

NEW BROTHERHOOD
CENTRE, MELBOURNE



MULTI-LINGUAL OUTREACH (VIC.)

The 1971 Census figures reveal that 43% of the population of the inner suburban city of Richmond were born outside Australia. When the Richmond Church of Christ decided to sponsor a scripture distribution the need for multi-lingual material was obvious. Mr. Bob Arvidson, Field Officer with the Bible Society, is heading up the project and will be in Melbourne on the distribution date, October 5. Local Catholics, Anglicans, Pentecostals and Salvation Army groups are co-operating with the Church of Christ in this project.

The scripture pieces, entitled "Good News for Richmond" and depicting sketches of the local community, will all be printed in English, Greek and Italian. This is a new venture for the Bible Society and they see it as a pilot program to be used more in the future.

A SMALL STEP IN A BIG PROBLEM

Further to an article printed in the "Australian Christian", June 29, 1974, regarding the idea of teaching of aboriginal languages in schools we must report on a step that was taken earlier this year at the W.A. Institute of Technology. Here Miss Hackett, a missionary from the Warburton Ranges, conducted a three-week course in the region's aboriginal language Ngaanyatjarra with the help of two other missionaries, Bernard Newberry and Herbert Howell. This course was the first of its kind in W.A. and was not only a study of the language but also gave an insight into the culture, thoughts and feelings of the people who speak the language. The practical purpose of the course was to begin breaking down some of the problems that language barriers create for people working with Aborigines and make people aware that communication is a two-way process. Social workers and doctors were among those taking the course.

The rudiments of informal conversation were taught with methods that included ear and speech training and practice with language laboratory tapes.

Miss Hackett began to learn Ngaanyatjarra ten years ago so that she could hold literacy classes for adult Aborigines at the Mission and translate the New Testament into their language. She found the language interesting and is still learning. Learning the fast-moving language is no easy feat as there are four h's, three t's, three l's, and two r's and the equivalents of some English vowels and consonants are absent. About 400 Aborigines speak Ngaanyatjarra and it is related to other dialects. The course is likely to be continued next year.

On Saturday, October 5, 150 volunteers are needed all day for a training program and for conducting a survey of 3000 homes to ask if the householder received the free leaflet and to offer more scripture pieces for sale in a variety of languages. Seventy of the 150 volunteers will come from the local Richmond congregations. There is a need for eighty other volunteers who would be available all day on October 5. Contact Wal Gibney, the minister at Richmond Church of Christ (424844), if you can help. It is essential that this whole project is under-girded with prayer.

NEW CANBERRA MINISTER.

The A.C.T. Conference, in association with the Federal Conference Executive, is pleased to announce that Will Howard has accepted a call to the ministry at Lyons as from January, 1975. He is currently serving at Taree, N.S.W.



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BENDIGO (M. D. Keatch). Mr. and Mrs. E. Mott are in Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. D. Wake are in Africa. . . Mrs. R. Banks and Mr. I. Adams spoke at C. and N. D. Conf. at Kyneton . . . C.W.A.F. "Mystery Luncheon" at Mrs. Ireland's home; Baptist Ladies Fellowship; Mrs. Newham spoke at morning coffee . . . Mr. Bhonsle spoke recently . . . Testimony service held . . . Mr. J. K. Martin helped with recent prayer meetings . . . Members of L. W. Mission visited Red Cliffs, Surrey Hills and Wattle Park . . . Chaplain J. Newham (Flora Hills H. S.) spoke at W.W.D. of Prayer . . . C.Y.F. visited Lutheran Fellowship . . . Miss D. Symes accepted for service in N.G. 1975 . . . Family barbeque held at Ford's home.

**CHANGING MOODS
DANDENONG SEPT. 15
7 P.M.**

INNER SPRINGS

OWN YOUR OWN CHERRY TREE



My faith is a simple one. I do not apologise for that and it isn't that way because I am incapable of thinking deeply. But having thought long and earnestly I came to the conclusion that there is only one way to test the validity of anything; that is to try it for oneself. There is no argument for or against so convincing.

In a certain television program the audience were invited to express their views on belief or non-belief in God. At its conclusion, I found myself wearied of all the words that had passed back and forth. I went outside and in the soft evening light, silently contemplated our cherry tree. For months I had watched its patient growth; from the shedding of its Autumn leaves, through the winter when it seemed like a dead thing, to the slow filling out of green buds to bursting point, and then at the insistent call of Spring, spilling its white blossom in wondrous profusion. What words could fittingly describe such a miracle of loveliness? I could only echo the thought penned by another—

*My faith is all a doubtful thing
Wove on a doubtful loom*

*Until there comes each
showery Spring
A Cherry Tree in bloom.*

When I first saw one of these trees in full bloom I felt an almost passionate envy of the owner. I knew then that I would never experience its full wonder until that day when I would own my own cherry tree. And thus it is with my faith. Above and beyond all other sounds I heard one small insistent Voice. "Follow Me. Put away all your speculations, all your pre-conceived ideas and try My Way for yourself. If you find Me inadequate then you are free to turn away."

And so through the years in my stumbling way, I have tried to do just that. And while my faith may not yet be all it ought to be, my God is all He has promised to be. As with my cherry tree He is not something to be captured in words, but an experience to be captured in the heart.

PRAYER: We thank Thee, Dear God, that though our faith be but as a grain of mustard seed, Thou wilt answer with all the fullness of Thy Love. We praise Thee for all those whose faith is an inspiration and encouragement.

Romans 10: 9-10

Amen.

FLORENCE ROSIER.

WOMEN'S WRITE



Edited by Gladys Mackenzie

WELCOME HOME

This brief report was received from Mrs. Netta Newham on her return from attending World Convention in Mexico City, as Australia's Representative to World C.W.F.

"Home again — after just over 6 weeks in U.S.A. and Mexico. The only evidence at the moment of my travels, are a few more grey hairs, and a wretched cold which has come with me since being in Missouri. Why, only this evidence?"

Because on the morning of our departure from U.S.A. at the Los Angeles International Airport I lost practically all my luggage. Sarai Bani lost an overnight bag too, containing slides, and a tape recorder belonging to one of our missionaries, plus personal items. How did we lose it? We placed it overnight in the steel storage compartments ready to book in on our plane — when at 8.15 next morning a bomb that had also been placed in the steel compartments went off, killing 2 people and seriously injuring 36 others. Great destruction was caused to everything in the vicinity. How truly we are reminded of the words of Jesus, "Store not up for yourselves treasures on earth," and maybe Jesus would add today, "where bombs will destroy!"

We are grateful to have minds that can look back and recall the events of the past weeks, and express our gratitude for the opportunity of renewing friendships and making new friends. For the experience at Purdue University, and for the World Convention at Mexico City, for meeting faithful, friendly Mexican Christians, who remain true to their faith when it is not easy.

The highlight to me of the World Convention, were the hundreds of young people witnessing with their music and song. It seems that America need have no fear for her future if all those young people who participated in the World Convention are part of a new America.

Again may I thank the women of Australia for giving me the opportunity of so wonderful an experience and I pray that God will continue to bless and guide World Christian Women's Fellowship.

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THE WORTH OF A FEW — LITTLE BECOMES MUCH

In November, 1966, The Patch C.W.F. commenced an Opportunity Shop. They hoped to operate this for about six months, to buy a duplicator to print a church paper.

Today after nearly eight years, the Shop and duplicator are still going. The shop has always been served by church ladies, and at present ten dedicated ladies, average age 69, eldest 87 and youngest 53 years, combine to keep the shop open for six days a week.

Goods for stocking the shop come from near and far. The premises have been bought and paid for, the lower section of the shop being rented out, and the Patch Church has been helped in many ways.

The main aim is Social Welfare in the Shire of Sherbrooke, needy families, Meals on Wheels, Benevolent Society, Sherbrooke Community Aid and Referral Centre, and Knoxbrooke Training Centre. Two of the ladies serve as trained volunteers at the Sherbrooke Community Aid and Referral Centre.

Beyond Sherbrooke donations to Multiple Sclerosis, Queensland Flood Appeal, Cocoa, Maroondah Gideons Auxiliary for Testaments for Nurses, Leprosy Mission, our own Department of Social Services and many other organisations.

Besides monthly cheques sent to Home Mission Department and the College of the Bible, two Aboriginal girls and one Indian girl are supported.

The Patch C.W.F. say, "The ladies find this work a service for our Master, as apart from selling in the shop, contact is made with people who just come in for a chat. We do not know if anyone ever finds the Love of Christ that we have, only God knows this, but He said, "In as much." Total shop takings have been \$32,238.00. Well done, The Patch.

AT WORK AND WORSHIP SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In order to give those who are unable to attend the regular day meetings an opportunity to join in a Conference meeting, the August meeting was held at night. 195 attended, considerably more

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than the normal monthly attendance of 120 (approx.). Over half of those present indicated they did not usually attend the meetings.

The President, Jean Middleton, introduced office bearers, and departmental leaders to the gathering. Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Molloy, who resigned as a member of the Catering Committee after 30 years' service.

A splendid program given by the songsters, timbrel girls and youth brass band from the Prospect Salvation Army was enjoyed by all. This concluded with an Epilogue of songs, scripture, recitation, and brief inspirational talk, around the theme "If Jesus came to your House."

Supper gave opportunity for happy mingling of all present.

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As Mrs. J. St. Aubyn was attending World Convention in Mexico, the President-Elect, Mrs. L. Joyce, presided over the Council Meeting held in the new Churches of Christ Centre, on Friday August 2nd. at 8.00 p.m. 66 delegates representing 33 groups attended.

Chelsea C.W.F. led in devotions and the Intercessory Prayer was given by Mrs. Jan Youens.

Mr. A. Seabright, Janefield Training Centre, screened a film depicting the first organised holiday tour of Northern Victoria for the Mentally Retarded. Working with these young people it becomes difficult to see them as anything but exceptional.

Mr. Balu Bhonsle brought greetings from the Indian Christian Fellowship.

CHURCHES SEND AID TO BANGLADESH FLOOD VICTIMS

The Australian Council of Churches has sent A\$10,000 for the purchase of anti cholera vaccine for flood victims in Bangladesh. The request for assistance came from the Bangladesh National Council of Churches through the World Council of Churches. The Bangladesh N.C.C. also requested clothing, food, babyfood, vitamins, drugs and \$2 million for rehabilitation.

The current floods in Bangladesh, a poor country of 75 million people, began in the middle of July and have killed 700 people and much livestock. The floods are affecting 20 million people, including two million who have lost everything, they have wiped out the rice crop in about half the country and they have destroyed 2000 schools.

Anyone wishing to help the relief work in Bangladesh is invited to send money to the Australian Council of Churches, Box J111, Brickfield Hill, 2000.

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"SNIP GO THE YEARS" AND THE PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND

Because some good honest "ordinary" church members who sit in the pews (laymen) were concerned for the ministers of the churches and the effects that galloping inflation was having on the meagre superannuation provision that was available through the Preachers' Provident Fund, a motion was brought to the Federal Conference held in Perth, in October 1972.

This motion instructed the Board of the Preachers' Provident Fund to reconsider the retirement benefits that were available and to upgrade them so that they would be more relevant to current money values. Over the years and more particularly the past three years, our ideas of money values have changed alarmingly. This becomes even more apparent in long term provisions in things such as life assurances and superannuation. Where we once thought in thousands we must now think in tens of thousands of dollars. The scissors of inflation, with the years keep snipping away at our savings, at our nest egg of superannuation, reducing its purchasing power.

Do you, dear reader, realise that in the past, your church has probably contributed practically nothing to your minister's retiring superannuation? Yes that's right. The amount asked for by the Preachers' Provident Fund, and generally paid by the church was one week's salary plus \$13. These amounts provided Long Service Leave and an annual insurance against the premature death of the minister but nothing towards his superannuation. The minister himself was asked to contribute \$52 per year towards his superannuation and he might look forward to a retiring payment of about \$7000 after 40 years of contributing. No one has ever reached that point of time because the present plan commenced only in 1959. In the meantime it has become evident that by the year 1999 a sum much in excess of \$7000 will be necessary as a retirement allowance. In fact even if inflation was to flatten out and average only 5% per annum, a retirement allowance of \$41,600 will be necessary to give a man three times the anticipated annual salary that it is estimated he will be receiving in that year. For this reason it is essential that contributions in future should be based on a percentage of salary received.

It is common practice in industry and commerce today for the employer as well as the employee to contribute to superannuation in various ratios depending on the ability of the employer to pay.

After considering all the circumstances involved, the Board has decided to propose a superannuation plan which will require the minister to pay annually, 4% and the church to pay 2% of the average recommended salary which will be a figure determined by the Preachers' Provident Fund board as average for the whole brotherhood. These rates are to be considered as being the minimums but it is estimated that a Target Superannuation Benefit of three times final average salary is possible.

The church will also be asked to contribute to a different and separate account, the Long Service Leave Account, on the same basis as in the past and this is one week's actual salary, payable annually. Long Service leave may be taken after 10 or 15 years service. The proposed plan was submitted to each State Conference Executive, it was published in the 1974 Conference Report Books and submitted for consideration at each State Conference. A referendum of all churches and ministers was conducted in each state seeking to determine whether the plan would be acceptable.

Up to the time of writing 96 ministers and 77 churches have indicated that they would be prepared to join the proposed scheme but there were only 8 ministers and 4 churches that indicated that they could not agree to join. These figures are far from complete but they indicate a great majority in favour.

If you are a minister or a church secretary who has not replied to the questionnaire would you please do so with the utmost urgency. It would be of great assistance to your committee.

A final decision is to be taken at Federal Conference in Canberra, January 1975, and the feeling of the ministers and churches will be of great assistance.

Assuming that the proposed plan is introduced, there still exists a major problem and it is one that will cause concern in the hearts of many in the brotherhood. Men, who have been in the Preachers' Provident fund for several

years and who will be arriving at retirement age within 15 years from now, will be going out with inadequate retirement benefit because of the low contribution rate in the past and the erosion of money values through inflation. In a commercial scheme, the employer is called upon under the deed governing the Superannuation Fund, to inject sufficient money from time to time to make it possible to pay each man 6¼% of his retiring salary for each year of service. To do this an extra amount of something like \$760,000 would be necessary and this is not likely to be available.

It is suggested the following compromise should be aimed at for men transferring to the new fund.

Age Next Birthday on transfer to New Fund	Retiring Benefits to be multiple of average salary
61 years and over	0.75 times salary.
60 years	1.00 times salary
55-59 years	1.25 times salary
50-54 years	1.50 times salary
45-49 years	1.7 times salary
40-44 years	1.9 times salary
39 years	1.95 times salary

Such a scale would need \$210,000 to finance it and the Board has very carefully considered the ways and means. It suggests that the most equitable method of raising the finance required would be to appeal to the whole of the brotherhood to make a "ONCE ONLY" sacrificial gift to provide for the ministers who have served it in the years that have passed and who will be retiring within the next few years. This would only require a gift of \$7 from each member of our brotherhood and it is certain that some members would wish to give more. It is not an impossible task. It could be achieved if we have a will to do so. Will you think about it and if sometime in the near future an appeal for this worthy purpose is launched will you be prepared to support it with your money? There may be other methods of raising this finance such as increasing each church's contribution to the Superannuation Fund but the Board of the Preachers' Provident Fund is of the opinion that a once only gift would be the most satisfactory and the most equitable way.

A.T. Laney, Hon. Secretary.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON WORLD EVANGELIZATION LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND, JULY 16-25, 1974

This Congress is now history and only the future and perhaps Eternity will reveal its full impact upon those attending. The final numbers attending the Congress in the various categories were—Participants—2,600, Observers, visitors and wives 750, media representatives 250, making a total of 3,600 which were supported by a Congress staff of 250.

Forty five participants were invited from Australia. This number was swelled by observers and wives.

Those attending from Churches of Christ in Australia were Phyllis Davis, Bill Gaunson and wife, Des Nelson, Dean Sanders and myself.

Those attending came from 150 different nations and simultaneous translation equipment was set up to provide translation of any message into six different languages.

PAPERS.

These were issued for study prior to the Congress and time at the Congress was spent by each speaker answering questions raised as a result of this study.

The following topics were covered:—
Biblical Authority and Evangelism (Dr. Susumu Uda) Evangelization and the World (Dr. Rene Padilla) Methods and Strategies of Evangelization in the Early Church (Michael Green), World Evangelization and the Kingdom of God (Dr. Peter Beyerhauhs), The Church as God's Agent in Evangelism (Rev. Howard A. Snyder), The Nature of Biblical Unity (Rev. Henri Blocher), The Dimensions of World Evangelization (Dr. Donald A. McGavran) Contemporary Practices of Evangelism (Dr. George W. Peters), The Highest Priority; Cross Cultural Evangelism (Dr. Ralph D. Winter) Evangelization and Man's Search for Freedom, Justice and fulfillment (Mr. Samuel Escobar), Form and Freedom in the Church (Dr. Francis A. Schaeffer).

To cover the different interests of those attending, some sessions were offered on an elective basis. There were 36 different groups covering Demonstrations of Evangelistic Methods, of which it was possible to attend four. There were 33 Specialised Evangelistic Strategy groups of which it was possible to attend 1 group for 3 sessions. There were 26 "Theology of Evangelisation" groups. Again it was only possible to attend 1 of these for 3 successive

meetings. Findings of the last two groups will be published in an Official Report.

In addition to this the Congress included Bible Study, Worship, an Evangelistic Rally, and Reports and Testimonies of what God is doing around the World. Special speakers included Billy Graham, John R. Stott, E. V. Hill, Malcolm Muggeridge.

Congress organisers recognised the importance of participants and observers from each area working out God's will for their own area of service, hence various suggestions were offered with each group being free to adapt these to their local situation.

IMPRESSIONS:

It is impossible in a short article fully to convey the impact of a Congress of this nature and the following would be a summary of the main impression I gained at the Congress. Naturally impressions by others would differ from this list—

(a) Vision of Extent of World need. Dr. Ralph Winter, professor at School of World Missions at Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, California brought to our attention the following figures related to the present world situation. The present world population of 3,902 million can be broken down as follows:—

CHRISTIANS	Western	Africa	Asia	TOTAL
Active	120	40	40	200
Need Renewal	845	76	58	979
	965	116	98	1179
NON CHRISTIANS				
Can be reached by—				
Ordinary Evangelism	180	82	74	336
Cross-Cultural	147	200	2040	2387
GRAND TOTAL	1292	398	2212	3902

These figures themselves convey the tremendous unfinished task of the Church and the urgent need for continued cross-cultural evangelism particularly in the area of Asia.

It is significant to Australia and imperative that we recognise that almost half of the fulfillment of the great commission in our time will be decided in Asia.

(b) Encouragement for God at work around the world.

Reports coming particularly from Asia, Africa and Latin America indicated evidence of God at work. By way of illustration in Asia at the beginning of the twentieth century there were 75 non-Christians for every Christian. Today this ratio has dropped to 22 to 1, one third of the previous portion. In Africa at the beginning of this century, only 7½% of Africa's people professed the name of Christ. Today, the proportion of Africans who had indicated their allegiance to Jesus has risen to 33%.

Thus it is probable by the year 2,000 there will be more non-western Christians in the world than western! Also by that date the centre of gravity of Christendom will have shifted from north of the equator to south. Part of this shift can be traced to the growing number of evangelicals in Latin America. The current population growth in Latin America is about 3%—the highest in the world. Among evangelicals however, the growth rate in recent years has been 10%! In other words, evangelicals are expanding three times faster than the population at large.

In contrast with Latin America North America is predominantly protestant, though with a significant catholic element. North American membership

increased steadily for more than 100 years, but, as pointed out in Dr. D. Kelly's "Why Conservative Churches are Growing", some of the largest denominations in America have experienced decline in membership since 1965. In contrast, such declines are not apparent in Bible centered Churches. Moreover the number of Missionaries affiliated with North American

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Evangelical Societies has increased by 60% in recent years.

One of the most exciting developments in our time is the emergence of Third World Missions. Traditionally mainly western countries have sent out Missionaries but the author of the book "Missions from the Third World" report that more than 200 Agencies from 46 countries have already sent out more than 3,000 missionaries. One of the important challenges to arise out of Lausanne is how Missionaries from the Third World can be multiplied as they are in a better position to evangelise areas where Hinduism, Islam and Buddhism as well as Chinese Communism holds sway.

(c) Challenge of meeting leaders in evangelism and to hear them personally share strategies they have found fruitful. It was possible to meet these in the demonstrations of evangelistic methods e.g.—
James Kennedy "Mobilising a Local Church in Evangelism"
Ray Stedman "Evangelism Through Church Renewal"
William Bright "Personal Evangelism"
Peter Wagner "Church Growth Strategy"
Stephen Olford "Evangelistic Preaching from the Pulpit".
Opportunity was also taken to meet others such as Dr. McGavran, Win Arn and others of our own brotherhood from U.S.A.

(d) Challenge to apply strategies, ideas and inspirations received in Lausanne in our own area. Those attending the Congress did not go as official delegates called to vote on issues but rather as participants to take part in the study programme and return to their own countries and translate ideas and strategies into action. Personally I have found much of value which I am looking forward to sharing with ministers and churches to assist them in reaching their own areas for Christ.

(e) The paper I enjoyed the most was Michael Green's paper on "Methods and Strategies in the Evangelism of the Early Church". This paper is well worth closer study and I would simply like to highlight the outline of his final section—"But if you asked me to name a few of the main methods used in evangelism then, which are not given sufficient weight now, I should want to isolate four.

1. The impact of fellowship.
2. The value of homes.
3. The use of apologetics.
4. The priority of personal conversation."

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REPORT AND STUDY BOOKS.

A two volume official report will be published at the end of September containing all the papers and group findings arising from the Congress. I assume this should be available in Australia in October and will cost approximately \$12.00. In addition to this the Congress produced a series of study booklets entitled "Reaching All Together" designed for use by individuals or by groups. Booklets in the series cover the following topics:

"Reaching All the World" (definition and theological background of evangelization).

"Reaching All Together" (involvement of the Church in the Reaching).

"Reaching All People" (cultural differences, missions and methods of evangelization).

"Reaching All Needs" (adequacy of Christ to relate to current social needs and issues).

"Reaching by All Means" (Planning, methods and means available in evangelization).

"Reaching All Power" (The Holy Spirit's roles in evangelization, personal discipleship and devotional aspects of evangelization).

These should also be available in October. Single copy, price 95 cents each. Quantity rates can reduce this to 66c each.

KEVIN CRAWFORD.

WORK PARTY COMMISSIONED



The Doncaster Chapel was filled to capacity for the Dedication and Commissioning Service on August 11th. The choir and Elizabeth Aumann presented specially selected musical items—the prayer of dedication was taken by an elder of the church, Mr. Russell Tully, and the sermon preached by the minister, K. D. Horne. The party leaves for Bunapas on September 7th and will be there for six weeks erecting the Community Centre at that location. The costs of the venture have been part of the "Special Projects" of the Church's budget, with some help from work party members individually.

Photo: (l to r) Allan Carr (Geelong) Graeme Rogerson (Doncaster) David Harmer (Warracknabeal) Russell Tully (Elder) Ross Atwell (Maylands) Frank Richards (Doncaster-Leader) Dick Morrison (Doncaster) Bob Rogerson (Doncaster) George Wood-Burgess (Doncaster)



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SERVICE TIME CHANGE (Perth City, Roger Ryall). As from Sept. 15 Sunday meetings will be 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. . . . Doug. Povey is new B.S. Superintendent. The church and B.S. have combined for children's story and after the Communion the children retire to classrooms . . . Two effective Biblical Plays have been presented by the Covenant Players . . . Wednesday evenings provide fellowship and study—1st Wed. Church family tea & study evening—3rd Wed. cottage prayer meetings & 5th Wed. church family socials. The church were guests of L & J Owen at Mahogany Ck. on Foundation Day . . . C.W.F. plan to help the Aged and Shutins and have had discussions with an Aged Therapy Superintendent for instruction . . . Girls' Brigade raised \$8 for Bible Society . . . At Home Holiday Camp conducted by Mr. Ryall for upper primaries.

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MORFFEWS RETIRE FROM BETHANY



After 19 years of service as Superintendent and Matron of Bethany Children's Home Ray and Gwen Morffew are to retire. They became involved with the work with the Children's home when they took over their present positions while the home was located at Dover in Southern Tasmania. They located it through its movement to relocation at Lindisfarne on Hobart's eastern shore. More recently they helped in the transition from being a boys' home to that of a children's home when girls were introduced into the home. During this time the Children's home has gained a very good reputation for its child care.

Local community groups have taken a real interest in the home and all these things are due in no small measure to the work which Ray and Gwen have put into Bethany. The Bethany Committee are currently seeking a suitable couple to continue this valuable work from early 1975.

CHURCHES QUESTION AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES ON THEIR ROLE IN SOUTH AFRICA

Last week, 33 prominent Australian churchmen and women sent an open letter to 59 Australian companies asking

them to reveal details of their South African operations.

The letter was sent through Action for World Development, the development education agency jointly sponsored by the Australian Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church. Signatories included the Moderator General of the Presbyterian Church (the Rt. Rev. G. A. Wood), the President of the Congregational Union (the Rev. G. L. Barnes), the President of the Australian Council of Churches (Mr. Neil Gilmore), the national secretary of the Justice and Peace Commission of the Roman Catholic Church (Mr. W. C. Byrne) and 3 Anglican Bishops.

The open letter requested the companies to answer a series of questions about their South African operations "to help us better understand your involvement in South Africa."

It requests information on working conditions and salaries of Black employees, relations with the South African government, support of charities in South Africa and training schemes for Black workers.

The signatories of the open letter state in the letter that they believe this information should be available to shareholders and the public generally.

The Names of Jesus

OMEGA

WORD TALK No. 103

Alpha and omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet.

God was traditionally given the title of being the first and the last, a title abbreviated by the use of A. and T. in Hebrew (Isa. 41:4; 44:6; 48:12) He was called the first and the last. Hebrew scholars explained that this came from the word for "truth" whose three Hebrew consonants are the first, middle and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet! They took the truth of God to be symbolised in his being beyond all time. In the N.T. the word omega is used in three places, all in John's Revelation (1:8; 21:6; 22:13). Here the term is used twice of God and on the other occasion is given completely to Jesus, signifying that he shares God's divine nature.

The use of the term omega meant that Jesus was the complete expression of God. He was "the fullness of the blessing of the gospel" (Rom. 15:29). Christ was beyond time and place, beyond history, and beyond man's concepts. Christ is the cosmic reality, the source of creation and its ultimate goal. Although John (1:3) expressed this in part, it was Paul whose keen, philosophical mind made clear this reality (Col. 1:15-20). He saw Christ as the source and the goal of creation. Christ was the cohesive force in the universe. "From Him and through Him and to Him are all things" (Rom. 11:36). In Him the whole universe coheres (Col. 1:17).

FOR TODAY

In the centre of the great stained glass window in the Box Hill Church is a picture of an open Bible with the

letters A. and O. As a young child I had many speculations, during long presidential talks, over what these letters stood for!

It is impossible to talk of omega in the 1970's without referring to Teilhard de Chardin—the magnificent heretic or far-seeing prophet of our time. This Jesuit scientist, theologian and philosopher had a commitment to Christ that had a cosmic scope. He saw the end point of the processes of evolution coming into focus at what he called the omega point. This is where the whole creation meets and is renewed in the reigning lord of history. Christ is both the end of creation and its sustaining life force.

We are all aware of centrifugal force. That force on a spinning disc which moves loose objects outwards. In a whirling world like ours things tend to fly apart. There are few forces that bring things together and hold them in cohesion. Christ is a centripetal force. In Him things come together and hold fast.

The N.T. Christians used the philosophy terms of their day to express the theological truth without fears that the contemporary philosophy would contaminate the Christian truth. Words like omega, logos and eikon were used in the Christian apologetic. We ought to have Christian philosophers today who are prepared to make a defence for the hope that is within them by filling the current philosophies with Christian content. The trouble is when they do, as with Teilhard, the church becomes frightened and their works are banned. Christians, of all people, should never fear searching for ultimate truth.

Gordon Moyes

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OPEN FORUM

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MODERN TRANSLATIONS

TO THE EDITOR

The reply in the Christian 10/8/74 to J. E. Munro misses the point raised. That is that these translations, Moffats, R.S.V., Good News for Modern Man all have been taken from the 5% of disagreeing ancient manuscripts, which are claimed to be more accurate than the 95% of agreeing manuscripts.

Why reject 95% of agreeing evidence? No law court would accept this decision.

Moreover the 5% of disagreeing manuscripts introduce disagreement into the theological patterns presented by the 95% of manuscripts.

The K.J.V. was evidently referred to because it is an English translation from manuscripts which belong to the 95% group.

I believe the "blood" in the K.J.V. is replaced by "death" in some instances in the Good News for Modern Man and not in others. This is disagreement within itself and leads to confusion of ideas.

Are these translations from the supposedly correct 5% of documents, the work of men biased against Christ's Deity, His Virgin Birth, and His shed blood as the atonement for our sins, and hell bent on rejection of the majority of evidence, which support these doctrines?

Please note that the K.J.V. is available in modern English, so there is no language excuse for its rejection.

V. H. Shaw, Victoria

To the Editor,

In reply to M. J. and G. D. Lovell. (A.C.10/8) I do NOT claim that the K.J.V. is a perfect translation. I DO claim that the great weight of evidence is favourable to the "Received Text" which is underlying the K.J.V.

To Mr. Martin Suter (A.C.10/8)—I use the K.J.V. for checking for the above reason. There are up-dated versions of the K.J.V. available.

NO—pagans must not be denied God's Truth in their own language; but it is vitally important that their translations be taken from the 95% uncorrupted manuscripts. Such Bibles are published in many foreign languages, both European and Asian.

Not knowing your address, I cannot reply personally, but much help and guidance on this subject is available to all who "Ask and Seek and Knock," (Matt. 7:7-8. Luke 11:9-10) from The Trinitarian Bible Society, P.O. Box 138, CARDIFF, N.S.W., 2285., and The Bible Truth Society, R.D., ORATIA, Auckland, N.Z.

May God's blessing be on all who seek His Truth.

J. E. Munro, Vic.



QUEENSLAND

PROMISE FULFILLED (Pialba, Hervey Bay, V. G. Boettcher). Although having to subscribe to new cause at Pialba, Mr. Alf Jones and Mr. Boettcher fulfilled promise made six years ago to reimburse the Emu Park Youth Centre for all painting materials and equally shared cost of \$204. . . . Since inaugural services on June 16 attendances have been well maintained, averaging 35. Offerings weekly Chapel Fund \$50, General \$42. . . . Mid-week Prayer & Bible Study meetings held in members' homes, average attendance 10. . . . Reformed C.W.F. meet monthly, new members



VICTORIA

MISSION (Morwell, Don. Thomas). A successful mission was held July 19-21, led by Mr. Arch Thollar and his team from the "Institute of Church Renewal". The mission included morning coffees, a youth program and a basket lunch on Sunday. . . . A camp reunion was held at the Warragul church attended by 20 young people from Berwick to Traralgon. . . . Mrs. Taylor now back home and recovering after stay in hospital due to a serious fall.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

SECULAR OPTIMISTS AND SANCTIFIED PESSIMISTS

To the Editor,

The modern secular prophets don't hold much hope for civilization getting very far into the twenty first century. They tell us that the world will run out of energy, raw materials and living space. They predict that earth will be a garbage dump growing darker under layers of smog, over which grope drugged people to their early deaths. The "fire and brimstone preachers" are amateurs alongside of these secular evangelists.

But does secular man worry?

If my mates at work are a fair example of secular man, he doesn't. Optimists all, they live in a world of suburbia, beer cans, tote tickets and football replays, completely confident that "she'll be right, mate!" Apparently they were like that in the first century. Our minister gave us a sermon on 2nd Peter (I'd always thought there was only one!) He told us how Peter was telling the secular optimists in his day that they had better watch out or the whole show would go up with a big bang. (Those weren't quite the words, but that's what he meant). Of course now man for the first time in his rather luckless history is able to "blow 'er up." But do you think my mates are worried. "Things are just like they've always been," they say.

The other night I went from this workday buoyancy to the depressed atmosphere of our annual church business meeting. The saints were gloomy about the future of the church. The old ways don't work any more and we're too tired to try new ways. It felt like a gravediggers' picnic. Yet the prophets of the church aren't prophets of doom. Even if the "elements do melt with a fervent heat," there will be a new heaven and a new earth. And the gates of hell are going to be smashed down by the church. Jesus said so. And on our church wall it says, "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

How come then that the saints have their tails down while the secularists are wagging their's blithely, in spite of their prophets? The winners are crying their eyes out. The losers are laughing their heads off. The saints who should be celebrating are having a weep. The secularists who should be getting ready for a funeral are too busy celebrating.

Something's screwy somewhere!

TERTIUS

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

September 7

Vic.-Tas. Conference Makes History . . .

East of the Creek

says Stanton H. Wilson, Conference Secretary.

Where once kangaroos hopped between the trees and koalas nibbled the gum leaves by night, great events have taken place over a century. These events have their visible monuments today on opposite sides of La Trobe Street, Melbourne.

The very name of the street—La Trobe—commemorates a great leader and pioneer in Australian history.

There is in La Trobe Street, for all to see, a beautiful bronze plaque, presenting in relief a portrait of the first governor of Victoria with the inscription:



"First Governor of Victoria 1839-1854. Founder of the Public Library and of an early Church which was erected on this site; then known as 'east of the creek.'" (Elizabeth Street).

When the Victorian-Tasmanian Conference acquired its new property in La Trobe Street it located its administrative offices on hallowed ground—hallowed by the good sense of a Governor who realising that pioneers like all other people do not "live by bread alone" gave them a library and founded a Church.

It is intriguing that a century later, just "East of the Creek," there stands a great public library and also the offices of our church which calls Christians and non-Christians alike to the simplicity of the Christian Gospel and to the fullness of its expression on the contemporary scene.

Sunday, August 18, 1974, was a "high day" in the history of the Victorian-Tasmanian Brotherhood. On that day 500 people thronged to the new Centre to share in the Official Opening and Dedication Service. The representatives of some 80 congregations signed the Visitors Book. The leaders of a great many denominations were present to rejoice with us. Metropolitan and Country Churches were well represented. Greetings were acknowledged from other religious communions, State Conferences, Christian agencies, congregations and individual members and friends.

The Conference Secretary selected and read paragraphs from one greeting as representative of all. On behalf of the Tasmanian Churches, Dean Hamilton wrote "Please express the fellowship of the Tasmanian District Convention as we share in thought and prayer with our Victorian Brotherhood at this time. . . ."

The second greeting read served to remind us of the foresight, faith and hard work of others which God singularly honoured bringing great blessing to us as a people now and for generations to come.

A. W. Cleland who was for many years a Trustee of the Properties Corporation wrote in reminiscent style of the purchase of the first Brotherhood Centre:

"I well remember when Rowland Morris, Bob Geyer and I bravely set out for the Auction Sale at Scott's Hotel in Collins Street in 1958. All we had was the support (financially) of a Building Fund deposit amounting to £5. What Faith possessed us! We three agreed to bid up to £50,000 (\$100,000). Rowland and Bob bargained to £56,000 after the Auction was called off—I was inclined to "sit" it out at £50,000, as I wondered where the money was coming from. Being both Chairman and Treasurer of the Properties Corporation helped me over my "nervousness". Rowland organised the "SEVENTY" then, and out went these dedicated men, and what organisation went into that effort. Rowland's drive was remarkable and resulted in raising the total purchase price £56,000 (\$112,000). The Secretaries' and Treasurers' zeal and dedication over the three years that followed collecting the amounts from many hundreds of members throughout Victoria made my task much easier. . . . congratulations to all concerned in this new thrust, and thanks to our Heavenly Father who has challenged us all the way."

Gordon Stirling (Conference President) conducted a Service which was set out in attractive souvenir brochures generously donated by the Austral Printing and Publishing Co. S. K. McIntyre (for the Architects) presented the key to D. V. Platt (representing the Builders) who handed the key to the Conference President who, in accepting it, declared the building open "for the service of Christ and for the furtherance of His Kingdom."

In a stimulating address Gordon

Stirling acknowledged the co-operation of many who had brought the vision of such a Centre to reality and went on to ascribe thanks to God who had guided and blessed his servants.

He said, "The realistic way to look at this building is not to say: 'The New Testament Church didn't have it and look what they did,' but rather to say, 'By the grace of God and the sacrificial giving of the Brotherhood, we have this asset. We also have the same Holy Spirit as Paul and James and the others. Therefore we will be able to do even greater things than they did in New Testament times, with all their hardships and disadvantages'."

No one failed to be challenged as the speaker went on to say what the Holy Spirit could do using this building and all those who work in it. "Because of what happens here" he said, "every Church in the Brotherhood could be involved in Spirit-directed programmes of evangelism, caring, growth-stimulating fellowship and dynamic worship."

All these things are possible if our goal is for this building—and all who work in it, and all the rest of us—to be the agents of the Holy Spirit, doing his work of evangelism, caring, loving, serving and growing."

V. L. Gole associated with Conference Departments and church properties over many years preceded the closing hymn with a Prayer of Dedication.

On behalf of the Conference, the President presented Allan Emmett, Executive Officer of the Properties Corporation, with coffee tables in recognition of his services in conjunction with those of the Church Location Committee in arranging the transfer of the Brotherhood Departments from the former Centre after the destructive fire to temporary quarters pending the completion of alterations to the present building. Mrs. G. Joyce, President-elect of the Christian Womens' Fellowship, presented Mrs. Emmett with a beautiful sheaf of flowers.

The Conference Executive has had the Opening and Dedication Service recorded in cassette form especially for the benefit of Churches requiring it. This may be ordered from the Conference Office for a fee of despatch. Preference in bookings will be given to rural and Tasmanian Churches. It is hoped in this way to share over a wide area the exhilaration and inspiration of one of the most memorable events in our history.

1975 C.L.C. ORDERS

Christian Life Curriculum order forms for 1975 are now available. Churches receiving materials in 1974 will automatically receive order forms. Other churches interested are invited to apply for order forms to the Federal Board of Christian Education, 52 La Trobe Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000.

OFFICIAL OPENING AND DEDICATION OF NEW CHAPEL IN NEILS ST., PIALBA, HERVEY BAY, QUEENSLAND

"OVER 300 people attended the Official Opening and Dedication of the new Chapel of The Churches of Christ in Queensland, "The Church of the Lighted Cross," in Neils Street, Pialba, Hervey Bay, on Saturday, July the 20th at 2.30 p.m.

V. G. Boettcher welcomed the assemblage and introduced the Director of the Social Service Department, Eric T. Hart, who performed the Official Opening. The honour of "Turning the Key" in the new Chapel was given to Mrs. Rose Hammann, a pioneer member of the Church in Hervey Bay and wife of the late Charles Hamann. The Director of Home Missions in Qld., B. Roberts, presided over the Service of Dedication.

Mr. Hart said it was a privilege for him to be present. "I have watched with amazement the progress of this building," he said. "This progress has been mainly due to Mr. Boettcher. Wherever he has been in his ministries he has always left behind good tools for the man who followed him. We needed a Church here. Our people need the sustenance of a Church Building of their own. Thanks to Mr. Boettcher's personal effort and the enthusiasm he engendered in others, we have this Chapel." Mr. Hart then introduced Mr. E. Whittaker, who as one of the carpenters, represented the Builder Mr. V. Reithmuller who was unable to be present, to hand the key to Mrs. Hamann.

A brief outline of the commencement of witness in Hervey Bay was given by the Circuit Secretary, Mr. Jim Deutschmann, who said that it was some 40 years ago that the Churches of Christ first entered the Bay. At first, services were held in private homes. Progress lagged for some years, then services were commenced in rented premises. For the past eight or nine years services were held in the CWA Hall in Torquay. Mr. Boettcher also gave an outline of the actual building programme which started at the beginning of last November, and paid high tribute to the vast amount of voluntary work done by just a few men of Hervey Bay. Mr. Rae Ball of the Bundaberg Church also gave some five to six weeks of voluntary work to assist in polishing the furniture and pews and painting. All work, apart from the actual erection of the building, such as painting, polishing of pews and other furniture, fixation of fittings etc. were all done in a



voluntary capacity. It is estimated that the voluntary work in value equated the work paid for to the builders. All inclusive cost of the Chapel would be in the vicinity of \$25000.00 (land excluded). The Chapel is situated on an area of some 3½ acres which is today in a fast-developing area.

Congratulations and Greetings were extended by Mr. J. Blake, M.L.A., Cr. J. Barron, Chairman of the Burrum Shire Council, Rev. G. McSweeney of the R. C. Community, Pastor H. J. Watts President of The Ministers' Fraternal and Minister of the Baptist Church, N. Merrick for Churches of Christ in Maryborough together with an apology and greetings from the Conference President, R. Ellis, B.A., B.D.

Apart from visitors from Maryborough and surrounding districts, people attended from as far north as Bundaberg, south to Coolangatta and west to Toowoomba, Murgon and Kingaroy. Some sixty apologies from Invited Guests were received. Items were sung by the Maryborough Church Ladies' Choir and a Solo by Mrs. M. Goodwin. Organiste for the occasion was Mrs. G. Hayden, A.T.C.L., of Kingaroy, and a practical supporter of the Church of Pialba.

The film "IN HIS STEPS" was screened after a Barbecue Tea in the Chapel Grounds when almost 200 were present. On Sunday night the new release colour Film "666 THE MAN" was shown to an audience of some 185. The Thanksgiving Offering for the weekend amounted to just on \$1000.00."

JAY'S COMPETITIONS

For girls and boys in South Australia and New South Wales (aged nine or under). Make a drawing of "My Favourite Bible Story". Post the drawing to Jay, P.O. Box 101, Essendon North, Vic. 3041. Competition closes on September 30. (Soon: A competition for boys and girls in Victoria and Tasmania).

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JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

One of the books in the New Testament about Jesus does not mention his birth, makes no mention of lepers, demons, publicans, or scribes, and it does not contain any parables. What is its name? (See page 18)

Dads and Daughters

Little girls may be made from sugar and spice
But the problem I find quite tricky
Is trying to keep my clothes looking nice
—And away from their fingers so sticky!

NEAL C. NEITZEL

Visitor: Is this a healthy place?

Native: It sure is. When I came here, I couldn't utter a word. I had scarcely a hair on my head. I was too weak to walk across the room. Why, I even had to be lifted from my bed!

Visitor: That's amazing. How long have you been here?

Native: I was born here.

Q Why is the playground larger during recess than at any other time?
A Because it has more feet it it.

SPOONERISM: SKAND-NEW BRILLETS

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"I still say we should have turned left at High Rock Hill!"

September 7

BOOKS TO READ

HOT LINE TO HEAVEN

by Frances Hunter
Published by Pyramid Publications
for Warner Press.

This is a book we would all benefit from reading so we can assess whether we really use the "Hot Line to Heaven" to its full potential. Frances Hunter says "I only believe what the Bible says and the Bible says if we will ask in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, it shall be done. I believe that he performs as many miracles today as he did two thousand years ago." Your prayer power and that of your prayer group will be rejuvenated and given new purpose as you claim, "Ye shall ask what you will and it shall be done unto you." Mrs. Hunter shares many stories of help through prayer in her own life, under such chapter headings as Pray in Faith Believing . . . Pray for Wisdom . . . Pray for Everything . . . Pray at the beginning of the Rope . . . Learn to Abide . . . This easily read book is very challenging as it claims that every Christian prayer should be a "Hot Line To Heaven."

H.C.

APPALACHIAN SHEPHERD

by Garland A Hendricks.
Spiritual Life
Publishers Inc. Atlanta.

Here is a book that any person with a concern for the rural church today should read. One word of warning to the would be reader—do not be put off by the extreme fundamentalism type language of the book. For to let this happen is to miss some very pertinent insights into rural ministry.

Frank Andrews and his growing understanding of what it means to be a rural minister is the means by which Garland A Hendricks leads the reader to see what he thinks are important issues, in the rural ministry.

Hendricks makes it quite clear that there is a real need to make long term goals in rural ministry, not just be satisfied with the achieving short term goals and then moving on when these are achieved. This has been the case in many of our rural churches in the past. This style of ministry is one of the reasons why we have so many causes in rural Australia.

The author also makes it quite clear the need for the church to be a transforming agent in the rural community. He illustrates this point well. I think we need to take what he says seriously.

The rural church has far more opportunity at this level than her sister urban church. The renewal of the rural church should mean the renewal of the whole community.

There are few books written about ministry in rural areas. This book is not the last word, but it is well worth reading.

J.D.

USING SIMULATION GAMES,

Pat Baker and
Mary-Ruth Marshall.
(Joint Board of Christian
Education. Revised and enlarged,
1974. \$1.80.)

Twelve months ago "Using Simulation Games" appeared as one of the duplicated Youth Work Guide series. It sold out quickly.

Now the book has been enlarged and revised, and printed with attractive cartoon illustrations.

Thirteen new games are included, most developed in Australia or adapted for use here.

More and more teachers and leaders are discovering the

value of "gaming" as a lively means of learning which involves students actively and personally. This book is an important Australian production which will be snapped up by youth and adult teachers and leaders.

R. W. L.

(Available from Federal Board of Christian Education, 52 La Trobe Street, Melbourne. Vic. 3000).

THE KEY TO THE GOOD NEWS

by John Piet (Eerdmans) 75c.

This book is an attempt to provide a simple introduction and guide to the reading of the New Testament, especially Good News for Modern Man which must be regarded as among the very best of recent translations. Piet gives a brief chart of the main translations from 1611 to 1973, provides a list of New Testament books with a brief comment on how they fit into the whole, a suggested reading order which he then proceeds to use as the order in which he deals with each book. Each book is dealt with in two pages or less and is covered under two headings "Explanation" and "Outline".

The Explanation seeks to give the overall emphasis of the book and takes time to suggest a way to read the book. Piet seeks to have people read whole books at a sitting or at least large chunks at a time. In the outline he gives the main themes and sub-themes of each book. Of interest is his suggestion in Romans that 9: 1-11: 36 be read after 16: 27.

While it must be recognised that he is concerned with the content of the New Testament it would seem to me that this helpful little book lacks because it does not make enough use of the benefits of Biblical research. It is a handy book not only for beginners in Bible reading but for some older hands as well. Note if you are seeking help on any critical questions there is nothing here to help.

D.E.S.

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

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Some pledges are pretty vague—here's one giving half his hoped-for income tax refund!"

WE LISTENED, LEARNED AND LAUGHED

After being held in Victorian country centres and provincial cities for sixteen successive years, this year's Half Yearly Convention "came to town" on 16-17 August. It was held in Melbourne deliberately to afford the facilities, fellowship and exhibitions which distance and contingent expense would preclude bringing to any one country centre at one time. This year's provision was made to enable country churches access to a wide range of facilities and programmes at one time and one place while exercising the best economy of both money and time.

Country people rightly point out that they miss the inspiration and encouragement of the large city gatherings. Well, it was all provided at this year's Half Yearly Convention—ideas, methods, equipment, programmes, discussion, fellowship, demonstration, literature, and art and sculpture exhibitions. The Conference Executive even arranged, especially in the interest of country visitors to the "Festival", for the Brotherhood Centre in Melbourne to be opened on the same weekend.

The Half Yearly Convention was called a "Festival of Faith" this year and it was a successful, joyful and practical venture. The Conference Executive is deeply grateful to the Department of Christian Education and in particular, to its Adult Education Committee.

This Committee made learning a thoroughly joyful affair. The superscription over the platform of the spacious University High School Auditorium put up as a slogan became a

VIC-TAS. "FESTIVAL OF FAITH".



In thoughtful mood Len Smith of the Australian Film Society answers a question in the "Festival" workshop on films.

literal description of the occasion. It read "Festival—Celebration—Joy—Action."

Gordon Stirling (Conference President) opened the Festival with a maximum of enthusiasm and a minimum of literary skill when he translated the School's motto "Strenue ac Fideliter" to mean "Work hard and don't fiddle around." Others persuaded him that it said "With zeal and loyalty."

The action-packed programme on Saturday afternoon was too comprehensive to be described in a short article. It offered interesting and exciting alternatives to 98 persons who elected to join work-shop groups which were directed to such subjects as: Organ Music, Art, Music and Drama, Presiding and

Reading, Floral Art, Media (Church papers, etc.) and the use of Films and Audio-Visuals.

Audiences of about 350 were delighted with the evening programmes on the Friday and Saturday. A list of items presented will indicate the quality and variety of the Evening Sessions: Sing-a-long with Ted Keating, Film on Worship, Characana Ballet Group, the Lowana Singers, two dramas by the Westside Players and excerpts from "According to John" by Gospel Theatre Productions, Sing-a-long with the College of the Bible, creative mime by West Preston Young People, Footscray Good Companions Singing Group, an audio-visual on Explorers activities, "Mime of Zacchaeus" by Blackburn Young People, the Changing Moods Singing Group and a deeply moving closing worship session on "The Cross" with Bob Baxter (Briar Hill) as narrator.

The Conference President explained at the outset that the Festival would be entertaining but that it was not designed primarily to entertain but rather to help people in Churches both large and small to "spark off ideas" and to be motivated to adapt what they saw to their own local situations. As such the "Festival of Faith" was a huge success and a joyful event in the life of our Brotherhood at the remembrance of which we can thank God and take fresh heart.

The next Half Yearly Convention will be held in Warrnambool in August 1975 when our congregation in that beautiful City will celebrate one hundred years of witness to that life in Christ which is life indeed.

STANTON H. WILSON
(CONFCE. SEC.)



VICTORIA

SOUP AND SANDWICH (Strathmore). C.W.F. held a soup and sandwich luncheon, with Alex Kenworthy as speaker. 63 ladies attended C.W.E.F. 24th Birthday, when Pauline Poulter spoke about teaching in N.G. . . . Dr. Whiting was speaker at series of 3 ACE teas . . . Explorers have 14 boys. 4 boys attended week-end camp at Daylesford . . . Good Companions attended Zone Festivals and Bowling . . . At C.M.S. tea J. Schmode was elected Pres. I. Alves, Sec., L. Hill, Treas. . . . Several men attended Mens' Breakfast at S.S. Anniversary on Aug. 4 Scholars presented "Joseph's Dreamcoat". K. Caulton was speaker. Scholars and teachers attended camp at Monbulk . . . Section 4 Tennis team won premiership . . . Cornish Family presented a N.E.V. Bible in memory of their son Sydney.

NEW CHAPEL PLANNED (Boronia, E. L. Williams; D. A. Stevens). Over \$27,000 in hand for new chapel. Building committee have met with architect, Ray Drayton . . . Service squad has been revived with Errol Gilbert as convenor . . . Church has financially supported Knoxbrooke Retarded Day Centre Appeal . . . Rosalie Brooke is serving on our Mission Stations in W.A. for six months . . . Ern Brooke at church last Sunday, Mrs. Stewart is home from hospital, Mrs. Woolan is ill, and Miss K. Chandler is in hospital following a fall . . . Welcome home to Mrs. E. L. Williams from World Convention and Mr. and Mrs. Henry from S.E. Asia where they met up with son Wayne . . . Mrs. Henry has joined team of Good Companion leaders . . . One basket-ball team reached Grand Final but lost by seven points . . . God Squad visited C.Y.F. meeting recently—over 100 present.

C.W.A. CONFERENCE (Warracknabeal, S. Hince). CWA Conference held here recently. Ladies from all churches in the area were represented. Pam Bowers Stawell Minister, was special speaker and all enjoyed her talk. Mavis Wardle was soloist . . . Ladies had a working bee and cleaned Chapel and Hall . . . Keith Baum and Ian McQueen are still in hospital . . . Tea at the Hall was held recently . . . Church is planning for a Lay Witness program . . . Jim Hogg of Portland spoke recently.

TEA TABLE SERVICE (Ivanhoe, G. Grainger; Interim). Mr. Bill Tabernee was speaker at Tea Table Service. 120 in attendance including young children and teenagers. Items provided by church quartette and young people. Stones used in shape of the Cross in act of dedication . . . Singing groups at a Youth for Christ service were "The Revelation" and "Soul". Coffee hour followed . . . Mr. George Farrington led Open House Team at evening service on Aug. 25 . . . Kim Wood is leading the young people and is happy with quite a few new members.

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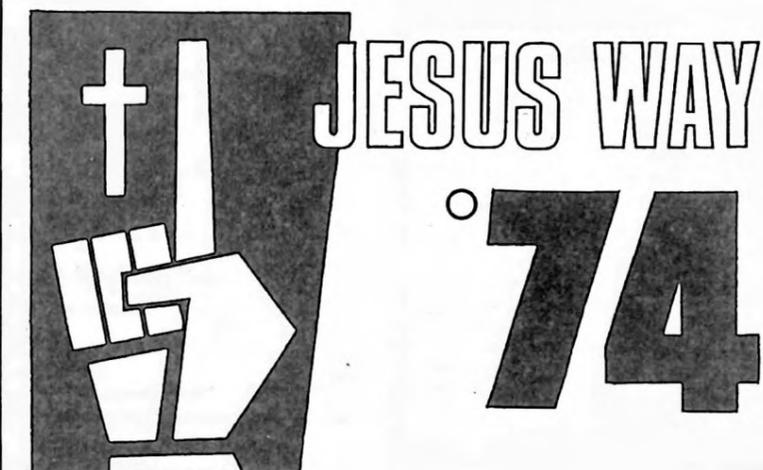
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TASMANIA

CHURCH RENEWAL PROGRAMME (Collins Street, Hobart, Don. E. Stewart). A Church Renewal Programme led by the Institute of Church Renewal, resulted in 24 people making some form of dedication of their life to Christ. Two young men, Ron Boxhall and Paul Kerrison were baptised and others are to be involved in discipleship classes . . . A number of small groups for sharing study and prayer have begun for all age groups of the church . . . 18 young people went to the camp reunion weekend at Devonport and Cradle Mountain . . . The church was saddened by the death of Elder Emeritis, A. E. Heard and a service of thanksgiving of his life was held on August 11 . . . The minister and his family have moved into the new manse which is to be dedicated in October . . . 12 people have been involved in reviewing books at services involving an emphasis on Christian literature . . . While the minister is in Queensland on holidays, Bill Tabbernee, from C.O.B. is to serve as locum.

NEW SOUTH WALES

DIRECT GIVING DAY (Nambour, A. G. Leane). Members throughout Direct Giving Day brought gifts and prayed. \$4,500 was received enabling the church to pay off all building debts. This highlighted combined Church Anniversary Services and opening of new manse held week-end July 27-28. Guest speaker was David Eagling of Murwillumbah . . . Plans are underway to build the second half of the new chapel . . . At recent Gospel Youth Service Philip Hilford, Peter Adermann, Ray Barber, and Joanne Jackson took part. This was preceded by a Youth Fellowship Tea . . . 16 confessions of faith have been made over last few months.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

(EAST VICTORIA PARK, Mr. W. Thornton). Sickness among members has depleted the morning service attendances . . . Flora Hunt and Ivy Preedy have returned from World Convention . . . Mrs. Edmiston held a film evening in her home and raised \$10 for church funds . . . Debt on new church organ has been finalized.

BEVERLEY (S.A.) CLOSING SERVICE

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OBITUARY

HEARD, Albert Edward. Albert Edward Heard passed away on 5th August 1974 in his 85th year. Mr. Heard was a man of strong faith and deep convictions. In his long and meritorious service in the Collins Street Church he was a man who provided vital leadership over a long period of time and we give thanks for his life given to Jesus Christ. In his dealings with people he was a very gentle man. He was a man of prayer and of action who gave to his family and to his church a sense of joy and peace. He was one that always ought that others might find in Jesus Christ, he who is the way, the truth and the life. Within the Collins Street Church A. E. Heard served as a teacher in the Sunday School and as Superintendent of the School. He encouraged youth work and Christian Endeavour. He served as Deacon 1922-1950 and then as Elder 1950-64 when he was appointed for life, Elder Emeritis. He was Secretary of the Church 1926-1930; 1948-50 and was a Trustee over a long period of time. In the Tasmanian Brotherhood he served on Conference Executive 1920-25; 1947-49 being President of Conference in 1924 and 1927 and Conference Secretary 1923; 1948-49. He was a member of the founding Committee of Bethany Home in 1945 and served as its Chairman 1947-52. In the Community Mr. Heard had a lifelong interest in the work of the City Mission having been involved in early years with the Helping Hand Mission which later merged with the Hobart City Mission. He served as President of the Hobart City Mission 1949-50 and retired from the Committee in 1958. Most of Mr. Heard's working life was spent with Jones and Co. as an engineer. Mr. Heard bequeathed his body to medical research. A service of thanksgiving was held at Collins Street, Hobart on Sunday 11th August. Mr. Heard leaves a daughter, Rita and sons Ted and John. It is with joy, mingled with the sadness of parting that we give thanks for the life of Albert Edward Heard—a life in Christ.

D.E.S.

AMERY, Emma Lena Maud. The church at Northcote suffered a severe loss in the death of Maud Amery who had been the church organist for an unbroken period of 62 years. Miss Amery was born on 31st January, 1894, the daughter of Samuel Henry and Margaret Louise Amery. At the age of 17 she was baptised and joined the Northcote church when the church was meeting in the Rechabite Hall. She gained her A.L.C.M. and took up the profession of music teacher. Her gift of music was dedicated to the Lord and His church and the congregation at Northcote remembers with sincere gratitude her long service at the organ.

She also assisted in the Bible School and extended her musical gifts to serve Elderly Citizens' Club and Pensioners' Associations in the district, at Northcote and Reservoir. After enjoying 80 years of excellent health Miss Amery suffered a severe stroke in June of this year, an affliction which left her almost completely paralysed on her left side. After spending some time in Mornington Hospital she was transferred to the Nursing Home, Murrumbena where she died on 14th August.

The funeral service was very well attended and tributes were paid by W. T. Atkin and the writer who conducted the services at Northcote chapel and the Coburg Cemetery. Miss Amery's passing removes another of the stalwarts who have witnessed to their faith at Northcote over many years.

T.V.W.

BANKS, Mrs. Louise. Members of the church at Burwood, N.S.W., were saddened at the recent Home Call of Mrs. Louise Banks where she has been in fellowship for a number of years. Mrs. Banks was only three weeks away from her 90th Birthday and was baptised seventy-seven years ago, at the age of 13 years, under the ministry of G. T. Waldron at Enmore. At the age of 15 years, she moved, with her family, to the far North of Queensland, where she married and reared some of her family, and later returned to Sydney where she again became associated with the Church at Enmore, where her daughter, Mrs. Caulton, who is still associated with the church at Burwood, was born. Mrs. Banks was also associated with the church at Belmore and Wiley Park, and for a while was a guest at our Croydon Guest Home.

W.H.S.

HUTSON, Andrew. Born in West Linton, Scotland in 1884, and trained for the Presbyterian ministry, Andrew Hutson left his native land in his early twenties and arrived in Queensland in 1908. He was baptised in 1911 at Ann St. Brisbane, by the late J. I. Mudford. During his first ministry for Churches of Christ at Boonah Q, he married Violet M. Moffat, a teacher. His ministries even among our own brotherhood ranged over 5 States—Queensland, N.S.W., Victoria, S.A. and W.A., and covered more than 51 years; in all of these States except Victoria, Mr. Hutson was a member of Conference Executive, S.A. & W.A. honoured him by electing him as Conference President. During his first stay in W.A., Andrew Hutson became the first minister to the new cause at Inglewood in 1926. During this period, he was also part-time secretary of the Bible Schools' and Young People's Committee. Under his energetic leadership, youth work in W.A. began to flourish; young men's camps at the Claremont Showgrounds became a regular feature of the Committee's work. His first wife died in 1927, and he married Maggie Wilson in Feb. 1929 at Lake St. church. She ably supported him in later ministries at Hollywood Harvey, Lake St., Port Pirie, Balaklava, Naracoorte, Glenelg and Kalamunda. Mr. Hutson read both widely and in depth, and his sermons were the fruit of careful thought. As a minister, he was a tireless visitor and a real shepherd to his people. In his later years, his membership was again in Perth; in November 1972, he moved to "Carinya Lodge" where his widow survives him. He passed away quietly on July 12; K. J. Patterson and the writer paid tribute to his brotherliness and his faithful ministry among so many churches. F. H. Griffiths assisted me at the graveside. Andrew Hutson's 90 years have been a blessing to countless lives, and we thank God for the life of His servant. To his wife Maggie, and to his children Medwyn, Elaine, Dora and Joyce, we offer Christian sympathy and rejoice with them in the Christian hope.

R. A. Ryall

WEBB, Mrs. Laura. The Maylands, S.A. church suffered the loss of a greatly loved member when Mrs. Webb passed away quietly in her sleep early in the evening of July 23rd, at the age of 92 years. She had been in membership in Maylands since she transferred from Norwood in 1960. She was consistent at all church services, and Women's Meetings until recent failing strength kept her at home. Her last outing was on June 27th, when she cut the birthday cake at the Payneham Senior Citizen's Club birthday party, as the oldest member of the Club. She loved her Lord deeply, and found her greatest joy in fellowship with those of like faith. She will be missed from our fellowship, but we rejoice in the assurance of her entry to the glorious fellowship with her Lord. Our

sincere sympathy goes to the family left behind, and especially to her daughter, Mrs. Len Halliday, who has cared for her mother for many years.

A.J.I.

WILLIAMS, Donald Roy. On the 9th August, 1974, the Lord called brother Don from among us to be with Him.

Mr. Williams had been an active christian worker in the Kaniva area from the time he decided to accept Christ as his Lord and Saviour in May, 1924.

He had been through the Sunday School and Christian Endeavour Society and had served Christ and the Church through his singing, organ playing, speaking, presiding and teaching, occupying various positions including church secretary and elder.

He did much to establish the camp site we now have at Halls Gap, providing much of the work and material for the first building erected there.

His service also spread widely throughout the community where he served in many ways.

A wise christian gentleman with a keen eye for beauty and a sense of humor who shared his life with anyone and everyone to whatever depth we allowed him.

We thank God for the privilege of his company and extend our sympathy at his passing to his family.

B.B.

FEDERAL BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR GOES NORTH

"I was impressed by the activity of the Christian Education departments in each State, and by the dedication of their staff and of the many volunteers who assist in leadership," Mr. Richard Lawton, Director/Editor of the Federal Board of Christian Education, said on returning from his annual visit to New South Wales and Queensland.

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New South Wales meetings were all in Sydney and suburbs. Queensland meetings were as far afield as Ipswich and Ma Ma Creek.

VIC-TAS. C.W.F. COUNCIL MEETING

Owing to school holidays the next council meeting will not be held till Friday 13th September at the Churches of Christ Centre at 10.30 a.m.

Features will be the W.C.W.F. Birthday Service and Speaker Mrs. N. Newham.

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BAILEY (nee Dorgan). To Judith and Ronald on August 18, a daughter, Veronica Louise. First grand-daughter to Betty and the late Charles Dorgan. To love and cherish.

CAPRA (Armstrong). To Leo and Pamela—a son (Christopher John) born 7/8/74, at Brisbane Women's Hospital, First grandchild to Les and Dorothy Armstrong.

DOW (Earle) Alastair Kent born to Kathleen and Jim 17.8.74 at Balaklava, South Australia. Brother for Jamie and Calum. Both well.

SILVER WEDDING

CARTMEL (Gordon). Noel and Joan. Congratulations Mum and Dad for the 27th August. Love Ian and Glenis, Robert, Barbara, Richard and Pamela.

80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The family of Mrs. Lily Box, of the Christian Guest Home, invite relatives and friends to celebrate her 80th Birthday on September 29, at 39 Severn Street, Box Hill, from 2.30—5.30 p.m.

DEATHS

PRYDE. Hilda. In Adelaide August 8, 1974. Loved sister of Dot. Baker, sister-in-law of Bill (dec.), dear Auntie of Ralph and Beryl, Colin (Dec.), Philip and Marita. Late of Hartwell and Camberwell.

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11 a.m.: Worship & Communion.
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MISSIONARY MONTH (Victor Harbor J. Luff). During Missionary Month the choir planned a special missionary service presenting the musical "The last Commandment" . . . This month's Women's Fellowship meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Adey . . . During Social Service Week A. Jones was guest speaker at both services. At afternoon service the highlight was the Gumeracha Choir . . . Christian love and sympathy is expressed to Keith Adams and family on the passing of Naomi. The S.S. celebrated their Anniversary recently by presenting "Action '74". Guest speaker was Peter De Wildt . . . Women's Christian Fellowship attended Conference at Lenswood . . . Mr. and Mrs. Burgess showed slides of their overseas trip . . . The combined Men's Tea was held this quarter in the Methodist church hall. The speaker was Rev. Allan Shepherd on "Development in North Aust."

FIFTY YEARS A MINISTER (Mt. Gambier, S. Neighbour). December of this year will see the fiftieth anniversary of Stan Neighbour's entry into full-time ministry in Kingaroy, Queensland . . . E.W. Heard, H.M. Director, led the church in a Planning and Analysis Conference over the week-end Aug. 16-18, preparatory to the coming of Rodney Lloyd from Glen Iris for a three years ministry commencing in February 1975 . . . William Barclay's "Jesus Christ for Today" has been studied by both churches. "Church Growth for Today" will be the basis of study over the next few weeks in preparation for "Outreach '75" . . . S.S. Anniversary attracted a large attendance . . . A change to 9 a.m. services at Tarpeena has doubled attendances there.

RENEWAL WEEKEND (Christies Beach, Brian Beck). Members are busy preparing for the church Renewal Weekend Sept. 27-29 to be led by Brian Cutts and team. Average offering since the Stewardship Programme is \$247.60 . . . Both the ladies' mid-week Bible Study mornings and the mid-week Prayer and Bible Study group are maintaining good attendances.

BALU BHONSLE (Kadina, M. Williams). On July 21 Balu Bhonsle, pastor of Bombay, spoke and showed slides . . . For Church anniversary August 17, R. McLean, conference president, presided at both services. Slides of work in New Guinea were shown at night . . . Temple Day offering amounted to \$250 . . . Combined services with the Salvation Army have been a source of much blessing.

TO NORSEMAN (Murray Bridge, D. Kuhl). After-church fellowship was held to say goodbye to Ted and Grace Dinning and daughters who have left for mission work at Norseman . . . Appointments at Annual Meeting: H. Long, Pres. M.

Thompson, Sec.; and A. Klingbeil, elder . . . Brenda and Ray Watts thanked for taking communion to those who cannot attend church . . . C.W.F. held 60th birthday. Visitors from other churches attended. Pastor Moyle from Strathalbyn was Guest Speaker and D. Kuhl was soloist. Trading table realized \$138 . . . Church extends sympathy to Phyl Harper and family in loss of a brother . . . Congratulations to Mrs. W. Harper who celebrated 80th birthday and to Mr. and Mrs. E. Long for 45th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Ayworth, Mrs. E. Long and Mr. W. Harper are convalescing after hospital . . . After-church sing songs at the manse very popular, so are June Kuhl's suppers.

INDIAN VISITOR (Bordertown, R. Combridge). Of special interest was the visit of Pastor Pandhrinath from India, as B.S. and church have supported him for many years (now \$400 per annum) . . . At annual church meeting encouraging reports from B.S. and Youth Groups. L. Wass newly-elected elder with H. Tilley . . . C.W.F. gave \$200 for Ethiopian Appeal . . . J.C.E. and leaders conducted evening service, Aug. 11 . . . While visiting relatives Dr. W. Skeels (U.S.A.) gave the gospel message . . . Two Magor sisters injured in road accident. Sally confined to Adelaide Children's Hospital for some weeks. Kinder and Junior classes entertained at B.S. Anniversary on Aug. 18. Bible Class conducted evening service. Guest speaker Mr. E. S. Thomas from Cowandilla church . . . W. Tymmons and S. Maddern were successful in State nursing finals . . . Mrs. Gwen Lawson has returned home after specialised treatment in Adelaide.

THIRTY DAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY (Nailsworth, P. P. DeWildt) Discipline and Discovery Share Groups of over 100 people are participating in a thirty day prayer and bible study. Many decisions have been made following the discipline week-end . . . Film "Israel My Son" shown at an evening service during August. Visiting speakers have been Mr. Colin Stock, Mr. Harold Long and Mr. Bud Schaeffer . . . Our minister was guest speaker at the Royal Adelaide Hospital Christian Nurses Fellowship . . . Following the George Wood campaign many received blessing.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (Ascot Park, R. J. Clymer). Annual meeting held on Aug. 18. K. C. Crowley elected Elder. Monetary donations made by C.W.F. amounted to \$377; monies apportioned to F. Beale, Student at the C.O.B., Save the Children Fund and Laundry Floor at Manse. Outreach program for 1975 presented at meeting . . . Additional room at Manse almost completed, all voluntary labour, exception bricklaying . . . Premiership success to Girls' Net Ball teams D. & G1, and Boys' Basket Ball under 14.



NEW SOUTH WALES

HOUSE ON FIRE (Chatswood, C. G. Taylor). There was a good attendance at the "House on Fire" film night to see color slides of gardens of the world . . . Dorcas ladies displayed a large range of garments to be sent to Norseman and overseas . . . Recent speaker at C.W.F. was Mrs. R. Dixon from the Church for All Nations . . . Girls' Brigade came third in the G. B. Choral Concert . . . Mr. and Mrs. Taylor had a phone call from Spain from Heather on her birthday. A few weeks earlier, Heather, representing her University class, read a paper at a conference in Geneva . . . Mr. Taylor was the speaker at Nth. Turramurra's ninth Anniversary. Mr. F. J. Stephenson was the speaker at the recent meeting at North Sydney church of the Lower North Shore Board Fellowship . . . On the sick list: Mrs. Jan Jay, Mrs. Pentelow Snr., Mr. O. Bloore and Mrs. Middleton.

ARABIC TRANSLATIONS (Enmore, R. C. Dixon). Mr. Narouz, an Egyptian school-teacher, is now sharing the translation of the Gospel Service into Arabic with Mr. Ibrahim. On Sunday, August 11, Mrs. Narouz and Mr. George Athan, a Greek who speaks five languages, openly confessed Jesus as their Saviour . . . Several Egyptian ladies have been attending the Ladies Evening Fellowship . . . Two young girls, Mona Roupheal and Michelle Whiting were recently baptized and received into fellowship . . . The church was saddened by the death of Sharon Flood. Sharon, 18, was baptized last year, and during the period of her illness bore a challenging witness to her faith . . . A Young People's Group has begun to meet on the third Friday of the month under the leadership of Daryl McLeod, a student at Woolwich B. C., and Brian Dixon.

BIBLE SOC. RALLY (Inverell). The annual Bible Society Rally had Ken Coulson as representative speaker. There was a fellowship tea, followed by slides in the hall, a combined service in the Baptist Church and an after-church fellowship . . . All windows down one side were broken by vandals recently . . . The C.W.F. is organising a concert and organ recital for August 30 . . . Manse Repair Fund is nearing \$1000 mark about 1/6 of amount needed . . . Hosea has been studied in Wednesday Evening Bible Study.

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN (Bexley North, P.A. Pitts) "All God's Children" with George Wood, now senior minister at Central Christian Church, Wichita, Kansas, U.S.A., were billeted with members of our church for the week of their successful Gospel Concerts and witness for the Lord in Sydney. Having the kids in our homes was a great spiritual blessing . . . 20 members attended a Lay Institute for Evangelism Seminar held recently at Stanwell Tops . . . Robert Hough, our Student Minister, from Padstow, is to marry Sylvia Lewis.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

FOUNDATION MEMBER DIES (Merredin/Bruce Rock, D. Good). Churches saddened at passing of Miss Hazel Bray, the first foundation member of the Merredin Church . . . Brian Walsh from World Christian Action spoke at Merredin . . . S.S. held a "fun night" of comedy films, games, and tea . . . Bible Society audio-visual "And Then There Was Wun", screened at both churches.

CLAPPS FAREWELLED (North Perth) Mr. and Mrs. Clapp are returning to Albany. A get-together after church, July 28, was held in appreciation of their ministry and a presentation was made . . . Frank Griffiths has accepted a part-time ministry . . . Pastors Bhonele and Bhalerao spoke at fellowship evening at Joondanna Village on the work in "Our India" . . . Leo Cox speaker Sunday morning . . . Sympathy extended to Graham How and family on the death of his mother.



TASMANIA

WOOLLEN RUGS (Margaret St., Launceston, M. Dean) Ten handmade woollen rugs were gratefully received by the Society for the Care of Crippled Children, and cartons of clothing and other items were sent to Aborigines Missions and New Hebrides . . . Miss B. Byard has been appointed Welfare Officer for the Blind and Deaf in Northern Tasmania . . . Winter School studies were well attended . . . Proceeds of a morning tea and a progressive dinner will aid Evening Fellowship project funds . . . The church has decided to inaugurate a pilot discussion group for Sunday evenings as a forerunner to further group action on Christian living and witness by means of the personal concern of committed Christians.

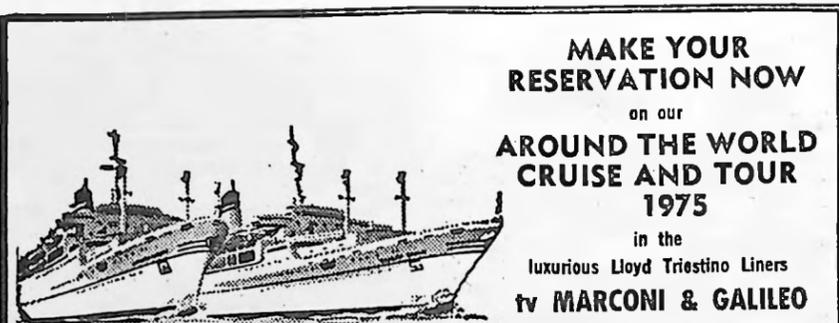


QUEENSLAND

FAMILY CAMP (Dapto, E. S. Holt). Dapto's first Family Camp was held at Stanwell Tops with seventeen families attending. Studies were led by Ron Kallmier, D.C.E. Director, and discussions followed. A sense of oneness was experienced as new and deeper friendships were formed . . . Five Girls' Brigadiers have made decisions. A member of the Dapto Red Cross visited our service on August 18 when Pastor Bhonele of the Bombay church preached . . . Dapto is joining with the other churches in the Wollongong area in a Discipleship programme in preparation for the Gordon Moyes Regional Mission to be held in the Town Hall next March.

JAY'S QUIZ

The Gospel of John. (See page 10)



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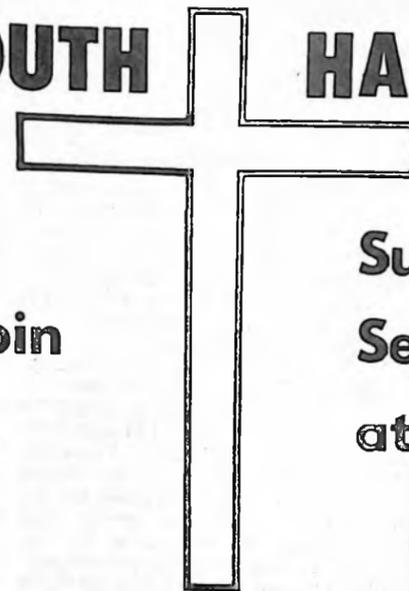
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VICTORIA

METHODIST MINISTER BAPTIZES (Kaniva, B. W. Brown). Miss Anne Morris of Broughton Methodists was baptized by Methodist student minister, Mr. Ken Gilson at the evening service on August 4. He also preached the sermon . . . At the guest service parades by Good Companions and Explorers were held. One from each group read the scripture lessons. A casserole luncheon followed . . . C.Y.F. visited Bordertown to hear George Wood and "All God's Children" choir . . . The church is deeply saddened by the passing of Don Williams and sympathy is expressed to his family.

MOTORBIKE AND PULPIT (Glen Waverley, R. B. Elbourne). Motorbike alongside pulpit at Youthquake and Christian cabaret . . . Over 1000 attend Family Life Movement Series . . . Recent speakers for "Features at Five" Alex Kenworthy, Mrs. A.E. White, Lowana Singers and Glenairs . . . Special sermon series on "What Hinders Prayer" . . . Dr. Keith Bowes has returned from World Convention in Mexico . . . 21st Anniversary celebrations in November . . . Church saddened by deaths of Mrs. Ashley and Miss Crystal.

SPEAKERS (Box Hill, K. R. Bond). Recent speakers have been Mr. Bhonsle from India at Gospel baptismal service; Mrs. Jean Ryan of "Little Peoples' Ass. of Australia" at C.W.E.F. and Y.P.S.C.E., Mrs. J. Reeder with the Mason Family Singers and Axios Group assisting . . . Explorers and Football Parade participated at Gospel service . . . C.W.F. held "Focus on Food" afternoon . . . Dianne Marchant welcomed home after thirteen months in U.S.A. . . . Bob Clare injured at football . . . Ron Watkins and Graeme Wigney welcomed back after illness.

MEETING (Red Hill, K. Denton). At the church annual meeting, July 28, K. Denton accepted church's request to continue his ministry through 1975. J. Kirby resigned at B.S. Supt. after 25 years and Mrs B. Wright resigns as B.S. Secretary after 23 years. J. Johnson was elected as B.S. Supt. and R. Smith re-elected Elder . . . At "Students' Night" evening service, Mike & Sue Kemeto from Swanston St. took part . . . Repres. from B. & F.B.S. spoke August 11.

SPEAKERS (Swan Hill, R. E. Pritchard). Recent speakers have been W. D. Mills (Peel St., Ballarat), Pastor, Balu Bhonsle (Bombay) and Peter and Pearl Sumner (Christian Foundation for the Blind) . . . Mr. and Mrs. F. Robertson, recently moved from Strathmore, are now meeting with church . . . Officers' Board plan to install extra heating in the chapel and sliding doors on baptistry.

PRAYER GROUPS (Swanston St., Melb. A. L. Webb). One of the most exciting sequels to the recent series of Gospel Concerts with the All God's Children Choir from U.S.A., has been the spontaneous emergence of prayer groups throughout the church to pray specifically for spiritual revival . . . Prayer meetings have taken on a new fervency and at times there has been standing room only . . . 6 new members have recently been welcomed into fellowship through faith and baptism . . . The One Way Coffee Inn continues to exercise a vital ministry . . . Wednesday evenings feature a Birds Eye View of Each Old Testament book.

COMBINED MISSION (Geelong, Latrobe Tce., N. Hodgekiss). Members of Thompson and the Terrace congregations are preparing for combined Mission Sept. 15-22 with Prayer Session, Friendship Evenings and visitations. Dr. Arnold Caldecott will be accompanied by Jim Cunningham and singing group "The Joytones" . . . Recent visit by Dr. Silas Hong of Underground Evangelism spoke of his work and screened film on China . . . Short session by Mrs. Hodgekiss and young people at Gospel Services is well received . . . Women's morning coffee in home of Dr. and Mrs. Morris was very successful . . . B.S. participated in morning worship August 11. Scholars read scripture lessons. Supt. Alan Carr leaves shortly with work party to New Guinea . . . Sympathy is expressed to relatives on death of Will Wally, a senior member of Terrace Church.

CITY SERVICE (Knoxfield, M. Pelling). The first combined service of churches in Rowville-Scoresby Ward was held in the foyer of the new Knox City Offices. It was followed by a tea and a tour of the offices . . . The theme for a family camp held at Mt. Eliza, June 28-30, was "Catch a New Wind". Each family made a kite and displayed it at church a fortnight later in a Camp Service . . . In June a forum on "Community Health" was led by John Bottomley . . . "Missions" was the theme when the Church School and Good Companions Club participated in the morning service on July 7 . . . A grant has been received from the Campbell Edwards Trust to relocate a hall from Boronia. It will be used by clubs, auxiliaries etc. which are at present using the chapel . . . A workshop in "self-awareness and Communications" was held on August 4.

LAY WITNESS (Manifold Heights, A. E. Stevens). Eight members were involved in a Lay Witness Mission at the Hobart church . . . Parties conducted in church homes and a social evening in the hall enabled members to enjoy fellowship together and become better acquainted . . . Gavin Mountjoy has been elected vice-president of the Christian Union at Melbourne University . . . Recent speakers at evening services were Pandrinath Bhalerao from India and Dr. and Mrs. Derek Moore of OMS International . . . Norman Mark preached at Hoppers Crossing on August 11.

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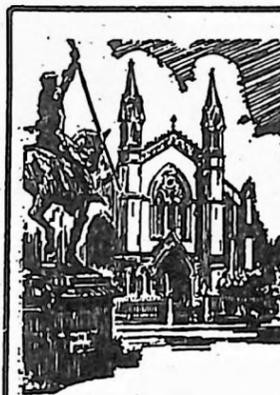
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