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Hosts to "The Christian", Mr. and Mrs. Moreno.



Seven young Mexicans, preparing for church membership.

**BEWARE OF SECRET
FAULTS; THEY ARE
THE PIONEERS OF
OPEN DEFEAT.**

"Cleanse thou me from secret faults."
PSALM 19:12



**ONE FOR
THE ROAD**

By Vic Parker

It was as early as 1954 that we were looking for new avenues of Evangelising the district of Annerley and her adjacent suburbs with the Gospel of Christ.

Our building was situated in a prominent position called Annerley Junction where two very busy roads meet. We had talked about a Wayside Pulpit and finally it became a fact. Many who pass by have testified as to how it has helped and encouraged and inspired them in the hour they needed it most.

Perhaps such signs would have been unobserved if it were not for the gifted and skilled professional hand of Bill Finger who grew up in the trade of sign writing, and is now the leading hand for a very well known and prominent Signwriter whose signs grace the Highways and by-ways of Queensland.

**RETIREMENT OF
DEPUTY MATRON**

On Sept. 9, 1974, residents and staff at the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh, Vic. gathered at a luncheon to say farewell to Sister E. F. Blundy who had been Deputy Matron for almost ten years.

F. M. Combridge, Director of the Dept. of Social Service, welcomed special visitors including W. W. Saunders representing the chairman of the Department, D. L. Killey, who was unable to be present, and Mrs. Saunders. Matrons from Emmaus and the Nursing Home were also present.

Matron of the Christian Guest Home, Miss. D. J. Avarad spoke on behalf of the staff and residents of the Home, thanking Sister Blundy for her work, her friendship and wonderful co-operation. Matron presented a gift from the staff and residents to Sister Blundy. J. E. Webb, chairman of the Residents' Committee then spoke in eloquent terms about the excellent service rendered by Sister Blundy over the years, some of the time serving in the role of acting Matron. Mr. Saunders expressed the appreciation of the Department and quoted a resolution which was adopted at the last meeting of the Department when notice of Sister Blundy's retirement was received.

Sister Blundy spoke with feeling as she responded to the speeches and although she had some doubts in her mind about retiring she concluded that she made the right decision in order to enjoy the time for which she had been preparing for some years.

He worked devotedly each week end to have the signs ready and with his gifted artistic touch he caught the eye of the public and the comments and constant references to them gave blessing and spiritual life to many.

In those long years, 20 to be exact, we would work out some trite or relevant phrase or verse of Scripture which would meet the need of the community at that particular time.

I remember during a heated election campaign when Parliamentarians stooped to the low level of attempting to smudge the characters of their opponents that we

used the phrase "He who slings mud always loses ground." That brought a great deal of amusement and comment.

Of the many souls who were helped through the way-side pulpit, I recall a young man (himself a signwriter) who sat in the hotel opposite the church, trying to find some relief from boredom and frustration, read the sign "Failure is never final". That day he came over to the church and sought me out and we were able to lead him to Christ. That young man eventually became a Secretary in one of our Brisbane Churches, later he married a Christian girl and they are both faithfully serving Jesus Christ with dedicated lives.

Yes, the "Way-side" pulpit has been used of the Lord, because one man, Bill Finger, has used his God given talent, and has been a faithful steward with the gift God has given him.

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**INNER
SPRINGS**

MANDEVILLA OR MYTH



Growing along our side fence is a mandevilla vine. During the summer at certain times throughout the day the pure white bell shaped flowers fill the surrounding air with an exquisite perfume. Unseen, intangible, this elusive quality defies description. I can pull the flowers apart petal by petal until it is nothing more than a heap of vegetable matter, but I will not find the perfume. Nevertheless, it remains an undeniable reality.

Every so often, from some corner of earth near or far, there arises a voice that tells us there is no God. The author of a certain book "The Sacred Mushroom and the Cross", has this to say. "There is no Jesus, no Joseph, no Mary left. You are dealing with myths." I cannot pretend to understand when a learned scholar proposes to reduce the New Testament into "semitic sub-stratum" (whatever that may mean). What I can say with certainty is this:-

"I believe in the dawn even though it be dark.
I believe in God even though He be silent."

You may sweep the Carpenter out of the shop along with the shavings on the floor, but the work that He has done will testify to his Presence. Unseen He is, intangible to our touch and beyond our small comprehension, but as real as the perfume in the mandevilla flower.

Deny my Presence if you can,
Said God to the learned man.
Define every purpose, expose every plan
Explain why you can't and I can
Fill the earth with splendour
From morning till night,
While you split atoms
And fight for might.
And men go hungry
And hearts despair.

And do you suppose
You could fashion the rose?
Why does love in the heart of man
Exalt him above this earthly span?
O, Foolish man your reasoning is fine
And satisfies your learned mind.
But e'er you analyse a flower
Ask, and the answer if you can
Where the perfume, whose the power?

O, Thou who art the Creator of every living thing, grant us that simplicity of heart and mind that is not swayed by the wisdom of the world.

Matthew 13:54-58

Amen.

FLORENCE ROSIER.



**THE STRENGTH
TO SEE
THINGS THROUGH**

By G. K. Moyes

A group of us stood in the pouring rain the other Sunday to see marathon runner Terry Cox conclude his record-breaking Adelaide to Frankston, Melbourne, run. He had run 494 miles by the time we first saw him. He had raised during the week over \$3000 for crippled children and adults, in a run that was sponsored by the Rotary Clubs along the way.

We watched him over those last gruelling miles. Terry had been averaging 75 miles a day in cold and wet weather. His feet were badly blistered and bleeding. His knees were swollen. The pain in his body as he approached the finish was intense.

Yet strangely he had been in a worse condition during 1969-70 as he said to me "I had been drinking about 16 beers a day. I was a compulsive drinker and I really needed help. I treated my wife and family in the worst manner. I desperately needed help and nothing succeeded with me until one night I fell on my knees and asked God to make me a new man. I am not afraid to admit it. From that night I found in God the strength to see things through."

Terry Cox has openly said to the press, radio and television that through God he has found not only the strength to conquer long distances and great physical hardship but that he has found strength to conquer himself.

Terry says "There are a lot of people in this world who need help and that is why I am doing this run". He is right—there are a lot of people who need help, and who need what he found, the strength to see things through.

So many people start out on something and never finish. They lack the inner power that is required to complete what they commence.

Consider how many home bookshelves are cluttered with half-finished correspondence courses; how many cupboards are littered with half-completed undertakings; how many drawers are choked with diets that have never been carried out. So many people never have the strength to complete what they commence.

This is a contemporary need within society when it is so easy to start things and so difficult to finish them.

This sermon was delivered by Gordon K. Moyes, minister at the Church of Christ, Cheltenham, Vic., at a recent telecast service presented over the A.B.C. network.

It is interesting to reflect upon the last days in the life of the apostle Paul. He was in prison and about to be executed. He wrote his last letter to Timothy and in the concluding lines reflected upon his life, his ambitions and his achievements.

He wrote "I say this because I won't be around to help you very much longer. My time has almost run out. Very soon now I will be on my way to heaven. I have fought long and hard for my Lord, and through it all I have kept true to him. And now the time has come for me to stop fighting and rest. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith" (2 Tim. 4:6-8).

Here was a man completely at ease with himself and his world. He had completed what he had set out to do. He had found the strength to see things through. He had fought the good fight. He had finished the race. He had kept the faith.

The Apostle Paul speaking out of his own experience said "The Spirit helps us in our weakness" (Rom. 8:26). "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13). "The Lord is faithful, he will strengthen you" (2 Thess. 3:3).

This is the great need of our time. So many people want to discover the answer to their own question "How can I find the strength to see things through?"

I consider that there are five rules to finding the strength to see things through:-

1. BRING GOD INTO THE PICTURE.

Whatever your situation—at work, in your marriage, in your study, in keeping up your diet or persisting in your sporting activities, whatever is of challenge and difficulty to you, bring God into the picture!

But what good does bringing God into our 20thC. situation do?

You may discover that when God comes into your situation a new perspective enters in. Because you have invited God into your life your work, your business, your marriage, or your interests you begin to look at things with a new point of view. You see things in a new light. You have a new perspective. When you look at things from God's point of view new solutions appear.

The Australian Financial Review of April 13 had a startling article reprinted from "The Wall Street Journal" entitled "More American Corporations call upon God as Senior Partner". This article outlined the staggering number of

successful businesses who are seeking to work from a Christian perspective and who discover that when they operate from a Christian perspective they have a new outlook upon old problems. Solutions appear because they seek to be Christian in what they are doing.

You may discover also that when God enters the situation he cleanses it. Many difficult situations, businesses, marriages and personal relationships, are improved because God has cleansed them. His presence shows up the problem and speaks of forgiveness and cleansing.

The international magazine "The Rotarian" recently had a long article by the prestigious psychologist Dr. Karl Menninger entitled "Whatever Became of Sin?" In this article he urged men to recognize sin in their own lives as a step to having it cleansed by God to enable them to begin life anew.

You may further discover that when God enters your situation you are encouraged to persevere because you now have access to resources beyond your own. So many people cannot manage and cannot cope. But the assurance that God is behind them endues them with strength and empowers them with persistence.

"They who wait upon the Lord renew their strength. He gives power to the faint and to him who has no might, he increases strength. Even youth shall faint and be weary and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint" (Isa. 40:29-31).



2. BELIEVE THAT GOD WILL STRENGTHEN YOU.

This is a fundamental proposition of both the Jewish and the Christian faith. Right through the Bible is the continuing conviction that God gives a person the strength to see through whatever faces them. Listen to some of the great words of scripture: "As your days so shall your strength be" (Deut. 33:25). "The eternal God is your dwelling place and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deut. 33:27). "God is our refuge and strength, a very pleasant help in time of trouble" (Ps. 46:1). "The God of Israel gives power and strength to his people" (Ps. 68:34). "He is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ" (Rom. 16:25). "The Lord is faithful, he will strengthen you and guard you from evil" (2 Thess. 3:3). "At my first defence no one took my part but all deserted me but the Lord stood by me and gave me strength" (2 Tim. 4:16). God strengthens us by inner reinforcement. A building like this Church can be strengthened by placing new bearers, pillars and beams inside. God gives us inner reinforcement. Paul frequently uses the phrase "The working of his power within us". The Greek

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phrase is our word for energy and God gives us the inner energy that enables us to cope.

But God also strengthens us by outer buttressing. Some great Gothic Churches stand strong not only because they gave inner pillars to hold them up but because they have great outer buttresses that support them. Paul often referred to his friends Silas and Timothy for the strength that they gave him. How often is our own experience it has only been the support and comfort of our friends around us that has enabled us to see through a difficult situation. The fellowship of the Church becomes very real when one learns to lean upon it.



3. LOOK AT YOUR LIMITATIONS CONSTRUCTIVELY.

Most people live under hardship, difficulty and limitations. Some people become overwhelmed by their limitations and handicaps, while others learn to use them constructively. As the squirrel said to the mountain "If I cannot carry a forest upon my back neither can you crack a nut". The people who see through difficult situations have learned to look at their limitations and handicaps with a positive eye.

Joseph in prison uses his situation to further his advancement in the Egyptian Court. Robinson Crusoe uses his isolation to discover his latent powers and abilities. Handel suffering the paralysis after a stroke nevertheless uses his left hand to write the Hallelujah Chorus. Beethoven composed in spite of deafness. Milton wrote in spite of blindness. Bunyan wrote in spite of imprisonment, Byron despite lameness, Robert Louis Stevenson despite T.B. and Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the cause of so much international controversy in recent months, wrote his mammoth accounts of the Russian treatment of political prisoners in Siberia under immense difficulty of personal hardship and political restrictions.

Men have used their handicaps to their advantage. Ben Chifley never lost his train driver image and Sir Robert Menzies in spite of the educational limitations of Jeparit in his day constructively developed his ability.

Your very weakness can become your strength if you look at it constructively. Hanging over the side of his ship Charles Darwin was impressed at how the seaweed survived the crashing onslaught of the sea as it clung tenaciously to the rocks near the shore. The waves would smash mighty ships yet the seaweed thrived. "I know of few things more surprising than to see this plant growing and flourishing amid those great breakers of the ocean which no mass of rock, be it ever so hard, could long resist."

But its flexibility, its weakness, its limitation became its strength.

God strengthens you despite your limited resources by making you look at them in a new light. How could a boy

with a few loaves and fish provide the ingredients of a lavish lunch for a crowd of 5000 men? When we offer our limited abilities and talents to God he can do great things with them.



4. TACKLE ONE JOB AT A TIME.

The thing that defeats so many people and makes them overwhelmed is that they become disorganised. And a disorganised person is a dis-spirited person. Work piles up and threatens by its very presence.

When a light plane crashed in the snows of the French Alps in blizzard conditions no one believed the pilot could have possibly survived. With a broken leg he walked an amazing distance over the next eight days through the blizzard because of his philosophy which he expressed to an astounded world "What saves a man is that he takes one step and then another and then another."

What enabled Terry Cox to run his 500 miles without a decent break was the fact that he ran one mile and then another then another and so completed the course.

Tackling difficulties one at a time, living through hard days no more than 24 hours at a time, undertaking difficult situations by starting at the beginning and working at it steadily is one of the great spiritual laws of God. We are promised strength for one day at a time. We are asked to pray for our daily bread. Jesus tells us to be concerned only for the immediate and not for tomorrow's cares.

Every member of Alcoholics Anonymous knows that they cannot last for the next five years but by living one day at a time they manage. Michaelangelo could never have painted the whole Sistine Chapel roof that has become one of the world's masterpieces at his advanced age, but this elderly sculptor divided his work into sections of large panels and then, lying on his back commenced painting one at a time until the years passed and one of the world's greatest art masterpieces was completed.

People find strength to cope under difficult circumstances by focusing their effort to the job immediately at hand, by disciplining themselves to place their tasks in order and then by tackling one job at a time.



5. KEEP AT IT.

It is always too soon to quit. I stood at a farm watching men boring for water only to give up in despair. In a later drought the same hole was used only to find that plentiful water was available just a few feet further on through the rock. How many times have men not struck oil because they stopped drilling too soon. Many advertising campaigns have been unsuccessful because they were stopped too soon before their effect was fully realised. There needs to be persistence in our efforts and endurance in our work.

Jesus understood that. He said "He who endures to the end shall be saved" (Matt. 10:22). He undertook the most

difficult assignment ever—the salvation of man—and he suffered the cross despising the shame because he had the persistence to see things through.

The famous English Army Chaplain, Studdert Kennedy, brings that out in one of his poems that speaks about the death of his friend Bill in a military hospital. He wonders how Bill had the strength to see through his suffering. He then meditates on the fact that God's answer to the prayers of Jesus lay in the strength that Jesus had to endure the cross.

"I have just bin readin' a story 'ere, Of the night before Jesus died, And of 'ow 'e prayed in Gethsemane, 'Ow 'e fell on 'is face and cried.

Cried to the Lord Almighty above Till 'e broke in a bloody sweat, And 'e were the Son of the Lord, 'e were, And 'e prayed to 'im 'ard, and yet, And yet 'e 'ad to go through wiv it, boys, Just same as poor Bill what died. 'E prayed to the Lord, and 'e sweated blood,

And yet 'e were crucified. But 'is prayer were answered, I sees it now, For though 'e were sorely tried, Still 'e went wiv 'is trust in the Lord unbroke And 'is soul it were satisfied. For 'e felt 'e were doin' God's Will, ye see, What 'e came came on the earth to do, And the answer what came to the prayers 'e prayed Were 'is strength to see it through."

No matter what your situation, what your problem, whether it be at home, at work, in your study, profession or marriage, no matter what it is that seeks to defeat you, if you bring God into the picture, believe God will strengthen you, look at your limitations constructively, tackle one job at a time and then keep at it, by the power of His Spirit then you will be strengthened and enabled. You, too, will be able to look back and say "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith". I have had the strength to see things through.

INDIA'S NUCLEAR EXPLOSION CONDEMNED

HONG KONG. —Delegates to the Asia Inter Church Aid consultation spent the closing session of their meeting in debating the implications of India's exploding a nuclear device. The debate was introduced by Japan's John Nakajima who pleaded that the NCC India make a strong stand on the matter. He said that the use of so much money on a nuclear device at a time when there was so much need for food could not be supported by the Christian church.

WALDENSIANS 800TH ANNIVERSARY.

The Waldensian Church, founded in the 12th century by Peter Waldo and the "poor men of Lyons", observed its 800th birthday by voting to unite with the slightly smaller Evangelical Methodist Church of Italy.

WOMEN'S WRITE



Edited by Gladys Mackenzie

AT WORK & WORSHIP

QUEENSLAND

The September monthly meeting, attended by 35 women, representing 12 churches, began with a Bible Study and Prayer Session, conducted by Mrs. Dorothy Armstrong. "Let me lose my life and find it Lord in Thee," was sung by Mrs. Thelma Smith.

Mrs. McComb, a visitor from the Flying Doctor Service, told of dedication shown by pilots, doctors and nurses working in the service. To help with diagnosis by the doctor and person with the patient over the pedal wireless, each part of the body is known by an alphabetical letter. The service begun by Rev. John Flynn at Cloncurry in 1928, treated 30,000 people in 1973.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Three buses and two car loads of women from the metropolitan area, journeyed 60 miles to YORK, for monthly Auxiliary meeting. Here they were joined by sisters from Northam, Mukinbudin, Naremben, Bruce Rock and Corrigin, about 150 being present. Apology from the Merredin C.W.F. was regrettably received as they were attending the funeral of Miss Hazel Bray, a much loved member of their church, and well-known throughout the State for her musical talent, used willingly in the Lord's service.

Led by Mrs. Harry Shadbolt

MISS SUNDAY LE BOEUF VISITS SOUTH PERTH "AT HOME"

On a wild, wintry day, 300 women of W.A.'s C.W.F. crowded into South Perth Chapel to greet Miss Sunday LeBoeuf, Youth Director at Central Christian Church, Wichita, visiting Australia with Mr. George Wood, and "All God's Children."

Briefly she told the story of her life—a nominal Christian growing up in church life, thinking that attending church regularly was all that was required of her. But God, in his wonderful mercy, at a time of crisis, answered her prayer of

faith so miraculously that she knew from that moment He must come first in her life. She concluded with a moving solo, inviting all to "expect a miracle from God, and by faith you will receive." Her wonderful testimony is seen in the 320 young people she directs as "All God's Children."

Many who heard the compelling message of this woman were challenged to a renewal of their faith in our God of miracles, and an overwhelming desire to share the knowledge of him with others.



INTRODUCING CARNARVON C.W.F.

Are you finding that your C.W.F. Program is not reaching out to non-Christian women? We asked ourselves this question in Carnarvon last year. Were we just having the meetings because it was tradition?—we sat down to review the situation and here are our findings:—

C.W.F. is for Christian women and should be geared to their needs—i.e. growing in faith and knowledge of the Lord; getting to know how to love and share with each other; learning how to reach out to other women for Christ. So we revitalised our C.W.F. Program to cover these points, and then we thought, "What do we do with women we contact?" So our Woman to Woman Evangelism program commenced under the leadership of Mrs. Margaret Jones. We have a series of evening meetings, six weeks apart, at which we have a secular speaker and then a Christian speaker who quite clearly presents the Gospel.

We have been thrilled at how the Lord has blessed these meetings, so much so that we had to commence a fortnightly Coffee and Discovery morning to cope with the desire which was awakened in non-Christian women, to know what the Bible has to say to them for their daily needs. Our sister Olive Bieunderry on the Mission Staff is interested in these programs with a view to adapting them to reach our native women for Christ also.

Difficulties? Yes, we have lots of them. You see Carnarvon is in the North-West and we are not able to ring around the suburbs to find suitable speakers. We have to work at least six weeks in advance, keeping our ears to the ground for visitors whom we could use as our Gospel speakers. Then we have to cope with the Gascoyne River. At least half of our ladies live on the other side of it and while it is dry we have no problem BUT when it is flowing, these missionary ladies have forty miles instead of ten to travel. Also they have to organise around their hundred-odd mission children to fit in our meetings. Many of our town ladies work and this makes it difficult to prepare and decorate the hall, provide transport and run around baby sitters.

So in this isolated spot of W.A. we are providing an avenue for women to hear about Christ. Many come and hear the Gospel and say, "We never knew it was LIKE THAT!" Some have come to a personal knowledge of Him and we give Him all the glory.

If you would like to share a report from your C.W.F. please send to 109 Willesden Road, OAKLEIGH 3166. Vic.

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PARAMATTA — CITY & PEOPLE

Magic words like "citizen involvement" and "community participation" received a buffeting at a seminar Parramatta—People and City held recently in Parramatta.

But possibly for many of the 120 people attending, the concept of citizens having a stronger voice in decisions which affect their lives, was a new one.

The seminar was organised by the Parramatta group of Action for World Development, a body backed by the Australian Council of Churches and the Catholic Church, and a local organisation, Dundas Community Development Group.

The seminar took a look at the effects of urban planning on the people of Parramatta. In many respects it posed more questions than it answered for at present a plan to develop the city centre of Parramatta is with the S.P.A.

Mr. Neil Wilson said a team of planners from the S.P.A. and Parramatta Council was conducting a study to ascertain how best the plan can be carried out.

He referred also to the Sydney Region Outline Plan which sees Sydney's regional population hitting five million by the

year 2000 or 2010. It was proposed this growth be located in three main sectors or corridors—one south through Campbelltown, Camden and Appin—another north through Gosford and Wyong—the third west through Parramatta, Blacktown and Penrith.

Milo Dunphy was highly critical of the State Planning Authority which he claimed had lost its grip on major decisions. More control had gone to Government departments which could be influenced by industry.

The seminar chairman, the Rev. Neville Ross summed up: "The situation is very different now from what it was five years ago.

"I think we have come to the position not only in Australia, but perhaps later in Australia than in other places, where the people really want to be involved in the processes that are going on.

"It's not a question of whether or not the authorities will agree to our being involved. We are going to be involved.

"But it is a question of how the community will choose to be involved

and whether that involvement will simply be an obstructionist action or whether it will seek to be a creative participation.

MINISTRY FOR INVERELL. In Dec. Richard and Jan Powell will conclude their work as missionaries in India and have accepted a call to the ministry at Inverell to commence late Jan. 1975. Miss Joan Gruber of the Oriental Missionary Society visited during August and showed slides of the work in the Solomon Islands. An Organ Recital and Concert was held on Aug. 30 with Stan Vincent of Ann St., Brisbane C. of C. as guest organist. \$97 was added to the Manse Repair Fund. The manse is currently being renovated inside and out.

S.S. ANNIVERSARY (Prospect, R.H. Sercombe). For S.S. Anniversary there was a Morning Teachers' Dedication Service, an afternoon service featuring the Kindergarten and Primary and an Evening Senior School Dramatic presentation of "The Reluctant Prophet". At "Spotlight On the New Hebrides" gospel service Mr. and Mrs. R. Blaskett showed slides of mission development. Dr. Don Hemer and family have had to return to Adelaide to recover from hepatitis. Netball Teams held parade at evening service. Congratulations to A Grade Team on their success. Mrs. L. Brown was baptised at recent service.

WORD TALK No. 105

The concept of resurrection from the dead developed within the Jewish faith only in the last couple of centuries before Jesus, probably under the influence of the Greek philosophy of immortality. The only positive O.T. reference is in Daniel 12: 1-2. The famous passages in the O.T. (Isa: 26:9; Job 19: 25-27; Psalm 17:15) can have resurrection read back into them, but Hebrew scholars argue against an O.T. doctrine of the resurrection.

By the time of Jesus, Greek and Eastern thought had joined with Jewish speculation about resurrection. The Sadducees denied the possibility of a resurrection from the dead (Matt. 22: 23-33; Acts 23:8; 26:8). The Pharisees believed in a general resurrection.

The resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith as Paul strongly argued (1 Cor. 15: 13-19). His resurrection carried the potential of our resurrection (1 Cor. 15:22). He is the first of many brethren to be raised from the dead (Rom. 8:29).

The resurrection of Jesus was foretold by him constantly during his ministry (Mk. 8:31; 9:31; 10:33-34), but was only understood after the event. Hundreds of eye witnesses gave testimony to the resurrected Lord before his ascension (1 Cor. 15:3-8).

The resurrection hope of the believer is that in Christ all shall be made alive (1 Cor. 15:22). We can be restored in him (Rom. 8:11; 15:15-21).

The raising of other people from the dead by faith (un-named people, Matt. 11:5; Jairus's daughter, Mk. 5:39; the widow's son, Lk. 7:12-14; Lazarus, John 11; Dorcas, Acts 9:37; Eutychus, Acts 20:10) cannot be considered resurrection. That was yet to come for them. They were however brought back to life. Resuscitation is the correct term. To raise people from the dead was part of the missionary charge (Matt. 10:8).

THE NAMES OF JESUS RESURRECTION

FOR TODAY

Jesus did not claim to reveal the resurrection or to give it, but that he was Resurrection, and he was Life. Only as we have him do we possess resurrection from the dead and real life. Our relationship with God and each other can be broken by nothing, not even death. Physical death may be heartache but it is the door to life eternal and a quality of existence for which we are primarily created.

Millions of people now living, aren't. They are merely existing. They haven't found life. They are not living before they die. Edward the Confessor's last words were "Weep not. I shall not die but live; and as I leave the land of the dying, I turn to see the blessings of the Lord in the land of the living." Christians are those who are dying to live.

We believe in our own survival after death but we leave our body in the grave or in the crematorium urn. But the body of Jesus was not left. It was needed as part of the conviction concerning his resurrection. Every theory has been promoted to account for the empty tomb but all have equally failed. The greatest objective proof of the resurrection is not the empty tomb but the changed lives of the disciples. The greatest subjective evidence lies in the occupied heart of the believer by the risen Lord. The indwelling Christ is his own proof.

The evidence for the resurrection of Jesus is presented in popular form in "Who Moved The Stone?" by Frank Morrison, and "The Resurrection of Jesus" by Archbishop Michael Ramsay.

The revival of Indonesia in the late 1960's brought many claims of people being raised from the dead. Native pastors have told stunned congregations in Australia how they had raised the dead to life. Recently a number of evangelical leaders in Indonesia have disputed these claims.

GORDON MOYES

THE "CHRISTIAN" GOES TO MEXICO

I was invited to the Moreno's home for a meal after Sunday church. I asked Beatriz Moreno if her mother was a good cook.

She laughed, "My mother is a very good cook." "Then," I said "I shall gladly come".

Mrs. Moreno is a very good cook, and we had a delightful time of Christian fellowship in this home which is part of the Church of Christ in Mexico City.

Christian fellowship is what the World Convention is all about. That is why we were in Mexico, to meet with the Mexicans. But in a city of ten million Mexicans, it is not all that easy to meet up with them.

It is easy to have fellowship with Queenslanders in Mexico City, if they are staying in the same hotel, eating at the same table, travelling in the same bus, and going to the same meetings. Likewise the Western Australians, Californians, Texans, Oklahomans, and New Zealanders. But Mexicans were something else.

The big problem was the language barrier, and there were puzzled expressions on the faces of the Latin Americans when I used my version of "Buenos noches," "hasta la vista."



Dulze Westrup Velasco



Beatriz Moreno

Either the Mexicans don't speak Spanish, or my Spanish isn't.

Daniel Lopez de Lara, Vice-President of the 9th Assembly of the World Convention, and Secretary of the Bible Society of Mexico, introduced me to the Moreno family. Mr. Moreno is a lawyer, but his first concern is for the church. I could not speak directly to him or his wife, for they do not understand English. But their daughters, Beatriz and Sylvia, do. Their friend, Dulzie, a schoolteacher was also able to translate. So we got along fine. And the language barrier was no impediment to the enjoyment of good food.

Mrs. Moreno was born into a Christian home and joined the church at the age of nine years. Her husband, previously a Roman Catholic, as are most Mexicans who are not agnostics, became a Protestant at the age of 16. They met at church, and later they joined with the Disciples of Christ because they liked their new church's way of witnessing for Christ.

The Morenos have four children, two sons are married. Beatriz, 23, works for the Bible Society. Sylvia 19, is preparing to enter the University where she hopes to study sociology.

The Mexico City Church of Christ, the only one in a city of 12 million, was founded about 12 years ago. We have 23 other churches in Mexico, but they are scattered throughout the country. To serve the 1323 members, they have 12 full-time ministers.

Mr. Moreno says that his church's greatest need is for more ministers and leaders. People everywhere, especially young people, are confused by their world. The Mexican churches are not fulfilling their responsibilities. They are doing a great deal of social service work. This is necessary, and the churches do well to concern themselves with such needs. But they are not active in the main



Sylvia Moreno



BOYS AT CHURCH, MEXICO CITY

business of the church, which is preaching the good news.

The church should be strong on evangelism, and if it is strong everywhere but here, it is still weak. With their new minister, the church in Mexico City is endeavouring to be evangelistic. He is Herliodoro Fis, a Cuban who trained for the ministry in the U.S.A. and has only been there a few months, but already there are signs of growth. I met seven young people who are being prepared for baptism (see photo).

Quite a few of us were at the Mexican church on Convention Sunday. The preacher was Hartzell Cobbs of University Church, San Diego, Calif., and Mr. Fis was the interpreter. We sang gospel hymns whose tunes are known all over the world and I did the best I could with the Spanish words, usually having a few over at the end of each verse.

On Sunday evening the fifteen young people of the church meet to sing with piano and guitar and to study the gospel of John with Mr. Fis. The Women's Society meets on Mondays. On Tuesday evening there is prayer and Bible study for the whole church. And the members meet on other days in their own homes, and always the note of evangelism is sounded.

The offering at the World Convention communion service amounted to about \$6000. This was given to the Mexican churches. It must have been a great encouragement to them as they met the following week in their own national convention. They were to meet on a ranch in the State of Zacatecas, where their surrounding would be fairly primitive—no electric light, no church buildings—in the open air. They would certainly give their priorities to the gospel and there, too, I guess they would have made their own assessment of the World Convention.

How worthwhile was it?

The value of the 9th Assembly was limited indeed if it was restricted to a few days in August, but if those few days mean a new interest of prayer and involvement of the world church in Mexico and other Latin American countries, then the World Convention will have been a significant investment.

The money will be helpful, but when Mr. Moreno was asked what were his church's greatest needs, it wasn't money he put first. It was ministers, leaders.

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OPEN FORUM

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

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS

To the Editor,

The accuracy of the Greek text on which English translations of the N.T. are based is an important but complex question.

1. It is not known what precise Greek text was used by the scholars who translated the KJV, but at the time there were less than a dozen manuscripts available from which to compile the Greek text. None of these manuscripts was earlier than the tenth century.

2. Since then, thousands of manuscripts have been discovered. The earliest, a fragment, is dated less than 50 years after the writing of the gospel by John. There are other important manuscripts from the early centuries, including two that contain the whole of the N.T. and which date from the fourth century.

3. In determining the original text, scholars rightly are influenced more by the age of the manuscript than by the number that supports the omission or addition of a particular word or phrase. It is obvious that many more manuscripts of a later date survive than those nearer the original.

4. Early this century the Bible Society abandoned the "Received Text", which was the text in the 16th and 17th centuries. (The title comes from an advertising statement of a printer who in 1633 claimed that "the reader has the text which is now received by all, indeed we give nothing changed or corrupted". Such a claim does not stand the test of the evidence.) Surely none would suggest that the Bible Society is biased against the fundamentals of the faith!

5. The conclusion is inescapable that modern translations are based on a Greek text that is nearer to the original than that behind the KJV.

There is the further question of how to translate the Greek into English. That too is a complex question, for no translation, including the KJV, translates word-for-word or always uses the same English word for the same Greek word.

Good statements about these matters can be found in chapter 6 of Paul Little's *Know why you believe* (Scripture Union) and F. F. Bruce's *The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?* (IVF).

K. R. Bowes—Victoria.

To the Editor,

Most Christians accept that students, ministers and missionaries are led by God personally.

How is it that, whilst we believe that God intervenes in the lives of individuals who may influence a mere handful of people, he took no interest in the Bible after He inspired the original writers? The KJV influenced the lives of millions over the past 350 years and it is incredible that we should imagine such a Book was the outcome of bumbling inefficiency.

Do we really believe that the manuscripts were stumbled upon by "luck", or have we sufficient faith in an omnipotent God to accept the obvious probability that God had a hand in their "discovery"?

God's Son found it necessary to repeat every word given him by the Father, because it was a matter of eternal life or death; the writers were controlled to such an extent that the true message was recorded. Can we imagine that, whereas God was so concerned with a few Greek-speaking people, he left the passing on of that message to the countless millions of non-Greek-speakers to the whim of chance and man?

Owen Wainwright, NSW.

THE REAL GOSPEL

To the Editor,

I was dismayed to read recent letters in Open Forum arguing against the use of modern translations of the bible and in effect maintaining that the 1611 King

James version is "correct" and all others doubtful and suspect.

Do we really have to believe that God has revealed all his truth to us already and that in 1611 and therefore we are not to look for a continuing stream of truth from Him as men examine His word.

Surely Christians should have more to do than engage in such archaic discussions. Not the actual words but the meaning and message behind the words is what we should take notice of and use as our guide.

No wonder—to quote Tertius—"the saints are gloomy about the future of the church. The old ways don't work any more and we're too tired to try new ways".

Let's have done with trivia and get down to the real meat of the gospel of Christ.

Max S. Collyer, Vic.

CHRISTIANS ONE

To the Editor,

I appreciate the letter of Owen Wainwright (A.C. 21/9/74) in reply to my unofficial report on "Christmas One." I agree with him wholeheartedly when he suggested looking to the New Testament for guidance concerning our attitude to the W.C.C. Could I suggest that we might start with Acts 5:38,39.

G. R. Stirling (Vic.)

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

ONCE A WEEK

To the Editor,

Cars have been streaming past our place for hours, on the way to the football finals. It's a disgrace! Each football ground represents millions of dollars of investment. For two or three hours it will be packed. Then apart from some practice for the faithful on two or three other days, it will be empty all the week. Just think of it! All those buildings, all that wide open turf, and all of those expensive facilities, USED ONLY ONCE A WEEK! And all of the summer, not used at all! It is a sociological disgrace!

Why can't it be thrown open to people in the over-crowded community that surrounds it? The elaborate shower for people who have no bathroom. The grandstands for the "latchkey kids" to run up and down while waiting for their mums to come home from work. The grass for family and community picnics. The goal posts for maypoles. The clubrooms for cultural societies, kindergartens, child minding centres and elderly citizens groups. And the whole works for an occasional rock concert! It's a shame in a modern community for all that real estate to be devoted to something that happens for a couple of hours ONCE A WEEK.

Why am I so steamed up about it? Because there are a few do-gooders round the place who all the time are criticising the church because church buildings are only used for a few hours ONCE A WEEK and only by a few of the faithful for training sessions during the week. "Why don't the churches let the community use their buildings?" they say. Well I wouldn't be against that. What I am against is the implication that what is done on Sunday in the proclamation of Christ in Word and sacrament is not worth the real estate involved.

And why pick on the church, when all through our affluent community there are hundreds of millions of dollars of real estate in sports grounds, race courses, drive in theatres, select clubs, and other property, including the back yards of the critics, that have limited time use, because their followers believe that what they do in the time that they are used is worth it.

That's why I'm steamed up.

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS.

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ACCOMMODATION

All delegates can be accommodated at the Australian National University Halls of Residence. Some are making their own arrangements in private homes and caravan parks.

Total cost is \$10 per day for adults. This includes all meals. There are a few family quarters, but most accommodation will be in single rooms, comparable to good quality motel accommodation. All bedding and towels are supplied and the lounges and other facilities of the halls of residence are available.

Students' rate of \$7 per day, and for children 12 and under, \$5.

EVENING SESSIONS

Evening sessions will commence with a Lakeside Communion Service on Sunday,



Graham GILMOUR
President



Don Burdett
Canberra Secretary

Jan. 26. Evening rallies will include a Family Programme on Jan. 27, and two inspirational rallies. Provision is made for two evenings when there will be a number of separate programmes covering a wide range of interests, from which delegates will make their own choice.

TRANSPORT

The transport officer for your State will supply you with information about concessions by rail, bus, or air (T.A.A.). There are attractive bus concession fares available for full bus loads. e.g. Melbourne-Canberra return \$20.00; Sydney-Canberra return \$12.00. Once you register you will receive all necessary information by return mail.

TOURS

A splendid selection of tours is available, both for Pre- and Post-Convention periods and in and around Canberra whilst you are at the Convention. Tours information will be provided for you as soon as you register.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

A special programme is arranged for children 14 years and under, under competent leaders.

EVERY CHURCH CAN BE THERE

Every church throughout Australia is urged to have at least two representatives in attendance at Canberra. Important

decisions will be made which will affect our brotherhood at home and abroad.

Some folk have raised the problem of costs. Admittedly, these are higher than previously, but this is the case of every activity and every commodity. Costs are higher, but the Conference of Churches, like the local church, can meet the challenge of this day.

It is suggested that every church could ensure the attendance of at least two persons at the 35th Conference. Perhaps the cost of transport and accommodation can be subsidised by the local church. It would be a small cost if shared in this way.

(At Anaheim, Calif., the tourist centre of the U.S.A., 12,000 came from Churches of Christ throughout America for the North American Christian Convention in July last, at the height of the U.S. summer season).

REGISTRATION FEE

The fee for an adult, 18 years and over, is \$7.00. For husband and wife together, the fee is \$10.00. For young people, 15, 16, and 17 years, the fee is \$3.00.

For children, 14 years and under, attending the children's programme a contribution of \$1.00 each is asked to cover cost of equipment and material.

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OVERSEAS MISSIONS

FIJI NEWSLETTER

From John Liu

John Liu, Principal of the Banmatmat Bible College, is studying at the Pacific Theological College in Suva, and most likely will continue studies with a view to gaining his B.D. With him is his wife Adlean and son Lyndon.

Greetings from us here at the Pacific Theological College—Adlean, Lyndon and myself.

We have just completed our first semester examinations this week, and I am very happy with it, even though we still do not know the results. The examinations are not as tough as I expected. We had exams on five subjects—Biblical studies, Ethics, Behavioural Sciences, Pacific History and Sociology—which is part of the extension course run by the University of the South Pacific. All these examinations will be marked externally, so it will take some time before we get all the results back. We are in our brief holidays at the moment.

Both Adlean and Lyndon are very well. Lyndon is starting to speak a lot of words now, but we still could not work out what language he is going to speak because we are living in the midst of a great variety of languages. Many of the kids he is playing with either speak English, Samoan, Tongan, Fijian or

Bislama (Pidgin English). Anyway he goes around speaking a little bit of everything. Adlean finds it also very helpful here because the women have their own special classes where they learn things like sewing, first aid, macrame work and other things like that.

All of us settled down very well here in the college. We have a flat which is made up of one bedroom, kitchen, bathroom and toilet, a lounge room and dining room. The college gives us a food allowance of \$19.00 per week and we do our own food shopping and also do our own cooking. This food allowance of course differs according to size of the family.

I was doing eight lectures in the first semester as mentioned above, plus English and a special lecture on how to study; also in the practical field we do field work. Some of these will be changed during our second semester. I will take Greek instead of English and psychology instead of Human Development in Behavioural Science. It looks as though next semester will be busier than this one. I am certainly looking forward to it. So far the results of my assignments have come out very well indeed, and I only hope that my exams will not be down very much.

PREPARING FOR WORK

J. WESTON,
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The last few weeks have been really busy for all of us up here, trying to get everything ready for the Work Team. We have finished cutting all the timber we need and have finished most of the concrete work.

I am finding things a little different workwise compared with Australia, it seems that we just don't get as much done, as we would back home, but it probably is due to the warm climate.

Apart from my carpentry duties, I have started a boys' club at Bunapas. Ted Gray and a young man named Mark are helping me. We have about 25 to 30 boys that attend every Tuesday night for 90 minutes. We play games and have a devotional time. The school is lending us some equipment to use, until we manage to get our own. In addition, along with Baka, one of our school teachers, I hope to organize a small basketball competition. Most of the older school boys are getting up their own teams with some of the work boys in them.

The people at Tung have asked me to help them build a new church. They are going to cut down the timber needed and I will go up there and help them construct it. We have drawn a few rough plans, and are hoping to get things under way soon.

BIBLE TRANSLATOR FROM NEW HEBRIDES

Morrie Tabi from Pentecost Island in the New Hebrides is at present in Sydney assisting W. Campbell of the Presbyterian Board of Ecumenical Missions and Relations in the final drafts of the New Testament in Bislama (New Hebridean Pidgin English.) The gospels have already been printed in this language.

In the New Hebrides Mr. Tabi has been translating the New Testament into Apna, a Central Pentecost language. It is expected that he will be in Australia for two months.

ALCOHOL & DRUG DEPENDENCE

Help is available for the many thousands dependent upon drugs, especially alcoholics.

A Counselling and Referral Service is operated in conjunction with the Victorian Foundation on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, by the Welfare Agencies of the Church of England.

It is estimated that there are 400,000 drug dependent people in Australia. If you are troubled about someone, you are invited to contact The Counselling and Referral Service, 289 Flinders Lane, Melb. 3000. Phone 63 4848.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

What is the name of this mountain? It was outside Palestine, but the Hebrews regarded it as sacred. On its slopes Moses saw the burning bush, and from it he brought the tablets of the ten commandments. At the entrance of one of its caves, Elijah heard "a still small voice."

(see page 18)

Garden Episodes

I sow the seed,
I feed the weed;
I sweat and labor—
Yes, indeed.

Then, my productive
Work complete,
The insects eat,
And eat and eat.

PAUL ARMSTRONG

Bobbie: "Grandpa, daddy said you once had hair like snow."

Grandpa: "So I did, my boy."

Bobbie: "Did the sun melt it?"

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).

Student: But officer, I'm a high school student . . ."

Traffic Cop: You'll get a ticket just the same—ignorance is no excuse.



"Ah, yes—the young lady in the third row with the bubble gum."

BOOKS TO READ

VIOLENCE

by Jacques Ellul (S.C.M.) \$4.25

Violence has been recognised in many situations that have been taken as normal so that there is need to raise the question of the Christian attitude to violence. Following World War I there was a tendency for part of the Church to move towards Pacifism but more recently with the rise of the "third world" the violence of colonialism and economic exploitation have been recognised. This has led to some sections of the Church espousing the cause of the underprivileged and exploited developing countries. Some have openly suggested that this violence must be met with violence and Christian concern calls us to be involved in violence. Much of the reasoning involved has had Marxist overtones or reactions against Marxist doctrine. The problem as Ellul sees it is that too often the Church has accepted the reasoning of the "left" or the "right" and has then sought to find a "christian" justification for its position either from the Bible or its faith. Ellul seeks to analyse the nature of violence and to draw out some basic rules by which violence operates. He seeks to help the Church clarify its attitude to violence. Perhaps his strongest point is that we as Christians can find no justification for violence and we must destroy any and every pseudo-christian justification for violence, for violence always needs a justification.

While there will be many, including the pacifists, who will disagree with him, Ellul has made a very valuable contribution to the church's understanding of this problem. The book can not be described as easy reading and at times it seems that "theory" loses its roots in reality. This is a book that deserves to be read by all those involved in the leadership of the Church.

Jacques Ellul is professor of Law and Government at the University of Bordeaux.

Don. E. Stewart

THE PAMPHLET CLUB (Nos. 231, 232)

(Fed. Literature Dept.)

"Thorns and Roses" by J. E. Brooke Ern Brooke was more than a preacher, of course, as these who received his pastoral ministry well know. But beyond his congregations as well as within them he was known as a man of the pulpit. His too early retirement through illness is a great loss, and this presentation of two of his sermons is both a deserved tribute to Mr. Brooke and an opportunity for new readers to meet and for older readers to remember this great preacher who spoke well for Christ.

"Come Now to His Table" This is a guide to those who lead our communion services and will be helpful also to those who receive the emblems. It is stimulating and the section on "How It's Done" would helpfully point the way to a recovery of the communion service as a joyous celebration rather than a formal observance. We have a tradition of "communion talks" in our churches and the writers recognise this and give helpful suggestions for making the best of the president's "remarks". With four contributors it is not to be expected that the whole be consistent in all its parts. Indeed if entrusted to one mind it would still be difficult to hold in harmony both the ideal and our present practices. This comment is provoked by an early statement that the introduction to communion "is not a 'communion talk,' far less is it a sermonette." Yet, at the end we are given two communion meditations that read to this reviewer like "talks" or "sermonettes". Not that they lack quality, it is simply that we would like to see less emphasis on improving the communion "talk" and more on "how it's done" in recapturing joy in the presence of Christ. This said it is a fine contribution to the church's life and a copy could well be given to every president along with next quarter's service plan.

VALUES CLARIFICATION, by S. B. Simon, L. W. Howe, a handbook of practical strategies H. Kirschenbaum. (Hart) for teachers and students. \$4.25 (post 30c)

"Should Bill and I live together before marriage so we know if we're really compatible?" "How do I know whether marijuana or alcohol is harmful to me or not?" "How can I enjoy working and living and avoid getting into the rat race for the house in the suburbs and the two cars?"

The list of values questions facing people (and especially young people)—today is an enormous one. Where do the answers come from?

Do we adults moralize at the young people? Do we sit back and let them find their own answers without help nor interference? Do we present ourselves as models for them to follow? (But which of the many models would they go for?)

The values clarification approach tries to help people answer some of these questions and build their own values systems. They are enabled to consider the consequences and then freely choose from the alternatives, to prize, cherish and, where appropriate, affirm publicly their beliefs and behaviours, and to act consistently on their beliefs.

This manual provides teachers with 79 practical strategies to help students build these valuing processes into their lives. Most are lively, interesting and effective.

The strategies have such intriguing names as "Proud Whip", "Alligator River", "The Pie of Life", "I Urge Telegrams" and "Obituary".

Teachers in Sunday schools, youth and adult group leaders, and secular teachers could use these strategies with great profit.

R. W. L.

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

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

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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"The entire Bible is opposed to Women's Lib! Name me one single well-known female prophet!"

MONBULK CAMP BOOKINGS

(VIC.)

1975 bookings are already quite heavy for the February/March period. Church groups are advised to book early. Small groups (of up to 25) may prefer "Rita Roberts" Lodge. It is ideal for small groups, e.g., a Planning Weekend by church leaders, a family re-union, a Bible school grade camp. Total camp capacity is 90 persons.

Family camps are becoming more popular. New facilities at the camp are a trampoline, a flying fox, a billiard table and a donkey! (a favourite with all campers).

Special rates apply to Church of Christ group. Bookings may be made at the D.C.E. Office, 52 La Trobe Street, Melbourne Vic. 3000. Phone 662 2377 (Melb.)

MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERS

Commerce and industry have long recognised the need to train senior men in the principles of "people-management". The cost of such courses is often in excess of \$200 per person.

Mission Enterprises Ltd., a missionary support organisation, has arranged special courses for leadership training for Christian personnel. They will be conducted by Dirk Bakker, now General Manager of Mission Enterprises. He has conducted management seminars for senior personnel in commerce and industry. The seminar runs for six 1½ hour sessions each Monday commencing Oct. 14.

The course, costing \$35 per person, is recommended for pastors, youth directors, missionaries, evangelists, and administrators.

Further information may be obtained from Mission Enterprises Ltd., P.O. Box 172, Hawthorn, Vic. 3122. Phone 82 2110 (Melb.).

THE RIGHT TO EAT

"But if the Right to Eat is one of the finest human rights, then everybody concerned should aggressively fight for it and everything should be organised in such a way that this right is properly exercised and accomplished. Insuring the Right to Eat requires passion, priority, and a unity discipline."

This is the charter of the Right to Eat Association which was launched in Sydney with the aim of bringing before the people of New South Wales the world food crisis.

Food is something no-one can do without. And yet in today's world more and more people suffer from insufficient food. In North Africa, the lives of up to 75 million people are being threatened by drought and the resulting shortage of food.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

THANKS TO E.L.W. The editor is back on duty at the same desk and same address. He is grateful to many who made it possible for him to attend the World Convention and to visit churches and colleges of the U.S.A. He is particularly grateful to Principal-Emeritus E. Lyall Williams who was acting editor for two months and out of a busy programme that looks less and less like retirement, was able to give this additional service to the brotherhood.

A TURN IN THE LONG ROAD The long road of anguish travelled by the American people from a place called Watergate seemed to turn toward happier fields when Richard M. Nixon resigned and Gerald Ford became President.

Those of us in the U.S.A. at the time were made aware of the new surge of hope for all those for whom the Nixon administration had no credibility whatever. Even those who still supported Nixon were at long last released from their burden of seeking good answers to bad questions.

For there had come that last fatal release of tapes that showed that President Nixon had lied. He had lied to his Congress, he had lied to his friends, he had lied to the very lawyers who were seeking to defend him and (this was a cause for anger) he had lied to his own family—to his own daughter who, more than anyone else, had declared her faith in him and defended him with word and pen. The President of the United States should be a man of his word to everyone, great and small, powerful or poor. But no man should lie to his own daughter.

With the departure of Nixon and the coming of Ford there was a wind of change blowing through the White House. Ford spoke like a man of prayer, faith, and humility. He seemed to be saying all the right things and doing all the right actions. But the ex-President (contact with whom seemed to destroy so many men of promise) seemed capable of harming even his successor. Although Ford had said he would not take action to pardon Nixon, within a fortnight he had given

The Right to Eat Association is sponsored by the N.S.W. Action for World Development Committee and is encouraging A.W.D. groups, churches and other church related organizations to study the issues in the World Food Crisis. It is hoped that churches will make Nov. 3 a day of special prayer and action on the World Food Crisis.

MALVERN-SOUTH YARRA Appointment (Vic.) Peter Nelson, after completing his studies at the College of the Bible, will be commencing a ministry at Malvern in 1975. This is a real move forward in faith as it will mean a new venture for the church which has been developing a youth program this year. Mr. Nelson will also be involved in a part-time ministry at South Yarra. It is anticipated that he will take services and be available for one day each week to South Yarra for pastoral work. It is expected that Mr. Nelson's involvement with the two congregations will help the two churches to work together in some outreach programs. Mr. Nelson comes from Tasmania. He is active in Scripture Union work as a camps leader and this year he is student president at the College of the Bible. Peter will be part of the Inner Suburban Ministry team in Melbourne.

THE "CHRISTIAN" GOES TO MEXICO

FROM PAGE 7

Maybe some of those ministers and leaders will go someday from Australia. Why not? Our universities teach Spanish.

Our visit to Mexico was ending, and in the Moreno home we stood in a circle, holding hands, and we all prayed for one another. Each prayer was translated twice. The Spanish into English, and the English into Spanish.

The translation was not for God's benefit. That's another lesson we learned in Mexico. God understands all languages and hears all prayers, and answers them, if we will let him.

(NEXT ISSUE MEXICO PART 2)

If any young people, say between 18 and 24, would like to write to Beatriz and Sylvia, the Editor has their address.

such a pardon to cover all wrongs which may be committed during the former President's term of office. There was a cry of anger and hurt.

This was not due to any vindictiveness towards Nixon. Those of us who were there found few who wanted to punish Nixon, but they wanted justice to be done and seen to be done. So many small and quite a number of great men were ruined. They asked, how could the leader of the gang be pardoned?

Ford wanted to be done with Watergate—but the disease of Watergate has so poisoned the body politic of the U.S.A. that healing could not come through the amputation of the Nixon limb. And the pardon of Nixon was so secretly decided and so quickly effected, that another wave of suspicion is troubling the people. It will be ironic if the new President's first set-back comes from an attempt to remove Watergate from the nation by an act of amnesty. As a writer in the "New York Times" said, Ford may have "erased his greatest asset in office—the distance between him and Mr. Nixon and Watergate."

That turn in the road did not at once lead to a new realm. Many are asking if it was a detour at all—or just another dangerous curve on the road that wrecked so many lives, and still reaches out into a perilous future.

SOME DISCORD

At the very time we were promising churches everywhere that the new hymn book would be delivered by the end of June this year, the paper on which the hymn book was to be printed was sitting at the Liverpool docks, and the dock workers were on strike!

Hymn-book paper has to be tough and durable. That is why we refused the use of local inferior substitutes. We just have to wait.

We made our promises in good faith, and we even allowed a margin for hold-ups. But we didn't allow for the Liverpool dockers. We didn't even know they were involved.

We won't make any more promises until the paper is in the hands of the printer, but the moment we have any news we shall certainly share it with you.

GOOD GRIEF In Mexico City for the World Convention, one of our ministers was pleased with the restaurant service and in his best Spanish said so to the waiter. "Mucho bueno," he said, meaning "very good." The waiter brought him a glass of beer!!! So much for the communication gap!

COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOURED

LARGEST audience ever to attend the East Keilor Church of Christ, Vic., was present at the service to recognise the service to the community by Cr Neil Heinze and Mrs. Betty Heinze.

Before the service began the church had run out of hymn books as facilities became exhausted.

The community was represented by organisations who had in some way felt the worth of the mayor and mayoress during their term of office.

Councillors Phil Tagell, Neville Free, Peter Horman, Charlie Hall, Leo Dineen and Cliff Harvey were in attendance as were the deputy town clerk, John Elwood and his family.

It was obvious to everyone present that the mayor was deeply moved by this expression of appreciation from the church and the community.

After the cutting the cake, made by Mrs. Alves, Cr. Heinze placed his arm around his wife and thanked her for her support.

Neil and Betty Heinze served the communion emblems to the congregation.

Steve Downie, minister of the church, brought an appropriate address, bringing out historical background to indicate that

the church and the authorities have not always enjoyed a relationship as the church did with the City of Keilor.

There used to be suspicion and prejudice resulting in conflict, clashes and violence.

The service was such a success that people have asked that this type of service be featured each year.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY (Balwyn, W. W. Saunders). Mr. Saunders preached the Temperance Sunday address at Wesley Church P.S.A. on Sept. 1 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Saunders attended the Australian and South Pacific Temperance Council meetings at Mt. Martha Sept. 16-19 . . . G. Stirling preached on Sept. 22 . . . C.W.A.F. members visited the Note and Stamp Printing Dept. of the Reserve Bank . . . Church conducted a P.S.A. for the local elderly citizens club, the Balwyn Evergreens . . . W.C.T.U. gave a demonstration of non-alcoholic drinks and an opportunity to taste samples.

1975 CALENDAR

The Churches of Christ Calendar for 1975 is now available and is both attractive and functional.

Suggested Old and New Testament readings are provided for every Sunday. There are also recommended hymns.

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All church secretaries throughout Australia are being sent supplies of the Calendar.

CARINGBAH STUDENT-MINI-MISSION (N.S.W.) Woolwich students were engaged in a "Mini-Mission" with the church at Caringbah, Sept. 8-15, the whole College participating, and resident students living on the spot in Caringbah's "Jacaranda House". Morning seminars centred on "Methods of Evangelism", led by J. K. Bond, W. Harrison, R. Kallmier, Bob Smith and others, and afternoons were devoted to putting some of these methods into practice in visitation in the district. Happy hour sessions also attracted large numbers of school children. Among the student-preachers who shared in the presentation of the gospel were Bob Slack, John Bond, Neal Proellocks, Greg Deuble, Ian Borham, Geoff Rowcroft, Don Herbert and Bob Ferguson.

MIGRANT CONTACT (Noble Park, G. Agnew). On Sept. 1, Rose Filardo, a worker amongst migrant families as part of COCIAC programme was speaker . . . Miss R. Cauldwell, youth minister, gave an illustrated talk at night on her visit to Mexico for the World Convention . . . CWF recently held a Hobby Tex evening and an afternoon making articles for their street stall . . . Youth Fellowship has spent some enjoyable evenings, ten pin bowling, a barbecue and picture nights . . . S.S. anniversary held Sept. 22, speaker Ron Brooker.

DOUBLE-BANGER (Ulverstone, Paul B. Burnham) "Why Should the Devil Have All The Good Music" and "The Mindbenders" screened in double-banger film night. A large number attended the films which were preceded by a Youth Tea . . . Minister has been appointed Ulverstone Pres. of the Bible Society of Australia . . . A successful joint C. of C. Methodist Vacation B.S. for young children has just concluded . . . Winter School Studies from the C.O.B. have been extended due to interest and enthusiasm of the 15 participants.

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C.W.F. AT WORK AND WORSHIP

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Mrs. Helen Banks, Camp Convener, recorded a heavily overbooked camp to be held at Monbulk, September 27-29.

October Rally to be held at Lygon Street, Oct. 8, 8 p.m. Speaker will be Mrs. Marj. Smith—Social Worker Austin Hospital, Paraplegic Unit.

Next Council—Friday, October 4, 10.30 a.m. Speaker: Mrs. June St. Aubyn. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

After opening thoughts and prayers from the W.C.W.F. birthday program, President, Mrs. Middleton, introduced Mrs. Kent who conducted an interesting and informative Hospital Rally. Brief mention was made of the regular visiting in hospitals done by the 12 ladies of the committee, and Mrs. Simpson led a devotional session on the theme, "Expressing Faith by Kindly Deeds."

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MISSION (Ipswich, B. A. Rice). Mission with Doug Willis resulted in four baptisms, two restorations and three rededications. A number of others requested further visitation. East Ipswich preparing for mission with Dr. Lloyd Jones Oct. 27—Nov. 10 . . . C.Y.F.'s focus on Asia commenced with a Chinese meal, followed by presentation of church planting in S.E. Asia by Roy Ferguson of O.M.F. . . . Boys' Brigade parade night featured sharing time of greatest difficulty and greatest blessings in Christian life.

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C.W.F. SOCIAL AFTERNOON (Echuca, R. Ritchie). Mrs. Jones from Kyabram told of her term as a missionary's wife in New Hebrides when 65 ladies from various congregations attended C.W.F. social afternoon . . . T. Giles, of H.M. Dept., conducted Planned Giving Mission. It created a spirit of unity within the church . . . People from Cummeragunga continue to attend evening service.

TO NEW GUINEA (Bendigo, M. D. Keatch). Presentations were made to Miss D. Symes from the church and C.W.E.F. prior to her departure for mission work in N.G. She plans to enter C.O.B. in 1975 for further preparation . . . \$10 donated to Spastic Children's Soc . . . Three members recently journeyed to Kyneton to help in A.M. service . . . C.W.E.F. visited Psychiatric Centre . . . Recent barbecue at Mr. and Mrs. Ford's raised \$13.10 for Eppalock Dormitory Fund . . . Boys' Club delivered kindling to Mrs. Thornton . . . \$90 has been received for Overseas Missions . . . The church is saddened by the death of Miss F. Vercoe. Sympathy is extended to her sister Mrs. Balle . . . B.S. is preparing for anniversary.

ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT (Kyneton, D. Ryle). S.S. held an entertainment night of games, items, slides and trading table, raising \$82 for a mobile shower chair for Christian Guest Home . . . Mr. Sumner gave a talk on the Christian Foundation for the Blind, Mrs. Sumner gave a solo, while Guide Dog "Hans" entertained the children.

MUSICAL NIGHT (Box Hill, K. R. Bond). "Maranatha" group from Ballarat assisted musically at gospel service "How to Pick a Partner". Young girl baptised . . . Many attended "Jesus Way" Gospel service at P.L.C. . . . C.W.F. Thanksgiving stands at \$257 . . . 23 J.C.E. attended State C.E. rally at Camberwell. All 7 Juniors who sat for exam gained over 90%. First prize to Kerry McFarlane, second Robyn Wigney, third Sarah Mallard, and State Supt. prize

went to Geoffrey Wigney . . . Dr. and Mrs. Moore guest speakers at Y.P.S.C.E. . . . Nance Robinson farewelled at C.W.F. on moving to Mt. Waverley . . . K. Bond re-elected president of cricket club . . . Mr. Buckley welcomed back after hospitalisation . . . Sympathy expressed to Nita Young on loss of her mother.

NSW MINISTERS AT COLLEGE Woolwich was the venue of the Ministers Fraternal on Sept. 23. Sessions were addressed by Tom Willis, NSW Secretary of the Leprosy Mission, and Mal Leask, State Director of "Life Line". Mrs. A. G. Elliott was hostess to the Ministers' Wives, who met in the Principal's flat, and were addressed by Mrs. Jean Flint and Mrs. J. R. Reid. Ministers and their wives shared in the fellowship of the luncheon period in the college grounds, Mr. and Mrs. Graeme Chapman being in charge of arrangements.

NORSEMAN VISITORS (Christies Beach, Brian Beck). The Roberts Family, on holiday from Norseman, shared experiences at both services and fellowship tea on Sept. 8 . . . Cliff Jones and his wife have returned from working holiday at Norseman . . . Ladies shared fellowship and luncheon at Milang Church . . . The Mynyards are terminating active service with the church as they prepare to take on missionary service with OMS . . . Early morning prayer hours were held in connection with the Renewal weekend Sept. 27-29.

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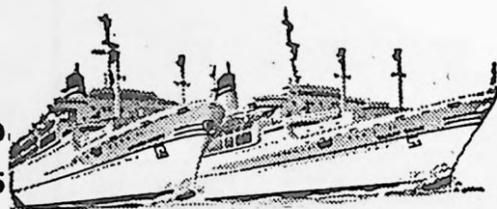
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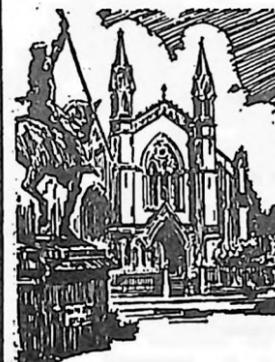
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PARAPLEGICS (Essendon, C. S. Badcock) Evening Women's Fellowship held open night with Mr. Joel from Austin Hosp. telling of work among paraplegics and quadraplegics . . . Combined prayer meeting of Western Suburban churches held at Footscray . . . After Sunday service members relaxed in fellowship at Monbulk Camp . . . Mrs. Jean Hainsworth celebrated her 80th birthday . . . Our members were welcomed home from the World Convention. Mr. Jenner is back after illness, and Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Tyshing are recovering.

TRANSCIEVER (Footscray, F. B. Alcorn). Church and auxiliaries plan to accept responsibility for a Transceiver, for Paul and Betty Williams at Chungribu . . . Mens' Fellowship held a hobbies' night and Evening Fellowship a film night by Mr. Holt . . . Mrs. Spicer and Mrs. Cunningham are home from hospital but Keith Buckley now hospitalized . . . Church well represented at Festival of Faith. . . At annual meeting Mrs. E. Burgess was welcomed as deaconess . . . Senior netball players successfully contested the premiership.

PLANNED GIVING (Blackburn E. C. Keating). T. Giles led recent Review Planned Giving Program . . . Services have included good Companions service when Ed. Ots, High School Chaplain, was interviewed; Gospel Theatres Prod., with extracts from musical "Gospel According to John;" singing by the Stewart family; the Maori Evang. Fellowship Singers (also featured at a family concert); drama by the C.Y.F.; film "Man for All Seasons" was screened; and Neville Farmer held a talk-back on drink, drugs, etc. . . . Minister conducted after-church coffee shop at C. of E. . . Minister to conduct 3 lunch hour discussions on parents, men and grand-parents . . . Badminton follows Wed. Y.P. Bible Study . . . Senior Citizens held Lemon afternoon . . . Ondrea Parker and Lester Cheeseman welcomed back from Bouganville . . . Fred Youens is home from hospital.

KEEP CARNARVON COOL (Parkdale, K. Turner) \$650 was raised to install 13 ceiling fans to keep Carnarvon Aboriginal Mission a little cooler during the hot weather. Special functions included a theatre night at "Mame", a tennis tournament, a Good Companions Wake-a-thon, a Mini-walkathon, and an odd job project by the Boys' Explorers . . . Mr. Widows screened the film "Ethiopia Aid Action" at an evening service . . . After church fellowship considered the Christian's role in the local community. A city council Social Worker spoke . . . A Men's and boys' tea preceded evening service on Boys' Sunday.

ARTHUR CHISWELL HONORED



ARTHUR CHISWELL (LEFT) RECEIVING A PRESENTATION FROM MR. HUNTING

(Vic.) The 70th anniversary of the Church of Christ at St. Arnaud was an appropriate setting to pay tribute to one man who has been so much a part of the church's life for many years.

Arthur Chiswell was born at Bet Bet in 1911 and his work with the railways brought him to Stawell in 1943. He served the church in many capacities and has been its secretary for 31 years. G.R. Stirling spoke of the history of the church and its witness since 1904, giving particular emphasis to the part played by Mr. and Mrs. Chiswell and their family.

F.C. Hunting, the minister of the Dawson St., Ballarat, church, made a presentation to Mr. Chiswell on behalf of the congregation. Mr. Hunting said that whenever he thought of Arthur Chiswell he mentally lifted his hat to him. He had again and again forgone promotion in his employment for the sake of his church. It was not too much to say that if it had not been for the Chiswell family the St. Arnaud church might have had to close.

The Rev. Brian Giddings of the Methodist church said that Mr. Chiswell was a wonderful representative of the Church of Christ in the community and he had made positive contributions to the Inter-Church Council.

Among the visitors were the Mayor and Mayoress of St. Arnaud, Cr. and Mrs. G. Anderson; the Mayor and Mayoress of Maryborough, Cr. and Mrs. F. Drake, and members of the Chiswell family, including Arthur's mother, aged 88, from Bet Bet, and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cave from Adelaide.

Ian Adams, Church of Christ minister from Maryborough, also paid tribute to Mr. Chiswell and then made presentations to Mrs. E. Baldwin, a foundation member, to Mrs. Olive Vallance, who joined the church in 1929, was organist for many years and was still an active member, and to Mrs. Arthur Chiswell, who has been as active in the church as her husband since coming to St. Arnaud in 1943.

For St. Arnaud's day of celebration, the President of Conference and Vice-Principal of the College of the Bible, G.R. Stirling, was morning guest preacher. Mr. Adams presided at the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon with items from the Norman Simpson Memorial Pipe Band, Mrs. Hedley Lehmann and members of the Maryborough church choir. Mr. Hunting made the presentation to Mr. Chiswell.

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OBITUARY

BALE Alice Evelyn

The many friends and relatives of "Ev." Bale have been deeply saddened by her death at Austin Hospital, August 22, after a severe illness. Although she was always mindful of the finality of her ailment, she was a constant inspiration to all who visited her, with her welcome smile and cheerful disposition. Born at Cheltenham, Vic. 59 years ago, she moved to the Box Hill district and later to South Yarra. At the church in Cliff St. she made her decision for Christ in 1935 under the ministry of A. W. Ladbroke. She served for many years as pianiste in the Kindergarten and as Cradle Roll Supt. Her eyesight had given her trouble from an early age and she attended Prince Henry's Hosp. and Peter McCallum Clinic for treatment. Her condition worsened over the recent years. The Church at South Yarra was filled to capacity on Aug. 26 when a service was conducted by A. W. C. Candy, a minister of the church for many years during her happy and profitable membership. He was assisted by the present minister Charles Wilson. Afterwards the final Service was carried out at the Springvale Crematorium. "Ev." will be remembered always very dearly by so many who knew her and we give thanks for her life of splendid witness.

—A.W.C.C.

POTTER, Raymond

The death occurred at the Murray Valley Hospital, Albury, on Aug. 29, of Raymond Potter. He came into the church at Merbein, under the preaching of late H. Gray, Sr., and was faithful until the end. He joined the Army in 1938 and came to Albury, with his wife and daughter Val. He built a home in Wodonga, and there his first wife died. In 1955 he married again to a sister of one of our preachers, N. Kingston. He held a position in a garage from his discharge from the Army until his retirement. At this time his eyes gave him some trouble, which gradually worsened. His wife, a trained nurse looked after him, and the writer and others visited him. My wife and I took communion to him each week and while the women went shopping we would have Bible readings, and hymns from a tape recorder. After my own long illness in hospital I continued to minister to him as often as possible. Eventually he was admitted to hospital in Albury, and on Aug. 26 took communion for the last time. The service at Albury chapel was packed, and the front portion filled with wreaths. N. Kingston conducted the service, the writer giving a testimony of his christian life. Our prayers are for his wife, and daughter.—A.E.C.

RUSSELL, Mrs. Lillian

A period of sixty years of membership in Churches of Christ ended recently at the death of Lillian Russell. She became a member of the Castlemaine Church as a girl. After marriage she and her husband moved to Melbourne where she was in membership first at Williamstown followed by a fifty year membership in the Church at Gardiner. Fellow church members and close friends found her a quiet but generous and gracious Christian lady. She had the joy of seeing her daughters move through the SS and youth auxiliaries and into the membership of the church. Forty seven years ago Mrs. Russell became a foundation member of the local branch of the W.C.T.U. and gave wonderful service to that organisation right to the end of her life. Her quiet but consistent witness among neighbours and members of her bowling club was a positive expression of her strong Christian faith. Having just disposed of her home in Glen Iris where she lived for more than fifty years and just a few days prior to moving to a new home unit she passed away peacefully at the home of one of her daughters. Sympathy has been expressed to daughters Edith, Norma, Betty and Dorothy, and to sons-in-law and grandchildren.

L.S. Dowberry.

WILSON Roy.

The passing of Roy Marshall Wilson has removed from the brotherhood a man who had been tried in the fires of affliction, whose faith withstood the testing and whose testimony was able to bring enrichment to many other pilgrims on life's pathway. Roy trained for the Christian ministry at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris. He served the churches at Ipswich, Qld., and Hamilton, N.S.W. While at Hamilton the late E.C. Hinrichsen conducted a mission at Mayfield, a neighbouring suburb. Great difficulty was being experienced to invite a man to minister to this baby church. Out of a deep personal sense of concern and conviction, Roy resigned from Hamilton and accepted the call to Mayfield. Here he served with great blessing and acceptance. During his life his mother was killed in a car accident while travelling to Newcastle to see her son inducted as President of the Newcastle District Christian Endeavour Union. Beryl, his first wife died while he ministered at Mayfield. He re-married, but again, he was to experience the loss through death of his second wife. About two or three weeks before his own death, his father died and he was busy with those funeral arrangements. Roy had been serving an interim ministry with the Church at Carringbah who were awaiting the arrival of a new minister. The membership were moved deeply by his ministry many saying that his preaching was at its highest peak. He preached at both services on Sunday. On Monday, he made his way to a Roman Catholic school where he was teaching. As he walked through the park in the presence of God's wonderful creation, he was not, for God took him, just as suddenly as that. The funeral left from the Kingsford Church where he had once ministered, and at the time of his death was in membership. In the congregation that gathered were about 60 of the students he taught accompanied by some of the teaching brothers and sisters of the school, members of Churches of Christ and friends. To all the members of the family we express Christian sympathy and are glad that we knew Roy Wilson. Roy was the first member of the Rockdale church of Christ to enter the Christian ministry.

—L.E.W.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MINISTRY ASSISTANCE (Clovelly Park, R.L. Arnold). Wally Bartlett has offered to assist in the pastoral ministry with Mr. Arnold. Mrs. Pat Taylor led a Children's Mission at the Sturt River Caravan Park during the school holidays. 80 children attended. Miss. Robyn Haskell and Nick Gavros, speakers at S.S. anniversary services. \$400 sent to John and Margaret Beaumont (S.I.L. Ukarumpa, N.G.) for cost of roofing their new home. Monthly prayer, praise and Bible study meetings have commenced in homes. Youth Group shown over station 5KA by announcer Des Jay. Mr. Paterson (Postal S.S.) recent speaker.

"OUTREACH 75" (Barmera, K. Fechner). Lay Witness Mission planned to prepare for "Outreach 75". Regular visits are made from Adelaide men's societies to take morning services. Netball teams reached finals. Parents and players attended break-up party. New wire screen doors have been fitted for summer months. Young people are attending discipleship classes.



QUEENSLAND

NEW CHURCH (Springwood, R. G. Foletta). Qld.'s newest church has been meeting for six months in a chapel underneath the home of one of its members. Morning attendance is over 60 and the membership is 50. Visitation in this new and rapidly expanding housing development is by members and four Kenmore College students, using evangelistic film strips to follow up surveys. Team teaching is used in the S.S. being conducted in the local State School. The church is supported by the Home Missions Dept., Rosvale, Southport and Warwick churches. Recent speakers have been the Directors of Home Missions and Christian Education. Ladies have commenced meetings in their homes.

NEW ORGAN (West Moreton Circuit, A. McSurtees). Vic. and Daisy Scheonknecht have donated a greatly appreciated new electronic organ to the church at Rosewood. The floor of the Mt. Walker chapel has been sanded and restained. Mr. and Mrs. Noel Leitch and Mr. and Mrs. Lyall Christensen spent six weeks in America, renewing past friendships and attending the North American Convention and the World Convention. The Mt. Walker S.S. held their exam during July, and a prize-giving and anniversary service was held Sept. 29. The S.S. picnic was held at Maroonda Dam. Mrs. Lobegeiger (Snr) suffered a fall recently and after some time in hospital is home again. Grass cutting at Rosewood is easier now. They have a new mower. Mr. and Mrs. Norm Schealler celebrated their Ruby Wedding anniversary on Aug. 10. Rosevale gained second place in both Junior and Senior divisions of the Annual D.Y.—C.E. sports day. Coral Christensen was Senior girl champion and Russell Christensen Junior boy champion.

"APOSTOLOI" SUCCESSFUL (Berri, K. Fechner). Berri's Gospel Musical "Apostoloi" was performed at Berri, Barmera, Mildura, and has been invited to Adelaide. At A.G.M., A. Chapple was re-elected Elder and Mrs. Campbell retired after 22 years as deaconess. New Deacon—A. Blyth. New deaconess—A. Kunoth. Church involved in studying "Jesus Christ for Today" and preparing for a Lay Witness Mission. Working bee held to evacuate a family whose property will be flooded by the high level of the Murray River at Diamond Anniversary. On Sunday, the church was unable to hold all worshippers at morning service. "Young Life" camped with Dareton young people at Mildura. Discipleship classes have commenced as a result of responses. Profits from the performances of "Apostoloi", donations, and other money lent interest-free have enabled Church to commence purchase of an electronic organ.



VICTORIA

90th BIRTHDAY (Bambra Rd. Caulfield, K. Christensen). Mrs. Carnie, Sen. celebrated her 90th Birthday. She attends service every Sunday morning. Many attended open house at her son's home on Aug. 18. During Bible Week, a variety of bibles were on display and sold. E.W.F. held a slide night and raised \$19 to support two Aboriginal boys at Norseman. Church camp planned for Sept. 20-22 at Healesville. 8 from C.W.F. attended a morning coffee for Bible Society. E.W.F. held a demonstration night of kitchen and gift ware. Mrs. N. Lees showed slides of visit to New Guinea. Jillian Maxwell has commenced nursing at Bethesda. Mrs. Saunders now at Caulfield Convalescent and improving. Mrs. Morris recovering after surgery. Miss B. Houghton returned home. A slide spectacular on New Zealand by Judy and Irene Bruhn, Lois Winkler and Ted Terry was projected on a double screen with musical background. Proceeds for Organ Fund.

40th ANNIVERSARY (CROYDON, A. B. Clark). Jean and Frank Sterling celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary. Recent activities of the Young Marrieds have been a visit from a Dwarf Lady and slides on Sweden. C.W.F. ladies celebrated their 30th birthday whilst Evening Group celebrated their 14th birthday with "Yukana Singers" taking the programme. Ladies enjoyed fellowship tea and Church Parade when Mrs. Gordon Stirling was speaker. Sincere sympathy is expressed to

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes on the death of their son, and to Mrs. D. Handasyde on the passing of her uncle. Boys' Club took part in working bee at Monbulk Camp. Church Parade was held on Aug. 18 at P.M. service. The film "Wonderful and Its True" was shown.

B.S. SCHOLARS' EFFORT (Hartwell, M. J. Savage). Scholars contribute annually to support two children at Aborigines Mission in W.A. and progress of the children and the care they receive were reprinted when Mrs. P. Lynch spoke at an open session on Aug. 18 with parents and friends. State Attorney General, V. Wilcox was guest speaker at Men's Pleasant Sunday Afternoon. Study Fellowship meets each week. A progressive dinner in various homes was held Sept. 7. \$200 was raised for Christian Famine Relief Fund to aid starving and homeless people in North Africa.

SERVICE FOR SHUT-INS (West Preston, A. J. Storar). Shut-in folk are appreciating cassette recordings of morning services and communion at home. A dozen people went Sunday afternoon visiting to a number who are not often able to attend services. Three of our girls took service at Northcote on Girls' Sunday. Geoff Crossman and Maurice Lee from Thornbury led a morning service. Following Chrislab study of drama in the church, young people created an evening service. Ten auxiliaries were represented at church parade emphasizing strength in unity. A group of young people had a hectic but stimulating weekend at Shepparton. Ray Mudford conducted a drawing and painting class with Y.D.'s. Miss Cook has returned from Mexico. Tennis "C" Division premiers; "A" runners-up.

SOCIAL QUESTIONS (Coburg, E. Morrison). Special speakers in "Social Questions" series have been Dr. Ron Myerscough on "The Right to Life", Inspector John Blogg, Flemington C.I.B. on "Crime", Neville Farmer on "The Abuse of Drugs including Alcohol". A house party for old and new Australians was held by Mrs. D. Grenfell and Miss Rose Filardo as part of the Outreach program. C.W.E.F. have made new curtains for the chapel. Barry Jenkins is to work in team and ministry in a part-time capacity in 1975. Mrs. J. Workman's health is improving after lengthy hospitalisation.

TEACHER TRAINING (Stawell, Pam Bowers). Training sessions for S.S. teachers are being conducted monthly by the minister. Mary Finger showed slides of New Hebrides. Two members have given the church a new electronic organ. Services are now held weekly at the Geriatric Hospital, shared by ministers from 6 denominations. A farewell evening was given for Terry Dunn (S.A. Supt. and youth leader) and Keith Miller, who are leaving for a 12-month tour of Australia. Discussion evenings have been held at Stawell Technical School on the history and beliefs of the Churches of Christ and other denominations.

MEXICO VISIT (Oakleigh, Dr. C. J. McKenzie). Miss Doris Cook spoke to Ladies' Afternoon Fellowship on her visit to Mexico City World Convention. The Maori Evangelical Fellowship sang and witnessed on Sept. 4. Phyllis Parkinson and Brian Gilhooley have returned from courses at Capernway Colleges, in N.Z. and N.S.W. Two young ladies made decisions. Various functions have raised \$758 for the church's Mission Project.

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