Garner has moved away and will be missed by B.S. and Girls' Brigade . . . 52 Girls are registered with the Church's 5 netball teams . . . Working bees have installed new water pipes and done other maintenance jobs.

PENTECOST SERVICE (Clovelly Park, R.L. Arnold) A combined Pentecost Sunday Service climaxed the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity had representatives from Anglican, Baptist, C.R.C., Methodist, and R.C. churches took part. That morning a young man was baptised and welcomed into fellowship. Special home prayer meetings were held in previous week . . . J.C.E. raised \$30 on a walk-a-thon for "Bibles for Singapore" . . . A "Marriage Renewal" service was held on Mothers' Day . . . R. McLean and E.W. Roffey were speakers at 21st church anniversary . . . Rev. Arthur Jackson (Meth.) spoke on Charismatic Movement at A.C.E. . . . 90 were at picnic on Cross's farm, Strathalbyn on Cup holiday.



TASMANIA

VISIT TO SAVAGE RIVER (Ulverstone, Paul B. Burnham) Mr. Burnham spent three days at the Savage River Community Church both preaching and visiting members . . . At annual meeting, Byron James was re-elected as treasurer and Robert Orr as secretary . . . 105 young filled our chapel for Youth Rally conducted by Church of Christ N.S.W. Car Camp. Items were presented and the film "The Sun Worshipers" screened . . . C.W.F. held special meeting to honour mothers. A play was presented by the ladies and items given by mothers and daughters . . . Numbers for Boys' and Girls' Brigade and S.S. are increasing. A bonfire/barbecue was held on Empire Day for term break-up . . . Newly formed Co-Ed Teens and Co-Ed Youth meetings held Saturdays, and Sunday evenings in the Manse are encouraging and breaking new ground.

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