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- ANDERSON—Mr. & Mrs. Anthony, 184 Rosalind St., Mt. Lawley, a son, Dec. 23.
- CORSON—Arthur and Glenys, 1a Sandine Ave., Oakey, a daughter, Dec. 24.
- EGGLETON—Mr. and Mrs. John Amies, 43 Nicholson St., Port Lincoln, a daughter, Susan, Dec. 22.
- GARDENA—Mr. & Mrs. Mario, 527 Edward St., Brunswick, a son, Dominic, Dec. 24.
- GORDON—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edward, 14 Mountain View Drive, Mona Vale, a daughter, Elyse, Dec. 23.
- HACKERSON—Mr. & Mrs. David, 28 Reid Road, Ulverstone, a son, Gregory Paul, Dec. 21.
- JOSEPH—and Mary, Bethlehem, a son, Jesus, Dec. 25.
- LYTTLETON—Mr. & Mrs. Adrian, "Floreat", Bellton Court, Northcote, a daughter, Sharon, Dec. 24.
- McCALLISTER—Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth, 3/47 The Avenue, Stanthorpe, a son, Ross, Dec. 21.
- OSUGA—Mr. & Mrs. Sam., 33 Monroe St., York, a daughter, Vergena, Dec. 24.
- RIVERA—Mr. & Mrs. Ramon, 217 Occleshaw St., Clayton, a son, Fernando, Dec. 22.

ENGAGEMENTS

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A.C.T. new "State" Conference

Australian Churches of Christ youngest 'state' conference was born in October, 1974, when the Conference of Churches of Christ in the A.C.T. met at Ainslie, Canberra.

With Graham Gilmour, Federal Conference President and Chairman of the A.C.T. Conference Interim Executive, in the chair the Conference got away to a flying start. There was lively debate among those present, including the 45 delegates—15 from each church. Conference discussed the Family Law Bill, expressed its opposition to the legalisation of 'pokies' in the A.C.T. and passed to Federal Conference a statement relating the theme, "The Earth is the Lord's" to the current world crises.

In a joint report the ministers from the three churches, Colin Dredge (Lyons), George Warren (Belconnen), Neil Gilmore (Ainslie), indicated the wide range of representative functions shared between them. In the name of the Conference the ministers fill positions on committees, etc., ranging from the Joint Commission on Church Development to the Canberra Churches Centres, from Christian Television Association to Burgmann

College. Reports from Don Burdett, Secretary, and Ray Stephens, Treasurer, showed the A.C.T. work to be in excellent heart with growth in each of the centres.

Belconnen, although only a few months old, has already developed a distinctive life and style of its own; Lyons continues a steady development and pushes towards the establishment of a Child Care Centre. Colin Dredge concluded his ministry at Lyons in November, and W. D. Howard will commence in January '75.

Ainslie, despite the departure of several families to commence the new work at Belconnen, has maintained levels of work and witness and the anticipated fall off at Ainslie has not occurred.

The new housing development at Tuggeranong, south of the Woden Valley, poses new opportunities and immense challenges. Designed to house as many people as in the present entire Canberra area, Tuggeranong raises real questions in the churches of the A.C.T. How many congregations will be needed? What size of congregation allows for both viability and effective witness in a widespread

area? How do we cope with the immense building costs for both Belconnen and Tuggeranong? Questions just roll on.

The Conference elected the following officers: President, Neil Gilmore, Vice-President, Dr. Kevin Bray, Secretary, Don Burdett, Treasurer, Ray Stephens.

—Neil Gilmore

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN HOUSE?

Many people in inner suburban areas have never been inside a Christian home. This is because of cultural barriers, hostility to strangers and the fact that many Christians prefer to live in more respectable outer suburban areas.

Over the last few years we have seen many houses being opened up to provide accommodation for Christians who are prepared to live and work in needy areas. The Collingwood Church of Christ manse has been used by a group of young men for this purpose during 1974. The occupants, Alan Niven from England, Russell Wesley and Graeme Bird (both from Geelong), have provided accommodation for an out-of-work country laborer, an ex-prisoner, and a lad who ran away from home and ended up with glandular fever. The house has also been the meeting place for a group of teenage boys from the high-rise flats and Collingwood neighborhood.

Another house is opening up behind a shop front at 175 St. Georges Road, North Fitzroy. This will provide greater local contact for the North Fitzroy Church of Christ as the shop is ten doors away from the church. Essentially the shop is a place where Christians live rather than a drop-in centre or coffee shop—although the shop front may be used for such purposes later.

The immediate need is for Christian young men to join Chris Murray in providing a base for outreach at 175 St. Georges Road. Chris is teaching at Emily McPherson College and would welcome any concerned young men who wanted short-term or long-term accommodation at the house.

Telephone enquiries can be made to Barry Jenkins (35 6272) who is Inner Areas Minister with Churches of Christ.

\$25 BILLION BOOZE BILL

Morris E. Chafetz, director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, says alcohol and related problems cost the U.S. more than \$25 billion a year.

Dr Chafetz, who chaired a task force that prepared a comprehensive report on alcohol and health, also disclosed that drinking among high school students, rose sharply in the past few years.

The report also stated: there is a high proportion of drinkers and heavy drinkers among Roman Catholics. "Conservative" Protestants have the largest percentage of abstainers and the lowest proportion of heavy drinkers. Jews have the lowest proportion of abstainers and a very low proportion of heavy drinkers.



Graham H. Gilmour
President



Dr Will Moore
U.S.A. Fraternal
Delegate Speaker
National
Ministers' Seminar



Neil Gilmore,
Minister,
Ainslie, A.C.T.
President, A.C.C.

Preacher at
Lakeside Communion
Service, and will
lead morning
School for Prayer
Monday to Friday



Gerald Rose
Will lead
(with K. J. Parry)
morning
Family Worship
Monday to Friday



Kelvin Parry
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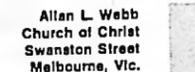
Allan C. Male,
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Featured
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The Rev. J.R. Payne
Commonwealth
Secretary
Bible Society in Aust.

Featured
speaker
Thursday
Jan. 30



Allan L. Webb
Church of Christ
Swanston Street
Melbourne, Vic.

Will lead
Morning Bible
Studies Monday
to Friday
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Keith Farmer,
Church of Christ
Epping, N.S.W.

Will lead
Morning Bible
Studies Monday
to Friday
(Christian Concern)



PROGRAMME IN BRIEF

Sunday, January 26

10 a.m. — Reception at Burton-Garran, Burgmann, and John 23 Halls of
6 p.m. — Residence
6.45 p.m. — Lakeside Communion Graham Gilmour to preside. Preacher: Neil Gilmore: "Lift Up Your Heads." Lowanna Singers. Beryl Jones (Soloiste).

Monday, January 27

9 a.m. — Business
10.30 a.m. — C.W.F. Pre-Conference Session
7.30 p.m. — Family Evening with programme headed by Lowanna Singers.

Tuesday, January 28

9.30 a.m. — Women's Conference
12.30 p.m. — Women's Luncheon
12.30 — Men's Luncheon
2 p.m. — Women's Conference
7.30 p.m. — Evening Rally: Speaker A. C. Male "The Down to Earth Jesus".

Wednesday, January 29

9 a.m. — Business
2 p.m. — Business
7.30 p.m. — Four Separate Elective Programmes: Drug Dependence and Alcohol. Ministry. Overseas missions. Workshop on Family Worship.

Thursday, January 30

9 a.m. — Business
7.30 p.m. — Evening Rally. Speaker: Rev. J. R. Payne "O Earth, Earth, Earth, Hear the Word of the Lord."

Friday, January 31

9 a.m. — Unfinished Business
2.30 — Women's Post-Conference Session
7 p.m. — Elective Programmes: Christian Union. Singing the Faith. Aborigines Missions.
8.30 — Evening Rally. Introduction of New President.

Saturday, February 1

9 a.m. — Move out of Halls of residence.

INNER SPRINGS

FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS ONLY?



Many of our most valuable lessons are learned through the mistakes of others. Many years ago I had occasion to stay with an elderly friend. Kindly and good she was known simply as "Aunty May". Bereft of husband, raising a child not her own, forced to work until the day of her death, life had offered her little else but sorrow and pain. Perhaps for fear that further tragedy would rob her of the little she had, she became obsessed with saving things. The best room was kept closed to be opened only on special occasions. Her nicest china and cutlery were brought out only when special company appeared. Presents received were stored away against some future day, that for her never came.

Following her death there were found amongst her possessions many new unused articles. Little gifts designed to lift her heart and be as a candle in a dark place, but in her refusal to give them a place in her daily life, she had denied herself that which she needed.

Long ago God gave to mankind a wondrous gift. The lovely words have echoed down the years. "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord". He gave His only Son, the best He had to give and we in our blind ignorance set a seal upon it "For special occasions only". We live our lives and walk our troubled way without the benefits His gift was designed to bring.

No distant Lord have I,
Loving afar to be,
Made flesh for me, He cannot rest
Until He rests in me.

Brother in joy or pain
Bone of my bone was He
Now—intimacy closer still—
He dwells Himself in me.

PRAYER: Loving Father may the wonder of Thy most precious Gift abide with us and bless all our waking moments until our journey's end.
Amen.

Luke 2:11

FLORENCE ROSIER

• WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Ethiopians in the lucky country

The lucky country had a few shocks for four young men from Ethiopia who arrived in Perth in February, 1974, with three months visas and a lot of misconceptions.

They had been given to understand that they would be able to extend their stay to gain an education, and also find part-time work. But when they applied for work they learned that they were breaching the regulations and were given seven days to leave the country.

This was bad enough, but worse was the fact that their parents had scraped together their air-fare to Australia and had borrowed enough to cover the return fare in the expectation that the young men would soon earn enough to repay the loan. Instead, back home in Ethiopia, the parents were in danger of going to prison if the loan were not repaid.

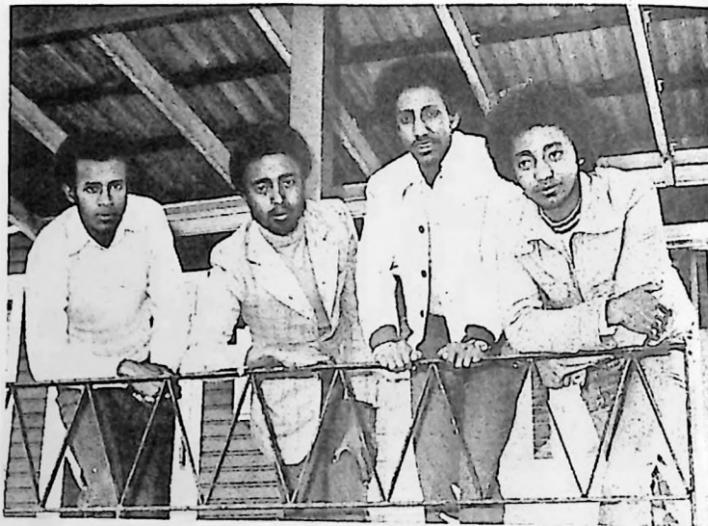
At this stage, the Scarborough church of Christ heard of the plight of Negash Echete, Bisrat Leshome, Zewdie Demsic, and Samuel Worku, and their minister, Ken Duffy, made prolonged

representation to Immigration Dept. in W.A. and in August the visas of the four young men were extended to February, 1975.

But this extension was conditional on the Scarborough church accepting responsibility for maintaining the unfortunate visitors. Church members and other interested folk contributed \$600 over a period of seven months. There was additional hospitality given, and Mr. Duffy provided housing free of charge.

Mr. Duffy also took out a personal loan of \$2000 so that the parents back in Ethiopia could escape prison because of their default.

A special maintenance fund has been set up in the church and in recent works a further \$600 has been raised, including \$200 from a country church and \$200 from an anonymous Christian. For the remaining period until February their weekly commitments are \$30 for food, rent \$20, and loan repayment \$20. Clothing is being supplied by our Welfare



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Centre and other extras come from interested people. If the loan money is not paid back in the time limit, the church will continue to accept responsibility.

But the Ethiopians are keen to learn something of our agricultural methods that will be useful back home, and this is also being cared for. World Christian Action are paying \$1000 towards their agricultural education. The W.A. Agricultural Dept. is giving instruction to Negash and Zewdie in chicken raising at the Poultry Research Station at Churchlands. An Italian market gardener has provided three acres of land, necessary seed and fertilizer as well as practical instruction for Samuel and Bisrat to plant and harvest as much as possible between now and February.

Samuel and Bisrat are caring for 1000 tomato plants, 1000 onions, 1000 cabbages, 500 sweet corn, 200 chilis, 500 rock melons, and also beetroot and beans. This crop will be harvested in January and will swell the maintenance fund.

In addition the young men have been trained in the use of power rotary hoes and are in the midst of a 13 week Home Nursing Training with the St. John Ambulance. Samuel is also hoping to learn welding.

Our aim at Scarborough has been to ensure that the young men return to their homeland better educated and free from any sense of failure. We hope also that funds will allow the purchase of a rotary hoe and building materials that will allow them to start a small poultry farm.

We believe that God will deeply influence these four young men. Three have already made decisions for Christ and they have a growing understanding of what God can do in their lives.

Maybe Australia is not the lucky country it is made out to be, but it was surely lucky for Negash, Bisrat, Zewdie, and Samuel when they met the church at Scarborough.

Or was it luck? Guidance is the word the church prefers and they believe that God will surely use the four young men of Ethiopia to make known his love among their own people.

Tasmanian Scene

by Don E. Stewart

Representatives of the Tasmanian churches met at Bicheno on Nov. 16 for the Quarterly meeting. Special guest was Ray McKenzie, Director of Vic.-Tas. D.C.E. Mr. McKenzie had held meetings at Ulverstone and at Hobart to talk to Youth leaders and School Teachers from across the state and also to confer with the State D.C.E. Committee.

The Quarterly Meeting made some important decisions for the further development of the Bicheno Centre. A camp manager's cottage is to be built as the first stage of a series of new developments to increase accommodation and expand hall and kitchen facilities. \$2,000 has been received from the Campbell-Edwards Trust towards this project.

There is to be a farewell function to be held in Hobart to pay tribute to Ray and Gwen Morfey for more than twenty years

of service for Bethany Children's Home on their retirement.

Consideration was also given to the motions for Federal Conference in January. Mr. Stewart, minister of the Hobart Church, reported on the situation with regard to the "Studies in Religion" programme of the Education Department. He also brought a statement from the Heads of Churches Commission on Christian Education in Government Schools about the programme.

The afternoon programme was boosted by the arrival of groups of young people from the South and the North of the state. The afternoon programme was turned over to Youth activities.

STUDIES IN RELIGION

Tasmanian Background

In 1967 the Minister of Education set up a committee to investigate the role of School in Society and the following year presented a report to the Minister called "School in Society" and one of the recommendations of this committee was that a course of Studies in Religion should be a core subject to be taught at schools.

The report recognised that there were some basic problems in the introduction of such a course, not the least of which would be the agreement of the churches to give up their right to visit the schools each week for Christian Education.

The Minister for Education then set up another committee to investigate the implementation of the religious recommendations of the School in Society report and in 1971 this committee produced its findings and included in the report was the agreement of the Churches to exchange their weekly right of entry to a visit once per term to instruct members of their denomination.

The churches also agreed to an "Affirmations of the Christian Faith" which it was envisaged should form a basis for accreditation of teachers. This agreement set up an organisation called the "Heads of Churches Commission on Christian Education in Government

Schools". The Churches involved in this agreement were the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational, Baptist, Salvation Army and Churches of Christ. (Since then the Brethren are also represented on the Commission).

However, it should be noted that there has been a noticeable shift away from accreditation on the basis of the "Affirmations" to one of proficiency as a teacher.

Following the receipt of the Report a Curriculum Officer was appointed by the Education Department to develop a suitable curriculum. Sister Valerie Burns, a Roman Catholic Sister, was appointed with the approval of the Heads of Churches Commission. She set about a thorough investigation of the area as it was a new area for an Education Department to be involved in.

Committee of the Heads of Churches Commission was set up with members from the Education Department to draft amendments to the Education Act. These amendments have been passed by the Tasmanian Parliament but they have not yet been proclaimed pending the setting up of the new system.

In the meantime the Curriculum Officer produced a trial curriculum for the Lower Primary grades which was tried

in a small number of schools during the early part of 1974. One of its problems is that it is an integrated course that makes it difficult for parents, who object, to withdraw their children from the course. The course for Upper Primary grades was to have been introduced in a trial form in a small number of schools in 1975 and at the same time modifications to the Lower Primary Curriculum were to have been made.

At the present time an outcry has been raised about the course from two main sources. The first from parents who object to the course because it is not a course exclusively in Christian Education with an evangelistic thrust, and the second from parents who claim that the school has no place in being involved with the teaching of religion and that this should be left to the home and the Christian.

Those who support the proposals see it as a course in education about religion because it forms a basic part of the background to our culture and our literature. They believe that this should be able to be dealt with in an unbiased and educational way.

Since the Tasmanian Education Department has begun this experiment other States have also begun to look to this type of programme, notably South Australia and Victoria.

WORLD VISION APPOINTMENT

Graeme Irvine, Director of World Vision of Aust., has been appointed Director of the International Relations Division of World Vision International. Mr. Irvine will move to the World Vision office just out of Los Angeles to replace Bill Kliewer, who has entered the business field.

For the past six years, Mr. Irvine has directed World Vision support offices in Sydney and Melbourne, Australia as well as in Auckland, New Zealand. Under his leadership the three offices, which were established in 1966, have literally multiplied. Approximately 20 per cent of the 75,000 children cared for by World Vision International in 27 countries are now sponsored by individuals, families or church groups in Australia and New Zealand.

• WESTERN AUSTRALIA

OPENING OF BALGA CHAPEL

The opening of the Balga chapel on Sept. 29, 1974, was the result of nine years of faithful prayer and service in the district.

In 1965 a few members of the Nollamara church commenced a S. S. and prayer group.

In April, 1971, the church started meeting at the Warriapendi Primary School for morning communion and worship services with a membership of 28. L. Cox, then assistant minister at Nollamara, accepted the leadership of the work at Balga. Meanwhile the Properties Committee purchased a block of land near the Balga Bazaar.

In October, 1971, the first gospel service was held. The Balga church, still supported by the Nollamara church, extended an invitation to Mr. Cox to become full time minister in Dec., 1972.

Plans for a building were finalised in 1973 when the block was cleared and

work commenced. The chairman of the Officers' Board, G. Smith, accepted responsibility of the construction of the building and spent three months full time on the site, keeping the costs within a very reasonable \$40,000.

The chapel area extends into a hall through large folding doors and easily accommodated the 400 people present at the opening. With the large foyer and prayer rooms, plus three smaller rooms off the hall, the complex is ideal for S. S., Youth, and Endeavour work.

At the first gospel service in the new chapel, 10 people were baptised and welcomed into fellowship the following Lord's Day. Membership now stands at 80, 37 through faith and baptism.

Nollamara continues to support the Balga church on a weekly financial basis.

Mr. Cox has accepted the church's invitation to a three year extension of his ministry at Balga.

NEW ERA IN ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

The New Era Aboriginal Fellowship has asked the W.A. Institute of Technology to open a new course for the training of aboriginal liaison officers in extra skills and knowledge for their work.

This course was opened by the W.A. Minister for Education, Mr. MacKinnon.

The organisers believe it is the first tertiary designed course in W.A. designed specifically for Aborigines. It will help selected students to understand more about welfare and community

systems and is financed by the Department for Aboriginal Affairs.

The students will attend classes two days a week for ten weeks and do their normal work on the other three days. It is hoped that the course will help the W.A. Institute of Technology and the aboriginal community to learn about the educational needs of Aborigines and of the effectiveness of teaching methods to be used and it is hoped that it will be the first step in bridging the gap

between a lack of formal secondary school education and qualification for admission to diploma and degree courses.

The response to the course showed that there were aboriginal people of quality who could benefit from an education institution such as the W.A. Institute of technology. Few Aborigines had the chance to finish secondary education. The course was originally planned for 12 but so many applied that it was increased to 26.

HOSPITAL —HOSPITALIDAD

BY KATHY SANDER



Roadside in Mexico Clockwise from left: Dr. Keith Bowes, E. W. Roffey, Mexican student, Dean Sander, Kathy Sander.

These two words have the same meaning; one in English and the other in Spanish, both meaning—to give, share and show concern and love towards another. Travelling overseas to our World Convention and living with others of another continent, this word took on a deeper meaning to me and made me examine and rethink through, "how Hospitable am I in my own country and environment?"

The American "Hospitality" fluctuated more for me towards the more "material benefits". Provision was extended in ways of extremely comfortable accommodation, which varied in luxurious and ordinary homes, where appliances and gadgets were numerous and "tea-towels" were unheard of.

They readily shared their homes, cars, yachts and all they are used to, materially, and to be taken to high-class restaurants frequently with your host seemed no hardship, but a spontaneous reaction.

The fascination and love the American has acquired for the kangaroo and koala bear overflows to the person representing our country and they are extremely vocal and genuine about their feelings. Many times a day, in places of travel and of interest someone was saying "Now have a nice day" and really meant it. They often could not spare the "time" to see to it personally, because "Time" is their constant tyrant. They are proud to show their cities, consisting of man-made, magnificent structures of huge Church Complexes, exquisitely designed arches and bridges and gardens so beautifully landscaped that they appeared almost artificial. Conversation with fellow-travellers was sometimes stifled at Bus Depots, because of personal chair T.V.'s, situated on each arm of the chairs, and after inserting a coin, becoming totally absorbed.

Hollywood, Beverly Hills and Disneyland are further evidence of the kind of surroundings they are used to.

A natural phenomenon of great

Kathy Sander is married to Dean Sander, minister at Magill, S.A.

interest to me, was the Bubbling Tar Lakes. The numerous bones and fossils of pre-historic animals excavated from these in recent years were on display and on closed circuit T.V. we could actually see how they are still doing this. Replicas of these huge animals were in statue form in these tar-lakes, to give the tourist a perfect picture.

To "sum-up" American Hospitality, I would say that it is amongst the best in the world and that they thoroughly "spoil you". It is a challenge to the conservative Australian, who mainly shares his "material benefits" with family or very close friends, to extend it wider.

Spanish Hospitalidad varies vastly. I shared with four different Spanish speaking countries and experienced an entirely different emphasis.

Poverty dominates everywhere, and materialism is observed only occasionally. For example a huge Catholic Cathedral, filled with gold statues and shrines, had people attending clad in rags and showing the effects of malnutrition, attending a funeral or praying.

How do they show Hospitalidad? They give their time and themselves. For instance, in villages where natural beauty is almost untouched, they will spend a whole morning hiking with you to show you their small corn crop, high upon the side of a volcano, or how to open a coconut correctly or catch a fish easily. Once the fish is caught, they will demonstrate how to insert a jungle vine and make a wooden support so as to cook it beautifully over an open fire.

To visit their humble homes, some even made out of cardboard boxes, is a beautiful experience. Immediately they hang a hammock and insist you rest awhile, whilst a younger member of the family gently rocks you. Often a brown, corn drink is served, rich in nourishment, but which tastes terrible. The children are quiet and encouraged to stay and share with their guest. Many children have never seen a toy and spend their day looking after the family's few household animals or collecting natural foods, growing nearby. It is not uncommon to have a black piglet tethered in the kitchen area for a natural garbage disposal. The

village milkman rides on a donkey, with a milkcan tied to either side. Oxen till the ground. Doing the weekly washing at the side of a lake can take a whole day and is a rich experience in sharing with fellow villagers. I was walking along a village street one evening and was invited to join in a birthday celebration, taking place in the home and extending onto the footpath. Anyone in the area could share the happy occasion. They live openly and most humble homes have doors and windows ajar. Sometimes I would be invited in and often asking directions, found I had made lovely friends and usually ended up staying the night or a few days. They are extremely eager for you to learn their culture, like their food, and speak their language.

How does the Australian compare in Hospitality with these Spanish speaking countries? My opinion is, that we are frightened to share ourselves, because of what it may involve if we do go that "extra mile". Someone may demand too much! In Central America, you can't get anymore than they can give—because they give themselves.

Can we put these two contrasts together, HOSPITALITY and HOSPITALIDAD. I believe we can. Christ said we can, loving one another involves sharing what we have in possessions and personality—put it all together and tell Christ to use you and he will. What is our own?

Even Christ is not our own. Let's share him.

Kathy Sander was in Honduras when Hurricane Fifi hit Central America and killed thousands of people and rendered thousands more homeless. Some of those affected were folk Kathy had shared with in Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador. When she returned to South Australia, she launched an appeal for aid.

The call through television, radio and press, brought in \$3,000 in two weeks. This was forwarded immediately through Red Cross and World Christian Action and used for food and medical supplies.

Kathy wishes to thank all who helped.

o CHURCHES OF CHRIST DIAGNOSIS & PRESCRIPTION (Part 4) THE CONTENTIOUS ISSUE

By
Graeme
Chapman

Differing interpretations of scripture have led to division between and even within denominations. Because of an avoidance of credal statement our pioneers found it necessary to formulate a method of ensuring both basic unity and scope for difference in the area of biblical interpretation. They laid down the rule that they would speak where the scriptures spoke and remain silent where they were silent. They further decided that on essentials there would be unity, on non essentials liberty, and in all things love. Viewed in retrospect it can be seen that early restorationists, while they avoided formulating a creed, substituted instead a set of hermeneutical principles.

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While the spirit and general intention of the principles are to be applauded, difficulties arose in the course of their application. For instance, a subtle ambiguity was found to be hiding in the folds of the former. Was the intention that nothing was to be allowed for which scriptural precedent could not be found or did lack of such precedent invite experimentation? With the second it was not always possible to agree on what were essential and what inessential items.

III

During the course of our history, sharp differences of opinion have arisen on three occasions.

British and American restoration traditions clashed in the period 1864-1875. Three broad issues were involved. In the area of ministry, a struggle over authority developed between British elders and American evangelists each accustomed to having their own way. Furthermore, the Americans were used to preaching every Sunday morning, a practice strongly opposed by the British immigrants making up the colonial congregations who jealously guarded a style of ministry that allowed those inspired by the moment to address their fellows. On the question of giving, the British refused money from the unimmersed while the Americans had no such scruples, contending that if the ungodly wished to give of their substance this "by so much, subtracted from the power of Satan to do harm." The third area concerned co-operative work. While the British brethren wished to make conference decisions binding, the sturdily independent Americans were wary "of any body vested with power to control

the action of churches." Unlike the British experience effective syntheses were achieved.

In the final decades of the nineteenth century debate raged over the question of the scriptural legitimacy of certain innovations, notably Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavour Societies, and the use of organs in church services. The logic of practical necessity won the day and all were accepted.

IV

The third major conflict is still with us. It is concerned with the degree to which we ought to work closely with other Christian communions.

While the Presbyterian and Congregational churches early felt the challenge of the Darwinian revolution, with its threat to Christian certainties, our relative introversion and simple biblical faith shielded us from its immediate effect. Later, the editorial influence of F. G. Dunn and A. R. Main kept at bay the widening influence of the Higher Critical approach. However, some among both preachers and students, particularly in the 30's, frustrated at what they saw as the stifling effect of Main's heavy handed control of the movement's thinking, felt that certain beneficial insights associated with the new approach should be made available.

Concurrently, interest was growing in the question of Christian unity, fanned by larger ecumenical initiatives. Many however, feeling that the biblical conservatism and restoration emphases of the movement were threatened by such involvement pulled back in alarm.

The situation existing today is complex, and in each state, due to historical origins, the forces are differently aligned. Among the basic categories are those accommodating men of a conservative theology who admit to evangelical affinity. Among others of the conservative camp, and at opposite poles along a different axis, are the Interdenominationalists and the "Old Paths" Restorationists. While we have few real "liberals", there are quite a number who would sternly reject the biblical literalism of the more outspoken evangelicals and yet wish to call themselves conservative. As the movement has not been willing to contain those on the extreme left wing—theological and political radicals—the line is drawn at this point.

Such an analysis is obviously hopelessly inadequate but does give some indication of the complexity of the present theological infrastructure.

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It is essential that at this crucial stage in the debate a spirit of calm prevail to allow the studied and cautious investigation of the issues or pseudo-issues that divide.

Those to the left of centre need to realize that not all evangelicals are insecure individuals whose biblical conservatism is the result of a craving for absolutes. Still less are the bulk purposely obscurantist. The group to the right of centre must beware of regarding those rejecting their more extreme views as weak pussy-footing liberals more concerned with acceptance than truth. Let the "Conservatives" realize that there are not two but a multiplicity of attitudes on the question of biblical authority and interpretation. Let the "Liberals" recognize that unless they are reasonably aware of where their approaches are taking them the supreme values of the faith may be lost. "Restorationists" need to understand that there are different Restoration traditions all of which claim authoritative support and that in the early days of the movement in America a broad flexibility was evident.

The supreme danger into which the Evangelical can stumble, is to see doctrinal rectitude as the index of Christian character. The opposite peril is to be so accommodating that people of good moral character are regarded as Christian merely because of that criterion irrespective of any personal faith in Christ. Surely the true measure of Christian identity and growth is the Christlikeness evident in behaviour and spontaneous witness. It is here that our real unity lies and must be cemented. Let us not be afraid of but love and cherish each other with a greater willingness to understand than criticise. A synthesis is not impossible, particularly in a movement which is basically conservative in theology, and would allow for a lively and fruitful interplay of divergent opinion.

BISHOPS CHARGED

(New York) Formal charges have been filed against four Anglican bishops who ordained 11 women as priests in Philadelphia last July.

Presiding Bishop John Allin started proceedings to determine whether there are sufficient grounds to put the bishops on trial. The House of Bishops in August declared the women's ordinations invalid.

Meanwhile, an ecumenical women's group, including Protestants and Roman Catholics, has unanimously endorsed the ordinations and contributed \$120 to help pay legal fees of the women facing church trials.

• COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

NINE EXITS, 1974
TWENTY NEW STUDENTS, 1975

Graduation

Extra seating down the aisles made it possible for the large crowd to share in the Annual College of the Bible Graduation Service on Nov. 22, 1974, in the Lygon St. Chapel. W.T. Atkin climaxed his forty years of service on the College Board by presiding in the place of F.P. Chipperfield who was on long service leave.

"Singing our Faith", led by Exits, created an atmosphere of good fellowship which marked the ceremony, which included an audio-visual of the Exits, their families, and the manses and churches to which they are going. Diplomas and Certificates were presented. Peter Nelson, Student President, spoke on behalf of his fellow-exits on the subject "Love the Lord your God with all Your Mind."

The printed programme was in two parts, one for Graduation and one for Ordination. A.E. White, Secretary of the Federal Conference, represented the Federal President in leading the Ordination Service. R.W. Lawton, Director of the Federal Board of Christian Education, and a retiring member of the College of the Bible Board, addressed the Ordinands and the congregation.

Representative Brotherhood leaders were selected by the Federal Conference Executive to represent the Australian churches as Ordinands. Those chosen were Mrs K.J. Clinton, R.L. Drayton, R.C. McKenzie, Mrs L.L. Seath, L.L. Smith, D.A.V. Thomas and A.L. Webb. The congregation identified themselves with the ordination in a series of Scripture responses.

The Principal of the College, Dr K.R. Bowes, presented the candidates for Ordination. They were Norman Carter to the Bethany Children's Home, Hobart (Tas.); Alan Fletcher to Bayswater (Vic.); Rodney Lloyd to Mt Gambier (S.A.); Peter Nelson to Malvern-South Yarra (Vic.); Roger Risson to North Turrumurra (N.S.W.); Dennis Ryle to Fremantle (W.A.); and Dare Stevens to Wangaratta (Vic.).

David Buller has been appointed to Invercargill (N.Z.) and will be ordained at the next New Zealand Conference. Garth Nelson is continuing studies for the Bachelor of Divinity.

At the climax of the service the Ordinands moved forward and laid hands upon the kneeling Ordinands while A.E. White reminded them of their call by God to ministry, and R.W. Lawton prayed the Ordination Prayer.

For an hour afterwards large numbers of people mingled with the Exits and their families in the hall.

At the moment of writing it appears that twenty new students will commence studies at the College in 1975. And the writer is conscious of the noise of hammers and saws as the extensive renovation programme to the two major buildings gets under way.

—G.R. STIRLING

WRONG KIND OF EDUCATION

When education secretaries from regions and councils of churches around the world met in a W.C.C. consultation recently, there was deep concern about trends in education.

From the Pacific it was reported that schools were training too many scientists and teachers, whereas the need was for more experts in modern agricultural and fishing techniques. Also urbanization has left many young people unemployed and confused as to the values they should live by. The Rev. Galuefa Aseta of Suva said that to meet this need, church work among youth is essential.

More than 20 mini-consultations and seminars on education in the Caribbean have shown that the formal school systems do psychological damage to tens of thousands of children who can never hope to fill the comparatively few "white-collar" job vacancies to which the system is geared. "It is imperative that changes be made in the school systems to diminish their role in providing limited avenues of mobility and increase their effectiveness as agents of social change," said the report of the Caribbean Conference of Churches.

—E.P.S.

WOMEN'S
WRITE



Edited by Gladys Mackenzie

AT WORK AND WORSHIP

TASMANIA

On Nov. 13, 50 C.W.F. members of the Northern Tasmanian Churches converged on Caveside for a day of fellowship and learning.

Mrs. I. Robertson presided over the morning session, devotions were led by Mrs. James (Ulverstone), and Mrs. Foot read a "Note from Netta" (Newham) telling of the travels of herself and Sarai Bani, on the way to Mexico. Margaret Street C.W.E.F. members presented a very pertinent play reading from the C.W.F. Handbook, "Can we pray the Lord's Prayer," creating an atmosphere that was almost electric.

The afternoon programme featured "Mini Mexico" when the tape and slides of World Convention were featured. C.W.F. groups from Invermay, Ulverstone, Caveside, Devonport and Margaret Street, then turned the spotlight on India, New Hebrides, Carnarvon, Norseman and South Africa, and all had a learning experience.

Mrs. S. Robertson led the closing devotions in which all members participated.

QUEENSLAND

Thirteen churches were represented by 32 women, at November Fellowship Meeting. Bruce Roberts, Home Mission Director, showed slides and told of the work being done in Queensland Churches. Prayer and Bible Study was conducted by Mrs. David Hammer, on Prayer, demonstrating this by using the Five Finger Prayer Hand.

A Women's Camp, organised by Mrs. Marjory Chapman, is planned for Feb. 21-23.

VICTORIA

The President, Mrs. June St. Aubyn, welcomed 135 delegates representing 54 groups, to the November Council meeting.

Mrs. Morrall, Croydon C.W.F. led devotional segment, and Mrs. Helen Banks led in prayer of Intercession.

Miss Elizabeth Fraser, of the Braille and Talking Book Library, gave the history of the Association and its progress since 1894 from hand stylus printed Braille books, to the present day usage of L.P. Talking Book Records and Tapes. Totally blind herself and endowed with a marvellous sense of humour, she

discounted certain myths that sighted people attribute to the blind, giving the impression that she was not seriously handicapped by her lack of sight.

A "Personal Profile" segment—an interview session introducing individual C.W.F. personalities, has been included in

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GETTING TO
KNOW YOU



MRS. G. A. EWERS

When the Women's Auxiliary Conference in W.A., then known as the "Sisters' Conference", was inaugurated in 1906, Miss G. Allen (later Mrs. G. W. Elliott) was a foundation member and first secretary. At the 1938 State Conference "the unique honour of Life Membership" was conferred on Mrs. Elliott in recognition of her being an executive member for the entire existence of the Conference.

At the W. A. Women's Conference in April 1974 this same honour was conferred on her daughter Elma, Mrs. G. A. Ewers, for her long service to the Auxiliary and for the tremendous contribution she has made to the whole of the work amongst our W. A. women.

Elma Ewers is a person with a strong faith in her Lord, a keen thinker, with a wonderful memory, especially of people met during her Christian service. She is a woman of prayer, strong in her belief of what is right, with a delightful sense of humour.

First elected to the executive in 1951 as Isolated Superintendent, she has also held the office of State President for the conference year 1955-56, and again in 1971. During this latter term she travelled thousands of miles, visiting all metropolitan and country C. W. F.s and

the Aborigine Missions at Carnarvon, Norseman and Esperance.

As well as her commitments to the State executive, Elma was Federal President of the C.W.F. in Perth, 1958-60, and proved to be a very able leader familiar with all aspects of the work. When Federal Conference was held in Perth again in 1972, Elma Ewers served as Vice-President where her knowledge and experience were again of great value.

Whilst on a trip overseas, some years ago, with her husband, Gordon, they visited a number of our Indian Mission centres, and this personal contact has greatly enhanced her intense interest in the Indian mission field.

Her experience, encouragement and deep devotion and loyalty to the work of the women in W.A. has been recognised by her election to Life Membership.

IMPORTANT! Federal Conference, Canberra 1975

Pre-Conference Meeting — Monday, 27th January, 10.30 a.m. Ainslie Church, Limestone Avenue, AINSLIE.
Women's Day — Tuesday, 28th January, 9.30 a.m. Melville Hall, Australian National University.
Post Conference Meeting — Friday, 31st January, 2.30 p.m. Venue to be announced.

WORLD TALK No. 109

The vine became the national symbol of Israel. It was found on the door of the Temple, on coins and public buildings. It was not a noble symbol like an oak or cedar, either of which could have been used, but it is a hardy, tenacious and indestructible plant which despite being cut-back heavily springs again. Perhaps an appropriate symbol of Israel's checkered history. Jesus used the symbol of himself.

In the O.T. vine was a common name for the grapevine but also for melons and cucumbers. It was often used of gardening in general.

Noah (Gen. 9:20) was the first vigneron and cultivation of the vine was one of the earliest forms of agriculture. Details of the cultivation are found in Isa. 5:1-6. The climate of Palestine and the terrain were both suitable for vine growing.

Vineyards were surrounded by a stone wall for protection from animals and thieves, with a watch tower and wine press. The vines grew along the ground, not on trellis. When the grapes began to form they were held above the ground by small forked twigs.

Grapes were eaten ripe, dried as raisins, boiled down to a thick syrup often called honey, or made into wine. An abundance of vines was a sign of God's blessing.

In the N.T. Jesus often mentioned vines in parables (Matt. 20:1-16; Matt. 21:28-32). One of his most powerful parables concerning a wicked tenant who killed the owner's son both condemned the Jews and showed how the Christians were to be part of God's kingdom (Matt. 21:33-43).

THE NAMES OF JESUS

VINE

Jesus used the vine symbol of himself (John 15:1-11). The point particularly was that in the O.T. Israel was often seen as a vine in degeneration (Eze. 15:1-8). Jesus was the true, real, fruitful and living vine. He was the fulfilment of Israel's hopes. FOR TODAY

Branches of the vine which were fruitless were good for nothing. It is a characteristic of the wood that it is too soft for any other use except burning. Jesus indicated that the fruitless Christian was a useless person. In spite of attending Church what fruit have you borne? What use are you?

Another characteristic of the vine was that it required regular pruning. Justin Martyn saw the pruning of the vine as a symbol of the persecution of the Church. No matter how severely it was cut back the vine always sprouted. He saw the Church under attack yet possessing a marvellous resilience. Those who know the true account of the Church behind the Iron or Bamboo Curtains have no despair. In our day and age we have seen a fresh sprouting of the Church after the most savage pruning.

How does the branch abide in the vine? How does the Christian abide in Christ? Personal contact is essential. It must be regular, meaningful and beyond surface level. Christian people must learn to abide in Christ for the nourishment they need as Christians. Ministers must learn that they need to show people how to abide, not merely to tell them to do so.

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.

"BAPTISM FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS"

To the Editor,
In his letter ("A.C." 30-11-74) my friend Arnold Caldicott used the phrase from the Nicene Creed, "baptism for the remission of sins." Later he inferred that men such as Gore, Surber, Harwood and Bagley preached "baptism for the remission of sins." I suggest that a careful study of their writings indicates that they preached faith in salvation by God's grace, repentance towards God, and baptism into Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins. This is quite different from "baptism for the remission of sins" if baptism is considered as the external act in the baptistry. In the New Testament baptism includes with the external act, the internal experience of dying to the old life and being raised by God to new life in Christ. Baptism was "into Christ", the external act being the way in which a person accepted Christ and His saving action. The external act alone is not baptism.

However, baptism is thought of by many people as the external act. Inevitably they interpret "baptism for the remission of sins" as meaning that the external act "turns on" God's forgiveness. This is why when we use the Nicene phrase we are open to the criticism of teaching "baptismal regeneration," which in fact was what the Nicene Creed was saying.

Could I suggest to Dr. Caldicott and others that we do not use the phrase "baptism for the remission of sins" because it is both unbiblical and open to misunderstanding. —G.R. Stirling (Vic)

DIAGNOSISED PRESCRIPTION

To the Editor,
I was disappointed to read Arnold Caldicott's comments ("A.C." 30.11.74) about my namesake's articles. I am glad that the "A.C." included such articles.

EDITH TURTMANN LEAVES
(Preston/East Preston, J Manallack, R. Risson) Mrs. Edith Turtmann, widow of Chaplain Karl Turtmann, will leave on Dec. 18 to live in Germany. . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Langford were guests of honour on Temple Day. Offering was \$1,175. \$300 will go to purchase equipment for Meals on Wheels for City of Preston. . . At annual Thanksgiving Party for Good Companions at Northcote, "Auntie" Rita commended the East Preston girls for raising \$420. Of this, \$270 was given to C.O.C.O.A., \$130 to Temple Day, and \$20 to Force Ten. . . Roger Risson graduated and was ordained on Nov. 22. . . 100 from both churches shared barbecue luncheon on Dec. 1 after church school scholars took part in morning service. . . C.W.A.F. annual picnic held at Monbulk. . . Church was saddened by death of Herbert Jenkins.

STUDY MATERIAL ON HOMOSEXUALITY

Christians should—
1. Condemn the act but not the person.
2. Not ignore the problem but rather support an educational programme that will provide some enlightenment on a complex question.
3. Press for treatment for homosexuals.
4. Not support a campaign for legalising homosexuality as this would be tantamount to condoning it.

Do you agree or violently disagree with these propositions? Have you given any consideration to the matter? Has the subject been discussed in your church?

The Vic.-Tas. Conference directed its Department of Social Service to carry out an educational programme amongst the churches on this question. The Department's Social Questions Committee has spent much time in studying and effectively researching homosexuality and has gathered a great deal of material on the subject in the form of papers and articles by medical men, psychologists, theologians, ministers, laymen and a homosexual. A study guide on this material has been prepared by R. W. Lawton, Director of the Federal Board of Christian Education.

Churches, ministers and official boards interested in considering this problem in discussion and study groups, are informed of the availability of this material from the Director of the Department of Social Service (F. M. Combridge), Churches of Christ Centre, 52 La Trobe St., Melbourne, 3000.

THE CROSS

To the Editor,
Should we follow Jesus' teaching? Or follow Paul, Pope, Prophets, Apostles, when they differ from Christ's word?

Does the Bible tell us that the cross saved us? I was taught Jesus died to save us from our sins. Jesus said take up your cross and follow me.

The Bible nowhere says to join religions which make and worship idols of the Cross, Saints, Mary and Jesus?

The cross was one of the devil's tools. Why hang it on or in the Churches?

—M.F. Laube
Victoria

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

To the Editor,
The sight of Santa in a local store half way through November awakened me to the fact that Christmas is almost here. I fell to thinking about last Christmas and remembered something that made me feel warm inside. My wife was doing some last minute shopping. I had found a spot to park the car and was sitting quietly in the gathering darkness. A couple of cars ahead of me was what has come to be known as the Police "Paddy-wagon." It was waiting for customers.

Soon one of the biggest policemen I have ever seen walked past my car gently leading a very old alcoholic gentleman. I caught a snatch of conversation. The Policeman was saying, "What about a few days 'inside' to dry out, and get some good food and get well again!" Perhaps the old man had no option, but the kindly intention of the policeman was genuine. Just then an even bigger policeman passed, helping another gentleman in the same condition. This one had had a badly shattered leg which added to his difficulties of locomotion. The policeman was leading and half carrying him like a father would his boy who had fallen and hurt himself. He was muttering a word of encouragement as they went by.

People say lots of things about policemen, but on that night just before last Christmas I found myself thinking of just one word. . . "Inasmuch".

Happy Christmas,
TERTIUS.



World Population Year by Dom Maraes

Once, in Bogota, the capital city of Colombia in Latin America; I visited a squatter village a little way outside the city proper. Bogota is 8,000 feet up amidst the clustered and condored Andes, and for the first few days the visitor there is liable to suffer from intense altitude sickness, as I now well know. It is nevertheless a very pleasant city, full of museums and trees and golden people who are by no means unfriendly. I was therefore unprepared for the squatter village, a place of rickety huts of tarpaulin; straw and wood, with hundreds of unkempt and skinny children and a multitude of mangy dogs around. It was terrible! It stank! It exuded a failure of humanity.

This failure of humanity was not in the people who were responsible for the fact that they lived there: officials and bureaucrats who were themselves cushioned from life by insurance policies, bank accounts, Scotch whisky, and their own personalities. I had visited the village to report on it for a book I was writing for the United Nations, and I was horrified to find that the villagers had misunderstood the UN secretary who had arranged the visit. They were under the impression that I had come from the UN to offer them help. They flocked to me with their small and terrifying pleas for education, for money, for advice—ponchoed women, small shaky men, and children: people.

There was a woman whose daughter had been brilliant in school. The school had suggested that the child become a biochemist. The girl was 15, and the mother only about 35, though she looked 50. "We have no money to send the child to university," the mother said. "Also there is another problem, she is pregnant." The problem was not merely that she was pregnant, but that she was pregnant by her own father.

It wasn't an entirely pleasant idea, but if whole families have to live cooped up in one room with no privacy and no possibilities for recreation, incest is obviously probable. The tragedy in the situation did not pertain only to the daughter but also to the mother: she was aware that her life was over at an age when the lives of many better situated women begin.

Population density—a world problem

World Population Year was discussed and planned in the United Nations, and proposed to it by several governments, a long while ago. 1974 has become that year. During this year the UN is putting out books, brochures, pictures, and other materials, and in August in Bucharest, Rumania, the representatives of many world governments met to discuss the problems of population not only in their own countries but throughout the world. With some luck, they may be able to formulate a world population policy, but the kind of policy they may formulate is not basic to what most people think are the problems of population. This is because of the fundamental misconception which, in most people's minds, underlies the entire idea of population.

At no time in history has population increased at the speed with which it is doing so now—or at the speed with which it is

likely to do so in the next 35 years. Our planet is already overburdened: it now carries 3.8 billion people on its tormented hide; but the likelihood, indeed the certainty, according to most population experts, is that a number of people alive will have doubled by the first decade of the 21st century.

We can see today the effect that our present population has had upon the energy and food resources of the world. If, as it will, the population doubles, we have to cope with another world placed on top of the one we have. A common idea today is that if you hand out pills, condoms, and loops to the poor people of the Third World, the problem will smile to itself and wander off into the distance. This is simply not the case.

What the world has to face and plan for is the inevitable doubling of the population and the nearly inevitable shrinkage of world resources. It is paradoxical that technology, which we look to for alleviation of the population problem, in some measure also caused it. It caused people not to die as quickly as they used to. It stopped epidemics. It found cures for diseases once thought of as incurable. The result has been that while the percentage rate of procreation has not radically increased, the death rate has declined.

In these terms, the problem we face today, or at least one of them, is this: Should one let babies not be born—should one try to stop their birth? Or should one let old people die, in the way that they used to die, or babies die in the way that they used to die? We are strapped and harnessed to our own humanity, and we cannot let those alive die, whether they are six months old or sixty years of age. Then comes the very delicate and sad problem of whether we should procreate, at least as much as we do today, since the growth of world population today stands at 2%. These are problems soluble on paper by philosophers, but not by the small unmilitary army of men and women who attempt to solve them on the ground. For them these problems are alive. They should be alive for all of us.

—"World Communique"
o Dom Maraes is an Indian poet and author and editor of books related to World Population Year.

WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE

The World Population Conference at Bucharest this year found much conflict within itself in determining causes and cures of the world's troubles.

The Vatican was joined by China in stressing that man was not doomed to over-breed himself into extinction. Many Latin American and African countries wanted higher rather than lower populations. Uruguay, for example has a low natural increase of 1.3 per cent per year. Emigration is around 15 per cent of the population. There are an estimated 150,000 illegal abortions per year. 20 per cent of graduate professionals leave the country for Argentina, Brazil, Australia, and Canada.

During the two week conference the world's population had risen by another three million—twice the population of the holy city, Bucharest.

• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

ON AUSTRALIA AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA

PANDHARINATH BHALÉRAO

My visit to Australia enabled me to renew the interest regarding the Churches of Christ work in India. I explained in the various churches the work of each Department of Conference, and presented the challenge of gospel films and the literature, radio ministry.

Visiting the Australian Churches provided an opportunity for me to express appreciation for the famine relief aid sent through C.O.C.O.A. (Churches of Christ Overseas Aid) and explain how this was used.

I believe that the Australian Brotherhood is deeply interested in the work of the Lord in India as in other countries. Despite the cold weather, we received a warm welcome in every church we visited. Sometimes attendances were much smaller than expected, but it is the quality rather than the quantity that mattered. I extend sincere appreciation to all who provided us with accommodation.

When we arrived in Port Moresby we found the weather to be hot and humid. We went on to Bunapas, and as we stepped from the M.A.F. plane we were greeted by Misses Rosalyn Williams and

Beverley Gray. We were pleased to meet our New Guinea brethren and missionary personnel. During our stay in Papua New Guinea we visited a number of missionary personnel. During our stay in Papua New Guinea we visited a number of churches in the Ramu and Keram River areas. I noted that the cassette ministry is bringing good results and I will be adapting this method of evangelism for the work in India.

Meetings were well attended, and it was wonderful to see the thatched church buildings packed to capacity. At Mui we met August and Maeline Ben, the New Hebridean missionaries. More than 300 people from Mui and the surrounding villages lined up from the air field to August's house to welcome us. We had a worthwhile time there. The Lord is doing a marvellous work in that area and for this we praise His Name. The New Guinea brethren loved us very much. At Mui we were presented with three roasted chickens. In most villages we were welcomed and people gave us fresh coconuts.

New Hebridean students overseas

John Liu, Principal of the Banmatmat Bible College, New Hebrides is completing his first year at the Pacific Theological College in Suva, Fiji. The College faculty has accepted Mr. Liu for a B.D. course, and we pray for the Lord's blessing on him as he works toward this goal.

Mr. Liu with his wife, Adlean, and son, Lyndon, will spend the long vacation in

A.C.C. TO MEET IN CANBERRA

The 27th General Meeting of the Australian Council of Churches will be held at Canberra College of Advanced Education, Feb. 7-11, 1975.

Approximately 120 delegates from the 12 member churches of the A.C.C. will meet to receive reports, share in bible study and worship, tackle problems facing the church and society and to plan an ecumenical programme focusing on Christian Unity, biblical and theological study, and service to people in need.

The theme is "Jesus Christ Frees and Unites" and the Council will study the sections of the preparatory material for the 5th Assembly of the W.C.C., Kenya, Nov. 1975.

This Council meeting is the governing body of the A.C.C. and decides on the programme and work of the A.C.C. for the next 18 months. The Council meeting also elects an Executive Committee.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

The Wise Men brought three gifts to the child Jesus: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Everyone knows what gold is, even if we don't have much. But what are frankincense and myrrh? (See page 26)

Thirty days hath September,
April, June and November—
Three sixty five in all the year with
one more when Leap Year's here:
And of the lot we're safe to say
The very best is Christmas day.

WILLIE'S PRAYER

Please Lord put vitamins in cake and chocolate instead of in spinach and cod liver oil.

The ladder of life is full of splinters, but they always prick the hardest when we're sliding down.

"Are you in pain, my little man?" asked the kind old gentleman.
"No," answered the boy, "the pain's in me."

Homework

Dad was deeply absorbed in a favorite TV program when his young son came with a geography problem.
"Where are the Alps?" questioned the lad.

"Ask your mother," mumbled the old gent. "She always puts everything away."



"I'm sellin' mouse insurance!"

BOOKS TO READ

ON DEATH AND DYING

by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross (Macmillan) \$1.95.

The book is sub-titled "What the dying have to teach doctors, nurses, clergy and their own families" and is the result of a series of teaching seminars with both patients and relatives to investigate the feelings and the needs of the terminally ill patient. The work was done in a Chicago hospital but seems to be relatively clear of distinctly American sociological situations with the exception of the problems of high cost medical care. The author is herself a medical doctor and provides a book full of useful insight into the problems and needs of patients with fatal illnesses. For her it is not a question of whether patients should be informed of the serious nature of their illness but the way in which they are informed. The book traces five stages of development towards acceptance of death by the patient. These are expressed as denial and isolation, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. Included in the book are a large number of interviews with dying patients and their relatives and they are a valuable source for understanding their feelings and needs.

It does however need to be kept in mind that the interviews can not bring to us the vast amount of non-verbal communication that would have been involved. It is a book that every minister should study to enable him to better help both the dying and their relatives. Features of the book is the prominent part played by the Chaplain and in the interviews there is the part which Christian faith plays in the lives of many of those interviewed. This book is well written and easy to read and will find a use in every family.

—Don. E. Stewart.

SERMON STARTERS

by Charles W. Koller (Baker Book House) \$1.95.

This paperback is one of the Preachers Handbook Series. The sermons are generally two pages long, and based on the same format throughout—introduction, elaboration, conclusion. In the book there are twelve sermon starters for special occasions. But this book is more than the title implies. It is a helpful guide to the preparation of sermons according to what the author terms the "Basic Patterns" of (1) Thesis or major thrust, (2) the expressed or implied interrogative, and (3) the Key Word pointing directly to each main point. Dr. Koller is President Emeritus of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago, U.S.A. The book should prove quite helpful.

—R.V.A.

MENDI MEMORIES

By Graham Smith (Nelson) \$6.95

"When I was twelve years old my aunt took me to a strange old lady who ran her fingers over my head and then proceeded to say that I would be either a minister/teacher playing at engineering." Mendi was still a stone age village in Papua New Guinea when Graham Smith and his family went to live there in 1962. He went as a missionary but found that the situation required more than teaching and pastoral skills. With typical ingenuity and energy he established a hydro electric scheme, built a bridge over Mendi river and installed a telephone system. To keep the mission solvent—he, suppressing some scruples, started a trucking business. However time consuming these activities were they were always secondary in importance to his job of establishing and running a college to train Highland men to be pastors. The author tells his lively story with a sense of humour, practicality and lack of pretension that come through to the reader. Graham Smith was born in S.A. After spending some time teaching, he trained for the ministry and later worked at Largs Bay and Meningie. He went

to Mendi with the Methodist Overseas Missions to become principal of St. Paul's College, a theological college for Highland men. In 1968 he became the first Bishop of the United Church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

THE KEY TO THE GOOD NEWS

by John Piets (William B. Eerdmans) \$1.00.

This paperback is based on Good News For Modern Man, and has only 62 pages. Its importance, however, should not be measured by its size. Generally it follows the same pattern—one page is an explanation, and on the opposite page (which is not always filled) is an outline. "For hundreds of thousands of people alike—Christians and non-Christians—who own a copy of the New Testament, it remains for all practical purposes a closed book. Here, based on the immensely popular Good News for Modern Man, is a brief manual designed to open it," said John T. Seamands.

—R.V.A.

AUCAS DOWNRIVER

By Ethel Emily Wallis (Hodder & Stoughton) \$5.00

No missionary story of modern times so captured the imagination of the world as did that of the five missionaries killed by the Auca Indians in Ecuador in 1956. Elisabeth Elliot in her fine book "Through Gates of Splendour" showed us that the five young men were of deep commitment and great ability. The Auca story did not end with the tragedy of the "Palm Beach" slaying. Other missionaries went on with the work and gradually there were victories for Christ. Ethel Emily Wallis continued the account of the adventure with "The Dayuma Story," and now follows this further narrative of Dayuma who is assisting Rachel Saint, sister of Nate Saint, one of those killed. Rachel is working with Wycliffe Bible Translators. "Aucas Downriver" tells how the converted Auca killers now seek to evangelize their downriver relatives. An absorbing story.

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TRIBUTE TO RICHARD LAWTON

A smorgasbord dinner at the manse at Doncaster was the setting in which the Federal Board of Christian Education paid tribute to Richard Lawton who will retire from the Board in January.

The gathering was warm and informal and the married partners of Board members attended.

Richard Lawton went to the College of the Bible from the church at Albert Park, S.A. On graduation he began a ministry at Canberra as part of the team in the A.C.T.

His move to Melbourne five years ago to take up the position as Director of the F.B.C.E. was at a vital stage in the Board's development.

In the years he has been Director Mr. Lawton has consolidated the Board's work and developed a confidence in the Board which is reflected across Australia.

The chairman of the Board, K. D. Horne, presented a cheque and pen-set, A. E. White expressed the appreciation of the Australian brotherhood, and Beverley White, a member of the Board, presented flowers to Elaine Lawton, in token of the recognition by the Board of her part in making Richard's ministry possible.

Perhaps the feeling of the gathering

was best expressed in the experiential prayer led by Ray McKenzie of the Vic. Tas. Department of Christian Education. Those present were asked what were the things for which they most thanked God in Richard Lawton. These were gathered up in a moving experience in the closing prayer. Some of those things are: Richard's warm love of people . . . his dedicated scholarship . . . the trust he has earned across Australia . . . his ability to represent us in all circles . . . his patience . . . his untiring energy . . . his integrity . . . his ability to represent the mind of the Australian brotherhood . . . and for Elaine's warm support of her husband who gave himself without reserve to the cause of Christ.

On the very day of this gathering, there was conferred on Richard at Monash University the degree of Master of Education.

After the National Youth Convention in New Zealand, Richard Lawton will move with his wife and children to Magill, S.A., to commence a ministry with that congregation. With him goes the deep appreciation and continuing prayers of the Australian brotherhood.

EXTENDED CHAPEL TOOWOOMBA

A recent highlight in the life of the church in Toowoomba was the official opening and dedication of an almost totally new chapel on the corner of Crown and Curzon Streets. The small building erected in 1962 has been trebled in size, containing platform, baptistry, and three teaching rooms. There was both paid and voluntary labour and the building is valued at over \$20,000.

Among those sharing in the opening were R. J. Hill, elder, R. V. Holt, the first full-time minister of the church, and Adrian Risson, student minister, 1967-68, now at Gympie church.

Over 150 then inspected the building and attended the dedication service. Greetings were brought by Bruce Roberts, Director of Home Missions; N. Head, Associate-Minister, Margaret St.; H. Scholl, Harlaxton; Mrs. G. Pealer, Auxiliaries; and G. Allen, Board of Officers.

Following a solo by L. Enchelmaier, a thankoffering of \$338 was received. Margaret St. church had handed over a building fund of \$711 in 1963 and the fund had grown to the extent that extensions costing \$10,000 had been paid for. After an item by the Trudgian

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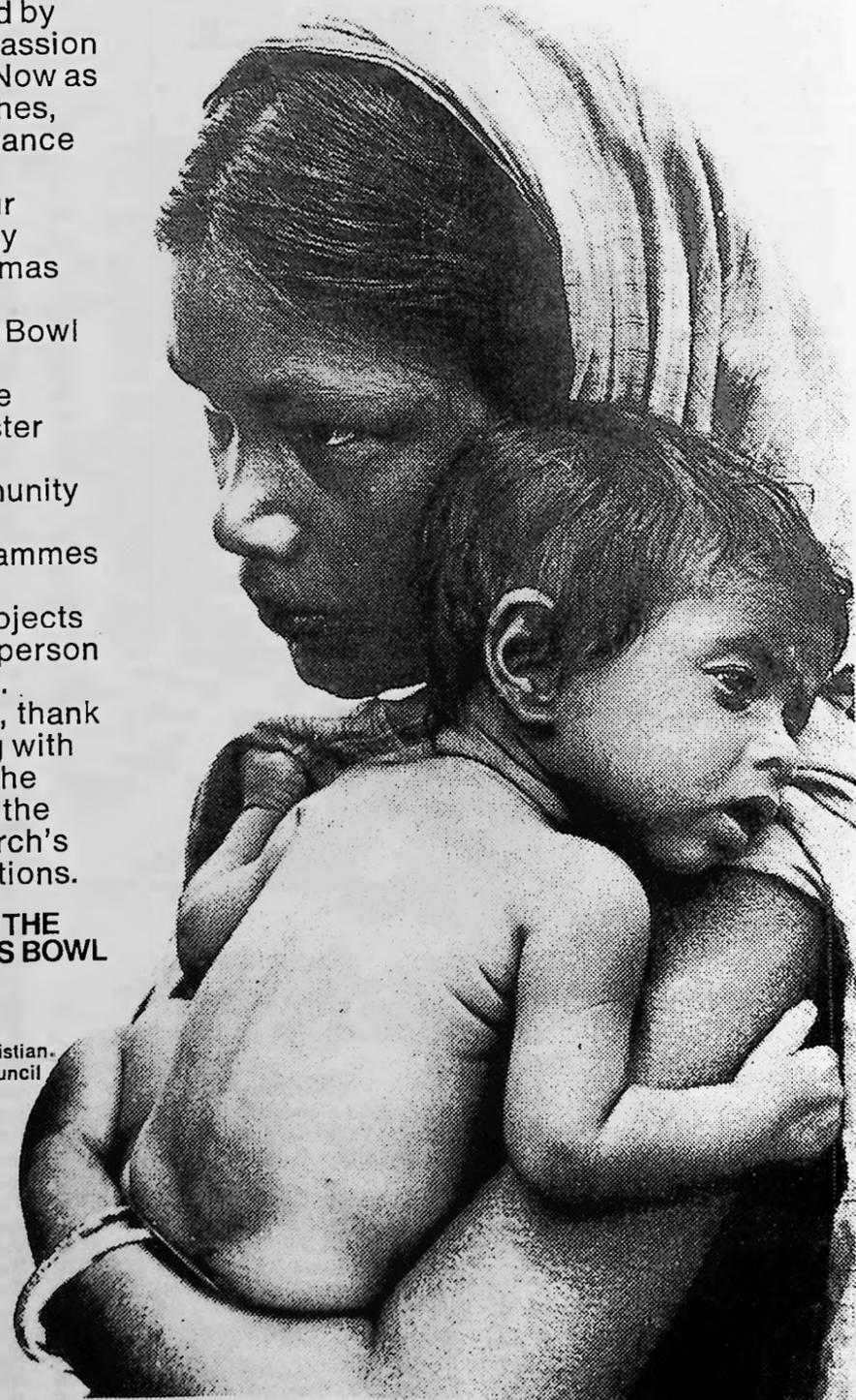
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WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

MIXED BLESSINGS When reading Graham Smith's delightful story, "Mendi Memories" (it is reviewed on page 13) it came as a shock to us, as it did to Smith, to learn that the missionary can unwittingly harm the people he loves. In 1964 Smith was asking some students from the Tari region of the Southern Highlands of New Guinea about the customs of the people before the missionary came. One of them said that the sin of promiscuity was virtually unknown in Tari until the missionaries arrived. Smith thought that, obviously, the man had not understood the question, so he asked it again and received the same answer. It came as a great shock and they tried to work out how it had happened.

"They explained to me that in their old culture it was rare for pre-marital intercourse to take place at all (in the Tari area) . . . There are certain economic sanctions which encourage chastity." A young girl could be of considerable value to her family and could bring as much as 30 pigs in bride price and this constituted real wealth. But this was conditional upon her being a virgin. If she were not, her price would drop. Young fellows making eyes at daughters were effectively discouraged. So there were all kinds of taboos. A boy didn't speak to a girl. They weren't allowed in the same building, or to meet on the road.

In 1953, the missionary came to Tari and soon schools were built and folk were encouraged to come. A boy would say, "I can't go in there. There's a girl in there." Smith writes, "And the dear missionary teacher would reply, 'Don't be silly. It's lovely for the boys and girls to come along together into school.' This is just what they did. But, unknown to the missionaries, these folk interpreted such invitations not only as a green light to one new form of behaviour but to all that was, in their mind, associated with it, and soon there was considerable promiscuity.

"This shocked me deeply for days. Was all the criticism you hear from experts down South in Australia about missionaries messing up the culture of the people accurate? The students shared with me and we agonised over this issue. Here was one instance where Missions, just arrived in a new culture, through ignorance of that culture, had, unwittingly, encouraged behaviour that was socially unacceptable. How much of this kind of thing was taking place?"

There is much more to being a missionary than knowing the Bible and loving the people.

GOOD GRIEF While the "impeach Nixon" pressure was at its height this year fundamentalist preacher Billy James Hargis dropped his strident anti-Communist message for a brief time this summer to urge his followers to "stone" Congress over the issue. The result was an avalanche of rocks and pebbles arriving in congressional offices daily, each wrapped in a Scripture verse: "He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone."

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STATE NEWS

WARBURTON (C. W. Jackel). On Dec. 1., five adults were received into fellowship . . . \$62 has been donated to Aborigines Missions after a slide picture night and \$177 (the whole of the A.M. offering) has been donated for the starving in Bangladesh . . . The ladies guild Christmas break-up had 30 present . . . Two picture nights were conducted by three members who were on recent Bible study tour of the Middle-east . . . A picnic was held at the Yarra dam.

NOW FULL-TIME (Briar Hill, R. Baxter). Howard Weedon is now full-time with the D.C.E. . . . A consultation on Christian Educ. was held . . . "Your Adolescent and You" was a community service programme . . . Board Chairman is Malcolm Symonds; Sec. Trevor Jones; Deputy Chairman, Ray Fitzgerald, Treas. Ron Fisher . . . When five church families visited Warragul Ivan Sherriff spoke at a.m. service . . . At two A.C.E. programmes the films "The Antkeeper" and "Signposts Aloft" were shown . . . Judy Sherriff had a successful eye operation . . . A family camp was held at Cowes . . . Ray Fitzgerald is the new S.S. Supt. . . . Mrs. Judd is seriously ill in Austin Hosp.

STRATHMORE'S 25TH (S. K. Bannon). Allan Avery was guest speaker at anniversary on Dec. 1. Guests included Mr. Wheeler, Speaker, Legislative Assembly, and Mr. Tripovich, Deputy Leader Opposition. Cr. Knuckey, Mayor of Broadmeadows, attended P.S.A. . . . C.W.F. with 13 members gave \$2200 through catering, fetes, stalls, etc. Break-up was held at Salzburg Lodge. New seating has been purchased for church hall and hall . . . Mrs. Burgdorff is home after stay in hosp. . . . The S.S. and C.M.S. each made a gift of \$20 to church . . . Good Companions were hosts at Zone Christmas party . . . The C.Y.F. have been involved at "Dorothy Imprey" House Home for the Aged . . . Trevor Giles led a Review Planned Giving programme . . .

SINGALONG (Norlane, Jack Edwards) On Dec. 1 a singalong in Mrs. Black's front room, gave opportunity to congratulate Tom who is the new church secretary, Dick Tattersall continues as elder. Ron Stratton is chairman and Don Wesley is Treas.

FLYING BOOK (Box Hill, K. R. Bond). Miss Eileen Steenson's book on her flying career has been published. Mr. Cotton has received Life Membership badge at Box Hill Horticultural Scty., which originated in our S.S. Hall . . . 25 attended C.W.F. Christmas break-up at the Grainger home . . . President is Val Clare; Sec. Judith Steels; Treas. Julie Jeffery . . . Recent speakers were Neil Thomas, showing film on Archeology; Bill Maddern on Papua N.G. when Fred Strong was soloist; and Dr. John Steward prior to leaving with his wife and family for mission work in Indonesia . . . 35 senior citizens delighted with their singing at Gospel service . . . David Parkin of Hawthorn guest speaker at football annual general meeting.

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- * invite families to your home
- * visit people in their homes
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NEW SOUTH WALES

50 YEARS APPRECIATION (Enmore, R. C. Dixon). The ladies will transfer their Day Fellowship to the Friday night Friendship Time. At the Nov. meeting, appreciation was expressed to Miss Flood for her part in the women's work for over 50 years . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roose have been accepted as missionaries with the Federal Aborigines Mission Board. Ken McGregor and Brian Dixon have accepted the positions of treasurer and secretary.

VISITING SPEAKERS (Inverell). Joe Shaw, Conf. Pres., guest speaker for Church Anniversary . . . Temple Day Offering amounted to \$466 . . . Miss Kay Kneale, Deaconess of Methodist Church, spoke to children at Kinder. Anniv. . . C.W.F. held a P.S.A. and raised \$60 for Manse Repair Fund. Manse repairs nearing completion. A new stove and W.M. have been installed . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whan, on furlough from N.G., showed slides about their work in Ramu River area . . . Ron Kalmier, from Sydney, was visiting speaker. Home Mission Dept. has sent a speaker each month during time without a minister.

. . . Mrs. Shirley Mansell spoke to about 40 ladies. C.W.F. served hot luncheon afterwards.

MISSIONARY VISITORS (Taree, W. H. Howard). On Nov. 10 visitors included Miss Elaine de Russett of World Wide Evangelization Crusade and Miss Evelyn Spiers, missionary elect to Zaire. . . At night six young people were baptised and welcomed into fellowship.

BACK TO WARRAWONG WEEK (Warrawong, R. Slack). 24th anniversary celebrated a "Back to Warrawong" week. The Illawarra Welsh Singers were guest artists at the C.W.F. meeting. A special formal dinner was held at which the Mayor of Bowral and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. David Wood) were guests. Y.P. decorated the hall for successful coffee shop. Proceeds were forwarded to buy bibles for Indonesia . . . Mr. Verdi is recovering after surgery.

MINISTER RETURNS (Epping, Keith Farmer). Mr. Farmer returned from a 7-week visit to U.S.A. as a Rotary Exchange Fellow . . . A series of fortnightly Wed. evening seminars has concluded. It covered aspects of practical Christianity and a course in Bible background . . . A highlight of the S.S. anniversary was the senior school's musical account of the Book of Daniel, "It's cool in the furnace" . . . 180 at church annual meeting in form of family dinner followed by discussion . . . David Mansell and Ron Hewitt spoke at Family Camp at Stanwell Tops on "Christian Priorities," the theme being carried into discussion groups. There was strong family fellowship, instanced by the high-spot of the effervescent concert on Saturday night and the worship atmosphere of Sunday communion.

OBITUARY

CREEPER, David

On Oct. 18, the Barmera church, S.A., was shocked when David Creeper collapsed and died at the first meeting of their Lay Witness weekend. David and Ruth and family have been worshipping with us for the past 12 years, having come as missionaries at the Gerard Aboriginal Mission. In his stay at Barmera he was S.S. teacher, youth leader, and church secretary. He served as lay preacher and regularly presided at the Lord's Table. He was well known in Barmera and the River District. He was well known and respected for his life and Christian beliefs. To Ruth and the children, Andrew, Timothy, and Mirriam, we offer our Christian love and sympathy. David's death at only 42 leaves a gap in our church family that can't be filled, but we praise God for his Christian life, and his shining faith.

—N. Hartwig

WOOLAN, Mrs Lois

After a long period of illness Mrs Lois Woolan died in St. Vincent's Hospital on Nov. 5. Her husband pre-deceased her in 1970. During a Chandler-Clay mission in 1918 the late Mr & Mrs Parker with their two daughters, Nell (Mrs Robbins) and Lois came into membership with the Church of Christ at Valetta Street, Malvern, Lois being baptized by the late L.C. McCallum in the Hawthorn Church. In the following years she served as a S.S. teacher and in C.E. and Club activities at Malvern—Caulfield, Windsor, Moreland and Dandenong Churches of Christ. After her marriage at Dandenong in 1928, she and her husband and parents (Mr & Mrs Parker) were foundation members in the Springvale Church of Christ. For some years she was a member of the church in Boronia and just prior to her death served as President of the C.W.F. Her fellowship in prayer and service with a living Savior was something very real and was manifest in a life of loyal devotion to Christ and His Church. The funeral service was conducted at Bendigo by the writer and a service of thanksgiving and tribute was conducted in the Boronia church on Nov. 10.

—E.L.W.

COOL (Thornbury, G. J. Crossman). 30 of our young people headed up our Christmas Festival of song and presented the musical, "It's Cool in the Furnace" . . . C.W.F. visited Wycliffe Bible Translators HQs at Kangaroo Ground for break-up session. Matron Davis, of Frances Perry House, spoke to C.W.F. on Lausanne Evangelization Congress . . . Series of Bible Society films on "How We Got our Bible" screened. There were three decisions . . . Christmas Project "Pushbikes for Korean Pastors" passed \$700 mark.

NIGHTLINE SPEAKER (Essendon, C. S. Badcock). At C.W.A.F. Annual Luncheon on Nov. 21, 157 members representing 30 churches heard Rev. Alex Kenworthy, guest speaker, and musical items by saxophonist, Mrs. Beryl Sharp. . . Mr. & Mrs. Les Warren have moved to Ballarat after 25 years' membership at Essendon . . . \$80 was raised at Cricket Club Annual Progressive Dinner . . . Presentation night for under 15 Netballers was held at home of Mrs. H. Troon. Best and fairest—Jenny Jackson, runner-up—Chris Robertson and most improved, Sandra Cooper.

SAVILL, Winifred Clara

The Lismore Church, N.S.W., was stunned and grieved at sudden death of Winifred Clara Savill as the result of a car accident on Oct. 6. The accident occurred during a brief respite while nursing her husband.

Born in England 84 years ago, Winifred Rugendyke came to Australia with her family in 1913, and the Rugendyke name became as well-known in Lismore and church circles as the name Savill. During P. J. Pond's ministry at Lismore the Rugendykes were added to the Lismore Church, becoming members of the then Conway Street Tabernacle. In 1919 Winifred Rugendyke married Cecil Savill and during their 55 years together with their seven children; Lois (by previous marriage), Meg, Clair, Ruth, Bob, John and Warren, the Savill family were recognized for their love and zeal for New Testament Christianity but also for their involvement and love for music. In all this Mrs. Savill gave quiet but firm support in all her family's commitments in the work of the Lord. She was associated with the Ladies Guild and until this year she was active in sewing for the Lismore Base Hospital. The Savill home was adjacent to the church manse and rich fellowship has been shared, with the ministers at Lismore. Visiting ministers were always welcome to stay in the Savill household and in a gracious way Mrs. Savill ministered to the servants of the Lord. In a minor way too, this hospitality reached out to tradesmen and the needy who were greeted not only with a word of cheer, but refreshment given in the name of the Lord.

Periodic flooding of Lismore, of which the Savill home had its share, had its special trials for Mrs. Savill, but her concern was chiefly for others less fortunate. Her life had a quiet serenity that indicated a deep faith in God but which was also the outcome of her love for her family.

—A. C. Caldicott

AT WORK AND WORSHIP

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demonstrated and discussed, in an amazing variety of ways. A concluding meditation challenged all to value the time God has given and make the most valuable use of it.

MURRAY BRIDGE

200 Women at County Conference

Mrs. Jean Middleton, State President, welcomed women from the city, from the South Coast and the South East, and visitors from Victoria, Western Australia and Queensland, who had arrived in bus loads and cars, for November conference meeting.

Devotional thoughts were brought by Colonel Light Gardens fellowship. Leaders of Conference Departments were introduced and brought short reports. Mrs. Gordge, of Social Service Dept. thanked all for help at the "At Home" at St. George's Rest Home, when \$750 was raised. Women's 1975 camp will be held March 14—16.

Mrs. Rita Pederson spoke of attending the World C.W.F. Retreat, at which she was one of two Australian representatives among 35 women of 16 countries, studying the theme, "God at Work in the World." Mrs. Helen Morrow reported on other aspects of World Convention.

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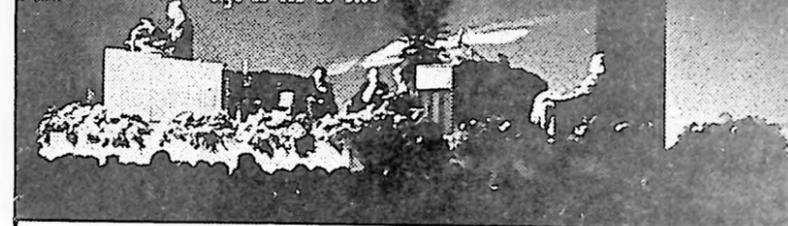
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VICTORIA

LADIES ACTIVE (Warracknabeal). Ladies visited Dimboola for luncheon. Mrs. June St. Aubyn spoke on her visit to World Conference. At ladies' annual meeting Mrs. H. Parsons was elected President, and Mrs. Jonasson Sec./Treas. . . . Circuit Officers held meeting with D. Smith . . . Coffee Evening held on Sunday evening . . . Recent Fete held by Ladies raised \$190 . . . David Harmer is back from N.G. and John Harmer is going into the C.O.B.

NEW CROSS (Chadstone, K.A. Caulton). A commemorative service was held to celebrate the erection of a new cross on exterior of church building. The Waverley Scouts, who made the cross, participated in the service. The previous cross was stolen . . . November "Church to Action Month" speakers included—Sir Douglas Nicholls, Jack McCormick (Chaplain, Heidelberg H.S.), Mrs. Morgan (Word Bookstore), and Gideons International . . . 6 young people baptised recently.

ANNIVERSARIES (Manifold Heights, A.E. Stevens). Two young people baptised and another committed her life to the Lord . . . B.S. Anniversary speakers were Stewart Rae and Salvation Army Capt. Brian Morgan . . . Mrs. B. Stevens spoke at Norlane B.S. Anniversary . . . Ladies Aid collects and sells newspapers, over \$100 raised this year . . . A fund for Overseas Famine Relief now stands at \$600. Special efforts have included a snowball drive and a Kandyware party . . . The W.E.F. journeyed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Sterling at Clifton Springs for final meeting.

ORCHESTRA (Red Hill, K. Denton). G. Stirling speaker on Nov. 7. Church orchestra contributed music and helped with singing . . . W. Keddie, C.O.B., will minister to church for next 6 weeks while minister is on holidays . . . Church A.M. service now at 10.45 . . . Continuous maintenance plans include repainting interior of the B.S. Hall.

VIC. WOMEN (Bendigo, M. D. Keatch). Mrs. R. Thomas was elected C.W.F. President. The retiring President, Mrs. M. Keatch, was thanked for her service for four years . . . Donations were made to Missions, Temperance, Social Service Homes and Hospital, Mirridong Base Hospital, Crib Scene, Far East Broadcasting, and Red Cross . . . Church Anniversary thank offering \$298.30 . . . Mrs. Lacy Snr. has collected \$184.94 for Bible Society.

MYSTERIOUS INFECTION (Horsham, R. Roberts) The church is saddened at the death in Fairfield Hospital of Laurie Payne (39) from a mysterious virus infection. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Ann, and five daughters . . . Recent speakers have been Robin Pocklington (Open Air Campaigners), and Miss Pearl Treasure (International Christian Fellowship and missionary in

India) . . . Mrs. Abernethy (83) after weeks in hospital was able in a wheelchair to attend her grandson's wedding.

J.E.W. SPEAKER (Oakleigh, Dr. C. J. MacKenzie). Joseph Hunting from J.E.W. was recent speaker . . . Barry Jenkins, guest speaker Dec. 1 . . . Recent "Jewels and Junk" sale was a great success. \$700 raised for Mission project . . . Julie Donnan making good progress after serious car accident . . . Dr. Roger Briggs has completed his medical course. He received the good news on the day of his wedding to Miss Meredith Lutge.

EXTRA SEATS (Hurstbridge). Extra seats had to be brought in for Kinder S.S. anniversary with Don Prout, Baptist Men's Society, as speaker. The senior school evening theme was "Is Christ God?" a simulated court trial written by Colyn Pietzsch. Every child received a prize and mothers of Cradle Roll children a Book of Daily Readings . . . Missionary efforts raised \$58 in September and \$65 in October . . . Doncaster and Box Hill provide presidential help and the Baptist Men's Society supplies speakers for both services.

STREET STALLS (Sunshine, N. Carter). Two street stalls raised \$200 to aid church and S.S. funds . . . Dr. K. R. Bowes and Rod Lloyd were recent speakers . . . Judy Drayton and her puppets were our guests on Oct. 20 . . . S.S. anniversary took form of Bible stories in plays by S.S. scholars. S.S. picnic was held on Cup Day . . . N. Hodgekiss, a former minister, was guest speaker when Church anniversary and luncheon held on Nov. 17. Miss Susanne McDonald was soloiste. The Temple Day offering was \$220.

PREACHING HELP (Colac). Preaching is shared on the 2nd Sunday each month by a representative of either a Geelong or a Ballarat church. J. Smail regularly preaches every 4th Sunday. Local brethren accept responsibility for other Sundays . . . Family dinners are held each month following the service led by visitors . . . Monthly bible studies are held in homes led by Neil Hodgkiss of Latrobe Tce., Geelong.

SWANSTON ST. IS 109 (A. L. Webb). 109th anniversary services were celebrated with near record attendances. During the year 36 new members were welcomed into fellowship, 26 by faith and baptism. Total giving for the year has exceeded \$35,000. Missionary giving has increased some 48% and represents 44% of total giving. Three missionary families are presently home on furlough and have given messages to the church . . . Geof & Jenny Francis have left for missionary service in Indonesia . . . Our Asian students have recently formed a youth choir and have sung at recent services . . . The church is awaiting the coming of our new associate minister, Robert Ferguson, in the New Year.

LAY WITNESS (Mildura, T. Lawrie). Church discovered the reality of Christian Life through sharing in Lay Witness

weekend. 5 Renewal Groups have been formed . . . Church shared in half yearly Conference of Sunraysia Churches at Robinvale. Peter Richter was speaker . . . At open S.S., members attended the morning session to share with the children . . . Mrs. Bull from Red Cliffs showed the C.W.F. how to Broomstick crochet . . . Church was host to Civic dinner arranged by Sunraysia Council of Churches . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lawrie are planning to attend Youth Convention in N.Z. . . . C.M.S. attended combined men's dinner at Church of England. Len Foreman is the new president . . . Ian Beasy from St. Arnaud is church organist.

ANNIVERSARY (Camberwell, R. V. Longthorp). Over 130 attended 58th Church Anniversary on Nov. 10 with G. R. Stirling, Conference President, as speaker and president-elect, Gordon Scambler, presiding. The Church ladies provided luncheon for 140 visitors. Question and answer session with the president was featured . . . R. V. Longthorp soon enters 8th year of part-time ministry . . . New pupils recently enrolled in B.S. Social evening held with pupils, teachers and parents . . . W. M. Fordham re-elected chairman of officers' board . . . Mrs. McNaught welcomed back after period in hospital . . . Wattle Park provided exchange president and readers on Nov. 24.

LOVE, JOY AND PEACE (Dawson St., Ballarat, F. C. Hunting). John Byrnes of Castlemaine was speaker at S.S. anniversary. Theme was "Love, Joy and Peace" and choir was trained by Max Birch. Primary and Kinder story was given by Jenny Douglas. The children's singing was trained by Mrs. Hunting and Betty Cartledge . . . Nth. Fitzroy church took morning service for Country Week . . . Film on the occult shown at "Challenge to Youth". Numbers attended from other churches . . . A special Christmas treat was given to elderly ladies by E.W.F. Musical evening and supper.

PLANNING FOR MISSION (Knoxfield, M. Pelling). Three morning worship services, including one with Scoresby Methodist Church, looked at the future mission of church . . . Six members were received into fellowship by transfer on Membership Day . . . Charles Wilson, C.O.B. student, was recent speaker . . . N.E.O.S. Club (Youth Group) raised \$94 in walkathon for Lord Mayor's Portsea Camp . . . Young Explorers Film Night raised \$39 for Knoxbrooke Training Centre . . . CWF organised a Time and Talent to raise money for new manse. A Table Tennis Night raised \$18.

FORMER MINISTER BACK (Horsham, R. Roberts) R. Baxter, past minister, was guest preacher on Nov. 25 . . . The Adelphian Tennis Club (Church of Christ) held church parade and took part in service. E. Butler presided . . . M. Harmer and H. Grey are new deacons . . . C.W.A.F. break-up at home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Sherriff, \$13.20 given to "Karkana", local centre for handicapped children and adults. Mrs. R. Roberts is 1975 Pres. . . C.W.E.F. held Christmas dinner break-up. Mrs. R. Corp is 1975 Pres.

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PRE-WEDDING

WATSON-ARMSTRONG, Mr. & Mrs. N. Watson, together with Mr. & Mrs. L. G. Armstrong, happily announce the marriage of Beverly and John at Church of Christ, Ann Street, Brisbane, on December 28 at 5.30 p.m. Mr. L. G. Armstrong officiating.

APPROACHING MARRIAGES

HALLGREN-STEVENS The marriage of Ruth, younger daughter of Mrs. Jean and the late Mr. Laurie Hallgren, and Keith, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Stevens, will take place at the Baptist Church, Woodlands Avenue, East Kew, Vic. on Saturday, 21st December, at 3.30 p.m. "Thanks be to God . . . !"

PAGE-HARTLEY Alan and Iris announce with pleasure the marriage of their only daughter Dawn to Peter Hartley of Forest Hill, at our Blackburn Church on December 21st at 4.30 p.m.

THOMPSON-COTTLE Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Thompson of Murray Bridge, S.A., have much pleasure in announcing the marriage of their eldest daughter, Pam, to Jeff, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Cottle, of Balaklava, S.A. on December 28th at 5 p.m.

GOLDEN WEDDING

HOGBEN-BAKER, Betty, Maxine, Eric and families congratulate their parents, Clarrie and Doris of 27 White Street, Osborne Park, W.A. on the occasion of their 50th Wedding anniversary solemnized at the Blackwood Church of Christ S.A. 27th December 1924 by the late B. W. Manning.

DEATH

HUNT, Fanny Catherine of 6 Carrington St., Mt. Lawley, W.A., passed peacefully away October 23rd. Dearly loved mother of Dorothy (Mrs. Gazzard), Olive, Nell and Wilma (Mrs. Humphrys), loved mother-in-law of Ted and Ian, Dear grandma of Graham, Warren, Ross, Susan and Derek. Treasured memories of a wonderful Mother.

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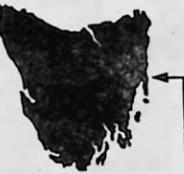
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CAMPING IS FUN (Brighton, C. Curtis/K. Harvey). The Spring camping program of nine camps is an opportunity for fun, fellowship and creative learning. Twice a year older members (ages 60-80) go to Retreat House in the Adelaide Hills. 38 family units (usually extended families) with 240 people went to Pt. Vincent with vans and tents for October long weekend to fish, golf, crab, play, talk Other camps include adventure camp (horse riding, canoeing, bushwalking with evenings for faith-sharing), Girls' Brigade, Boys' Brigade, encounter groups.

GOSPEL RECORDINGS (Grote Street, H. M. Long). Stuart Mill of "Gospel Recordings" was recent speaker. An after-church gathering heard Joy Ridderhoff, its Founder and World Director . . . Miss Robin Haskell, Field Officer, Dept. of H.M. and Evangelism challenged church prior to annual offering . . . B.S. "Open Session" was conducted by the Church Board . . . Monthly Missionary Rally visitors were Neville and Dorothy Munyard (brother of our Forestville Minister), missionaries-elect for Indonesia with O.M.S. Int . . . A barbecue organised by our "Young Marrieds" auxiliary raised support for Hearndens, Grote St.'s rep. at "Kenmore".

HEARING AID (Goolwa, D. R. Smith). A memorial gift by a past member and two other donations enabled a hearing aid system to be installed by Brian Beck . . . Rod and Judy Kennedy have left for further training with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Church and S.S. made a monetary gift. At a C.W.F. barbecue luncheon at the home of Mrs. L. Jacobs, \$41 was raised for Sthn. Dist. Conf. Project . . . Miss L. Shipway is home after 5 weeks in hospital . . . The Youth Group's use of the old Railway House has been approved by the National Trust of S.A. and cleaning up will soon commence.

MINISTER FAREWELLED (Clovelly Park). Church accepted with regret, the resignation from the ministry of Roy Arnold after two years with us. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold and children were farewelled Nov. 24 when they showed slides of highlights of their ministry. Y.P. gave a farewell supper previous week . . . A young man was baptised on Nov. 24 . . . Recent speakers were S. Riches, E. W. Roffey, J. C. Cunningham, R. S. McLean and W. Bartlett . . . Dance Drama presented by Campbelltown High School drama group during Christian Union service on Nov. 17 . . . A festive tea and film "Christmas Is" concluded A.C.E. programme for the year.

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WA NORTHERN DISTRICTS CONFERENCE

The 1974 Conference was held at Geraldton with the participation of the Carnarvon people. The meetings were led by the president, I. Johnston.

Messages on 'the church' were given by the guest preacher, D. Thorpe. The fine work done by the young people from South Perth, led by J. Scotland, was a highlight for the children and teenagers.

There was much discussion given to the Living Link. H. Waghmode. The Conference decided to increase support to this work.

The possibility of contributing to a film unit needed for the Indian outreach was also discussed.

The incoming president is R. Sack from Morawa. His theme is "Look forward and grow" (2 Peter 3:12).

SCHOLARS IN CAMP (Inglewood) 30 scholars and staff members shared in camp at Serpentine, Oct. 4-6 . . . Bill Gaunson was guest speaker at special meetings Oct. 20 . . . Girls' Brigade members attended combined Girls' and Boys' Brigade Rally on Oct. 20 . . . Young people sponsored screening of the film, "For Pete's Sake". Church School held special Aborigines Christmas Tree service on Nov. 10 and Mrs. Dawn Gilchrist, representing the State Aborigines Committee, spoke to the children . . .

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The speakers for the 57th Annual Convention from Boxing Day through New Year's Day are Dr. Bryan Hardman, Principal of the Bible College of South Australia, Dr. Akira Hatori, leading evangelist from Japan, Dr. Kenneth Pike, Professor of Linguistics at the University of Michigan and the Rev. Alan Catchpole, Director of the Capernwray Missionary Fellowship. Meetings are held each day at 10.45 a.m.; 3 p.m. (except Dec. 27, 30) and 7 p.m.

A FESTIVAL OF FAITH (Ipswich, Barr. Rice).

When Dr. Lloyd Jones, on medical advice, had to withdraw several days before "Festival of Faith" mission commenced, it was felt it would be denial of theme if the mission did not proceed. Dennis Usher preached the first night, then John Timms from Paddington, Sydney, arrived on the Tuesday to speak at remaining meetings. During the fortnight there were 32 rededications and 10 first decisions. Or Nov. 3 at 52nd anniversary of the church midway through the mission, 22 members came forward.

VISIT BY PRESIDENT (Gladstone, R. N. Halkins), R.F.S. Ellis, Qld. Conf. and Vice-Principal of Kenmore Christian College, visited Gladstone recently. He showed slides of Japan, Korea and New Guinea. The highlight was a P.S.A. to which the Pensioners Assoc. were invited. The Rockhampton Young People's group brought items . . . The film "Sound of the Trumpet" was screened.

VISITOR TO GATTON David Mansel was guest preacher for 19th church anniversary . . . Five have been added to church, three by baptism . . . \$200 has been donated to Don Quinn's work in Indonesia . . . A caretaker board of men will attend to church business until the next election of officers. Sec. is A. Wegner, Asst. Sec. Lloyd Taylor, Treas. Ivor Rosenberg . . . Girls' Brigade had a street stall for their fund raising and an 8-mile cross country hike . . . Mini-Juniors spent an afternoon at the Q.A.C., nursing and feeding baby animals. This was for their Pets Achievement . . . 40 church folk attended a barbecue a home of Mr. & Mrs. Allan Wegner . . . Allan Male was guest speaker at S.S. anniversary. The children provided musical items, quartettes, recitations, piano solos and a trio. Pianist was Mrs. Jean Hawck. Children were directed by Mrs. Fay Rosenberg, and chairman was Graham Welden.

LOVE-JOY-PEACE (Dalby, Robt. Holt.) Three young people were baptised at S.S. anniversary. Delroy Brown was guest speaker. Theme was Love-Joy-Peace . . . 12 young people attended C.Y.F. camp at Leslie Dam. Teens break-up night featured a wedding gown mannequin parade . . . Church is saddened by the death of Scott Pedler after serious illness. Special prayer meeting called for Murray Bickerton second son of church elder Dr. & Mrs. Sid Bickerton, following car accident. He has been transferred to Brisbane for specialist treatment. Mrs. Nell Miller recovering from surgery . . . Recent speakers have been Chaplain Tod Tippett from Oakey air base, Bob Whan missionary, Barry Hollahan, Youth for Christ, and Roy Clark, Chincilla . . . Minister concluded ministry on Dec. 15 and will commence at Crown St. Toowoomba and Chaplain duties at Mylo Home in February.



VICTORIA

"NATURAL HIGH" (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes). Beaumaris Baptist youth group performed a cantata "Natural High" concerning the drug scene and the answers found in Jesus Christ. . . Home groups have been meeting on the subject "People under Pressure". . . Our choir presented Peterson's "Night of Miracles" at the Patch. . . Colin Stafford has moved to Brisbane after years of faithful service in church and S.S. . . Brendan and Heather Cartmel farewelled after their year of student ministry. . . YAF gave an enlightening episode on Noah as seen from the kindergarten to Adult, and also completed two excellent banners depicting Advent.

GOLDEN WEDDING (Tootgarook, D. Brown). At final C.W.F. meeting for 1974 Mr. & Mrs. Wal Paton were honoured on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. . . Mr. & Mrs. David Brown were given a gift to recognise their 3 years ministry. . . Church is saddened by sudden death of Will Fordham. . . Paul Cameron (C.O.B.) is to be minister with church in 1975. . . Positions of 3 Elders, 7 Deaconesses and 6 Deacons have been filled.

MINISTRY (Brighton). George Mathieson closed a very successful ministry of one year on Dec. 15. A. J. Storar commences ministry early in 1975. . . Two working bees were held prior to 115th church anniversary on Nov. 24. . . A presentation was made to Robert Scott who is in his 25th year as Church secretary. Mrs. Scott was included in words of appreciation expressed by Mrs. Shirley Angwin, Chairman of the Official Board.

RESERVOIR VISITS (K. H. Pitt). Twenty travelled to Pyramid Hill to conduct services for Country Week. . . C.W.F. invited other C.W.F. groups to hear Mrs. J. St. Aubyn speak and show slides of the Mexico Convention. . . Recent features were Thanksgiving Services Nov. 3 and Missionary Sunday on Nov. 17. Mr. Roberts (O.M.F.) spoke at latter. . . Men's Fellowship tea held Nov. 24.



TASMANIA

NATIONAL COMMISSIONER (Devonport). Miss Betty Allen, National Commissioner of Girls Brigade, was met on Nov. 8 by Carol Bacon, Janine Bannon and Leanne Brooks, who were presented with Pioneer Pins, 2nd highest award in G.B. . . Church extends sympathy to Kenzie family in recent bereavement. . . A teen-age trip was made to Mole Creek caves. . . Family night was part of the Team's Adventure Time for children at Miandetta & Nixon St. Primary schools. Follow up visits have been rewarding. . . S.S. Anniversary speakers were from W.E.C. Team.

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ROSTRUM CHAMPION (Blackburn, Ted Keating). Vic. Rostrum Champion, Malcolm Gray, presented his prize winning speech, with panel reaction. . . Church was host for Bible Society Morning Coffee, with Rev. John Mpaayei, African Translator. . . 5 Baptized recently. . . Talk-Back Service held with the Rev. L. Phillips, Director Marriage Guidance Council. . . Ondria Parker and Leicester Cheeseman interviewed and showed slides. . . C.W.E.F. held 25th Birthday Dinner. . . C.A.A. Tri-a-Walk raised \$250 and \$385.65 for Freedom from Hunger Walk. . . C.Y.F. assisted Keilor East Church Family Service. . . Sen. Citizens had bus trip to Mill Valley Ranch.

AXIOS (Box Hill, K.R. Bond). Axios group gave items at Gospel service. . . Neil Thomas and Trevor Giles were recent speakers at Geelong. . . 30 attended Echuca Conference. . . Men's breakfast and working bee well supported. . . Mrs. L. Muller was re-elected C.W.F. President, Mrs. P. Winkler is secretary, and D. McIntosh, treasurer. . . David Althorp, student minister, farewelled prior to going to Subiaco, W.A. . . Mrs. Ron Webster is ill.

MINISTERS TO MOVE (West Preston) Church regretfully accepted the resignation of A.J. Storar who goes to minister at Brighton. Basil Goldstein (East Kew) has accepted a three-year ministry and commences late in March. . . Over forty folk shared with Shepparton for Country Week, taking the service and being entertained. . . A group of 60 and overs retreated to Yarra Junction for week of fellowship and sightseeing. . . Y.P. gather informally after Church and lead monthly evening services. . . Ron Hooper will play in the Victorian team at the Blind Cricketers' Carnival in Tasmania.

ANNIVERSARY (Bendigo, M.D. Keatch). Church Anniversary had G.R. Stirling as guest speaker. At night two young people were baptised. Thank offering to be divided between Chaplaincy work and Overseas Missions. . . B.S. Picnic held at Lake Eppalock. . . Explorer boys participated in a "Bike Hike". . . C.W.A.F. Talent Bags contain \$47.40 to date. . . Keith Lacy has been accepted to enter C.O.B. in 1975.

LAY WITNESS (Maryborough, I. Adams). Lay Witness Mission was a time of friendship & inspiration. Three Weekly Sharing Groups are in operation as result of Mission. . . A. Stevens of Manifold Heights was guest speaker at B.S. Anniversary. Kinder session was led by Miss Bess Lunn. Athol Leach led singing at night. Geoff Rowland is new B.S. Supt. . . Church extended congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Drake on occasion of Golden Wedding. Mrs. Bryant & Mr. Drake are home after hospital. Mrs. C. Davies is recovering from surgery. . . C.W.F. have purchased typewriter for Church use.

MEETING (Ashburton, O. Clark). Annual Business Meeting held after Sunday lunch. Stanton Wilson gave the address. V. White is new Chairman of the Board. . . Gordon Stirling spoke at Anniversary service and answered questions at a luncheon. . . Creative worship classes have been popular. . . Church service held in Wattle Park on Sunday after barbecue lunch. . . John Williams from World Christian Action spoke at C.W.F. with Hong Kong Handicrafts program. . . Shut-in migrants were taken for a picnic outing by C.W.F. . . Geoff and Maureen Daniels, School Supt. and organist were farewelled with a Pancake Night.

WAKE-A-THON (Essendon, C.S. Badcock). Aunty Betty and 32 Good Companions (ages 7-15) held a wake-a-thon and raised \$300 for Churches of Christ Overseas Aid. . . Men took part in Prayer Breakfast at Footscray. . . Prayer Meetings and Sharing Group held each Wednesday night. . . Brigadier Wishart, Salvation Army Prison Chaplain, was speaker at Men's tea and service

following. . . Essendon, for \$12 a month, is able to sponsor a needy Asian child. Church Fete proceeds were \$460.28.

VISIT TO NORLANE (W.J. Edwards). A group of Y.P. from Dandenong came for recent weekend. . . The B.S. Anniversary saw a good attendance of scholars and parents. . . On Nov. 10, 17th Church anniversary had Dr. J. McKenzie & L. Barker as guest speakers. In the morning one young lass accepted Christ and was later baptized. . . Barry Tattersall told of the Lord's leading in the establishing of a Christian High School at Thoona. . . Foundations have been poured for the manse.

MISSIONARY MONTH (Footscray, F.B. Alcorn). October was Missionary month. Sudan United Mission, Oriental Mission, Missionary Aviation, and Mrs. Phyl Lynch's work with Aborigines were featured. . . 14 visited Bendigo Church and F.B. Alcorn gave the message. . . A Church and B.S. picnic was held at Baring's Park. . . B.S. has sent \$21 to Bible Society. . . Church shared in conveying guests from Oakleigh home for afternoon at Monbulk. . . Gordon Stirling was speaker at Men's Breakfast. 54 attended. Two new members welcomed at Hopper's Crossing, November offerings were for Home Missions. . . Mrs. Freda Miller is home after surgery. Vic. Kaye is in Repatriation Hospital.

STAGE STAR AT CHURCH (Noble Park, G. Agnew). Robert Coleman, star of the musical "Irene" was guest. He spoke of his experiences in the show business as a Christian and rendered items. . . Recent speakers were R. Pearce, A. Lamach, M. Pelling (Knoxfield Church) and Rev. Weimann (Presbyterian Minister). . . Tennis Club held a car observation tour. . . An after-church gathering was held to bid farewell to the church secretary, R. Pearce and Mrs. Pearce. Mr. Pearce had been with the church from its early days. . . C.W.F. held a street stall which raised \$100. . . Youth fellowship held a swim night with The Patch young people at Monbulk. . .

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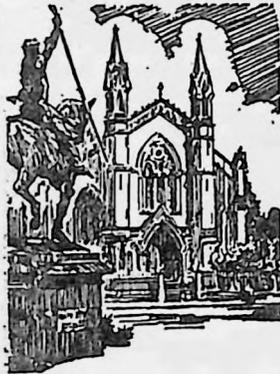
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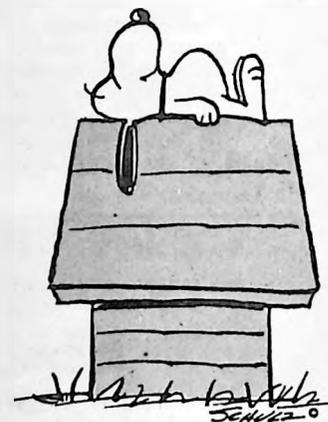
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