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# CHRISTIAN UNITY, EVANGELISM & BIBLICAL SERVICE

—the three main thrusts of the W.C.C.

Christian Unity, Evangelism and Biblical Service were spelt out as the three main thrusts of the World Council of Churches by the Deputy General Secretary of the Council, the Rev. Dr. Alan Brash who made a short visit to Australia.

From 25 years of experience of working in relation to the W.C.C., Dr. Brash stressed that he could testify without qualification that "the life of the Council is a reflection of the varied concerns of the Churches themselves". "It emerges out of a daily commitment to seek above all things the will of the Lord Jesus Christ as he is revealed in Scripture, and in ways that are responsive to the coming of his kingdom in the world."

In reply to a question about the unfortunate public image that the World Council has, Dr. Brash replied, "One of the features of newspaper reporting

around the world is that it regards nothing as "news" if it is normal. Peace, happy marriages, perfect weather, safe travel—these things are not "news". War, divorce, typhoons and accidents are news. In the same way, when the churches are doing their expected work there is no comment. But when there is something unusual, it is exaggerated and given headlines.

"It was rarely reported that WCC channelled \$1½m a year into South Vietnam for refugees. A gift of \$300,000 worth of schoolbooks for North Vietnam was given great publicity.

"\$9m worth of service through schools, hospitals, farms etc, spent in Africa alone is not mentioned. But \$100,000 of education material to a liberation movement becomes notorious.

"There are literally scores of examples. So it is not surprising that people get distorted ideas.

"And, of course, no newspaper ever gives the theological basis of any programme, for that is not news either! So WCC actions are assumed to be politically motivated".

On Monday night before Dr. Brash commenced his Sydney visit, the Church

of England, Sydney Diocesan Synod cut its contribution of \$840 to the world Council of Churches by 10% in protest against the WCC's race grants. Dr. Brash was naturally very concerned at this action and spent considerable time during his visit putting the WCC's Programme to Combat Racism (P.C.R.) in perspective. "Although this programme is important for profound theological and biblical reasons and it is necessary for the Church to denounce racism as a thing of the Devil, the race grants represent only approximately 2% of the World Council's budget and the \$200,000 to \$300,000 granted annually appears trivial in comparison with the \$35 million operation of the World Council in relief and development aid."

In reply to the frequently heard accusation that through this programme the World Council is supporting violence Dr. Brash said "giving humanitarian aid to people involved in conflict does not condone violence. For example, no one accused the Red Cross of supporting violence when it tended the wounded during World War II. The P.C.R. is an attempt to add action to our words, our bible study and our faith in Jesus Christ."

## The Preachers' Provident Fund LAUNCHING OF SUPERANNUATION FUND

Because of the postponement of Federal Conference from October 1974 to January 1975, the time available to the board of the Preachers' Provident Fund to arrange the many details for the launching of the new Superannuation Fund, has been drastically reduced.

It is very important that this new fund be implemented on 1st March, 1975. The Board has been advised of the acceptance of its plans by all State Conference Executives and only awaits the final approval of Federal Conference. In order to assist the Board to compile the schedule of ministers who will be joining the No. 2 Superannuation Fund, it has distributed application forms to be completed and returned to the secretary immediately in the anticipation that Federal Conference in Canberra next January will endorse the launching of the new fund.

The administrative work of the Fund is carried out on an honorary basis so the earlier that applications are received the easier it will be for the staff to cope. If you are a minister and have received your application form, please decide to complete the form and return it immediately—that means before Christmas.

If your application form has not arrived or if you require further information please write to the Fund's secretary.

Only after acceptance of the scheme by Federal Conference will accounts be sent to intending members.

## INNER SPRINGS

### Riches or poverty



Being the victim of a robbery brings home very forcibly the realization that being Christian does not protect us from misfortune. Jesus hanging on the cross was the greatest demonstration of this fact the world has ever known. Yet we forget it. Somewhere along the way we have gathered up the idea that so long as we are christian, then no bad thing will ever happen to us. Nothing is further from the truth. If we believe that then we have missed the whole meaning of the Gospel story.

Christ did not come to save our worldly goods. He came to save us and make of life a rich and joyous experience. Surely too, this is why He placed so little emphasis on the possession of material goods. He knew how deeply we should be hurt by the loss of them. And too many of them would leave little room for Him. Filling our lives with things, we have forgotten how little He possessed. When one would have followed Him He turned to remind him "The foxes have holes, the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of God has nowhere to rest."

There comes to us all unearned good and unearned evil and it isn't always made clear why we receive either. We are to give thanks on the one hand and on the other remember that He suffered at the hands of sinful men; so shall we. Life may strip us of many things, some very necessary things, but if our faith in a loving Father remains intact then we have the most priceless possession of all.

"We are rich", says one, "not in what we have, but in what we cannot lose".

My Master was so very poor,  
They nailed Him naked to a Cross;

So very rich my Master was  
He gave His all, and knew no loss.

#### PRAYER:

Save us Our Father from the love of possessions that leave no room for Thee,  
Remind us that life is only meaningful when we place the love of people before the love of things.

Matthew 8: 19-20

Amen.

FLORENCE ROSIER.

## THE "CHRISTIAN" GOES TO

# NEW ZEALAND

The 52nd Annual Conference of Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand was held in Nelson, Oct. 24-27. "The Christian" was there to record what is happening among our cousins across the Tasman.

This was a crucial conference with a key decision to be made concerning the union of the Churches with four other denominations. This decision was to be made at Nelson which was the centre of the opposition to union negotiations.

Conference started with tributes to the Conference President, Jim Ward, who died shortly before Conference began. The Vice-President, Geoff Benjamin, was installed as President. The meetings were held in the Rutherford Street Church with attendances ranging between 300 and 550.

The Conference theme chosen by Mr. Ward was "He is Able", and the theme was reflected in the devotions and in the various addresses.

Throughout the Conference delegates from the negotiating Churches were present, including the Right Rev. Peter Sutton, the Anglican Bishop of Nelson, who attended all business sessions and evening preaching services. The Fraternal Delegate from Australia was Gordon Moyes of the Cheltenham (Vic.) Church.

The day-long C.W.F. Conference was competently chaired by the President Mrs. Noeline Knapp. Her theme for the year had been "It can happen". The Women's Conference showed evidence of a great deal of life among Church women. The Annual Convention for Women had been a great success. Mrs. Stella Salisbury of Ommaru Union Parish had served as Vice President of the W.C.W.F. The C.W.F. also received a legacy of \$6000 to enable them to develop their work.

Conference business sessions commenced each day at 9 a.m. and continued until 10 p.m. Eighty-five pages of business were discussed.

A. Doug. Cleaver, a graduate of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, was ordained into the ministry. He was one of a number of N.Z. students now training in the Australian Colleges.

The Missionary sessions focused on the work of Rhodesia and the New Hebrides. Mr. and Mrs. Brian Kirby have just returned from 18 years in Rhodesia and they outlined in detail the work of the Rhodesian Churches. The Rhodesian work is now under complete control of two Councils in Rhodesia. Some Conference speakers stressed that the Africans still do not feel free to really govern their own activities. The N.Z. Churches will continue financial support but the last New Zealand Missionary, Mrs. Isabel Knapp, returns in January after 25 years of service. The only remaining N.Z.

born personnel are former Prime Minister, Garfield Todd, and his wife Grace, who are still restricted by the Smith Government.

A focus on the work of the New Hebrides which has been developed in conjunction with the Australian Churches Overseas Mission Board was made by Miss Jean Delaney who has returned after long and valued service, and by Dr. John Coulter.

For the past 10 years our N.Z. Churches have declined in membership at a rate of 100 members each year. However, last year, mainly because of evangelistic missions conducted by Australian and American visitors there was a gain of 46 members. There are 43 Churches with 3075 members.

Conference was swamped with a deluge of remits calling for the revocation of an earlier Conference decision to urge the Government to legalise homo-sexual action. This resolution was made six years ago but has been given tremendous media publicity throughout the past year by pressure groups seeking homo-sexual law reform. There was a strong church reaction to the way their decision has been publicised. Consequently, the previous decision of Conference was revoked and all churches were encouraged to study the problems associated with homo-sexuality and to seek ways of helping homo-sexuals. Churches seem to think that changing the resolution would somehow or other help the problem. Others argued that change of attitude would merely reflect a weak and indecisive attitude.

However, the most contentious issue concerned Church union. The motion to pass on to other businesses was lost and the issues were debated.

For 20 years the Associated Churches of Christ have been in discussion with the Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches negotiating to form "The Church of Christ in New Zealand". The Church of Christ, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches adopted The Plan for Union 1971. The Anglican Church requiring a 66 2/3rds vote from each level of Bishops, clergy and laity, received a 75% vote in favour from Bishops and laity but only 57% vote in favour from the clergy. The Anglicans asked the other Churches for a two year extension to reconsider. Many Churches of Christ members saw this as the opportune time to opt out of the union negotiations. However, Conference granted the Anglican request and will re-vote the issue in 1976.

Leading the attack on union is "The Restoration Fellowship", a loose-knit group within the churches who oppose union and who stress the restoration of

New Testament principles. They held their own Conference on the Monday morning following Annual Conference. They produced a separate paper "The Christian Witness" and have been placing American ministers, financed by the South Pacific Evangelisation Fellowship, among N.Z. Churches. However, members of the fellowship showed grace and restraint in what could have developed into very bitter personal attacks on the Conference decisions. There is a healthy fear of division among our N.Z. Churches.

"The New Zealand Christian" is foundering on the rocks of rising costs, criticism for its strong ecumenical outlook and competition from the 1300 circulation "The Christian Witness". It was obvious that Conference does not want two papers and a joint meeting of editors and significant personnel were instructed to seek the production of one paper with free distribution to all members.

The Fraternal Delegate from Australia, Gordon Moyes, was the keynote speaker at each of the evening sessions of Conference, his theme "Re-Affirming the Essentials" took a close look at the faith, the ministry, the Church and the Gospel. In these addresses he strongly urged the conflicting parties to see the significant issues and to share together what they could hold in common. He also delivered five lectures at the Ministers Annual Refresher Course on "Developing a Competent Ministry".

Throughout Conference the debate was healthy and although dominated by a few personalities there was little personal attack. Our New Zealand brethren seem to have a growing maturity as they face their difficult decisions. The minority groups seem to have come out in the open and are working with a new openness. The next few years are crucial.

On the local level ordinary members are sick of stagnation and desire Church growth, outreach and a Christian impact upon the community. Whichever group promises these results in the most convincing manner will get their vote.

#### GOOD COMPANIONS' PLAN.

Sixteen of Victorian Good Companions' Executive led by Chief Companion, "Auntie" Rita Roberts, spent a weekend at Rita Roberts' Lodge, Monbulk, to evaluate their work and to plan for 1975. The Victorian D.C.E. Director, Ray McKenzie, also attended. Mrs. Glad Cooksley catered for the group and her daughter, Miss Dianne Cooksley, was present for a few hours prior to her return to the New Hebrides.

The reallocation of zones was discussed.

The theme for 1975 is "Life is Wonderful" and will be featured in all the activities, commencing with the Fellowship Dinner on Feb. 5, 1975.

An innovation for 1975 will be zone worship services to start the service month of June. Also, after an absence of several years, indoor sports will return to the programme, and Girls' Sunday will be held later in the year, Oct. 26—Gail Wilson.

# WOMEN'S WRITE



Edited by Gladys Mackenzie

## Christian women go camping

### TASMANIA

"At Port Sorell we had a camp . . . EIEIO . . .!"

So said one of the "fun" songs sung at our Tasmanian C.W.F. Camp. From the Friday night "Getting in the Groove" Sing-a-long, to the Sunday afternoon farewell, 56 C.W.F.'ers used every minute of their September Camp weekend.

Pat Hilbig (Vic./Tas. C.W.F. Secretary) presented our first night feature, the audio visual "A Faith to Share" followed by a run down of C.W.F. Committee work. Saturday and Sunday mornings were devoted to the study: "Checking the Pressure Points."

Saturday evening was the usual riot when campers joined in "Sorell Shenanigans" and came dressed representing a song.

The Sunday morning Communion Service was a spiritual highlight and Pat Hilbig led in worship and meditation as we broke bread and shared the common cup. Part of the worship included giving an offering (\$45.30) for the work of Miss Helen Wheaton in the New Hebrides.

Daily Devotions were led by Mesdames J. Walshe, J. Lillye and G. Byard, and closing thought was given by Tas. C.W.F. President, Mrs. Iris Robertson. A small presentation was made to Mrs. Lyn Birtwistle in appreciation of three years service as Camp Secretary.

-D. A. Allen.

### VICTORIA

92 ladies met in camp at Monbulk. 16 day campers joined Saturday's programme.

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

Saturday Quiet time was prepared by Mrs. Enid Fisher and Glenys Cartmel led the studies "It's hard to love my neighbour." We browsed through Sherbrooke Art Centre and went to Highwood Inn for Devonshire tea. In the evening we focused on Home Missions. Lois Smith told us about "Doncare" and Jean Preston from the Missionary Committee closed with devotions.

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

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

-Helen Banks.

## SOUTH-WEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE (WESTERN AUSTRALIA)

Two car loads of women from Perth, joined with C.W.F. members from Bridgetown, Busselton, Bunbury, Collie and Harvey, on 18th September, at Harvey for Annual Conference.

Mrs. E. Clark, President, led in call to worship and introduced Mrs. B. Franklin from the Methodist Church who presented devotions.

Veteran sisters were honoured and presented with bouquet of flowers.

The State President, Mrs. B. Omeara, introduced Miss V. Dean who reported on social service activities; Mrs. R. Ladner on hospital visitation and Mrs. Pallot informed of the various happenings from the Aboriginal missions at Norseman, Esperance and Carnarvon. Mrs. Finger enthralled all with her account of work in the New Hebrides.

After lunch, Mrs. L. Manning gave an address on the theme, "Walk worthy of the Lord."

Mrs. High from Basselton was inducted to the position of incoming South-West conference president.

Items were given by Mrs. K. Puzey and Mrs. M. Tonkin.

## AT WORK AND WORSHIP

### VICTORIA

The President, Mrs. J. St. Aubyn, spoke to 124 delegates at October Council, on her return from World Convention, Mexico. Emphasis was given to particular themes used during the discussion groups and Communion service—"Emmanuel", "The Church is the Evangelist" and "Unity Within Itself"—and several pin-points on personalities brought to the women the feeling of deep strength in Christian fellowship on a world wide basis.

Devotions were presented by Cheltenham C.W.F. entitled, "We are the Kingdom of God", and Mrs. Hazel Scambler led in Intercessory prayer.

Owing to lack of support, traffic and parking problems, and fear felt by women travelling by public transport at night, 88 delegates voted in favour of disbanding the two evening council meetings each year.

### QUEENSLAND.

The format of meetings, now called Q.C.W.F. Fellowship Meeting, has been given a "New Look." Instead of holding a separate prayer meeting, this is now incorporated in the monthly meeting, at which there will be no business discussed, unless important issues arise. Future meetings will consist of Prayer and Bible Study, a speaker and announcements.

Thirty five women, representing eleven churches heard Mrs. D. Armstrong conclude her study on the Life of Jesus portrayed by Luke.

As October was College Month, Mrs. Ewers (wife of the principal of Kenmore College) and nine girl students were present. Mrs. Ewers thanked Q.C.W.F. for the "Cooler" given to the College also for the cakes and biscuits donated regularly.

After introducing themselves each of the students took part in a devotional segment consisting of Bible Readings, meditations, testimony and singing.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Mid-year conference met in Grote Street Church on Oct. 3.

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### WOMAN TO BE PRESIDENT

For the first time in the history of Baptists churches in Australia, a woman has been chosen as President-Elect for the South Australian Baptist Assembly.

Mrs. Edith McKay will become President in the spring of 1975. She defeated two prominent laymen in her election to the office of President-Elect.

This is the general Assembly and not the S.A. Baptist Women's Fellowship. She has been president of that Fellowship also.

## Christian Family Law Bill

### FESTIVAL OF LIGHT URGES INVESTIGATION BY ROYAL COMMISSION.

Following the first formal hearing of the Royal Commission on Human Relationships, the Rev. Fred Nile, Director of the Festival of Light said "We call upon the Prime Minister to refer the controversial and divisive Family Law Bill to the Royal Commission on Human Relationships for a full, free and objective investigation of its contents and possible effects upon our Australian family life."

Mr. Nile said "Here we have the world's most radical Divorce Bill being pushed through Parliament with attempts to use the gag to stifle debate whilst a Royal Commission is being set up to investigate human relationships. The most vital and popular form of human relationships is marriage, the most harmful is divorce."

The Family Law Bill should rightly be the first priority for the Royal

Commission."

"Secondly," said Mr. Nile "The Attorney General, Senator Murphy, now proposes to establish an Institute of Family Studies to study marriage, family breakdown, effects of divorce, etc. which is a most constructive proposal. However, setting up such an institute after the present Family Law Bill becomes law is like shutting the gate after the horse has bolted!"

"Thirdly," said Mr. Nile "The amazing number of amendments numbering over 92 (ninety-two) cause us to question how exhaustive were the original investigations which brought the Family Law Bill into being. The original Bill and amendments now total 55 pages. The amendments themselves comprise a 19 page booklet! The Australian public must have six months at least to study this radical Bill and the large number of amendments if possible under the jurisdiction of the Royal Commission."

"One amendment" said Mr. Nile, "covers the setting up of an entire Federal Court system (Amendment No. 23) which is largely a representation of the original Superior Court Bill which has already been rejected by Parliament."

"Finally" said Mr. Nile, "The Attorney General in his Statement has at last rightly recognised in amendment No. 82 "the promotion of the protection of the family as the natural and fundamental group unit in society."

(Note: This particular section was deliberately omitted by Senator Murphy from the original Human Rights Bill.)

BAPTISMS (South Yarra) C. Wilson. Two young people from the Youth Group were baptised . . . Communion Service from the World Convention was shared and led by H. Kerrison and J. Sinclair who attended . . . Church will share Peter Nelson's ministry with Malvern-Caulfield next year . . . Donation of cement incinerator, the gift of Mrs. Walters, greatly appreciated.

## Queensland Home Missions

### How they started

In the 92 years that Churches of Christ have been established in Queensland, new churches have begun in many ways—evangelistic missions, members moving into new areas, a church 'mothering' a new congregation, through a Bible School, in homes, halls, tents, church buildings and with the help and encouragement of Home Missions.

### Southport 1957—in a borrowed building

A Sunday afternoon service began in a Congregational building with approximately 12. (largely by an appeal from Sister Evans to Home Missions). Three years later they moved to our own building—a house 'converted' for use as a chapel. Two services beginning and a Bible School which grew to 120 in 3 months. First fulltime minister was Roy Acland in 1964.

Growth has been most encouraging. Outgrowing the building, the church moved to the present chapel in 1972. Church membership is 185, BS 180, and a service at the Golden Aged Retirement Village of 40. Present minister—Noel Newton.

### Arana Hills 1966—in a home and tent

In this developing area with help from Stafford Church and Home Missions, a Bible School commenced and two weeks later a communion service with 6 members, growing in a few weeks to 8. Gospel services commenced after 6 months. These meetings continued in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson for 3 years. Bible school grew to 100.

Growth from 6 members to 30, student minister to full time, from home to new brick chapel, from a subsidized church to self supporting. Present minister—Glen Stibbe.

### Springwood 1974—with full time minister

Gerald Parriott, then field officer with Home Missions undertook to help establish a church in the fast growing area south of Brisbane. For 6 months in 1973 members living in the area met regularly in mid-week meetings for study, prayer and discussion (still attending their churches on Sunday).

A solid core was ready—a minister was called—land was purchased and in February 1974 the church began with some 30 members holding 2 services and Bible School.

Growth The Sunday Services are held in a home and Bible School in State School buildings. In 9 months there have been 13 baptisms and membership now 55. Bible School has doubled to 60. Roger Foletta—minister.

This material was inadvertently omitted from the Home Missions number.



SOUTHPORT CHURCH — OPENED 1972



ARANA HILLS — OPENED 1970



SPRINGWOOD CHURCH — OPENED 1974

• WOOLWICH

# N.S.W. BIBLE COLLEGE

## WOOLWICH COLLEGE GRADUATION

A large and appreciative gathering shared in the Woolwich Bible College Graduation Service at Enmore, on Friday, November 15.

The Principal, Dr. Elliott, presented Diplomas to those who graduated and the Senior Lecturer, Mr. Chapman, offered the Prayer of Dedication. Diplomas were gained by David Bailey, Robert Ferguson, Don Herbert, Bruce Nichols, Les Smith and Steve Warwick.

The P. E. Thomas Prizes were awarded to Neal Proellocks (Third Year), Daryl McLeod (Second Year), and Robert Goldfinch (First Year).

A presentation was made to Miss M. Burns, the retiring Housekeeper of the College.

Brief messages were given by graduating students D. Herbert and R. Ferguson, and J. K. Bond delivered a challenging address to the gathering.

Splendid musical items were contributed by the C.W.F. Singers under the direction of Mrs. Lyn Gayford, and R. Hutchens presided at the piano.

During the course of the evening, the Chairman, Mr. Pieper, made brief reference to the fact that Dr. Elliott had tendered his resignation and that 1975 would be his last year as principal of the College.

### "PRAYER & SHARE PARTNERSHIP" WOOLWICH BIBLE COLLEGE

Folk who have been supporting the ministry of Woolwich College by sharing in prayer and in giving will praise the Lord as they realise the wonderful way in which He has so graciously blessed our training work during the past twelve months.

As letters of thanks for such faithful support have been sent out during October and November, folk from churches throughout our Australian Brotherhood, scattered far and wide, will appreciate the fact that we are now in our second year of the prayer & share partnership.

We trust that not only will those who have assisted Woolwich in the past continue to be used by the Lord in this grand venture of faith, by their prayers and their gifts—but that many more, who as yet have not shared in this plan will also be eager to become "partners".

We invite you to promise to pray regularly for Woolwich—and to make a gift of at least \$5.00 per year to this vital ministry of training men and women for the Lord's service at home and abroad.

### WOOLWICH BIBLE COLLEGE, N.S.W. NOVEMBER EXAMINATIONS— HONOURS LIST.

New Testament I R. Goldfinch, D. McLeod, F. Wrightson. 12 others passed.  
N.T. Exegesis IIA G. Deuble, R. Ferguson, N. Proellocks. 9 others passed.

N.T. Exegesis IA 3 passed.

Biblical & Historical Theology IIA D. Bailey, G. Deuble, R. Ferguson, B. Francis, D. Herbert, N. Proellocks, R. Thompson. 5 others passed.

Old Testament II J. Bond, D. McLeod, G. Pearman, G. Rowcroft, D. Stacy, M. Wallace, F. Wrightson. 3 others passed.

Old Testament III G. Deuble. 11 others passed.

Church History I (Restoration Movem't) M. Caine, G. Pearman. 8 others passed.

Church History IIA G. Deuble, R. Ferguson, N. Proellocks. 9 others passed.

Homiletics I J. Bond. 8 others passed.

Homiletics II D. McLeod, G. Pearman, G. Rowcroft, D. Tandy. 2 others passed.

Homiletics III R. Burton, G. Deuble, N. Proellocks. 3 others passed.

Communications G. Deuble, R. Ferguson, D. Herbert, L. Smith, S. Warwick. 7 others passed.

Social Counselling G. Deuble, R. Ferguson, D. Herbert, R. Thompson, S. Warwick. 6 others passed.

Psychology M. Caine, R. Goldfinch, D. McLeod, G. Pearman. 9 others passed.

History of Missions G. Arundell, J. Bond, D. McLeod, G. Pearman, D. Tandy, M. Wallace. 9 others passed.

Philosophy of Religion G. Deuble. 5 others passed.

Ancient History D. McLeod. 5 others passed.

Modern History D. McLeod. 3 others passed.

Practical Missions G. Arundell, J. Bond, D. McLeod, G. Pearman, G. Rowcroft. 10 others passed.

Greek I (Day Class) M. Caine, R. Goldfinch. 2 others passed.

—A. G. Elliott.

## KENMORE'S CHAPEL

Kenmore's hill has a new Chapel. Planning commenced years ago, and careful thought and much work has produced a very beautiful auditorium for worship and church activity, with ground level space for a potential youth activity and general purposes hall.

Kenmore Christian College is situated on a hillside on five acres of land. The College is set back 150 yds. from Brookfield Road. The site chosen for the Chapel was on the approach from the roadway on the slope of the hill.

The building will hold about 200 people.

### UNIQUE DEVELOPMENT

Almost since Kenmore Christian College commenced ten years ago the Church has grown side by side with the College. Until recently it has met in the College Dining Hall, and the membership

has steadily grown until attendances have been above 100. The church has undertaken finance for the new building, the College having provided land. Considerable financial support has been given by the church to the college through the years, and a member of the College staff has always provided the ministry.

The Chapel is used by students for daily devotions and other use as required.

Thus there is a unique College-Church relationship. Already there has been assistance from the students by visitation in the Kenmore District, and it is anticipated that the church will be able to increase its effectiveness in ministry to the surrounding homes, thus the Chapel will provide a location for the expression of New Testament Christianity for both church and College.

### • GLEN IRIS

## Professor Moore for C.O.B.

Professor Will Moore will be a visiting lecturer in New Testament at the College of the Bible during the first half of 1975.

As a young man Will Moore went to the United States from the Middle Park (Vic.) church in 1925 for theological training. He later gained his Ph.D. in the field of Biblical Studies from the University of Chicago.

For many years he was professor of New Testament at the Drake University Seminary, and then for more than a decade was Dean of the Kansas School of Religion at the University of Kansas. Recently he has taught courses in New Testament at the Emmanuel School of Religion.

Now that he has "retired", Professor Moore has decided to visit his native land, together with his wife, Audra, but he also wants to give his services to our churches while here.

Arrangements have been made for Professor Moore to teach the courses in New Testament 2 and 3 and also to lead

the New Testament Seminar class. His first duties will be to give lectures at the National Ministers Seminar in Canberra and then the Magarey Lectures in Adelaide. In April he will give some lectures to the Ministers' Seminar in Victoria.

Professor and Mrs. Moore will live in a flat at the college.

**RECENT VISITORS** (Kalgoorlie, R. Taylor). Recent speakers included Mr. and Mrs. H. Finger from the New Hebrides, and a representative of the W.A. Temperance Alliance. . . . S.S. anniversary was held Oct. 5 and 6. Tea preceded a demonstration on Saturday evening. Guest Speaker was Les Goode, Methodist Church. . . . Young people shared in C.E. rally at Norseman. Young people from Perth were billeted with church families for the rally. . . . The film "Martin Luther" was screened. . . . Ladies held a fete, Nov. 9, in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Francis's home.

## • CHURCHES OF CHRIST DIAGNOSIS & PRESCRIPTION (Part 3)

# PATTERN PRINCIPLE, OR?

By  
**Graeme  
Chapman**

The pattern of church government within Churches of Christ could be described as a variety of Presbyterianism shorn of its church courts with allowance made for greater congregational participation. Alternatively it could be viewed as an exalted Congregationalism titivated by the addition of an elected eldership sensitively responsive to the dictates and moods of the congregation.

At the level of co-operative endeavour, the autonomy of each local congregation is jealously guarded. An initial conflict between British and American Restoration traditions, over the advisability and precise nature of intercongregational co-operation led eventually to heavy stress being given to the evangelistic role of conferences of local churches. The thought of such bodies having legislative function was strongly repudiated.

### II

Early advocates insisted that the New Testament clearly revealed a pattern of church government, normative for all time, the reproduction of which in every age would ensure the Church's strength and unity. Apologists for Churches of Christ pointed out that it was to promote the restoration of such New Testament usages that they had been called into existence.

However, by the turn of the century the beginnings of a change in terminology was evident. Men began speaking more of New Testament principles and less of the New Testament pattern of church government. This reflected a deeper theological shift brought about by exposure to other churches and the greater flexibility demanded by growth in the movement.

### III

Unfortunately, practice has not always matched theory. At the local level debate early raged over the precise function of

elders. Writing from Newtown in 1861, Joseph Kingsbury described the church there as in a "state of suspense and agitation" because of disagreement on the question of whether elders ought to preside at every meeting of the church. As that century drew to a close the almost complete absence of an effective eldership within the churches was openly acknowledged.

The stress at the co-operative level on the autonomy of the local church had one significant but unrecognized consequence. The lack of hierarchical structure led to the clustering of power, in each state, around prominent individuals. The influence, in the 1860's, of Service in Melbourne, Kingsbury in Sydney, and Magarey in Adelaide was evidence of this. W. T. Moore, reflecting on the American beginnings, commented—"The Disciples do not have bishops; they have editors." This, no less true of Australian Disciples, was particularly the case with A. R. Main, who, as editor of the *Australian Christian* from 1914 to 1941 and principal of the Australian College of the Bible from 1910 to 1938, wove his own synthesis of Restoration doctrine into the thought of the movement.

While conferences began as purely co-operative bodies, with initiative lying

with local churches, they developed in time into policy making bodies. Early alarm over the projected formation, late in the nineteenth century, of building funds, was overborne by the desire for more attractive chapels and state committees were formed for this purpose between 1905 and 1913. Of recent years, the need to co-ordinate strong and hitherto autonomous committees has led to a strengthening of central structures and the appointment of conference secretary/organizers.

### IV

Ministry in today's tightly-wired world is complex. It demands of us a complete rethinking of our traditional view of church government. For greater internal communication and effectiveness and to reach an estranged world in which stable patterns are things of the past, we need to return to the scriptures with a willingness to recognize factors that an early rigidity caused us to overlook. The sort of questions we will need to ask ourselves are these. Does the New Testament reveal any single pattern or were there a complex of patterns that could justify congregational, presbyterian and even episcopal government? Could it be that the pattern was a pattern of flexibility? And whatever we decide was New Testament practice, is there anything in the New Testament that says that this was to be continually reproduced as the only valid form of church government? In an age when there is an increasing need to work closely with other Christian groups such probing could have results that exceed our expectation.

(TO BE CONCLUDED)

### HUMAN LIBERATION SEEN AS GOAL OF WOMEN

West Berlin, June 24 (EPS)—Women in all countries experience oppression because of their sex. But through divine and human action they see hope for the creation of a more human society.

This was the conclusion reached by 154 women attending the international consultation of "Sexism in the 1970's" convened by the World Council of Churches. Hosts for the occasion were the

Church Women's Federation of Germany.

The most broadly representative group of church women ever assembled, the meeting drew participants from 49 countries. A concerted effort had been made to have an equal number of women from each continent. Members of parliament, barristers, psychologists, social workers, teachers, theologians and church workers shared experiences of discrimination and mapped strategies for eliminating it in church and nation.

At first, differences of tradition, theological orientation and life situations in the First, Second and Third Worlds seemed insurmountable. Women from poor countries said it was useless to talk about sexism when people were starving to death. Women from countries with totalitarian governments said: "Our husbands do not oppress us because they are in prison. The liberation of all humanity is our goal."

### DEDICATION OF POLICE CHAPEL

(Vic) Recently an Inaugural Inter-Church Service and Dedication of the Police Chapel took place at Waverley. About 1000 attended.

The Chapel was completed in 1960 as part of the Mount Waverley Seminary for the training of Roman Catholic clergy. The building was purchased by the Victorian Government as a Police Training Academy. Members of the Victoria Police wished to retain the Chapel as part of the new complex and our church was one of ten churches which agreed to the Inter-Church use of the Chapel.

At the Inaugural Service, G.K. Scambler, Conf. Pres., represented Churches of Christ in Victoria, Terry Lane gave one of the addresses.

## CHURCHES RESPOND TO CRISES

The Australian Council of Churches has again responded on behalf of its member churches to crises requiring immediate aid.

In early September, following the torrential rains in Asia which led to the disaster in Bangladesh, extensive flooding occurred in Burma and the Philippines.

In Burma, the homes of over 1½ million people were destroyed and at least 68 towns in 10 states were badly affected. In response to an appeal for immediate relief from the World Council, the A.C.C. sent \$5,000. At the same time, the ACC sent \$2,200 to the Philippines National Council of Churches for emergency relief work.

More recently the ACC responded to a request from the World Council of Churches for aid for Honduras. Honduras, said to be one of the poorest countries in the world, sustained extensive hurricane damage recently.

The ACC cabled \$5,000 assistance immediately.

Currently, Korea is also suffering from floods in the southern grain-growing districts which have destroyed 30,000 tons of food grains. The National Council of Churches in Korea has applied for assistance through the W.C.C. and the A.C.C. has accepted a request to provide \$1,500.

## Indonesians approve change

Geneva (EPS)—The World Council of Churches' decision to change the venue of its Fifth Assembly from Jakarta to Nairobi has been greeted with expressions of relief and understanding by officials of church and state in Indonesia.

President Suharto in an address delivered August 15 said the decision taken by the Central Committee of the WCC not to hold the assembly in Indonesia "has indeed relieved us greatly". Speaking at the commemoration of the Prophet Muhammad's ascension, the Indonesian President stressed the value of the religious life saying, "We should not find fault over the differences among us. Moreover we should not use

differences of religion to sharpen a possible difference of views among us".

The Executive Committee of the Indonesian Council of Churches in a statement commenting on the WCC's action said: "With an open heart and full understanding, it received the resolution and considers it a wise decision suitable for all sides, both for the Pancasila State and the Indonesian people in general and for the churches in Indonesia and the World Council of Churches itself".

Expressing deep gratitude for all the preparations carried out in connection with the Fifth Assembly, the committee said these would have positive value in developing ecumenical awareness.

## The Asian Church

An international ecumenical team of five church leaders, at the initiation of the Christian Conference of Asia, visited the Philippines and were received by President Marcos for 90 minutes.

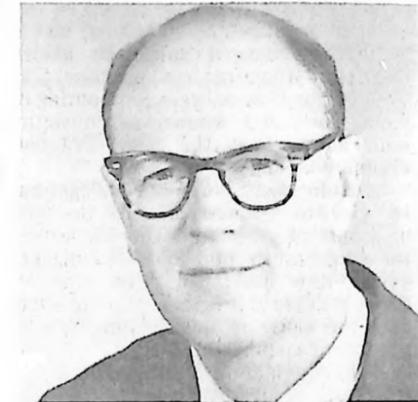
The churchmen were Yap Kim Hao (CCA General Secretary), Ron O'Grady (Assoc. Gen. Sec.), Francis Yip (CCA Treas.), Kiyoko Takeda Cho (WCC Pres.), and Joel Thompson (NCCCUSA).

President Marcos gave assurances that there is no policy of persecution of the church or any of its institutions; no policy of restricting travel of church representatives, and no policy to suppress participation in constructive criticism. Following the meeting, President Marcos ordered a review for possible clemency of all Philippines martial law prisoners not yet formally charged.

In Seoul, however, the team was caught in a "climate of fear". There was continual surveillance by Korea Intelligence, validity of visas was questioned, and the team was threatened with restriction of movement. The team appealed to the Korean Government to re-examine its suppression of constructive criticism.

Highlight of the Korean visit was meeting with families of detainees who shared their testimonies of witness to the Christian faith.

## DR. A. G. ELLIOTT TO RESIGN AS PRINCIPAL



Dr. Elliott has advised the Woolwich College Board that he is resigning from the Principalship at the end of 1975. The Board wishes to place on record its appreciation of a twenty-four year College ministry that has been characterised by a single-hearted devotion to Christ and a solid endorsement of Restoration principles.

A graduate of the University of Western Australia (M.A., B.Sc., Dip. Ed.), Allen Elliott had ministries at Wembley, Victoria Park, and Subiaco before being invited to Woolwich as Senior Lecturer in

1951. Between 1951 and 1955 he added to his College responsibilities the oversight of the Kingsford church. From 1956 to 1957 he was engaged in research at University College, London on New Testament background materials. For his work in linguistics and the historical backgrounds of the Wycliffite and Tyndale translations of the New Testament in English and the Greek Editions of the New Testament by Erasmus, he was awarded the Ph. D. Returning to Australia he resumed his work at the College with which he combined the full-time ministry of the Burwood Church. He was appointed Vice-Principal in 1955 and in 1964 took up residence at the College when the Vice-Principalship was made a full-time appointment. When A.W. Stephenson retired in 1969, Dr. Elliott was appointed Principal.

While his erudition extended over many fields, he will be best remembered for his lectures in Old Testament and Church History. Former students will not soon forget the wealth of background knowledge that, woven into the story, frequently had them in wrapt attention.

The contribution of Mrs. Dorrie Elliott

to College life and student development has been no less significant. A constant support to her husband, at the instigation of the State C.W.F. she organised a College Fellowship to train students' wives and fiancées in those skills that will equip them for church ministries. Also in the domestic sphere she assisted wherever it was necessary.

While his years as Principal have taken their toll of his strength, Dr. Elliott's interest and involvement in the wider affairs of the Brotherhood have continued unabated. While the resignation of Dr. Elliott from the College will bring to a close a long and useful academic ministry it will not mean retirement for this man whose brilliant talents have helped mould generations of students.

### AFRICAN DROUGHT

The disastrous drought, which has ravaged a vast area of North Africa for six years, now threatens 75 million people with death by starvation. In response to this enormous and growing need, the Australian Council of Churches and Australian Catholic Relief have reopened their joint Australia-wide appeal for urgent relief funds.

Many thousands of people—an estimated 100,000 in Ethiopia alone—have died from hunger and its associated diseases, in some areas most of the livestock on which the pastoral people depended have been lost and the economy of whole regions has been shattered. And still the drought goes on.

To bring the full extent of the disaster before the people, announcements about the appeal are expected to be made from the pulpits of churches of all major denominations.

## BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

The Commonwealth Secretary of the Bible Society in Australia, the Rev. James Payne of Canberra, will attend a meeting in Poland of the United Bible Societies' Executive Committee, of which he is vice-chairman.

It is the first time the United Bible Societies' Executive Committee has met behind the Iron Curtain.

Mr. Payne said, "the fact that the World Executive Committee of the United Bible Societies is to meet in Poland is clear indication of growing Bible Society involvement in Eastern Europe. The Bible Society movement is finding increasing opportunities for its activities in most Eastern European countries."

The United Bible Societies serve all Christian churches, Anglican, Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox. At present it supports 617 translation projects around the world. Roman Catholic scholars are involved with 180 of these.

There is also considerable co-operation with Orthodox churches. Mr. Payne said "the translation of the Bible is never finished but has to be seen as an ongoing task".

Before leaving Australia Mr. Payne said "the financial position of the United Bible Societies, in the face of a global inflationary development, will occupy a large part of the Executive Committee's consideration. The World Budget of the

United Bible Societies is being hit by escalating costs for paper, printing and shipping, increased wages and expenses on every side."

The Bible Society in Australia had undertaken to contribute \$330,000 by October 31 towards the World Budget of more than 10 million dollars this financial year (1973-74) and has promised, in faith, a minimum of \$345,000 for the financial year 1974-75.

## RHODES SCHOLAR IS HOBART CHURCH ORGANIST

William Hemmings, a 22-year old student of the University of Tasmania, is the Tasmanian Rhodes Scholar for 1975.

He will go to Oxford University in October next year for two years with the possibility of another year. He is hoping to do graduate study for a Bachelor of Philosophy degree in Politics and International relations.

He has a Bachelor of Science degree with majors in mathematics and physics and is now in his final year for a degree of Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Political Science.

Mr. Hemmings is also a musician, having obtained the A.Mus. A. and L. Mus. A. He teaches piano and harmony part-time, plays modern and classical organ, is one of the Hobart Church organists and is also an assistant organist for Scots Church in



Hobart. He also teaches in the senior section of our church school.

## WORD TALK No. 108

We understand truth as conforming to what is real and can be factually verified. This immediately creates problems in religion because what may be truth by acceptance through faith or intuition may not be able to be verified by logical or scientific demonstration. Truths of religious faith may be beyond verification and this raises both the criteria for judging truth and of the authority of settling issues on disputed truth.

In the philosophy of language analysis, Toulmin suggests that truth is equivalent to whatever is worthy of belief and that the basis of judgement differs according to the category under verification. If this is so the difficulties of the proof of the truth between science and religion would disappear.

In the O.T. truth was a quality possessed by God (Ps.25:5; 86:11). It stresses God's reliability and trustworthiness.

In the N.T. the shift from Hebrew to Greek brings new understanding. Truth was distinct from falsehood by intellectual understanding. John particularly makes use of this concept (John 1:14, 17; 3:21; 4:23; 8:32; 14:6; 16:13 etc.). Jesus was the ultimate reality and when we understand that we come into full understanding of life. And to understand life is to live in obedience to your understanding. Hence Jesus is both the ultimate reality and the perfect example of living to be followed.

### FOR TODAY

Four diverse quotations in different fields give their attitudes towards truth. Alexander Campbell once wrote "Truth has nothing to fear from investigation. It dreads not the light of science, nor shuns the scrutiny of prying inquiry.

### THE NAMES OF JESUS

## TRUTH

It challenges the fullest, the ablest and the boldest examination".

When Dr. William Harvey in 1618 expounded to a disbelieving and hostile world that the blood in the body was actually pumped around by the heart, instead of just filling our veins; he was reminded that people had for centuries believed that the blood just filled us, and that it didn't move. And with great insight he wrote in his historic book (1628) "The Circulation of the Blood" "It is never discreditable to desert error, even though error be sanctioned by the highest antiquity".

Goethe, the German poet truly said "Nothing is more harmful to a new truth, than an old error!" Alan Richardson writes "The brave new logic of yesterday, becomes the stuffy orthodoxy of today, and the deadly obscurantism of tomorrow!"

These four writers each stress an important aspect of truth. In an age when everything must be scientifically verified or logically demonstrable we need to constantly stress that truth is larger than the neat shapes of logic and the test tubes on the bench. Christians should never be afraid of where truth will lead them. It can only lead them closer to Christ. Christians possessing philosophic equipment should also challenge the assumption that "the logic of scientific rationalism is the only route to genuine knowledge or that provability is the test of truth"—F.R. Barry.

—GORDON MOYES.

# OPEN FORUM

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

## WELL DONE, NUBEENA

To the Editor,

While in Tasmania recently my wife and I were the guests of Dorothy and Bruce Spaulding in one of the holiday units of their Fairway Lodge in beautiful Nubeena on Tasman Peninsula. Beside the bed was a cloth bound copy of "Today's English Version" of the New Testament. Just inside the cover was a friendly message telling us that the New Testament was the gift of the Nubeena Church of Christ, for the use of holiday makers. The times of the Sunday services were noted and a gracious welcome was offered to visitors.

It occurred to me that there must be many holiday units and other places where people stay, that are not reached by the "Gideon ministry". Perhaps other churches might enjoy doing what Nubeena did at Fairway Lodge.

G. R. Stirling.

## COLLAGES APPRECIATED

To the Editor,

I recently sat for a few Melbourne College of Divinity subjects toward a Diploma in Theology. Over the past three years I have been doing a couple of subjects annually.

While ministering in Qld., Kenmore

Christian College and its faculty were most eager and helpful in guiding my preparation in the subjects I had undertaken. Since being in Victoria, I have found the same willingness from the faculty of the College of the Bible.

Therefore I would like to express a word of appreciation to our colleges, not only for the work they are doing, the training of students for ministry, but also for their helpfulness to people like me.

I would recommend that more of our ministers take up some form of study, and I am sure that our Colleges will be more than willing to assist in whatever way they can.

Warren Hamilton  
Traralgon, Vic.

## NO REFORMULATION

To the Editor,

Reading Mr. Chapman's series one wonders how Churches of Christ ever got off the ground. What made the churches flourish in those early days? Tenacity, integrity along with a magnificent obsession; passion for New Testament Christianity, swept multitudes into the kingdom of God—all in response to great preaching. And that preaching, of which we have little today, made no apologies.

Our American restorationists (independents) do not bandy words

concerning first principles throughout an entire life-time as we do, viz., baptism for the remission of sins preceded by repentance? They are accepted into colleges on this understanding, and no lecturer is engaged unless he likewise endorses restoration doctrine. Any wonder our U.S. colleges are pouring out young men and women of conviction, who know what the New Testament Church is all about!

It really works—but our colleges have to give us counterparts to the great preachers of yesterday. There is no need for surgeons in our midst to diagnose every now and then. Ever since we dabbled in unity programs one can almost date the cause of our sleeping sickness, our loss of membership.

A Reformulation Movement? No, that is not our need—just tell the old old story even as T. J. Gore, Surber, Haley, Hinrichsen, Harwood, Bagley and a host of others whose passion for New Testament truth was never idolatrous but glorious. G. T. Fitzgerald's (a converted Roman Catholic) tract "Why I am a member of Churches of Christ" needs to be resurrected.

Arnold G. Caldicott.  
Qld.

## AIDS TO ALMANAC

The Churches of Christ Almanac for 1975 has already had a good reception in the churches. Produced by the Federal Literature Dept. in two colours, it gives information of special days and lists suggested hymns for morning worship from both the present and the new hymn books. Old and New Testament readings with suggested themes are also given.

The following commentaries and study aids will be found helpful for those following the morning readings for preaching purposes: For Old Testament readings from Amos, Hosea, Micah and Jonah—Layman's Bible Commentaries "Hosea to Jonah" by Jacob Myers. "Micah to Malachi" by J. H. Gailey. Torch Bible Commentaries "Amos" and "Micah" by John Marsh. "Hosea" and "Jonah" by George Knight. Cambridge Bible Commentary (based on New English Bible) "Amos, Hosea and Micah" by Henry McKeating. J. B. Phillips translation "Four Prophets" would also be useful. For New Testament Readings from John's Gospel and Ephesians—Layman's Bible Commentaries Commentaries "John" by F. V. Filson. "Ephesians" (in "Galatians to Colossians") by A. V. Hunter. Tyndale Commentaries "John" by R. V. G. Tasker. "Ephesians" by Francis Foulkes. Torch Bible Commentaries "John" by A. Richardson. "Ephesians" by John Allen. St. Andrew's Press "John" and "Ephesians" by William Barclay. Pelican N.T. Commentaries "John" by John Marsh. "Ephesians" by J. H. Houlton.

These books are available from The Baptist Book Store, 162 Russell St., Melbourne 3000, or from religious bookshops in other States. Additional copies of the Almanac can be obtained from the Secretary, Literature Department, 5 Atkins Av., Glen Iris, Vic. 3146. 30c per copy including postage.

o VICTORIA—TASMANIA

# THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH

Stanton H. Wilson  
Vic-Tas. Conference Secretary

## CHANGE

The old order changeth yielding place to new and God fulfils himself in many ways. God—our contemporary. 'Change and decay in all around I see, O Thou who changest not, abide with me.' These sentiments well up within as one sees the demolition hammers reduce to rubble a building which served our Brotherhood well for fifteen years.

In a greeting for the Official Opening of our new Brotherhood Centre this year A. W. Cleland appropriately recalled former years:

"I well remember when Rowland Morris, Bob Geyer and I bravely set out for the Auction Sale at Scott's Hotel in Collins Street in 1958. All we had was the support (financially) of a Building Fund deposit amounting to £5. This had been given to the Conference Executive a year or so previously through Laurie Trezise. What faith possessed us! We three agreed to bid up to £50,000 (\$100,000). Rowland and Bob bargained to £56,000 after the Auction was called off—I was inclined to "sit" it out at £50,000, as I wondered where the money was coming from. Being both Chairman and Treasurer of the Properties Corporation helped me over my nervousness.

"Rowland organised the "SEVENTY" then, and out went these dedicated men, and what organization went into that effort. Rowland's drive was remarkable which resulted in raising the total purchase price £56,000 (\$112,000). The Secretaries' and Treasurers' zeal and dedication over the three years that followed collecting the amounts from many hundreds of members throughout Victoria made my task much easier.

"Reflecting on the history of our Movement, I find that, from the late 1890's and early 1900's, we have an historic event occurring approximately every 15 to 20 years. Commencing with our first Overseas Missionary about the end of last century, then the Federal College of the Bible for ministerial training, Social Service work—Homes etc. Followed by The Properties Corporation, Aborigines Work, New Guinea, culminating in 1958 with the establishing of The Brotherhood Centre No. 1. Now 15 years later we have The Brotherhood Centre No. 2—a modern administration centre."

Those who currently occupy this lovely building readily acknowledge its suitability as a centre for service, education and fellowship.

## CONFERENCE

With the near approach of our 110th Annual Conference we remind readers of the dates: Wednesday, April 30 to Sunday May 4. The changed format, of which particulars will shortly be given,

will enable an increasing number of country and Tasmanian members to attend Conference without being absent from home over a protracted period. We were delighted last Conference to have so many Tasmanian brethren and sisters attend Conference—the largest number for several years. We are confident that country and Tasmanian members will respond to the Executive's regard for their circumstances by having the largest ever representation.

A full quota of appointed delegates is being asked for and it is being stressed that churches be represented at all sessions by their delegates.

"Question Time" with the Conference President, G. R. Stirling, in charge, will be a new feature incorporated into Business Sessions. It is hoped thereby to inform and stimulate the interest of all who attend Conference. The 'President's Reception' will be for everybody and the occasion will be inspirational and interest-packed.

The speaker at the United Evangelistic Rally in the Melbourne Town Hall with which Conference will conclude, will be Gordon K. Moyes, B.A., Minister of the Cheltenham (Vic.) Church. Once again we hope to pack the Melbourne Town Hall (Sunday, May 4) with 2,500 people as we climax what promises to be a great Conference.

## "COUNTRY WEEK"

The Churches which responded to the Executive's suggestion that Oct 19-25 be Brotherhood "Country Week" are unanimous in acclaiming it one of their richest and happiest experiences. "Country Week" for 1975 is fixed for Oct. 18-24. It is hoped that there will be an even wider coverage of the constituency of the Vic-Tas. Conference. All the expressions of gratitude received are too numerous to be included, but one country circuit 211 miles from Melbourne wrote:

"Our thanks to the Conference Executive, who were responsible for the recent Brotherhood Country Week.

"35 visitors from (a suburban) church shared with our circuit during a weekend in October and our members and the visitors alike were thrilled with the fellowship and inspiration. "Our Board expresses a desire that Brotherhood Week be a continuing event in the life of our churches, with further exchange between Country and City congregations."

Another country Church 214 miles from Melbourne wrote:

"Our circuit has asked me to write a letter of commendation regarding the idea of Country Week and in particular the visit we had from the members of a (suburban) Church.



The former Brotherhood Centre, 217 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, as recently seen under demolition.

"We feel this idea was really something good. Those of us that spent the whole weekend in the company of our visitors from the suburban church really enjoyed the wonderful fellowship together—and of course having another group taking our services on the Sunday.

Our churches in Tasmania are considering holding a "Fellowship Week" in the late Summer or early Autumn of 75. The Vic-Tas. Conference Executive will be communicating with churches about the 1975 "Country Week" early in the year.

## CHRISTMAS

The Conference Executive wishes our churches of much joy at Christmas as they celebrate the birth of him whom we are thankful to acknowledge as Saviour and Lord.

## WOMEN'S WRITE (continued from page 4)

Clovelly Park C.W.F. led by Mrs. Margaret Battersby presented devotional thoughts and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Conroy sang.

Delegates to Federal Conference were appointed:—Mesdames Middleton, Morrow, Pederson, Heard, McLeag, Saunders, E. Lewis, Parker (Long Plains) and Kuhl (Murray Bridge).

Other appointments to Australian Church Women, S.A. Unit, were Mesdames Burtt, Pederson, Roberts, Middleton, Rosewarn, Simpson.

The President, Mrs. Middleton, reported that she had represented Conference at the closing service of the Beverley (formerly York) church. She expressed appreciation for the faithful work of the Beverley women over the 90 years of the church's witness.

Following informal discussion it was decided to suggest to conference executive possibility of city churches sponsoring country churches for mutual friendship and help.

# LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

## THE LORD IS MY VALET

To the Editor,

My mate from St. Vitus seems to have "the Lord" for his valet. He came out with a new suit. "The Lord provided it." My mate bought it. He swapped cars recently on the direction of the Lord. They didn't like the area where they lived so an agent fixed them up with a new house the other side of town, but the Lord sold the old house for an exorbitant price to a developer. "The Lord looks after his own."

My problem is that atheists buy new suits and trade in cars and sell houses with as much success, and probably more. Does the Lord help them too? I know it says, "He send the rain on the just and the unjust."

Well my faith was wobbling a bit, so I decided to look up the Bible to see what the Lord really does for us. There are a lot of miracles to meet specially difficult problems in strategic bits of history, but by and large God seemed more anxious to encourage people to act responsibly, and to get things for themselves, while he did his bit by giving them wisdom, and insight and power.

I found one text that really helped me. It said simply, "How much more will your Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask." I don't reckon I need any more than that. If I can have the Holy Spirit to give me the good sense to know what to do, and the ability to do it, I'll handle the material things like suits and cars and houses for myself. My mate can depend on a heavenly valet for these things if he wants to. And if ever it gets so bad that I don't have a suit or a car or a house, if I've got the Holy Spirit, I reckon he'll give me the ability to handle life careless, suitless and houseless, if I keep trusting him.

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS.

# SOLOMON ISLANDS EVANGELISTS IN NEW HEBRIDES

—By  
Graham  
Warne

Two evangelists from the Solomon Islands are at present visiting Churches of Christ villages in the New Hebrides. The largest crowds I have seen since coming to Pentecost gathered this week to hear them. People walked for up to two hours each way, to attend meetings on three successive days. Even a number of Roman Catholic villagers attended the services with us. I was impressed by the way that the visiting evangelists and the people established immediate rapport. Within minutes, it was obvious that here were brethren who understood each other — one Melanesian ministering to another.

In his welcome remarks the local elder, Willie Tum-Tum, recounted the story of two "Kanakas" who returned to the New Hebrides from the canefields of Queensland (1918). One was New Hebridean (Andrew), but on his return he resumed heathen ways of living. The other, however, was a Solomon Islander, Samson. He was eager to share his new found Christian faith with the people of Pentecost who were still subject to pagan customs. However, he was opposed for his efforts to introduce this "new fashion". When an attempt was made to take his life, Samson retired to his house and quietly sat reading the Scriptures. Three men entered with clubs, but as they raised them to strike some mysterious power prevented them from action and their arms froze above them. None could find courage to strike this "tambu man" (holy man). Frank Filmer, missionary on Pentecost at that time, encouraged Samson in his witness, and many were later won to Christ. Samson died on Pentecost and was buried here about 1935.

In response to this welcome, the Evangelist, Justus, recounted a similar story concerning a New Hebridean, who had returned to the Solomon Islands with the Gospel. Known as Charlie Pentecost, they had been unaware that the Island of Pentecost had been his native home. He was also buried in a strange land.

So it became clear that both the Solomon Islands and the New Hebrides each had a silent representative of the early pioneer evangelists of the Gospel in each other's soil. This common possession immediately established strong affection between the visiting evangelist and the local people. The ties of both culture and the Gospel from many years before were re-affirmed in the present visit.

The evangelist was no "fire-breathing" preacher! Yet, his word was uncompromising, firm and a clear presentation of the evangelical Christian faith. His quiet manner proved to be most suitable for sharing the message by means of "storyan" (informal talk talk). During long hours of storyan, a very definite

witness was made, and the Gospel related quite clearly to the local Melanesian culture.

It is far too early to properly assess the impact of this visit. Yet, in just 3 days we have seen a very real movement of the Spirit of God in the hearts of our people. Already apparent is a renewed desire to "mean business" with the Lord, and a turning away from mere casual Christianity. Follow up work will be carried out by our Pastors. Through visitation and personal counselling it is hoped to strengthen and confirm the faith of those who have been challenged by the messages.

I would feel it is no exaggeration to say that this visit has been the most spiritually significant experience in the life of these people for considerable time — certainly since the time we have been working here. Please pray that the movement begun may continue to grow both in its extent and strength. Brethren, pray for us!

## \$2.5 MILLION SOUGHT FOR BANGLADESH

The World Council of Churches has launched a Bangladesh emergency appeal for US\$2.5 million to help to save the lives of 30 million people affected by the floods which hit 18 out of the 19 districts of Bangladesh. Approximately US\$1 million is already available in cash and pledges, according to the WCC's Commission on Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service. Food is by far the greatest immediate need.

Of the total sum sought, US\$500,000 will be used for the purchase and transportation of high-protein food. Das Diakonische Werk in West Germany is co-ordinating the operation. Danchurchaid in Denmark will arrange for the buying and shipping of US\$275,000 worth of medical supplies. And US\$110,000 will be spent on adult clothing—lungis and sarees to be purchased in India.

## THOUSANDS HOMELESS ON CYPRUS

In response to the \$100,000 Cyprus appeal launched by the World Council of Churches on August 21, 4,000 blankets from Church World Service (USA) and 1,000 tents from Sweden have been dispatched to the scene.

Cash contributions including DM 50,000 (\$18,812) from Bread for the World in Germany and 10,000 (\$23,000) from Christian Aid in UK are being used to buy more tents, blankets, food and clothing for the relief of some 192,000 civilians driven from their homes during the recent fighting on the island.

EPS

# JAY'S FOR JUNIORS JAY'S QUIZ

Who said it? "Choose this day whom you will serve . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (See page 26).

**Ray:** When I sing, people clap their hands.

**Roy:** Yeah, clap them over their ears.

## Camera Capers

When Dad takes moving pictures  
All action is foresaken.

Yet they can't hold still a second  
While a snapshot's being taken!

DOLORES PLACE MACKAY

"What do you want to be when you grow up?" asked the visitor of his host's small son.

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"Possible?" said the visitor, perplexed.

"Yes," said the little fellow. "Every day my mother tells me I'm impossible."

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I said take those things off and listen to the sermon.

# BOOKS TO READ

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by Richard S. Hanson (AUGSBURG) \$3.25

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—K. J. Clinton.

## PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

by Elton Trueblood (Baker) Paperback

This book was very useful as a textbook for the training of ministers, and probably still is. It faces up to all of the big questions about religion and, although it could not explore them all in depth in 300 pages, it gives a very helpful treatment. Trueblood acknowledges that the more vital religion is the more questions it asks. If we stop thinking, we stop growing. We cannot find God by reason alone, but reasoning can help us to remove some of the obstacles in the path of faith. He examines the relationship between faith and reason, looks at the nature of knowledge and truth, and goes on to scrutinize the evidence for God in science, moral experience, aesthetics, history and religious experience. The author looks at some of the philosophic challenges to Christianity and the questions posed by the problem of evil and the existence of other world religions. The ordinary reader might find the going a bit hard, but as we said, if we stop thinking we stop growing. For students, teachers, ministers, and those who want to learn.

## THE NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

(Hodder & Stoughton) \$6.50.

A new translation of the Scriptures (or of part of it) is always interesting and important. This volume was copyrighted in 1974 by the New York Bible Society in both hard cover and paper back editions. There are 546 pages, and the book is well printed and bound. So far only the New Testament has been printed, and this is a completely new translation, made by many scholars working from the Greek text. It was begun in 1965, when a group of scholars met in Chicago for an exploratory study. The group of biblical students concurred in the need for a fresh translation of the Bible. This group, though not made up of official church representatives, was of a transdenominational character, and was subsequently endorsed by a large gathering of Christian leaders from many church groups. The result was that final responsibility for the translation was delegated to a body of fifteen composed of biblical specialists from Universities, Colleges, and Theological Seminaries. In 1967 the New York Bible Society undertook the financial sponsorship of the project. The fact that from all parts of the world scholars worked together, gives the international flavour, and sectarian

bias is safeguarded against as these came from many church groups. The translation of each book was entrusted to a team of scholars, then an Intermediate Revision Committee revised the initial translation. Their work then went to the General Editorial Committee, which checked the translation in relation to the Greek, and made another thorough revision. This revision was carefully reviewed by the Committee on Bible Translation, which made any further changes that were necessary, and only then issued the final version. In this way the entire New Testament underwent three revisions, during which the translation was examined for its faithfulness to the original Greek, and for its English style.

—R.V.A.

## THE LOCKYER BIBLE PREACHER'S LIBRARY.

by Herbert Lockyer (Baker Book House) \$1.95

In this series of paperbacks five volumes have been issued. Two on the "Twin Truths of Scripture", and three on the "Triple Truths of Scripture." Dr. Lockyer is British, and spent many years in America, where he was attached to the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. He is a prolific writer, and is a Bible teacher of great renown. He has returned to Bromley, Kent, England and devotes his time to a writing ministry. This series is of a very high order and will well repay the reading. His great love of the Scriptures shines out on every page, and his ingenious linking of Bible truth is very fine. For instance, the first two books are "a Unique Study of the Pairing of Bible Themes." The author considers here the way in which the sacred writers combine contradictory and complementary truths in a single verse or paragraph. We commend this series to all Bible students.

—R.V.A.

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## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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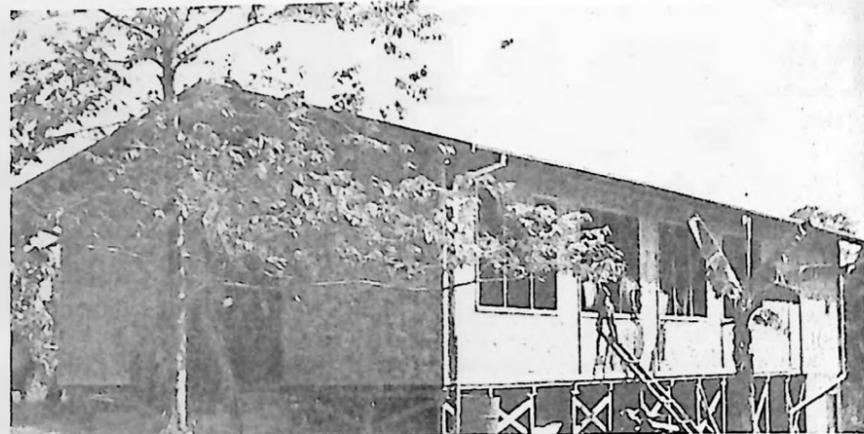
"I've made the commandments easy for Junior. For instance, murder is a 'no-no' . . . lying is a 'no-no' . . . stealing is a 'no-no' . . .!"

## o DONCASTER WORK PARTY MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

The "work team" sent by the Doncaster Church to Papua-New Guinea is home again and the achievements of eight men in six weeks have been incredible. The team left in September under the leadership of Frank Richards (builder) and was made up of Bob Rogerson (Plumber) George Wood-Burgess (Mechanic) Dick Morrison (general) Graeme Rogerson (general) Ross Atwell (general) and David Harmer and Alan Carr (Electricians).

The major task was the erection of the 60' x 30' Community Centre Building at Bunapas. This building was completed in four weeks and other work included 30 to 40 additional power points and fuse boxes, electrical motors rebuilt and repaired, several engines rebuilt and repaired, a compressor made from an old engine, 4 large water tanks constructed (up to 5000 gallons capacity) and guttering and downpipes on the hospital buildings.

Work at other centres included the completion of a building to frame stage (30' x 15') and brickwork around the power house at Bunam, plus electrical



repairs and installations on this station. The school at Chungribu received new guttering and a shower tray; a dinghy was built for the "Abel Bani" to put to sea in reasonable safety. Sewing machines were repaired and trestle tables made. At Tumba a grass motor mower was reconstructed. The team was supported by native tradesmen and missionaries with the required skills. A formidable amount of work was completed when the many "private jobs" around the mission stations are included.

The party has been welcomed back to Doncaster (although at the time of writing Frank Richards was still in the New Hebrides). On Nov. 10 members were

interviewed in both morning services and after church at night a large group viewed the slides of the party in an after-church Coffee Fellowship.

In addition to the actual work achieved and the satisfaction of the party being able to say "mission accomplished", the lasting and even deeper effects of the project will be seen most of all in the lives of the "team" and in the spirit and continuing outreach of the Church that sponsored them.

The building was "officially opened" by a senior missionary in the person of Aileen Draney. A programme for the area was presented by locals and visitors.

### CAMBODIAN BOYS FOR HEART SURGERY,

Two Cambodian children arrived in Australia on November 21 for urgent heart surgery.

The two boys, Mao Sothy, aged 6 and Phourng Phen, aged 9 were discovered in Phnom Penh during the routine examination of refugee school children by the World Vision Aust. Medical Team.

The lads were accompanied by a Cambodian school teacher, Miss Huy Khim. She will act as interpreter for the boys during their six-week stay.

The Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne is providing free treatment for the Cambodian children.

The World Vision Australian Medical Team now has 104 members, assisting the refugee population of Phom Penh. The team reports more deaths at clinics due to malnutrition.

**NEW MINISTRY** (York Street, Ballarat, David Gurney). Oct. 13 marked the close of B. E. McMurtrie's ministry. An estimated 300 gathered for the farewell and supper. Gifts of appreciation and esteem were presented to Barry, Gay, and their children. On Oct. 27 Mr. and Mrs. David Gurney (formerly of Wyoming, N.S.W.) were inducted into the ministry. Two teenage boys made their confession of faith at evening service. Another young girl has also accepted Christ . . . Mr. Gurney was speaker at the P.S.A. at Log Cabin Lodge, Creswick Youth Camp Ranch, a venture undertaken by some of our men, with the help of other interested Christians . . . Ray Veal is at present home from India with his eldest son, Peter.

**DECISION** (Northcote, T. V. Weir). Young man made his decision Oct. 27 . . . Mrs. Prideaux and Mrs. Kitchell have returned from overseas holiday, also Mrs. L. Gluyas who visited daughter in Canada . . . D. Smith and G. Crossman were recent speakers . . . T.V. Weir was speaker at B.S. Anniversary.

**VIC. PROGRAMS** (Doncaster, Keith Horne). Youth Choir has been established with Jean Milne as conductor and Ray Farmer as Convener . . . Program Planning Conference conducted by the Board at "Rosslin", Warburton . . . Minister conducted a one week's "Key to Life" Program with the Church at Leichhardt. Recent speakers have been Stanton Wilson, Don Smith, Graeme Lord, John Paver and John Williams . . . C.Y.F. conducted recent evening service and screened film "Son Worshipers" . . . Gordon Moyes was guest speaker at

**C.W.E.F. program**. Professor Ron Topsom spoke to Pastoral Care meeting on "Drugs in Modern Society".

**MINI MARKET** (Tootgarook, David Brown). "Mini Market" raised \$650 . . . New toilet block completed . . . Nov. 17 was B.S. prize-giving morning. Mr. and Mrs. K. Denton from Red Hill church assisted in program . . . David Brown is to finish ministry at Tootgarook Dec. 1, 1974 . . . Mrs. Fenny, Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Pretty home from Hospital.

**BOX HILL TO ECHUCA** (Echuca, R. Ritchie). Echuca hosted Box Hill for the City to Country program Nov. 2-3. Highlights were Saturday Barbecue and Country and Western Night in the barn, and the Sunday afternoon Fellowship Tea. Nov. 3 was also the Church Anniversary and the guest preacher was K. Bond, minister of Box Hill . . . S.S. Anniversary services held on Nov. 17.

### NEW CHURCH FOR PORT MACQUARIE

J. Sedman

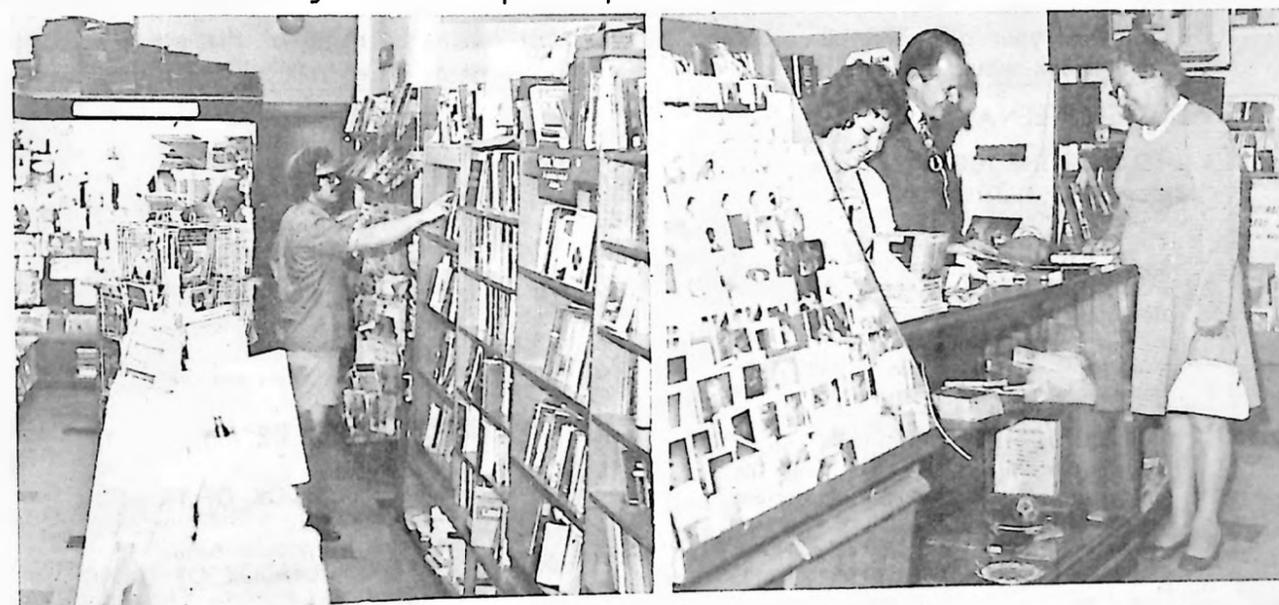
Our church was officially opened in October. About 250 attended the opening service, with 150 staying on for the tea prepared by the ladies under the guidance of M. Riggall. A Thank Offering of \$340 was received. The Mayor of Port Macquarie, Ald. C. C. Adams, Ald. Westerweller & Osborne represented the local council. Rev. V. Neideck spoke on behalf of the local Minister's Fraternal, and ministers from many local churches including the Roman Catholic and Seventh Day Adventist Churches attended. Bruce Cowan, M.L.A. for the area, attended the evening meeting. Eighty five took communion on the Sunday morning when R. Greenhalgh was speaker. At night Dr. A. G. Elliott gave the message.

Our first SS Anniversary was held during the afternoon, Mrs. D. Owens from the church at Paddington was speaker. Excellent coverage of the opening was given on Channel 8 Regional Television News. At the children's concert and prize-giving, Karen Lisk was named top scholar for the year.

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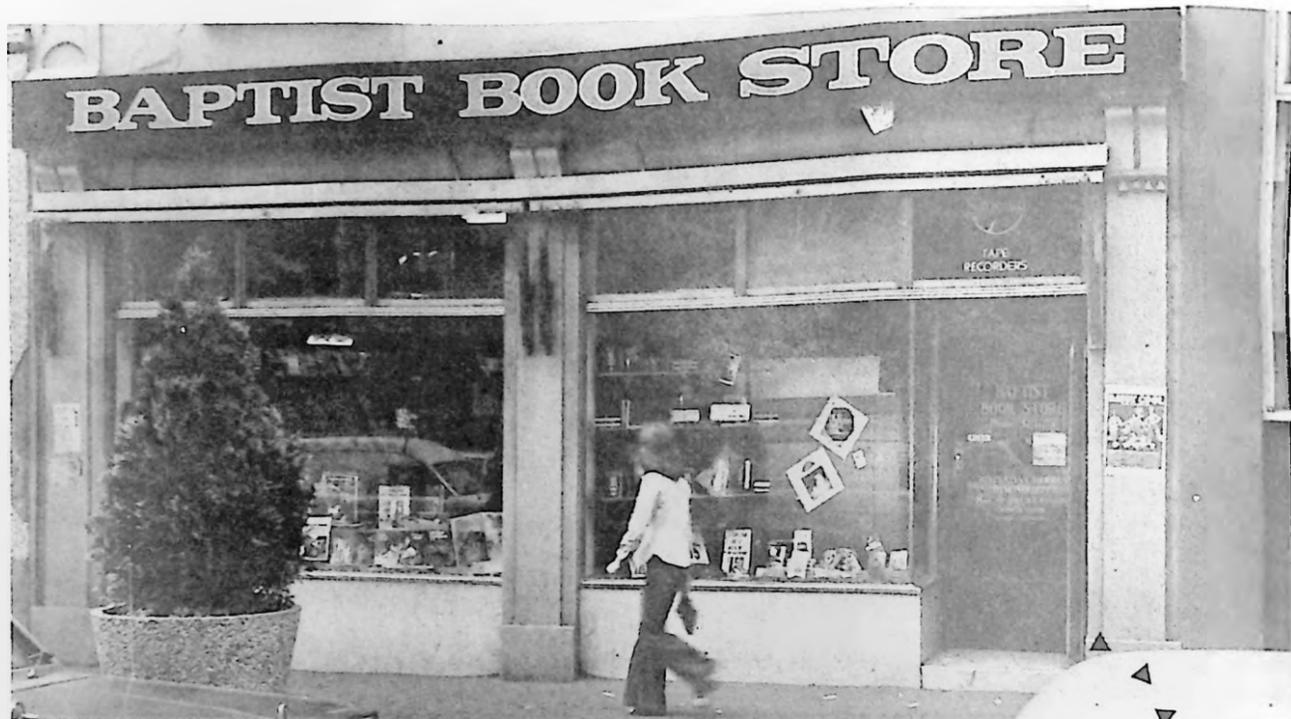
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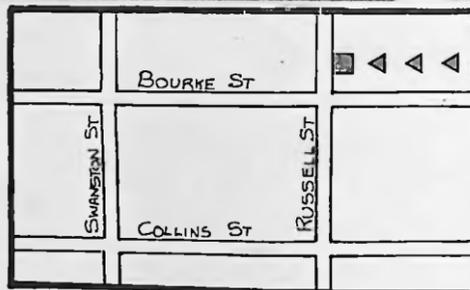
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## BOYS LEADERS



(Vic.-Tas.) 50 Leaders of boys Explorer clubs met in Brotherhood Centre on October 30 for their annual meeting and tea. Following reception of reports and elections, significant forward planning was done particularly in catering for senior boys. Lyndsay L. Smith was re-elected Chief for 1975.

## TASMANIA SOUTHERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The 60th Southern Dist. Conf. was held at Copping, Nov. 2-3, with the theme "The Work of the Holy Spirit".

Ralph Mitchell, preacher at Copping, welcomed delegates and visitors who included Gordon Stirling, Vic.-Tas. Conf. Pres., Mrs. Stirling, and Mrs. Iris Robertson, Tas. District Women's Conf.

Opening devotions were conducted by Mr. Christian of Nubeena prior to the business session. Darcy Williams of Nubeena led the afternoon devotions following which Mr. Stirling spoke on "The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Church." Afterwards, a panel of five asked and answered questions of the congregation. C. Neville of Hobart summed up. The evening service was led

by Reg. Price of Copping with C. R. Edmunds of Invermay as speaker.

On Sunday the breaking of bread service was led by C. R. Edmunds. Alan Harvey of Caveside spoke. A youth service of items and testimonies was led by Ralph Mitchell in the afternoon. The final service was addressed by Doug Griffiths of Sorell on "Spiritual Warfare". Although few in number, the ladies of Copping catered for the many visitors for three meals during Conference, about 100 being at Sunday lunch. Hospitality was also provided in the homes of members.

Secretary of Conference was Noel Jacobson. The next Conference will be at Nubeena, November, 75.

-Allan T. Orr.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** (Hamilton, D. Craig). The church's annual harvest festival big display of goods and produce was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Roberts. Congregation included the inmates of our old peoples' home "Victoria House" to which the goods were donated. . . Guest speaker Nov. 10 was D. McLellan who spoke on deputation work during furlough from Ethiopia. . . The B.S. anniversary on Oct. 20 had as speaker the Director of The Dept. of Christian Educ., Ron Kallmier. . . The dux of the B.S. was Mark Looney. In the kinders dux of the school was shared by Sharon Looney and Leith Dick. . . Members extend their sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts on the death of Mr. Roberts' father.

**MINISTER CALLED** (Blackwood, L. Cooke, R. Haskell). Church approved Board recommendation that Reg. Brand be asked to join in an associate ministry for 5 years. . . Morning Tea & Trading Table at home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Frost raised \$150 for World Vision. . . B.S. Primary Dept. took part in morning service 80 parents and friends attended Kinder Dept. & Nursery visiting afternoon. . . Guild entertained older church members for lunch and afternoon tea in Mrs. D. Hinton's garden. . . Women's Fellowship presented World C.W.F. program at evening service, participants speaking on behalf of other countries.

## 35th FEDERAL CONFERENCE

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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

### From Overseas

Thelma and Len Butler remember their friends with affection and send greetings for Christmas and the New Year.

Gordon and Lesley Stirling of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Victoria, take this opportunity to greet their friends for the Christmas season, and to wish them God's blessing for the New Year. Their friends will share with them in helping to create a new married student's flat at the College, in lieu of cards and postage.

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

The next Vic.Tas. Council meeting will be held on Friday Dec. 6, 10.30 a.m., Churches of Christ Centre, 52 Latrobe St., Melbourne. The President, Mrs. J. St. Aubyn, will lead on the theme "Growing Towards God." Attention Please. Amendment to earlier notice regarding auction of Ludbrook House. Time of auction should read: 10.00 a.m. instead of 12.00 noon.

Marj. Bismire, Asst. Sec.

### Dandenong Church of Christ, Victoria

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# THE "CHRISTIAN STANDARD" INDEX BY DR. A. G. ELLIOTT

The Disciples of Christ Historical Society of Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A., in its recent Spring 1974 issue of its regular publication, "Discipliana", presents a fascinating account of the "Christian Standard Index, 1866-1966". This publication has made available a vast series of resources of the "Christian Standard", weekly journal of the American Christian Churches, originally established by Isaac Errett and at the present time published in Cincinnati under the editorial direction of Edwin V. Hayden.

It is of interest that this Christian magazine of long standing came into being through the efforts of its inaugural editor, Isaac Errett, assisted by James A. Garfield, afterwards President Garfield, and the philanthropist Thomas W. Phillips, in the home of the latter, at New Castle, Pennsylvania, on Dec. 22, 1865. The Index discloses a veritable wealth of material of considerable interest to all

who are concerned with the Restoration Movement, and deals with specific Biblical and doctrinal themes, such as God, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, man, the Gospel, faith, repentance, confession, baptism, the Lord's Supper, the Church together with articles and information on the eldership, the atonement, eschatology and many other vital matters relating to the Christian life and work. In fact, to quote Dr. Enos E. Dowling, Academic Dean and Professor of Church History at Lincoln Christian Seminary, Lincoln, Illinois—"Here is to be found a cross-section of what WE believe—and, I may add, wherein WE have disagreed!"

To have maintained a vital spiritual influence through a weekly publication for more than a century has been no mean feat, particularly as this magazine has consistently sought a very high level of achievement from the beginning until

## o VICTORIA—TASMANIA

### D.C.E. NEWS

\* New State C.Y.F. President is Kerry Haythorpe of the College of the Bible. We appreciate the leadership of retiring president Mrs. Lyn Burden. Three District C.Y.F. rights have been conducted by State C.Y.F. Executive at Box Hill, Strathmore and Cheltenham.

\* A recent Consultation Day with the Church at Briar Hill was attended by 40—including 10 Department Representatives from the Bible School Committee, Explorers, Good Companions, C.W.F. Christian Education Committee, C.Y.F., and Adult Committee who shared in the sessions.

\* Victorian Christian Endeavour Committee held Annual Meeting at Box Hill on Oct. 5. 1975 C.E. Service Appeal was launched—an outboard motor for missionary use. Next year's Committee was elected.

\* The Explorer Outdoor Sports (postponed by bad weather in April) was cancelled again in October—because of bad weather! The Explorer Leaders held their Annual Meeting on Oct. 30.

\* KUI is the name of our D.C.E. young adults group. Their next meeting is a casual evening on Nov. 30, at 32 Virginia Street, Mount Waverley.

\* The Director and Associate Director visited Geelong and met with various planning groups—including our Geelong ministers.

\* Bible School Superintendents and Key Workers shared in a helpful conference.

75 people experienced many opportunities for learning of new approaches and skills in BS work.

\* The Department appreciates anonymous gifts from different sources received from time to time. Over a year they amount to hundreds of dollars.

\* A meeting of Victorian young people attending the New Zealand National Youth Convention was held at the Brotherhood centre 52 La Trobe Street on Oct. 29.

\* A big working bee was arranged at Hall's Gap Camp on November 23.

\* The Department acknowledge with gratitude the big part played in the development of Hall's Gap Camp by the late Don Williams of Kaniva. His vision and hard work for the camp were evident to many campers and leaders over the years.

—R. MCKENZIE, Director.

#### RELIEF PROJECTS

Britain's evangelical relief agency, The Evangelical Alliance Relief (TEAR) Fund, reports that in 1973 it channelled over \$1 million to 132 evangelical-sponsored relief projects in forty-one countries. Forty of the projects involved the support of short-term medical and other personnel working overseas. The two projects with the highest budget (about \$80,000 each) were a hydro-electric power scheme in Burundi and a well-drilling program in Maharashtra, India.

now. And this reflects to the full Errett's aim in those early days.

Dr. Robert O. Fife, professor of History at Milligan College, Tennessee, has made some truly pertinent comments on various aspects of the Index and on viewpoints and perspectives that have exercised the thinking of contributors over the years during which the Standard has served the churches. Editorial policy on "open" and "close" communion is highlighted. Also, the very use of the phrase "Christians Only"—but "not the only Christians", implies that though the pioneers held strong convictions they recognised that "others", who may not have come to the point of seeing the Scriptural teaching on Baptism, by "immersion and emergence", should nevertheless be acknowledged as "believers".

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## OBITUARY

BADE, Martha.

Born at Vernon, Qld. Oct. 27, 1880, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Berlin early pioneer members of the Church in Queensland. Martha was baptized in her early teens at Rosewood. Martha displayed a talent for nursing learning much from her mother's Home Nursing Books. At the age of 17 years she was obliged to assist her own mother deliver twins, David and Emily, whose initials were taken from David Ewers, beloved evangelist at the time in Rosewood. At eight weeks of age the twins lost their mother and Martha carried the responsibility of caring for them and the home. Later, Martha married Herman Bade and moved to Childers where they worked with pioneer missionary John Thompson amongst the "Kanakas"—Pacific Islanders employed on the Sugarcane fields. They moved to Ma Ma Creek in 1901 to take up farming and to become foundation members of the Ma Ma Creek Church. They were blessed with eight children. Mrs. Bade became President of the W.C.T.U. served in the S.S., the C.W.A., Red Cross and other charitable organisations. She established a Nursing Home and made many a journey on horseback or by dray to minister to the sick and suffering. The nearest doctor was 30 miles away with only a horse for transport.

The family moved in 1924 to Nambour once again setting the foundation for another congregation of believers. Sadly, her husband passed away just before the original church buildings were erected.

Nurse Bade, as she was affectionately known, continued her nursing and established Nambour's Rosemount Nursing Home, where she officiated at over 1200 births. She comforted and counselled, always pointing souls to Christ, the source of her own amazing strength. In her latter years she officially retired but still attended the occasional birth in response to the pressing appeal of devoted friends. Her last years were spent with daughter "Trixie", Mrs. M. Duhs, of Nambour and finally at Toowoomba with daughter, Mrs. Hilda Tickell. Martha Bade died Sept. 20 1974. She leaves behind a family ever grateful for the mother God gave to them.

A service was conducted by the writer on Sept. 24 when relatives and friends crowded the Nambour chapel and buildings beyond capacity.

COUNTRY VISIT (Hartwell, M. J. Savage). For Country Week 15 Hartwell members visited Harcourt to take the services there. For B.S. Anniversary morning worship was conducted by the youth of the school. The Kindergarten and Primary had an afternoon session. Several young B.S. teachers have concluded a training course at Cheltenham Church . . . 80 folk from the Christian Guest Home were taken for drives and entertained by members at afternoon tea in the church hall . . . At annual business meeting all retiring members of the Board were re-elected. Consideration was given to a program for coming year.

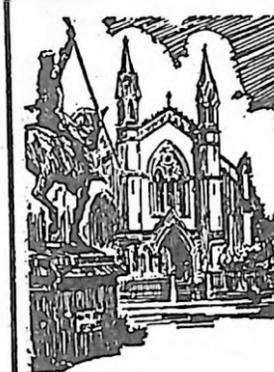
FAREWELL (Wangaratta, N. M. McLeod). Mr. and Mrs. Withers will be farewelled on Dec. 14. They will undertake a new ministry at Ivanhoe . . . G.R. Stirling visited Wangaratta for Church anniversary . . . Barry Jenkins was guest speaker for the S.S. anniversary . . . Planned Giving Program with Trevor Giles commenced Nov. 11 . . . During Country Week North Balwyn came and conducted morning service.

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## STATE NEWS

**CHURCH ANNIVERSARY** (Montrose, A. Horne). 97th Church Anniversary services Oct. 13 led by Wycliffe Bible Translators . . . At Annual meeting Jack Reidy was returned as Secretary for his 21st year. New members, M. Swansborough and N. Button (chairman) elected to Board. J. Button C.W.F. President . . . On Cup Day a car-a-thon and picnic to Monbulk campsite was held . . . Christian books and leaflets placed in local doctor's surgery on "take, read & pass on" basis proving very popular — monthly C.W.F. "Talent Table" helps support this . . . C. of C. Choral Society plan final appearance at 7 p.m. service Dec. 8.

**GLENELG IS 82** (C.H.J. Wright) The church celebrated its 82nd Anniversary . . . In a Programme of Pastoral Care 40 care partners care for 400 on Church Directory . . . 90 shared in home Bible Study Programme "Jesus Christ for Today". Loyalty Programme was being held in October. Robin Millhouse M.L.A. spoke at Men's Service on October 6th. Conf. Pres., R.S. McLean was recent preacher. Mr. Wright was interviewed on "The Ministry" at a morning service. Mrs. Merle Alderton is acting choir leader.

**UP IN THE COUNTRY** (Nth. Essendon, P. Nelson) Thirty members visited Swan Hill church for Country Week . . . C.W.E.F. raised over \$1000 and donated \$100 each to Hanover Centre and Essendon Technical School chaplaincy, \$60 each to Mount Royal Christmas treat and support of an Indian orphan, \$400 for manse repairs, and also to brotherhood and other causes . . . A working bee transformed church building and grounds . . . Church participated in Chain of Prayer . . . Officers Board spent a day planning for 1975 . . . Neville Farmer, medical technical research officer, spoke to church on effect of alcohol.

**CHURCH'S 82ND** (Fremantle). 82nd Anniversary was held Nov. 3. Speakers were former minister, H.R. Fitch, and B. Stitt . . . Guest speaker on Oct. 20 was former Fremantle member. F. J. Stephenson, of Chatswood, N.S.W. . . . Church building and manse freshened up in preparation for the commencement of D. Ryle's ministry in February . . . Talent and Exhibition Night on C.W.F. held Nov. 7. Total talent amount raised throughout year was \$562. Mrs. E. Cole will be C.W.F. Pres. for the next two years . . . Miss Kathleen Taylor left on a holiday visit to her former associates and friends in India.

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### THE CHANGING MOODS FRANKSTON

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## VICTORIA

**ANNIVERSARIES** (Bayswater, A. Fletcher). At 103rd Church Anniversary and Thanksgiving Celebration members gave thanks to God for home and family, for work, for problems solved, for health, for his rich blessing and guidance over the years. "Yukana Singers" gave a special message in song . . . C.W.F. held a family dinner to celebrate its birthday . . . Parents and friends had tea on boys' Sunday. Explorers participated in the evening service. Marge Barlow was guest soloist at Women's World Birthday Service. "Yukana Singers" entertained the Ringwood Sen. Citizens at their Club rooms; also at a Garden Party to aid the funds for new chapel at Boronia . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ray Davis have celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary.

**FELLOWSHIP** (Tootgarook, David Brown). At Church 23rd Anniversary E. Lyall Williams was guest speaker. Afternoon and evening the "Changing Moods" with Harold Plummer as conductor presented the gospel in song and word . . . Mrs. H. Fenney still receiving treatment at Alfred Hospital . . . New toilet block almost completed . . . Some attended Bayside Conference on Oct. 30 at Parkdale.

**HOME COMING** (Parkdale, K. Turner). Homecoming Service held Nov. 24 . . . Two young people have been baptised and welcomed into the membership . . . Picnic held at Ripponlea on Cup Day . . . Film and Fellowship followed recent evening service . . . Ministry with R. Hillbrich begins in 1975 . . . The Church was saddened at the loss of Harold Rees, a secretary of the church for nearly 30 years.

**CONVENTION REUNION** (Essendon, C. S. Baddock). Church members who attended World Convention organised a reunion attended by 60 visitors, some came from Queensland. E.W.F. held an open night when Alex and Myrtle Ferguson showed slides of their overseas visit to U.S.A. and Mexico . . . Peter and Pearl Sumner and Ian Westerland visited from the Christian Foundation for the Blind. Peter spoke from the pulpit, Ian shared his testimony, and Pearl sang songs of praise in the Chapel and afterwards in the Family Centre . . . Church picnic was held at Hanging Rock. Officers and deaconesses conducting visitation to homes in the locality to invite worship.

**SPORTSMEN** (Box Hill, K. R. Bond). Ladies catered for 150 at football banquet—Alan Rowe entertainer . . . Guest trio came from Ballarat to Sportsmen's Parade . . . Sympathy expressed to family of late Mrs. E. McFarlane, a foundation member who served sixty-one years in various capacities . . . Recent speakers were Trevor Giles, David Althorp and Peter Retchford . . . Margaret Willmot welcomed back after illness.

**FAIR** (Chelsea, D. Oakes). Ladies worked hard for church fair on Nov. 16 . . . Annual Business Meeting on Oct. 27 had new format—Basket Tea, discussion time,

election of officers, evening service, then more discussion . . . Discipleship classes have been conducted twice weekly for past month . . . Mr. Oakes finishes his ministry at Chelsea in December . . . Jim McKay is now resident at Christian Guest Home.

**PLANNING** (Glen Waverley R. B. Elbourne). Planning Conference for 1975 Church Program held in October . . . Y.P. collected over \$300 for Freedom from Hunger . . . Glenairs and Mavis Elbourne special guests at Mitcham C.W.F. Birthday . . . 8 sen. explorers attended recent snow camp . . . Church Fun Night tremendous success . . . Five cricket teams entered in local competition . . . Ron Elbourne led several discussion sessions with C.O.B. Exit Students . . . Wayne Bennett broke two records in Waverley District School Sports . . . Sue Cottee has returned from overseas . . . Explorers held 'Fathers' Night.

**WOMEN'S DINNER** (Horsham, R. Roberts). 120 ladies attended a dinner meeting held by Christian Women's Conventions International. Matron Phyl Davis, R. W. H., was speaker . . . C. Sherriff elected as elder for further three years . . . C.W.A.F. held cake stall raising \$62.85 and provided gifts for Hospital Shop, realising \$125 . . . Y.P.S.C.E. held Open Night when film "There's a New Wind Blowing" was screened . . . Letter received from former Mormon missionary to Horsham telling of conversion since returning to U.S.A. . . . Y.P. conducted Coffee Shop at Kaniva . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harry Box demonstrated their work with the N.G. field of Gospel Recordings. At night Mr. Box showed slides and Mrs. Box gave a testimony.

**GIPPSLAND GATHERING** (Morwell, Don Thomas). Gippsland gathering held Oct. 19, some travelling from as far as Bairnsdale and Toora. The speaker was Dr. Keith Bowes . . . Two 80th birthdays celebrated recently: Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Parr. Many joined Mrs. Taylor in a party held in the church hall . . . Cottage meetings are being held instead of usual evening gospel service. **YOUTH FOR CHRIST** (Carnegie, Des. Stow). Eight Y.P.F. members were baptised. "Sunday at Seven" service taken by "Youth for Christ" team with Australian Director Clive Stebbins, Len Wallace, Organist, and other members of the team. S.S. and Church picnic held at Patonga Park . . . C.W. Spring Fair raised \$510.

**PRESTON'S ANNIVERSARY** (Preston and East Preston, J. Manallack, R. Risson). At Preston's 72nd anniversary Dr. Geoff Whiting was guest speaker. There were 110 at lunch. A P.S.A. followed presented by Salvation Army Songsters. 70 stayed on for tea, and evening service. Thanksgiving offering amounted to \$1,701 . . . E. Preston ladies brought gifts for the Women's Hospital at recent Morning Coffee . . . Elder Colin Johnson (E.P.) home again after overseas trip . . . Preston had Trash and Treasure night with cake stall, raising \$241 . . . Combined Youth Club held a Wake-a-paint-athon. Sponsors paid them to stay awake all night while they painted

their clubroom . . . Preston has been saddened by the sudden death of Herb. Jenkins.

**NEW ROOM** (Burwood, I. Allsop). Additional room has been completed. Many hours of voluntary labour by men, headed by George Beard, have saved the church thousands of dollars . . . Proceeds from Fete organised by Lil. Smith, amounted to \$540 . . . House churches are being held for three Sunday evenings . . . Various young people's groups have led recent evening services . . . S.S. conducted morning Communion service . . . Trevor Robinson preached for three Sundays . . . Mr. and Mrs. I. Allsop will conclude their ministry on Dec. 22 then . . . M. K. J. Clinton will be interim minister until Dec. 1975.

**ANNUAL MEETING** (Thomson). At annual meeting thanks were expressed to Keith McGregor, Secretary for most of Thomson's 11 years. Ron Grazules is the new Sec. D. Simper, also with 11 years' service was elected as Thompson's first elder. Another of the first members, W. Readhead, was re-elected Treas . . . Church this past year has paid \$2420 to hall account . . . Church has 43 active members. During year, 9 were added by faith and baptism and 6 by transfer. Don Smith spoke Oct. 26 and later met with officers.

**COUNTRY WEEK VISITORS** (Harcourt, B. Spencer). During country week, Hartwell Church took both services. There were 15 visitors. A luncheon and tea were at the Church Hall . . . S.S. anniversary on Sept. 29 had Bill Keddie as speaker . . . Graeme Irving, World Vision, and footballer Cary Locland have been visitors . . . Youth Club had trip to Melbourne Show . . . Footscray Youth Club stayed at Church Oct. 13 . . . Stanton Wilson was guest speaker Oct. 27 . . . Two Baptisms recently.

**ON THE FARMS** (Kaniva, B. W. Brown). For Country Week 13 Boronia members visited Kaniva. A conducted tour of the A. J. Williams' farm included shearing, air-rides, and a barbeque. The visitors led the communion service and shared in fellowship luncheon. Explorer Boys camped at Macdonald's Farm on Nov. 1. Activities included trapping rabbits and getting bogged . . . Miss Helen Wheaton has returned to the New Hebrides. While home she showed slides at a Sunday evening service, and spoke to the Good Companions . . . The Church is saddened at the death of Mrs. Thompson.

**COOL FURNACE** (Belmont, B. Small). "It's Cool in the Furnace" a children's musical based on the story of Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego, was presented by S.S. students accompanied by a 7-piece band. Balwyn folk came in city-to-country weekend. Church Anniversary featured special services and modern music.

**PICNIC** (Bentleigh, R. W. Marshall). S.S. Picnic held at Ferny Creek . . . Ladies enjoyed a Kraft kitchen demonstration at morning coffee . . . Special prayers have been offered for Mrs. Judy Owen, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Marshall's daughter, who is very seriously ill in Caulfield hospital.

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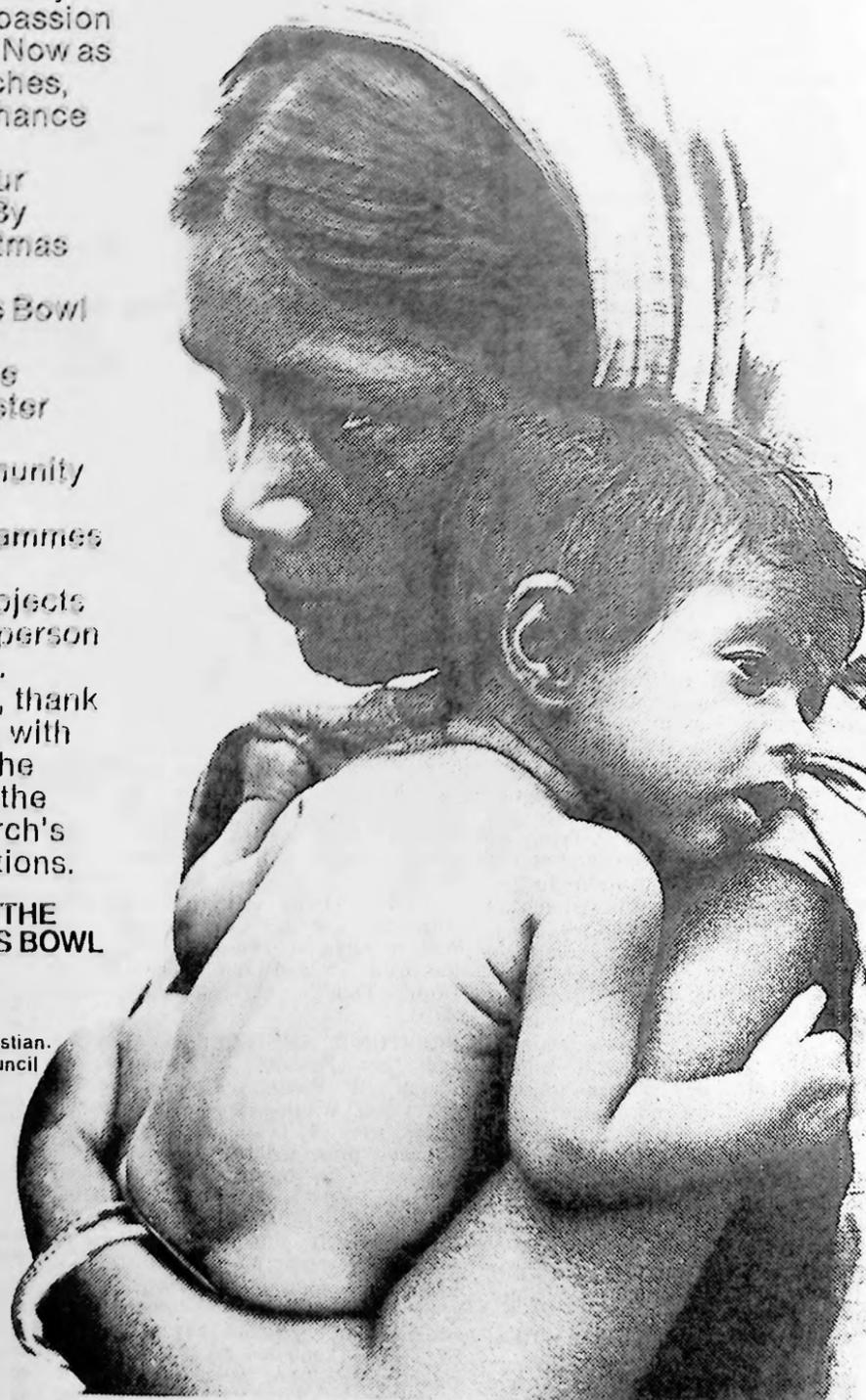
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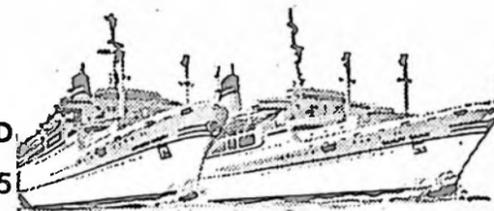


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## QUEENSLAND

**ANNIVERSARY** (Redcliffe, D. Hammer Jnr.). Church celebrated 18th anniversary with a series of meetings over 5 days. Home Missions Director, Bruce Roberts, was speaker . . . Annual Thank Offering reached record total of over \$500 . . . Allan Hilford has been elected church treas. . . Reg Springhall is new B.S. Supt.

**MINISTER SOUGHT** (Kingaroy, A. A. Clarke). The church is seeking a minister as A. Clarke leaves at the end of the year for Chinchilla . . . Rex Ellis of Kenmore College was speaker at S.S. Anniversary . . . C.W.F. members visited Dalby for Annual Rally of Western Districts Fellowships . . . Mrs. Haigh, Mrs. Henderson, and Mrs. Brumby of Q.C.W.F. were entertained at a luncheon and Mr. & Mrs. M. McNicol went to Boonah for Half-yearly Conference . . . A young man has been received into fellowship.

**90TH BIRTHDAY** (Southport, N. Newton). On Oct. 16 the church rejoiced with minister Bill Morton at a dinner to celebrate his 90th birthday. Bill graduated from the C.O.B. in 1912. In 1913 he commenced his first ministry in a parish which reached from Tweed Heads to Brunswick Heads N.S.W. and many miles inland. When "Pop" Morton retired at 72, he and his wife came to Southport. He is a foundation member of the Southport Church and took his turn at preaching until he was 80. He is still on the church roster for Scripture Reading . . . Two years ago the church raised \$2,000 to build an airstrip at Gokto, N.G. The church received an overseas telegram recently from Ted and Dora Gray to inform them that the first plane had landed on the airstrip . . . Bev. Gray, sister of Ted Gray, is now a voluntary worker for 6 months at 6 months at Bunapas . . . C.W.F. organized a musical concert with Korean Cho Young Nam . . . 7 new members have been added.

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## VICTORIA

**COUNTRY WEEK** (Swan Hill, R. E. Pritchard). Swan Hill—Woorinen Churches were hosts to 35 visitors from North Essendon for "Country Week" on Oct. 19-20. The visitors shared in tour of Pioneer Settlement, a Barbecue Tea, a Social Evening (95 present) and Sunday Services . . . G. Henderson (Boort-Pyramid Hill) was speaker at B.S. Anniversary.

**WORLD VISION** (Castlemaine, J. Byrnes). Graeme Irvine, Aust. Director of World Vision was recent speaker. Collection for V.W. \$60 . . . Annual meeting held Oct. 9 . . . Quiet-ins and Sing-a-longs held regularly . . . Mavis Jones has been presented with a Governorship Award for regular hospital visitation . . . Half yearly meeting of Deacons/Deaconesses/C.W.F. Exec. held recently . . . Transistorised amplifying system has been presented to church by Kelvin Mitchell . . . Another 100 Y.P.F. song books are being prepared . . . Guest speaker at C.W.F. was Mrs. Vera Morrison . . . Pre-School B.S. has recommenced . . . Miss Julie Reid has been accepted as a student at the C.O.B. "Students Fund" is well established.

**COUNTRY WEEK** (North Fitzroy, G. Nelson). For Country Week, 13 members had fellowship with church at Dawson St. Ballarat, led the morning service, attended evening service . . . 101st B.S. Anniversary, Oct. 13. Speakers were E. Keating and I. Corlett . . . Members took part in door knock for "Freedom From Hunger Campaign" . . . The church mourns loss of two loyal and well loved members, D. Brown and Miss E. Reid.

**GIRLS' CLUB** (Croydon, A. B. Clark). Girls' Club recommenced with a Film Night and a Cooking Night . . . C.W.F. had Mrs. J. R. Thorpe of Mt. Evelyn as speaker at their September meeting. Ladies attended a "Kandy Ware Party" at the home of Mrs. P. Wilson for C.W.F. funds . . . C.W.E.F. meeting was a "Korbond" demonstration. Gemstone jewellery was on display . . . C. H. Grenness has celebrated his 82nd birthday. The annual meeting of the "Opportunity Shop" reported an increase of 140% in the year's trading . . . Mrs. A. Holden has undergone successful surgery; Richard Thomas is in hospital with broken leg; Michael Thomas, appendix.

**BALWYN TO BELMONT** (Balwyn, W. W. Saunders). 38 Balwyn members went to Belmont for the weekend Oct. 19-20. Ralph Amos gave his first sermon since his illness two years ago . . . Gary Wake organised an Art and Craft Exhibition. B.S. parents attended Family Service on 13th and had view on the arts and crafts and had a "cuppa" afterwards . . . Mrs. Saunders has recovered well after recent surgery. Mrs. Cuthbert and Mrs. Seeley both have had cataracts successfully removed . . . Gary Wake has been invited for a further year from February 1975.



## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**ANNIVERSARY** (Wembley, D. K. Croot). At S.S. Anniversary, afternoon programmes were conducted by kindergarten and Primary. Intermediate Senior programme was combined with gospel service. Mr. Croot was the speaker . . . A S.S. camp was held at Parkerville. At the Camp's evening service there were re-consecrations by 6 of the scholars . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alan Smyth and Mrs. Smyth senior, have returned from World Convention . . . C.W.F. arranged a slide evening with Mr. Smith . . . Mr. Pyne is in attendance again after his discharge from St. John's hospital after 12 weeks . . . Ray Harrison, International Director of Youth for Christ, spoke Oct. 20, commencing a 6-week series of special meetings on the theme of "Peace and Happiness", to conclude on Nov. 17, the church's 35th anniversary.

**MANDAJEL CAMP** (Warwick, G. B. Carslake) When 65 attended Family Camp in the Byford Hills they included 85% of the church membership. They studied "Christ in you, in the church, in the world", led by the minister. A 7 a.m. communion service was held in the bush worship centre . . . Tenders have been called for the first building unit. Growth groups, Bible study, gospel service, are features . . . A witness stand displaying Bibles and Christian literature will be put up at the Wanneroo Show.



## TASMANIA

**PLANNED GIVING** (Ulverstone, Paul B. Burnham). Planned Giving Program with Trevor Giles resulted in approx. 25% increase . . . New C.W.F. Officers—R. Burnham, Pres., B. Ashton, Sec. . . . Mr. Beamish from Underground Evangelism screened film "The Chinese are Coming" . . . A pulpit and team exchange was made with Caveside. Conf. Pres. and his wife were guests. G. R. Stirling showed an audio-visual on the ministry and gave a Bible Study on the Saturday evening. He was also guest preacher on Sunday and spoke to the Boys Brigade during their parade . . . Girls Brigade had a novel fancy-dress parade . . . David Jones from Ballarat has made an appreciated musical contribution.

**BIBLE SCHOOL VISITORS** (Margaret St. Launceston, M. D. Hamilton). Parents and friends attended a session of the B.S. Several remained for family worship . . . 50 members gathered for fellowship and study at Family Camp held at Ulverstone . . . About 25 women attended the State Women's Camp at Port Sorell . . . Mr. Younger, Mrs. A. Griffiths and Wayne Kerrison in hospital . . . Mrs. Beryl Cameron died suddenly. At a service at Margaret St. Mr. Hamilton spoke of her many years of faithful service to the church . . . Both C.W.F. groups held their annual meetings. Mrs. Iris Robertson was elected president of the C.W.A.F. and Mrs. Peter Arnot of the C.W.E.F.



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**THREE BAPTISMS** (Col. Light Gardens, R. V. Holmes). There were three baptisms on Oct. 6 . . . Church Family Night featured Dean Davis of T.V. children's programme . . . 50 attended barbeque picnic on Labor Day holiday . . . Special committee attended four night Consultation at Methodist church for Mission 75 and will plan our evangelistic outreach next year . . . Church sent \$100 from "Extra-mile Fund" plus private gifts to Honduras appeal . . . Robin Haskell spoke recently . . . C.W.F. project fund will paint roof of Manse . . . Ian Voysey has accepted position of Church School Superintendent . . .

**DECISIONS** (Ascot Park, R. J. Clymer). Rachel Crowley made her decision on Oct. 27 and Wendy McAllister was baptised Nov. 3 . . . Recent speakers have been R. A. McLean, Overseas Missions and Miss Robyn Haskell, Dept. of Home Missions.

**FAMILY CAMP** (Christies Beach, Brian Beck). Church Family Camp was held at Robe (S.E.). Campers conducted the service at the local Methodist Church . . . Youth Group has transferred to the Cunningham's home instead of the Munyard's who have been farewelled prior to taking up mission work with O.M.S. The fortnightly Youth Club has closed due to decreasing numbers . . . Midweek Prayer and Bible Study Group has been temporarily replaced with the current series of Sharing Groups which resulted from Church Renewal Program

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## NEW SOUTH WALES

**RENEWAL AND GROWTH** (Dapto, E. S. Holt). As part of a renewal program, 40 members are meeting weekly in small discipleship groups. Board Conference was held to plan for growth in 1975 and the film, "How to Grow a Church" was shown at the Annual Meeting . . . Missionary speakers have been the Whans, N.G.; Bryan Dillon, O.M.F. Taiwan; and Ian Lowther, OMS International . . . NSW Conf. Pres. Joe Shaw, recently ministered to us. Members are now involved in Initial Contact visiting for Regional Mission next year.

**B. S. ANNIVERSARY** (Gilgandra, R. Bassett). Kindergarten celebrated their anniversary Oct. 19. Mrs. G. Bishop spoke to the children B.S. anniversary on Oct. 20 had theme "Walking with Jesus." George Bishop from Scone, N.S.W. brought the message . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. Whan and family from N.G. have been home on leave.

**BUSY BRIGADE** (Chatswood, C. G. Taylor). At Girls Brigade Church Parade, District Commissioner Mrs. Judith Taylor commissioned Mrs. Elaine Kemsley as Captain of the 24th Sunday Company, and installed Miss Linda McElvenny as Warrant Officer. Other brigade events included an overnight camp in a member's bushy back yard . . . Family Camp at the Bethshan Holiness Mission at Wye. Studies were led by Mr. Taylor and Mr. Chapman . . . C.W.F. went to Bowral to see the tulips and fellowship with the Bowral Church . . . \$88.50 was raised at a cake stall to aid Bible Society and Pendle Hill Nursing Home . . . Mrs. Pasch spoke on World Vision, and some ladies have decided to collectively support a child through W.F. . . . Glen Nichols is back after tour of Britain with the Gordon Rugby Team.

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**CHURCHES FAMILY NIGHT** (Prospect, R. H. Sercombe). Six Prospect and Kilburn churches combined for informal family night. Prospect C.W.A. supplied the entertainment and Kilburn the supper. Proceeds for "Motorbike for India" appeal, to enable Indian ministers to visit their Church members more easily . . . Ex-minister, Stan Neighbour, celebrated his 70th birthday and a surprise open house was held at his son's house at Magill . . . Mr. J. Whitall was baptised in the sea at Grange, Oct. 28. Baptist Church shared in the service . . . C.W.A. ladies are preparing parcels for the sick and needy . . . Y.P. ran a car trial and collected for the Freedom From Hunger Campaign . . .  
**SCHOOL OF PRAYER** (Grote Street, Adelaide, H. M. Long). At 128th Church Anniversary on Oct. 6, guest preacher was F. C. Hunting of Ballarat. Choir provided special item. Anniversary came in the centre of a week-long "School of Prayer" also led by Frank Hunting . . . Following a Questionnaire the studies on "Church Growth" are to continue . . . B.S. and Church Picnic-Outing held at Gumeracha. 50 guests of "Adventurers Bible Club" of Windsor Gardens attended . . .

**SEVEN SERVE BROTHERHOOD** (Maylands, N. S. Moore) Norm Marsh, elder, is Treasurer, C.F.A. Six other members serve on Brotherhood Depts . . . Keith Chessell, League footballer and Bible Society Field Officer spoke on Sept. 15 . . . Reunion of S.A. members who went to Mexico City held reunion here on Oct. 6 . . . The active boys' club held a week-end camp at Longwood . . . Collectors from church received \$300 for Freedom from Hunger. Members who attended World Convention showed slides and told of experiences . . . Happy Hours for children from Trinity Gardens school held in our hall by Open Air Campaigners. Average of 80 attended.

**SHARING** (Kensington Park, R. G. Oke). Church shared at Aldgate Valley for morning service Oct. 20, followed by lunch and afternoon meeting. Newly-formed choir sang . . . Y. P. shared in youth camp at Milang with Strathalbyn Circuit Y.P. Mr. Oke was study leader . . . Wednesday morning Bible Study Group using booklet "Church Growth Today" prepared by Ron McLean, State Conf. Pres.

**CONVENTION TAPE** (Balaklava, James Dow). Tape of Opening Service at World Convention and slides of Convention were shown at evening service . . . Two young people, Lynnette Whiting and Ian Shepherd, were baptized . . . Church honoured "Over Seventies" with a tea and special service. E. W. Roffey was speaker . . . Stan Shepherd spoke to Church about the churches he visited while at World Convention . . . At Anniversary Services, R.S.A. McLean was guest speaker. A Basket lunch and P.S.A. held . . . John Marshman, Pres. Northern Dist. Conference, guest speaker Oct. 20.



## VICTORIA

**"FIREBRANDS"** (Caulfield, K. Christensen) "The Firebrands" singing group presented a sacred concert on Oct. 19 . . . Bible Society held morning Coffee and prayer session at home of Mrs. Ghys . . . A.W.F. had Rev. Barry Webster, Hospital Chaplain, speak of his work . . . Gordon Lees showed slides of U.S.A. and Canada. Proceeds were for C.W.F. "Golden Bag." . . . A.W.F. distributed fruit to ward at Kingston Centre . . . Rev. James Hester, U.S.A., was speaker on Oct. 27. Fellowship and supper followed . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. Story have returned from Wycliffe Bible Translators in Timor. Mr. and Mrs. Merv. Davies are en route to W.A. after service with Wycliffe in New Guinea . . . Mrs. L. Saunders attending church after her accident.

**ONE DAY'S PAY** (Noble Park, G. Agnew). Members contributed one day's pay (\$200) for World Christian Action, Oct. 6 . . . Y.P. held a camp at Rosebud . . . New overhead projector is proving helpful . . . Officers board discussed future work and planned for 1975. G. Agnew is to continue in 1975.

**BET BET TO CLOSE** (K. Haythorpe). S. H. Wilson and A. Emmett were present on Sept. 29 to discuss the closing of the Bet Bet Church and disposal of the property. See advert. on p 26. Mr. Wilson preached and Mr. Emmett presided at 11 a.m. service which was combined with Dunolly . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. Cave have been welcome visitors. Mr. Cave preached on Sept. 8 . . . Mrs. Alderson has been missed from meetings since her illness.

**FETE** (Essendon, C. Badcock). Church Fete was opened by the Mayor of Essendon, Mrs. Fullerton-proceeds exceeded \$430 . . . Church saddened at the death of Mrs. Beryl Ferguson . . . Members took part in CMF outing conveying residents of the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh to Waterman Camp, Monbulk for fellowship, singing and afternoon tea. Mr. and Mrs. Hibbert were able to make the outing . . . Officers and Deacons are conducting house-to-house visitation inviting adults to church and children to S.S. . . . On Oct. 27 Glenberrie Baptist Church singing group shared in service. An audio-visual screening on World Vision was presented. Church plans to adopt child.

**"COME FOLLOW ME"** (Springvale, T. R. W. Holmes). "Come Follow Me" program finished with a commitment service when two young people confessed Jesus as Lord and several members re-committed their lives . . . Minister's wife, Mrs. Lesley Holmes, still on the very sick list but is improving.

**ANNIVERSARY** (Bentleigh, R. W. Marshall). 45th Church anniversary and mini-mission was held with G. R. Stirling. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sumner, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Smith and Michael Pelling took part. The Smith family sang. After Sunday morning service, a picnic lunch and fellowship was held at Shipston Park, Cheltenham, followed by 5 p.m. service. Mrs. R. Scott, Mrs. Saunders and little Miriam Robinson home from hospital.

**COUNTRY VISIT** (Dandenong, A. Page, R. Allison). 43 members travelled to Norlane for weekend for fellowship including Saturday night youth rally and Sunday morning service . . . C.W.F. fete, raised \$673. J.C.E. had youth tea with Mr. Pearson from Scripture Union, who also spoke at evening service. Endeavourers took part . . . B.S.

anniversary singing was led by Leigh Drew . . . Home Mission Sunday morning service held with Don Smith . . . A. Jones returned from 3 weeks tour of China.

**CANTATA**, (Dawson St. Ballarat, F. C. Hunting). 53 Scholars took part in Mt. Clear S.S. anniversary, Mrs. Claire Elms trained children for cantata which will be repeated at Dawson Street . . . Women of four churches attended seminar at Dawson St. Speakers were C.W.F. President, Mrs. June St. Aubyn, and three ladies of executive. Mrs. Burnham took devotions . . . Church members were saddened at the death of Mrs. Alison Anderson who was organist for many years and S.S. teacher . . . Presentation was made to Miss Hetlie Morrison, official organist for 47 years . . . Good Companions made and sold lamingtons (253 doz.). Profits for C.O.C.O.A. . . . Mr. Hunting went to Adelaide for School of Prayer. Since his return he has been very sick with virus. Mrs. Smail has a broken leg.

**FOOTSCRAY VISITORS** (Bendigo, M. D. Keath). 15 members of Footscray church visited Bendigo and conducted A.M. Service. Mr. Alcorn of Footscray gave the message . . . At B.S. anniversary two young scholars accepted Christ as Saviour. Mr. Ritchie of Echuca was guest speaker . . . Fathers' and sons' tea was held on Boys' Sunday. Chaplain Merryman spoke . . . Mr. and Mrs. E. Mott showed slides of trip to Mexico World Convention . . . Mrs. V. Morrison guest speaker at C.W.A.F. birthday meeting . . . C.W.A.F. and C.W.E.F. attended camp at Monbulk . . . Good Companions and Explorers Camp held at Axedale . . . C.W.E.F. Progressive Dinner raised \$168 for Eppalock Dormitory Fund . . . One young man has confessed faith in Christ . . . Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. D. Anderson in their recent bereavement.

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Paul M. Lambert.

### THE OPTION

How many hours I have spent—  
Wasted, useless, idle time—  
Cataloguing discontent.

Life, I'm sure, could be sublime  
If those self-same moments went  
Into laughter, prayer or rhyme.

Life is bitter, life is sweet.  
No man ever walked this earth  
Without having both to eat.

Can it be I find no worth  
In the blessings that I meet—  
Count the tears, but never mirth?

BY ROBERT K. JENNINGS.



Said the boss after looking over the contents of the suggestion box: "I wish the employees would be more specific. What kind of kite? What kind of lake?"



Perhaps the best automobile safety device would be foam rubber telephone poles.



The underdone roast  
Echoes double tragedy:  
Tough beef—tender bride.

PAUL ARMSTRONG



Look on the bright side. Three hours from now church will be over and you can go back to bed!