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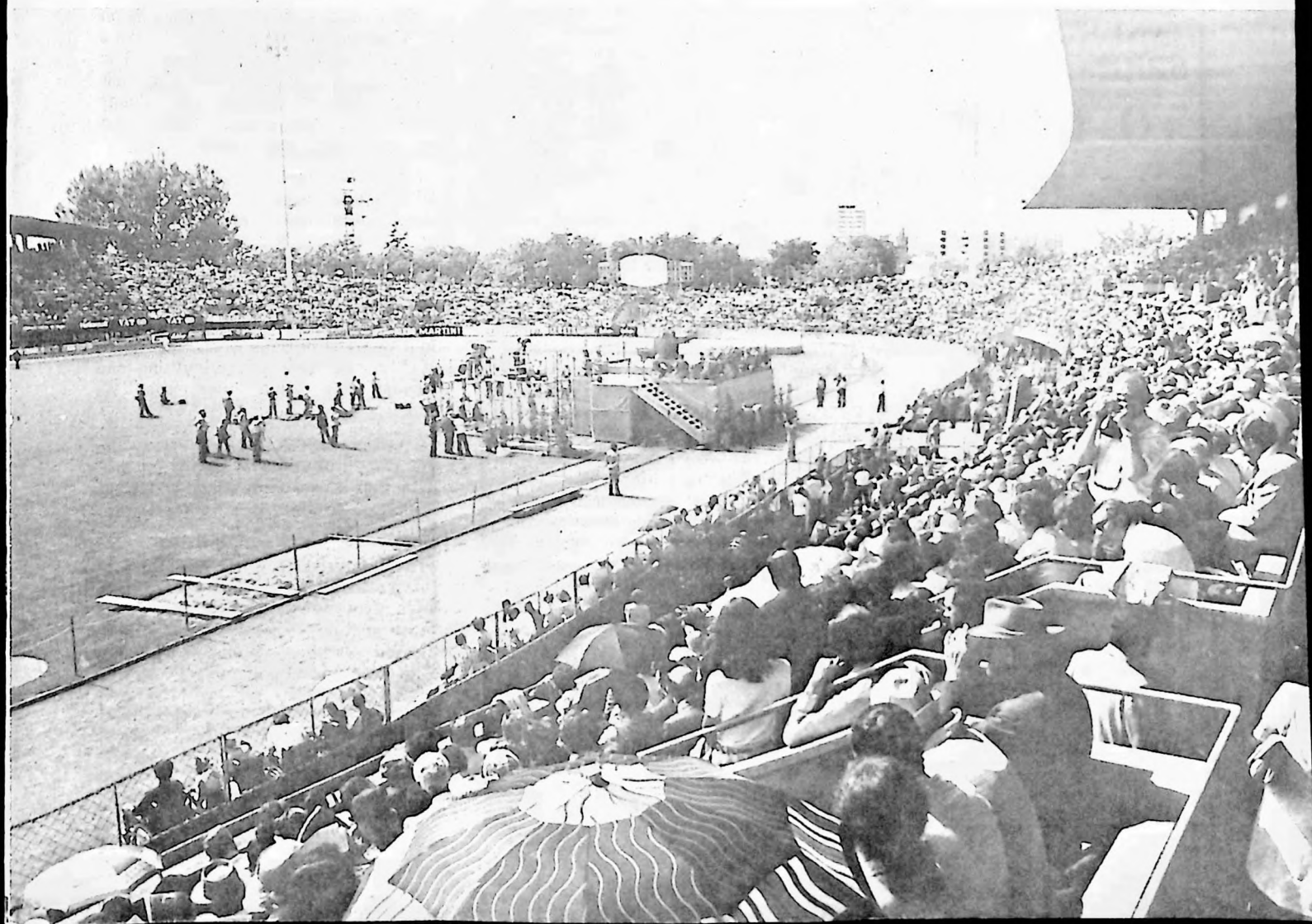
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An estimated 46,000 crowded Olympic Stadium for
Laustade 74. Billy Graham Preaching.



Investment or Adventure? By G. B. Carslake

It is obvious that Jacob was tremendously sincere when he made this, the first vow recorded in the Bible. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God." (Gen. 28: 20-21).

Here was an earnest response after a remarkable experience when God renewed his promise and covenant through a dream at Bethel. In awe and respect Jacob set up the stone he had used as a pillar and consecrated it by pouring oil upon it. Jacob was so moved that he determined to change his life style and stated a clear commitment "the Lord would be his God."

All of this sounds right and proper, what we expect from one of the "fathers of the faith". Yet, a second look reveals an amazing attitude by Jacob to God. Note here Jacob has the effrontery to strike a bargain with God. Who does he think he is? The impertinence of the fellow!

"If God will be . . . keep . . . give . . . then the Lord shall be my God . . ."

Somehow it seems to tie in with the scalliwag of the Bible. The cheat over a birthright deception to gain a spiritual blessing, and now a package deal to keep a wrathful Esau at bay etc. What a mixed bag of motives, attitudes and spiritual response.

Yet I wonder. Have people changed today? Too often we see our Christian faith from the investment viewpoint and not the adventure experience.

PRAYER REVEALS OUR MOTIVES.

Huckleberry Finn discloses a juvenile approach when we read "Miss Watson she took me into the closet and prayed, but nothing came of it. She told me to pray every day and whatever I asked for I would get. But it wasn't so. I tried it. Once I got a fishline, but no hooks. It wasn't any good to me without hooks. I tried for the hooks three or four times, but somehow I couldn't make it work. By and by one day, I asked Miss Watson to try for me, but she said I was a fool. She never told me why, and I couldn't make it out noway. I sat down one time back of the woods, and had a long think about it. I says to myself, if a body can get

anything they pray for, why don't Deacon Winn get back the money he lost in the park? Why can't the widow get back her silver snuff box that was stole? Why can't Miss Watson fat up? No, I says to myself, there ain't nothin' in it."

Perhaps it would do us good to examine our motives in prayer, or are we more subtle and sophisticated than Huck? Are our prayers pivoting about our interests, our plans, our proposals? Telling God what he ought to do, using them as a slot machine in cases of emergency by slipping a prayer in. Like Jacob our concern is to have God serve us, not our fitting into his plan.

Prayer is a report for duty, to discover His new adventure.

SERVICE REVEALS OUR RESPONSE.

The other Sunday afternoon, twelve young marrieds from Warwick Church responded to a Task Force call. A house required cleaning after two native women had been living there for some months. The stench from filthy floors, urine saturated mattresses, dogs' excreta, spilt beer, dirty clothes was nauseating. Professional cleaning agencies refused to clean it.

"They made their bed, let them lie on it." "Government can pay for it." "It's a waste of time, they never change." "The Church should save their souls not their houses." What would you have done? Everyone has plenty to say. Service was given, that was all that mattered to us.

Jesus must have wondered about his own disciples, James and John, making a prior claim to important position in the new Kingdom. They wanted to burn down a Samaritan village that wouldn't listen to them. Judas liked the touch of silver before loyalty. You sense some mixed motives from disciples concerned about personal prestige when Peter blurts out "Lo we have left everything and followed you. What, then, shall we have?"

A selfish streak is just below the surface in all of us. What is in it for me? Maybe that is why Jesus talked about self denial, lose to find, give to receive, to take up a cross.

To follow Jesus is an adventure of faith. To love God for his sake, to serve people with no string attached, to be misunderstood, abused, categorised, slandered yet knowing that in all things we are more than conquerors.

Are you still assessing the securities of your investment or are you set free on an exciting adventure exploring a new dimension of faith in Christ. "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed" (Jn 8: 36).



ALLAN W. LEE
General Secretary
1971-1974

DR. DANIEL JOYCE SPEAKS AT OPENING

A festive, Christmas in July atmosphere punctuated by pleas for a greater sensitivity to human need heralded the opening of the Ninth Assembly of the World Convention of Churches of Christ in Mexico City on July 30.

Dr. J. Daniel Joyce, president of the Assembly, launched the Assembly theme, "Emmanuel, God With Us," with the warning that persons cannot comprehend Emmanuel until they are able to identify with human suffering—"physical, emotional or spiritual."

As the six-day Assembly got under way, U.S. Ambassador Joseph J. Jova also linked physical and spiritual need in his greeting to the 4000 who gathered here in the National Auditorium for the first evening session.

Ambassador Jova asserted: "Although our civilization has accomplished much in the way of reducing human suffering, prolonging human life, and providing abundance for all people, we still have with us those persistent spiritual and human problems that remain when science has answered all the questions it can."

In a pointed message the Ambassador hopefully expressed that in the midst of the confusion and haste of modern life, "it does seem that there are some new shoots sprouting which promise the emergence of an ethos at once more human and more spiritual."

Dr. Joyce, who recently resigned as dean of The Graduate Seminary of Phillips University, Enid, Okla., to return to the pastorate in Houston on Sept. 1, repudiated efforts of persons to "contain God" within structures. Declaring that God is with man "through thick and thin," he said: "We are here because we believe that the deepest longings of human hearts can be met by the personal, dynamic, powerful presence of Christ flowing through us as we become more fully related to God through him."

Among those bringing greetings were

WORLD CONVENTION IN MEXICO



J. DANIEL JOYCE
President, Ninth Assembly
1970-1974

Dr. Allan W. Lee of Dallas, Tex., general secretary of the World Convention since 1971.

WE TOOK DOWN THE CROSS

The first thing we did just prior to the opening session of the World Convention was to take down the cross. This did not reflect any theological change in the convention churches. The cross was very much in evidence in the worship session and challenging address by the Convention President, Dr. Joyce, it was the Mexican Government which did not like the Cross.

Mexico is a secular revolutionary republic and the National Auditorium is a public institution. We can hire it, use it, sing hymns in it, pray in it, even preach in it, but we can't use religious symbols in it.

The black backdrop declared in bold white letters the Convention theme "Emmanuel . . . Dios con Nosotros." ("God with Us.")

There was a similar notice outside the vast auditorium which seats about 20,000. It informed the Mexico City people that the Churches of Christ were holding their World Convention in their city.

The authorities took down that notice also and the Convention delegates entered the Auditorium for the evening rallies beneath a 30 feet illuminated sign announcing a group of performers from the Republic of China.

The removal of a symbol in a notice did not affect the Convention. These things are merely externals—the Mexican Christians have to face many more difficult problems in their endeavour to make their witness in one of the world's largest cities.

BIG CROWDS FOR SMALL CHURCH

Over 300 persons from various nations, in Mexico to attend the World Convention of Churches of Christ, packed La Iglesia Cristiana (Mexico City's only Church of Christ) to worship with friends in this nation's capital city.

The Church here is ten years old and

has a membership of about 100. Rev. Heliodoro D. Fis, a Cuban, recently was called to serve as pastor of the congregation.

Those present for the worship service were greeted warmly by the Mexican Christians and then were seated in the sanctuary. A banner across the front of the sanctuary carried the message: "Una Iglesia en Cada Hogar." At the close of the service the pastor explained that these words translated: "A Church in Each Home."

The theme of world brotherhood was emphasized throughout the service. Although the hymns were printed in Spanish, everyone recognized the familiar tunes and joined in with enthusiastic praise and worship.

Dr. Allan Lee, General Secretary of the World Convention, welcomed all the guests.

Rev. Fis spoke in Spanish but his near 300 non-speaking guests got the "message." The pastor's enthusiastic delivery and his compelling sincerity touched the hearts of the worshippers.

At the close of the sermon and invitation, George Earl Owen gave a brief summary of the sermon.

The Communion and offering were carried out by the church's laymen with dignity and beauty. It was no easy task for this small congregation to care for nearly 300 visitors from around the world as together they all worshipped the "God of All Nations."

SAD LOSS IN MEXICO CITY

During the last night the Australian delegation spent in Mexico City, one of our group died suddenly.

She was Mrs. Anne Thomas, the wife of Glen Thomas, of East Malvern, Vic., her passing cast a gloom over the Australians as they were boarding their buses for an early start for the long drive to Monterey.

Mr. Thomas returned at once to Melbourne where arrangements were made for the funeral service.

The Thomas family are in membership with the church at Gardiner:

INNER SPRINGS TO THOSE WHO TEACH



I was about to make a small presentation to a departing teacher in the Sunday School. Wanting to involve the children as much as possible, I put the question, "Who do you think is leaving us today?" Silence reigned for a moment, then a small voice spoke. "Whose face has got the biggest smile on it?" The laughter that followed lightened a sad occasion. But it was a perceptive and thought-provoking reply from one so young.

Is that really how we see our task as teachers? A burden to be abandoned at the earliest opportunity with no regret. Happily in that instance it was not so. I knew there to be a very real sense of loss in the heart of the teacher concerned. But is it always so? Do we always regard it as a God-given task to share our faith and present a glimpse of God to those under our care?

Of course there are times when not one of us would deny the truth of Richard Mulcaster's words written in 1581. "The teacher's life is painful and therefore would be pitied; it wrestles with unthankfulness above all measure." But lack of appreciation, praise or recognition can all be borne without rancour or resentment if what we do is done "as unto the Lord and not as unto men". And what matter if we do not see the result of our work? God has His own ways of bringing His plans to fruition. All He asks of us is that we be faithful in every aspect of our teaching. Then perhaps it will be true of us to say —

You who give yourself so earnestly
Sabbath after Sabbath without pay
In either gold or silver of the Realm

Remember this; there is a chance today
That in your giving you may give unpriced
To some heart, a new vision of the Christ.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, in spite of all our best intentions we do grow tired and frustrated. Refresh us anew when thou seest the need, and keep us faithful to our task.

Amen.

FLORENCE ROSIER

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON WORLD EVANGELIZATION

Solving the problems of the individual rather than dealing with the causes of injustice and equality is producing frustration among thoughtful Christians round the world.

This theme obtruded in a dozen ways from the small groups, as distinct from the large plenary sessions with 3,700 in attendance at the International Congress on World Evangelization in Lausanne.

True, the Congress planning committee had invited Dr. Rene Padilla and Samuel Escobar, both from Latin America, to speak on more radical elements of the Christian gospel.

But the results were much more deeply felt than many Western evangelical Christian leaders here could have expected.

Escobar said: "The first and powerful answer to the social and political needs of men, to the search for freedom, justice and fulfilment, is given by Jesus in His own work and in the Church.

"Jesus takes seriously the problems of poverty, power, relationships, which are essentially the problems that cause social and political maladjustment and injustice.

"Jesus creates a new people, a new community where these problems are dealt with under the Lordship of Christ. This is the community, distinct from the rest of society that we find around Jesus first, then growing in Jerusalem and then expanding into the world.

"The biblical model for evangelism is the radically different community that calls men to faith in the crucified and resurrected Christ who has transformed their lives. Such a community has a revolutionary effect in changing a society."

"Laymen should penetrate society by a way of life that is new in family relations, business, citizenship and every area of daily life."

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ANNIVERSARY (Reservoir, K. H. Pitt). Church celebrated 40th Anniversary July 28 . . . G. R. Stirling, Conf. Pres. spoke at morning service and T. Clift, former elder, was President. Other former members also took part in service and Christine Stewart was soloist. C.W.F. ladies served a caserole luncheon for members and visitors . . . Evening service was conducted by the Barlow Brothers and Christine Stewart . . . Youth Service and Coffee Den conducted by members of Youth Fellowship . . . Senior Girls netball team runners up in the V.N.A. Competitions . . . Mrs. Lee has travelled to Mexico to attend World Convention . . . C.W.F. have been meeting in homes during winter months.



EPHING MINISTER TO VISIT U.S.A.

The minister of the Epping (NSW) church, Keith Farmer, has been selected as one of a team of five to visit the American state of Michigan for six weeks under a Group Study Exchange Scheme organised by Rotary International. Already a group from Michigan has visited NSW, and the Australian team returns the visit when they leave here on September 13th. The other team members are a maths master, a primary school teacher, a solicitor, and an agricultural scientist. Keith will be given particular opportunity during the visit to study American trends in churches, counselling, and his own fields of interest, as well as joining with other team members in learning generally about the American way of life.

MIGRANT COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Education and Communication were pin-pointed as the major problem areas for migrants in our community at a Migrant Community Workshop held recently in Dulwich Hill, Sydney. The workshop was organised by the Dulwich Hill Inter Church Council, which involves Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox Churches in that area, and sponsored by the N.S.W. Council of the Australian Council of Churches. Over 120 people representing local residents, local "service" people and non-local "policy decision-makers" met for the day workshop to discuss strategies for community development in a community with a large migrant population.

Alan Matheson, an executive of the Ecumenical Migration Centre in Melbourne, and a guest resource person for the workshop, stressed that migrant groups need to take trade union action to see that English education for all people becomes a basic union award.

He went on to explain how ethnic groups in Melbourne are actively pushing for the inclusion of migrant language and culture classes within the education curriculum. "People have the right to learn their own language and classes such as these must be included in the day school curriculum."

A.C.C. Urges World Council to Study Racism in Eastern Europe and U.S.S.R.

The Executive Committee of the Australian Council of Churches has conveyed to the World Council of Churches "appreciation of the Program to Combat Racism but registers concern at the apparent gap in the 'Proposed Renewal of the Mandate of the Program to Combat Racism' in that there is no evidence of concern at or of attention being given to the situation of ethnic minorities in Eastern Europe and the U.S.S.R."

The World Council of Churches' Program to Combat Racism, (PCR) ends its four year mandate in August this year and a decision on the future of the Program will be made at the Central Committee meeting of the W.C.C. in Berlin from August 8th to 18th.

During the past 4 years, the P.C.R. has made grants totalling US \$1,050,000 to groups combating racism, rather than alleviating the effects of racism, with 60% of the funds being directed to Southern Africa. This Program has proved to be the most controversial action ever undertaken by the world ecumenical body and has been the focus of consistent attacks on the World Council. However, the Program has been widely accepted and supported by the Churches and is acknowledged to be the most significant action ever undertaken by the W.C.C.

In requesting the W.C.C. to study the situation of ethnic minorities in Eastern Europe and the U.S.S.R. in their struggle for human rights, the A.C.C. hopes that the World Council will undertake a more even Program to combat racism and so counter the often heard criticism of political bias within the W.C.C.

CHURCHES PROTEST TO RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR

The Australian Council of Churches has protested to the Russian Ambassador in Canberra, His Excellency Mr. D. P. Musin, on the arrest of a Russian Orthodox Church priest, Father Dmitri Dudko. Father Dudko was arrested in the gilded sanctuary of his suburban church in Moscow after a two hour service in which he had announced he was leaving the priesthood because of the "illegal interference of the Godless in the internal affairs of the church."

Church authorities, apparently prompted by Communist Party officials, had ordered Father Dmitri two weeks previously to stop question-and-answer sermons in which he dealt bluntly with spiritual and moral problems in the officially atheist society.

• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

The Changing Islands

by R. S. A. McLean.

"Take a trip into the past. See primitive people living just as they have for hundreds of years . . . Visit the sun drenched islands of the New Hebrides, the last of the unspoiled places of the South Pacific," so advertise those promoting tourism to the New Hebrides.

But a visitor to the New Hebrides would most likely not meet any of the so called "primitive people." They may find it difficult to understand why the islands are described as sun-drenched, when rainfall varies from 1250 mm per annum in the extreme south of the group to 5000 mm in the far north — the islands are drenched, that's for sure, but not always by the sun. It would be great if it could be truthfully said that the New Hebrides were "unspoiled" but during my recent visit there it was sad to see evidence of pollution in one of the most beautiful bays in the New Hebrides and to find discarded drink containers and other debris even on some of the most remote beaches.

It cannot be said that the islands are unspoiled, for the lives of people are spoiled due to the importation of beer and wine and other alcoholic drinks. Recently the old regulation which prohibited all New Hebrideans from consuming alcohol other than wine or beer, was repealed, and now New Hebrideans providing they are 21 years or over, can buy any alcoholic drink.

Tourism is becoming one of the major industries in the New Hebrides and in the near future there will not only be an inflow of tourists from Australia, America and Europe but from Japan as the Japan Travel Bureau, the biggest travel agency in Japan, commences its first tourist flights next November. Many New Hebrideans are questioning the value of tourism. They feel that tourism could exploit their culture and feel it would be better to concentrate on improving agricultural products rather than promote tourism. It is evident that tourism to the "unspoiled islands" could contribute to their becoming spoiled.

Perhaps we could more accurately describe the New Hebrides today as the changing islands for rapid changes in the way of life of the New Hebridean people are taking place. For example, on June 18 the first labour strike was held when 500 members of the New Hebridean General Labour Union took part in a one-day token stoppage. The strike was held solely to demonstrate that the Vila work-force was constitutionally organised and was represented by the Union.

The rising tide of nationalism is being

expressed through several indigenous political movements, each expressing its own view concerning future government in the New Hebrides.

This is understood when it is realised that the New Hebrides is jointly governed by Britain and France but neighbouring countries in the Pacific such as Fiji, British Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea have either become independent nations or are rapidly moving toward independency.

New Hebrideans in increasing numbers are migrating from the villages to the two main towns, Santo and Vila. Housing is a problem and many live in squalid conditions. The main places of entertainment in the towns are the bars and cinemas and there is an urgent need for the church to provide centres where people can meet for fellowship and creative activities. During my visit to the New Hebrides it was encouraging to hear our brethren in Vila and Santo discussing plans for a more vital Christian witness in both towns.

Change is taking place in the life of our churches. New Hebrideans are accepting greater responsibilities in Christian leadership.

The New Hebridean Conference wishes to send personnel to other areas in the Pacific to obtain ideas concerning outreach work in urban areas. They maintain their missionary vision as they desire to send more missionaries to Papua New Guinea and more workers to non-Christian villages on Santo where there is a new responsiveness to the gospel.

Amid some confusion and even division within the life of the church they need our sympathetic understanding and continued prayer support in this changing situation.

COMPLETION OF VILA CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Alan Baker and his family went to Vila from Ranmawat at the beginning of July, with a New Hebridean work team to complete the construction of the Vila Christian Centre.

Alan advises that everything has progressed very well, and expected that by the first week in August the work would be completed with the exception of the painting.

He writes, "The church work in Vila is still very exciting and showing tremendous potential. Within the membership of the church there are many well qualified willing young men, who

have a real sense of vision as to what God is doing and will do through them. We feel very privileged at such an early stage in our ministry in the New Hebrides, to be associated with such a project, which is in fact as wide as the New Hebrides itself because of the quality of the project, its size and its nature.

YOUTH WORK PENTECOST NEW HEBRIDES

"The Life of Christ" was the theme of a Youth service held at the Ranwadi High School on Sunday June 30. It was preceded by a 'kai' or meal on the lawns of the school grounds in brilliant sunshine, overlooking the South Pentecost coast, and beyond the volcanoes of Ambym, truly a beautiful setting.

Our service was conducted in the school chapel in which a large poster had been printed by the students, headed, "Christ's Life. God said, This is My Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Then a cross featured in the centre of the poster with the texts, "Jesus said, I am the Way the Truth and the Life" and "Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever" on either side. Over 200 people were present and each village portrayed the life of Christ in leading items and plays. The service included portrayal of the gospel narratives of Christ's birth, when He was 12 years old, His baptism, His ministry, including prayer miracles and parables, His trial and crucifixion.

The service went for 2½ hours but was enjoyed by everyone present, and presented a real challenge of the superiority of the life and teaching of Jesus as compared to the ideals and demands of 'the world'.

Young people on Pentecost are restless, they too are grappling with the pressures of a rapidly changing world. They are rebelling and rejecting the disciplines and demands of village rules and customs. Many have been introduced to European bad habits and have tasted Western influences in the cities of Santo and Vila, and find it very difficult to adjust to, or control the effects of this type of life. Another problem is boredom often after finishing Secondary School to 2nd or 3rd Form, many go back to their villages because of the lack of job opportunities, here they find it very difficult to relate their learning to village life and often give up and just wander around.

A Youth Committee has been formed and is planning activities to get our young people involved and interested in developing their lives so as to most benefit their land and the life of their people.

Please pray for our young people that they will not only sing about Jesus, as they do so well, but they will love Him as a personal friend and Saviour, and know that love is surrender to His Will.

MAKING THE GOSPEL RELEVANT TO TEENAGERS

by A. C. Male, B.A., Dip. R.E.

"Cheaper than paying Bail"

In our day we used to "pinch" apples, nowadays the youngsters "flog" motor-cars, and every one knows you can do far more damage with a motor-vehicle than an apple-core. Quite frankly, that's a major difference between the youths of yester-year and today—their playthings are more lethal. And today —publicity is given to their misdeeds —there are far more of them than ever before. Within Australia 46% are under 25. It is estimated that there will be no change in this figure at the end of this century.

Implications for the Church

The Church has to reach this great bulk of population and through the power of the Spirit make the Gospel relevant to the teenager and young adult.

Social Contact is essential—in order to communicate we must first make contact. In an attempt to achieve this contact in the name of The Christ, a Centre was established in Brisbane in 1967 for youths appearing in the Children's Court, under the auspices of the Brisbane North Rotary, Shaftesbury Homes and the State Government's "Children's Services Department".

As Executive Director and initiator of the programme I have been able to make contact and communicate my Christian experience with over 365 lads and 7 lasses.

The Government provided the land in the heart of the City and 50% of the capital building costs—\$40,000 and 100% of total running costs, now \$17,000 p.a. Shaftesbury Homes, now extinct, provided \$26,500. Rotary provided the community spirit and social opportunities and gifts of \$14,000. The Church provided the motivating force so that the Centre was not conducted out of a sense of duty but through a commitment of devotion.

Staffing

Four young males and one female assistant are volunteers and serve "above and beyond the call of duty". They are chosen for three reasons. 1. Their ability to communicate effectively to this type of young person. 2. Their ability to fit into a team, and 3. their commitment to God.

Programming

On the Queensland statistics it is officially "An Attendance Centre" but we know it as the "Citizenship Centre" for the purpose is not "mere attendance" but citizenship which has a far better connotation.

Attendance is compulsory and non

attendance is punished by further court appearances, and even institutionalization if necessary.

The programme consists of 80% activity and 20% discussion. Activity includes Physical Education and Social Education with visits to community facilities, such as Mail Exchanges, factories, and fire brigade, and two week-end residential camps, and a full-day's community service activity.

Discussion is through using Simulation games and Serendipity type experiences.

Success!

Success is difficult to gauge—One can only make objective judgments—Lads who were previously "likely to fall into a life of crime", "uncontrollable" etc., are now apprentice bricklayers, tow-truck drivers, jockeys, and clerks under the concerned eye of Rotarians and Christians. Others are going further in this education than they or their parents ever dreamed was possible and are in regular contact with Church Youth Groups.

N... is an example—A past Shaftesbury boy now a leader, is a member of the Church of Christ, so too are his two brothers and they gave their testimony recently, saying that they "were on their way to a life of crime before being contacted by the Church."

Rehabilitation compatible with the Gospel

The derivation of rehabilitation is from the prefix 're'—back or again, and 'habilies'—to invest with dignity. The purpose of the Shaftesbury Citizenship Centre is to invest with dignity the young people who have lost it somewhere in the no-man's land of adolescence.

The Queensland Youth and Christian Education Department of Churches of Christ have allowed their Director to be involved in this work because they believe it is an extension of their Department's activity.

They believe: "An investment in Youth is cheaper than paying bail."

A.C. Male is:
—Director of Youth and Christian Education, Churches of Christ in Queensland, 1965
—Executive Director of Shaftesbury Citizenship Centre, 1967
—Chaplain of Wilson Youth Hospital, attached to the Children's Court
—Secretary of the Queensland Council of Churches.

CHELtenham ON TELEVISION

The Cheltenham Church of Christ (Vic.) will have its morning service telecast over the A.B.C. in all Eastern States on September 8th at 11 a.m. Members in other States should watch their local T.V. Guide for the Sunday that the service will be presented.

The Minister, Mr. Gordon Moyes, will be returning home from the World Convention in Mexico on the night prior to the service and will be preaching on the theme "Finding the Strength to See Things Through". The President at the service will be Mr. Tom Frazer and the Choir Mistress Mrs. Fay Ferris.

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EVANGELISM IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Miss Fay Christensen

The church here in New Guinea is at work evangelising its own people. Sunday by Sunday members of the church go to surrounding villages to 'out the talk' about God. The missionaries are included in the roster of preaching. Diana Catts is the only one at the moment. The rest of us are still working up to that. Each week there are two classes taken by Ernot and Diana, for the evangelists to go over their sermon outlines. (A set of outlines has been prepared to take them through a year.) One of our men was recently part of a patrol down to the Biwat River. This patrol was made by a team of New Guineans, made up of representatives from the various churches. Ernot, the pastor here, and his wife Wenap, are at present taking a Discipleship Class at Pakinggabu. Eighty people are in this class. Pray for them as they get close to the time of making a decision about becoming Christians.



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SIX MEMBERS WELCOMED (Sunshine, N. Carter) Six new members have been received by transfer. Ladies conducted a.m. service on Mother's Day with Mrs. W. Tabbernee as visiting speaker. C. W. F. Afternoon Group held annual Birthday meeting with Ladies' Choir assisting and Miss E. West, Matron of "Sisterhood Home" the speaker. Mrs. H. Finger presented an Audio-Visual at p.m. service featuring Mr. and Mrs. Finger's work in the New Hebrides. Gordon Hosking and "The Apostles" conducted an evening service preceded by a Fellowship Tea. Recent speakers have been N. Gavros, M. Brewer, and L. Barlow. Church members have donated heaters for the Sunday School.

"CHANGING MOODS" SING (Bambra Rd., Caulfield, K. Christensen) "Changing Moods" sang and conducted a well attended evening service on July 14. Many attended Swanston St. to hear "God's Children" and G. Wood. Minister's messages are being recorded and taken to isolated members and shut-ins. Pam Jones attended World Convention. Sympathy of the Church is extended to Mrs. Wilkerson in loss of her son-in-law, Alan Smith. 30 ladies attended social in home of Mrs. Lunn. Four A.W.F. members attended W.C.T.U. Conference at Ormond Baptist Church. Norma Barnett of Port Melbourne Mission was speaker at combined C. W. F. meeting. Mordialloc Baptist ladies visited and took A. W. F. meeting, providing music and speaker. On Sunday, July 28, Mrs. L. Saunders suffered a motor accident and was admitted to Alfred Hospital. John Huntly, the driver, a deacon, was bruised and shocked.

PIONEERING IN CO-OPERATION

By G. E. Warren.

The adventure of pioneering is now part and parcel of the life of the newly formed Belconnen Church of Christ in the A.C.T. It lives on the frontier of co-operation with other denominations as hand in hand they serve God in the Belconnen community.

This togetherness is due to the vision of the parent churches in Canberra, who while plans were still being made for the establishing of this satellite city, covenanted with each other to combine in reaching out for Christ there. Churches of Christ, Anglicans, Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists are the pioneering partners of this co-operation.

Belconnen, at this stage, is a city of some sixteen suburbs divided into four neighbourhoods. Each neighbourhood consists of about three to five suburbs. So far two congregations of the co-operating churches have settled in each neighbourhood. Belconnen 'C' neighbourhood, consisting of the suburbs of Latham, Holt, Higgins and MacGregor, forms the site of our settlement, together with an Anglican congregation.

The adventure is one of discovery.

Discovering in what ways we can work

together, as a committee of four representatives from each congregation plans the joint programs and initiatives. The warmth of Christian fellowship and unity experienced in the meetings of this committee is indicative of the sincerity with which each seeks to find those joint ventures in the will of God.

Discovery continues as we learn of the ways we are one and the way we differ through monthly shared communion services. The Anglican tradition is followed one month and we do our 'own thing' on the alternate month. A joint monthly newsletter is being planned to coincide with these services and will be distributed widely in the community to let all know what is happening.

We will discover the joy of serving our Lord together as a committee of representatives from both groups plans Springtime Evangelism. In this we hope to respond to the prayer of our Lord...

"That they all may be one... so that the world may believe..."

This is the adventure and we the pioneers, seeking to plant our feet in the steps of the great pioneer who said

"I, if I be lifted up, shall draw all men to myself."

7TH NYC BOOKED OUT AGAIN

Australian registrations for the 7th NYC, to be held next January in the South Island of New Zealand, have been closed again—this time at 400. These conventioners will join 60 New Zealanders for Move Out '75.

Originally, the limit had been 200 Australians. This ceiling was lifted, to 400, but is again full.

Richard Lawton, Director of the Federal Board of Christian Education, said this week that registrations were still being accepted, but that no guarantee could be given of a place for those not yet registered.

A post-convention tour of the North Island also has a waiting list. The limit of 180 was passed some time ago. Another 20 will go bushwalking on a post-convention tour of the Routeburn Walk.

Exciting studies and experiences have been prepared under the title of "Christians at Risk". Conventioners will concentrate on building Christian community, and on how this community can be strengthened when they arrive back home.

Nearly 170 of the Australians registered come from South Australia, and 70 come from Queensland.

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The Names of Jesus

MESSIAH

WORD TALK No. 102

The Messiah was to be God's divinely appointed deliverer and ruler of Israel. Christians saw Jesus as the Messiah, or Christ as it is translated in the Greek (See Word Talk 89).

There is only one reference in the O.T. to the word Messiah as such (Dan. 9:25-26). He was to be the prince who would come as Israel's deliverer. The term in Hebrew meant "the anointed one", and is a fulfilment of the concept of anointing the king as God's representative (1 Sam. 24:4-6). One important passage is 2 Sam. 7:12-13 where the kingdom of David is promised as an eternal kingdom. This became the basis of the eternal messianic hope. The O.T. generally regarded the kingdom in terms of land around Palestine and the Messiah as their national leader.

The word is twice found in the N.T. Once Andrew told his brother Peter that he had found the Messiah, and he brought Peter to Jesus (John 1:41). The other occasion is when the women of Samaria referred to the coming of the Messiah without any reference to its fulfilment in Jesus (John 4:26).

The N.T. Church took the messianic passages and applied them to Jesus. They saw Him fulfilling such expectations. He would be the righteous judge vindicating the meek and establishing peace (Isa. 9:2-7; 11:1-9). He would be born in Bethlehem (Mic. 5:2). After his coming the Jewish exiles would return to their home and a new age (Jer. 23:7-8). His kingdom would be unshakeable (Ps. 2). He would be a priest after the order of Melchizedek (Ps. 110) and would judge among the nations (Matt. 22:42).

The Messiah was not identified with the Son of Man

(Dan. 7) but Christians saw Jesus as both. After the resurrection Jesus explained his messiahship (Lk. 24:26-7). Peter's confession that Jesus was the Messiah (Matt. 16:16) became the fundamental plank in the Christian platform.

FOR TODAY.

Jesus stressed secrecy concerning his own messiahship (Matt. 16:20) because of the political implications of his day. Because of the political implications of our day we should keep the secret no longer! "Jesus is the Christ" must be proclaimed in placard and word, but more importantly, in life, in the political halls of Canberra and of every capital city throughout the world.

Among many Jewish people there is a renewed interest in the coming Messiah. For the best part of 3000 years the Passover has required an empty chair to be ready for Him. In recent months there has been a strong "Jews for Jesus" movement in many western countries. They have taken full page advertisements in national newspapers containing their own photographs and openly witnessing that they believe Jesus is the Jewish Messiah. Among Jewish students in Universities there is a great deal of tension at this point between the evangelism of Hebrew Christians and the resistance of orthodox Jews who regard the messianic witness as an anti-semitic attack. Christians must both love our Jewish friends and seek to reveal to them that the one crucified in Jerusalem is also their long-awaited Messiah.

It is no coincidence that Handel chose to call his Oratorio "The Messiah". He wrote it while paralysed down one side from a stroke. To a stricken, paralysed man no greater thought could fill his mind than to stand and shout the news that Jesus was the Messiah.

GORDON MOYES.

TREE PLANTING FOR JUBILEE

Cheltenham (S. A.—R. W. Saunders, H. Greenwood) The planting of about 30 trees donated by members, around the extensive backyard was a lasting feature of the Golden Jubilee of the Cheltenham, South Australia, church, on August 4th. The area had been cleared and mowed and a landscaped border dug, in preparation for the ceremony which was held at the close of the pleasant Sunday afternoon.

The chapel was filled at each of the three services and a joyful spirit of praise and thanksgiving was shared by all. At the morning service, presided over by the minister of the last 8 years, R.W. Saunders, combined Junior and Ladies' choirs sang the 100th Psalm as a Call to Worship for the day; greetings were brought by the Secretary including letters from the Conference President, R. McLean, neighboring churches and former members, some from interstate and Mexico City; children from the Sunday school carried in Thanksgiving Offering tins which had been left by members in the foyer; ladies read the scripture readings; a trio of teenage girls sang "Fill my House" during the Lord's Supper and C. H. J. Wright from Glenelg brought the message, "The Household of God"—a challenge to all church members. Prayers of the church were delivered by associate minister H. Greenwood.

The Pleasant Sunday afternoon was compered by Murray Fletcher and Mrs Sandra Scown, members of the planning committee who had also, assisted by elder Ivor McGuire, prepared the souvenir booklet which was made available to those present.

Reminiscences of the past were presented by I. McGuire, a member for about 25 years and a look into the future was brought by elder Alf Frost.

A large birthday cake was cut by original member Mrs. Watkins. Mr. Watkins, also one of the first members who set up the Lord's supper in the Pennington school in 1924, was present, though in poor health. It was an inspiration to see these two who have done so much for the work here able to attend. The Scripture reading was read by Mrs. Audrey Howell (Griffiths) the first person to be baptised at Cheltenham Church of Christ. A stimulating message—"Changes I have seen in the ministry" was given by former conference secretary, I. J. Chivell.

During the tree planting the birthday cake was distributed and this was followed by a Fellowship Tea, prepared by ladies under leadership of Mrs. Sargent.

At the evening service, singing by the choirs—junior, ladies (plus some men) and trio trained by Mrs. Nancy Fletcher was a much appreciated feature. Former ministers, H. Cave and Lance Austin were welcomed. The Gospel message was preached by R. Saunders, on the theme "Proclaiming Liberty." A highlight of the service was the baptism of two young men, Robert Flack and Trevor Hore.

In preparation for the Day, much work was done by very many members in many aspects of planning, great interest and anticipation having been evident for weeks before the 4th. The Sunday school hall, until 1965 the chapel, was painted inside and out. This is a church (present membership 90) which is prepared to reach out into the district, to share in various forms of worship and show friendliness and acceptance to any who come into the fellowship. Opportunity was given during the evening service for any who wished to express what the Church had meant to them and about 8, young and old spoke briefly of Cheltenham's part in their christian lives. We were reminded in our booklet—"Remembering is the beginning of thanksgiving—

In anniversaries we should not so much remember how long we have been here; but how long we may have to go."

—A.M.S.

CLC TO BE REVISED

Extensive changes will take place in the Christian Life Curriculum following a recent consultation of Christian education leaders from Australia and New Zealand.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

WRATH OF GOD

To the Editor,

I've always had trouble with the wrath of God. His love and grace are so terrific that the wrath bit seems out of character. So I decided to do some research. The Bible says that God revealed himself in Jesus. So I concluded that the wrath of God would be like the wrath of Jesus. I made some interesting discoveries. It seems that the wrath of God is not visited upon the doctrinally inadequate, the morally weak, or the spiritually backward, much to my surprise! Rather the wrath of God is upon the exploiters of people, the self righteous, the power-hungry, the extortioners, the unjust, the unmerciful, the hypocrites, and those who in the name of religion rationalise their way out of ordinary human compassion. In fact the wrath of God seems to land upon the religious twice as much as upon the rest. Apparently the chief targets of the wrath of God are those people who are so religious that they know that they are the only ones who are going to escape God's wrath!

It's a bit worrying to think that I am more likely to have the wrath of God fall upon me than is the poor remote savage who has never heard of God, nor his wrath, nor his mercy.

It's always the same. Every time I hold up the "mirror of research" to the Bible, somehow the mirror gets turned around and focusses on me.

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS

ALCOHOL EDUCATION FOR LEARNER DRIVERS

By Miss Anne Raymond,
Research Officer
with the
Australian Road Research Board

At least half our fatal road accidents involve alcohol. In single vehicle accidents about 70% of the drivers have been drinking—usually excessively. There are two groups of drinking drivers about whom we are learning quite a lot. One is a group of drivers killed in accidents and the other is drivers who are picked up by the police on the road and breathalysed. Among breathalysed drivers about 90% of them have blood alcohol levels of over .1%—people who have consumed about ten beers in a relatively short space of time. About a third of breathalysed drivers are under 25 years of age and blue collar workers are heavily over represented compared to their proportion in the population at large. These are young drinkers, they're young drivers and they're young drinking-drivers.

When drivers go for their licence they swot up on the road rules, using a variety of books that are available and they learn the regulations so that they can answer the questions that will be asked. They learn how far to park from a hydrant, and they learn when they're allowed to legally blow the horn on a vehicle, and they learn how they make right turns at five specified intersections in Melbourne and they learn that they must give way to a moving tram.

But who tells them how many beers it takes to reach .05%? Who tells them that if they have 5 beers in an hour their blood alcohol level will continue to rise so that they will be over .05%? Who tells them how long it takes for the blood alcohol level to drop to a safe level or to zero? Who tells them the effect that alcohol has on the body functioning or the effect that it has on their driving behaviour? And who tells them that the first of their faculties to be affected by alcohol is their judgment and that the worst person to decide whether they are fit to drive is someone whose judgment is impaired? Who tells them that their driving performance is related to the amount of alcohol in the blood and not to how they feel? And that impairment and intoxication are very different; that impairment occurs in everybody at very low blood alcohol levels, round about the .05% mark, whereas signs of intoxication may not appear in some people at levels as high as .3%.

Our learner drivers are not given any of this information as a matter of course. We seem to expect them to acquire it out of the air. There is a little bit now and again in the newspaper, there's a little bit now and again on television, but it's easily missed. There is no systematic way

of making these facts available to people who are going for their licence.

I'm not suggesting that simply making the facts available is going to solve the problem, because it won't. What I am saying is that without the facts we have no hope of solving the problem, because we are not sending these young drivers on to the roads equipped to deal with the problems they have to face. We are withholding vital information.

There are encouraging signs that this is changing. Some of the recent publications for learner drivers include sections on the effects of alcohol on driving.

It is the first time, that I'm aware of, that alcohol has rated a mention. It's been a long time coming and it is encouraging to see this break-through.

If the driver's licence test is used, at least partly as a means of curbing accidents, and presumably that's one of the intentions of having it, it seems very strange that the most important contributing factor to accidents, that is alcohol, is completely ignored in the test. It is perhaps not non-existent but at least it is rare for a driver being tested to be asked any questions about alcohol and yet that probably is the most critical information that he needs to know. One could hardly compare the importance of knowing the effect of alcohol on his driving behaviour with the importance of knowing how far to park from a hydrant, or with knowing that he must give way to a moving tram, which he would do pretty well by instinct. This situation might well be remedied by building into the licensing procedure some information on the effects of alcohol on driving. There are other areas where this information can be made available and certainly schools are one place. However, a fair proportion of drivers who are convicted of drink-driving offences, leave school at about Form II or Form III, long before they are eligible to drive, so that information about drinking driving that is imparted to them at school, is not necessarily going to seem very relevant at the time. It must be presented, apart from any other times, in a context directly relating to driving. When young drivers go for their licence they should know it is important to have learned these facts, because they will be asked about them.

Over the last year or so I have had the chance of talking to quite a lot of young convicted drinking drivers. They have all been males under the age of 25, and their common cry is "Why weren't we given this information before we got into trouble—before we went for our

licences—why tell us now after we've lost our licences and been convicted and paid our fines—what good is it going to do us now?" Certainly their complaint about not getting the information before is reasonable. In answer to their question "What good is it going to do us now?" we point out that there is a very high rate of repeating the offence and we hope that, having got the information, they will be able to avoid this situation arising again. We have yet to find out if this will be the case.

I personally think that we will get results much more quickly if we stop hounding young drivers and start helping them with the information they need.

"THE HAPPY FAMILY"

A special pamphlet has been produced for National use in emphasizing "The Happy Family" as the Theme for TEMPERANCE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, this year.

Heads of Churches in Victoria have commended the appeal of the Victorian Temperance Alliance.

G.R. Stirling, President of the Victorian-Tasmanian Conference writes:

"Whatever one's views about 'temperance', alcohol problems, and the Temperance Alliance itself, the plain fact is that the Temperance Alliance is the voice and action of the Churches where all of the recognized alcohol problems are. Problem-drinking, drunk-driving, alcohol-absenteeism, alcohol-inspired-violence, and alcoholism itself are recognized by most people as needing enlightened community action, especially by legislation. Who is giving a strong and insistent lead and often acting as a goad in these areas, but the Temperance Alliance? And what would happen if there were no Temperance Alliance? And how is the effective voice of churches heard in such institutions as the Foundation on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, and the Summer Schools and Seminars on Alcohol and Drug Dependence, and on Alcohol in Industry, except through the Temperance Alliance? It seems reasonable then for all Christians to write a cheque for the Temperance Alliance for acting on their behalf in these areas of social concern."



**WITH HEART,
HAND AND VOICE
A STORY OF 60 YEARS
AT THE CONSOLE**

The Christian Church may ever be proud and grateful for its long line of talented musicians who, from time immemorial have enhanced the church's worship with their skill at the organ console.

We have known quite a number of organists who have given long years of service, often with instruments unworthy of their talents.

This is the story of one organist who gave 60 years to this service, and was considered worthy of a memorial while she yet lives.

Margaret Duff came of a musical family. She was the second daughter of the late Peter and Emily Duff, singing pioneers of the Launceston Church of Christ.

At an early age, Margaret and her sister Helen travelled by train each week-end from Conara Junction in the Tasmanian Midlands to Launceston, a distance of about 40 miles, for music lessons. Margaret received her A.T.C.L. degree in her teens. Helen served as organist for several years at Invermay Church of Christ, and later married Tom Wilmot who was choirmaster at Margaret Street for more than 40 years.

Helen is the oldest living foundation member of the Launceston Church. Margaret became organist at Margaret Street before World War I, while still a schoolgirl. Her first recorded official appointment was to play for the wedding of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Foot in 1914, and with but few breaks she has been at the console ever since, accompanying the choir and many notable soloists. At the 87th anniversary of the church in 1971, it was revealed that Margaret Stevens had played the

organ for about 90% of the couples married at Margaret Street Church of Christ.

In 1925 Margaret married Harold Stevens who also came of a very musical family which has given some outstanding singers and a choir-mistress to the church. A daughter of this union, Helen, is well known for her glorious singing in oratorio work in N.S.W. and Tasmania.

Mrs. Stevens was widowed while her family of four were still young, and she found it necessary to put her talents to teaching music. At the same time she was prominent in Launceston musical circles, being accompaniste to the Celeste singers and a member of the Launceston Philharmonic Choir. But for her removal to Hobart, Mrs. Stevens might still be organist at Margaret Street. The recognition of her services to Christ and the church was part of a special function at which Lindsay O'Neill, a leading Launceston organist, gave a recital on the recently installed pipe-organ at Margaret Street Church, as a tribute to her.

C. J. Robinson For the Elders.



TASMANIA

GOSPEL TOP 40 (Ulverstone, Paul B. Burnham) A family tea was followed by a mammoth sing song of the Gospel Top 40, voted for by members. "Amazing Grace" was voted as No. 1, followed by "To God Be the Glory". This casual evening was thoroughly enjoyed by both young and old. . . . Young people recently held a 24-hour bikeathon around Tasmania, on an exercise cycle and raised in excess of \$360 for heatbanks for the new church. . . . Brigades combined and invited friends to a show by a local magician. 108 were present. Mr. Burnham entertained with his musical dogs and then presented devotions. . . . The minister and his family spent a day at the Caveside church where he preached and spoke to the S.S. . . . Methodist Church and the C. of C. combine for "The Coffee Pot" for Friday evening drop-ins during winter.



VICTORIA

FOCUS ON INDIA (Essendon, C. S. Badcock). Rally of North-Western District to hear Bandrinath Bhaleras and Balu Bhonsle of C. of C. in India. . . . W.E.F. had a talk and demonstration on plants and their care by Mrs. Twaites. . . . Snow-ball drive by Good Companions. . . . Mr. Moss celebrated his 89th birthday. . . . Noreen Harrison and Mrs. Kemp in hospital while Neil Hutton is home from hospital and progressing satisfactorily. . . . Gordon Stirling Vic./Tas. Conf. Pres. speaker at morning service and Steve Downey speaker in evening at Youth service.

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JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

This book of the Bible is named after a woman. She was a beautiful young Jewess who became Queen of Persia. With the help of a wise, old cousin, she saves her people from great danger. Strangely, the book does not mention God. What is its name? (See page 18)

Supply Officer: Does the new uniform fit you?

New Recruit: The jacket is OK, sir, but the trousers are a bit loose under the arms.

I have a long-range plan for the future; it's called the instalment plan.

ROUTINE

"Well, I must go home and explain things to my wife," the fellow said, looking at his watch.

"What things?" inquired his bachelor friend.

"How do I know?" shrugged the married guy.

SPOONERISM: GLAMPS WITH NO STOO

Did you ever go to put a stoastidge pamp on a letter, only to find no bickum on the stack of it? Well, just glampen the doo on enn of your new wonveloops, and rub the cramp a-stawss it. Now put the lamp on the stetter and it'll stick as peat as a ninn.



"We were going to hold up the 5:15 today, but Marvin's mother gave us money for ice cream cones instead."

August 24

BOOKS TO READ

FOUR COMMENTARIES ON MARK'S GOSPEL

With the suggested readings from August to November being set from Mark's Gospel the following brief comments on "lay" commentaries may be helpful for people who desire to follow the readings in some depth. They would probably be very helpful where the preacher bases his sermons on the readings. THE GOSPEL OF MARK by William Barclay in the Daily Study Bible series (Saint Andrew Press) owes its strength to Barclay's ability to supply a great deal of background material both in terms of historical material, customs and word studies. His commentary is well set out with the explanation based on short paragraphs of text which are printed at the head of each explanation.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK by A. M. Hunter in the S.C.M. in the Torch/Bible Series illustrates again Hunter's ability to pack a great deal into a few words. His short introduction brings the reader face to face with some of the main directions of New Testament research. After the style of Torch Commentaries the text is not printed. Hunter gives a brief discussion of each section then gives some notes on words or phrases of special interest. He like Barclay is a Scot and it shows in places.

MARK by Alan Cole is from the Tyndale New Testament Series and is a much more wordy volume than Hunter's and more conservative as well. Cole's introduction is fairly lengthy, (43 pages) and gives some comment on directions in New Testament studies and there he shows why he has handled the commentary in the way he has. The Commentary itself deals with the text verse by verse, or small groups of verses, and provides a paragraph on each.

SAINT MARK by D. E. Nineham was the first of the Pelican Gospel Commentaries. He too has a fairly lengthy introduction in which he seeks to explain the way he has approached the text which is basically that of using the "form critical approach" and people unused to this approach to scripture may find it somewhat disconcerting. The text is printed and the explanation based largely on paragraphs with some notes on individual verses or groups of verses.

There are of course other shorter commentaries available.

D.E.S.

TEN FINGERS FOR GOD

by Dorothy Clarke Wilson.
Hodder and Stoughton.

Many of you have enjoyed Dr. Ida and Take my Hands by the same author. Ten Fingers for God is once again about life at Vellore hospital in India. Paul Brand is the son of Evelyn and Jesse Brand, dedicated missionaries to the people of India. At an early age he learnt that his family lived on this Indian mountain for one purpose only, to help the people who lived in the surrounding villages and to tell them of Jesus; nothing else was of any real importance. Years later Paul was challenged personally by God to go back to the Indian people. His parents' singlemindedness is reflected in his life, involving tremendous self discipline in his study, long separations from his family, and personal hardship. Paul became a distinguished orthopaedic surgeon, pioneering surgery of the hands and feet of leprosy patients. The life of this man, his amazing mother, and the dedication of his wife and children will challenge you. The hopelessness of the life of many lepers will horrify you, and the story of what Vellore is doing for these people will thrill you. Throughout the whole book the consciousness of what God can do with ten fingers dedicated to Him will call you once again to magnify the Lord.

H.C.

The PAMPHLETT CLUB Nos. 224 and 229.

No 224: "Aborigines in the Urban Environment," by Philip Vincent L. L. B.

No. 229: "The Aborigine or Us." and "An Apostle to the North West," by Lance Fisher.

These two pamphlets make a valuable contribution to the contemporary challenge to the conscience of all Australians. Read together they will be seen to complement each other.

Philip Vincent, a member of the Subiaco Church, and of The Social Questions Committee of The Churches of Christ in West Australia, is a Barrister and Solicitor of The Supreme Court of Western Australia. The pamphlet was written at the request of The Social Questions Committee. It is a penetrating analysis of results of the impact of European Australian invasion upon the Aboriginal people. "With the arrival of this dominant group, it began to perpetrate what one might call a 'rape of the cultural identity' of the Aboriginal population." The author says that the future of the Aborigines will be determined by the people themselves; and that the European Australian role must be, not a directive one as in the past, but rather a giving one. We must be their servants as they strive to control their own destiny.

Lance Fisher points up the need for European Australians to learn from the Aborigine; and in Bob Williams he gives an example of the way in which the Aborigine may achieve his destiny in the future by the spiritual reality of The Holy Spirit transforming the lives of people within the structure of Aboriginal tribal law and social structure. As a tribal leader Bob Williams talks with the elders of their law, careful to uphold it, and introduces his new Friend, Jesus.

A.B.C.

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Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Draatted air conditioning!"

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HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATED IN CHILE, SAYS WCC COMMISSION

Geneva, August 5 (EPS)—The situation in Chile came under sharp attack today in a statement issued by the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs (CCIA) of the World Council of Churches. The CCIA Executive Committee, which met here July 29-August 2, charged that "gross violations of the rights of citizens from all walks of life" were taking place on a systematic basis.

The hard-hitting statement made an urgent appeal to churches throughout the world to do everything in their power to enable "the restoration of the rule of law" in Chile. "Even as we meet," the statement said, "military courts have condemned several prisoners to death". Noting at least 6,000 people are in prison or concentration camps, the CCIA executive drew attention to a new wave of arrests which it termed "alarming". Foreign interference, especially by the Brazilian regime, was identified as contributing to the maintenance of repression in Chile. Christians were asked to pray for the people of Chile and to make representations to their government to prevent further "grave consequences of what is happening" in the Latin American republic.

INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST WORLDWIDE "PORN" SYNDICATES

Festival of Light Executive members from Great Britain, Australia, and the National Viewers and Listeners Association, headed by Mary Whitehouse, held a Consultation in London to discuss strategy for a world stand on moral issues.

The Consultation agreed that there was an increasing recognition of the evil consequences of permissiveness and already there is evidence in some countries of attempts being made for a clean up. However it was noted that moral pollution was still making serious inroads into national and family life in the U.S.A. and Australia.

The Consultation was encouraged by the strong emphasis at the recent International Congress on Evangelism at Lausanne on social and moral concerns. It will strengthen an expanded Festival of Light programme of education in the churches and community so as to develop an alert outspoken public opinion.

Plans were discussed for the launching of an Australian Foundation for the Family which will seek through research, education and action to create a climate of opinion in the community favourable for the Family Life Style.

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN IN PERTH

The Brotherhood Christian Centre in Perth was the venue for the Crusade by the group from Wichita, U.S.A. which had drawn such attention in Melbourne and Adelaide. The Centre accommodates 1100 and was full to capacity on most occasions. The Friday night Youth Concert saw many standing and many more turned away. The group appeared on seven occasions at the Centre during the week ending 3rd August and the extent of their repertoire was both surprising and delightful. The 28 young people under the inspired leadership of their Youth Director Sunday Le Bouef held their audiences captive from the dramatic running entrance to the finale which led into the Gospel message delivered by George Wood. Many were reached and a total of 142 made decisions for Christ, 82 of these being primary. At the conclusion of each meeting the young singers and musicians were kept busy counselling those who came forward and each person later received a follow up letter from the counsellor.

The tour, a venture of missionary outreach by Central Christian Church in Wichita, was sponsored in Perth by the South Perth Church in co-operation with the Home Mission Committee. South Perth acted as hosts to the visitors who stayed in members' homes. George Wood who had been Minister at South Perth before his appointment at Wichita preached to the Church over two Sundays. The final evening service on 4th August was held in the South Perth Civic Centre where a congregation of 900 crowded into the building. On this occasion, too, a number of decisions were recorded.

On the Wednesday, despite most unfavourable weather, 300 women packed into South Perth chapel to hear testimony and song from Sunday Le Bouef. Then followed a luncheon with talks by Betty Wood, Marjean Fooshee and Lila Keefer, who held the attention of the brotherhood women with their reports of American church life.

Adults accompanying the group were Betty and George Wood, Marjean and George Fooshee (In charge of counselling and business) and Lila and Bob Keefer (Pianist). One rather disappointing feature was that the Group's extremely busy schedule left little time for their hosts to take them around.

During the week the Group appeared at lunch time meetings at the Institute of Technology and four High Schools where their impact had obvious effect upon many young people. However, the last Saturday was free except for the evening engagement and buses were hired to take the group and church members to a picnic at Yanchep National Park.

There were sad farewells at Perth

Airport on the Sunday evening before the visitors boarded their plane for Sydney. There is no doubt that a strong link has been forged between Central Christian, Wichita and South Perth.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

(EAST VICTORIA PARK, W. Thornton). W. Thornton, K. Roberts and R. Denn have returned from Melbourne where they attended the International Training Institute for World Churchmen . . . During minister's absence, the speakers at morning meetings were K. Patterson, Brice Wells (Minister Riverdale C. of C., and Mrs. Robins (Ecumenical Institute) . . . On July 31 C.W.F. visited South Perth C. of C. to hear Mrs. George Wood and her American delegates. Ladies also took devotions and afternoon tea at the C. of C. Joondanna Guest Home . . . Organ Fund almost finalised. During organist's, Mrs. Flora Hunt, absence while at the World Convention, Mrs. Lyndall Clarkson has filled in.



VICTORIA

GOLDEN WEDDING (North Essendon, P. Nelson). Youth Memorial Hall was packed for the At Home to honour the Golden Wedding of W. & G. Mason . . . Speakers at Church Anniversary were E. Ots and P. Nelson . . . Alpha Club for young people has celebrated its first birthday . . . Drama Group from Fusion conducted recent evening service . . . Speakers at C.W.E.F. have been Heather Finger on Wool Spinning and Mr Edgar of the Natural Resources Conservation League.

PRESTON/EAST PRESTON (J. Manallack, R.A. Risson). Ladies came representing Songs at C.W.F. Birthday . . . Theatre night to "The Ten Commandments" raised \$67 . . . There were over 100 at "Ye Olde Time Sociale" at East Preston . . . Paterson family and friends gathered to pay respects to memory of David Paterson . . . To celebrate Girls' Sunday, Sen. Good Companions presented a play "Getting to Church on Time", the Juniors did Bible readings and singing . . . Regional Meetings with Dr. Geoff Whiting have been held for the past four Thursdays . . . Young adults met at Stirling's after evening service . . . A display of Bibles and aids was held in the family room during Bible week.

BOX OF GIFTS (Tootgarook, D. Brown) A large box of gifts has been forwarded for the C.W.F. Annual Aborigine appeal . . . Mr. Williams of "World Christian Action" was speaker August 4 . . . 16 members attended the meeting at Ormond C. of C. to hear progress of the work in India by Bandrinath Bhaleras and Balu Bhosle . . . Mrs. Farmer's mother has been involved in a car accident.



PETER BURNHAM

VIC./TAS. DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION APPOINTMENTS:

The Department of Christian Education in Vic./Tas. has pleasure in announcing the appointment of MR. PETER BURNHAM, B.D., as Director of the Department. It is expected that he will commence with the Department in mid-December, 1975.

Presently, he is serving as a school chaplain at Ballarat High School. Mr. Burnham, who was born in England, came to Australia with his parents and settled in Ballarat. He graduated with T.P.T.C. from the Ballarat Teachers' College in 1962, and following a term as a school teacher he entered Kenmore College in 1967, graduating in 1970. Apart from student ministries in Queensland, he also had a full-time ministry at Camp Hill. He is married and has four children.

The department feels that his extensive camping experience during his chaplaincy ministry, together with his academic qualifications and further studies currently being undertaken at the University of Queensland (Bachelor of Educational Studies-Post-Graduate) will make him well fitted for the position of Director.

He will follow Mr. Ray McKenzie who has been the Director of the Department for the past five years. Mr. McKenzie, whose term would have finished in December 1974, intimated that he did not desire to enter into a further full term of service but has agreed to remain as Director until Mr. Burnham takes up the

position. More will be said about Mr. McKenzie's service at a later date.

Concurrent with the appointment of Mr. Burnham, the Department also wishes to announce that MR. HOWARD WEEDON, who has been with the Department as a Field Worker on a part-time basis for several months, has accepted the invitation of the Department to become Associate Director on a full-time basis for a period of two years. Mr. Weedon will be working with various D.C.E. Auxiliaries and will assist in the administrative side of the Department (especially in the fast-growing camping programme), thus freeing the Director for a wider ministry than has been possible. The Department looks forward to an exciting time in the years ahead.

Frank Richards, Chairman.

FLOODS AT CARNARVON

It seems that few of our centres escaped floods this year. Echuca and Cummergunja have had their share as has had Mooroopna where Mr and Mrs Clydesdale had to evacuate their home. Carnarvon has been no exception.

Many in Carnarvon and along the Gascoyne River passed through varied experiences as the river rose and broke over its banks. After many days of continuous steady rain news came that the river was coming down. Then on the Monday morning the Mission School Bus took the children off to school as usual.

By 10 a.m. the crossing was washed away. At 11 a.m. word came that the bridge might become unsafe in the rising torrent. The bus driver left hurriedly for town and managed to bring the school children back in the bus before the bridge was closed to traffic. By 3 p.m. the river was over the bridge planking, with water and debris washing over the banks. The creek through the Mission was flowing fast and then it suddenly flooded across the road. Within an hour the Children's Homes were isolated from the camping area and Aged Persons' Homes with the diningroom standing abandoned to the flood. Minaburra Cottage (where Christine Pomery and eight young children live) and Bieundurry's home—the converted bunkhouse—were hurriedly evacuated. A long, watchful night followed, with the water steadily rising to its peak at dawn. The diningroom was flooded but the water just lapped at the doors of the two homes. It is 13 years since the river in flood flowed through the Mission so none of the children could believe the sight they saw that morning! As the water began to fall Bob Barlow in his rowboat took the portable pump and some helpers to the diningroom to commence the cleaning up. The boat also

re-established contact with the camping area which had not flooded. The water level fell rapidly so the Mission was only isolated from the town for two days. The children made the most of the three days enforced holiday from school, enjoying the novelty of swimming in their own back yards and catching frogs and turtles. As we look at the marks of the flood around us we are amazed that no serious damage resulted from the force of the water. We thank the Lord for His safekeeping and for the sun and wind which rapidly dried out our surroundings.



FEDERAL BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETS IN CONFERENCE

Directors of Christian Education reported on exciting developments in all states at the recent annual conference of the Federal Board of Christian Education, held at Cheltenham, Vic.

Directors were interviewed by G. K. Moyes at a commencement service at the Cheltenham church on the first Sunday evening.

Highlights of the conference agenda were:

- * developments in the 7th NYC, to be held in South Island, New Zealand, next January. The 7th NYC has record enrolments.

- * a decision to hold a second national work party in 1976, following the successful 1972 work project in Carnarvon, WA, which built cottages for eight elderly aborigines.

- * planning of two workshops to be held at Federal Conference in Canberra next January — one on family worship activities and the other on methods of Bible study.

- * reports on developments in contemporary worship services and on buildings for Christian education.

- * the continued help given by GOI, the Board's quarterly planning journal for church leaders.

- * a decision to hold an 8th National Youth Convention in January, 1977.

- * reports on developments in children's, youth and adult work.

- * concern that the Board's income be raised to meet escalating costs.

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WHAT IS AN EVANGELICAL?

Dr. A.G. Elliott

This is not an easy question to answer. Yet there are several outstanding qualities which could be said to mark out the evangelical from other Christians.

A LOYALTY TO SCRIPTURE:

A true evangelical accepts the Scriptures as the Word of God and bases his trust in Christ firmly and squarely on what he reads in the Bible. He sees the Old Testament fulfilled in the New. He recognises that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (2 Tim. 3:16).

Even a cursory study of British History makes it plain that from time to time down the centuries in the story of our forefathers—among persecuted minorities such as Puritans and Dissenters, the simple teaching of the Bible was upheld and maintained. This loyalty to the Word of God is a definite Protestant emphasis among evangelicals.

A KNOWLEDGE OF THE GOSPEL

An evangelical is a "born again" Christian, trusting in the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation from sin. "Except a man be born again (anew, or from above) he cannot see the Kingdom..." (John 3:3).

He will also be filled with a positive assurance that he is "in Christ" and will bear witness to this fact in his daily life and in his association with other people.

Paul makes it clear that the essential feature of a Christian witness is to share the New Life of the Living Lord. "Christ lives in me..." (Galatians 2:20). Since Paul's day, too, there have been those in every age who have shared the same experience. Such faithful followers of Christ are certain that they have been "born of the Spirit" and are "walking in the Spirit" (Rom. 8:1-4, Eph. 5:1-2).

AN EXPERIENCE OF CHRIST:

A third notable characteristic of the evangelical is his growing experience of Christ in what the New Testament calls the "Sanctified Life". This experience was known and shared by men like John Wyclif, William Tyndale, Martin Luther, John Calvin and their reforming followers. Such an evangelical witness began in personal conviction in the hearts of the first Christians—in caverns and dens and catacombs. It persisted among early martyrs—the Waldensians, Hugenots, Mennonites.

A common urge, stemming inevitably from the New Testament, was part of the experience of Bunyan, Cromwell, Milton—and also of Wesley and the leaders of the 18th century Revival in England. This spiritual heritage of the true evangelical assures him that though he is "in the world" he is not "of it"—and that his citizenship is really in heaven. Consequently his concept of Gospel

outreach is far deeper and goes a great way beyond the rather shallow notion of the so-called "social gospel" with its effort to win the "world community". Changed men are evidence of Christ's power rather than a changed world. The world is "in the lap of the Evil One". New lives speak positively for Christ and His salvation.

Hence, the "Life of the Risen Christ", shared in the Spirit and lived out in the community, is the vital witness of the genuine evangelical.

A DESIRE TO SHARE CHRIST:

However, it is never enough merely to have a loyalty to Scripture, a knowledge of the Gospel and an experience of Christ—if we do nothing about it. The true evangelical, because of his fervent devotion to Scripture, as the Word of God, because of his practical appreciation of the Gospel of the grace of God in Christ—lifting men out of sin into the fellowship of the Redeemed—and also because of his own rich experience, personally, of the Living Christ—will also be zealous for the salvation of others—that they too may share what he enjoys. Moreover, there is a sense in which every genuine disciple, in the light of the New Testament teaching of the "priesthood of all believers", is doubly challenged to take up this task of witnessing to his Lord.

Therefore, the concern for men lost in sin, who have no realisation of their eternal destiny, will prompt the true evangelical to go to the last extremity of sacrifice in sharing the Christ who is alive in his life. This concept of outreach is the beginning of real spiritual growth and understanding—and is surely what Paul meant when he wrote to Timothy—"Preach the Word, in season, out of season... endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of your ministry." Does this apply only to the few—or are not all called to this evangelical witness?

CHURCH WOMEN'S GROUP CABLES SUPPORT TO ELEVEN NEW WOMEN PRIESTS IN U.S.A.

The Australian Council of Churches Commission on the Status of Women cabled a message of support to the 11 women priests in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and to the three Bishops who ordained the women on July 29 in what has been called an "irregular ordination".

These 11 women who range in age from 27 to 75, were deacons in the Episcopal Protestant Church in U.S.A. and due for ordination as priests when the triennial convention of the Episcopal church last year voted against the ordination of women as priests. Three retired Bishops of the Church decided to perform the ordinations out of a sense of "obedience to the Lordship of Christ" and in solidarity with all people struggling for freedom, liberation and dignity.



JIM MCPHEE

One leg—but he walked to help others. Bone cancer at the age of 13 resulted in Jim McPhee losing a leg.

But he fought back.

Yesterday Mr McPhee, now 40, walked on crutches for 22 kilometres—to raise money for charity.

Mr McPhee and his family took part in Tri-a-Walk for Community Aid Abroad.

"I raised \$38.20 for the walk from Blackburn to East Doncaster, Ringwood and back," he said today.

"On crutches I thought I might have found the distance too much, but I seemed to develop a second wind."

"When I found out that I had cancer and I came out OK, I decided there must have been a message there," he said.

"I try to encourage people who think they are disabled."

Mr McPhee, who works as an insurance loss adjuster, is also a member of his church cricket team.

ANONYMOUS GIFTS TO ABORIGINES MISSION DEPARTMENT (Vic-Tas.)

From May to August several anonymous gifts have been received: 2 of \$40.00; \$275.00; \$65.00; \$125.00. They are gratefully acknowledged.

AUTHOR OF "FOOL OF GOD" DIES

Edward Louis Cochran died on March 3 in Nashville, Tennessee. With a background as a school principal, lawyer, and agent for the F.B.I., he spent the last twenty-nine years of his life writing eleven books. Many in Australia have appreciated such of his books as, "The Fool of God", "Captives of the Word", "Raccoon John Smith".

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FREEMANTLE-HULLS. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Freemantle, Woodstock West, via Maldon, Vic., with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hulls, 13 Ellis St., Bendigo, Vic., are happy to announce the engagement of Laurie and Jeff.

GAIRNS-WATSON. Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Gairns and Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Watson have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of Berencie and Richard. (92 Alto Ave., Croydon).

HOLLOWAY-STANLEY. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Holloway, 6 Maroo St., Hughesdale, Vic., have pleasure in announcing the engagement of Elisabeth to Christopher, son of Mr. D. J. Stanley and the late Mrs. Stanley of Glen Waverley, Vic.

MANN-ELSWORTH. Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Mann of Hampton together with Mr. and Mrs. A. Elsworth of Bayswater have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of Carol and Andrew.

MARCHANT-WOOD. Merle and Brian Marchant, 6 Clyde St., Box Hill announce with pleasure the engagement of their eldest daughter Jennifer to Kim Wood, College of the Bible, only son of Helen and Keith Wood, Mildura.

SNIBSON-SCAMBLER. Mr. and Mrs. R. Snibson of East Doncaster have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Jenny Lee to David John Scambler, the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Scambler of Blackburn.

BIRTHS

LLOYD (STALEY). To Cheryl and Rod, a daughter (Kathryn Naomi) a sister for Justin, on August 15 at Burwood and District Community Hospital. Both well.

WYLIE. Ronald and Robyn announce the arrival of their son, Aaron Kenneth, born at Singleton, N.S.W. A brother for Natasha, grandson for Mr. and Mrs. W. Pike, Singleton and Mr. and Mrs. Lyall Wylie, Rockdale, N.S.W.

STEEN (FINDLEY). Barbara and Geoff praise God for the safe arrival of a daughter, Kusanne at Francis Perry House on 12th July.

DEATHS

HAINES. Harold Edwin, (Harry). On 26th July at his home, Grace Street, Mont Albert, Harry, beloved Husband of Myrtle, dearly loved brother of Myrtle, (Mrs. Gross) dec., Stella (Mrs. J. Atkinson). "Resting in the Everlasting Arms."

MACNAB (Fordham) Suddenly, in Cape Town, Graeme, beloved husband of Joy. Loved Daddy of Bovain, dear son-in-law of Ruby and Stan Fordham. Loved brother-in-law of Glenys Bob Reaby. Uncle of Julie and Deanna. In God's care.

SMITH. On July 25 at Churches of Christ Nursing Home, Murrumbidgee, Margaret Jane, loved sister of Will (dec.), sister-in-law of Doris, dear Aunt of Jessie, Ian and Margaret, Geat Aunt of Tania, David and Mark. In God's care.

DEATHS

THOMAS. Ann 5/8/74 in Mexico. Friend of Joan and Noel Cartmel and family. Safe home in harbour valiant sailor.

IN MEMORIAM

ASHWOOD Elma Lillian. First anniversary of the home-call of our dearly loved Elma, sister of May and Queenie and sister-in-law of John. "Safe in His loving arms".

ALLAN. In loving memory of James Ernest, passed away August 21, 1957. Treasured memories. Freda & Doreen

BUTTRESS. Bill. Called home 26.8.59. Treasured memories of a wonderful husband. Always honest, unselfish and kind. His loving wife, Alice.

CLENCIE Loving memories of my dear husband, William Albert, passed away at Rosebud, 24th August 1966. Loving father of Alan, Keith, Raymond. Father-in-law of Betty Lorraine and Noel and loving Pa to his grandchildren.

In heavenly love abiding
Loving wife Elsie

DORGAN. Charles. Passed away August 12, 1971. Still with us with loving memories and in Heavenly Love Abiding. Loving wife, Betty and dear family Janice & Cyril, Wendy & Robert, Judith & Ron and grandson Mark Charles.

LEE. Horace. Cherished memories of my beloved husband, called home, September 3, 1967. "Until we meet again". Edna.

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OBITUARY

SMITH (MISS "MEG")

Her given names were "Margaret Jane" but she was lovingly known to most people as "Meg".

Born at South Brighton (Vic.), Miss Smith began her spiritual pilgrimage at the Cheltenham church where, in her teens, she gave her life in service to Christ, a decision from which she never looked back. Later she was in membership at South Yarra, where she taught in the Bible school; at Carnegie, where she was kindergarten superintendent; at Mont Albert, where she was a Bible school teacher and leader of the Good Companions. On the closure of Mont Albert in 1947, Miss Smith transferred to Balwyn where she continued in Membership, until her death on 25/7/74, as a most active, faithful and loyal member.

Many inside and outside the brotherhood came to know and appreciate Miss Smith's qualities and service during her 25 years—1939 to 1964—with the Department of Social Service. In that service she showed remarkable versatility with regard to the variety of duties she performed. She was always early for work, never a clock watcher, ready to "work back" as occasion demanded, and even put others needs and welfare before self.

Miss Smith's service through the years indicated a love of her Lord, His church, the work of His kingdom and people for whom He died, which few have been able to surpass. For all of these she was ready to spend and be spent regardless of the cost to herself. Applicable, indeed, to her is the word of scripture, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . . for they rest from their labours and their works do follow them".

The funeral service was conducted at the Balwyn chapel by the writer, assisted by F.M. Combridge, Director of the Department of Social Service, on 29/7/74, when a large congregation paid tribute to Miss Smith's life and memory and expressed loving sympathy for Mrs. Doris Smith, sister-in-law, and Jessie and Jan, niece and nephew, and all other members of the family in their loss.

W.W. S.

ROBERTS (HERBERT HENRY)

Herbert Henry Roberts died on July after a short gradual decline in health. Born at Yorketown July 12th 1891, he was baptised at Balaklava, Church of Christ at the age of eighteen years. He served the church in many and various ways in a high degree of faithfulness. He married Jean Scott at Hindmarsh on Jan 14th 1933 by A. E. Illingworth. There are two daughters Margaret (Mrs. R. Pollard) Forest Range, Olive (Mrs. R. Pratt) Mt. Gambier. Later he transferred his membership to Flinders Park where he was actively involved in christian service, until he moved to Lenswood in 1943. The funeral in the church was attended by a large crowd which was an indication of the great respect in which he was held. He was faithful and true in his highest vocations as a christian, husband and father. With sincerity and love he was pure and true in every field of service. He may have been limited but he won complete confidence of all because he was true. Life for him conveyed the true meaning of a certain hope, faith and trust, thus giving all who associated with him a feeling of faith and security. His church and home was his field of service and pleasure in which he found ample room to prove his godly character. As a man of conviction he lived a humble life, but with nobility of character that demonstrated a firm reality of an unshaken faith in Christ. He was laid to rest with a sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection.

A.E.C.

RONALDS (MRS. MINNIE)

Just 3 months prior to the date of their golden wedding Mr. and Mrs. Les Ronalds were separated by the "home-call" of Mrs. Ronalds, after a long period of illness resulting from heart trouble.

After 25 years with the Brethren congregations Mr. and Mrs. Ronalds became associated with Churches of Christ in 1949, first at Warragul and then at East Kew and Balwyn.

Mrs. Ronalds was most active in the women's groups at Warragul and East Kew, using her talents for the work and the glory of the Lord who gave them to her. At Balwyn her activities were restricted by ill health but she worked diligently at home supporting the practical work of the C.W.F., sometimes beyond her health and strength. She was a home-maker who sought to have love, warmth, welcome and Christian grace pervade the house.

Mrs. Ronalds was truly Christian. She bore with fortitude and patience the severe pain and long illness to which she was often subjected. She sought to put the principles and teaching of Christ into practice everywhere and at all times. Her trust in Him was unshakable, her submission to His will was complete; and her assurance that, in Him, all was well with her for time and eternity was full and unfailing. She surely fought a good fight, kept the faith, finished the course, and now has entered into all that was laid up in store for her in the presence of the Saviour.

The funeral service on 2/7/74 was conducted by the writer in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. Loving sympathy is extended to Mr. Ronalds and Yvonne in their loss of their loved wife and mother.

W.W. S.

CARSLAKE (GEORGE ALBERT)

In Morawa Hospital on June 17th, 1974, The Lord gently called His aged servant, George Albert Carslake, into His presence. For 80 years of his 94, he served Jesus Christ. It was said of him once that "to take a journey into this man's years is to travel in a selfless world, full of wonderful adventures with our Lord."

Born in South Australia, baptised at Windsor, helping build the Long Plains Church where he taught and preached and met Grace Laurie his future wife with whom he served their Lord for 49 wonderful years. They lived at Narrabri, N.S. Wales for some years, returning to Loxton in S.A. Often they travelled to Berri, 40 miles away for services but as often met with the Methodists at Noora where he was many times the preacher.

Drought and attendant difficulties led them to Gutha W.A. where they renewed fellowship with former Narrabri members Mr. and Mrs. R. Barr in whose home the services were conducted. In Morawa he helped build a hall for church and youth activities. Later, he encouraged the building of the present fine Chapel at Morawa and also supported widely all Brotherhood activity. For their beloved Life-member and surviving Foundation member, the Morawa Church held a Thanksgiving Service prior to the interment in the local cemetery on June 19. We shall miss him, yet rejoice because he is at last with the Lord he loved and served so well and so long.

R. C. S.

NIELSON (FREDA)

Freda Nielson, wife of Eric Nielson, died on the fourteenth day of July, 1974, at the age of 66 years. She came to Australia as a babe-in-arms. As Freda Coward she was baptised in the Burdekin River along with two others, one of whom later became her husband. She moved to Mackay from Ipswich in 1928, and the Mackay Church of Christ began in the Nielson home, Mrs Nielson loved her Lord and His Church, and served for many

years in keeping the Chapel clean, and attractive with her abundant supply of flowers. She also loved people. She showed her love by gifts from her vegetable garden. She had a ready ear to listen to people's problems. Her husband, Eric, and children, Brice, Eunice (Mrs Schneider), Ross, and John are comforted by the 'heavenly voice' of Revelation 14:13, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord . . ."

H.D.F.

ASHLEY (MRS. ELSIE VICTORIA).

Mrs. Ashley passed quietly from this life on July 25th at the age of 75 years. It was 26 years to the day since her husband's death. She was married to Herbert Ashley at the Prahran Church of Christ by Mr. McCallum in 1923. There were four children to the marriage, Alice (Mrs. Allison), Dorothy, Bill and Ada (Mrs. McFarland). Immediately after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ashley moved to Oakleigh. Mrs. Ashley was in membership with the Oakleigh church for 45 years. During that time she served in the church as a deaconess and a Sunday School teacher. She rarely missed the mid-week meeting for prayer and Bible study, even though it meant a journey by train and by bus to get there. Over the last 7 years she met with the church at Glen Waverley having taken up residence in the district. Mrs. Ashley was a regular attender of the services and delighted in the fellowship of her fellow Christians. We remember her as a person of strong faith, generous nature, indomitable courage and cheerful spirit. We share with the family the wonderful assurance of the resurrection, which is promised to all Christ's disciples.

R.B.E.

BRAY (MISS HAZEL)

On August 3rd 1974 the church at Merredin was saddened with the passing of loved and respected member Miss Hazel Bray. Born at Boulder in 1902 she lived her youthful years at Armadale and Brookton. It was here she was baptised by the late F. E. Buckingham. In 1920 she moved to Quairading to teach music in the district. 1927 saw her move to Merredin to teach music and to be joined by her family the following year. Here she supported the Methodist church and was their organist for 25 years. When the Church of Christ commenced in 1951 the late E. C. Hinrichsen welcomed her as the first foundation member. Her life centred around the church, interest in people and music. She was always willing to support any Christian cause and organised fund raising concerts for the Bible Society. She helped make the home one which was open to warm hospitality; many ministers and missionaries having experienced this. Having taught music for 55 years her pupils numbered into the thousands, or more. She was involved with the Merredin Musical Society at its inception. We thank God for having been touched by her life and we give our Christian sympathy to her mother and sister Dora (Merredin) and brothers Frank (Calgoorlie) Leslie (Albany).

D.A.G.

QUEENSLAND FLYING SQUAD (Cairns and Mareeba). During a visit by the "Flying Squad for God" students from Kenmore College, over 50 attended Saturday Evening Rally and 40 students from Trinity Bay High School were present at a lunch time program. Ralph Bennett from Annerley and Jim Cunningham from Toowoomba also . . . S.S. under teachers Noelene Sachs and Judy Avent has 20 on the roll . . . Over 30 children from Mareeba Primary School attend regular weekly program under the guidance of Lyndelle Rawlings.



NEW SOUTH WALES

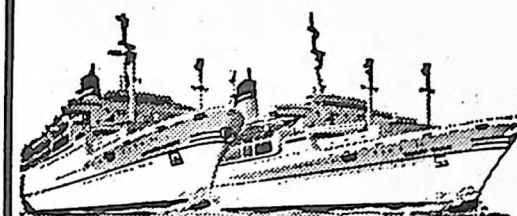
HARVEST FESTIVAL GOODS PRESENTED TO BOYS' HOME (Hornsby District, D. A. Oldfield) An after church fellowship was held on Sunday 23rd. June to say au revoir to Miss Lorraine Cantley prior to leaving for an extended overseas working holiday. A young lady was baptised by D. A. Oldfield during the Gospel Service on Sunday 30th. June. The Annual Harvest Festival under the auspices of the Bible School took place on Sunday 21st July. The Church were hosts to the Staff and Boys of Dunmore Home, Pendle Hill for the day. During the evening Service the Bible School Superintendent Bro. H. Bishop presented all goods brought for the day to the Manager of the home, Bro. Tal Smith. Sympathy of the church was extended to the family of Mrs. Stan Yeaman who suddenly passed away with a heart attack on Tuesday 2nd. July.

NEW MINISTRY (Mosman, R. Ferguson) A social was held on July 20 to farewell Mr. and Mrs. Don Smallbone and family who have moved to Castle Hill where they will commence a new work. Mr. and Mrs. G. Walker and family begin a ministry on August 25. Mr. and Mrs. W. Murray and baby have returned to Sydney. Mrs. Nicol, a member of the C. W. F. for over forty years, died on July 24.

OPERATION FRIENDSHIP (Penshurst, B. Chesney). Visitation of church contacts led to two special guest services under the title "Operation Friendship". These were followed by a bus tour and picnic at Cataract Dam and the Rotolactor at Camden . . . 85 children were present at a Fun Crowd Night organised by young people—publicity by pamphlets handed out at schools . . . Bob and Shirl Wotherspoon with their three boys have left for World Convention at Mexico City . . . C.W.F. raised \$178 for proposed heating and cooling system for chapel . . . A Missionary Tea Meeting, when C.W.F. displayed goods gathered for Overseas Mission Parcel and clothing for Aboriginal child preceded service when W. Bagley spoke on work accomplished by "Project Vila Team" in New Hebrides in recent years.

COMMUNICATING CHRIST (Rockdale, L.E. Wylie). A series of services has been conducted under the title "Communicating Christ" within State Conference (F.J. Stephenson, Conf. Sec.); to the deaf (Deaf Christian Fellowship); in music, song, and story; to the World (Underground Evangelism presented film "The Chinese are Coming"); through the Bible (K. Williams, Bible Society) . . . Church host to W.A. delegation to World Convention. Merle Peacock told of the work in W.A. and Shirley Caddy was soloist. After a Pot Luck Lunch the guests were taken on a sight-seeing tour . . . Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. R. Mitchell, a patient in R.P.A. Hospital, whose husband passed away recently.

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VICTORIA

ONLY ONE WAY (Box Hill, K. R. Bond). Oakover Choir rendered delightful musical Gospel Service on July 21 after which many enjoyed coffee hour prepared by C.Y.F. . . . Audio-visual "Only One Way" shown at baptismal service. Le Masurier Quartette assisted . . . J.C.E. and I.C.E. held activity program winding bandages and writing letters to missionaries. Bob Boucher speaker at J.C.E. Y.P.S.C.E. visited Box Hill Hospital . . . Explorer Groups successful in indoor sports . . . Many on sick list—Anne Clarke sustained concussion at Netball.

CHURCH CONCERT (Maryborough, Ian Adams). Church Concert was compered by Athol Leach and all auxiliaries participated . . . After a 5 o'clock service and a tea recently, a Billy Graham film was shown . . . Ladies Aid entertained patients at Clarendon House . . . Mr. Combridge spoke at Morning Service and then enlightened those at lunch at the manse on the work and aims of Social Service . . . Mr. S. Lunn and Mr. T. Ford have been in hospital . . . Church sympathises with Mrs. Fricke in loss of her husband. He was a very faithful member and doorman for some time. Our sympathy is also with Mr. and Mrs. Twiny in loss of their daughter Clarice (Mrs. W. Ellis).

PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES (Dandenong, A.V. Page—R. Allison). Planned Giving Review Programme under Director, Trevor Giles, showed a 40% increase from \$156 to \$216 . . . C.W.E.F. busy practising for Birthday Concert; S.S. busy with practice for October Anniversary; C.Y.F. conducted play reading at evening service July 28 . . . C.W.F. has sent food parcels to India and gifts of clothing given by manufacturer have been sent to Aborigines, New Guinea, and New Hebrides Missions . . . Church is looking forward to the coming of Jack Edwards and family to minister as from Feb. 3, 1975. Mr Page is acting in the interim with Russell Allison as associate.

TRARALGON SUPPORT (Blackburn, Ted Keating). A recent board meeting decided to give a special support to Traralgon church to reduce their debt. Malcolm Gray, news reader at Channel 10, who trained at the C.O.B., accepted the cheque for \$3000 . . . The C.W.A.F. held a book review and a talk on micro-wave cooking . . . Ladies visited Emmaus and gave afternoon's entertainment . . . Wendy Barrie, folk singer, guest at recent service . . . Mr. Quantrelle, Nunawading citizen of the year interviewed . . . Y.A.F. held "Happy Ball" in hall . . . At Sports Men's Parade, Terry Cox, English middle-distance runner gave moving testimony . . . Barry Jenkins and a young Egyptian woman were interviewed.

SPEAKERS (Hurstbridge). Over 15 speakers from the Baptist Lay Preachers Society have assisted the church during the past 4 months. Mr Ralph Ashley of the Evangelical Alliance Mission gave wonderful service to the church for 3 months prior to leaving for Peru for missionary service . . . C.W.F. street stall yielded \$103 . . . Colyn Pietzsch is leader of Senior Class, which meets at home of Mrs U. Freeman nearby . . . Missionary Project reached target of \$1000 two months ahead of schedule . . . Mrs E. Seskis passed away at the C. of C. Nursing Home. Service at the Chapel was conducted by Mr R. Baxter of Briar Hill Church . . . The continued monthly assistance of Box Hill was much appreciated when Milton Oliver gave a most acceptable address.

YOUTH, WOMEN, AND MEN (Noble Park, G. D. Agnew). Special evening services during July were conducted by the youth, women and men of our church: the youth service was followed by a coffee shop featuring the gospel rock group "Koinonia"; Mrs. Preston from Black Rock was guest speaker on the women's night, and a 20 piece Salvation Army band made an excellent musical contribution both during and after the men's service . . . Youth minister, Robyn Caudwell is currently in Mexico . . . C.W.F. recently organised very successful street stall . . . A series of 4 discussions on "Practical Christianity" was conducted in homes during July . . . Russell Pearce recently elected as church elder.

MISSIONS NIGHT (Echuca, R. Ritchie). A successful night on Overseas Missions was held on Sunday, July 28. Speaker was Balu Bhonsle from India. Youth choir and ladies' quartet presented The Great Commission (Mat. 28:16-20), in dramatic form. The offering, for Overseas Missions, was \$226 . . . The minister and elders have begun a Communion Service on Sunday afternoons at Cummeragunga . . . Fellowship evenings each Thursday with programmes for juniors, youth and adults are proving popular . . . An active and vital prayer ministry is being maintained.

100% LOYALTY (Dawson St., Ballarat, F. C. Hunting). Some members have become aware of the need to make a better contribution to Jesus and His church; to offer their lives afresh to Him and give 100% loyalty to Him . . . Two of our elderly members passed away recently, Mrs. Shephard and Jim Robertson . . . S.S. scholars took part in Gospel Service Bible giving on July 7 . . . Boys and girls clubs took part in a service when presentation was made to leader Karen Cannon . . . On July 28 Mt. Clear young people sang choruses in Gospel Service and their leaders Col. Hocking & Bob Elms held talk back on what an individual is worth scientifically . . . Prayer meetings conducted by minister on Satanic forces . . . Second-mile missionary offering \$494 . . . Mrs. Anderson recovering after surgery.

BAPTISMS (Mt. Evelyn, D. Kernick). Four young men from South Silvan and one lady have been baptised . . . Mr. Darryl Kernick will conclude his ministry at the end of the year . . . C.W.F. have commenced a monthly evening fellowship on the 4th Thursday . . . The deacons are considering the commencement of a Boys' Explorers club in its outreach to boys in the district . . . The afternoon C.W.F. attended the Wycliffe Translations at Kangaroo Ground . . . Conference president addressed the evening Gospel service, August 4.

MEET THE PRESIDENT (Hampton, E. Gray). G. R. Stirling visited the church on July 14. Fellowship was enjoyed at the tea table, at the Gospel Service, and then at a time of question and answer . . . Alison Grant of the Hampton Pres. church, and Bill Deans, Public Relations Officer for Community Aid Abroad have been guest speakers. On July 21 Mr. Gray showed slides of English abbeys and cathedrals, particularly Coventry Cathedral. On July 28 he told of some of the problems of mission work in Africa.

GOOD NEWS CLUB (Manifold Heights, A. E. Stevens). During the May school holidays a team from the Child Evangelism Fellowship conducted 5 Day Clubs in Geelong and from this a Good News Club for primary school children was formed held in the Church hall on Monday afternoons. Miss Heather Douglas is leader. Other members are attending a C.E.F. training course . . . An adult bible class led by Barry Tattersall meets at the manse on Sunday mornings . . . Mr. Stevens arranges and conducts the Geelong Youth for Christ radio program "Sounds of Singing", broadcast over 3GL on Sunday morning.

MINISTER RESIGNING (Springvale, T. R. W. Holmes). The church accepted with regret the resignation of the Minister, T. R. W. Holmes as from December 1974. 1975 arrangements are proceeding through Advisory Board . . . Church is participating in a contemporary discipleship program entitled "Come Follow Me" . . . Springvale South 6th B. S. Anniversary was held July 21 with Barry Rogers of M.B.I. as guest speaker . . . Many members have been sick and Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Parker are at present in hospital . . . At baptismal service July 14 a young married couple confessed their faith in Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

FAITH (Keilor East, S. Downie). July was Faith Month at Keilor East. Four people were interviewed on different Sundays, exploring different aspects of faith. Colin Strack spoke on the decision of faith; Beverley White, a high school vice-principal and mother of five, spoke on the reality of faith, and Wayne McRae, a student spoke about the struggling faith. Questions and comments from the congregation followed. John Birt saw faith as loyalty and commitment and used illustrations from his football career.



A.C.T.

BELCONNEN BEGINS (Belconnen, G. Warren). The Belconnen congregation met for its inaugural service on February 10 at Holt primary school and has continued to meet there each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. A highlight of the worship programme is the monthly communion service combined with the local Anglican congregation, the two churches taking turns to lead the service. The new S.S., which began on April 21, has grown from 17 children to nearly 40. The kindergarten primary, junior and intermediates meet at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday after the morning service, while Youth 1 meets in a home during the week.



TASMANIA

FLETT'S FAREWELLED (Nubeena). Bill and Judy Flett and family—Jillian, Cameron, baby Fiona, and Cindy, the dog—were farewelled last month. Their going has left a large gap in Nubeena, both in the church and in the community. Prayers follow them as they commence their ministry in Orange, N.S.W. Services, the Men's Prayer Breakfast and ladies' Coffee Hour continue to function each week with enthusiasm. First Section Boys' Brigade, in spite of wintry conditions, have twice been able to enjoy B. Spaulding's heated pool. Leaders ask prayer for themselves and the boys. Junior Singers are planning a program for early August.

MISSIONARY SPEAKERS (Devonport, E.W. Taylor). Missionary speakers have been T. Tonkin (N.T.M.), Elaine Henderson (Japan), and George Jackson (Borneo) who conducted a Missionary Rally. Slides were shown and W.E.C. personnel attended. On July 14 three new members were received into the fellowship and a man and his wife were baptized. Y.P. conduct "Coffee House" in the town on late shopping nights. The Gospel is spoken to individuals as they have coffee and

biscuits. "Family Tea" held and audio-visuals were shown. Y.P. went to Liena to see King Solomon's Caves. Some members of G.B. joined in parade in Launceston. At Elderly Members Friends meeting on July 28 Mr and Mrs Taylor were presented with a farewell gift from the group. Items were given.



QUEENSLAND

BOYS' BRIGADE (Ipswich, B. Rice). Boys' Brigade joined with Central Baptist for Bikathon to commence Boys' Brigade Week. At Boys' Brigade service on July 21, five boys made confessions of faith. Young people viewed audio-visual on abortion following service on July 7. Dr. Llew Edwards local M.L.A. answered questions. Young people gave a surprise supper after church to Lyndell Griffiths prior to her leaving for studies at Cincinnati Bible Seminary U.S.A. Young people combined with Acacia Ridge for outing to Atkinsons Dam. Pulpit exchange with Leichhardt took place on July 14. A. Surtees from West Moreton Circuit conducted a "Victory through Surrender" program at Bundamba in July in preparation for mission in August with Doug. Willis. Gospel services in July at both churches featured audio-visuals on mission work.

JOINT BOARD (Hopeland-Chinchilla). The two churches have been working as a circuit for many years with a circuit office board, composed of elected representatives from each church, as well as separate church office boards. After two years' trial period the separate church office boards are being dropped. Men of the two churches have carried on the preaching during the year without a minister. A. Clarke, presently at Kingaroy, has indicated that he will commence his ministry in Jan. '75. Among special guest speakers in recent months have been D. Willis, R. Tippet, E. Hart and R. Ellis. Peter Bebridge, a first-year student from Kenmore Christian College, is helping with young peoples' work each weekend. Hopelands Church is presently preparing to host the Western Churches Fellowship meetings on the weekend August 31-September 1.

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AMPLIFYING SYSTEM INSTALLED. (Mildura, T. Lawrie) Amplifying system has been installed in the church. C. Muller has conducted a series of discussion lectures for adults on "Growing up with your Children." Richard Sobee is attending World Convention in Mexico. Series of addresses on Sunday mornings have been—"What Christians believe about The Atonement, Providence, The Lord's Day and Jesus Christ." Three films on Archeology and the Bible have been screened on Sunday nights. The W. F. Nankevels have had an extended stay in Mildura. A gift evening was held for Robyn and John Hawtin who were married recently. Ian Nankivell has been elected chairman of the board. C. W. F. held a Progressive dinner attended by 60 people. Four families attended a parent dedication service. "Twins group presented a play "Who is my neighbour" at Sunday evening service. Junior Dept. assisted at Sunday morning service. Peter McWilliams is on business trip to Italy. House Fellowships are conducted after evening service monthly for study of Book of James.

THANKSGIVING (Balwyn, W. W. Saunders). Thanksgiving Day was celebrated on August 4. Offering of \$1,400 exceeded aim. . . . The Annual Business Meeting was held on July 28, following a luncheon after the morning service. New officers elected were, Sect., Russell Boak; and Elder, Ralph Amos. . . . At the evening service on Aug. 4 the musical and choral service "Light Shine" was presented by the "New Perspectives" drama group from Mt. Waverley Methodist Church. . . . C.W.E.F. officers for this year are Pres., B. Johnston; Sec., Doreen Gordon; Treas., Veronica Stear. . . . Balwyn participated in the Home Missions and Evangelism Chain of Prayer August 4-12.



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HORSHAM (R. Roberts). R. Coyle of O.A.C. guest speaker at recent service. One young man made a rededication. . . . Former member, J. Houston, died at Apsley as a result of a tractor accident. Funeral was at Horsham. . . . R. Roberts addressed Warracknabeal Bapt. Anniversary, July 21. . . . Mr. P. Bhaleroa from India spoke at Horsham. . . . Several men attended working-bee at Hall's Gap. . . . Members sharing in meals-on-wheels. . . . While Margaret More and Stan Bolwell are attending World Convention, other members have recently returned from overseas.

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