

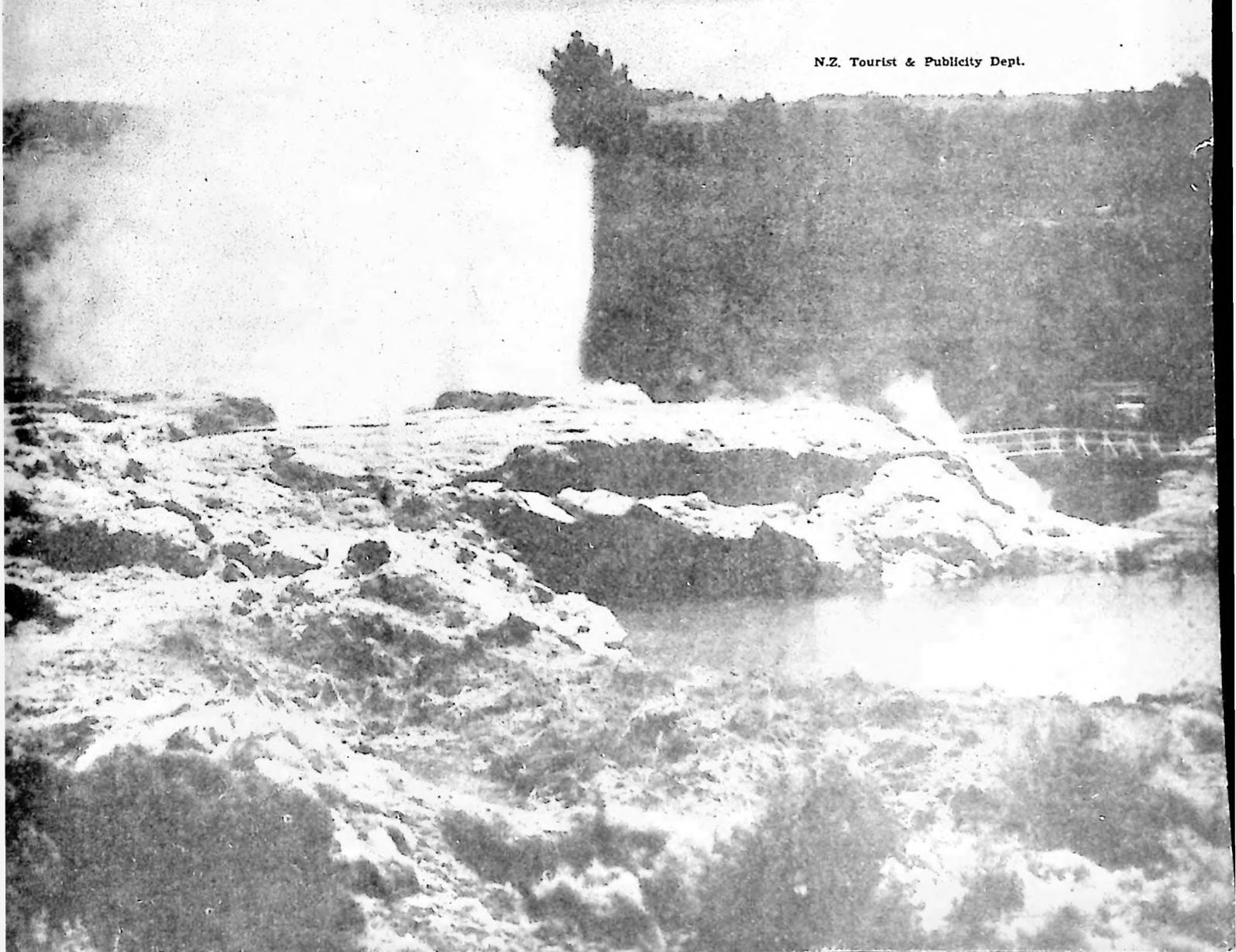
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On the set of

66 "THE HIDING PLACE"

Evangelist Billy Graham recently visited the set of "The Hiding Place," a major film now being produced in Eastmancolor in Holland and England by World Wide Pictures of Burbank, California.

Ravensbruck concentration camp scenes for the film have been recreated at Hobbs Barracks at Lingfield, Surrey, a disused World War II army camp.

Commenting on "The Hiding Place," which is based on the inspiring real life story of Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch Christian who survived Ravensbruck after being arrested for saving the lives of countless Jews during the Nazi occupation of Holland, Billy Graham said:—

"I think this film is going to serve as an answer to many of the problems people are facing today. Almost all current popular films are more than just entertainment; they are message films.

"Our film has a message too—but a very different one from most. It carries the message about the power of God and how it can give people the strength and courage to face evil and triumph over it."

Referring to the success of William Peter Blatty's "The Exorcist," Dr. Graham added that he believed "The Hiding Place" would be a powerful answer to Blatty's story which deals mainly with the power of evil, of Satan. "The Hiding Place," he was quick to point out, shows that God also is at work and that his power was stronger than the evils reflected in Nazi atrocities. "The power," he said, "is also stronger than that of the ungodly forces so much in the forefront in the world today."

In Holland the evangelist saw a replica of the small house where Corrie ten Boom, her sister Betsie, and her father, lived and in which many Jews were temporarily hidden until their escape could be arranged.

48,000 PENTECOSTALS IN MORMON CAPITAL

More than 48,000 Pentecostals gathered at Salt Lake City for their annual worldwide conference, filling the Salt Palace with enthusiastic shouts and songs.

J. T. Pugh, a member of the executive board of the United Pentecostal Church International, said that while "speaking in tongues" is the most conspicuous part of the church, it is only an evidence of the "very definite personal experience" which is shared by Pentecostals.

"We have an absolute knowledge of forgiveness and remission of sins through Jesus Christ," he said. "We also have this infilling of the Holy Spirit.

"It is because of this that the Pentecostal Church is probably the most joyful church on the face of the earth. It also is probably the noisiest of churches."

SOUTH KOREA OPPRESSION

A group of Japanese Christians have issued a statement dealing with the repressive acts of the South Korean Government in which they acknowledge Japanese responsibility for creating some of the conditions that have moulded Korea in the past two generations. They say that present political conditions in South Korea stem from the past Japanese colonial rule and the present economic invasion of the country.

The group resolved to express solidarity with those struggling for democracy in South Korea, to gather information about conditions in the country, including Japanese business activity, and to mount protests on the basis of this information. It also decided to work for the abolition of employment practices in Japan that discriminated against Koreans and to demand fundamental changes in Japan's restrictive immigration laws.

"Choosing the path of suffering of the Cross, we chose to participate responsibly together with the peoples of Asia in making a history whose warp and woof is justice, freedom and peace", the group's declaration said.—CCA News.

Now 81, Corrie ten Boom, whose book is a world wide best seller with over 2 million copies having been sold in America alone, serves as technical adviser for the film. The 2 millionth copy, bearing the author's inscription, was recently presented to Israel's prime minister, Golda Meir.

Leading the cast is the gifted American actress, Julie Harris, as Betsie, Corrie ten Boom's sister, Eileen Heckart as an embittered trustee prisoner touched by the ten Boom sisters' strength and Christian conviction and Arthur O'Connell as the father and master watchmaker whose shop is the front for the escape activity. The part of Corrie ten Boom is played by screen newcomer Jeanette Clift, a discovery from the Texas stage, who bears an uncanny resemblance to her real life counterpart. Jeanette is also a popular Bible teacher.

INNER SPRINGS

NO PROBLEMS



If one is prepared to expose one's inner self to the gaze of friend, foe and fool alike, then one must be willing to accept both kindly comment and criticism with equal graces. One frequent comment that never fails to surprise me and raise a chuckle from within is this one. "Imagine you of all people having problems!" No imagination is required! My problems are as real as those of anyone else!

It is a presumptuous and common mistake over which most of us are guilty sooner or later, to look at a seemingly carefree life and conclude one of two things. Either they have no problems, or at least they are not as bad as our own and therefore more manageable. Being a writer does not set me apart from what Mary Webb has referred to as "the sweet keen trouble of living". Every one of these articles has been born out of adversity. Some problem overcome, some anguish borne and triumphed over, some discipline of the spirit, and very often some chastening of the Lord that I have found hard to bear, but in the bearing have tasted deeply of God's rich resources and wondrous love.

Yes, I have problems, but I have also a deep and certain faith in a loving Father who has said, "I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee." (Isaiah 41:12) I do not question how or when He will do it. Since I know Him to be utterly dependable, I am content to leave it at that. In that belief, and in His Presence I find the strength to take up my task regardless of the burdens, with peace in place of turmoil, and joy in spite of sorrow.

I know not what the future hath of marvel or surprise
Assured alone in life or death His mercy underlies.

PRAYER: Help us O God, to face life and all that it offers, with our faith firmly fixed in Thee. Be our strength in weakness, our guide in uncertainty, and our companion through every day.

Isaiah 41:12

Amen.
FLORENCE ROSIER



GROW UP IN CHRIST

By Robt. A. Raines

I fed you with milk, not solid food; for you were not ready for it; and even yet you are not ready . . ." (1 Cor. 3:1, 2).

It takes time to become a Christian. One is not genuinely converted to Christ overnight. Paul was writing out of his own experience, for it was a full three years after his awakening on the Damascus road when he entered upon his active ministry. The three years probably were spent in a monastic setting near Damascus, where Paul sought to understand the meaning of what had happened to him and the mission to which he was now called. For us, too, it will take time. Harry Emerson Fosdick wrote: "Such transformation of life does not happen in a moment; it requires more than instantaneous exposure to take the Lord's picture on a human heart; but the time-exposure will do it . . ."

We must qualify Fosdick's statement by saying that the "exposure" must be in the particular environment of *koinonia*, and the "time" is in fact a lifetime. The church must prepare her people for a lifetime of growth. With one hand the church reaches out to awaken persons to decision for Christ; with the other hand the church guides persons to awaken persons to grow up in every way into Christ. The church is both evangelist and educator, both obstetrician and pediatrician, helping deliver those newly born in Christ and nurturing them from infancy to maturity in Christ. The pastor corrects the evangelist by preparing his people for the struggle of growth.

What then shall we look for as we "grow up into Christ"? What is the nature of this struggle? What are we to expect along this way? We are to expect growing pains. What we may have thought to be crown now is discovered to look more and more like a cross.

To become a Christian is to begin to see the world through Christ-colored glasses; it is to ask, in every new decision, "What is God's will for me here and now?" It is to become involved headlong in the painful struggles of humanity. It takes the twentieth-century Christian full speed ahead into the terrible problems of race relations, of labor-management troubles, of war and peace. It takes us out of our armchairs into all the murky corners of suffering and injustice, and requires us to work there for the reconciliation of all men. As God came to abide with us in person in Jesus Christ, so we Christians must wholly identify ourselves with all men, that God's redemptive will may be done in us and

through us. This is something of what it means to grow up in every way into Christ, until we arrive at real maturity.

Jesus put it in two words: "Be perfect" (Matthew 5:48).

Any sane man must know that he falls far short of this maturity in Christ.

Whenever we are inclined to feel complacent in our commitment, we should compare our puny spiritual achievements with this standard. One of the strange aspects of growing in grace is that the more we grow, the more we discover the extent of our own sinfulness. Paul said, "I am the foremost of sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15). Well, maybe, but we're right up there with him. Let us never forget that we come to the church not because we are good, but because we are not good; we are a society of sinners, called to be saints. Christ came to save sinners and make saints. If with men this is impossible, with Him all things are possible. This is His purpose for us. Paul writes to us as well as to the Christians of Philippi: "And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).

Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

—From "New Life In The Church"
By Robt. A. Raines (Harper & Bros.)

Comments on youth

Nothing new

"You may regard the new generation as amusing or pathetic; as a bit tragic, or rather splendid. You may consider their manners crude, their ideals vague, their clothes absurd. Their cynical, humorous discussions of social conditions may stir you to admiration or fill you with helpless rage.

"But it is useless to deny that these youngsters have a definite bearing on the thought, literature and customs of our day . . . Today they are careless of tradition, heedless of responsibility. But tomorrow these young women will be home executives. These young men will conduct our businesses."

This statement was part of a full page advertisement in Saturday Evening Post on January 10, 1925. So perhaps we can try to down our uneasiness about the future. As Longfellow wrote, the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts.

H.G.L.

CHRISTIANS ONE IS LAUNCHED



Primate of Australia, and Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Rev. Sir Frank Woods, K.B.E., M.A., D.D., launched the Christians One programme of the Australian Council of Churches, on June 24 in Melbourne, and June 25 in Sydney.

The Melbourne Launching was at the Methodist Centre, Melbourne, and in Sydney at the Lane Cove Town Hall. The Chairman for both Launchings was Maurice Brown, LI.B., National Chairman of Christians One. The President of the Australian Council of Churches, R. Neil Gilmore, also spoke.

Christians One is the new Fellowship of the Australian Council of Churches which aims to link Christians throughout Australia with the ecumenical movement at home and overseas. Christians One will be a channel through which individuals concerned for unity and justice both in the Church and in the world can meet and

work with others seeking the same goal. The Launching marks the commencement of the three weeks intensive recruitment campaign seeking a minimum of 5000 Pioneer members for Christians One. Christians One—in Christ—in Outreach—in Action—for One World.

MR. GILMORE SAID:

The Australian Council of Churches is a living experience, a temporary relationship between members of the one family of Christ who have not yet found a way to live together. To see the Council, then, as a piece of ecclesiastical machinery is to make a grave mistake.

Bureaucracy may be static but relationships never. Growth and change are part of the life of the Council, indeed they the signs of the life within the Council. Relationships grow, programs

deepen and expand as the Council confronts new challenges.

The 28-year history of the Council has many a dramatic turn; statistics on relief and aid, resettlement and development, aboriginal affairs and migrant welfare and the rest are impressive, but statistics cannot tell the real story. The real story is told in human terms—good news to the poor, sight to the blind, release to captives, liberty for the oppressed—a warm human story of the outworking of the love of God.

The past is impressive but the Council dare not live in the past, dare not rest on its laurels. New challenges demand new vigor and renewed purpose. This country is in the grip of forces of change at least as dynamic as that of inflation and probably harder to control. In the next twenty years we may expect to see the whole Australian way of life transformed and a new style of society emerging. The churches individually do not seem to be able to grapple adequately with rapid change; the Australia Council of Churches as a means of joint action is one of the few avenues open for the effective presentation of incisive Christian insights. Left untouched the forces of change may well turn demonic, become destructive of human values and personality; directed these forces hold promise of release and fulfilment for many. The challenge of a rapidly changing society can only be met by Christians acting in concert—by Christians being one in Christ, in outreach, in action for one world. 'Christians One' gives opportunity for individual Christians to participate in Christian confrontation in the changing society.

PHOTO
At the Melbourne launching: (from left) Maurice Brown, National Chairman of Christians One; Gordon Bruns, Victorian Chairman; R. Neil Gilmore, President, A.C.C.

(For a tongue-in-cheek comment on the launching, read Gordon Stirling on page 14.)

GEORGE WOOD AND "ALL GOD'S CHILDREN" VISIT AUSTRALIA

by Brian White,

Minister, Hawthorn, S.A.

George Wood, well known Australian Churches of Christ Minister, now ministering at the First Christian Church in Wichita, Kansas, is returning to Australia for 5 brief crusades.

Coming with him is a 26 voice Youth Choir known simply as "All God's Children" who have been selected out of the main Youth Choir of 300 young people. Their conductress is Miss Sunday Le Bouef the Youth Director of the Church.

The overall concept of the nightly crusade meetings will be a 45 minute musicale — concert of gospel music followed by an evangelistic address by George Wood. The choir has produced a number of L.P. records and have a

professional but warm sound and George is renowned for his strong enthusiastic gospel preaching. We are sure the programmes will be an inspiration.

The itinerary in our churches runs as follows:—

Swanston Street, Victoria	July 18 – 21
Bordertown, S.A.	July 22
Hawthorn, S.A.	July 23 – 26
South Perth, W.A.	July 28 – August 4
Sydney, N.S.W.	August 7 – 11
While in Adelaide the Hawthorn	

Church will also use them in ministry at two nearby High Schools, at the Adelaide University and will host the ministers of the State to a Luncheon to hear George speak on the growth of his Church from 300 to 1,200 in four years, during which time they have added an average of 5 new members per week in a "City Church" situation. The Friday night rally will be in the Unley Town Hall.

Prayer and support from the whole Australian Brotherhood would be deeply appreciated as we look to God to use these international visitors on their brief visit to our Australian Churches.

WOMEN'S WRITE



Edited by Gladys Mackenzie

SARAI BANI NEW HEBRIDEAN DELEGATE TO W.C.W.F., MEXICO

Sarai Bani comes from the village of Nanako near Duindui. As a small girl, she went to the primary school at Duindui, going on to Ranwadi Senior Primary School on Pentecost for grades 6, 7 and 8. Later Sarai went to Banmatmat for three years' Bible study to fit her better for church work, particularly with the women. On returning to Aoba, she became secretary of the C.W.F. Council and was responsible for keeping all the villages informed about C.W.F. activities.

When a second Council was begun around the other side of the island at Longana, Sarai helped to prepare women for unfamiliar positions of secretary and treasurer. She then made monthly visits to assist and also relay business between the two Councils. This link has been invaluable.

Towards the end of 1972, Sarai went to Fiji for a short Booksellers' Course,

after which she began helping with the bookshop located at Duindui Hospital.

A daughter of Abel Bani, Sarai has his qualities of leadership, and is a capable public speaker in her own language. Recently, she was elected as the New Hebridean C.W.F. representative to W.C.W.F. and was chosen as a delegate to attend the World Convention in Mexico. She will also be attending the Quadrennial Assembly in Indianapolis, and will spend several weeks as a guest of U.S.A. church women.

Both Australian and American sisters have made Sarai's trip possible by bearing the main financial burden, and her companion, Mrs. Natta Newham, will be able to relieve the worries of travel and help bridge the social gaps.

The New Hebridean women have been



SARAI BANI

working hard to collect the funds to meet accommodation costs in Mexico. They join with us in praying that this will be a most wonderful experience for Sarai Bani, as she sees Christ's church as a world-wide force, linking Christian with Christian, land with land, in a bond that is stronger than ties of blood.

AT WORK AND WORSHIP

VICTORIA.

Mrs. June St. Aubyn presided at the first council meeting of the new Conference year on June 7. 146 delegates represented 62 groups.

Gordon Stirling, president of General Conference, led in Devotions, and the Intercessory Prayer was given by Mrs. B. Dow.

Mrs. Mary Finger, New Hebridean Missionary, presented details of progress since 1941, and the eventual effect of Christian teaching evident now in political, social and economical factors of the Islands.

Mrs. May Nelson will organise hospitality for "Festival of Faith" mid-year conference.

TASMANIA

The annual apple and pear peeling has recently been completed by Margaret Street, Launceston, C.W.F. groups. Three cases of apples and two of pears have been bottled for "Bethany" Children's Home in Hobart.

A touch of nostalgia was felt by many

of the 100 ladies who attended a programme called, "Things old and new" arranged by the C.W.E.F. Margaret Street. The evening consisted of hilarious skits contrasting such things as breakfast time, courting and entertainment. A feature was a parade of beautiful clothes, many over 100 years old. The evening concluded with a devotional segment led by Mrs. Barbara Leane, around the text, "Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, today and forever."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The June Conference Rally featured the Dept. of Christian Education. Mrs. A. Saunders used the prayer thought, "Know . . . Grow . . . Go" and introduced Gerald Rose, S.A. Director of D.C.E. He told of the Department's 1974 project, "GO . . . TELL," whereby young people will be instructed and encouraged to share their faith with others of their age group.

Guest speaker was Dr. Norman Habel, head of the Dept. of Religious studies which has just been set up at the Adelaide College of Advanced Education, as part of the normal series of possible studies. He spoke of the proposed curriculum which will include study of world religions. Many students are interested in

studying religion and many who otherwise would remain ignorant of many aspects of Christianity will learn about the faith in a serious way.

Overseas visitor, Mrs. Higginbottom from England, was welcomed. Mrs. Aird took up duties as treasurer. Mrs. Audrey Fletcher was appointed leader of Catering Committee, and Mrs. Loreen Drake, as member of D.C.E. Committee. The sum of \$629 was received at Everard Park Rest Home, "At Home."

NEW SOUTH WALES

Mrs. Shirley Mansell, newly elected Conference President, has chosen the theme, "Life Abundant." A special feature at all monthly meetings is a conference choir led by Mrs. Lyn Gayford.

A very profitable time was spent at Burwood at a work-shop for Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. Mrs. Mansell reminded all of the true purpose of C.W.F. The duties of President, Secretary and Treasurer, were outlined by Mrs. B. Wylie, Mrs. D. Elliott and Mrs. M. Elsmore, all experienced at both State and Federal Conference levels. These ladies then became a panel to answer questions arising from their comments.



Tasmanian Scene

QUARTERLY MEETING

Dean Hamilton took the chair for the first time at the recent Quarterly Meeting of the Tasmanian Churches at Ross in central Tasmania as he began his term as President of the Tasmanian Convention. Mr. Hamilton, the minister of the church at Margaret Street, Launceston, proceeded to announce his theme for his year of office — "So may you attain to fullness of being, the fullness of God himself." Eph. 3: 19.

It was agreed that the Convention Executive be asked to arrange a Church Exchange of the southern and northern churches. The Executive was also asked to begin to make arrangements for a State-wide evangelism programme in 1975-76 similar to the one that Alan Avery and Gordon Moyes conducted in New Zealand. The afternoon programme was given over to reflections on the Vic. — Tas. Conference held in Melbourne to which over twenty Tasmanians went.

Tas. D.C.E.

Tas. D.C.E. have held the first of their Children's camps of the new camping programme. It was for boys and girls in grades 5 and 6. While the number of boys was fairly small all had a great time. The camp was led by Rod Cooper and Bev. Holland of Hobart. (See Photo)

Already the new camping programme at Bicheno on the east coast has exceeded the number for last year.

Recent floods at Bicheno caused a small amount of damage but this has now been repaired.

MISSIONARY VISIT

The Tasmanian churches have been very impressed by the visit of veteran missionary from the New Hebrides, Mrs. Finger. In a short period of time she was able to visit many of the churches in this southern State. Mr. Finger was unable to visit the churches because he had to return to the New Hebrides.

FAREWELL

Bill Fleett was farewelled from Nubeena — Highcroft, located in Stephen Cheek country on the Tasman Peninsula, where he has been minister for the past

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6½ years. During this time he has served as Convention Secretary and as Associate Editor of the "Australian Christian". Tributes were paid to Bill for his work in the State and on the Peninsula.

T.V. & RADIO

The Church at Collins Street, Hobart, was recently featured on Divine Service on A.B.C. Television. Also a programme of Community Hymn Singing which was presented earlier this year was repeated on A.B.C. radio in Tasmania.

Don. E. Stewart

CHURCH RENEWAL PROGRAM

(Collins Street, Hobart)

Preparations are proceeding for a Church Renewal Programme to be conducted by the Institute of Church Renewal. This will mean that folk will be coming to Hobart from Victoria for the programme in July. Mr. Cec Neville has been appointed chairman of the preparation committee. 62 people are already involved in preparations for the program.—The Church has decided to purchase the new hymn books and is going to sell the old hymn books at 40 cents each to churches that may want them. The new Manse with a spectacular view of the Derwent is nearing completion. The church was featured recently on Divine Service on A.B.C. television and a number of letters have been received from across Australia, quite a number of which requested a copy of the sermon preached by the minister on this occasion. Copies have been duplicated and are available. In place of sermon the minister, Don Stewart, interviewed Mrs. Finger, veteran missionary from the New Hebrides, at both the 9.30 and 11.00 a.m. services on June 16. The Bishop of Tasmania was a recent speaker at an Afternoon service to mark the week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

WOOLWICH REVIEW

WOOLWICH has been a College since 1942 — for thirty-two years — and we are now in our thirty-third year of service to the Brotherhood of N.S.W., and of Australia. Woolwich graduates minister in every State of the Commonwealth, in New Zealand and in the U.S.A. — as well as on our mission fields in India, New Guinea and the New Hebrides — and among our Australian Aborigines.

Originally Woolwich came into being to train men for the "ministry" of the churches — to teach men to preach. However, such a task also implied that those who went forth from the Halls of Woolwich, whether men or women, would reflect a certain quality of life and outlook. They would be fitted to publicly proclaim the New Testament Gospel, either at home or in the avenues of overseas missionary enterprise, and also to be effective in the pastoral and counselling activities which rightly accompany the Gospel outreach in the present-day world.

This is still the purpose of Woolwich Bible College, even as the Holy Spirit, through the Word, directs. Despite the many problems of the modern era and the disposition of some in the community to play-down the truly strategic significance of the Gospel in this age — we still bear witness to the New Testament Message, we are still a Bible College — and furthermore, we are still Totally Dependent on the Lord for all that is and will be achieved in "the ministry of Woolwich".

Recent Events:

During the May vacation, final year

student, Robert Ferguson, enjoyed the privilege of sharing with the church at Edwardstown, Adelaide, S.A. in a three-week ministry which covered the holiday period of their minister, former Woolwich graduate Roger Brown.

Recently, the principal, Dr. Elliott, addressed a gathering of officers of the Combined Northern Suburban Churches on "The Life and Work of the College and the Students". He also conducted a "Teaching Mission" with the church at Padstow during the first two weeks in June, on "Making Life Real".

On June 19, Dr. Roy Gustafson, associate with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, visited the College at Woolwich and addressed the student body, members of the Faculty, and a group of ministers who were able to share in the occasion.

Ministry at Mount Druitt:

Final year student, Don Herbert, at present serving in a student ministry with the church at Padstow, has intimated his willingness to accept the invitation of the N.S.W. Department of H.M. and Evang. and the Mt. Druitt church to take up the work at Mt. Druitt next November.

Woolwich Winter School:

All church officers associated with Sydney metropolitan churches are invited to take part in this year's Woolwich Winter School, to be conducted at the College on Thursdays, July 18 and 25 and August 1 and 8, at 7.45 p.m. The overall theme is "Principles of New Testament Christianity" and the lecturers will be R. C. Dixon, H. C. Wheat, G. L. Chapman, J. K. Bond and A. G. Elliott.

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• INCITEMENT TO PROMISCUITY

BRITISH LABOUR MINISTER ATTACKED

Barbara Castle's decision to introduce free contraceptive appliances "without regard to age or marital status" has aroused the criticism of churchmen.

The Bishop of Norwich, the Rt. Rev. Maurice Wood, says—"Without regard for age it must surely encourage the lecherous to harm those below the age of consent. Young people, already under assault from the commercial interests profiting from the exploitation of sex, will be in greater danger. Already VD is becoming a major disease in our country.

"I have a great regard for the good sense and courage of young people today trying to live clean, full and self-forgetful lives, and they deserve a responsible government that believes in chastity, not immorality; in self-control more than self-indulgence; and in the sanctity of marriage rather than the hurt of promiscuity."

Appeal to Parties.

The Bishop of Norwich makes an appeal to the other political parties—"Now that minority government makes Parliament very much more

sensitive to the feelings of the nation, I am sure I speak for many ordinary Christians of all denominations, in inviting members of Her Majesty's Government and Loyal Opposition to amend this Order."

One who "deplores" Mrs. Castle's decision is the Rector of Thetford, the Rev. David C. Bartle. It is to be deplored, he says, "because it is likely to mould the attitudes of society in a way the implications of which have not been fully explored.

"Suddenly, without wide and serious consultation, to give what is bound to be seen as 'official approval' to a sexual standard totally different from that accepted as the norm only a few years ago would seem to be irresponsible."

However, a psychotherapist writing in 'The Times', says Mrs. Castle's critics "do not mention the problem of unwanted children." "An unwanted child," he continues, "is an unloved child, and an unloved child is an emotional cripple.

"Religious or moral arguments are no justification for mental suffering."

—"BRITISH WEEKLY"



OVERCOMING A HANDICAP—With metal hooks replacing his hands, Ralph Showers has returned to Camp Verde, Ariz., to finish building a community for retarded adults. The American Baptist clergyman's hands were amputated several months ago after he was critically burned when he touched a high-voltage line. Known as Rainbow Acres, at the non-sectarian community the retarded residents will be taught a country skill such as raising vegetables or keeping poultry. There are to be no "graduates" from the community, as each resident will become a lifetime citizen. (RNS Photo).

WORD TALK No. 99

The Bible has 800 references to light. One frequently refers to Jesus as light. In the O.T. God was light (Ps 27:1; Isa 60:19). Light was the great act of creation (Gen. 1:3-5). Light was the essence of God's gifts, an energy of God expressly for the benefit of man.

In the N.T. Jesus is called the light of the world especially in John who has an elaborate theology of light (Jn 1:4-5, 7-9; 8:12; 9:5; 12:46; 1 Jn 1:5-7).

Other religions in the N.T. times—Greek, Persian, Roman, Jewish and Egyptian, all had emphasis upon the clash between light and darkness as a symbol of good and evil. In the presence of all other religions Jesus claimed to be the light of the world.

The time of this claim was important. It was at the Feast of the Tabernacles when on the first evening in the Court of Women there was the ceremonial lighting of sixteen giant lamps on four candelabra which lit brilliantly the whole of the temple and the surrounding city. Jesus claimed to be God's light to man.

Believers are sons of light (Lk. 16:8; Jn, 12:36; 1 Thess. 5:5) and are to be the light of the world reflecting his light (Matt. 5:14; Acts 13:47; Phil. 2:15). In the Heavenly City there will be no darkness (Rev. 22:5).

FOR TODAY

When the W.C.C. Assembly met in New Delhi, India, among the great heathen religions of the world the Christian community there chose as their theme "Jesus Christ is the Light of the World".

The Names of Jesus

LIGHT

The early Church chose to celebrate the birth of Jesus not at the actual time (probably April) but in December at the Roman Saturnalia which was a holiday to the Sun God in remembrance of the growing length of day and the coming of light to the world after the night of winter. The early Church saw Jesus both as the Son God and as the bringer of light to men.

We must reflect his light and use it as a weapon against darkness (Rom. 3:12; Eph. 6:12). Even our most feeble witness is effective. The smallest light can shatter total darkness and darkness, no matter how great, can never extinguish it.

Our local Church, set on a hill on a busy highway and passed by 140,000 cars each day, is floodlit at night with its white tower pointing into the night sky—a reminder in light that Jesus Christ is the light of the world, and that through him, men can find God.

The Quakers have a motto that has been adopted by several international philanthropic organisations. It could well be each Christian's motto: "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness".

When Peter Milne, the missionary to the New Hebrides island of Nguna, died, the native wrote under his picture this description of his service: "When he came there was no light, When he died there was no darkness". Christians, both in mission lands and in city streets, have the same privilege and responsibility to shatter darkness by his light.

GORDON MOYES.

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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.

ON NSW SEX EDUCATION

To the Editor,

I write as a concerned parent about the proposed "Personal Development in Secondary Schools in N.S.W.—the place of Sex Education."

I have read the statement of principles issued in May 1974, and I am very relieved to note that the views of the parents are to be of primary importance. Since the vast majority of parents in N.S.W. have the Family Life Style it seems logical to conclude that this would be the context in which sex education would be taught to the thirteen and fourteen year old girls and boys.

We must be in no doubt, however, that the atheist secular humanists are pushing to have the permissive life-style taught. I have been in two television discussions with these groups, and in one, at least, they were very honest about their aims. One representative from the Teachers' Federation called my views "authoritarian" and said she did not want parents "interfering with the way teachers presented the syllabus". Privately one of them said to me, "Do you think that your children are your property?" I replied, "To put it another way, I think my children are my great responsibility."

So the fight is on. The syllabus could be of great use in supporting the family life style which parents have been teaching their children from their earliest years. But there could be a disaster if it were wrongly implemented as it has been in the U.S.A., the U.K. and the Scandinavian countries.

Frieda Brown, N.S.W.

MODERN TRANSLATIONS

To The Editor,

For 15 years I have supported modern scripture translations, despite negative criticism, which I dismissed as prejudice. Recently I received a booklet entitled, "WARNING! Beware of 'Good News For Modern Man'" and was faced with concrete evidence of serious defects in modern translations.

Further research revealed that modern translators rejected (95%) of the agreeing manuscripts, and followed the remaining disagreeing 5%.

I checked Moffatt, J.B. Phillips and The Amplified New Testament, against the K.J.V., and also the New English, Revised Standard Version and The Way. I was alarmed to discover they all fall short of the truth.

The meaning of Gen. 1:1 has been changed. The K.J.V. states: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Modern translators say: "When God began creating . . . etc.", inferring a continuing creation, and thus, supporting the unproven theory of evolution.

Almost all have changed the word "virgin", referring to Mary, to "girl" or "young woman" (Luke 1:27.) thereby

denying the virgin birth. Modern translators have only changed the word where it concerns Christ and his birth. Accident — or Satanic design?

References to the blood of Christ have been omitted. The R.S.V. omits Mark 16:9-20 — evidence of his post-resurrection appearances. It also omits Luke 24:40, which states that the Risen Lord showed his hands and feet to his disciples, to prove the reality of his death and resurrection.

Many more passages have been changed and weakened. Have we been reading with clouded eyes, seeing not what is actually written, but what we know to be the truth? All very well for believers, but—what would unbelievers see?

I have been jolted back to 2 Peter

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

To the Editor,

A pentecostal group that meets in a dump of a place in a back alley of our suburb is the only church round the place that seems to be "bursting at the seams". For months I've been trying to work it out. Here is a simplistic layman's explanation.

Mainline church personal evangelism, where it exists, seems to go something like this . . .

"Come to our well kept contemporary building on the High Street and you'll get a hymn book and a Bible, and a solemn service, a twenty minute sermon by a polished preacher, and occasionally a group with a guitar to show that we are 'with it'."

"Ugh!"

The pentecostal group's approach is a bit different. They don't say "Come to our ramshackle show in the back street". Their line is something like this . . .

"Look what I've got!"

"You've got to be kidding. No one has that any more in this crazy, pressurized, rat race of a world."

"Fair dinkum! Look at it! Look at the difference it's made to us. Isn't this what you've always wanted?"

"But how do I know it's for real?"

"You know David and Carol and Graham and Brenda. They've got it."

"Yeah, I'd noticed something. I wouldn't mind, but there are too many strings tied to this sort of thing."

"No strings tied. You can have it if you want it, for free."

"Is that what you lot go on about in that old hall in Lane St.?"

"Sure. Would you like to come?"

"I might one day."

"Pick you up Sunday at six thirty. You and your wife come to supper afterwards."

It seems hard to understand on the face of it. We of the main line churches offer culture, respectability, reasonableness, good taste, religious orthodoxy, and an opportunity to mix with the best dressed and best behaved people in town. They offer something they say is happening inside them, and express it in a ramshackle building full of hippie-looking kids and an odd assortment of juvenile oldies, with not a shred of respectability and dignity in the whole show.

Makes you wonder doesn't it?
Hoping you are the same,

Tertius.

2:1&2. ". . . there shall be false teachers among you, who privily (secretly) shall bring in damnable (destructive) heresies. Do we dare ignore the warning?"

J. E. Munro, Vic.

VICTIMS

To the Editor,

According to the "AGE", June 5, 1974, deformed children are to receive over \$1 million payment from the makers of Thalidomide which have also agreed to pay \$9,200 dollars to the parents.

Should not the breweries be made to pay compensation, in the same way to the many who have been maimed and killed in road accidents, owing to drunken drivers?

The stuff the breweries turn out is No.1 killer on our roads today. Our Mr. Rossiter, Chief Secretary, should get down to the grass roots, of this obvious, unrestricted, evil.

What are the churches doing about it? How many were killed last week-end owing to the beer drinking?

—C.W. Brown, Vic.



G. R. F. ELLIS

SIR DOUGLAS NICHOLS IN OILS

A portrait of Sir Douglas Nicholls, Aboriginal leader and Church of Christ Pastor, was recently presented to the State of Victoria and is now to be seen in the La Trobe Library in Melbourne.

The response of Sir Douglas was typical:

"Gee, imagine a son of the Yoti-Yoti tribe being hung with the greats," the world's first Aboriginal knight said.

"The greatest rebel out I was, but the winds have changed to a new road."

Max Furst's portrait of Sir Douglas, a four-foot-high canvas of the figure seated against the red-gold sun of the outback, was accepted by the State Librarian (Ken Horn) and will go on exhibition in Sir Irving Benson Hall.

Sir Douglas' portrait hangs beside the painting of Justice Sir Redmond Barry, first chancellor of Melbourne University, who died in 1880.

"A century ago and he's still preserved," Sir Douglas said. "It beats getting your picture in the daily paper, doesn't it?"

"The young ones say to me, 'We need links with the past to go on to better things, we need to know you've made it.'"

"I couldn't read or write when I played football for Fitzroy but Mr. Saunders of the Church of Christ saw some good in me and gave me an education.

"I wanted to become a lawyer to teach the white people a lesson. You know, I told Her Majesty at Buckingham Palace, 'It's taken me 40 years to get through these gates.' How she laughed!"

A long time friend of both Sir Douglas and the artist, Bruce Graham, also a member of the Church of Christ, was instrumental in persuading Mr. Furst to donate the painting to the people.

Mr. Graham made the presentation on behalf of the artist.

QUEENSLAND STATE CONFERENCE

Conference President 73/74 Len Brooks, led the state on the theme "Love the Brotherhood — strengthen the bonds". Len's characteristic graciousness was evidenced throughout the year as he used his business acumen to the glory of God.

He will be long remembered for the spirit and dedication with which he fulfilled his Presidential duties. The Queensland Brotherhood salutes the man who reinforced our belief in its reality. Guest Speaker E.L. Williams, M.A., Principal Emeritus of the Federal College of the Bible, led the studies at Ministers' Seminar at "Camp Cal", Caloundra.

He spoke at two evening rallies at which Brotherhood foci of the Departmental activities were given.

On the Sunday morning he delivered a masterful address on "Essential Christianity". Mr. Williams spoke at Kedron at night.



The "Age" photo shows Mr. Graham (right) with Sir Douglas and the State Librarian, Mr. Horn.

o OVERSEAS MISSIONS

TRIBUTE TO MISSIONARY TEACHERS

Dianna Catts, P.N.G.

Recently I had the opportunity of spending an hour with Grade 6 at the Primary School here at Chungribu. We were discussing how we could explain to someone the reason for Jesus coming to earth. I gave them ten minutes to think about it, and write down something, using their New Testament if they wished.

When the discussion opened again we found that Jesus had helped us in three ways:

1. By His life on earth He had shown us God.
2. By His death.
3. By His resurrection.

I was quite impressed with these answers, and asked them to give me some Bible verses that explained these statements.

"For the first point, John 1: 1" said Vinadem, the daughter of the elder of the Chungribu Church.

"There's John 14, I think verse 10", said Ampungeri, one of the boys from Asau. We all looked up John 14. We decided to use both 9 and 10.

I was wondering what they would give me for point 2. Sndapi, a girl from Gremgabu, suggested we use the story of Jesus' death from Matthew 27. We looked that up and agreed. Someone else suggested Ephesians 1: 4,5. While we looked at that reference another suggested Ephesians 2: 14-16. Then came Colossians 2: 13, 14, then Romans 6: 5, 6, 10. The answers were coming from all over the class room. It was exciting.

So we discussed the resurrection. We looked at John 11: 25 and Romans 6: 4, 5, 6, 9. I was thrilled at the way the minds of these children had been opened to the Scriptures. The churches in Papua New Guinea will benefit for many years.

I was again grateful for the hard and dedicated work put in by our Primary School teachers. At the end of the 1973 school year, three of these teachers returned to Australia, Miss Aileen Hardie, Chris. Campbell and John Friebel. They have each given great service in leading Papua New Guinean school children to new ways—the pleasure of reading and writing for enjoyment, of helping others, to a knowledge of the wonders of this big world, and the accomplishments of some

of its men, to the satisfaction of fair play in sport, and especially to the treasures of God's Word.

It is right that the Australian Brotherhood who supported these teachers in their efforts here, know that their gifts have become an investment. The dividends will continue. Thank you.

AUGUST BEN REPORTS

The following is a brief report on the last Bible School on the Keram. This is the third we have conducted and it was held at Bunam for a week. The teachers were Bill Buli, Rodney Feldhahn and myself. The number of people attending was 63, covering from the Gokto area right down to the Grass Country. I must say we had a good number from the Grass Country which was an indication of their interest.

The subjects taught in the school were: "Abiding in Christ", "Carnal Christians", "Other Religions", "Culture and Christianity" and "Christ's Calling". We had three sessions in the morning and three in the afternoon. Questions were asked and we really enjoyed the time together.

The pidgin English trainee teachers felt that the Bible School was well worthwhile. At the end of the School we had a discussion concerning the needs of the people in the Grass Country. We had a real burden to reach these people with the gospel. In order to attend the Bible School some of the people from the Grass Country had walked for two days, before they reached the river where the canoe was waiting to take them to Buram.

The next School will probably be at Mui and the subjects will be, "Second Coming", "Prophecy of the Messiah", "Suffering Servant", "The Atonement", "Bible Study", and "Forgiveness."

Pray for these Bible Schools that those who hear the Word will go back and spread the news of our Lord. Some villages that we are not able to visit, send their own people to hear the Word and bring it back to them. This is where Bible School is a big help.

AFRICAN TRIBESMEN MOVED

MORE than 200 African tribesmen from the Madziwa tribal trust land in Rhodesia's north-eastern guerrilla war zone have been moved to new homes in the southernmost part of the country as "punishment for assisting terrorists and for rehabilitation purposes."

INDIAN DRUG TRAIL

SKID Row now extends all the way from the Strip in Los Angeles to the Camp Hotek Kathmandu. Camel bones once decorated the trails of Central Asia but now it is the emaciated bodies and far away look of derelict Western youth burnt out by excessive drug taking that stop the citizens of India as they see them begging around the entrances to foreign banks in the capital New Delhi.

Missionaries are reaching out to those lost and misguided youths. Love and concern have opened up numbers and turned cynicism to faith. Cities of Refuge have appeared in the form of Dilaran Houses, where those in need are helped.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

One of the great warrior heroes of the Old Testament had his most exciting victory in capturing the city of Jericho. Who was he and where is his story to be found in the Bible? See page 18.

SPOONERISM

When hanking men's washerchiffs, use cartch on the storners only. Then they will stay niff and steet when used in the left-hand pocker uppet for play-pusses of dispurr.

A smile is a curve that can set a lot of things straight.

J. Gustav White

Sign pinned to army barracks door: "Shut the door, stupid! Not you, sir."

COMPETITION

Sunday School Teachers' Note: Jay has a competition for boys and girls (aged 9 or under) from Queensland and Western Australia. Boys and Girls are asked to make a drawing illustrating "How the Church Helps People." Post it to Jay, P.O. Box 101 Essendon North, Vic, 3041. Closes August 31. (Very soon there will be a competition for boys and girls in other States).

PRACTICAL

Said the anxious wife, as she watched her husband fishing in a bucket of water in the middle of the living room: "I'd take him to a psychiatrist, but we need the fish."



"I better quit now or my mom won't let me in the living room to watch TV."

BOOKS TO READ

NEW PRAYERS FOR WORSHIP

by Alan Gaunt (John Paul the Preacher's Press) \$3.85

While as a people we tend to shy away from all but extempore prayer in worship, it must be acknowledged that some of our extempore prayer is worse than some of the prayers in old English even when they are badly read. This folder by Alan Gaunt is more than another grouping of Prayers. It has Affirmations, Thanks and Praise, Confession and Forgiveness, Help, Church, World, People and Commitment which lend themselves to a range of uses. One of the very pleasing things in this collection is the ring of reality, joy and resurrection that continually rings throughout the collection. The collection is designed to be added to by a series of supplements and the first has already been published, Words and Prayers for Holy Communion and Theme Prayers ('Collects') for the Christian Year. For those who lead in worship and still desire to only use extempore prayer there will be things here to provoke the use of contemporary extempore prayer. This loose leaf collection is divided into sections by the use of coloured pages.

—Don E. Stewart.

CHRIST ON THE JEWISH ROAD

By Richard Wurmbrand (Hodder & Stoughton) \$4.90

The author has become famous through his work with the church that is underground in Europe. He is the writer of several books, of which this is the latest. It is a very interesting book, and well worth reading. It falls into seven sections, and deals with the place of the modern world. Wurmbrand has a lot to say about the treatment of Jews today by the Communist world. He begins by telling the story of Isaac Feinstein, and goes on to deal with some Jews who have witnessed for Christ. In reading we come to the conclusion, also, that this is an important book. In it the writer has two chapters on the resurrection. As he turns to the Fascist period we get the very real impression that this is an informed book. He has a great deal to say about Zionism and its effects on modern day Jews, and closes with three chapters on our attitude to Communism and an epilogue. Here we are shown once again the power and love of Jesus Christ.

—R.V.A.

ADAM AND EVE AND "ALL THAT"

by Alison Grant (Joint Board of Christian Public.) \$1.25.

What happens to Christian young people at school when they study the origins of man?

This is a pertinent question to be raised in relation to the Australian Science Education Project's new series, "Where did humans come from?" now being used by many 15-16 year olds in Australian schools.

Is there a conflict between science and the Bible at this point? Is the Biblical account of creation relevant to these students?

Adam and Eve and "all that" attempts to answer these questions, and to reveal the meaning of the Biblical narratives. It is intended to be used alongside the ASEP series.

It sees the first chapter of Genesis as a hymn of praise to God for his wonderful creation and provision for mankind. It sees the early chapters of Genesis as describing what happens when people do not live in God's way. It does not see any conflict between science and the Bible.

In fact, Alison Grant concludes, "One of the reasons why I am a Christian and believe in God is that the Bible's creation stories make so much sense. . . . Perhaps it is because of my scientific training that I find all this so satisfying. . . . The search for scientific truth may even lead to the discovery that

you, too, share in this relationship with God." The book has 52 pages, and is attractively illustrated.

—R.W.L.

(Available from Federal Board of Christian Education, 217 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. Vic. 3000. Postage 15c.)

THE OLD TESTAMENT IN CONTEMPORARY PREACHING

by Walter C. Kaiser Jr. (Baker Book House) Paperback

This is not a survey of the way the O.T. is being used in modern sermons but is an argument that it should be used and that those who study it seriously and interpret it honestly will find it an exciting source of preaching today.

Following Marcion, Colenso, and Wellhausen, it is argued that many liberals regard the O.T. as unworthy of the gospel, and its God as unethical. But many evangelicals, though giving lip-service to the value of the Old and New Testaments as one book, in practice tend to concentrate almost entirely upon the New Testament.

Kaiser disagrees and argues his point of view effectively through chapters on the theme of the Old Testament; the Law; the History, the prophets and the Wisdom Books. He claims that the Old Testament not only complements the new but that the evidence of the O.T. for revelation is strong and we need both Testaments to make our preaching strong.

THEY MET AT CALVARY

By W. E. Sangster (Hodder & Stoughton) \$1.40

This is paperback reprint of Sangster's popular book, first published in 1956. Presumably there are available new generations of readers. Dr. Sangster considers the various people who were brought together in the crucifixion of Christ. The Teachers, the Priests, the Traitor, the Crowd, the Judge, the Thieves. Their reasons for doing what they did are analysed and their characters drawn. Good for general reading and for resource material.

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 Board says 'deficit financing' sounds more dignified, but we're just plain going in the hole!"

o VIC-TAS. CHURCHES

SUMMONED TO JOY!! IN A FESTIVAL OF FAITH

By Stanton H. Wilson
Conference Secretary

"Stop the World - I want to get off" - title of a modern play.
"What is this life if full of care
We have no time to stand and stare?" William H. Davies.

Continuing last April's Conference theme, Victorian and Tasmanian churches are being summoned to Joy by the Conference Executive. Last Conference we placed the accent on Joy. At the Inaugural Session - the United Gospel Service - young people from Blackburn Church with colour, gaiety and gloom-chasing frolic set the theme with compelling merriment. Churches of Christ have "Good News" to share and share it they will!

Overheard on coming out of this great gathering of 2,500 people in the Melbourne Town Hall: "Well, no one would get the impression here that believing in Christ is a doleful business." That observation, to put it mildly, was an understatement. This spirit of joy is pervading the Brotherhood.

Now, this year for the first time in twelve successive years, our Half-Yearly Convention will take the form of a "Festival of Faith." Together we will evaluate the worth of being Christian. We will, in a sense, "stop the world" and abandoning care, stand and stare in awe and grateful wonder at the privilege of being 'children of light in the dark.' In gratitude we shall, as it were, seek to "clean our lamps" and lift them high in joyful praise.



A scene from the play "According to John" with Raoul Caire in the part of Jesus and Ian Hiatt as the boy with the loaves and fishes.

Gospel Theatre Productions will present this play on Saturday evening (August 17th) at the Festival of Faith in the Assembly Hall of the University High School, Story Street, Parkville.

Until you arrive at the Assembly Hall of the University High School, you could not possibly envisage such a verdant pastoral setting within a mile or so of the G.P.O.

In the High School's impressive and spacious auditorium on Friday August 16, drama groups will render moving presentations, choirs enthral, and foot-tapping music and bright Sing-alongs will give vent to the sheer joy of being Christian. Be there! Be in it!

On Saturday afternoon, 17th, from 2 to 5.30 there will be Workshops for all ages. Join in any two practical sessions of your particular need or interest. All this for a modest subscription of one dollar (\$1.00). Choose from sessions for Organists, Floral Art, Drama and music, Use of Films and Audio-Visuals, Helps for Presidents and Readers, etc. etc. There will be something intensely practical to help all members of all congregations, city and country, large and small, and besides, for good measure "know-how" demonstrations. Let us consider making our witness winsome and attractive.

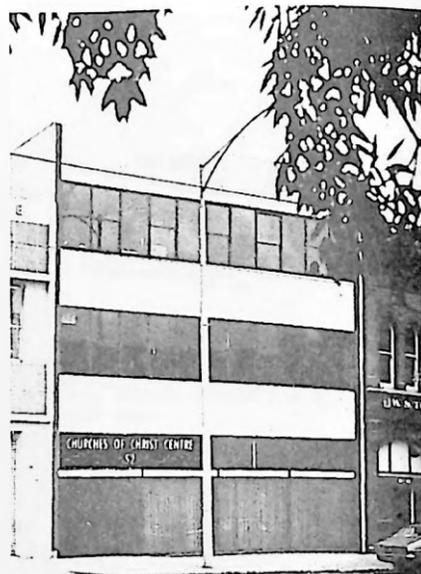
On Saturday evening (17th) what a festival there will be! - singing and drama and music and choral groups.

There will be ample parking, ample food (canteen meals) and ample hospitality for country and Tasmanian visitors.

The Adult Education Committee (D.C.E.) which excelled itself previously at Morwell and Ballarat has a programme which will ensure both your profit and pleasure.

The Conference President, G.R. Stirling, who is not noted for his gloom, will preside at all sessions and has taken a vow that he will ensure an early night on Saturday (if you don't sit up late talking) because Sunday, August 18, will be one of the most memorable days in the second century of our churches.

First, all churches throughout Victoria and Tasmania are being supplied with a suggested Order of the Communion and Worship Service taking the theme "Vital Joy." Be early to church that day and share in the mystic fellowship of the same service as other congregations in the brotherhood, even though you may be separated from them by land and sea in our two States.



The new Churches of Christ Centre which will be opened with a Service of Dedication on 18th August next.

Second, for those who can "make it" there is at 3 p.m. the historic and memorable Opening and Dedication of the "New Churches of Christ Centre," 52 La Trobe Street. Gordon Stirling (Conference President) will preside and speak. The whole service will be contained in thirty minutes so that the building will be open for public inspection until 5.00 p.m. Conference Executive and Departmental members will be there to greet you and to introduce members of staff.

Third, each church is invited to appoint one member to have the honour of signing the official Visitors' Book.

Because the Centre does not belong to the Departments which occupy it but to the whole membership of the Conference of our Churches, it is hoped that every congregation in Victoria and Tasmania will have a worthy delegation including an appointed signatory. On this day history will be being made and worthy praise will be ascribed to God to Whom our humble gratitude is "most justly due."

A.B.C. RADIO

Friday July 26 Phillip Saunders, whose "Impressions of Jesus" aroused much interest in listeners, has written "Goodbye Mummy, Hello World!". It examines in Christian terms conflicts between a young man and his parents. Programme: Crossways, 10.15 p.m. (9.45 p.m. in S.A.)

Mon.-Fri. July 22-26 "In the Asian Struggle". A series of talks by the Rev. John England of the Christian Conference of Asia on people in various regions. Programme: By the Way, 10.20 a.m. (9.50 a.m. in S.A.)

EDITOR FOR WORLD CONVENTION

A. E. White, Secretary, Federal Conference of Churches of Christ, and Editor of "The Australian Christian", will be attending the 9th World Convention of Churches of Christ at Mexico City.

During his absence Principal Emeritus E. L. Williams will be Acting-Editor.

All correspondence should be addressed to "The Australian Christian", P. O. Box 101, Essendon North, Vic. 3041.

Office phone number, Tuesday to Friday, is 379 1219 (Melb.).

GOSPEL CONCERTS (Swanston St., A. L. Webb). All is in readiness for the series of Gospel Concerts with the "All God's Children" choir and their Pastor, George Wood, from America, July 18-21 . . . There have been two further baptisms at a morning service . . . One of our missionaries, David Price from New Guinea, is attending the World Congress on Evangelisation in Switzerland. Another, Glenyce Lovett, has returned to Laos after a period of service in Thailand. . . . The Wescombe family are engaged in deputation work in Qld.

"ACCORDING TO JOHN"

The Frankston Inter Church Council was thrilled with the performances of the Gospel Theatre Presentation of the Gospel Musical "ACCORDING TO JOHN". On June 28, 29, and 30 some 1650 people witnessed the presentation of the gospel in the tradition of Godspell and Superstar.

Miss Rosalie Standley who wrote, produced and directed the production deserves all the praise one could offer.

Miss Standley who attended the Superstar and Godspell productions was inspired to write a gospel musical herself.

The Frankston Church of Christ witnessed the musical in Frankston as part of the preparation for Christmas, and was so thrilled by the performance that they set about inviting the cast to come to Frankston for a three night season. The cast accepted the invitation. The Frankston Church then invited the Inter Church Council to accept the responsibility of organising the staging of the musical in Frankston.

The total costs of the season would be in excess of \$700 but these costs were well covered, and the profits of some \$600 will be shared between the Gospel Theatre Productions, and the work of mentally retarded children and babies in Frankston.

The Inter Church Council is grateful for the support given by all the Churches in Frankston including the strong support of the Roman Catholic Churches, and also by numbers of Churches of Christ in the Bayside area.

On August 26 the cast will commence a three week season in Nicholas Hall Melbourne. (See also page 12)

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"THE GREAT APOSTATE CHURCH"??

By G. R. Stirling

The Australian Council of Churches launched in Melbourne the other night its much publicised "Christians One" programme, aiming to involve more rank and file church people in ecumenical life. I decided to go along to see what "the Great Apostate Church" looks like in action.

Those who were there were wearing their "sheep's clothing" very well because you could hardly distinguish between them and the sort of congregation you would meet in any Church of Christ on any Sunday morning. Over half were gray haired. They all looked like good people.

For the "Super-church" of the future I expected something a bit more spectacular. The W.C.C. badge with its cross and its ship, with the Greek word "OIKUMENE" (possibly the "mark of the Beast") was on a canvas backdrop flanked by two "No Smoking" signs. There was a simple table and rostrum and chairs, and some literature at the back, most of which was devoted to creating a Christian conscience about the plight of people in the "Third World." (Probably the emphasis on feeding the hungry, releasing the captives, freeing the oppressed, and healing the broken hearted is the "Apostate Church's way" of dodging the "preaching the gospel" bit.)

Very soon I got the impression that if this is the Super-church, it is not getting away to a very good start. In spite of wide publicity in all of Melbourne's churches and denominational papers and a wide distribution of invitations — only sixty people turned up. As the sixty gathered I began to wonder at this "great ecclesiastical abomination" that is going to dominate the world. Of course sixty people with the Holy Spirit could take the world over (see Acts 2). But sixty people working for the devil, in all of Melbourne, would not have a hope! I wondered what my anti-ecumenical friends were panicking about.

I once had some Baptist friends who counted the success or failure of a meeting by the number of times Christ was mentioned. They would have been well contented with this meeting. Part of the meeting had to do with money — yet money scarcely got a mention. But the deity of Christ, the reality of the Holy Spirit and the necessity for prayer did. I was alert for "modernism", but from the opening prayer by a woman, which sounded like a combination of Ephesians 4 and 1 Corinthians 15, right to the final "blessing", everything was very Biblical and very orthodox.

Of course I realize that even the devil quotes Scripture and that the leadership

could be Satan's agents to "deceive the very elect." But the leadership on this occasion was a poor-looking lot of deceivers. The Archbishop was old and gentle and saintly; and caught up on a little sleep while waiting for his turn. He talked mainly about "the power of Jesus Christ to draw men to himself," and about "praying for the Holy Spirit to work in the people of the church towards a more effective witness." I compared the look of him and other leaders with the look of the slick young salesmen of the Billy Graham team whom I met in the same hall five years ago. No one doubted their integrity, but they looked more capable of "deceiving the very elect" than did the Archbishop and his colleagues. Then there was Neil Gilmore, the A.C.C. president. He is so honest that he is almost naive and would not know how to deceive his own grandmother!

If, of course, the real arch-manipulators and devil's disciples are in Geneva, the only thing I can say is that they have selected a pretty poor team of agents at this end. One would expect Satan's Super-church to be all high-powered efficiency and well-oiled machinery. But on this occasion it was 8.15 p.m. before the meeting got off the ground. And at the end the Secretary of the V.C.C. acted as "tea lady" to get the supper!

After twenty eight years of the W.C.C., what they had produced in Melbourne the other night was a pretty anaemic-looking Super-church. And if the Archbishop's superiors in Geneva are out to create a Super-church by some sort of

forceable amalgamation of churches, they had better shut the Archbishop up because he was saying, "The only valid unity is the unity that God gives."

Some of my anti-ecumenical friends assure me that the ecumenical movement has blunted the cutting edge of our evangelism and softened down the distinctive witness of Churches of Christ, hence our declining membership. If the other night's meeting is any indication, we had better look somewhere else for reasons for our decline — probably within ourselves! I fully expected to see hundreds of Church of Christ people I knew — ecumeniacs wasting their restoration substance in riotous ecumenical living. There were five of us there.

Every one knows of course that the "Great Apostate Church" is going to join forces with the Communists (Ezekiel 38, 39 and the Book of Daniel). Some of my friends tell me that this is already happening in the W.C.C. So naturally I was surprised to see introduced as head of the "Christians-One" programme none other than the chief economist of one of Australia's leading banks, a Methodist who spoke nostalgically of Sunday School Anniversaries and urged the need for the "individual gospel." It just shows how subtle atheistic Communism is. It has not only infiltrated the churches, but the A.N.Z. Bank as well!

In the Watergate era you must suspect everything and everyone — even the Evangelical Alliance! So the "Christians One" programme may have been a "blind." It could be that behind the mediocre performance there are going on the machinations and devious dark deeds of the devil. If this is so, and the meeting was a "blind" to "deceive the elect," it was the best bit of camouflage I have ever seen. Even if I were against the W.C.C. — what I saw the other night would not have scared me. And I wondered if some of my friends, concerned about the state of Churches of Christ, are not quixotically tilting at the wrong windmills.

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OBITUARY

OLNEY, Harold George

Harold George Olney was born on February 10, 1888, and died at the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh on June 18, 1974. In his youth he gave his life to Christ and throughout his life maintained a witness to his faith. He knew much sadness in his years, as his wife, Harriett, and his three daughters, Jean, Gwenneth and Alva, all pre-deceased him, the three girls dying in their teen years. By occupation, Mr. Olney was an electrician and he retired from his trade work when he reached the age of 67 years. Some months later he intimated to the writer that he had offered to serve as a voluntary worker in the Aborigines Missions field at Norseman. His offer was gratefully accepted and for fifteen years Mr. Olney served as a voluntary worker at Norseman. During every furlough he spoke to the church at East Preston about the work at Norseman. In 1971 he was forced to give up the work which he loved and, returning to Victoria he entered into residence at the Christian Guest Home. He was loved by all who knew him for his faith and his bright Christian character and disposition. The funeral services on June 28 were conducted by Dr. J. Mackenzie, minister of Oakleigh church and J.E. Webb, Harold Olney's earthly life is ended but his influence will continue for many years. —T.V. Weir.

SERCOMBE, H.L.

After a brief final illness Lee Sercombe, in his eighty-second year, died in our Churches of Christ Nursing Home, Murrumbena, on Monday, June 10. For sometime he had suffered physical limitation and though there is the inevitable sorrow and sense of loss, for him, to be with Christ is far better. It is nearly 11 years since he was baptised in the Caulfield Church of Christ by F.A. Youens. For fifteen years at Black Rock, twelve years at Emerald and fourteen years at Boronia he was actively involved in the life of the church. He served the Church in preaching, presiding, teaching and as an elder, a secretary, a treasurer and SS Supt. He was widely known and respected as a Christian gentleman whose cheerful and warm friendliness won valued friendships. His words of encouragement were a blessing to fellow Christian servants. As he ran with eagerness to serve customers in business so he served Christ. In all things there was energy and enthusiasm. The church, his family and his garden were his absorbing interest and delight.

At the funeral service conducted by E.L. Williams in the Boronia Church of Christ, Dick Sercombe participated and spoke on behalf of the family, sharing memories concerning his father. A quotation from one of his father's presidential talks bears its own testimony: "Man's need is to add life to his years rather than years to his life." —E.L.W.

STOKES, Walter

On June 23, Walter Stokes died after a short illness. He transferred his membership from Box Hill to the Preston church 47 years ago. During that period he and his family were involved closely in the life of the church. He was married twice and both families were involved at Preston. He brought a sensitive balance between the spiritual and the practical in his church life. The family came to S.S. with him and he served for many years as a teacher. The worship services of the church were helped as he read, prayed and presided. His contributions to the officers' meetings were every helpful. For many years he served as an officer to the St. John Ambulance Brigade and applied his knowledge and skills to giving lectures to the clubs of the church. His poetry expressed a soul which was sensitive to people.

He balanced his spiritual depth with a positive involvement in the physical need of the church. Working bees saw Walter Stokes present and active. He extended this activity to support West Preston and then to East Preston. This balance enabled people to approach him with confidence. His loyalty and support of the church were an example to all and a great witness. The church is greatly indebted to him and his family and in acknowledging this debt we commend his loved ones to the presence of the Lord he served and who called him to his presence. Allan Fletcher gave assurance of faith and extended comfort at a service held in the chapel Walter Stokes loved, and at the graveside. —J.A. Manallack

WILLIAMS, Phillip Alexander

On June 15, Phillip Alexander Williams suffered a third heart attack and shortly after died in the Frankston Hospital. Phil is survived by his wife, Dorothy, and daughters, Meredith and Katrina.

A special tribute service was held in the Frankston Church attended by over 300. Tributes came from Allan Avery who led the service on behalf of the local church and his friends, from Gordon Stirling, President of Conference, Jack Walter, General Manager of Golden Poultry, S.A. and a final word of comfort and inspiration was delivered by E. Lyall Williams, Principal Emeritus of the College of the Bible.

Phil had risen to become managing Director for Australia of Golden Poultry, and as a tribute to him, General Managers from every state in Australia were present including the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Company, Jack and Bob Ingram. The scriptures were read by Ray McKenzie, Director of the Department of Christian Education of which Mr. Williams had been Treasurer and Chairman in a 15-year period of service and also Arthur Haskell, Chairman of the Properties Corporation with which Mr. Williams had been associated, for 10 years as an Associate Trustee and finally as a Trustee. In addition to his magnificent service and leadership in these Departments, Phil also served as Treasurer of the College of the Bible for six years, Associate

Director and Director of the Austral Printing and Publishing Company for eight years, and in later years as a member of the Co-ordinating committee and a member of the Conference Executive. It is indeed a remarkable achievement of service. His service was not limited just to the brotherhood but he also served within the three local churches with which he worshipped, Ascot Vale, Ringwood and Frankston. Phil Williams was baptised as a teenager in Ascot Vale during the ministry of Harold Gross. Due to involvement in youth work his talents and abilities were quickly seized upon by the Dept. of Christian Education, which launched him into a brotherhood career of service in his early twenties. When the question was asked about community service as such, the answer was simply this, that Phil Williams served the community magnificently through his service in the local church and through our brotherhood.

Whilst Phil Williams stood tall within the work of the Church, he also stood very tall within the industry in which he worked. It is a well known fact that the industry in which he worked had a number of problems but those who worked on the growing side of the industry were very quick to come forward to speak of the peerless and uncompromising witness that this man gave to all parties and to all levels of his profession.

As a congregation at Frankston, we would also like to pay a very special tribute to his wife, Dorothy. It was Dorothy's wish that a service be conducted within the church and the cremation, to be conducted the following day, be private. Dorothy, by the strength of her witness was not only the strong support for her family, but also held her many friends together during the intense period of duress. The ultimate victory of Christ spoke through every aspect of the service and through her Christian witness to her family and friends. We extend to Dorothy, Meredith and Katrina, and all members of the family our deep Christian love and sympathy, and at the same time thank our Heavenly Father for a life spent in his service, and ask that we might be given the strength to give of ourselves in the same inspiring way. —Allan Avery

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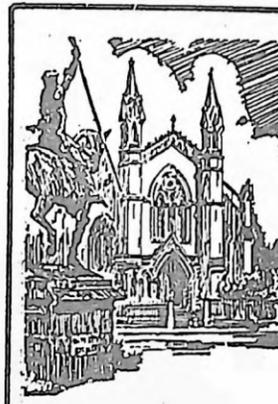
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VICTORIA



LIVING LINK (Oakleigh, Dr. C. J. Mackenzie). Nola Baker, missionary in the New Hebrides is living link on the overseas mission field . . . Church is providing floor coverings for Jan & Kerry Hutton's home at the Carnarvon Mission . . . Members have spoken at recent morning services on "Living Life to the Fullest" . . . Evening meetings for June and July have had guest speakers and panel discussions on the permissive society . . . Two musicals "The Blue Miracle" and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" were presented on June 28 at Wesley College Hall, Syndal, to a large crowd.

FURTHER TERM (Northcote, T. V. Weir). T. V. Weir has accepted a further 12 months ministry . . . Thornbury Church has provided organists for the morning service whilst our own organist is in hospital after a stroke; she has served the church faithfully for 62 years . . . Mrs. Finger (missionary) and Stanton Wilson (Conf. Sec.) were recent speakers at the morning service . . . Northcote I.O.R. and the Northcote Scout group have held church parades.

NEW GUINEA (Bayswater, A. Fletcher). At farewell to Rosemary & Jeff Weston, who are commencing missionary service at Banapas, N. G., Frank Richards of the Overseas Mission Board spoke . . . Youth Happening '74, Pt 1, featured a film service, Youth tea, and an "open house" evening . . . The Yukana Singers had a busy week-singing at St. John's C. of E., Wantima and a Choral Wedding Service at Ivanhoe Catholic Church . . . The C.W.F. enjoyed a world cruise "on film" when Mrs. Wilson showed slides of her trip.

WAKE-A-THON (Maryborough, I. Adams). Explorers & Good Companions held a Wake-a-thon to raise money to help support our World Vision boy Rao. 20 young folk saw the night out and raised \$80. All Auxiliaries have now sponsored Rao for one month . . . Bible Study being held at the manse and at home of Mrs. A. Leach . . . Mr. Fricke is in hospital . . . Mary Finger spoke to ladies on her work in New Hebrides. The following night she spoke at St. Arnaud.

CWF GROUPS (Preston, East Preston, J. Manallack, R. Risson). Preston CWF Afternoon Group held a Wedgewood Demonstration. \$17 was raised for Aboriginal Parcel. Jean Manallack, who has trained to work on the Preston Community Advisory Bureau, spoke at Preston's Afternoon CWF Group and at East Preston's Evening CWF. W. Stokes, member of the Preston church for 47 years, died on June 23 after a long illness . . . "Uncle" Harold Olney, who died on June 25 was remembered by his many friends at East Preston where he was a member before entering the mission field at Norseman . . . Crazy Whist night attended by 20 people . . . People have been meeting in homes after Evening Services to study Romans.

100 DAYS OF LOVE (Hamilton). Prayer groups gathering in five homes to pray and plan campaign for 100 days of love . . . Large gathering from various churches came to our after church luncheon to farewell Mr. & Mrs. Franzen . . . New singing group "Latterreign Singers" help out at services . . . Bryan Greenwood from "Open Air Campaigners" and Dr. Moore were recent speakers.

MISSIONARY WEEK-END (Croydon, A. B. Clark) Speakers for Missionary Weekend included A. L. Webb, Minister

of Swanston St., Church, J. McKewan (Leprosy Mission), Mrs. M. Finger (New Hebrides), and Jack Edwards (New Hebrides). Other activities included testimonies from Asian students, colour film, family service, and a missionary panel at an evening service.

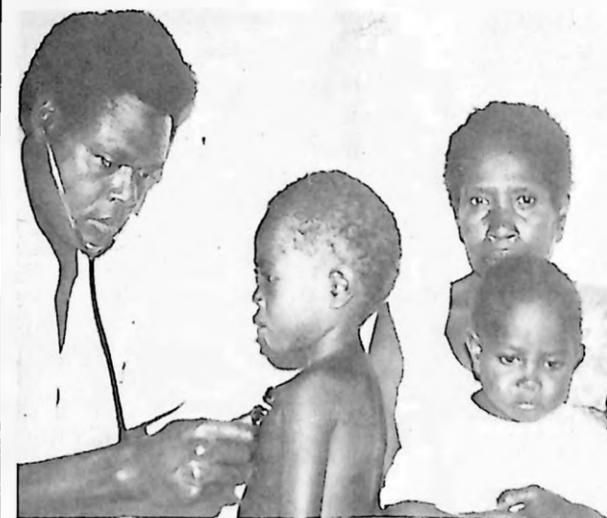
FAVOURITE HYMNS (Essendon, C. S. Badcock) A Favourite Hymn service was conducted by Col. Ferguson . . . S. S. scholars shared in evening service after Family Tea . . . Dot Murphy is home from Qld.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES (Noble Park, G. Agnew) Discipleship classes are being held for young and older people . . . Recent speakers have been Mrs. Edna Baxter, who works among delinquent girls, John Williams, Associate Secretary of World Christian Action, A. Lamax, and R. Pearce . . . C.W.F. have been preparing items for hospital visitation . . . Both tennis teams have been successful.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB (Chadstone, K. A. Caulton) 30 attend the Friendship Club which is held twice a month . . . Recent speakers have been John Paver, Chaplain, Austin Hospital; and Dr. K. R. Bowes, Principal, College of the Bible . . . Good Companions took the evening service on July 7 . . . Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Cornell on the death of her father, Mr. Poulter.

FUND RAISING (Richmond, W. J. Gibney) Fund-raising efforts include Yukana Singers concert, a lamington drive, delivery of telephone directories in Richmond, and the film "Sound of the Trumpet" . . . At C.W.F. auxiliary night, Mrs. Dorothy Smith was guest speaker and Iris Winstone, soloiste . . . Jim Bosma, European Christian Mission, was guest speaker on June 23 . . . Ruth Brodie is visiting her daughter, Pauline, in PNG.

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**NEW SOUTH
WALES**

IVANHOE REPAIRS (Engadine, D. Krause). \$500 has been forwarded to the Overseas Mission Board to be used for the repair of the Banmatmat Bible College launch, "Ivanhoe" . . . Graeme Bagley elected as elder . . . Winter program includes Adult Bible Study Group on Sunday mornings under the leadership of Eric Carlson . . . C. W. F. conducted evening service. \$360 raised by ladies during the year . . . Paul Tandy in hospital after a motor cycle accident.

EPPING ON AIR (Epping, K. Farmer). Recent shortwave broadcast made by Epping Church, relayed by Radio Australia, has been appreciated overseas. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Skillicorn in India tuned into the program. The broadcast was received in Philadelphia, U.S.A. by former minister Haydn McCallum . . . An edition of the A.B.C.'s Community Hymn Singing has now been taped.

MINISTRY CALL (Hamilton, D. Craig). Bill Phillips, at present at Kenmore, and his wife Joyce will commence their ministry early in 1975 . . . Members from Wyoming church attended the guest night gospel service entitled "A Night in Indonesia", showing slides and speaking about their recent visit . . . Roy Wilson a former minister died suddenly. . .

SEVEN BAPTISMS (Fairfield, Bob Batts). Since Mr. Batts commenced his ministry in February there have been 7 adult baptisms . . . Cottage Bible study groups are growing . . . 15 attend Mid-Teens led by Ted Perry . . . Many parents bring their children to Junior B.S. conducted by Leigh Carren.

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There was an afternoon and evening program at Roelands Native Mission, 170 km from Perth, in the foothills of Collie.

105 were at tea prepared by the ladies. Alan Morris thanked the ladies. Afterwards there were 265 at the Gospel Rally. S.W. Conf. Pres., H. A. L. Clark, presided, R. Dunleavy led the song service, and H. R. Fitch was guest speaker.

FAREWELL (Morawa, R. Sack). Farewell evening for Mr. & Mrs. G. D. Carslake prior to touring holiday with Mr. & Mrs. G. Barr. Carslakes move to Perth on completing trip. George Carslake served as secretary for many years . . . Loved foundation member, life elder, G. A. Carslake, passed peacefully away June 17 . . . Increasing numbers in S.S. Some classes meeting in old manse . . . Busybee completed seeding church crop . . . New hymn books being purchased . . . L. Carslake is acting secretary, B. McIlwaine acting treasurer.



QUEENSLAND

MISSIONS PLANNED (Ipswich, Barry Rice). Missions are to be conducted, at Bundamba, Aug. 23-Sept. 13, with Doug Willis as evangelist, and at East Ipswich, Oct. 27-Nov. 10, with Dr. Lloyd Jones . . . At C.W.F. birthday luncheon, Les Armstrong spoke of his experiences as chaplain on a migrant ship. Artists were Mrs. Lawrie (violin), Mrs. Beal (recitations), and Mrs. Marilyn Hicks (soloists). Guests included the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Llew Edwards and Mrs. Bonnar . . . A Girls' Brigade company has been formed at Bundamba. For Girls' Brigade week the West Moreton Battalion (1st Div.) held special service at East Ipswich . . . Youth service featured musical group "Power and Light Company" and Ivan Nalder, New Guinea missionary . . . Other visiting missionaries were Mr. and Mrs. Rowe from Eritrea.

BIBLE STUDIES (Camp Hill, R. B. Cutchie). At Youth Camp at Caloundra in May, nine committed their lives to Christ. Study Leader was Alan Bartlem of Ambassadors for Christ . . . Mid-week all-age Christian education meeting speakers have included: George Spall of J.E.W. (The Bible and Prophecy), Prof. Wilson (Archaeology), and Prof. O'Connor (The Bible and Science). An average of 75 attended . . . Home bible studies have been commenced in various areas . . . A second open-air S.S. has been commenced in a near-by caravan park. About 50 children a week attend.



VICTORIA

ADVENTURE TIME (Traralgon, W. D. Hamilton). Adventure Time Program conducted by Open Air Campaigners involved approx. 140 children from local Primary School . . . Family Life Movement has run program . . . Guest speakers lately, included K. Hall from Scripture Union, and Ray McKenzie from Dept. of Christian Educ. . . Quarterly Ecumenical service held at the church.

TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT (Belmont, W. Harford). Church singers with 10-piece orchestra performed four times at different locations, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat before a total of 1200 people . . . Dave and Elsie Marshman, working at Norseman Mission are well and busy . . . Church Life Conference in June has led to thorough planning in fields of worship auxiliaries, buildings, and community involvement . . . "Changing Moods," Y. F. C. Choir, and local artists featured at special services.

MISSIONARY MONTH (Balwyn, W. W. Saunders). June was "Missionary Month". W. W. Saunders has this theme for morning sermons, and speakers at evening services show different forms of missionary work in every day areas of life . . . Jim Beggs of the Waterside Workers' Federation spoke on June 9, and at a "Sportsmen's Night" on June 23, Sir Douglas Nicholls and well-known footballers spoke of faith on the field . . . A series of feature services on the first Sunday of each month, "Sunday Night at the Balwyn", commenced with Dennis Oakley as guest speaker. Coffee Hour afterwards celebrated the work of the young people in decorating the Youth Hall . . . C. W. F. (Afternoon) celebrated their birthday with a program by the "Woolara Players".

MINISTER TO RESIGN (Ballarat, Peel St., W. D. Mills). W. D. Mills will resign at the end of 1974 . . . Girls Club held a successful sports night, and with Explorers held a camp at Adekate . . . Working-bees have improved the property with the demolition of old buildings and erection of new . . . Young Marrieds coffee mornings are being held at Mrs. Weeds' home . . . Quiz sessions led by Wayne Filmer are included in evening services . . . Morning service attendances regularly reach 100 . . . G. Stirling spoke at Youth Tea and at a Question Time Tom Coad was soloist for evening . . . Sunday Night Coffee Shop was conducted by Maranatha Sounds.

OVERNIGHT VISIT (Ararat, S. Wilkinson). 53 Clayton young people stayed overnight in the church hall, after tea and entertainment for church. Next day they went to Horsham church . . . Four members of the Searle family, and two B.S. scholars have been baptised.



**SOUTH
AUSTRALIA**

GIRLS' BRIGADE PARADE (Ascot Park, R. J. Clymer). Girls' Brigade held annual church parade. Lt. McDonald presided and senior girls attended the table. 116 present . . . At C. W. F. birthday meeting there were trading tables and an exhibition of Arts and Crafts. Luncheon and a devotional meeting followed. Proceeds nearly \$300 . . . Paul Linder has graduated from the Police Academy . . . Mrs. Outlaw has been in hospital with eye trouble.

ABUNDANT LIFE WEEKEND (Prospect, R. H. Sercombe). Abundant Life Weekend was held with visitors from Broken Hill church, Colin Clarkson, and members of the Lay Institute for Evangelism. The weekend started with a dinner on Friday followed by musical items, testimonies from visitors and discussion on "The Purpose of the Church". On Saturday there were morning coffee hours in five homes, a field seminar in the afternoon, and a session at night which discussed the day's experience. On Sunday, team members took senior S.S. classes and shared in the morning service. A farewell lunch followed.

ADELAIDE SERVICES (Grote St., Adelaide, H. M. Long). An entire evening service was conducted recently by the Christian Fellowship of the Blind, with musical items and Braille scripture readings . . . Boys and girls attended an after-school Happy Hour type programme conducted in the homes of members, Mrs. Lear and Mrs. Finck . . . Visiting missionaries included Jack Budd of Red Sea Mission team, Rev. Andrew Semunchuk of Slavic Gospel Mission, accompanied by party of Russian young people . . . Ruth Buxton, was speaker at a special women's service . . . Men's training class held during winter months for participants on plan.

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION (Pt. Pirie, R. L. Baxter). Church participating in bible distribution programme run by local Fraternal . . . Stewardship giving at an all-time high . . . Church saddened by accidental death of Kirralie Mummery, aged 3 years.

"20 CENTER CLUB" (Croydon, F. B. Burt). The "Twenty Center Club" has been operating for one year. Its purpose is to assist Don and Carolyn Hemer at the Duindul hospital in the New Hebrides. Its aim to raise \$400 per year was reached plus \$191 in reserve . . . A "Five Center" club is now operating to assist Peter Galliford who commenced studies at Glen Iris this year . . . Brenton Adcock, well-known Sturt footballer, was guest speaker at parade of sporting clubs.



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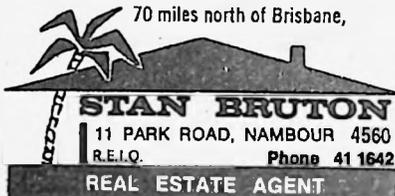
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