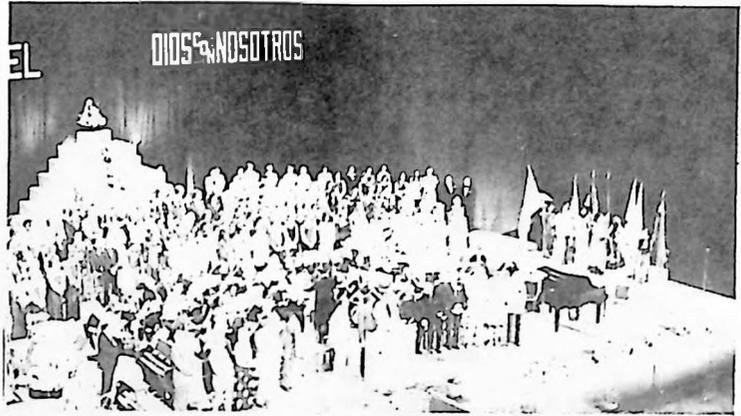


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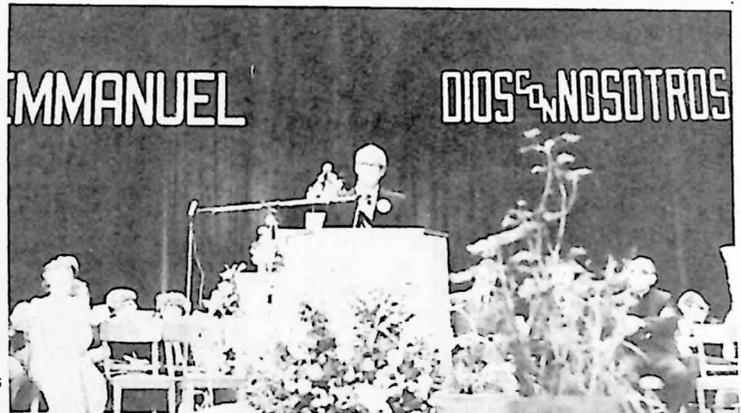
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 Sr. Lopez De Lara.



Dr. Allan Lee
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 convention.
 Dr. K. R. Bowes
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E. W. Roffey
 leads study
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 In the picture
 Mr. and Mrs.
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A TIME FOR HONESTY

By Graeme Chapman



Churches of Christ have been in existence in Australia for almost 140 years. A review of the movement's literature highlights the fact that we have twice fallen into a mood of sustained self-criticism. In the final quarter of last century, when it was no longer necessary to fight for existence and identity, we began working our way towards an acceptance of and by other communions. Opening ourselves to others exposed us to the challenge of foreign and sometimes rival doctrines and forced upon us a review of inherited Restoration traditions. The second period of self-criticism began emerging as a trend in the late 60's. This time attention was concentrated on the question of unity. When the promise of an early enthusiasm not only failed to materialize but had the contrary effect of revealing the existence within the movement of considerable theological divergency, concerned leaders began seeking reasons.

To date, attention has been concentrated on assessment of the philosophic and historical implications of our doctrinal position. It is my personal conviction that, to ensure the future vigour of our churches and to enable us to make an adequate response to the ever accelerating flow and complexity of world trends, it is essential that we go beyond this looking at implications to re-weigh the truth and relevance of the varied and pseudo-sacred facets of our position.

The most perceptive of the critics of the earlier period was the American evangelist J.J. Haley. As early as 1876, the year he was appointed editor of the Australian Christian Pioneer, he called attention to "Our Danger". He wrote—"We advocate union in the spirit of disunion . . . we fancy ourselves champions of the Restoration of Primitive Christianity, when all the while our championship is decidedly more effective in the restoration of primitive phariseism." He went on to point out that we were in danger of formulating a creed, under the animus of sectarianism, that would not allow for variance of opinion.

Prominent among recent critics have been Dr. Ron Graham, who has pointed up hidden ambiguities in cherished catch-phrases, and the provocatively irenic Gordon Stirling, whose probing into the differences dividing the main currents of the movement has stimulated enthusiasm for a deeper analysis.

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Equally unsuited to effective analysis are those blindly infatuated with what is being assessed and outside critics who, without appreciating the inside view, offer profuse advice on how the needed reformation can be made. My position is that of insider — like you I love our brotherhood. However, in the offering of varied analyses in the articles that follow I hope that historical perspective has given me the necessary objectivity to offer revealing and positive criticism. I do not claim to have the answers but hope to stimulate those whose discussion of the issues can contribute to the needed reappraisal.

Some time ago Dr. W.E. Sangster raised the question "Can Methodism be born again?" When it came to publication the title had been changed to "Methodism can be born again." I have no less confidence in the rebirth of the people who prefer, without claiming exclusive use of the term, to call themselves simply "Christians."

INNER SPRINGS

AS A LITTLE CHILD



Neighbours in the same street, we had travelled together in the bus to a nearby suburb. Upon alighting I felt a small hand steal into mind and hold it fast. I looked down at my neighbour's little daughter. We had never met before, yet with a touching gesture of confidence she had swept away the barrier that says "you are a stranger" and made it of no account. It was another of those little incidents that have always delighted me for its lovely simplicity. Also because it endorses a profound belief I have that this is the very thing that God asks of His children. That we simply place our hand in His and walk each day in His Presence—without the need to have all our questions answered to our satisfaction.

Jesus "likened" the kingdom but He did not explain its mystery. "This is the Way, walk ye in it", God said. "It is a road to be travelled, not torn up," wrote Starr Daily in his book "Release". "A man with a pick tearing up the road as he goes, pausing long to analyse the stuff out of which the road is made will progress but an inch to the trustful traveller's mile." It is just possible that analysis and exploration of God's Highway offers a dignified excuse for retarding the journey.

Said a baby bear to his mother:
Which paw shall I move
This or t'other
Right or left or all four together?
So he stood in doubt, asking
whether
Front or back should go
This or t'other;
Do not talk just walk
Growled his mother.

Most of us do more questioning with only two legs. A trusting spirit is the touchstone of a loving relationship.

PRAYER: Our Father, we are surrounded on every side by advice on how to live and what to do, yet we grow ever more troubled and confused. Thou hast said "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." Help us then to walk in it, and find our every need supplied. Amen

FLORENCE ROSIER



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TO MEXICO (PART 2)



You will have to wait for the big clear word on Mexico if you expect it from this correspondent. Ten days was just not long enough to get a clear picture of the land and its people, its problems and its promise.

Indeed I learned more about Mexican politics and its place in the world by talking with Dr. Thomas J. Liggett in his office in Indianapolis as President of Christian Theological Seminary, than I did in a week of shuttling between the Ambassador Hotel in Humboldt Street and the World Convention meetings.

I learned more about Mexican people, as people, as we drove out into the country with Mike and Nancy Saenz, on our way to Toluca, capital of Mexico State, than I did in three days and three nights in a Mexican bus moving through six States, but shut off from my fellow passengers by the language barrier.

We never got to Acapulco, the tourist Mecca of Latin America, but Mexico City is no mean tourist resort. The hotels must surely rank with the world's best and most luxurious, and the whole target of the city is to make the tourist welcome. The taxis are cheap, and government representatives roam the streets on the look-out to direct, advise and assist the visitors—who are usually pretty obvious.

It is an all year round fun place. People come from hot lands to cool off and from wintry areas to warm up. Winter and summer, autumn and spring, the temperature stays steady on about 70°. It conveniently rains every evening between 5 and 6 p.m. to leave the days and nights fine.

We were warned not to drink the water, but not even the Mexicans drink the water. Everybody drinks from bottles. The country must surely have the world's largest per capital intake for Coca-Cola, Fanta and a host of other bottled drinks, including purified water. Drinking water is a big commercialised business. Every day the trucks deliver thousands of 2-gallon bottles of drinking water to hotels, banks, offices, etc.

But for all the bottles of agua you can't escape the water completely. You wash with it, and cooks, presumably, cook with it and wash the lettuce and tomatoes in it (the tomato came first from Mexico), and you can't wash your teeth with Coco-Cola. However they do it, the unseen enemies that lurk in the agua manage to scythe down most of the tourists, including the representatives of the press. The trouble comes in the form of a stomach disorder known as Montezuma's Revenge, and it keeps one close to the toilet for a couple of days.

Montezuma was the Aztec emperor who was seized by the Spanish

conqueror, Cortez, in the 16th century. The Spaniards were a sadistic gang, but so were the Aztec leaders. Montezuma's Revenge is an aptly named memorial to earlier days of torture.

The only thing that Mexicans can do pleasurably with water is to make fountains with it and they have done this all over Mexico. Mike Saenz said that the Government knows that it can't solve all of the problems of the poor, so they give them things of beauty to look at, like fountains and monuments. Maybe this is why there is very little revolt against the revolution.

The monuments are large, traditional, and flamboyant, particularly along the Paseo de la Reforma, which Emperor Maximilian designed as the New World's challenge to the Champs Elysee of Paris. Diana the Huntress is on the Reforma. We were told that her original nakedness was covered by a towel at the offended insistence of a President's wife. There is the Angel of Independence near to the Convention Headquarters and, where the 27 mile long Avenida Insurgentes crosses the Reforma there is the statue of Cuauhtemoc, an Indian, the last Emperor of the Aztecs, also killed by the Spaniards. There is no monument to Cortez in the city, but his treachery is remembered in the scenes of torture and death at the base of Cuauhtemoc's monument. Not least is the magnificent equestrian statue of Charles IV which survived, not out of respect for the Spanish monarchy, but because the Mexicans liked the horse.

If you wish to see such sights in Mexico City, then you go on foot.

On the Reforma or on the long avenue of the Insurgents you can't even slow down, let alone stop your motor vehicle. For the Mexican motorist is in a hurry and is excitable, and honks his car horn at anything and everything within sight or sound. They even honk at policemen who get in their way! Just for fun, on the way to the airport we counted the taxi-driver's contribution to the cacophony which is Mexico City. He honked his horn 29 times.

Behind the Mexico of the tourists there are other Mexicos, some of them sad and disturbing.

There is the Mexico of poverty. You don't have to go far to see some of it, but it is beyond the capacity of the short term visitor to appreciate its extent and its pain.

Mexico is alongside a very rich neighbour and is trying hard to improve the lot of her people. But her leaders are realists. They have to move slowly, and if sometimes they move in the wrong



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direction, this makes them very much like the rest of the world's politicians.

The nation has one of the highest birth rates in the world and the social service costs are growing faster than the country's resources.

In a poor country it is the children who suffer first and most. Nancy Saenz told me about the Association for the Protection of Childhood. The wife of a President of Mexico was deeply moved by the plight of the children and set up this association. She sought patrons from among the wealthy businessmen, the banks, and the financial institutions, and gradually built up a sizeable organisation which provides a variety of services. Breakfasts are prepared for poor children and given to them at school—that is one way of making sure it is the children who get it! Occupational therapy and health services are also given. It is now traditional for the wife of each new President to lead the Association for the Protection of Childhood, but it only meets a small fraction of the need.

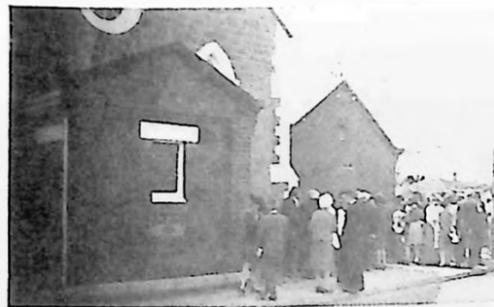
There is industrial Mexico, and on the surface it is flourishing. But there is much unemployment and the social benefits are most inadequate. There is a fine health service, but it seems limited to those who join the Social Security Plan. Like most schemes of this nature, those who need it most can't afford to join it. There are millions who can't afford to pay and therefore are denied its benefits. The government does its best but there are just too many poor people. Many die from hunger, and many others try to leave the country.

I wondered about that fenced in building alongside the Maria Isabella Hotel. There were long queues of people every day. It is the American Embassy and the people are there to make application to enter the U.S. Only a few make it.

There are those who cross the border illegally. Some swim the Rio Grande and become "wet-backs". Others use forged passports. Still others are helped across

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BEVERLEY CHURCH (S.A.) CLOSES



(S.A.) 280 people came together on Sept. 29 to say "Goodbye" and to give tribute to the influence of 90 years of witness of the Beverley Church of Christ (formerly York) S.A.

The present minister, R. W. Saunders, presided and M. T. Lawrie, a former minister, gave the address. Greetings were brought by Conference President-elect, Brian Pitman, and from Women's Conference President, Mrs. Jean Middleton, who also spoke on behalf of the Flinders Park church. Ivor McGuire, elder, gave greetings from Cheltenham which has shared in circuit with Beverley for the past four years and which is to benefit by the purchase of a manse and payment of building debt by the sale of the Beverley property.

Greetings came from Mrs. A. B. Campbell and Mrs. W. Russell, who shared in ministries with their late husbands, also from Mr. and Mrs. S. Matthews, immediate past minister.

In introducing the Communion, Ron Saunders read from the original 1884 minutes the account of the setting up of the Lord's Table in this district. Merv. Lawrie's sermon was entitled "The Continuing Church".



Minister
at Beverley
Ron Saunders

The first meeting of the church at York, now Beverley, was held in the home of William Brooker when several members of churches in other suburbs who had come to reside in this district met for prayer and Bible Study.

They decided—"As we find it difficult, through distance, to be always present at the means of grace, we commence services at York—That we assemble every Lord's Day and partake of the Lord's supper, exhort each other in those things pertaining to our eternal welfare and receive into fellowship by baptism all who believe on Jesus Christ as the Son of God the only Saviour of mankind."

The first meeting was held on March 18, 1884. By July 1, the 18 present decided to rent Rechabite Hall on the Port Rd., less than 5 minutes walk from the present site. There were 47 present at the opening services on July 20 of whom 17 became the foundation members. A.

T. Magarey presided and spoke in the morning and D. H. Smith at night. Within three months there was a S.S. with 19 children and 5 teachers and in 12 months 10 believers were baptised. The Hindmarsh Church gave oversight. In October, 1888, a block of land was bought for £92/10 and the members were officially transferred from Hindmarsh.

In 1890 with the membership at 83, it was decided to build a chapel. The foundation stone was laid by Mrs. Farthing on Jan. 4, 1891, and the opening services held on March 29.

Through the years, porch, vestries, hall and classrooms were added to the original building, and a house next door purchased for a manse, making a functional and valuable property, also including two tennis courts.

Membership grew to a peak of 350 in the early 1930s with a similar number in the S.S. There were about 800 baptisms in the 90 years.

The people here helped in the foundation of the Flinders Park and Croydon churches and families living nearer these centres moved out to help in these and other new churches.

In the last 20 years, many older as well as young married couples moved to developing districts, their places being taken largely by European migrants, and the district is now a rapidly industrializing area.

As new churches of Christ opened up in the region, those on the outskirts of Beverley joined them and our membership has gradually decreased. S.S. continued as long as children were coming and day and evening women's groups continued to meet effectively. Several years ago evening meetings were discontinued. Earlier this year the few remaining members decided reluctantly that it would be in the best interests of all to close down.

The Brotherhood Centre as well as the Cheltenham church will benefit financially from the sale of the property, but the overall benefits from what has been here through the years cannot be measured.

MINISTERS WHO SERVED THE CHURCH WERE:—W. G. L. Campbell, H. J. Horsell, E. J. Paternoster, P. R. Baker, A. B. Chappell, H. L. Davie, A. C. Killmier, R. H. Lampshire, H. P. Manning, R. Hilford, R. W. L. Crosby, J. H. I. Durdin, E. E. Rootes, L. G. Johnson, A. Titter, W. Greenwood, W. Russell, M. T. Lawrie, R. W. Saunders as full-time ministers. Part-time ministers included T. J. Gore as the first minister and S. Matthews.

CHURCHES SEEK GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Australian and New Zealand Society for Theological Studies (ANZSTS), a body closely associated with the Australian Council of Churches, has called for Australian Government finance for religion courses in Australian Universities and Colleges of Advanced Education.

In a letter to Professor P. H. Karmel, Chairman of the Australian Universities Commission, the Society for Theological Studies has requested that Australian Universities and Colleges of Advanced Education be encouraged to develop academic programmes of studies in religion through financial assistance from the Australian Government.

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the border by farmers and ranchers who find in the illegal immigrants a source of cheap labour. Some Mexicans become virtual slaves, because they dare not complain about ill-treatment for fear of being deported.

Those who get out are too few to make much difference to the main problem at home. Mexico still has its poor and among them there is growing unrest. Dr. Liggett anticipates that the Government will respond to their pressure.

The ruling party is the P.R.I., the National Revolutionary Party. It has been in power since the 1920s, about 50 years. It has considerable flexibility, and reacts to the pressures of changing time by moving now to the left, now to the right. In the 1930s there was a socialist emphasis through Cardenas. He distributed land to the poor, nationalised the fuel industry (in Mexico you can buy any petrol you like so long as its Pemex!) and the railroads. He supported the Mexican labour movement an important steps forward were taken in education and medical services.

Later there was a move to the right and foreign capital was encouraged. There was that law which required 51% controlling Mexican interest in any enterprise, but the Government winked at those who evaded this requirement. Other evidence of rightist tendencies was the cruel suppression of student protests a few years ago.

But the trend may now be towards the left.

It was into this complex and populous nation with its extremes of populace and poverty that members of Churches of Christ came to hold the 9th Assembly of the World Convention.

The Convention did not make much of a ripple on the life of the great city, the second largest on the continent, but the visit made a great difference to those who were there. There was both the message of evangelism and the word of compassion for our neighbour.

THE CHURCH IN AMERICA

By Arthur W. Stephenson

Armed with letters of introduction, I was able to meet outstanding church leaders during my recent visit to U.S.A. and Mexico.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Hobart kindly provided me with a letter to Dr. Massie Shepherd, an Episcopalian Liturgical Scholar, who had represented his church at conferences at the Vatican. He is a professor in the United Divinity School at Berkeley, California. He is known throughout America as Mr. Prayer-Book.

Dr. Shepherd agreed that church attendances in America are falling. Europe has almost become pagan, so also has England. The church in Spain is facing a crisis, but in Italy there are signs of revival.

He thinks that the decline in attendances in U.S.A. is due to several factors, these include the church's pronouncements about the rights of negroes, the church's attitude to the war in Indo-China and the church's support for minorities like the Mexican farm workers. Many conservative people have objected to some or all these attitudes expressed by the church and have shown their opposition by not attending services.

There has also been a revolt against clerical authority and centralism in church government. He sees this as a weakening of the structure of the church. There does not seem to be any move now toward a "super-church structure" with central authority. The church's wealth is also being threatened; there are strong reasons to believe that property will soon be taxed. This will weaken the church in the future.

At the present time, fewer men are being prepared for the ministry. Many trained men cannot now secure church appointments. This is due to the decline in church efforts to reach out and develop new programmes.

The church is facing one of its greatest crises. The recent action of the conference of Bishops to refuse to recognise the ordination of women to the priesthood of the Episcopalian church will have far reaching consequences.

Not since the Reformation period has the church faced a similar situation as now existing. At that time the church was fragmented into many groups. This is taking place again today.

The situation is not all gloomy. Dr.

Principal Emeritus A. W. Stephenson, M.A., is a graduate of College of the Bible, Glen Iris, and Melbourne University. A former editor of "The Australian Christian" he was a lecturer at Glen Iris before becoming Principal of the N.S.W. Bible College at Woolwich.

Shepherd said he was not distressed by falling off in church attendances. He agreed that much dead wood is being pruned. The membership now left is more committed. This promises new life within the church of the future.

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My next contact was with the Chancellor of the Roman Catholic Chancery at Oakland. Dr. Shepherd urged me to speak with this church leader. He is Bryan Joyce, is responsible to the Bishop of Oakland. In response to my question about moves toward unity, he agreed there was some slowing down in such moves. However, a united theological college has been set up at Berkeley in which four Roman Catholic and six Protestant colleges had united. Dr. Shepherd is a professor in this united seminary. The expressions of unity that took place in the 60s are not now as obvious in the 70s. However unity moves are taking place, not at high structural levels, but down at the grass roots. There are three such moves. In these the Roman Catholics and Protestants are taking part. While they are given strong support by "lay" people, they are not so encouraged by those in higher structural positions, such as bishops.

They are:—
1. Charismatic Groups.
2. Cursillos.
3. Marriage Fellowships.

During the last five years, there has been a big increase in the number of these groups. Within them, emphasis is given to prayer and Bible study. They are strongly democratic. Lay people take the lead. Each group may have from seven to one hundred and fifty persons. Those in the group are urged to apply their Christian faith to daily life.

Bryan Joyce, who had just furnished his report to the Vatican on affairs in his area had ready access to the figures he could quote. He agreed that church attendances in the area had decreased. Some 20,000 fewer people were attending services now compared with those in 1969. This is 14% less.

What are the reasons for this decline? Bryan first gave three reasons which some have advanced, but he did not agree with them.

1. People do not attend church because they are dissatisfied with the recent changes in the litany and the use of English in the service.

2. Some object to the church being involved in the social problems of the day.

3. Others are disturbed by the lack of uniformity in services held in various districts. At one time services were the same everywhere.

While not going along with the above three, Bryan Joyce advanced his own reasons for the decline.

A. The increasing mobility of the American people. This tends to break the social patterns of society. People do not have the same social pressure of the family to attend church.

B. The breaking down of the bonds of the family.

C. The expected post-war boom in church life did not take place.

D. The entry of some church leaders into Civic Rights Movements (such as nuns and priests) upset some people. The Episcopal church suffered for the same reason.

The church is also distressed by the falling away of many clergy. In the Oakland district, from 1969 to 1973, 16 clergy were added to the church in the area. In the same period, 28 local men and 15 from other areas, making 43 in all, left the R.C. ministry of the area.

Why? About half to marry, and others are dissatisfied with the authority exercised over the clergy. Most of those who left are under 40 years of age.

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The next contact was with the leader of the Cursillo Movement in the San Francisco area. He is John T. McMullen, of St. Benedict Centre, San Francisco. This Cursillo Movement began in 1949 in Majorca. Two priests organised a short course (or in Spanish a "Cursillo") for men who did not attend church. Lay men were encouraged to take part in the meetings and to commit themselves fully to Christ and to live out this faith in daily life.

The movement spread to Spain and then to Mexico, into California and other parts of U.S.A. There are some 90 Cursillos for men, 97 for women and some 15 for Philippine and Spanish groups. The movement is spreading rapidly. The groups have become meeting places for Roman Catholics and Protestants. The fellowship is ecumenical. Lay people take the lead. The question of a common communion service was raised. John McMullen felt he ought to share in a communion service in which both the R.C. Priest and the Protestant Minister pronounced the words of institution of the feast. The Communion under such circumstances becomes not a Roman Catholic or a Protestant Service, but a Church Communion Service with a big C. There is a common bond of fellowship.

When speaking to my three contacts, I pointed out that Kenneth Latourette, in his book: "The Unquenchable Light" stated that the church is now in a period of recession. There have been many such periods. In each we see signs of new life appearing in unexpected places and in unexpected ways. Today we have evidence of a renewal of spiritual life in many groups; and from these groups and from this new life, hope is rising for a new advance in the life of the church.

While there is gloom in such period of recession, there are also signs of hope. This hope is based on the renewal of spiritual life which many are now experiencing in many places around the world. My friends agreed this is so, and they, too, are hopeful of the future.

QUEENSLAND ROUND-UP

Police Commissioner at Men's Camp

Queensland's Police Commissioner, Ray Whitrod, was after-dinner guest speaker at Men's Camp '74 at "Camp Cal", Caloundra, recently.

He based his talk on the policeman's approach to the parable of the Good Samaritan. His insight gave the men an appreciation of different facets of the familiar story.

Other guests for the week-end were Bhalu Bhonsle, an Indian missionary who explained the problems and possibilities of the work in Bombay; Bruce Roberts, Home Missionary Director spoke of 'Practical Church Work' and Allan Leane (Nambour) preached the sermon in the open-air Chapel communion service.

The television service from Cheltenham with Gordon Moyes as speaker was also included in the programme.

Gordon Montgomery of Nambour was leader of the camp.

We're Magnetized!

Thirty-three young people with two leaders flew from Brisbane to Townsville in August to share in a camp at "Camp Irwin", Magnetic Island.

The eight kilometre boat journey to the rock-strewn island named by Captain

Cook, was greatly enjoyed by the youthful adventurers.

Five days were spent discovering the Bible's relevance to youth today, leadership techniques and programme planning, and exploring the attractions of the island.

Claire Cobine (Sunnybank) led the studies and used her expertise in teaching the Midgets (7-9 years) and Juniors (10-12). Teenagers (13-15 years) were able to explore youth programme planning and leadership by the Director (A. C. Male).

Special guest for dinner one night was Sister Steptoe who was awarded the B.E.M. by the State Government for her heroic work during the Cyclone 'Althea', 1971.

Allan Weedon (Townsville) and cooks Bernie and Jeanette Meyer, Auntie Freda Tangye and Gwen Weedon, are to be commended for their efforts in the kitchen and in re-constructing the campsite.

Interstate visitors should consider staying at Magnetic Island when travelling north. Write to the Director, 428 Ann Street, Brisbane, 4000.

Camp Cal.—August, 1974

A full house at "Camp Cal" with 154 campers enjoyed the activities arranged for them.

As well as Bible studies and Christian emphases throughout the camp programme the young people enjoyed the tours of the North Coast attractions.

Visiting a Riding Ranch at Noosa, The Big Pineapple at Buderim, The Model Village at Flaxton, Kondalilla Falls at Maleny and the Fairy Tale Castle at Bli Bli gave the youths an idea of the loveliness of the North Coast.

Following each camp conducted by the Department each minister is notified of the name and address of each camper as an evangelistic follow-up.

—A. C. Male

GROWTH GROUPS (Warwick, G. B. Carlslake). Four groups have been established in different homes involving 50 people each fortnight. They meet Sunday nights and during the week using the Serendipity studies. 90 attended a "Quiz" night led by Steve Hawks. Up to 50 are attending on Wed., now meeting in the local school. . . . Speakers have been provided for North Beach and Subiaco each month. . . . The ladies group was given Bible versus to help them answer questions raised by Jehovah Witnesses and Mormons. . . . H. Finger was a recent speaker.

MISSION (Pialba, Hervey Bay, V. G. Boettcher). Church combines for 3 Sunday evening services and delegations attended every night of a Crusade in Maryborough. . . . There have been 5 decisions—four adults and one from the S.S. . . . The order of the Eastern Star paraded on Sept. 29. . . . Minister will conclude his ministry in February. He and Mrs. Boettcher are planning a world tour for four months.

CAN WE HOLD OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

A recent survey of the attitudes of young people in Churches of Christ in Queensland has disturbing implications for our churches, and merits the serious attention of all concerned with church growth and Christian education.

The survey is reported in Vol. 16 No. 3 of the Journal of Christian Education published by the Australian Teachers Christian Fellowship ("Social and Religious Attitudes of Nonconformist Protestant Youth" by Kenneth W. Wiltshire, Lecturer, Department of Government, University of Queensland). Associated with Ken Wiltshire, a member of our churches in Queensland, were Graham L. Boxhall, Lecturer at Qld. Institute of Technology, and Peter Burnham, Secondary School Chaplain. Mr. Burnham will take up the office of Director of Christian Education for our Vic.-Tas. churches in December 1975.

The 203 interviewed were between the ages of 12 and 27. A larger number examined and a wider national coverage might have given a slightly different picture—but this could be said of any survey. The possibility is there that a wider survey would have accentuated rather than diminished the disturbing features revealed.

In our congregations each Sunday, according to the survey, only 17% are always appreciating the services. 52% usually do so, but 26% only "occasionally or rarely" appreciate the services. 67% said that the sermon helped only a little or not at all.

When asked what they liked about Churches of Christ, the order of the response was: Friendly Atmosphere 11.8%, Youth activities 11.3%; Biblical Foundation; 10.3% Fellowship 8.4%; Simplicity 7.9%; Informality 7.4%; Firm Beliefs 4.4%. Mr. Wiltshire comments, "clearly the likes are related predominately to social activities. . . . Let there be no doubt that the church without some degree of social activity will perish and, ironically, the Church, a human conducted institution—will fall if members do not practice the tenets of their belief." The survey showed a disappointing response to questions directed to knowledge of the church, its history and beliefs.

On social issues, the views of the young people differed markedly from what we believed are the traditional views of our churches. 55.2% believe that

abortion should be allowed in certain circumstances; only 7.8% are outright pacifists with respect to war; 55.2% agree that sexual intercourse outside of marriage is never justified, but 22.7% disagree. Although 42.4% oppose the idea of Christians drinking liquor, 37.9% were not opposed. Gambling for Christians was opposed by 62%. When confronted with the statement "Christians should not attend any dances," 72.4% disagreed.

In summary, Mr. Wiltshire asks: "What then does a Church do when it finds that its replacement generation:

(a) knows virtually nothing of its

origin, structure, functioning and beliefs: (b) possesses attitudes on social issues which differ radically from the expected traditional pattern;

(c) exhibits relatively weak adherence to that Church, although not to Christianity and religion in general. . . .

"Clearly it may continue to employ existing methods of Christian education in the hope that dogmatic repetition, accompanied by the conformity which the ageing process produces will hammer these square pegs into round holes. Alternatively, the Christian education programme may be modified in the light of these results and tailored to the changed attitudes, ignorance and lack of identity which exist. However, the problem must be recognised and its seriousness acknowledged before reform can begin."

(Copies available at \$2 per copy from Journal of Christian Education, Room 1, 2nd Floor, 405-411 Sussex St., Sydney, NSW 2000.)

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION ISSUE IN SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa's Minister of Defence, P. W. Botha, has introduced new legislation which provides a fine of up to R10,000 (\$14,560) or 10 years' imprisonment or both for anyone convicted of trying to persuade another person to avoid military service. The bill seeks to counter the resolution on conscientious objection adopted early last month by the National Conference of the South African Council of Churches (SACC).

In parliament the Progressive Party strongly opposed the bill, describing it as "complete overkill on the SACC resolution and so wide-ranging that almost any ordinary critical discussion on military service. . . could become punishable by law".

The preamble to the SACC motion pointed out that the Republic of South Africa "is at present a fundamentally unjust and discriminatory society and that this. . . constitutes the primary, institutionalised violence which has provoked the counter-violence of the terrorists or freedom fighters".

Maintaining that it was "hypocritical to deplore the violence of terrorists or

freedom fighters while we ourselves prepare to defend our society. . . by means of yet more violence," the resolution called on member churches to challenge all their members to consider whether following Christ in the South African situation did not involve becoming conscientious objectors.

It also asked the SACC task force on Violence and Non-violence to study methods of non-violent action for change, and called on those churches having chaplains in the military forces to "reconsider the basis on which they are appointed". The courage and witness of those who have been willing to go to jail in protest against unjust laws and policies was commended.

Following a storm of protest over the resolution, the general secretary of the South African Council, John Rees, issued a statement noting that the SACC has always rejected violence as a means of achieving change, that the resolution was addressed specifically to its member churches and that the reference to chaplains raised the question whether they should not be paid by the church instead of the state.—EPS

WORD TALK No. 106

THE NAMES OF JESUS.

SON

FOR TODAY

The various names given to Jesus: Messiah, Son of Man, Son of God, Son of David, Christ, Lord, Saviour,—all have different backgrounds and all influenced the growing understanding of the nature and person of Jesus. This became the central controversy for the first five centuries of the Church. Around these controversies gathered the great Councils of the Church and the formulation of the great Church Creeds such as Nicene (325 A.D.) and the Chalcedonian Creed (451 A.D.).

The great debates of the early Church became covered with dust for 1500 years. Even the Reformers did not question them. However, the German liberals of the 19thC. did. One of Dr. Albert Schweitzer's great contributions was to highlight the debate on the person of Jesus. In turn this was rejected by Karl Barth and Emil Brunner. The person of Jesus has once more become a point of discussion and debates.

One of the early Church fathers put it thus, "The Son of God became the son of man that we sons of men might become Sons of God." Jesus was the Son and by faith in him we can become God's sons. A Christian is one who trusts in the Son and becomes the son of God. This is a great claim, a great privilege and also a great responsibility.

Are you conscious of your sonship? To be God's child is to live with a sense of self-respect. So many people depreciate themselves. They emphasize old sins, weaknesses and habits. Yet when we become a child of God we are new people cleansed, forgiven and made heirs with Christ. Lift high your head. God has accepted you. You are as His child!

GORDON MOYES

This title condemned Jesus to death. To claim to be God's son was the greatest blasphemy (Matt. 26:63-64). This was the accusation made of him from the foot of the Cross (Matt. 27:42-3). To claim to be the son of God was contrary to ecclesiastical law (John 19:7).

Jesus claimed to be God's son mainly through his references to "My Father" (John 2:16; 5:43; 8:39; 10:37; 14:2; 23; 20:17 etc.).

His use of the titles Son of God (W.T.90), the most Jewish of the titles given to Jesus, and Son of Man (82 times in the N.T. following Ezekiel's use) implied sonship.

That Jesus was called Son of God as a title in the early Church is quite clear from the way Mark 1:1 uses it. This was also used as part of the baptismal formula (Acts 8:27). Before long the title had become synonymous with the name Jesus Christ (1 John 5:13).

The use of this Messianic title is seen in the boyhood of Jesus (Lk 2:49); his baptism (Mk 1:11); temptation (Matt 4:3-6), Peter's confession (Matt. 16:16); in parables (Matt. 21:33-43); at Gethsemane (Mk 14:32-39); the trial (Matt. 26:63-64); on the Cross (Matt. 27:40-43) and eventually in the very last words that Jesus spoke (Lk 23:46).

The Epistles abound with references to Jesus as the son of God (Rom. 1:3; 2 Cor. 1:19; Gal. 2:20).

Part of the O.T. tradition was that a Son of God was an angel (Gen. 6:22). Israel was also called God's son (Exo. 4:22-23). Hosea 11:1 was quoted in Matt. 2:15. But the N.T. points out that Jesus the Messiah was the Son of God uniquely (Heb. 1:4).



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- * FOR INSPIRATION AND CHALLENGE

OBITUARY

BARROW Mrs. Betty
Betty Barrow was born in Yorkshire 72 years ago, and came to Australia 26 years later. She was married at Coburg and was active in the Bamba Road, Caulfield, Gardenvale and Cheltenham churches. For a period she worked at the Emmaus Rest Home. She was a member of the State C.W.F. Council, the Churches of Christ Choral Society, and the Cheltenham church choir. She was involved in War Widows and Legacy organizations, (her husband died as a result of war injuries); she was a house mother at the Victorian School for Deaf Children; a member of the Elderly Citizens and of the Salvation Army Home League. Yet the recital of all these activities tell us little about Betty Barrow. Her life was filled with countless unremembered acts of love and kindness, arising out of her love and concern for people—the writer and his family know of this through personal experience. Her faith in Jesus Christ was real and vibrant and sustained her through bereavement, sorrow and grief in the death of her husband and daughter, Edith. Her son, John, his wife, Beverley, and their family live at Doveton and we offer them our sympathy. As Gordon Moyes, the minister of the Cheltenham Church was attending World Convention in Mexico at the time, the services were conducted by M. D. Keatch, minister at Bendigo.

THOMAS Mrs. Ann
Ann Thomas was born in Albury where she spent her childhood and early teens. She was baptised and became a member of the Albury church in her girlhood. After moving to Melbourne in 1937, she joined the Malvern-Caulfield Church. She later transferred to the Northcote Church where she was married to Glennan Thomas by W. T. Atkins in 1941. This happy partnership stretched over 33 years. The couple took up residence in Glen Iris and Ann immediately became a member at Gardiner and retained membership till death. We have known her as an active, practical Christian with a drive for getting things done. Though experiencing health problems including a serious illness and major surgery some years ago, she maintained an energetic and exuberant approach to the Christian life, church membership and Christian service. Ann was associated with the C.W.F. Evening and Afternoon groups over many years and became President of the Afternoon Group in 1969—an office she discharged with distinction for three years. She was Secretary of the combined C.W.F. Executive and convener of our Catering Committee. In this task she excelled because she brought to it her outstanding skills in

**ALCOHOL ACCESS
NOT MEASURE OF EQUALITY**
The annual conference of the Australian and South Pacific Temperance Council was told the deterioration of the life of aboriginal peoples following the more ready availability of beverage alcohol. Although the existence of what may be considered a more fundamental problem was appreciated the consensus was strongly that it was very wrong and dangerous to use access to beverage alcohol as the measure of equal status. Education, accompanied by research and counselling, is seen as the most vital activity. An approach is to be made to the Australian Government to provide funds to make possible the necessary expansion of this work. A national campaign is sought to publicise the health and moral hazards attributable to beverage alcohol.

cooking, catering and organisation. For some years she served as Treasurer of the Temperance Committee of Women's Conference. She also performed a very real ministry as Church Visitor for a number of years. In all this service, Glennan has been a willing and co-operative partner, demonstrating the combined servanthood which can issue from Christian marriage. It was while they were enjoying the World Convention in Mexico City that Ann's death occurred so suddenly. Because of her abilities and loyalty, her passing will leave a large gap in our membership and Christian Service. We praise God for her life and work. The love and sympathy of the Church has gone out to Glennan, Keith, Glenda, Lynn and Ian in this sudden and sad loss.

—L. S. Dewberry.
LUXMORE, Mrs. Violet
Violet Luxmore was born in Hamilton, Vic. but came to Melbourne in childhood. As a girl,

VIC. C.W.F. CAMP
92 ladies met together in camp at Monbulk, Sept. 27-29. 16 day campers joined in Saturday's programme. The Christian Education Committee presented three book reviews and Mrs. Olwyn McNiece from Ballarat brought Friday night devotions. Saturday morning quiet time was prepared by Mrs. Enid Fisher and Glenys Cartmel led the studies "It's hard to love my Neighbor". We browsed through Sherbrooke Art Centre and went to Highwood Inn for a delightful Devonshire tea. At night we focused our thoughts on Home Missions, with the study theme still in mind. Lois Smith told us about "Doncare" and Jean Preston from the Missionary Committee closed with devotions. Our State C.W.F. President, June St. Aubyn, led the Communion Service on Sunday morning and Ray McKenzie, Director D.C.E. and John Williams, Ass. Sect. of W.C.A., led two groups applying

she was in the SS and youth auxiliaries of the Prahran church and later joined members of her large family in membership there. It was here that she was married to Les Luxmore in 1922. The couple moved to Caulfield and Mrs. Luxmore transferred to the Bamba Rd., Luxmore church. In a number of moves Mrs. Luxmore transferred to churches in Carnegie and Parkdale in Vic., and Southport in Qld. When a long standing illness was judged to be at a terminal stage, her husband brought her to a Melbourne hospital. Mr. Luxmore and family maintained a loving but anguished vigil during the last year of her life. Her faith, courage and fortitude in illness and pain, were an inspiration. To her husband, Les Luxmore, son Robert, daughter Mrs. Wanstall and sisters Mrs. Fleer and Mrs. Woolley (Gardiner) and Mrs. Bradley (Adelaide) and to other relatives, the sympathies and fellowship of the Gardiner church were expressed.

—L. S. Dewberry.
the concept of love locally and with our overseas neighbours. We regret that 25 ladies who wished to share in this camp were unable to do so because of accommodation. This camp was a most rewarding time of fellowship, worship and learning for those able to attend. Monbulk has been booked for two weekends next year, Sept 19-21, and 26-28.

—Helen Banks-Camp Convener.
"PREPARE YE THE WAY" (Fullarton, M. T. Lawrie) was theme of the B.S. Anniversary . . . N. Goodall has been transferred to Sydney . . . R. Partington from the Gideons was a recent speaker and an offering for this work raised \$56 . . . Electric fans and an Inter-Com. system have been installed in chapel . . . Mr. Lawrie was speaker at closing service of Beverley Church . . . J. Shrubsole spoke to C.W.F. on "Hair Care" . . . The film "Andes Aflame" was shown on Sept. 29.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

"DRINK COURAGE!"
To the Editor,
While we're having a shot at pollution why don't we include the pollution of language and the debasing of words. Perhaps we can persuade an enlightened Government to come up with "truth-in-word-usage" standards to stop such irresponsible debasing of words as the use of "Courage" for a brand of "grog". It's got that way that a preacher can't exhort his people to "take courage" without being accused of inciting them to alcoholism. The latest word pollution from the "Courage" capitalists is their brand new sign—"Courage, the Expert Drinker's Beer." Just how much expertise does a man need to bend his elbow and swallow? Next we'll be hearing of poker-machine specialists and qualified pornographers!
Where will it all end? If "courage" is applied to beer, the next thing will be a perfume called "Commitment", an after-shave lotion called "Compassion" and a hair spray called "Consecration."
We all know what has happened to the beautiful word "love." It's got that way that you can't use the Biblical phrase "love one another" without people looking at you as though you are a bit queer; and "love the brethren" is right out!
If we don't rise up soon and do something about word pollution one of these days we are going to hear that someone has named a racehorse "God"!
Yours disgustedly,
TERTIUS.

COME TO CANBERRA JANUARY 26-31, 1975 CELEBRATE!



The first live-in summer Conference for Churches of Christ in Australia—in Canberra, where all Australia joined together to establish the church in the national capital. There are now three congregations: at Ainslie, Lyons, Belconnen. Come and share with them.

It is not just Conference business—
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Make a point of finding out who is to represent your church and give them your goodwill and blessing.

If you find that no one has yet planned to go, you yourself can join the 560 already booked to be at the 35th Federal Conference.

Your church could maybe assist your delegates by helping with costs of transport and accommodation. It is important that we meet together, pray

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 is \$7 per day, and for children 12 and under, \$5.

TRANSPORT
The transport officer for your State

together, sing together, and explore together what it means when we acknowledge that "The Earth is the Lord's."

From Cairns to Highcroft, from Seven Hills to Shenton Park, from Ararat to Adelaide, and all points north, south, east and west we can be together if we think it important enough.

Others think it important. 12,000 travelled from all over the U.S.A. and Canada for the North American Christian Convention at Anaheim, the tourist centre of California at the height of the summer holiday season.

Youth groups from Canada, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Canada, Florida, Kansas, Tennessee, and Texas, went all the way to Mexico City—because it is important for those who share the faith to express that faith—together!

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.

- * Lakeside Communion
- * Evening Rallies
- * Bible Studies
- * Special Interest Activities
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- * Tours
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- * Children's Programmes
- * Missionary Outreach
- * Workshops
- * Ministers' Seminar

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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.

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SARAI BANI AT WORLD CONVENTION

(Miss Sarai Bani, daughter of Mr. Abel Bani, who attended World Convention in Adelaide, was the New Hebridean delegate to World Convention. Mrs. K. Ludgater who did much to help Sarai prepare for World Convention, writes concerning some of Sarai's experiences.)

World Convention is over and Sarai is safely back. Now one needs days of spare time to sit down and listen to all the anecdotes and tales of humour and woe. Just fancy being rejected by Immigration Authorities because they have never heard of the country you come from! Impossible in this day and age? Someone ought to give the Mexican officials some Geography lessons! Despite Passport and Health Certificate being in order, Sarai spent 24 hours simply waiting around in Laredo on the Mexican border while the New Hebrides was checked up on!

She and Mrs. Newham also experienced a traumatic time stranded in Dallas, Texas, with luggage missing and unable to even use the strange telephones. (Apparently everyone in Dallas is too busy to bother giving assistance to strangers). You should hear what Sarai thinks of long distance bus travel! It was at that time that she wrote that she was longing for home. Then there was the bomb episode at Los Angeles airport. Remember hearing about it on the radio? We heard it and estimated that the date made it likely that Sarai would be in the vicinity on her way home. Sure enough, it turned out that she and Mrs. Newham were at Disneyland with their cases stored at the airport. Sarai lost one, and Mrs. Newham two! Whether they were destroyed or just unobtainable is not yet clear. Sarai's contained a few clothes and souvenirs from Mexico and heavy things such as tape recorder, tapes of Mexican music and World Convention choirs and all the slides carried for the audio-visual. We are so thankful though that only luggage was involved.

But there were wonderful times too. Disneyland was a delight, both the World Convention and Quadrennial Assembly in Indianapolis had many highlights and U.S.A. provided some memorable sights. Sarai died a thousand deaths before having to speak at the All Nations Luncheon in Mexico, but felt wonderful afterwards. Lots of us know that feeling, don't we? We believe that she was really in the Lord's keeping through all her experiences and we certainly kept her constantly in our prayers realizing that great strain that could be placed on a girl knowing little more than village life.

We were all saddened at the sudden death of her thirteen year old brother on July 4, while she was in the U.S. No-one is exactly sure of the cause of death, but he fell ill while fishing and after a period of delirium, apparently died of a cerebral haemorrhage. We had a letter waiting for Sarai in Vila, so her homecoming was not quite so joyful as it would have been, but she has taken it well. The C.W.F. here arranged a big welcome service, allowing a few weeks for Sarai to recover.

It is hoped that Sarai will accompany us to Maewo to give the women there a bit of fresh insight into the W.C.W.F.

We are all suddenly very interested in the condition of the sea. Nobody likes travelling between islands in small launches when there is rough sea and this is just the time of year when south-easterly winds are liable to make the passages difficult. The water may be deceptively calm near the shore, but frightfully uncomfortable further out.

W.A. Ministers' Retreat

The retreat in W.A. Churches of Christ ministers this year was held at the Waterman's Bay camp-site, August 19-22. All suburban and country churches were well represented with thirty in attendance. This enlarged the scope of fellowship so refreshingly experienced.

The highlight of the group studies was the clear, scholarly and gracious expositions of the Gospel of Mark given by Dr. Keith Bowes, Principal of College of the Bible, Glen Iris. The discussion derived from his teaching messages brought an enrichment to each minister's

appreciation and understanding of the Scriptures as God's inspired Word to mankind.

We express our gratitude to Mesdames Dunstan and Loudon from the Inglewood church, who provided magnificent meals. Morning and evening devotions were conducted by G. Carlslake and D. Nelson.

Thanks are extended to the College Board who consented for Dr. Bowes visit to our W.A. Brotherhood.

—D. Nelson
President, Ministers' Fraternal.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

What is the name of this mountain? Jesus passed over it on the day that children waved palms as he entered Jerusalem. He was on its slopes when he wept over Jerusalem. The Garden of Gethsemane is on it. One of its four peaks is thought to be the place where Jesus ascended from earth. (see page 18)

A Happiness Limerick

"Put a can on your head," So
Hooligan said,
"And you will be Happy for sure."
But this comic has fled,
About whom we read
And we found it wasn't the cure!
Now we listen today
To what Peanuts will say,
And we notice the Bible still sez,
"Love one another . . ."
Treat each as a brother."
This is what happiness is!

Ruth Linnea

Helen: I don't like this photograph. It doesn't do me justice.

Ellen: You don't want justice—you want mercy!

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).

CHECK OUT HERE



You folks are making it harder and harder for me to give any money to church.

BOOKS TO READ

HOW TO BE GOOD AND MAD! by Gordon Moyes (25c. posted)

A captivating title: this book is written to help us face, understand and use the difficult feelings of aggression and anger. Beginning with a planned event in a church service that produced "feeling", it goes on to explore and clarify aggressive feelings for some pages. (We do take some convincing that aggression and anger are a real part of a Christian's life). Open aggressive feelings are easily recognised, but it is interesting to note how "bottled up" or repressed aggression is expressed in subtle and often very hurtful ways. To help the reader see the healthy management of aggression the author shows how great men (including Jesus) expressed this part of their lives. Vital faith (not religion) is needed to direct and channel aggression in creative ways, that makes for stronger Christians who count in the struggles for justice. The difficult period "after the storm" is also considered when peace and serenity are just as important as the "storm" itself. Gordon Moyes has given us another much needed book. It speaks to those who "explode" and to those who think they never get angry at all. If you think "mad" is always "bad" think again and read, "How to be GOOD AND MAD" (Available from T. Frazer, 17 Eden St., Cheltenham, Vic. 3192).

GREAT PULPIT MASTERS.

(Baker Book House.) \$2.95 each.

There are eight books in this series, in which giant preachers of the pulpit are chosen. There is a brief introduction by a leading preacher in the United States today. Each book has a fresh introduction. We have before us books by Sam Jones, F. B. Meyer, H. DeWitt Talmadge. For example Dr. Daniel Poling says of Dr. Talmadge, "he was probably the most spectacular pulpit orator of his time—and one of the most widely read, for his sermons were simultaneously published in about 3,500 newspapers throughout the world. The sermons of these three books are much longer than those preached today, and are well chosen. —R.V.A.

SING A SONG OF SCRIPTURE

It is not usual procedure to review a record in these columns but as a family we have all enjoyed and received much blessing from "Sing a Song of Scripture." It is a record produced particularly for children and includes a nine foot long wall poster divided into 12 sections, each one consisting of a colorful picture about a song on the record. It is a delight to hear your children singing "Do all things without grumbling or complaining, that you may show yourselves to be children of God," and it is also a challenge to your own life. Stories are told throughout the record and the children are asked to participate. Teaching is given regarding witchcraft and fortune telling using the verses in Deuteronomy 18.10-13. It is a very happy sounding record. Scripture learnt in childhood is a life-long possession. As one song says "Whatever is true, whatever is worthy of reverence, whatever is just, whatever is pure, keep your mind on these things."

It is also available on cassette.

THE MAN THEY COULDN'T BREAK.

by Ladin Popov (Hodder & Stoughton) paperback \$1.20.

This is a very interesting book. Though it is not large, it is full of action. The author is pastor of the Evangelical Pentecostal Church in Russe, Bulgaria. He is helped in this book by David Coomes. The writer was imprisoned for five years, but he refused at any time, to recant. In this book, Popov describes the visions that upheld him and it tells of the messages of comfort which he tapped to those who were his fellow prisoners, and then tells us of his experiences following his release.

It is a book which shows us the power and greatness of God, and the wonder and help of Christ. R.V.A.

THE PEOPLE DYNAMIC

Changing Self and Society Through Growth Groups by Howard J. Clinebell, Jr. (Harper & Row) \$4.95.

Life is becoming for many a new experience. Growth Groups are currently of great interest to many people seeking practical means to engage significantly in life. Here is a book written by one of the leading lights in the Human Potential movement, bringing a splendid description of growth groups.

The author points out that unlike some groups which have focused on past failures and problems, the Growth group emphasis is more on unused potential, here and now effectiveness in living. Growth groups are human potential groups designed to make well people better — the "key to aliveness".

Clinebell sees the development of well-led, inexpensive, and accessible groups as a high priority goal, not only for churches, but for the whole community. The book describes the formation of a group, leadership tools, and ways whereby groups can be organized along lines of age, common crisis, or social concern. The vision one receives from the book is a whole network of small Growth groups throughout the community, available to anyone who wants to produce personal growth and engage in social change.

For the beginner language and explanations are easy to follow and understand. For the group leader there is plenty of material to get your teeth into. Great value, and should be at least in every church library. —G.T.L.

A TESTAMENT OF THANKSGIVING

by Jack C. Winslow (Hodder & Stoughton) \$1.40.

At 90 years of age Jack Winslow tells of the Christian pilgrimage which led him through Oxford to India. He was born in time to rub shoulders with C. F. Andrews, John R. Mott, and the adventurers of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and was strongly influenced by Frank Buckman's Oxford Group. He saw the world change greatly but is optimistic about the future, seeing great hope in current revival movements.

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Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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

KOREAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The World Vision Korean Children's Choir will commence a tour of Australia on Oct. 20.

Their engagements include Sydney Oct. 20-26, Brisbane Oct. 30-31, Canberra Nov. 1-2, Albury Nov. 5, Melbourne Nov. 7-11, Hobart Nov. 13, Launceston Nov. 14, Adelaide Dec. 3-4, Perth Dec. 7-8.

VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.

The next Vic.-Tas. Council meeting will be held on Friday, Nov. 1, 10.30 a.m., at Churches of Christ Centre, 52 Latrobe St., Melbourne. The speaker will be Miss Elizabeth Fraser of the Braille and Talking Book Library.

BACK FROM N.Z.

Dr. Lloyd Jones who, with Mrs. Jones has spent the last seven months in New Zealand, will return to Australia on October 20. Dr. Jones has been guest preacher with the Moorhouse Avenue Church, Christchurch during this time. He will conduct a preaching mission with the church at East Ipswich, Queensland from October 27 to November 10. Correspondence should now be addressed to Flat 6, 5 Chester Street, Epping, N.S.W. 2121.

EMMAUS GUESTS PICNIC (Box Hill, K. R. Bond). Assistance given in taking 60 Emmaus guests for picnic to Monbulk on Show Day . . . Musical items were given by Axios group at gospel service when two were baptised . . . C. E. annual rally held in Box Hill church . . . Bill Maddern farewelled on leaving for N.G. with Pacific Christian Mission . . . At annual C.Y.F. meeting Norman Broussard was elected President . . . Recent speakers have been Graeme Agnew from C.O.B. at Y.P.S.C.E. and Mrs Ian Hughes and Mrs Messer from C.S.S.M. and J.C.E. . . . Mrs Robbins on sick list; Elaine Hayes involved in car accident; John Barker improving after hospitalisation.

"DO TELL" (Victor Harbor, J. Luff). Young people of Goolwa Church presented the youth programme entitled "Do Tell" . . . Bob Hall again appointed B.S. Supt . . . School picnic was held at Encounter Bay . . . Mrs. Greg Francis was guest speaker at September Rally of the Bible Society . . . Rev. J. Hughes was speaker at C.W.F. Birthday to which representatives came from other Women's Auxiliaries in surrounding district.

MISSION (Latrobe Terrace, Geelong, N. Hodgekiss). The Friendship Venture Mission was conducted by Dr. Caldicott and team in word, music, and song. The Terrace and Thomson congregations have benefited with the addition of 16 new members . . . Junior tennis team won premiership in their section . . . Mrs Joy Williams elected C.W.F. President for ensuing year . . . J. Small continues to preach at Colac C. of C. and Dr. R. Williams at Hoppers Crossing . . . On Oct. 6 the film "Solomon's Temple" was screened and the "Belmont Singers" with orchestra rendered several items.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

THE RUSSELL REPORT

In Victoria the Committee on Religious Education has furnished its report (the Russell Report) to the State Minister for Education, who is awaiting reactions from churches, teachers' and parents' organisations, and the general public. One teachers' group and the Council for the Defence of Government Schools have made quick objections. The churches will need much more time.

One recommendation is that the present religious education programme in State Schools be replaced by a general religious course taught by Education Department teachers who will be trained specifically for such teaching, as English and mathematics teachers are trained for their subjects. Some teachers will teach R.E., others will include R.E. among their other subjects.

The teachers will not be evangelists and may not themselves, even be Christian. In his preface to the Report, the chairman, W. B. Russell, said that "there is no place for indoctrination by particular groups." This not only means that the teacher cannot be an advocate of Methodism or Anglicanism. He cannot even be an advocate of Christianity.

There is a great departure from the present voluntary system where committed Christian R.I. teachers (ministers and lay persons) may not (or should not) exalt their own denomination or indulge in lamb-stealing, but they all surely advocate the Christian faith.

It is doubtful if there will be any place for prayers or hymns if the new recommendations are adopted. There will be an objective presentation of the Christian faith along with other major religions although, in view of the dominance of the Christian religion in our culture, it is reasonable to expect that it will have a dominant place in the curriculum.

The Committee declared its belief that "a person's education is incomplete unless he has some awareness and understanding of the religious dimensions of human experience," and that "religion is a major and continuing influence in human society . . . (and) a source of values in (the students') own quest for a philosophy of life."

The Report recommends that in primary schools part-time teachers may be given special registration as teachers of R.E., and that accredited trained volunteers will work at the invitation of a school principal. Competent ministers and lay persons could be involved in this way. There is also provision for some specialist assistance in secondary schools. The present R.I. system would continue in schools where no Departmental teachers are available for R.E.

COUNTRY WEEK (Warmambool, I. A. Tippett). Church were hosts to 19 folk from Doncaster for "country week". The visitors shared in the services . . . The church combined with Baptist, Salvation Army, and Presbyterians to sponsor the "Turnabout" Crusade presented by Campaigners for Christ. . . . A young man made his decision for Christ . . . Church participated in Winter School series . . . Heather Houston welcomed home from World Convention . . . Ladies have purchased an electronic organ for church . . . Mr. Crocker progressing well after surgery . . . The minister has accepted a further two-year term.

CHURCH RENEWAL (Christies Beach Bran Beck). The success of the Church Renewal weekend is reflected in overwhelming response of members to participate in further sharing groups. A much stronger unity is evident as members learned how to show more concern for one another . . . Church held a "Roaring Twenties" night in recognition of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. (Tom) Parker.

EAST KEW VISIT (Warracknabeal). The East Kew folk visited here in October . . . Another planned giving program has been held with Trevor Giles. Circuit tea well attended . . . Mr. and Mrs. Stan Chivell celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary . . . David Harmer has gone to N.G. with the work party . . . Church has been saddened by the death of Keith Baum. Miss F. McQueen is home after being in hospital for some time, also Mrs. Stubbs. Jim Rogers on the sick list . . . Mrs. J. Harmer has been baptised.

76TH S.S. ANNIVERSARY (Bayswater, Alan Fletcher). S.S. Supt. Paul Muller occupied the pulpit at 76th S.S. Anniversary. Afternoon speaker was Bill Waddell, accompanied by Don Rogers, who displayed artistic ability in visual aid. Daniel Hills conducted the singing, accompanied on piano by Mrs. Joyce Sanders. Cradle Roll Certificates were presented by Mrs. Elaine Muller . . . Mrs. Doreen Strack, guest speaker at morning C.W.F. . . . Bruce Hunt, shared missionary experiences serving with W.E.C. in N.G. . . . Ten ladies visited Oakleigh Guest Home.

Chaplaincies will continue under the new plan "for those schools which request them for the purpose of providing a pastoral ministry and for assistance with programmes of religious education." The Report envisages the Government making an annual grant to cover administration, training, salaries and allowances of chaplains. This is recognition of the fine work already being done by chaplains appointed by the Council for Christian Education in Schools.

Some churches and members will regret the apparent demotion of Christianity to just one among the many faiths instead of having the privileged position it has enjoyed for so long. But the voluntary system is already experiencing many problems. There are changes in the social climate which make the work more difficult, there is an increased professionalism in the schools which many of the voluntary R.I. teachers do not possess, and there is the sobering fact that in 1973 only 46.2% of children in State Schools received any form of religious instruction.

On the whole we should welcome the recommendations of the Russell Report which accepts so firmly the role of religion in society and because it provides facilities for co-operation by the churches in the new R.E. programme. Some of the churches' contribution will be in the form of equipping specialists to assist in the planning of the new curriculum and in the training of Departmental teachers.

In our pluralistic and materialistic society, the Russell Report offers some hope that courses of religion will be taught and given the serious professional attention accorded modern teaching.

We should recognise however that the churches will have to face up to the greater demands for Christian "advocacy" in the homes and through church related agencies and activities.

But a report is only a report. It has yet to be accepted, and that will take time. When accepted, it will still take years before its recommendations can be implemented.

In the meantime, the Council for Christian Education in Schools in Victoria is in business and will continue to promote the voluntary R.I. system, train instructors, prepare up-to-date materials for primary and secondary schools, and expand its chaplaincy programme. Even if the Report is accepted and implemented there will still be a vital role for the Council as the churches' agent in the field on Christian Education in schools.

Whatever happens, the Council needs our continued support. That means more than a general goodwill. It means taking a practical interest in its activities and backing up the interest with a bit of capital!

GOOD GRIEF

Charles (Buddy) Ward has been convicted in the U.S.A. of kidnapping the wife of a banker and has been sentenced to 20 years in prison. He committed his crime to repay a \$10,000 debt he owed his mother. He said that he has "very deep religious convictions." "I attended a Billy Graham crusade, at the fairground a year ago, and his beliefs and mine are similar," Ward said. "I have what you could call fundamentalist beliefs. That's the reason I never used a real gun."!!!!!!

BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN (Peel St. Ballarat, W. D. Mills). Joy and Claude entertained with gospel singing and an audio-visual of their trip through Eastern Europe distributing Christian literature and sharing with Christians behind the Iron Curtain . . . Board unsuccessful in efforts to secure a minister to replace Mr. Mills in 1975. A. Graham, M. White and W. Filmer recent speakers . . . C.W.F. held successful Casserole Luncheon . . . Peter Sumner, Christian Foundation for the Blind, gave testimony to his work as a witness for Christ . . . The first twelve months of planned-giving program has maintained an average weekly offering of \$250 . . . A new gas heating system is being installed in the chapel . . . Special offering for Overseas Missions raised \$473.

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"JESUS FREES AND UNITES!"

Neil Gilmore reports on W.C.C. Central Committee Meeting, West Berlin, Aug. 11th.-18th.

"Jesus Frees and Unites"—with the wall, the armed guards, and the commemorative crosses for those killed in the attempts to flee from East to West only a few minutes walk away, the Kongresshalle, West Berlin, was appropriate setting for the WCC Central Committee Meeting, looking towards the Fifth Assembly of the Council under the theme, "Jesus Frees and Unites!"

The first item of business before the Committee was the venue for the Assembly. Carefully planned for Jakarta, Indonesia, August 1975, the Assembly, for all its theme of freedom and unity, suddenly became divisive for Indonesia itself. The Muslim community, especially the youth, became excited, negatively. Violence and deaths became a real possibility, along with severe reaction against the Indonesian Christian community, numbering only 10% in a basically Muslim society.

The threatened impact of an Indonesian Assembly was in denial of all that the Council stands for and hopes to achieve. In real agony of heart the decision was made, and accepted by the Indonesian representatives with great grace. "Not Indonesia in 1975!" Not Indonesia, but, a few days later, by unanimous decision, Nairobi, Kenya. The general Assembly of the World Council of Churches will meet on African soil for the first time at Nairobi, Kenya, Nov. 23 to Dec. 10, 1975, with the theme, at once prophetic and full of hope, "Jesus Frees and Unites".

"Liberated from presumption and desperation, we are, in life and death, captives of hope. We live and hope no longer for ourselves alone but are incorporated through the Spirit into the mission, the death, and life of Jesus Christ, the hope of the world." These keynotes from the meeting of the Faith and Order Commission in Accra, Ghana, fed the 'captives of hope' current into the Berlin meeting. For me, that became a dominant current as Lukas Vischer, Director of Faith and Order said, "The Spirit alone can lead the churches from their present state of division into unity . . . humanly speaking, the search for the unity of the Church can only end in impasse . . . It is decisive for the ecumenical movement, therefore that the churches live by the invocation of the Spirit . . . To call upon the Holy Spirit is a radically dangerous and even explosive thing."

Dr. Vischer's words underline the fact that the search for unity is not a patching together of the pieces of the churches but a seeking for the power and the will of

the Spirit moving towards the promised unity of the New Testament. So this experience is no static harmony but a dynamic movement.

A New Co-op

Hardly noticed by the mass media coverage of the Meeting, the establishment of the "Ecumenical Development Co-operative Society" was one of the most significant acts of the Central Committee in Berlin. The Society offers creative sharing in the development process of 'third World' countries.

Churches, groups, societies now have a means whereby they can share in a partnership of equals with those from the poorer nations. Shares in the co-operative are available from \$150 (approx) giving opportunity to groups from the 'third world' to also purchase shares and become partners in the operations and in the decision making processes of the Society. This is a rare chance to escape from the position of beggar at the rich man's door. It is a rare chance also for escape from interest rates running from 25% to 180% for short term loans—those interests are being paid to money-lenders in the Africa, Asia, Latin American areas.

The Society will be a going concern as soon as significant amounts of money are available and as soon as something like half the shares are in the hands of those from the developing nations themselves. Much noticed, on the other hand, but probably much less significant was the decision that the Program to Combat Racism should become an on-going part to the Council's operations. Recent events in Portugal and the coming to self-government of the former Portuguese African colonies poses a directional question for the Program. South Africa and Rhodesia remain the last 'colonial' type powers in Africa. The Program must now decide how best to bring positive benefit to the exploited and oppressed peoples in these two countries. The controversial 'grants' become less significant; the investigation of trans-national investment in southern Africa now takes on added significance.

The disclosure that a trans-national consortium of banks has been providing hundreds of millions of dollars to South Africa over the past four years, despite United Nations appeals and the directions of the governments of the countries involved, means renewed pressures upon international banking and investment. Already the Japanese government, in response to the disclosures by the ecumenical investigation team, has ordered the Japanese bank concerned to cease its South African operation. Several

American banks have appealed that their part in the funding deals be kept secret.

Lausanne Covenant

The W.C.C. was well represented at Lausanne and the Lausanne Covenant received close attention at Berlin. The covenant was warmly received and passed to the Nairobi Assembly as a study document for the section entitled, "That the World May Believe". For the past year a WCC staff group has been working in close dialogue with 'conservative evangelicals', notably from the Pentecostal tradition with the intention of making sure that the insights and experience of the evangelicals find their way more fully into the ecumenical stream. This has been a fruitful and promising dialogue.

The involvement at Lausanne from the WCC was a genuine attempt to ensure that the viewpoint represented in the Congress should find its way into the preparatory process for Nairobi. In addition, to ensure that, at the Nairobi Assembly, there may be adequate voice from the conservative evangelical stream a number of special advisers from conservative evangelical sources will be invited to the Assembly. The W.C.C. cannot be truly ecumenical whilst significant voices within the church remain outside its orbit. The bulk of new member churches in the Council since Uppsala have come from the tradition of the church.

M. M. Thomas of India, Chairman of the Central Committee, attempted a summary of the Council's stance, in the closing paragraph of his address to the Committee, 'M.M.' said, "The World Council of Churches is a fellowship of churches founded on faith in Jesus Christ as God and Saviour, and engaged in exploring the meaning of the centrality of Jesus Christ for the unity of the Church, for the Church's participation in the struggle of men and women for the humanity in the modern world, and the evangelistic witness of the Church to the world of religion, id spirituality; we are engaged in the proper integration of service and the mission of the contemporary world; I wish, I am sure like you could interpret Christ from these many responsibilities. Be in and through men and all Message of emphasised to pray involvement churches Message Christ! (Foot Berlin welco Austr and h Accey day s Germ rema persc

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OBITUARY

BARROW Mrs. Betty
Betty Barrow was born in Yorkshire 72 years ago, and came to Australia 26 years later. She was married at Coburg and was active in the Bamba Road, Caulfield, Gardenvale and Cheltenham churches. For a period she worked at the Emmaus Rest Home. She was a member of the State C.W.F. Council, the Churches of Christ Choral Society, and the Cheltenham church choir. She was involved in War Widows and Legacy organizations, (her husband died as a result of war injuries); she was a house mother at the Victorian School for Deaf Children; a member of the Elderly Citizens and of the Salvation Army Home League. Yet the recital of all these activities tell us little about Betty Barrow. Her life was filled with countless unremembered acts of love and kindness, arising out of her love and concern for people—the writer and his family know of this through personal experience. Her faith in Jesus Christ was real and vibrant and sustained her through bereavement, sorrow and grief in the death of her husband and daughter, Edith. Her son, John, his wife, Beverley, and their family live at Doveton and we offer them our sympathy. As Gordon Moyes, the minister of the Cheltenham Church was attending World Convention in Mexico at the time, the services were conducted by M. D. Keatch, minister at Bendigo.

THOMAS Mrs. Ann
Ann Thomas was born in Albury where she spent her childhood and early teens. She was baptised and became a member of the Albury church in her girlhood. After moving to Melbourne in 1937, she joined the Malvern-Caulfield Church. She later transferred to the Northcote Church where she was married to Glennan Thomas by W. T. Atkins in 1941. This happy partnership stretched over 33 years. The couple took up residence in Glen Iris and Ann immediately became a member at Gardiner and retained membership till death. We have known her as an active, practical Christian with a drive for getting things done. Though experiencing health problems including a serious illness and major surgery some years ago, she maintained an energetic and exuberant approach to the Christian life, church membership and Christian service. Ann was associated with the C.W.F. Evening and Afternoon groups over many years and became President of the Afternoon Group in 1969—an office she discharged with distinction for three years. She was Secretary of the combined C.W.F. Executive and convener of our Catering Committee. In this task she excelled because she brought to it her outstanding skills in

ALCOHOL ACCESS NOT MEASURE OF EQUALITY

The annual conference of the Australian and South Pacific Temperance Council was told the deterioration of the life of aboriginal peoples following the more ready availability of beverage alcohol. Although the existence of what may be considered a more fundamental problem was appreciated the consensus was strongly that it was very wrong and dangerous to use access to beverage alcohol as the measure of equal status.

Education, accompanied by research and counselling, is seen as the most vital activity. An approach is to be made to the Australian Government to provide funds to make possible the necessary expansion of this work. A national campaign is sought to publicise the health and moral hazards attributable to beverage alcohol.

cooking, catering and organisation. For some years she served as Treasurer of the Temperance Committee of Women's Conference. She also performed a very real ministry as Church Visitor for a number of years. In all this service, Glennan has been a willing and co-operative partner, demonstrating the combined servanthood which can issue from Christian marriage. It was while they were enjoying the World Convention in Mexico City that Ann's death occurred so suddenly. Because of her abilities and loyalty, her passing will leave a large gap in our membership and Christian Service. We praise God for her life and work. The love and sympathy of the Church has gone out to Glennan, Keith, Glenda, Lynn and Ian in this sudden and sad loss.

—L. S. Dewberry.

LUXMORE, Mrs. Violet

Violet Luxmore was born in Hamilton, Vic. but came to Melbourne in childhood. As a girl,

VIC. C.W.F. CAMP

92 ladies met together in camp at Monbulk, Sept. 27-29. 16 day campers joined in Saturday's programme.

The Christian Education Committee presented three book reviews and Mrs. Olwyn McNiece from Ballarat brought Friday night devotions.

Saturday morning quiet time was prepared by Mrs. Enid Fisher and Glenys Cartmel led the studies "It's hard to love my Neighbor". We browsed through Sherbrooke Art Centre and went to Highwood Inn for a delightful Devonshire tea. At night we focused our thoughts on Home Missions, with the study theme still in mind. Lois Smith told us about "Doncare" and Jean Preston from the Missionary Committee closed with devotions.

Our State C.W.F. President, June St. Aubyn, led the Communion Service on Sunday morning and Ray McKenzie, Director D.C.E. and John Williams, Ass. Sect. of W.C.A., led two groups applying

she was in the SS and youth auxiliaries of the Prahran church and later joined members of her large family in membership there. It was here that she was married to Les Luxmore in 1922. The couple moved to Caulfield and Mrs. Luxmore transferred to the Bamba Rd., church. In a number of moves Mrs. Luxmore transferred to churches in Carnegie and Parkdale in Vic., and Southport in Qld. When a long standing illness was judged to be at a terminal stage, her husband brought her to a Melbourne hospital. Mr. Luxmore and family maintained a loving but anguished vigil during the last year of her life. Her faith, courage and fortitude in illness and pain, were an inspiration. To her husband, Les Luxmore, son Robert, daughter Mrs. Wanstall and sisters Mrs. Fleer and Mrs. Woolley (Gardiner) and Mrs. Bradley (Adelaide) and to other relatives, the sympathies and fellowship of the Gardiner church were expressed.

—L. S. Dewberry.

the concept of love locally and with our overseas neighbours.

We regret that 25 ladies who wished to share in this camp were unable to do so because of accommodation. This camp was a most rewarding time of fellowship, worship and learning for those able to attend.

Monbulk has been booked for two weekends next year, Sept 19-21, and 26-28.

—Helen Banks-Camp Convener.

"PREPARE YE THE WAY" (Fullarton, M. T. Lawrie) was theme of the B.S. Anniversary . . . N. Goodall has been transferred to Sydney . . . R. Partington from the Gideons was a recent speaker and an offering for this work raised \$56 . . . Electric fans and an Inter-Com. system have been installed in chapel . . . Mr. Lawrie was speaker at closing service of Beverley Church . . . J. Shrubsole spoke to C.W.F. on "Hair Care" . . . The film "Andes Aflame" was shown on Sept. 29.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

"DRINK COURAGE!"

To the Editor,

While we're having a shot at pollution why don't we include the pollution of language and the debasing of words. Perhaps we can persuade an enlightened Government to come up with "truth-in-word-usage" standards to stop such irresponsible debasing of words as the use of "Courage" for a brand of "grog". It's got that way that a preacher can't exhort his people to "take courage" without being accused of inciting them to alcoholism. The latest word pollution from the "Courage" capitalists is their brand new sign—"Courage, the Expert Drinker's Beer." Just how much expertise does a man need to bend his elbow and swallow? Next we'll be hearing of poker-machine specialists and qualified pornographers!

Where will it all end? If "courage" is applied to beer, the next thing will be a perfume called "Commitment", an after-shave lotion called "Compassion" and a hair spray called "Consecration."

We all know what has happened to the beautiful word "love." It's got that way that you can't use the Biblical phrase "love one another" without people looking at you as though you are a bit queer; and "love the brethren" is right out!

If we don't rise up soon and do something about word pollution one of these days we are going to hear that someone has named a racehorse "God"!

Yours disgustedly,
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SARAI BANI AT WORLD CONVENTION

(Miss Sarai Bani, daughter of Mr. Abel Bani, who attended World Convention in Adelaide, was the New Hebridean delegate to World Convention. Mrs. K. Ludgater who did much to help Sarai prepare for World Convention, writes concerning some of Sarai's experiences.)

World Convention is over and Sarai is safely back. Now one needs days of spare time to sit down and listen to all the anecdotes and tales of humour and woe. Just fancy being rejected by Immigration Authorities because they have never heard of the country you come from! Impossible in this day and age? Someone ought to give the Mexican officials some Geography lessons! Despite Passport and Health Certificate being in order, Sarai spent 24 hours simply waiting around in Laredo on the Mexican border while the New Hebrides was checked up on!

She and Mrs. Newham also experienced a traumatic time stranded in Dallas, Texas, with luggage missing and unable to even use the strange telephones. (Apparently everyone in Dallas is too busy to bother giving assistance to strangers). You should hear what Sarai thinks of long distance bus travel! It was at that time that she wrote that she was longing for home. Then there was the bomb episode at Los Angeles airport. Remember hearing about it on the radio? We heard it and estimated that the date made it likely that Sarai would be in the vicinity on her way home. Sure enough, it turned out that she and Mrs. Newham were at Disneyland with their cases stored at the airport. Sarai lost one, and Mrs. Newham two! Whether they were destroyed or just unobtainable is not yet clear. Sarai's contained a few clothes and souvenirs from Mexico and heavy things such as tape recorder, tapes of Mexican music and World Convention choirs and all the slides carried for the audio-visual. We are so thankful though that only luggage was involved.

But there were wonderful times too. Disneyland was a delight, both the World Convention and Quadrennial Assembly in Indianapolis had many highlights and U.S.A. provided some memorable sights. Sarai died a thousand deaths before having to speak at the All Nations Luncheon in Mexico, but felt wonderful afterwards. Lots of us know that feeling, don't we? We believe that she was really in the Lord's keeping through all her experiences and we certainly kept her constantly in our prayers realizing that great strain that could be placed on a girl knowing little more than village life.

We were all saddened at the sudden death of her thirteen year old brother on July 4, while she was in the U.S. No-one is exactly sure of the cause of death, but he fell ill while fishing and after a period of delirium, apparently died of a cerebral haemorrhage. We had a letter waiting for Sarai in Vila, so her homecoming was not quite so joyful as it would have been, but she has taken it well. The C.W.F. here arranged a big welcome service, allowing a few weeks for Sarai to recover.

It is hoped that Sarai will accompany us to Maewo to give the women there a bit of fresh insight into the W.C.W.F.

We are all suddenly very interested in the condition of the sea. Nobody likes travelling between islands in small launches when there is rough sea and this is just the time of year when south-easterly winds are liable to make the passages difficult. The water may be deceptively calm near the shore, but frightfully uncomfortable further out.

W.A. Ministers' Retreat

The retreat in W.A. Churches of Christ ministers this year was held at the Waterman's Bay camp-site, August 19-22. All suburban and country churches were well represented with thirty in attendance. This enlarged the scope of fellowship so refreshingly experienced.

The highlight of the group studies was the clear, scholarly and gracious expositions of the Gospel of Mark given by Dr. Keith Bowes, Principal of College of the Bible, Glen Iris. The discussion derived from his teaching messages brought an enrichment to each minister's

appreciation and understanding of the Scriptures as God's inspired Word to mankind.

We express our gratitude to Mesdames Dunstan and Loudon from the Inglewood church, who provided magnificent meals.

Morning and evening devotions were conducted by G. Carslake and D. Nelson. Thanks are extended to the College Board who consented for Dr. Bowes visit to our W.A. Brotherhood.

—D. Nelson
President, Ministers' Fraternal.

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

What is the name of this mountain? Jesus passed over it on the day that children waved palms as he entered Jerusalem. He was on its slopes when he wept over Jerusalem. The Garden of Gethsemane is on it. One of its four peaks is thought to be the place where Jesus ascended from earth. (see page 18)

A Happiness Limerick

"Put a can on your head," So Hooligan said,
"And you will be Happy for sure."
But this comic has fled,
About whom we read
And we found it wasn't the cure!
Now we listen today
To what Peanuts will say,
And we notice the Bible still sez,
"Love one another . . ."
Treat each as a brother."
This is what happiness is!

Ruth Linnea

Helen: I don't like this photograph. It doesn't do me justice.

Ellen: You don't want justice—you want mercy!

JAY'S COMPETITIONS

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

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You folks are making it harder and harder for me to give any money to church.

BOOKS TO READ

HOW TO BE GOOD AND MAD! by Gordon Moyes (25c. posted)

A captivating title: this book is written to help us face, understand and use the difficult feelings of aggression and anger. Beginning with a planned event in a church service that produced "feeling", it goes on to explore and clarify aggressive feelings for some pages. (We do take some convincing that aggression and anger are a real part of a Christian's life). Open aggressive feelings are easily recognised, but it is interesting to note how "bottled up" or repressed aggression is expressed in subtle and often very hurtful ways. To help the reader see the healthy management of aggression the author shows how great men (including Jesus) expressed this part of their lives. Vital faith (not religion) is needed to direct and channel aggression in creative ways, that makes for stronger Christians who count in the struggles for justice. The difficult period "after the storm" is also considered when peace and serenity are just as important as the "storm" itself. Gordon Moyes has given us another much needed book. It speaks to those who "explode" and to those who think they never get angry at all. If you think "mad" is always "bad" think again and read, "How to be GOOD AND MAD" (Available from T. Frazer, 17 Eden St., Cheltenham, Vic. 3192).

GREAT PULPIT MASTERS.

(Baker Book House.) \$2.95 each.

There are eight books in this series, in which giant preachers of the pulpit are chosen. There is a brief introduction by a leading preacher in the United States today. Each book has a fresh introduction. We have before us books by Sam Jones, F. B. Meyer, H. DeWitt Talmadge. For example Dr. Daniel Poling says of Dr. Talmadge, "he was probably the most spectacular pulpit orator of his time—and one of the most widely read, for his sermons were simultaneously published in about 3,500 newspapers throughout the world. The sermons of these three books are much longer than those preached today, and are well chosen. —R.V.A.

SING A SONG OF SCRIPTURE

It is not usual procedure to review a record in these columns but as a family we have all enjoyed and received much blessing from "Sing a Song of Scripture." It is a record produced particularly for children and includes a nine foot long wall poster divided into 12 sections, each one consisting of a colorful picture about a song on the record. It is a delight to hear your children singing "Do all things without grumbling or complaining, that you may show yourselves to be children of God," and it is also a challenge to your own life. Stories are told throughout the record and the children are asked to participate. Teaching is given regarding witchcraft and fortune telling using the verses in Deuteronomy 18.10-13. It is a very happy sounding record. Scripture learnt in childhood is a life-long possession. As one song says "Whatever is true, whatever is worthy of reverence, whatever is just, whatever is pure, keep your mind on these things."

It is also available on cassette.

THE MAN THEY COULDN'T BREAK.

by Ladin Popov (Hodder & Stoughton) paperback \$1.20.

This is a very interesting book. Though it is not large, it is full of action. The author is pastor of the Evangelical Pentecostal Church in Russe, Bulgaria. He is helped in this book by David Coomes. The writer was imprisoned for five years, but he refused at any time, to recant. In this book, Popov describes the visions that upheld him and it tells of the messages of comfort which he tapped to those who were his fellow prisoners, and then tells us of his experiences following his release.

It is a book which shows us the power and greatness of God, and the wonder and help of Christ. R.V.A.

THE PEOPLE DYNAMIC

Changing Self and Society Through Growth Groups by Howard J. Clinebell, Jr. (Harper & Row) \$4.95.

Life is becoming for many a new experience. Growth Groups are currently of great interest to many people seeking practical means to engage significantly in life. Here is a book written by one of the leading lights in the Human Potential movement, bringing a splendid description of growth groups.

The author points out that unlike some groups which have focused on past failures and problems, the Growth group emphasis is more on unused potential, here and now effectiveness in living. Growth groups are human potential groups designed to make well people better — the "key to aliveness".

Clinebell sees the development of well-led, inexpensive, and accessible groups as a high priority goal, not only for churches, but for the whole community. The book describes the formation of a group, leadership tools, and ways whereby groups can be organized along lines of age, common crisis, or social concern. The vision one receives from the book is a whole network of small Growth groups throughout the community, available to anyone who wants to produce personal growth and engage in social change.

For the beginner language and explanations are easy to follow and understand. For the group leader there is plenty of material to get your teeth into. Great value, and should be at least in every church library. —G.T.L.

A TESTAMENT OF THANKSGIVING

by Jack C. Winslow (Hodder & Stoughton) \$1.40.

At 90 years of age Jack Winslow tells of the Christian pilgrimage which led him through Oxford to India. He was born in time to rub shoulders with C. F. Andrews, John R. Mott, and the adventurers of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and was strongly influenced by Frank Buckman's Oxford Group. He saw the world change greatly but is optimistic about the future, seeing great hope in current revival movements.

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Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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

KOREAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The World Vision Korean Children's Choir will commence a tour of Australia on Oct. 20.

Their engagements include Sydney Oct. 20-26, Brisbane Oct. 30-31, Canberra Nov. 1-2, Albury Nov. 5, Melbourne Nov. 7-11, Hobart Nov. 13, Launceston Nov. 14, Adelaide Dec. 3-4, Perth Dec. 7-8.

VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.

The next Vic.-Tas. Council meeting will be held on Friday, Nov. 1, 10.30 a.m., at Churches of Christ Centre, 52 Latrobe St., Melbourne. The speaker will be Miss Elizabeth Fraser of the Braille and Talking Book Library.

BACK FROM N.Z.

Dr. Lloyd Jones who, with Mrs. Jones has spent the last seven months in New Zealand, will return to Australia on October 20. Dr. Jones has been guest preacher with the Moorhouse Avenue Church, Christchurch during this time. He will conduct a preaching mission with the church at East Ipswich, Queensland from October 27 to November 10. Correspondence should now be addressed to Flat 6, 5 Chester Street, Epping, N.S.W. 2121.

EMMAUS GUESTS PICNIC (Box Hill, K. R. Bond). Assistance given in taking 60 Emmaus guests for picnic to Monbulk on Show Day . . . Musical items were given by Axios group at gospel service when two were baptised . . . C. E. annual rally held in Box Hill church . . . Bill Maddern farewelled on leaving for N.G. with Pacific Christian Mission . . . At annual C.Y.F. meeting Norman Broussard was elected President . . . Recent speakers have been Graeme Agnew from C.O.B. at Y.P.S.C.E. and Mrs Ian Hughes and Mrs Messer from C.S.S.M. and J.C.E. . . . Mrs Robbins on sick list; Elaine Hayes involved in car accident; John Barker improving after hospitalisation.

"DO TELL" (Victor Harbor, J. Luff). Young people of Goolwa Church presented the youth programme entitled "Do Tell" . . . Bob Hall again appointed B.S. Supt . . . School picnic was held at Encounter Bay . . . Mrs. Greg Francis was guest speaker at September Rally of the Bible Society . . . Rev. J. Hughes was speaker at C.W.F. Birthday to which representatives came from other Women's Auxiliaries in surrounding district.

MISSION (Latrobe Terrace, Geelong, N. Hodgekiss). The Friendship Venture Mission was conducted by Dr. Caldicott and team in word, music, and song. The Terrace and Thomson congregations have benefited with the addition of 16 new members . . . Junior tennis team won premiership in their section . . . Mrs Joy Williams elected C.W.F. President for ensuing year . . . J. Small continues to preach at Colac C. of C. and Dr. R. Williams at Hoppers Crossing . . . On Oct. 6 the film "Solomon's Temple" was screened and the "Belmont Singers" with orchestra rendered several items.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

THE RUSSELL REPORT

In Victoria the Committee on Religious Education has furnished its report (the Russell Report) to the State Minister for Education, who is awaiting reactions from churches, teachers' and parents' organisations, and the general public. One teachers' group and the Council for the Defence of Government Schools have made quick objections. The churches will need much more time.

One recommendation is that the present religious education programme in State Schools be replaced by a general religious course taught by Education Department teachers who will be trained specifically for such teaching, as English and mathematics teachers are trained for their subjects. Some teachers will teach R.E., others will include R.E. among their other subjects.

The teachers will not be evangelists and may not themselves, even be Christian. In his preface to the Report, the chairman, W. B. Russell, said that "there is no place for indoctrination by particular groups." This not only means that the teacher cannot be an advocate of Methodism or Anglicanism. He cannot even be an advocate of Christianity.

There is a great departure from the present voluntary system where committed Christian R.I. teachers (ministers and lay persons) may not (or should not) exalt their own denomination or indulge in lamb-stealing, but they all surely advocate the Christian faith.

It is doubtful if there will be any place for prayers or hymns if the new recommendations are adopted. There will be an objective presentation of the Christian faith along with other major religions although, in view of the dominance of the Christian religion in our culture, it is reasonable to expect that it will have a dominant place in the curriculum.

The Committee declared its belief that "a person's education is incomplete unless he has some awareness and understanding of the religious dimensions of human experience," and that "religion is a major and continuing influence in human society . . . (and) a source of values in (the students') own quest for a philosophy of life."

The Report recommends that in primary schools part-time teachers may be given special registration as teachers of R.E., and that accredited trained volunteers will work at the invitation of a school principal. Competent ministers and lay persons could be involved in this way. There is also provision for some specialist assistance in secondary schools. The present R.I. system would continue in schools where no Departmental teachers are available for R.E.

COUNTRY WEEK (Warrnambool, I. A. Tippet). Church were hosts to 19 folk from Doncaster for "country week". The visitors shared in the services . . . The church combined with Baptist, Salvation Army, and Presbyterians to sponsor the "Turnabout" Crusade presented by Campaigners for Christ . . . A young man made his decision for Christ . . . Church participated in Winter School series . . . Heather Houston welcomed home from World Convention . . . Ladies have purchased an electronic organ for church . . . Mr. Crocker progressing well after surgery . . . The minister has accepted a further two-year term.

CHURCH RENEWAL (Christies Beach Bran Beck). The success of the Church Renewal weekend is reflected in overwhelming response of members to participate in further sharing groups. A much stronger unity is evident as members learned how to show more concern for one another . . . Church held a "Roaring Twenties" night in recognition of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. (Tom) Parker.

EAST KEW VISIT (Warracknabeal). The East Kew folk visited here in October . . . Another planned giving program has been held with Trevor Giles. Circuit tea well attended . . . Mr. and Mrs. Stan Chivell celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary . . . David Harmer has gone to N.G. with the work party . . . Church has been saddened by the death of Keith Baum. Miss F. McQueen is home after being in hospital for some time, also Mrs. Stubbs. Jim Rogers on the sick list . . . Mrs. J. Harmer has been baptised.

76TH S.S. ANNIVERSARY (Bayswater, Alan Fletcher). S.S. Supt. Paul Muller occupied the pulpit at 76th S.S. Anniversary. Afternoon speaker was Bill Waddell, accompanied by Don Rogers, who displayed artistic ability in visual aid. Daniel Hills conducted the singing, accompanied on piano by Mrs. Joyce Sanders. Cradle Roll Certificates were presented by Mrs. Elaine Muller . . . Mrs. Doreen Strack, guest speaker at morning C.W.F. . . . Bruce Hunt, shared missionary experiences serving with W.E.C. in N.G. . . . Ten ladies visited Oakleigh Guest Home.

Chaplaincies will continue under the new plan "for those schools which request them for the purpose of providing a pastoral ministry and for assistance with programmes of religious education." The Report envisages the Government making an annual grant to cover administration, training, salaries and allowances of chaplains. This is recognition of the fine work already being done by chaplains appointed by the Council for Christian Education in Schools.

Some churches and members will regret the apparent demotion of Christianity to just one among the many faiths instead of having the privileged position it has enjoyed for so long. But the voluntary system is already experiencing many problems. There are changes in the social climate which make the work more difficult, there is an increased professionalism in the schools which many of the voluntary R.I. teachers do not possess, and there is the sobering fact that in 1973 only 46.2% of children in State Schools received any form of religious instruction.

On the whole we should welcome the recommendations of the Russell Report which accepts so firmly the role of religion in society and because it provides facilities for co-operation by the churches in the new R.E. programme. Some of the churches' contribution will be in the form of equipping specialists to assist in the planning of the new curriculum and in the training of Departmental teachers.

In our pluralistic and materialistic society, the Russell Report offers some hope that courses of religion will be taught and given the serious professional attention accorded modern teaching.

We should recognise however that the churches will have to face up to the greater demands for Christian "advocacy" in the homes and through church related agencies and activities.

But a report is only a report. It has yet to be accepted, and that will take time. When accepted, it will still take years before its recommendations can be implemented.

In the meantime, the Council for Christian Education in Schools in Victoria is in business and will continue to promote the voluntary R.I. system, train instructors, prepare up-to-date materials for primary and secondary schools, and expand its chaplaincy programme. Even if the Report is accepted and implemented there will still be a vital role for the Council as the churches' agent in the field on Christian Education in schools.

Whatever happens, the Council needs our continued support. That means more than a general goodwill. It means taking a practical interest in its activities and backing up the interest with a bit of capital!

GOOD GRIEF

Charles (Buddy) Ward has been convicted in the U.S.A. of kidnapping the wife of a banker and has been sentenced to 20 years in prison. He committed his crime to repay a \$10,000 debt he owed his mother. He said that he has "very deep religious convictions." "I attended a Billy Graham crusade, at the fairground a year ago, and his beliefs and mine are similar," Ward said. "I have what you could call fundamentalist beliefs. That's the reason I never used a real gun."!!!!.

BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN (Peel St. Ballarat, W. D. Mills). Joy and Claude entertained with gospel singing and an audio-visual of their trip through Eastern Europe distributing Christian literature and sharing with Christians behind the Iron Curtain . . . Board unsuccessful in efforts to secure a minister to replace Mr. Mills in 1975. A. Graham, M. While and W. Filmer recent speakers . . . C.W.F. held successful Casserole Luncheon . . . Peter Sumner, Christian Foundation for the Blind, gave testimony to his work as a witness for Christ . . . The first twelve months of planned-giving program has maintained an average weekly offering of \$250 . . . A new gas heating system is being installed in the chapel . . . Special offering for Overseas Missions raised \$473.

Latest Booklet by Gordon Moyes . . .

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TRAINING CLASS (Belrose/North Balgowlah, H. C. Wheat). A Training Class for Teenage Boys has commenced on Friday nights . . . Visual Bible Studies have been conducted at the Sydney Japanese School and at the Sunrise School, Terrey Hills . . . Contact has been made with the Sunnyfield Association at Allambie Heights and three carloads from the Home and Hostel are transported to Belrose each Sunday morning . . . H. C. Wheat now lectures at Woolwich College in Biblical and Historical Theology . . . Film, "The Beat that Rocked the Family" screened Sept. 29. Mrs. V. Barker following her baptism, has transferred to Wentworth Falls.

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"JESUS FREES AND UNITES!"

Neil Gilmore reports on W.C.C. Central Committee Meeting, West Berlin, Aug. 11th.-18th.

"Jesus Frees and Unites"—with the 'wall', the armed guards, and the commemorative crosses for those killed in the attempts to flee from East to West only a few minutes walk away, the Kongresshalle, West Berlin, was appropriate setting for the WCC Central Committee Meeting, looking towards the Fifth Assembly of the Council under the theme, "Jesus Frees and Unites!"

The first item of business before the Committee was the venue for the Assembly. Carefully planned for Jakarta, Indonesia, August 1975, the Assembly, for all its theme of freedom and unity, suddenly became divisive for Indonesia itself. The Muslim community, especially the youth, became excited, negatively. Violence and deaths became a real possibility, along with severe reaction against the Indonesian Christian community, numbering only 10% in a basically Muslim society.

The threatened impact of an Indonesian Assembly was in denial of all that the Council stands for and hopes to achieve. In real agony of heart the decision was made, and accepted by the Indonesian representatives with great grace. "Not Indonesia in 1975!" Not Indonesia, but, a few days later, by unanimous decision, Nairobi, Kenya. The general Assembly of the World Council of Churches will meet on African soil for the first time at Nairobi, Kenya, Nov. 23 to Dec. 10, 1975, with the theme, at once prophetic and full of hope, "Jesus Frees and Unites".

"Liberated from presumption and desperation, we are, in life and death, captives of hope. We live and hope no longer for ourselves alone but are incorporated through the Spirit into the mission, the death, and life of Jesus Christ, the hope of the world." These keynotes from the meeting of the Faith and Order Commission in Accra, Ghana, fed the 'captives of hope' current into the Berlin meeting. For me, that became a dominant current as Lukas Vischer, Director of Faith and Order said, "The Spirit alone can lead the churches from their present state of division into unity . . . humanly speaking, the search for the unity of the Church can only end in impasse . . . It is decisive for the ecumenical movement, therefore that the churches live by the invocation of the Spirit . . . To call upon the Holy Spirit is a radically dangerous and even explosive thing."

Dr. Vischer's words underline the fact that the search for unity is not a patching together of the pieces of the churches but a seeking for the power and the will of

the Spirit moving towards the promised unity of the New Testament. So this experience is no static harmony but a dynamic movement.

A New Co-op

Hardly noticed by the mass media coverage of the Meeting, the establishment of the "Ecumenical Development Co-operative Society" was one of the most significant acts of the Central Committee in Berlin. The Society offers creative sharing in the development process of 'third world' countries.

Churches, groups, societies now have a means whereby they can share in a partnership of equals with those from the poorer nations. Shares in the co-operative are available from \$150 (approx) giving opportunity to groups from the 'third world' to also purchase shares and become partners in the operations and in the decision making processes of the Society. This is a rare chance to escape from the position of beggar at the rich man's door. It is a rare chance also for escape from interest rates running from 25% to 180% for short term loans—those interests are being paid to money-lenders in the Africa, Asia, Latin American areas.

The Society will be a going concern as soon as significant amounts of money are available and as soon as something like half the shares are in the hands of those from the developing nations themselves. Much noticed, on the other hand, but probably much less significant was the decision that the Program to Combat Racism should become an on-going part to the Council's operations. Recent events in Portugal and the coming to self-government of the former Portuguese African colonies poses a directional question for the Program. South Africa and Rhodesia remain the last 'colonial' type powers in Africa. The Program must now decide how best to bring positive benefit to the exploited and oppressed peoples in these two countries. The controversial 'grants' become less significant; the investigation of trans-national investment in southern Africa now takes on added significance.

The disclosure that a trans-national consortium of banks has been providing hundreds of millions of dollars to South Africa over the past four year, despite United Nations appeals and the directions of the governments of the countries involved, means renewed pressures upon international banking and investment. Already the Japanese government, in response to the disclosures by the ecumenical investigation team, has ordered the Japanese bank concerned to cease its South African operation. Several

American banks have appealed that their part in the funding deals be kept secret.

Lausanne Covenant

The W.C.C. was well represented at Lausanne and the Lausanne Covenant received close attention at Berlin. The covenant was warmly received and passed to the Nairobi Assembly as a study document for the section entitled, "That the World May Believe". For the past year a WCC staff group has been working in close dialogue with 'conservative evangelicals', notably from the Pentecostal tradition with the intention of making sure that the insights and experience of the evangelicals find their way more fully into the ecumenical stream. This has been a fruitful and promising dialogue.

The involvement at Lausanne from the WCC was a genuine attempt to ensure that the viewpoint represented in the Congress should find its way into the preparatory process for Nairobi. In addition, to ensure that, at the Nairobi Assembly, there may be adequate voice from the conservative evangelical stream a number of special advisers from conservative evangelical sources will be invited to the Assembly. The W.C.C. cannot be truly ecumenical whilst significant voices within the church remain outside its orbit. The bulk of new member churches in the Council since Uppsala have come from the tradition of the church.

M. M. Thomas of India, Chairman of the Central Committee, attempted a summary of the Council's stance, in the closing paragraph of his address to the Committee, "M.M." said, "The World Council of Churches is a fellowship of churches founded on faith in Jesus Christ as God and Saviour, and engaged in exploring the meaning of the centrality of Jesus Christ for the unity of the Church, for the Church's participation in the struggle of men and women for their humanity in the modern world, and for the evangelistic witness of the Church in the world of religion, ideology and spirituality; we are engaged in discovering the proper integration between unity, service and the mission of the Church in the contemporary world. I sometimes wish, I am sure like many others, that we could interpret Christ Only as withdrawal from these many worlds and many responsibilities. But we cannot, because, in and through Christ, God renews all men and all things, as the Theme and Message of Uppsals' 68 so clearly emphasised. The only thing we can do is to pray that within these inescapable involvements, the Council and its member churches may, to use the words of the Message of the recent All-African Christian Conference Assembly, 'Allow Christ to set them free'."

(Footnote: Neil Gilmore attended the Berlin Meetings of the Committee with welcome financial assistance from South Australian Christian Union Committee and from the churches of West Germany. Acceptance of the latter involved a ten day speaking and reporting tour of West Germany following the meetings. The remainder of travel costs was met from personal sources.)

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ECUMENICAL SERVICE (Ascot Vale, Ian Corlett). Ecumenical Service held with Methodists and Catholics. A priest from St. Mary's gave Bible Reading. Principal Emeritus E. L. Williams was speaker. Alan Rowe was interviewed. Church is saddened by sudden death of Mrs. Alice Mitchell. Annual Business Meeting held Sept. 22. C.W.F. raised \$61. Two successful A.M. Coffees raised funds for special project. Special quarterly Sunday evening services well attended.

DEPARTMENTS IN SPOTLIGHT (East Bentleigh, J. D. Morrow). "In the Spotlight" series for four Sunday nights highlighted work of four departments. C.Y.F. committee (D.C.E.), Rose Filardo and Barry Jenkins (D. of H.M. & E.), Frank Richards (O.M.B.) and Gordon

Stirling and Rod Lloyd (C.O.B.) informed us. The series climaxed with 83 attending Gospel Tea Table service addressed by Conf. Pres. G. R. Stirling. Eleven attended Winter School and much appreciated ministry of College. One, Pam Mason, returned home to Perth to spend time with her parents before entering C.O.B. in 1975. Speakers from Bible Society, Scripture Union and World Christian Action have challenged church. Carol Jones has re-commenced Scripture Union Agency.

PROJECT 600 (Croydon, A. B. Clark). Project 600 launched during the first week of September designed to provide additional accommodation for B.S., C.Y.F. and Tennis Club. Hopes to raise \$600 by Nov. 3. Already money has been raised by a Snow Trip, a Jumble Sale, a Lamington Drive, a Paper Drive and a Jumble Sale raised \$25. Tennis Club Church Parade was held Sept. 15. Six teams are competing in Teensmen Competition. Young Marrieds went for a ride on Puffing Billy Show Day.

FAMILY CAMP (Kaniva, B. W. Brown). Hall's Gap was the site for a family camp when 34 from 9 families enjoyed a weekend despite rain and snow. A Church School social was held on Sept. 20. Rev. Wilcox of Anglicans spoke on Levitical Law to C.M.F. tea. Barry Williams is now at work in Libya with several others, supervising the setting up of farms for the Libyan government. Methodist minister spoke on Sept. 29 when Methodists joined us for a combined service.

FREEDOM FROM HUNGER DOORKNOCK (Horsham, R. Roberts). Members took part in Freedom from Hunger Doorknock and helped man Bible Society Stall at Horsham Show. On Sept. 15 two young people made confession, following week two other Y.P. were baptised. C.W.E.F. entertained Deaconesses, Officers and wives. Bus load of Y.P. conducted service at Beaufort Presbyterian church. 35 meet for prayer on Saturdays for the Nation and Revival.

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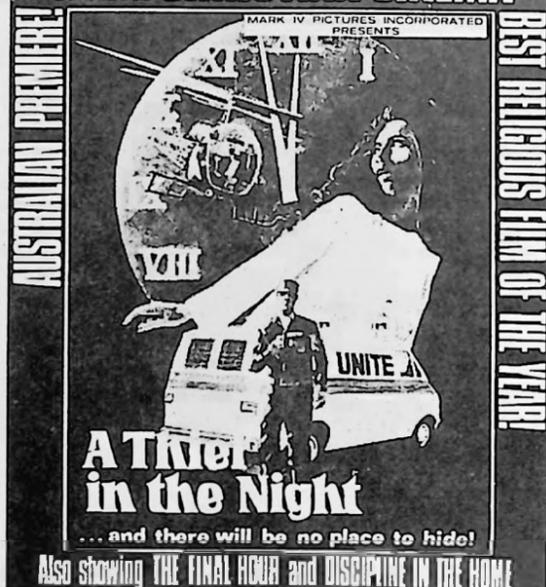
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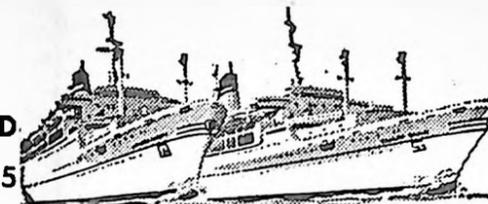
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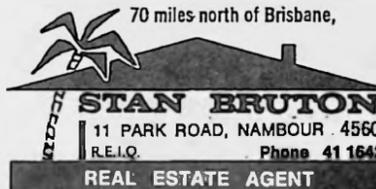
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NEW FILM ON FAMILY DISCIPLINE

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(See advertisement on page 16 for the Premiere showings of these three new films during October and November 1974). The Premiere will be presented by the Gospel Film Ministry Ltd., a non-denominational Christian film library of over 350 film titles available to Churches and Youth Organizations etc., throughout Australia, New Guinea and New Hebrides.



NEW SOUTH WALES

FAREWELL TO MINISTER (Wyoming) "US" young people's group invited members to a games night to say farewell to our minister and his wife, David and Judith Gurney . . . Two young people were baptised, a total of eight in recent weeks . . . Mr. and Mrs. Carlin have returned after an exciting overseas tour . . . Half-yearly Convention was held at Wyoming. Speakers included K. Crawford, R. Dixon, M. Hall and C. Taylor . . . At a special morning service John Truscott was presented with a certificate ordaining him as a minister of the Gospel, a missionary and an elder for the work in Indonesia. He and his wife Shirley anticipate returning to Indonesia soon . . . About 50 attended Family Camp at "Bethshan" Wyee. The camp closed at Sunday gospel service at Wyoming. The Westbrook family on furlough from Cundeelee were present at Camp.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

MISSION FIELDS TRIP (Inglewood, Ron Cook). Eight young people and three adult leaders, including Mr. Cook, travelled to Kalgoorlie, Norseman, Esperance, Gnowangerup, the Stirlings, Roelands, Bunbury and Mandurah during August holidays. First hand experience of mission fields made a great impression on the young people. Slides of the trip were shown on Sept. 22 . . . C.W.F. visited Ngala Mothercraft Home and Training Centre and were visited by Mary Finger from New Hebrides. Mrs. Finger also shared in service on Sept. 22 . . . 20 men and friends attended a district Christian men's tea at the Mount Lawley Teachers' College on Sept. 17. G. Smith, Christian Welfare Centre, was speaker . . . Girls' Brigade participated in youth display on Children's Day at Royal Show . . .

AT HOME (Fremantle). C.W.F. held "At Home" on Sept. 12. Guest speaker, Mrs. Platt, spoke on "The Fruit of the Spirit—Joy". Mrs. M. Munsie of South Perth sang solo . . . At C.W.F. speaker was Dr. David Kirkman, member of a medical team from W.A. who served in Ethiopia early this year during famine crisis. . . . A Yamaha organ has been purchased, replacing the one which gave 13 years' service . . . "Busy bees" are renovating surrounds of manse in readiness for new minister.

NEW POSITION (East Victoria Park, W. Thornton). Mr. Thornton has accepted a part-time position with the Social Welfare Centre . . . Now the Organ Debt is finalised, efforts are being made to reduce debt on the manse . . . Young people are planning the long week-end holiday Oct. 11-13 touring the South-West.



VICTORIA

OVERSEAS AID (Essendon, C. S. Badcock). Members called on to give one day's pay for Overseas Aid . . . Combined rally of Western Suburban Churches held in Essendon Town Hall with Allan Webb as a speaker . . . E.W.F. held a Minstrel Concert presented by Mr. Haskell and party from North Williamstown. John Hemsley was trophy winner in local football team . . . Mrs. Alice Blair back at workshop and looking well . . . Prayer meeting followed by Sharing Group each Wednesday . . . World Convention representatives have returned . . . Mrs. Lil Tryde has returned from Ireland visiting family and friends.

TALK-BACK (Swan Hill, R. E. Pritchard). A series of "Talk-Back" Sessions has been conducted at evening services using material distributed by Lay Institute of Evangelism . . . Don Smith and Allan Niven from Dept. of HM and Evang. visited during September. Keith Pitt (Reservoir) guest speaker at recent C.E. Rally held in chapel.

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TAPE MINISTRY (Wampoon, R. Cambridge). A tape recorder is to be purchased to use in Eventide Hospital Tape Ministry . . . Miss Haskell of the H.M. Dept. spoke to Fellowship ladies at Mundalla . . . Gordon Brown has returned to Libya for 3 months to continue on the Agricultural Project begun last year . . . "All God's Children," 26 vocalists and instrumentalists from the Central Christian Church, Wichita, Kansas, gave a performance in Bordertown led by George Woods and Miss Sunday De Boeuf . . . Annual Meeting was preceded by a luncheon on July 21.

STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP (Goolwa, D. R. Smith). Recent six-week study and fellowship group used the booklets, "Jesus Christ for Today" and "Come From the Four Winds" . . . D. R. Smith also conducted a course for engaged and courting couples . . . S.S. combined with the Anglican S.S. for Bible quiz and audio-visual. A morning tea was shared with parents before the morning service . . . A combined Bible Society meeting was held in the Methodist Church . . . Ladies C.W.F. attended Sthn. Dist. Conf. at Lenswood . . . Visitation program of new residents in Goolwa and district continuing. Help planned for pensioners who cannot cope with jobs around their homes.

CHURCH GROWTH STUDIES (Grote St., H. M. Long). The church has responded to challenge to examine reasons for "Church Growth Today" (or lack of it!) Format of services was changed to provide group participation . . . 60 attended a live in study Family Week-End at Point Sturt. Ages were deliberately intermingled and communicated well . . . A special "mini-church" segment for children has been introduced at morning services. A

dozen different members are rostered to tell the story . . . Youth conduct the evening service on first Sunday each month . . . Recent visitors have been R.S.A. McLean (Conf. Pres.) Lionel Berthelsen (Bible College of S.A.), Rev. David Harris (Bible Society), Mrs. Joyce Weir (O.M.S.) and Miss Cheryl Smith (L.E.M.). Mrs. D. J. Brealey and H. Dunning are visiting the U.K., Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Matthews have returned from the U.S.A., and Mr. and Mrs. L. Delaney from Israel and Europe.

CHOIR SERVICE (Ascot Park, R. J. Clymer). The C.of C. Youth Choir provided the complete program at recent Gospel Service. John Matheson was conductor. After church the choir gave further items . . . Mrs Clymer is making progress after surgery . . . On Oct. 6 Daryl Thoday preached. . . . Absence during school holidays were offset by visitors for the Royal Show.

NEW DEACONESS (Semaphore, P. R. Whitmore). The annual business meeting followed a lunch at the church. Mrs. J. Hayter was elected as a deaconess for the first time . . . At 64th church anniversary a P.S.A. was conducted by the Aeolian choir with precision singing . . . Queenstown church combined with Semaphore for the evening service . . . C.W.F. visited the Baptist Ladies fellowship and after lunch Mrs. Whitmore conducted devotions.

SEWING FOR DUINDUI (Blackwood, L. Cook, R. Haskell, J. Chivell). Annual display of sewing for Duindui by women of church. \$70 received for freight costs . . . Dr. Don and Carolyn Hemer were able to tell Jun. and Inter. Depts. of B.S. of work at Duindui at "New Hebridean" breakfast held prior to B.S. session. A project to supply a store shed for hospital staff's provisions has been undertaken . . . Fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Colman and family (from the cast of "Irene") was enjoyed and a service was held featuring Mr. Colman.

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October 19



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COMMUNION SET PRESENTED (Frankston, A. A. Avery). On return from World Convention, Mr. and Mrs. Avery presented the Communion set used at combined service in Mexico City . . . Church is greatly indebted to H.M. Dept. for leadership and assistance with speakers during minister's absence overseas . . . Weekly prayer meeting has been under the leadership of Russell Baker during August and September . . . Discussion Groups are held between morning services . . . Recent street stall conducted by C.W.F. resulted in gain of \$112. Members are contributing hamper of groceries for C.O.B. students . . . Thursday crochet classes are successful and are to be followed by nail-string art and copper work. . . . Board has accepted invitation of local churches to share in World Mission '75 . . . Assisted by Graeme Woodhart, C.Y.F. members led evening service revealing hidden talents.

ONE DAY'S PAY (Mitcham, R. McLean). "One Day's Pay" was \$160 for C.O.C.O.A. the best extra effort this year and it was not at the expense of local offerings. People truly gave as personal sacrifice. . . . On Sept. 8 there was contagious sharing in involvement of members with the N.Z. Maori Team. Mrs. Shields, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Gerrard, Mr. Tilley and Mr. Wheatley all told how greatly affected they were by their contact as hosts or transporters or just helpers.

TELECAST (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes). Over 100 letters were received after an ABC telecast. A number sought spiritual help and others expressed delight at the faithful presentation of the gospel . . . Hundreds joined in Youth Service at Moorabbin Town Hall. The Carpenter's Disciples from Geelong and others provided the program and Gordon Moyes preached. A number of young people responded to the appeal . . . Julie Aquroff on furlough from N.G. spoke at evening service and screened slides . . . Ann Wichell, the last of our travellers attending the world convention in Mexico to return, arrived home. . . . An audio-visual on the World Convention has been prepared by Gordon Moyes, and Ann Wichell and Jack Sinclair have slides on their trip.

TALKBACK (Glen Waverley, R. B. Elbourne). Question Box and Talkback . . . Sermon series "Words that work Wonders" . . . House church series "A Matter of Life and Death" commenced . . . I. Cumine, R. Carpenter, J. Hughes, D. Ross and J. Todd elected as Deacons. N. Cottee and E. Watson elected as Deaconesses . . . C. Patterson School Superintendent . . . David and Barbara Langford moving to Bougainville . . . Church School and Explorers took recent morning services.

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