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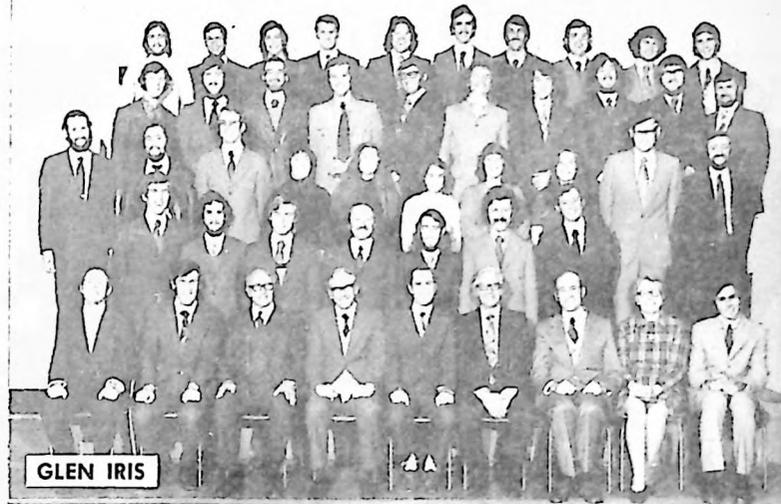
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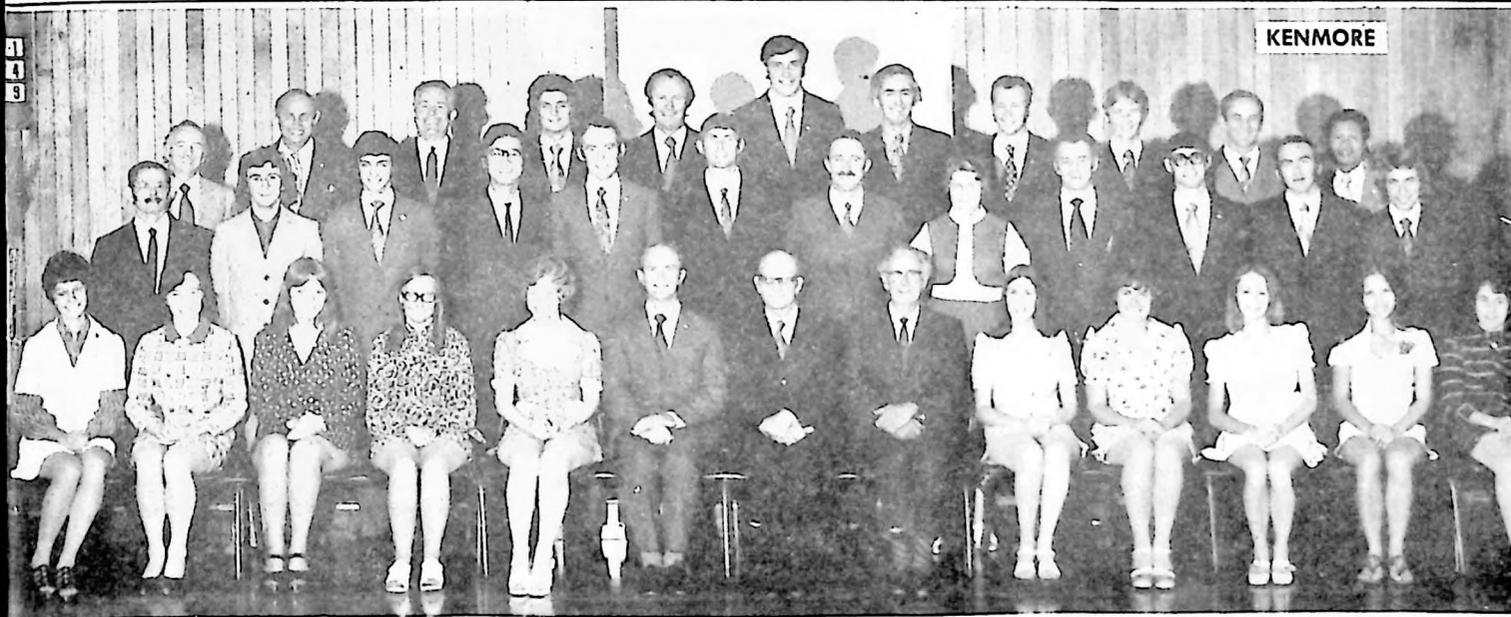
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GLEN IRIS



WOOLWICH



KENMORE

USING THE RESOURCES

BY DR. K. R. BOWES,
PRINCIPAL, COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE,
GLEN IRIS



D. BOWES

- Photos on Page 5
From top left—clockwise
1. Small group Worship.
 2. Downstairs to Lectures.
 3. Duty Squad
 4. Some "second years" in a student flat.
 5. Some "third years" at coffee.
 6. "Board" queue.
 7. A fourth year group.
 8. Some "first years" in the newspaper room.

"God has given us all the resources we need. Our responsibility is to use them wisely." This is the constant reminder in the New Testament.

When we consider Christian ministry, we think of the

SCRIPTURES

for here we have the unique and authoritative record by which the Church determines her ministry. We must know this indispensable resource—not just these parts we like best but the whole. We need also to become familiar with the background to Biblical times so that our interpretation is based on accurate evidence. Careful and consecrated study of the Scriptures is fundamental.

Ministry has to do with
PEOPLE
and we have found it exciting to use

people from various congregations in training students, especially in preaching. Fellow-students also have a tremendous influence on each other. Their commitment to Christ and His Church, prayer life, self-discipline, love for people and enthusiasm contribute greatly to the atmosphere in which training occurs. Everything which assists them to grow to spiritual maturity adds to the resources.

The term

ENABLER

is used today to describe the role of "the faculty". Their task is to enable students to learn. This involves clear presentation and mature guidance. It also involves the more difficult task of helping the student to use his own initiative and skills. Remember following his graduation, the minister has about 40 years during which

he must continue to grow, without the direct guidance of faculty.

Another important resource is to be used is the

BOOKS

the students read. God has spoken to the Church in past years and in other parts of the world, and it is through books (and films and tapes) that these insights are made available to us. When rightly used, books can become lively means of receiving help).

But basic to everything is the living
SPIRIT

of God. The great imperative is to be transformed by His power and to be directed by His will. Yes, we need to use our resources wisely, but it is more important to be used by Him who is the source of all our resources.

EXITS 1974



PETER NELSON
To Malvern-Sth. Yarra, Vic.



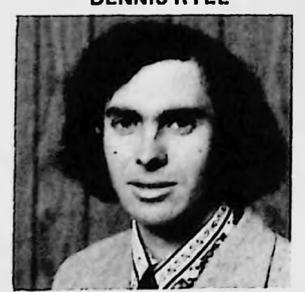
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DAVID BULLER



To Mt. Gambier, SA
RODNEY LLOYD



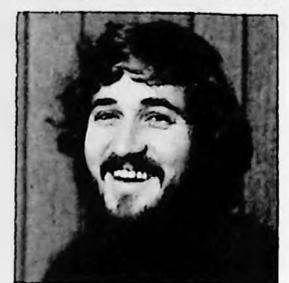
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To Nth. Turrumurra, NSW



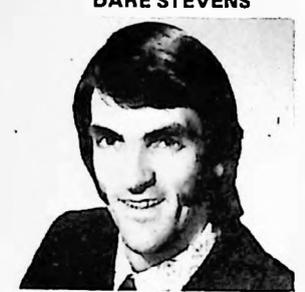
To Fremantle, WA
DENNIS RYLE



ALAN FLETCHER
To Bayswater, Vic.



GARTH NELSON
(Further Studies)



To Wangaratta, Vic.
DARE STEVENS



OPEN FORUM

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

HOSPITAL SUNDAY

To the Editor,
I commend the Hospital Sunday and Charities Appeal to all Melbourne churches.

In days of economic pressure giving for the needy tends to slacken off. But the needs are not less in bad days. They are often greater at such a time. Churches of Christ have a fine record of giving to others. Let's keep it up this year!

Gordon R. Stirling,
Conference President, Vic.-Tas.

THANKS FROM TRARALGON

To the Editor,
We, the undersigned, wish to publicly thank the members of the Churches at Bentleigh, Ormond and Blackburn.

Being the eastern-most congregation in Gippsland, Vic., we are in a missionary situation with a mission toward our town, and a ministry to the many members of Church of Christ isolated further east.

We are able to maintain our work only with the help of \$18 a week missionary giving from Bentleigh and \$10 a week from Ormond.

Without their continued assistance we could not continue our growth.

Blackburn Church recently gave us their encouragement award of \$3,000 to deduct from our building debt.

To all three Churches we would like to say thank you. We pray for God's blessing to continue with all our congregations.

Peter Humphries,
Secretary,

Traralgon Church of Christ
37 signatures attached.

JUDGING AND DISCERNMENT

To the Editor,
Gordon Stirling's puckish evaluation of the council of Churches revealed one basic weakness.

All deviations from the New Testament way have been led by those who enjoy the confidence and respect of the church. It would be impossible for someone, who obviously was bad or suspect, to influence other members of the church.

When the idea of infant sprinkling was introduced I can visualise the Gordon Stirlings of that day pointing out to the brethren that the Committee making the recommendation was headed by one gentleman who was so honest as to be naive and another dear old soul who kept dozing off from time to time.

There is one way, and one way only, for Christians to decide whether the Council of Churches is worthy of our support, and that is by the way in which it measures up to the teachings of the New Testament. If Christians had followed this course in the past we would all speak with the one voice and have the unified witness of all believers, and there

would be no need for an earthly umbrella organisation as is envisaged.

Owen Wainwright
Lismore, N.S.W.

HELP WANTED

To the Editor
It has been my good fortune to find a copy of your excellent little paper. I like the tone of the articles and the simplicity and logic appeal. These things are rare in religious papers.

I would welcome letters from any of your readers who would write to me and also from any who would patiently teach me this doctrine more fully.

I would most earnestly request someone to write me in order for me to find the truth as you people seem to have it.

Isolated and alone I seek the truth. Will someone please help me find it?

Jan Harman (Miss)
P.O. Box 78,
Airlie Beach, Qld, 4800.

CHANGING ISLANDS

To the Editor,
Ron McLean's report on the Changing Islands, "A.C." 24/8/74, regarding the New Hebrides was one of great interest to me. I visited Vila in the New Heb. while I was serving as Chaplain on the Sitmar Lines South Pacific Cruising Ship "Fairstar" earlier this year. I was

tremendously impressed with Pastor Amos and the vision he has of the work there and I was particularly thrilled to read that a bus will be bought for the Vila people to use both for their church and for tourism. The New Hebrides will be spoilt by the "ugly Australian" tourist, make no mistake about that!—but we can't put our heads in the sand and pretend it won't happen. I commend the quick action of the Overseas Mission Board in giving our Vila people a chance to provide for their own people and to

Correspondents are reminded that only signed letters can be accepted for Open Forum.

provide a qualitative service to the growing tourist trade. Perhaps in operating a Christian tour bus the magnificent quality of New Hebridian life can be shown by our brethren to the tourists, and just maybe Australians, Americans and the Japanese will learn something about natural environment and beauty.

I commend the Port of Vila to any South Pacific tourist—or any person who would like to go and live there and help the church.

I might also point out that Sitmar is the only shipping line carrying a Protestant Chaplain on these Pacific Cruises. Bob Smith and I are Chaplaincy Co-ordinators for Sitmar and last season 6 cruises were manned by Churches of Christ ministers who ministered non-denominationally to the 1200 passengers on each of "Fairstar" trips. We expect to do the same this year.

J. R. Bacik,
U.S.W.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

CHRISTIAN NONDESCRIPT

To the Editor,

I've come to the conclusion that I don't know what to call our "minister". He is not the Minister, because every Christian is a minister. You can't differentiate him from other ministers by calling him a full-time minister, because every Christian ministers full-time. You can't even call him a paid minister because the pay he receives has no relationship to the quality of his ministry or the time spent in it. He is not the evangelist or the preacher because he does many other things besides these things . . . and we are all sent to preach the gospel anyway. Some call him the pastor, but our whatever-you-call-him keeps reminding us that we are all involved in pastoral care for each other. You can't call him a priest because we believe in the priesthood of all believers. Some denominations call him a clergyman. But that sniffs of medieval, dog collared, clerical grey, floating through the community on cloud ninety-and-nine.

Padre was alright when we were in the army, but it's no good for civvy life. And after all it's the same word as the "R.C." term "Father", and that would never do. I thought of chaplain but the dictionary describes it as a "clergyman attached to an institution" and in some cases that may be too true to be comfortable. I put my problem to our "minister" ("full time", "paid" "preacher-pastor-evangelist", and occasional janitor). I said in the end, "Just what should we call you then?" He was most helpful! "Just call me Steve!" he said.

Is the editor of a religious journal still a stipendiary cleric?

TERTIUS

MINISTRY THE URGENT IMPERATIVE (Colleges of Ministry in Australia)

COVER PHOTOS

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE, GLEN IRIS

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Absent: P. Matthews, M. Suter, G. Beel.

JIM CUNNINGHAM'S FAREWELL

(Toowoomba, Qld). Margaret Street congregation recently farewelled their associate youth minister, Jim Cunningham. Packed services indicated the love and esteem in which he has been held.

J.C.—U.S.A.'s ministry has stimulated the inner workings of Margaret Street to such a degree that it is impossible to envisage the church without a youth minister. His successor, Nolan Head, and wife, Jill, from Lincoln College, Illinois, are due to arrive early September.

Presentations were made by Jim Cunningham, at his farewell, to individuals with whom he had worked. The youth arranged their own farewell with a banquet at the Canberra Motel.

The church presented him with 500 dollars together with the car he had been using in the interests of his church work — enabling him to free-lance before returning to America.

Recently Jim Cunningham announced his engagement to Miss Le-Anne Harth, Toowoomba, who has since left to do a short-term course at Platte Valley Bible College, Nebraska.

MARGARET ST. CONGREGATION
Presenting Car at farewell.



LEPROSY IN NEW GUINEA

The Leprosy Mission is seeking medical personnel in the way of male or female nurses for their work in Papua New Guinea.

Recently an agreement was signed between the mission and the New Government in Papua New Guinea, wherein the Mission will consolidate its present work in the southern highlands by the addition of further ex-patriate nurses and national staff. This will then enable the Mission to accept the full responsibility of leprosy control throughout the whole of the southern highlands, in which work they will continue to receive assistance from Government personnel.

In addition to their existing programme of work in the centres of Tari, Mendi, Nipa and Ialibu in the southern highlands, the Mission will open up similar programmes in Madang, Rabaul and Lae. Further ex-patriate nurses are required for these new works, which will include the oversight of leprosy work in general hospitals, clinic and out-patient work, domiciliary treatment, and the training of national medical workers in leprosy.

Successful applicants will receive specialized leprosy training for a period of several months at one of the Mission's overseas centres in South-East Asia, which will enable them to enter Papua-New Guinea as fully trained leprosy workers, and to carry out the duties they will be required to perform.

Further information may be obtained through the Mission's Head Office, 174 Collins Street, Melbourne, 3000.

LOWANNA SINGERS

"CAVALCADE OF MUSIC"

WED. OCT. 2., 8p.m.

See WHITE PAPERS P.13

• OVERSEAS MISSIONS
TRAINING PROGRAMMES
— PAPUA NEW GUINEA
 By R. S. McLEAN

Emphasis is being given in our Papua New Guinea work to instructing new converts and training people for Christian leadership. August Ben reports that 36 men attended a Bible School which was recently held at Tsumba.

The Bible Schools are usually held for two or three weeks. At the weekends, the men divide into five teams and move out to take services in different areas. Two new discipleship classes have commenced in the Keram River area. A women's Bible School was held at Bunam August 17-21.

A Theological Education by Extension Workshop was conducted at Bunam, August 19-21. T.E.E. is a method of theological education which does not interrupt the learner's productive relation to society. It enables many people to be theologically trained who would be unable to attend a residential Bible College for financial or family reasons.

This also means that the student continues in the social system of his culture. It prevents the break with village life that C.L.T.C. students suffer, and the learning of a different way of living that can be a barrier to such students even where they desire to return to a village situation. If they do return they experience difficulty in readjusting.

Formats of T.E.E. that have been used in other places:

1. Self-teaching materials are used by students at home during the week. Examples of self-teaching texts are study guides, work books and progress programmed instruction.
2. A tutorial or seminar meeting is held once a week. These meetings give opportunity for testing; discussion of the week's work and its application to local needs, introduction to work of the next week; fellowship; enrichment, etc.

T.E.E. programmes assist in the training of Christian leaders and in providing materials and teaching methods that can be applied in congregations.

At the workshop held at Bunam, participants (Missionaries and New Guineans) were exposed to some educational principles (in pidgin); T.E.E. programmes in Honduras, Chile, Bolivia, Columbia and Zambia; different types of self study materials; and programmed instruction.

In addition, some T.E.E. courses, and ways of implementing them were considered.

R. McLean

JAY'S
FOR
JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

The Bible has many stories of folk who started out in life without much hope of doing well. One was a slave boy who became prime minister of the greatest nation then in existence. Who was he? (See page 18).

SECOND DIAGNOSIS

Reporter: "Doctor, did you ever make a serious mistake in your practice?"

Doc.: "Yes. Once I cured a millionaire in just three visits."

Sound Policy

Rich relatives learn to be loan deaf
 And pop song composers are tone deaf,
 And fathers with high school-age daughters
 Soon learn to be doorbell and phone deaf.

EDITH OGUTSCH

Tim: So this is a battle of wits between you and me, eh?

Tom: No, I never attack a man who is unarmed.

SPOONERISM: RIPPING SLUGS

If there are small flugs on your rore which are hazards to liff and lime, just sew a used rubber rarr jing underneath at each of the core forners. Thereafter, slow nipping and no boaken broans.

Urbanite: "What time do you go to work?"

Rural Resident: "Man, I don't go to work—I'm surrounded by it."

Scope



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 October 31. (Soon: A competition for boys and girls in Victoria and Tasmania).

AFRICAN CHURCHMAN IN AUSTRALIA

A Maasai tribesman who tended cattle till he was 15 and went on to become a leader in his country will visit Australia in October.

He is the Reverend John Mpaayei of Kenya, who worked his way from illiterate herdsman to being the first member of his tribe to earn an M.A. from Cambridge.

A national figure and world Bible Society personality, he was offered an ambassadorship by the Kenyan Government in 1963 but turned it down because he was 'already an ambassador for someone else'.

Mr. Mpaayei will visit all States and the A.C.T. for the Bible Society in Australia. He is Chairman of the United Bible Societies General Committee and Africa Regional Committee, and is training as a translation consultant.

He has lived through an exciting time in the history of his country. A time which saw the violence of Mau Mau terrorists, political troubles, fears between one tribe and another, independence and, now, peace largely wrought by Christians.

"The one thing that has brought peace after that kind of upheaval is not the police, it isn't the army, it is Christian people realising they are the peacemakers.

BOOKS & FILMS

"YOU ARE PROMISE"

by Martin E. Marty. Argus Communications. The title intrigued me. "You are Promise" teases the imagination with visions of future development as a person who has a basic commitment to life and Christ. I was not disappointed. There were no neat answers suggested and I was glad for that. Rather I was personally helped to face the possibilities for my own growth, the threats to personal meanings and some hints for the way forward to realise my potential as a human being who shares the author's basic commitment to Christ.

As one who has grown tired of books which give anything from 4 to 40 steps to becoming the ideal christian, person or Jesus freak, I welcomed the honest searching of possibilities in Marty's book. I was also pleased by the format of the book. It was written while Marty and his extended family of friends and children were on summer vacations on an island retreat. The delightful full page sketches suggest both the dilemmas and the possibilities of life. I recommend this book to give support to those who believe in the possibilities of life and also for those who, from time to time, are tempted to despair and give up on themselves.

FILM REVIEWS

MARIJUANA. A modern film on Drugs with tremendous impact in the way it is presented. Police break up a party of young people smoking Marijuana. As each is taken to the police van they shout their views on marijuana. The film stops there and examines each young person's statement, such as—"It's not habit-forming!"—in a factual manner, without moralising. The facts speak for themselves. Well worth using with adolescent to adult. Available from the State Film Centre. Screening time approx. 20 min. (colour).

A TIME FOR DECISION. A business man, under tremendous pressure from home and work finds his only way of getting through the day is a quick drink now and then. Film works through his deterioration and how the wife finally makes the first move towards helping the situation. Suitable for older youth to adult. Available from the State Film Centre. Screening time approx. 20 min. (colour).

—J.J.W.

HOW TO GROW A CHURCH

By Donald A. McGavran and Win Arn. (Regal) \$2.95

Your Church can grow. Dr. McGavran is emphatic that: where there is a living church and non-Christian people, there is also opportunity for growth.

However, to grow, a church must become 'growth-conscious'. Unless churches think growth, plan growth, pray and work for growth, growth is unlikely to occur.

This book is designed to develop a growth mentality in the mind of the reader. It is for those whose church is not growing and for those not happy with the 'status quo'. It will certainly whet your appetite for growth.

It is written in a very easy to read style of conversations about church growth between Win Arn, an expert in Christian communications and Dr. Donald McGavran, ex "Disciples" missionary who is now a leader in the Church Growth Movement.

The co-authors discuss growth at length — the principles of growth, roadblocks and hindrances, how to measure it, leadership and the recruiting and training of laymen for optimal growth.

They also look at the characteristics of growing churches —

the early church, city, suburban and new churches and churches in changing areas.

This book is for men and women who will say: "The growth of the church is my business, and I'm going to do something about it."

Brian White.

CHURCH GROWTH TODAY

By R. S. A. McLean (S.A. Home Missions Dept.) 50c

If you have had that feeling that the church is declining, here is a study guide that will help you and your people. Written in preparation for the South Australian Home Missions Centenary next year, under the inspiration and guidance of Ron McLean, the S.A. Conference President, the booklet is in two volumes, called Church Growth Today. Mr. McLean pours out his confidence that the recession is over and we are on the edge of a massive new era of church expansion. In the first series there are six studies. Their quality varies. In some aspects they are locally-oriented, but can be adapted. The first series will be suggested for study in the Spring of 1974. The second series will be suggested for study early in 1975. If you have a concern for Church Growth, as a Biblical concept, in relation to harnessing the energies of members in outreach, order from The Churches of Christ Bookroom, 104 Grote St., ADELAIDE, 5000. Just 50c for the 2 booklets (12 studies).

—E.W.H.

PRAYING TODAY

By Norman Pittenger (Eerdmans).

This paperback is not an argument for prayer. The author has argued the case for prayer in another book, "God's Way With Men" (Judson Press). Here Dr. Pittenger is concerned to make suggestions for the actual practice of prayer. This he does effectively and the book could well serve as discussion material to promote effective prayer in private, in groups, and in church worship.

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



"It's an anniversary gift from your wife—at the end of your sermon a cuckoo pops out!"

MAORIS WITNESS



This happy team from the Maori Evangelical Fellowship in New Zealand are seen at Doncaster after they had led their two morning services. Superb singing and telling testimony gave the services a special touch of Christian charm.

Mitcham Church of Christ hosted the team during their Melbourne stay and freed their minister to carry out the programme of engagements.

Such places as Melbourne High Assembly, Mitcham and Boronia Assemblies opened them to thousands of Youth to hear God's message in song and word.

Radio broadcasts from Wesley Church reached many and TV even more. Contact with Aborigines was arranged to

give the advantage of developments across the Tasman to our own indigenous work. Dallas Brooks Hall venue for "Open Up" gave them a wider cross section.

Pastor Bill Williams who has led this work for 15 years now is accompanied by his wife Ruth. Alongside them are Mr. and Mrs. Waaka and the Tepania sisters, Hilda, Nellie and Eliza.

Among their 17 Fellowships they support 15 full time workers.

Ballarat combined to make a special evangelical effort from their visit. Other Churches of Christ to use them were Blackburn who had a delightful social of Maori action songs, etc., Swanston Street and Wattle Park, Surrey Hills, Maryborough, Oakleigh, Northcote and Ringwood.

Ross McLean

DEATH OF JIM WARD

The death occurred on Sept. 8 of W. James Ward, President of Conference of Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand.

Mr. Ward was a student at Glen Iris in 1924-25. He was prominent in N.Z.'s Northern Union churches and gave long and faithful support to the brotherhood, brotherhood.

Harold Bischoff, N.Z. General Secretary, advises that Mr. Ward will be succeeded as President by Geoffrey H. Benjamin.

HOW SHOULD SUNDAY BE KEPT?

In these days of change, the observance of Sunday as a holy day has not been left untouched. One result is that Sabbatarianism has lost any appeal it may once have had. But there are principles regarding a Christian's observance of Sunday which remain true. These are set forth in a leaflet prepared by the Sunday Christian Observance Council, which comprises representatives appointed by major communion. Supplies of these leaflets will be made available gratis on application to the secretary, whose name and address appear in the advertisement in this issue.

Ross McLean

WORD TALK No. 104

The original meaning came from one who bandaged wounds. In the O.T. there is very little said about the physician, for the priest was also the healer and, with the mid-wife (Ex.1:15-16), was responsible for community health. Mid-wives were competent people who could handle difficult births with skill. Consider the mid-wife who turned the baby during the breech birth of twins in Gen. 38:27-30. Disease in the Hebrew tradition was not fought by magic but was regarded as a result of a person's relationship with God. There were strong laws concerning community health. God was the healer (Exo.15:26) and the physician was literally the one who sewed together and bandaged. The earliest surgery was circumcision in Abraham's time. Flints were used as scalpels.

In the Apocrypha there is a great description of a foreign-trained physician at work (Ecclus.38:1-15).

In the N.T. Jesus quoted proverbs that complimented the healer's skill (Matt.9:12). He was seen as the Great Physician. The word Saviour means both the saviour from sin and the healer of the body. The power of Jesus over sickness was a description of his power over sin. Faith was integral to healing (Luke 7:50; Mark 5:34).

Luke, "The Beloved Physician" (Col.4:14) showed by his use of medical terms both in the Gospel and in Acts that he was well educated in the Greek medical skills, possibly a Graduate of the famous Medical School of Tarsus, the home of Paul. Some expositors, however, show that his use of medical terms was not beyond that of a highly educated non-medical Greek of his day.

In the Apostolic Church healers were part of the team ministry (1 Cor.12:28). James (5:13-16) outlines the procedures for anointing the sick.

FOR TODAY

Mark's sideways comment (not found in Luke or on A.M.A. publications!) that the haemorrhaging woman "had suffered much under many physicians and had spent all she had, and was no better but rather somewhat worse" is a statement of fact, a common depreciation of the fine work done by physicians on people with impossible illnesses, and a reminder that in this day, when belief in the magic of the pill equals that of primitive superstition, that the physician is not omnipotent.

Galen, 2nd C. physician to the Emperor Marcus Aurelius, who healed mental illness with the first application of shock therapy, also spoke of the task of all physicians: "It is God who heals, I bandage the wounds".

Many of the words that people use of illness today e.g. affliction, blow, plague, scourge, show how strong the traditional belief still is that suffering is a divine punishment. Both medicos and ministers have a task to educate people in an understanding of suffering. The magnificent Hippocratic Oath, a basis for medical ethics, should also be taken by pastors as a basis for their pastoral care. Ministers, please note and inwardly digest.

The missionary field is an outstanding illustration of the great work done by the physicians who have gone in the name of the Great Physician. We pay tribute to these doctors and nurses who on the frontiers of the faith have brought health and salvation. (See W.T. 54).

There is still an urgent need for the priest-healer. Many illnesses have mental, emotional and spiritual causes that are not eradicated by the scalpel or a prescription. The word "salvation" means healing and it implies a healthy and unified person, physically, mentally, socially and spiritually. The work of salvation is making men whole.

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Join us on October 2. We'll all be there! See advert. on page 18.

MINISTERS AND THEIR WIVES TOGETHER!!

On Monday, Oct. 7, the Vic. Ministers' and Ministers' Wives Association will hold special sessions at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris. See page 22 for advertisement.

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Nine students under the leadership of G. R. F. Ellis visited our Churches at Roma, Mt. Isa, Mareeba, Cairns, Townsville and Charters Towers over the vacation period of three weeks. The churches have been greatly heartened by fellowship, teaching, and inspiration.

S.A. & N.S.W. BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

Sunday school teachers in South Australia and New South Wales are asked to encourage their scholars to enter Jay's Competition. Closing October 31. See page 10, this issue.

OPPORTUNITY SHOP

(Vic.) The Opportunity Shop at Croydon made its annual distribution of funds recently.

A cheque for \$1500 was handed to Mr. Bannon, Mayor of the City of Croydon, towards the High School Chaplaincy Fund. A cheque for \$1000 was presented to Alan Jenkins on behalf of the Aborigines Mission Board, to be used for the hire of a plane for outlying areas in W.A. The Social Service Dept. received a similar amount to support underprivileged people of Melbourne.

The work of the Shop represents a great achievement. It is staffed mainly by five grandmothers, with assistance from other helpers.

E. W. TAYLOR FAREWELLED

(Devonport, E. W. Taylor). A family tea was held as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and Mark. A large gathering attended. Representatives from all Churches of Christ in Tasmania and from other groups spoke of the great work of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor in Tasmania. Presentations were made. On Aug. 7 church ladies held a coffee morning to farewell Mrs. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor spoke of experiences during 15 years ministry. Flowers were presented. Members and friends gathered at the terminal to see Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and Mark on their way to Wagga Wagga . . . Y.P. went to Cradle Mountain.

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D. G. HAMMER TO U.S.

Mr. Hammer, lecturer in Theology, Church history, and Missions at Kenmore Christian College, will be travelling with Mrs. Hammer to California, U.S., for further studies at Fuller Theological Seminary, where Donald McGavran, one of our American brethren, has headed the School of World Mission and Church growth for many years. Mr. Hammer has been granted leave of absence from the College without financial support and expects to be away for nine months.

During the first Semester, 1975, Colin McCosker, B. Econ. from Warwick will lecture in Mr. Hammer's absence.

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INDIAN MINISTERS IN VICTORIA

Balu Bhonsle and Pandrinath Bhalerao spent two months in Australia following their participation in the 'Seminar on Evangelism' in Singapore. In 14 days they fulfilled over 30 speaking appointments, nine of which they attended together.

In the city there was concentration on four area rallies. Some disappointment was felt when planners found out that the notice sent out five weeks beforehand did not get through to the congregations. Two of the rallies only had 40 in attendance at each, but the last one saw the Ormond church full. These men made a great impact, and their challenge came through strongly. If we think they need less help nowadays we are mistaken, for their need for funds and encouragement is as great (or greater) than ever before.

They also spent a full day at the new brotherhood centre showing an interest in every area of our work, as well as claiming the time most valuable for the knowledge of administration they gained.

Some free time had been planned to allow for rest, but these men were so enthusiastic that they spent this time on research. Pandrinath visited the headquarters of the 'Gospel Film Ministry' as he uses this avenue of proclamation.

They visited the College of the Bible for the devotional period and the missionary lecture, but finished spending all the afternoon (and another half-day) in the library. Eagerly they delved through the historical section, especially 'The Australian Christian', for information on the development of Australian missions in India. Balu was most excited over a letter (in 'A.C.') confirming activities of his grandfather of which he had previously only vaguely known. He will be a very satisfied man as he shows the photostat copies to family and friends back home.

On the lighter side . . . Bob Baxter of Briar Hill offered to take Pandrinath to the zoo. It was an extremely wet day but nothing could stop Pandrinath as he saw animals which he had never seen before. It may be a myth, but someone said that as a very wet Pandrinath stood looking at

PROJECT NORSEMAN

To aid Sonny Graham, Supt. of Norseman Mission, obtain his goals, the S.A. Aborigines' Missions Committee is planning work parties. The first one will be in January, 1975.

Tradesmen required are: Bricklayer, Carpenter, Plumber and welding engineer, and an electrician.

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Mr. Bhonsle and Mr. Bhalerao visit S.H. Wilson, Vic.-Tas. Conference secretary.

a very wet giraffe they did not know who had the longest neck.

Appreciation is expressed to the hosts, and all who contributed to this time of sharing and fellowship.

We pray for God's blessing on these men as they go back to their homes. Balu Bhonsle is the pastor to the church in Bombay, a city of over 12 million people and growing rapidly. In addition he has been teaching in a nearby High School. Pandrinath Bhalerao, on the other hand, is pastor to the rural churches of the Shirginda area, acts as assistant secretary to the Conference, and promotes the literature programme.

TASMANIAN LIFE LINE

A minister of religion, who has arts and divinity degrees, and a diploma of mechanical and electrical engineering, has been appointed Chairman of Life Line in Hobart.

He is Mr. Don Stewart, minister of the Churches of Christ, Hobart, who was chairman of Life Line in the La Trobe Valley, Victoria, for three-and-a-half years, and on the committee for four years.

Mr. Stewart said he was convinced Life Line had a unique role to play in helping people because it could be available to them in the midst of a crisis, 24-hours a day, every day of the year. He said he recognised the vital role of the board and looked forward to its work in the future.

The president of Life Line said in the 10 months the service had been operating in Hobart it had received 2,700 telephone calls.

NEW MINISTER (Nubeena). The pastor-elect, David Bailey, and his wife, Sue, are expected in mid-January and the new Manse, hopefully, will be ready for occupation when they arrive. David Bailey visited us in August.

INNER SPRINGS

I AM ESCAPED . . .



After probing and tinkering around my teeth for some moments, the dentist announced his verdict. "No they are pretty good. I think you can escape me this time". With ill-concealed relief I almost bounded from the chair. I am glad the dentist is there, but gladder still when I have no need of his services.

As I followed the steps leading to the outside world I recalled something written long ago in the book of Job, "I am escaped by the skin of my teeth". And I could not help wondering as I often do, how many times I have escaped, all unknown to me, some hidden danger, some crippling accident to body or mind by the "skin of my teeth", or more fittingly as I believe, by the tender mercy of God.

It is so easy to say "why me?" when tragedy overturns our world, but less easy it seems to say "why me?" when we walk and dwell in safety. I wonder, how many times might you not have escaped but for His timely intervention? Such questions are not easily answered, but surely it is a matter for which we should be daily thankful. "Gratitude is the memory of the heart", writes one. But it is much more. For my part it keeps me mindful of dangers both past and present, which in turn serves to protect me, in part at least, from my own carelessness and that of others. It also keeps me sensitive to a Loving Father's care, a fact which I have no right to forget.

What did I ask for but Thou gavest?
What could I more desire?
But thankfulness, even all my days,
I humbly this require.

Thy mercies, Lord, have been so great,
In number numberless
Impossible for to recount
Or any way express.

PRAYER: Gracious Lord, forgive us our ingratitude for all Thy tenderness and watchful care. May we never be too busy to lift our hearts in thanksgiving for all Thy benefits. Amen.

FLORENCE ROSIER



VICTORIA

A.B.V. TELECAST (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes). Gordon Moyes was welcomed back from his overseas visit just in time for the ABV telecast on Channel 2. The replay will be during September. This was the first time the church service had been televised and our only trouble was in accommodating everyone . . . Edna and Eric Whytecross have returned from Europe after seeing daughter Pam perform very successfully on the tennis circuit . . . The church farewelled Mr. and Mrs. Ray McKenzie after their brief interim ministry during our pastor's visit to the World Convention . . . The Covenant Players kept members in their seats for 2½ hours with thrilling, dramatic, episodes of the gospel . . . Frank Le Page, third generation member of the church, was re-elected to Moorabbin council . . . Section 7 tennis team won grand final, all other teams in their sections only making it to the semis. **"UNIQUE PERSON"** (Traralgon, W. D. Hamilton). At the Evening Workshops we are studying "The Unique Person of Christ." . . . Annual business meeting followed morning service and commenced with luncheon. Those elected to Board were M. Gray, P. Humphries, P. Smithers, L. Reed, and D. Preston . . . Mrs. Holloway of Social Services Dept. was recent speaker . . . Monthly stamp club is well attended . . . Mrs. J. Preston is

C.W.F. President and Mrs. M. Reed is secretary . . . Mr. Hamilton spoke recently at Churchill Co-Operating Churches' service.

VISIT TO SHEPPARTON (F. L. Van Laar). Lorraine Bertram and West Preston young people took part in a "Whale Inn Night" in August and Lorraine told of her Indian trip at Girls' Sunday service . . . The Wittick family led morning worship in a "Church and Family" service . . . An excellent response has been made to food parcel for Hazel Skuce in India . . . Ladies made 225 gifts for Melb. hospitals on gift day . . . Jim Carr and Max Gowty dazzled all at S.S. camp at Caniambo.

STUNT MOTOR CYCLE TEAM (Maryborough, I. Adams). Coffee Shop was run for "The Apostles Stunt Motor Cycle Team" who were in Maryborough to take part in the Wattle Festival. The team conducted the evening service on Sept. 1 . . . Ladies conducted coffee morning to welcome the Maori team. At night the Mayor (Cr. Drake) welcomed them to the City . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leach entertained a number of members on the occasion of the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Stirling . . . Choir took part in St. Arnaud's 70th Anniversary . . . Mrs. Bryant has returned to her home after many weeks hospitalisation . . . Jumble Sale raised nearly \$200.

ARCHAEOLOGY FILM (Box Hill, K. R. Bond). Film at Gospel service "Archaeology and the Living New

world today is in desperate need for the love, understanding, sweetness and forgiving spirit which characterised her life. We extend sympathy to her family—Lin, Doug, Jean, Gwen, Enid, Narey, Keith and Margaret.

—L.C.

JENNER Alice Millicent. Alice Millicent Jenner died suddenly on May 4, 1974, in her 82nd year. As Alice Hider she was baptised by the late Will H. Clay in a mission at Colac in 1912. At this time she met Herbert Leslie Jenner (who was also baptised at that mission), and they were married in 1916 by Mr. Clay in the Swanston St. Church. For a number of years she moved around Victoria with her husband who was a relieving Station Master with the Victorian Railways. In 1930 their membership was transferred from Colac to the Essendon Church. Mrs. Jenner was a very active worker in the auxiliaries of the church, in particular the C.W.A.F. and C.W.T.U. She was a woman with a clear and definite style of life, and yet gentle, kind in every way, and an inspiration and encouragement to all who knew her. A memorial service was conducted by the writer in the Essendon Church. She leaves a husband, H. L. Jenner, a daughter Jean (Mrs. George Miller) and three sons Keith, Eric and Trevor.

—C. S. Badcock.

We regret the delay in printing the obituary notice for Mrs. Jenner. It was received in good time but was lost whilst being relayed to the printer.

PIPER, George Leslie. On July 29, 1974 the Church at Seven Hills, N.S.W., was saddened at the death of a loved and respected member at the good age of 90 years. As a child he came to Seven Hills with his parents and spent 87 years in the district. The church was commenced when he was six and at

Testament" . . . F. Cronin of Social Welfare Dept. spoke at C.W.E.F. when film concerning Foster-Care was screened . . . Peter and Pearl Sumner, blind Christians, assisted at C.W.F. combined thanksgiving night . . . Y.P. attended camp at Mitcham . . . Groceries for C.O.B. kitchen donated by C.W.F. . . . Conference travellers welcomed back from Mexico . . . House and Church meetings being held on behalf of Dr. Derek and Laurelei Moore prior to their going out on mission work in Ecuador . . . Mrs. Street welcomed back after long illness.

HIGH MISSIONARY GIVING (Swanston St., A. L. Webb). Missionary giving is at an all-time high — \$14,000 for the year to date . . . During past month, 13 new members have been welcomed into fellowship, making 30 for the year . . . The women's prayer cells continue to make a vital impact on church life . . . The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Riverlie Wescombe, who had been in active fellowship for over 20 years . . . Mrs. Macnaughton, wife of a former minister, and Mrs. Webb, wife of present minister, have both been hospitalised . . . Mr. & Mrs. Goss have terminated their services as church caretakers after eight years of faithful ministry. They will continue in membership.

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the age of fourteen he was baptized in a local creek. It was a rainy day and with his characteristic sense of humour he would recall how the rain stopped long enough for the baptism to take place and thus he was not sprinkled! He continued in fellowship and in 1905 was elected secretary of the church and continued in office until 1973. This represents a record period of 68 years of unbroken service as church secretary. Mr. Piper presided, read, served as a Deacon and then Elder and was for 40 years B.S. superintendent. His whole life was built around the church. He was the kind of person who would never give up. Even when only a handful remained after removals he continued faithful and it was due to his steadfastness that the church continued to witness. In 1919 he married Annie Hall of Nth. Williamstown church. Upon settling with Seven Hills Mrs. Piper became church organist and served for 46 years. Theirs was a wonderful partnership in the Lord. George Piper was a hard working man. In the 1930's he gradually turned his hobby—bees—into a successful business, "Hazeldean Honey." He was often called the "honey man". At the funeral service in the church chapel, by the writer, mention was made of splendid support and encouragement given to the minister. Though well advanced in years he was alert and active. He attended all services of the church without fail and the monthly officers' meeting. He was interested in every part of the church's work and gave generously as the need arose. Our sympathy is extended to his daughter, Joyce, who is also very much a part of the Lord's work. It is with thankfulness that we remember the years of service which he rendered. We shall miss him, but he is with the Lord, which is far better. He could truly say with Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

—B.R.

CHURCH NEWS

TELOPEA GOES BAPTIST!

(N.S.W.) Faced with the problem of having to find new accommodation whilst our new Child Care Centre-Chapel Complex is being constructed, the Telopea congregation has accepted the invitation of the Dundas Baptist congregation to worship with them each Sunday. Begun on the second week in August it will continue until December when Telopea's buildings will be completed. Jay Bacik, Church of Christ minister, is serving as minister to both congregations as the Baptist folk are temporarily without a pastor.

A few compromises have been made by both groups e.g. the Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday morning and an offering is taken at the evening service as well as the morning—both congregations are enriched by these forced changes! Auxiliaries are being accommodated in other buildings: Girls' Brigade and Senior Citizens at the Telopea Baptist church, Boys' Brigade and Kindergarten Sunday School at St. Stephen's Anglican, the latter combining with the Church of England classes.

MEDICAL SERVICE (Horsham R. Roberts). Medical and Nursing profession members took gospel service on Aug. 26. Dr. Howard Gray was chairman and Dr. David Friebel of Kerang was preacher. Nurses took part by reading, singing and giving testimonies, then took up special offering of \$80 for Wimmera Base Hospital Building Appeal. A fellowship hour of singing followed . . . A gift of \$50 has been sent to Aboriginal Pastor to train an aboriginal worker for evangelism among his own people . . . A fund has been opened for new organ . . . 3 separate sessions for prayer are held on Saturdays for Revival and nation . . . New Mayor has called on the churches for prayer . . . On Sept. 8 group of young people conducted a service and Coffee Shop at Nhill Salvation Army.

MINISTER FOR 1975 (Malvern-Caulfield). Peter Nelson, exit student C.O.B. has accepted invitation to ministry for three years commencing 1975 . . . Current ministry team, Bill Tabbermee, David Buller and Niel McCrae are on part-time basis. Niel McCrae is working on youth project and will continue in 1975 with Peter Nelson. The church encouraged by forward moves in ministry and youth work and looks forward to period of growth . . . Support by Dept. H.M. & E. through work of Barry Jenkins is greatly appreciated.

INTERIM ENDS (Hurstbridge). Ralph Ashley of the Evangelical Missionary Alliance, served with the church for several months before going to Peru on missionary service . . . The Baptist Men's Society has been serving the church with two speakers each Sunday . . . C.W.F. stall yielded \$101 . . . Missionary Project reached target of \$1000 two months ahead of time . . . Church saddened by the death of Mrs. Ellen Seakis at Churches of Christ Nursing Home.



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ENGAGEMENTS

HADEN-DARLING. Rose and Ron Haden, West Footscray, together with Sadie and Jim Darling, West Sunshine, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of Glenda and Jim.

DEATHS

ATKINS Olive. On August 28th (suddenly) dearly loved sister of Merle and Bert Watson; dear aunt of Bev., Peggy, Richard and Geoffrey (deceased). A saint called home.

BALE Alice Evelyn. On August 22 at Austin Hospital, Melb., late of 79 Leopold Street, South Yarra, Vic., youngest daughter of the late John and Alice Bale. Loving sister of Jack, Dorrie (Mrs. Robinson) and Alma (Mrs. Simcos), dearly loved friend of Ida Smith and much loved member of the Church at South Yarra. In God's care.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY (Bordertown, R. Combridge). 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.

RACISM STUDIED (Col. Light Gardens, R. V. Holmes). Adult group combined with Youth 3 for studies on "Racism" based on Radio University course . . . C.W.F. August meeting featured Mexico . . . Golden Jubilee celebrations are planned for next year . . . Winter Programme featured a monthly film with House Fellowships the following week to discuss issues raised . . . A Discipleship Class is in progress . . . Small group studies in co-operation with Congregational Church are being arranged . . . Youth 3 Class conducted entire morning service . . . Boys' and Girls' Basket Ball teams all reached semi-finals or finals.

BACK TO LIBYA (Wampony, R. Combridge). Gordon Brown has returned to Libya for three months to assist the government there in a major land development programme . . . The annual meeting decided to purchase a tape recorder for the Eventide Hospital Tape Ministry . . . Mrs. Audrey Hunt is convalescing in Adelaide . . . 80 copies of a new hymn book have been ordered . . . At C.W.F. Miss Robyn Haskell outlined the work of the Home Missions Dept.

GREEK OBSERVERS (Unley, W. J. Philp). Folk from the Greek S.S. have visited our S.S. to observe out teachers at work . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Bartlett have been welcomed into fellowship . . . Many of our number have been restored to health and Mrs. Leita Bowes is making

good progress after severe fractures sustained in a fall.

FAREWELLS (Maylands, N. S. Moore). Mr. & Mrs. Chivell concluded their interim ministry on Sept 1. The church thanked them for their ministry . . . Ross Atwell was farewelled on leaving for N.G. He was presented with \$200 to help with expenses. Ross was farewelled as he boarded the "Overland" for Melbourne to join the workparty for NG. . . . Many church members are studying the booklet "Jesus Christ for Today" by William Barclay . . . Girls' Netball team B grade, and Boys' E grade Basketball team won premierships honors . . . Dr. Chae of Korea has expressed thanks for money received to purchase bikes for preachers . . . Mr. & Mrs. Moore and other members who attended World Convention were welcomed back . . . The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. L. Webb, a greatly loved member.

S.S. TEA (Lenswood, A. E. Cremin). The S.S. organised a parents' and scholars' tea on Aug. 11 and took part in the gospel service . . . 41st anniversary services were held Aug. 25. C.Y.F. members helped in the evening service . . . C.W.F. was host to the Womens' Southern District Conf. on Aug. 15 and a good day of fellowship was experienced by all.



NEW SOUTH WALES

LAY WITNESS MISSION (Hornsby District, D. A. Oldfield). The mission commenced August 16-18 and provided many opportunities for sharing and fellowship. The Lay Witness team made up of members from various churches and under the leadership of Co-ordinator, Mr. B. Hodge, conducted the mission. A Fellowship Tea was held on Friday 16th followed by group discussion. Morning coffees were held in homes on Saturday morning. Two luncheons were held at the church, one for ladies, one for men. After the close of the Sunday 7.00 p.m. service many confessed their faith and made rededications.



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FOURTH MISSIONARY CONVENTION

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ARRESTING SPEAKER (Essendon, C. S. Badcock). Brian Marchant of the Mobile Police Department was guest speaker at Men's Tea . . . Good Companions held surprise party for Margaret Murphy on her 21st birthday . . . Mrs. Kemp is back to normal following a broken arm . . . Favourite hymn night was held with Shirley Wallis at the organ accompanied by Jess Cheal on the piano . . . Weekly Prayer Meeting is followed by Sharing Group in a member's home . . . Essendon participated in the Evang. Chain of Prayer.

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11 a.m.: "Our Exciting Ministry," Mrs. Lesley Stirling.

Devotional, Mrs. Betty Gibney.

Combined Afternoon Sessions:

1.30 p.m.: Marriage and the Manse," Dr. D. Oldmeadow. B.Y.O. lunch. Creche.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

TO SOUTH AFRICA (Bunbury, B. K. Ryall). Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ladbroke are visiting South Africa for six months. . . . Thank-offering at church anniversary will be used to re-roof church. . . . Bus load journeyed to Perth for Geo. Wood Crusade. . . . Dr. K. R. Bowes, of the College of the Bible, spoke here with other S.W. churches attending. . . . Young people are assisting "Task Force" during school vacation.

WORLD CONVENTION CELEBRATED (Maylands, J. K. Robinson). On August 4 we celebrated the World Convention of Churches of Christ in Mexico City by a service in the chapel decorated with the flags of every country in which our Churches are represented, with the number of disciples in each country indicated. The address was a video-tape of the message "The Christ of the Gospel", given at the Adelaide Convention. Each member had a copy of the sermon. . . . Miss Pamela Burns has been baptised. . . . J. K. Robinson has agreed to carry on for another year of ministry.

DOCTOR IN ETHIOPIA (Hamilton Hill, W. R. Newton). Dr. Kirkman, a local doctor, spoke of his recent experiences in Ethiopia during the famine crisis. . . . Three S.S. girls made the good confession. . . . The film "Why should the Devil have all the good music?" was screened. . . . A fund has been commenced to purchase a manse. . . . Mr. and Mrs. K. Leeden were welcomed into fellowship.

ANNIVERSARY REVIEWED (Kalgoorlie, R. Taylor). At after-church fellowship, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Turner from Perth showed movies taken at our 75th church anniversary last year. . . . Two young people organised a coffee shop on Aug. 18. . . . Ron Cook and 12 young people from Inglewood visited us on Aug. 26. After a fellowship tea Mr. Cook led the evening service. . . . Mr. Taylor attended ministers' camp in Perth. . . . Three deputational guest speakers have spoken here.

INDIAN PASTORS (Morawa, R. Sack). Indian Pastors Bhonsle and Bhalerao visited here accompanied by T. Banks. . . . After screening of "In His Steps" a married woman and a S.S. girl made decisions and were baptized. . . . Bible Society Pilot T. Booth, Mr. McKeown and H. Short of Leprosy Mission, and J. Brighton, J.E.W. visited here recently. . . . S.S. held week-end camp at Bilya Rock. . . . C.W.F. is protesting material in a subject in curriculum for Grade 6. . . . Mrs. J. Giles sang solo at baptismal service of her daughter. . . . Beverley Wormes has been baptized after making decision. . . . Annette Tomkins told of training with Wycliffe Translators. She leaves for Brazil in October.



QUEENSLAND

AMBERLEY R.A.A.F. BASE VISITED (Ipswich, Mr. Barry Rice), Boys' and Girls' Brigade combined with Leichhardt Brigades for inspection of Amberley R.A.A.F. Base during school holidays. Several factories in Brisbane visited by Girls' Brigade. . . . Special services during August included as speaker E. T. Hart from Soc. Serv. Dept. and a Youth Service when the film "Yoneka" was featured. A married man confessed Christ at the Youth Service. . . . Mr. J. H. Hunting of the Jewish Evangelical Witness spoke at a weekend of meetings on the Second Coming. . . . Aerosphere Crusade commenced on Aug. 23 at Bundamba under leadership of Doug Willis and Jim Cunningham. . . . Cadet section being formed in Bundamba Girls' Brigade due to large membership.

KENMORE VISIT (Townsville). Members participated in suburban visitation in July with Kenmore students and gained much from topical studies led by Rex Ellis and others during all day seminar. Contacts were made and two have been welcomed through baptism. . . . 46 attended first youth camp in new buildings on Magnetic Is., including 31 from Brisbane. . . . C.W.F. met recently with Mrs. Haigh, Women's Conf. President on tour from Brisbane.



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MAYORAL RECOGNITION (Keilor East, S. Downie). A special service was held to recognise the service to the community by Cr. Neil Heinze, out-going mayor of Keilor, and Mrs. Betty Heinze. Many community organisations were represented at the service including Guides, Scouts, Red Cross, service clubs and political parties; as well as many Keilor councillors and staff. After the service there was an informal gathering when Cr. Heinze responded to words of thanks from fellow councillors.

LEPROSY VISITOR (Briar Hill, R. Baxter). Tom Broderick visited the church with a film on the Leprosy Mission. . . . Graham Williams has resigned from the Board. . . . Howard Wilkins of Scripture Union spoke at a morning service. . . . The Fitzgeralds arrived back from America. . . . The first A.C.E. program was held. . . . Coffee-by-Candlelight raised \$44 towards the Norseman project. . . . Malcolm Symonds was elected as elder for 3 years and Ivan Sherriff for 2 years. . . . Hobbytex was demonstrated at Group 13 and M. Bremer from the Bible Society discussed its work. . . . The intermediate Explorers finished first in the indoor sports.



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WIMMERA'S FIRST (Horsham, R. Roberts). Men from many districts attended the Wimmera's first Christian Men's Convention held in the Horsham church. Meetings extended from the Saturday morning to the Sunday night and members of the team filled various church pulpits on the Sunday morning. Speakers included Dr. Harold Steward of Adelaide; B. Wandke of Overseas Missionary Fellowship; Mr. Bob Brown, Aboriginal Pastor and Lecturer at Adelaide College of Advanced Education and Mr. J. Hogg from Portland. The film "So Many Voices" was shown on the Sunday Afternoon. Young people's coffee club concluded the meetings after the Sunday evening service. . . . C.W.A.F. attended N.W. Dist. Conf. at Warracknabeal.

TRI-A-WALK (Preston/East Preston, J. Manalack & R. Risson). Good Companions promoted a Tri-A-Walk in aid of Community Aid Abroad and also held a film night on Sweden, presented by Graham Blackbeby. Girls took part in the G.C. festivals at West Preston. . . . Pascoe Vale C.W.A. Choir presented the programme at C.W.F. Birthday luncheon. Matron Gomularz from Pleasant View Assesment for Alcohol & Drugs, Preston, spoke at a meeting on Aug. 7th. . . . Mr.

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FOCUS ON BROTHERHOOD WORK (Northcote, T. V. Weir). Representative speakers from Brotherhood Departments have visited the church to acquaint members with the outreach of the work. . . . Parades by Girl Guide & Scout movement held recently. . . . Boys Explorers successful in combined sports. . . . Overseas Mission Focus held at Northcote was very well attended by Nth. Suburban churches. . . . The Annual meeting held on a Sunday afternoon was preceded by a basket luncheon. . . . Miss M. Amery who was church organist for 62½ years recently passed away in the C. of C. Nursing Home. Northcote indebted to Thornbury for church organist roster.

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS (Box Hill, K. R. Bond). At baptismal service on Aug. 18, Colin Johanson was soloist. A young girl made the good confession. . . . First and second place winners in Netball were Julie Wigney, Jan Mitchell, Fay Mitchell and Merrilyn Wigney, Julie Marchant and Leanne Wheaton—special prize to Sue Young. . . . Russell Barker was awarded to John Zevenboom prize at Melb. School of Decoration for Apprentices. . . . Geoff Wigney won B.H. Primary School cross

country run. . . . Mrs. C. Clarke and Anne, Norm Iiff and Geoff Clarke were involved in accidents. . . . Mrs. Duffin is back after hospitalisation.

SUNDAY AT 7 (Carnegie, D. Stow). Good Companions, C.W.F., Officers' Board, and Y.P.F. have led in "Sunday at 7" services. . . . A Hymn Parade night was held. . . . Barry Jenkins interviewed Aida Ibrahim who showed slides of Coptic Churches. . . . A tea table service was held with Gordon Stirling as speaker. . . . Five Y.P.F. members have made decisions. . . . Jumble Sale raised \$550.

IN FELLOWSHIP (Ivanhoe) Four people were welcomed as "Christians in Fellowship". . . . Geo. Grainger completed a three months interim ministry on Sept. 1. After his final address at night he interviewed Neville Muir on his experience in Japan. Slides were shown during Neville's talk. . . . Gwen Conning was welcomed home from World Convention in Mexico. . . . The film "So Many Voices" was screened on Sept. 8. . . . A. E. White commenced a brief interim ministry on Sept. 15.

DIAMOND WEDDING (Bayswater, Alan Fletcher) Mr. and Mrs. Dyer have just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. . . . A progressive dinner raised \$30 for C.W.F. funds. . . . Peter Bryant is in Christchurch, N.Z., as an exchange student. . . . Chris Dyer has been farewelled on moving from the district with her parents. She will be missed from the S.S. where she served for 16 years.

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