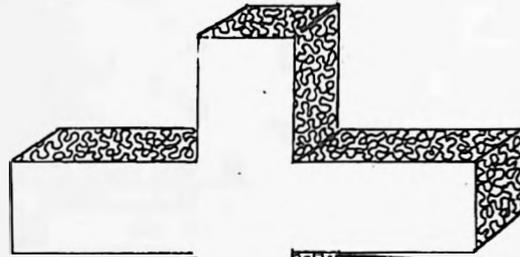


Look unto me and be saved...



Carnarvon



Esperance



Norseman

**Aboriginal
Evangelical Fellowship**

**Aboriginal
Christian Fellowship**

Eidsvold



Outreach



Yokine



Mooroopna

Gummeragunga

A SUCCESS STORY

Thirty years! It's a long time — nearly half a life-time. But it's a short time. Such a short time to have accomplished so much. In the past thirty years Churches of Christ have, under the blessing of God, carved out a success story in their ministry among Australian aborigines.

On the magic carpet of achievement we hover over Esperance, W.A. and see the large two-storey Girls' Hostel, known and respected throughout the area.

Then Norseman, W.A. The view takes in the town area, where is the Christian Centre, comprising church building, hall, missionaries' residence, hostel and recreation centre. Nine miles out is the Children's Home, the spread of buildings giving the appearance of a large settlement.

Passing over Perth we pick out the Bamburra Girls' Hostel, a splendid property in an attractive suburb.

On to Carnarvon, where a look at the town reveals the Christian Centre with its large church building and hall, manse, missionaries' residence, and two hostels. Outside the town boundary is the Children's Home, looking like a small country town.

Rising higher for a more extended view we see the centres of a vast outreach work from both Norseman and Carnarvon, where groups of aboriginal Christians meet together for worship and witness. A car or landrover travelling an outback road reminds one of the thousands of miles travelled by our missionaries on missions of evangelism, encouragement and comfort.

Crossing to other States, we see the church building at Mooroopna in Victoria, where for so many years the ministry has been carried on, and places like Cummeragunja with its faithful group. Then to Eidsvold in Queensland, with the missionaries' residence and



Afternoon Tea —Bamburra Hostel, Perth, W.A.

church building, and hostel in the planning stages.

But this is not all we see, for we have eyes that see deeper than buildings and equipment, to behold people. It is then that we praise God for a success story. It is His success story, not ours, and it is a success story in terms of people.

This is true physically. When our Aborigines Mission work began thirty years ago it brought literal physical salvation to hundreds of children. They would otherwise have perished. The medical and nursing care and instruction in elementary hygiene given down the years has also preserved the health of hundreds, as has the introduction to good food. (One little boy, talking with a missionary at the Children's Home, said he liked this "camp" because "I got breakfast again today!")

It is a success story educationally. Those associated with the work in the early years can testify how difficult it was to secure even the minimum education for aboriginal children. Today the educational field is wide open to them. Christian Missions played a significant part in bringing the change about.

The success is seen in the social field, the field of human relationships. With the moving out into evangelism and practical help among the adults, and the growing emphasis on the value of the family unit, a greater sense of "belonging" is in evidence. The continual insistence on Christian foundations for social living has awakened a widespread conscience in this field.

It has been a success story spiritually.

Lives that would have been lost to God have been born again into his kingdom. Not just two or three but scores of them. Many of the conversions read like stories from the book of Acts.

It's easy to be cynical and point to the failures and disappointments. We have to admit them, and confess to some of the blame. But when we think of the many who could be named who have come from darkness into light and are continuing in the light: of those who have risen from humble obscurity to positions of responsibility and leadership; of those who have caught the vision of a better way of life and have, however slowly, found their way to a higher level; when we meet decent Christian husbands and faithful wives with their happy children and young people living lives of Christian responsibility; when we think of all this we read in it a success story.

In 1 Corinthians 3 : 5-9 the apostle Paul writes, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered the plant, but it was God who made the plant grow. The one who plants and the one who waters really do not matter. It is God who matters, because he makes the plant grow. There is no difference between the man who plants and the man who waters; God will reward each one according to the work he has done. For we are partners working together for God." (T.E.V.)

Yes, it is God who made the plant grow. But Paul did plant and Apollos did water, because their work was necessary. So take heart all you planters and waterers, God has made the plant grow!

THE IDENTITY CRISIS

By Alan Pallett
Norseman Liaison Officer

The issue facing the native people today is tantamount to an identity crisis. Because of lack of understanding and ignorance by white people in the past, there was an attempt to assimilate these people into the white community as quietly as possible, relieving the Government of undue worry and concern as far as race and culture were concerned.

The points in question which are standing out so clear and evident today are that these people do have a learning intake comparable to that of the white community and that they also have a way of life culturally which has governed their people well and has enabled them to draw out a livelihood and sustenance from what is in places a very cruel and very arid land. For a people to exist under these conditions strict laws and disciplines had to be adhered to and this called for a race of highly intelligent people who were self-disciplined to the very height of perfection.

There are certain pressures being brought to bear on the native people even today which are a cause of grave concern to all thinking people. In the past because of a communication problem the native people were retiring and patient. This will not always be the case and instances of racial disturbance are certainly on the increase. One has only to think of Canberra, the South West of W.A., and the North West to name a few instances of unrest whilst there has also been trouble in Queensland and the Northern Territory.



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TWO SENSITIVE ISSUES

In dealing with the Aborigines there needs to be sensitivity to two main issues. First, assimilation is not encouraged contrary to the opinions of the native elders and parents even though it may seem to be right and just. And second, whilst whites may seem to recognise an equality they tend to encourage equality in things pertaining to white culture only with which they endeavour unwittingly to enslave the aboriginal people and is contrary to their well-being and cultural way of life.

The white man thinks that because a native council says no to a certain thing then the council doesn't really know what it wants and because of lack of communication, and because the native person doesn't want to be pressured or embarrassed, he reluctantly gives in. There is a very fine line of discernment in knowing the native people and understanding their reactions on the one hand and pushing policy and knocking cultural props down on the other.

TWO MAJOR PROBLEMS

The two major issues facing the people at the present time are the drink problem which is so well known that nothing more need be said on the matter, and the apparent lack of respect by white people in the matter of child-parent relationship, especially in the full-blood group and dealings primarily with mixed marriages. As the position of the tribal full-blood and his culture are still so sound in the desert areas, it is up to the whites to take notice of what he says. If there ever is a time when decisions are to be made on those issues, the decisions must come from the tribe. Whites must be sensitive to know the tribe's requests and then and only then can the white element be of encouragement.

All this may seem a little evasive but the thought uppermost is respect for the aboriginal way of life and a need for caution. We must not pull away props too quickly, causing resentments and uncertainties which can only lead to further instability and trouble.

NORSEMAN LIAISON
WITH TRIBAL PEOPLE

BOOKS TO READ

GOODBYE DREAMTIME
by Ward McNally

Many will be prepared to dismiss this 154 page book as alarmist but unfortunately it is not. It is not a pleasant book but a collection of nightmare-like tales. The writer is a New Zealand Journalist who travelled throughout Australian States in the Capitals, in the bush townships, station shacks, listening to the murmurings of Aborigines against the white man, before he wrote this book of what it is like to be black in Australia now. The author feels that Australia may be headed for an Aboriginal equivalent of the siege of Wounded Knee when early in 1973 embittered Oglala Sioux Indians turned their guns on Officers of the U.S. Dept. of Indian Affairs. White Australians cannot say to these people "If you don't like it mate, then clear out, back to where you came from" and the Aborigines who have helped to tell this story make it clear that their pleas must be acted on. It is enlightening however, that this depressed people have a last found their tongue and are willing to bring their grudges out into the open so that a book such as "Goodbye Dreamtime" could be written.

ABORIGINAL HEALTH
by Peter Moodie

In this book Peter Moodie of the school of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in Sydney draws a depressing picture. However it is a fascinating book for anybody who cares for the quality of life in this country and in particular the lot of the Aborigines.

A BLANKET A YEAR
by Leonard Broom and F. Lancaster Jones

These co-authors offer suggestions to help the Aborigines. They are both with the department of sociology at the Research School of Social Sciences at the A.N.U. The book emphasises the urgency of the need for public authorities to collect information about the health, housing, jobs and schooling of Aborigines.

Another book of interest although not about Aborigines is

TOWARDS A NEW SOCIETY
by H. J. Eysenck.

This book uses Negroes as an arguing point. The Berlin-born writer grew up when Hitler was teaching Aryan "superiority." He discusses in well chosen words and with maps pictures and diagrams, race intelligence and education. Reading this book helps give an insight into racial problems other than our own and perhaps gives a greater understanding of problems involved.

B.G.W.

CHANGES IN EDUCATION



HOMESCHOOLING IS ESSENTIAL

Last year in the "Australian Christian" Annual Offering issue we mentioned the new insight into the aboriginal way of life with the introduction of the booklet "People of the Spinifex" for first year secondary students' education. Some alterations to the booklet were found necessary when it was discovered that scenes of initiation objects and corroboree decorations were shown. These were deleted from later issues at the request of aboriginal elders.

The results of the teachings in this book have had an impact on the children of this state and it is interesting to see what the youngsters have learnt. Below

THE CEREMONY by Dalys Ryder

It's dawn at the camp and dogs are howling. The men have to go hunting before it's too hot. The women are always up early and doing their duties which are set for the day. The dawn is very red and it looks very beautiful with the land smelling sweet and fresh with the start of a new day. The day before it had been raining and very messy and not very much could be done. Today is different as it is very quiet and peaceful with the birds singing and the echoes of the children's laughter.

Later on, when the sun is getting hotter, the animals seek for cooler places. The men are getting hot and thirsty and soon decide to return to camp. All the children return from playing and run to meet their fathers. Women and young girls get to work and cook the kangaroo. The ashes are opened up and the full kangaroo is put in and when it is cooked it is shared around to the wife's family and the man's family waits until it is given to them.

Towards the evening the old men paint and the young boys and girls get ready for the dance. The old men and women take part as well as the young people. By night the camp fire is blazing and the old people are all sitting down telling stories of the things that were done and to be passed down to the younger generation. The old people do not do anything as the wife's husband has to support her and her family in every way. After, when everything is settled down and back to normal life, the men settle down to a quiet afternoon rest under the shade. After all the excitement the place is peaceful. By nightfall the camp is busy again with laughter and singing.

ACCORDING TO THE LAST FEDERAL CONFERENCE HAND-BOOK THERE ARE

40,919 MISSIONARIES

IN CHURCHES OF CHRIST THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA.

57 ARE SERVING IN ABORIGINES' MISSIONS

IT IS THE TASK OF THE OTHER 40,862 TO BACK THEM UP WITH INTEREST, PRAYER, AND GIVING.

are printed two essays written by first year students on subjects regarding Aborigines — one by a white girl, the other by an aboriginal.

"THE CEREMONY" was written by Dalys Ryder, an aboriginal girl at "Bamburra" Hostel, Yokine, and was published in the class magazine at the school at which she attends.

This essay gives a clear insight into what this girl has experienced in her life before coming into the hostel. It also shows that she has pride in her culture and is not afraid to show it in front of others.

The second essay is by a white student.

ABORIGINAL GROUPS by Sherralyn Wood

The Aborigines of today can be roughly divided into three groups.

1. Those that are still tribal.
2. Those that are called "fringe dwellers".
3. Those that are completely assimilated.

In the first group things are little different from early days: child marriages, rituals, secret-sacred objects, respect for the elders, fear of the "Kaditcha" men, belief in the Dreamtime, traditional methods of hunting and food gathering. There is pride still amongst these people and they are full-blood, respecting their totem law.

The "fringe dwellers" are a mixture of two nations, white and black. They are a bewildered group of people, many of whom cannot adjust to the way of life we live yet cannot go back to the old ways. They are the ones about whom we need to show most concern. Many of them don't want to change to our ways; many don't understand and many are unable to adjust. A system of family training has been attempted with mixed success but efforts are being made by many interested bodies to help these people to find a place somewhere. The children are the greatest hope. With the help of education it is hoped to eventually train these people to find their own identity and not necessarily submerge themselves into our society.

The third group are those who have found their place in our world and are assimilated. They are teachers, nurses, mechanics, farmers. We hardly notice their colour because of the fact that **THAT IS THE ONLY DIFFERENCE!!**

This second essay by a white girl shows that white students are beginning to understand the problems of the aboriginal and are willing to try to do something about it.

These efforts in education may not be the entire answer, but it is good to see the growing interest in the plight of the aboriginal.



Wandjina Rock Painting
—Perth Museum

Early in 1972 with the extensions completed to the Perth Museum it was possible to display material in a more modern and realistic manner. An aboriginal artist from Derby was flown to Perth to make paintings on the walls of a simulated shallow cave that has been constructed on the first floor of the new building and all forms part of the aboriginal display.

The exhibit is a major feature of the whole gallery of displays entitled "Patterns of Life in a Vast Land — the story of the Aboriginal People of Western Australia."

The artist, named Wattie, is more than 60 years old, and is one of the few remaining Kimberley men with knowledge of the traditional techniques

NEW CONCEPT IN MUSEUM DISPLAY

of rock painting. The figures that he has painted include large Wandjinas painted only in the Kimberley.

Some Wandjina figures are very large — as much as 20 feet — and they have a modified human form. Sometimes they represent a whole body, sometimes only heads. Around the heads is a "halo" of paint. Their heads have eyes and a nose but no mouth. Usually they are painted in black, red or yellow over a white background. Kimberley Aborigines say that the Wandjinas made the world and everything in it, in the time of Dreaming. And when they died they left their images painted on the rocks.

Wattie has also painted a python on the walls of the cave.

Dr. Ian Crawford, a senior curator at the museum is the author of a book "The Art of the Wandjina" and has travelled extensively in the Kimberley over a number of years photographing and recording rock paintings and talking to Aborigines about the meaning of them.

An audio unit is installed so that visitors to the museum can hear an aboriginal elder talking about Wandjinas. The simulated cave has been constructed by museum display staff from polystyrene foam blocks. These have been shaped and coloured and coated with red sand so that a very realistic

effect has been achieved. Colour photographs of real caves in Kimberley regions have been used as a guide. The cave and its paintings are of great interest. After passing by it visitors see a comprehensive series of exhibits some 85 yards in length that tell the story of the traditional way of life of Western Australia's aboriginal people.

This includes a selection of the museum's fine collection of aboriginal tools, weapons and ornaments and a striking series of big photographs of Aborigines in various parts of the state, living traditionally. The objects are all authentic and many of them were collected many years ago. Some, including an early Aboriginal raft from the Kimberley have not been on view to the public for some years. No objects or photographs that are sacred to the Aborigines will be shown.

The gallery was planned by the museum's anthropologists and archaeologists, and the display department. Mancel Lofgren, Curator of Anthropology, has had the main co-ordinating role, with G. C. Shaw, Curator of Display. The exhibition which is semi-permanent is one of the most comprehensive displays about Aborigines on show in any museum. It is good to see this new interest in a part of our history.

WHERE HAVE THEY GONE?

By Barbara G. Wood

Listen to the wind through the Mulga trees,
What is the tale they tell?
Whispering sadly of another time,
A time that was known so well.
Where have the stalwart warriors gone?
Woomera and spear in hand.
No longer they stalk through the mulga scrub
Why have they gone from their land?
Where is the sound of the digeridoo?
The feet stamping on the ground?
No longer they come in from far distant places
To visit this once sacred ground.
Oh wind in the mulga! the sad tale is this,
The white men have taken the land.
The old people die brokenhearted with shame
At something they can't understand.
The youngsters have tasted the life of the town
And forgotten the laws of the tribe.
They do not come back to the place of their birth,
Corroborees they cannot describe.
So the wind in the mulga sighs softly and sad
And asks of the trees all in vain,
For the dreamtime is lost and the old culture gone,
Only ghosts of the old men remain.



THE PENDULUM SWINGS

"And Whereas the protection of law doth of right belong to all people whatsoever who may come or be found within the Territory aforesaid I do hereby give notice that if any persons shall be convicted of behaving in a fraudulent cruel or felonious manner to the aboriginal race of inhabitants of this country such person or persons will be liable to be prosecuted and tried for the offence as if the same had committed against any others of His Majesty's subjects."

Mrs. Dance struck a jarrah tree with an axe, Captain James Stirling read his proclamation, and so began the task of building a State, a spirit, a people, and so began the degradation of a people who had roamed this vast continent in freedom for over 20,000 years.

Throughout the history of aboriginal-white relationships in W.A., government policies have changed, but one thing has remained constant, and that is that at no time have whites envisaged the Aborigines as having any right of choice in their own destiny until recently.

From this first proclamation at the Swan River Colony in which the aboriginal race was protected by the laws of Great Britain, official policy swung from planned advancement to killing them off. With the encroachment of white settlers on traditional hunting and sacred grounds confrontation of white and black became common.

Policy again changed as the numbers of Aborigines declined rapidly from the 55,000 in 1829 to 24,000 by 1900 and 8,000 by 1960. This new policy was one of "Smoothing the pillow of a dying race." Disease, slaughter and white occupation of land had led to this tremendous decrease in numbers and it was felt that the 100 tribes that had once roamed the land were dying out and the problem of what to do with them was being solved. However, at the same time the numbers of half-castes rose from 1,471 in 1911 to 13,200 in 1968 and with this growth of a people without roots, rose prejudice and intolerance.

The 1905 Aborigines Act extended the definition of "Aborigine" to cover the half-caste and caused these people to come under all restrictions regarding employment and housing. This deterioration in status helped bring about the present social problem of the South West aboriginal.

Admittedly, to some extent the segregation of full-blood aboriginals to specific reserves was intended as an attempt to keep aboriginals identified as a people but with the inclusion of half-castes under this act it only served to



Aborigines Helping Aborigines. Relief meals, Perth, W.A.

further destroy some of the 100 tribes that once roamed freely over W.A. All traces of some of these tribes have virtually disappeared, particularly in our South West corner of the State where population by white people was most prolific.

In 1918 prejudice had risen to such a height that South West parents' and citizen's associations were successfully requesting the wholesale expulsion of native children from State schools and the race was being forced into reserves. No native after that time could marry or move from one place to another without Government permission. They became degraded, miserable, drunken, derelict, living in hovels, ridden with disease, not even granted citizenship rights in their own country.

It was in the early 1940's that there was a healthy awakening of the white man's conscience towards the aboriginal, accompanied by an improvement in the economic position of the part aboriginal.

More work became available; the Education Department insisted that aboriginal children be allowed back into State schools; social services were extended to Aborigines; and there was an upsurge of Mission activities and individuals resulting in a new spirit of pride and independence.

In 1947 a trained, determined

minister, S.F. Middleton, was appointed, and the Government of 1953 began to lead W.A. along the path of assimilation. The Commissioner's efforts regarding employment and housing were often blocked by local authorities but he managed considerable reforms in administration and in the removal of discriminatory regulations culminating in the Native Welfare Act of 1954.

This assimilation system was still paternalistic in that it was government for and not by the Aborigines — Aborigines were not included in the census nor were they able to vote. But there was ample evidence of the aboriginal people wishing to maintain their separate identity. Policy at the moment is one of anxious goodwill with discrimination for the Aborigine rather than against him, thus causing some resentment from whites. However, despite the many projects undertaken for the improvement of the lot of the Aborigines we cannot assume that the earlier cruelty in the North and the equally cruel discrimination in the South will be easily forgotten.

This is seen in the attitudes of many Aborigines in southern townships, in resentment, aggressiveness and lack of dependability. Most changes since 1954 have been psychological. They have raised hopes which have not all been fulfilled. With education of young people has come the rising up of vocal leadership and with the rising of leaders has come the loss of patience with whites. The Aborigine people have started to give up asking and are beginning to urge their people to stand up and fight. Time is fast running out and it is up to us as a brotherhood to make greater efforts to solve the problem of which it is to be — God's power or Black power?

Peter Biskup's book "Not Slaves, not Citizens" gives a great deal of insight into this matter and makes fascinating reading for anyone who has the time and interest of the Aborigines as a whole at heart.

MR. & MRS. ALAN PALLET
—NORSEMAN LIAISON



WOMEN'S WRITE



Edited by Gladys Mackenzie

COPING WITH FLOODS

By Laurel Henderson

How can the Brisbane Flood Victims ever begin to say "thank you" to YOU, who have assisted them in so many varied ways. One grateful victim, over-whelmed, said as she and her family were outfitted with clothing, "Jesus Cares"! For a time people stopped thinking about themselves and their own personal needs to feel empathy toward those who had lost everything in the floods.

Thirty six families were affected and of these twenty five were actual church members, the remainder were "contacts"—half a dozen homes were completely submerged. Furnishings and personal possessions were lost; some furniture was saved but will never be the same again. Children's toys were shovelled out with the thick mud, and lost. When the flood waters receded the ceilings and walls of beautiful homes were found to be thick with black or brown slimy mud which had to be hosed off before the actual clean-up could commence. You can imagine the stench coming from the areas affected where the sewerage had broken down.

Our Q.C.W.F. President Mrs. Marjory Chapman who was completely isolated in her Moggill home was without electricity and telephone communication for days until the flood waters receded and she was then able to get through to her beautiful Kenmore home which was occupied by Miss Lorna Kickbusch, Q'ld Youth Conference President, only to discover that it had had four feet of water in the living area of the home. Lorna had everything under control thus enabling Marj. to tramp off, clad in her gum boots through the stricken Kenmore area to assist where there was a need. She laughingly tells about the man she helped who threw her a can of beer saying "Here lady, have a beer!!"

Mrs. Vic. Parker, wife of the Acacia Ridge minister, couldn't leave her home because her mother had suffered a heart attack, but tirelessly sorted out clothing and food which had been sent to the manse. The women of their church

AT WORK AND WORSHIP

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. February meeting was a Social Service Rally. A. R. Jones, Social Service Director, spoke of "The Church's ministry to the Aged", pointing out that the Church should have a positive programme for the elderly, to ensure that old age is not a time of sadness and loneliness. He spoke of the great benefits of our own Homes where 190 people are lovingly cared for, describing the recently opened three storied extensions to St. George's.

Mrs. Gordge reported that proceeds from our three Welfare shops amounted to over 4,000 dollars in 1973. Over 100 women were engaged in our Social Service Work in some capacity or other.

Devotional thoughts were brought by Mrs. Wharton.

Greetings were received from Mrs. Finger and Mrs. Taylor, returned from the New Hebrides, and Miss Robin Haskell, H.M. Field worker.

Ministers wives, Mrs. A. Wright, Mrs. J. Martin and Mrs. E. Roffey, were welcomed.

QUEENSLAND. Mrs. Gwynne, from Townsville, was soloist in devotional session, led by Mrs. Snow and Wynnum C.W.F. at February meeting.

A representative from the Travellers' Aid Society told of the care they give to weary travellers. Especially to children travelling alone, and the disabled.

Women's Day of Conference, April 18.

Mrs. J. Warne of the New Hebrides is to be our new "Living Link."

\$50 was donated to the President's Appeal (General Conference) for Brisbane Flood victims.

Mrs. Grace Parkinson made an appeal for help in the making of clothes for children who lost clothing during the flood.

VICTORIA. A volunteer on "Lifeline", Mrs. Helen Joyce, told the February Council of this work, conducted by the Methodist Central Mission. Phones are manned 24 hours a day, giving ease of access in time of trouble. The personnel consists of a Director, 5 social workers and approximately 200 volunteer counsellors. Volunteer counsellors are always needed.

57 women from Melbourne and districts registered for camp at Hall's Gap, February 22-24.

The venue of the 88th Women's Day of Conference will be the Kew Town Hall on Wednesday, May 1. Cost of tea tickets \$1.20. These must be purchased prior to Conference and will be available at March and April Councils.

Rosalie Rofe brought greetings from the New Guinea field.

QUEENSLAND CAMPS

Five camps were conducted at "Camp Cal" by the Youth Dept. in Qld. over the holiday period, supervised by A.C. Male, who has entered his ninth year in this capacity.

Because of the great demand, there were two Midgets Camps for 7-9 years. Claire Cobine (Sunnybank) was in charge of both camps, ably supported by Keith Enchelmaier (Gympie).

Juniors Camp for 10-12 years totalled 164 with 70 missing out. The "Birdman of Buderim", Gordon Montgomery, brought some of his prized aviary specimens into camp. R.V. Holt, Chaplain, Brisbane Boys' College, led this camp, assisted by Aunty Nola Woodward of Ann St.

Tweenagers Camp 13 to 15 years, numbered 85 and had electives such as joy flights, horse-riding, and tours of the Sunshine Coast to supplement their programme. Barry Cutchie (Camp Hill minister, led the studies, and Jim Deutschman (Maryborough) shared in leadership.

Senior Camp, for 15 years and over, from Dec. 25 to Jan 1, had Jim Cunningham (Toowoomba, ex U.S.A.) as study leader.

Expo '74 Leadership Seminar: 16 churches were represented through (a) Youth Group, (b) Key Youth Worker, (c) Officers' Board, plus others interested in training in youth area. At least 14

churches, normally present at Expo, were unable to be represented because of the aftermath of the floods. Those present included Gwenneth Beale, Townsville; Merv. Gibson, Roma; Roy Flett and Vic. Holt, Chinchilla.

Hilary Polglaze, Federal Board of Christian Educ., was a special guest and with her N.Z. experience gave first hand

QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE

Ministers' Seminar commences at lunch-time on Easter Monday and continues till April 17 at "Camp Cal", Dickey Beach, Caloundra.

Principal Emeritus, E.L. Williams, will be Guest Speaker at the Seminar and all Conference Meetings.

Conference Rallies will be conducted on Thursday and Friday nights with foci on Brotherhood Departments.

information of planning and programming of the National Youth Convention, N.Z. 1975.

The newly returned IN-Service Training Scholarship Winner, David Kirkegard (Kedron) spoke of his experiences at Banksia and the Snowy Mountains. He was the guest of the D.C.E. in Vic.-Tas as part of the Scholarship's four weeks' youth work. The Qld. Department pays tribute to the donor of the air-fare for the Scholarship winner to travel interstate for this annual event. Thanks are due also to the Director of Christian Education in Vic.-Tas. and his staff.

Conference Reports will be given on April 20 at the Ann St. City Church. Conference President, Len Brooks (Kedron) will chair all meetings which will develop his theme "Love and Brotherhood Strengthen the Bonds". A combined Communion Service will be held at the Kelvin Grove High School Auditorium with the newly-elected Conference President presiding. G.F.R. Ellis (Registrar, Kenmore College) is the Senior Vice-President.

WORD TALK NO. 90

Matthew opens his gospel by saying it is "the book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David". (Matt.1:1). John closes his Book of Revelation by quoting Jesus "the offspring of David" (Rev.22:16). The title "Son of David" is one of the most frequent in the N.T. and is certainly the most Jewish, and the title most rooted in tradition, history and theology.

David, of course, refers to Israel's most illustrious king, its great spiritual leader and a man whose biography made exciting reading for every generation. He has inspired countless generations of people.

After Israel's decline the O.T. prophets foretold the coming of a new national leader who would be another David to restore Israel's glory. He would be of the same blood line as David. This national leader soon became identified with the Messiah. Isa 9:7, 11:1; Jer. 23:5, 30:9; Amos 9:11; Ezek 34:23-4 are some of the prophetic messages concerning the new David.

The Romans so feared patriotic uprisings following one of the "sons of David" that in 70 A.D. and in 90 A.D. fierce persecutions executed any possible leader of David's line.

Jesus was a descendant of David. That was why Joseph took Mary to Bethlehem where Jesus was born. He possibly held shares in ancestral land at Bethlehem which was the usual reason for taxation enrolment. Luke, conscious of the virgin birth, lists Joseph as "the supposed" father (Lk 3:23), to indicate his legal and prophetic Davidic descent. Paul (Rom.1:3) links both his physical descent and spiritual origin as son of God and son of David. In Jesus the promise to David about his kingdom being everlasting was fulfilled. (2 Sam.7:16).

Yet Jesus was more than the son of David. The difficult

passage (Matt.22:41-5; Mk 12:35-7) indicates that while he was David's son he was not the expected nationalistic leader but rather as the Messiah he was David's Lord. The use by Jesus of the Psalm of David (Psalm 110:1) was to show that Jesus was not dependent upon David's greatness, but that he transcended it.

The early Church in the gentile world found the title concerning David confusing and it was not used unless properly understood as a Jewish messianic title. FOR TODAY.

The ordinary people of Palestine used the phrase "Son of David" as the most frequent form of hailing Jesus. "The great throng heard him gladly" (Mk 12:37). They saw him as their national leader. The ordinary people always will respond strongly to Jesus and one important task that the Church always has is to stop inhibiting the gospel and to allow Jesus to speak for himself that they may respond.

But God does not always fit himself into our neat pigeon-holes of conventional ideas and thoughts. "Son of David" was to be a nationalistic leader but Jesus transcended this. He was Saviour and Lord. We frequently try to make Jesus fit one title: The Army Chaplain's use of Jesus as protector; the Jesus People's use of Jesus as a long-haired effeminate's use of Jesus as the revolutionary; the transcends all of these!

Jesus drew from the heritage that was his in King David, yet he was larger than his heritage. The best part of many a man's proud family lies under the ground. While we are careful for our heritage we need to learn from it and then grow beyond it and serve God in our own right.

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.

RESEARCH MATERIAL REQUIRED

I am exploring the possibility of undertaking research on the attitudes of the Protestant churches in Britain to social questions and to the rise of Facism abroad in the inter-war years. I am endeavouring to ascertain the nature and extent of resources available in Australia.

I would be grateful if any of your readers could acquaint me with any material held in private collections which would be relevant to this research. I am interested in material of both formal and private nature - reports of conferences, assemblies, church organizations (including inter-denominational); journals, pamphlets, letters, sermons and published works. I would be interested, for example, in gaining access to copies of the Churches of Christ Year Book and Annual Report, and would be extremely grateful to hear of any other material which might possibly have relevance to my area of research.

Yours in appreciation, (Ms) Margaret Lavender, 9. Randall St., Dickson, A.C.T. 2602.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST AND ECUMENISM

To the Editor,

I appreciate the concerned letter of my friend, Dr. Geoff Hall, ("A.C." 23-2-74). I agree with his proposal for ascertaining a majority decision concerning the W.C.C., by referendum rather than in an emotionally charged State or Federal Conference atmosphere. I share his passion for the promotion of pure Biblical truth.

The difference between us is that Dr. Hall represents the "Separatist" position, that there is no point in being in fellowship, conversation and service with such people as Dr. Ramsay and a committee of the W.A. Council of Churches, with a view to the discovery together of Biblical Truth. The time is short so let us keep our fellowship restricted to those who see truth as we do.

My position is that I may disagree with Dr. Ramsay and members of the W.A. Council of Churches. But I still want to be in fellowship, conversation and service with them, for how else can I present to them Biblical truth as I see it, and how else can I receive Biblical insights that the Holy Spirit may be giving them. To be in fellowship with them does not mean that I endorse their views.

For example, Dr. Hall is a member of the A.M.A. In it are large numbers of 1974

doctors who hold diametrically opposite views from Dr. Hall on such vital matters as abortion. But he does not withdraw from the A.M.A. In the interests of medical truth and integrity, he sees the need to remain in fellowship, conversation and service with such doctors. He can present his views concerning medical truth so much better from the inside than from the outside.

GORDON STIRLING (Vic.).

"PAID" MINISTRY

To the Editor,

Being the wife of one of our so-called "drop-out" ministers who, to quote Tertius ("A.C." Jan 26) "has quit the full time ministry", may I ask, please, that the words "Paid Ministry" be substituted for "FULL TIME MINISTRY" in the thinking of your readers.

Over the years I have read several letters by folk who are kindly concerned, or outright condemning, or somewhere in between.

Maybe some men do "quit the ministry after (God) has called them to it," but please consider that it is also possible that God can continue to lead. In

my husband's case, it has been to the reaching out to help hundreds of young people outside the Church, and to a free trained ministry being available on a part time basis.

Would it not be helpful if we could have full time training in our Bible Colleges available to men who are desirous of being equipped to serve the Lord as capably as possible, whether in a paid or voluntary capacity?

Isn't being a Christian "full time" anyway? PEGGY HENDERSON, N.S.W.

PERKINS SUPPORTED

Neil Gilmore, President of the Australian Council of Churches, sent telegrams to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs expressing the Council's concern at continued attacks on Charles Perkins as an Aboriginal spokesman.

Attention was drawn to the apparent conflict with the Government's announced intention to pursue a policy on open Government and to revise Public Service regulations. The text of the telegram was as follows:

"PRIME MINISTER AUSTRALIA, PARLIAMENT HOUSE, CANBERRA, Disturbed at continued attempts to silence Charles Perkins in view importance informed Aboriginal voice in Australian Society. Urge pursuance of policy of open Government, revision of Public Service Regulations, and affirm right of freedom of speech."

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

MODERN PROBLEMS

To the Editor,

A letter to our local paper included this sentence by a prominent citizen, "I am going to church more often these days; it's about the only place you can go and not hear anything about modern problems."

Good for him! But it wouldn't do for him to come to our church. Our minister talks about modern problems all the time. He doesn't give us a lot of "guff" of the top of his head, or a lot of his own opinions. He tells us what God says about modern problems . . . right out of the Book. I didn't realize that the old "leather-bound" that the wife gave me for one of our wedding anniversaries could be such an explosive document.

But it's too much for Aunty Jess. (She's everybody's aunt, a pillar of the church, and self appointed defender of the faith.) She said to our minister, "Every service all you talk about is modern problems; when are you going to preach the word?" Our minister said, "Aunty Jess, the Word is all about modern problems. Paul wrote about problems that were modern then, Jesus talked about the problems people had then, and the prophets thundered on current events of their day." I don't think Aunty Jess got the message. For her, preaching the Bible is vivid descriptions of Belshazzar's feast, the fate of Jezebel, the "signs of the times," and the City Foursquare. That's for Sunday. But on the other six days a week Aunty Jess "sniffs out" people's problems and moves into them with flags and brooms and mops flying . . . in the name of the Lord!

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS

N.B. Because of errors in the Letter from Tertius, Feb. 23, 1974, "Learn the Cliches" will be repeated in the issue for March 23.

DROUGHT SPREADS TO SUDAN

—Drought is affecting several thousand people in the Bahr el Gazal province in southern Sudan. According to the Sudan Council of Churches' Commission for Relief and Rehabilitation, some areas have not had any rainfall this year and people have sold their cattle and eaten next year's seed.

Consultations within the Sudan and also in Europe and North America will determine the appropriate church response to this new area of need. So far drought affects six countries in West Africa in the Sahel zone, Ethiopia and northern Kenya.

Meanwhile, the Commission on Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service of the World Council of Churches announced that more than \$950,000 has been secured towards the second phase of

the post-war relief and rehabilitation programme in Sudan estimated at \$1,178,433.

The new programme, which runs from November 1973 to August 1974, covers the building of nine nucleus villages, water development, medical work, self-help development programmes, the supply of drugs and medicines, technical training and an agricultural programme. In addition, support is being sought from churches and agencies around the world to rebuild damaged churches and pay administrative help from the Sudan Council of Churches.

In the first phase of Sudan re-construction, the World Council of Churches channelled \$2,774,586 to church-related programmes.

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HOME MISSION DIRECTOR INDUCTED

(Qld.) Bruce Roberts, recently of Chinchilla/Hopelands, was inducted as Qld. Home Missions Director by the former Director, Alex. Surtees of West Moreton. The meeting was held at Harlaxton, Toowoomba, and chaired by the minister, Roger Foletta. A packed chapel heard of the plans and visions of the Home Missions Dept. for the next ten years.

Bruce, a graduate of Woolwich Bible College, comes from Balaklava, S.A., and served in other states before coming to Qld. In this state he has ministered at Marburg/Lowood Circuit; Ipswich; Harlaxton, and Chinchilla/Hopelands.

Over 2000 expected to attend!

HAPPENING '74

Last year Happening '73 attracted between 2000-3000 young people to Belgrave Heights for the weekend, with over 900 in Camps and Houseparties. On one evening over 200 young people responded to the gospel invitation.

"Happening '74" will be held again at Belgrave Heights Convention Centre, March 22-24.

Many houseparties and Camps will be organised during this time including Wattle Park Gospel Chapel, Campaigners For Christ, Warragul YFC, Box Hill Baptist, Diamond Valley Fellowship, Church of Christ Dept. of C.E., E. Keilor Evangelical Church, Blackburn Baptist, and N. Dandenong Church of England.

Day visitors will be welcome. Altogether over 2000 young people are expected to attend the programs arranged in the main Auditorium of the Belgrave Heights Convention.

Speakers will be Mal Garvin of The Attic Drop-in Centre, Hornsby N.S.W., and President of Teen Crusaders, Brian Willersdorf, well-known Youth evangelist,

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and Alan Catchpole, popular Bible Teacher and youth speaker.

Some of the most popular Christian musical groups will be taking part, including "Daddys Friends", "Carpenters Disciples", "Salt", Dave Kendall (N.S.W.), "The Soul Agents", and "Star cross".

The sessions will be compered by Clive Stebbins with Brian Wizzard leading the singing, Len Wallace at the organ, and Cheryl Nankervis at the piano.

Early morning prayer meetings will be held in the Small hall. The purpose of the Happening is to reach young people for Christ, and to challenge Christian young people to deeper dedication and to encourage them in their daily Christian witness.

Indications are that many young people will be coming from Sydney, and all parts of Australia for Happening '74.

Enquiries and further details are available by contacting Clive Stebbins, Youth for Christ, 747 Burke Rd., Camberwell, Vic., 3124 (82 1528 or 82 6971).

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JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAYS QUIZ

When Jesus began his teaching, a group of friends joined him, partly to be taught by him, and partly to help him in his work. What do we usually call these friends of Jesus? (see page 18).

FUN TIME

- 1 What do giraffes have that no other animal has?
- 2 What has four wheels and flies?
- 3 If a green stone fell into the red sea, what would happen? (see below)

A.B.C.

Last time we said that the letter "c" is useless, because other letters make the same sounds. "c" sometimes stands for "ch", and it can be used for at least three different sounds, as in "child", "Christmas", and "chef".

Our language gets harder when we make the "zh" sound with different letters, such as azure, closure, and division. (More later)

One evening a young man sat with a rich old farmer, seeking to learn the secret of his success.

"It's a long story," said the old man. "We might as well save the candle, while I'm telling it." And he blew it out.

"You needn't go on," the youth said. "I understand."

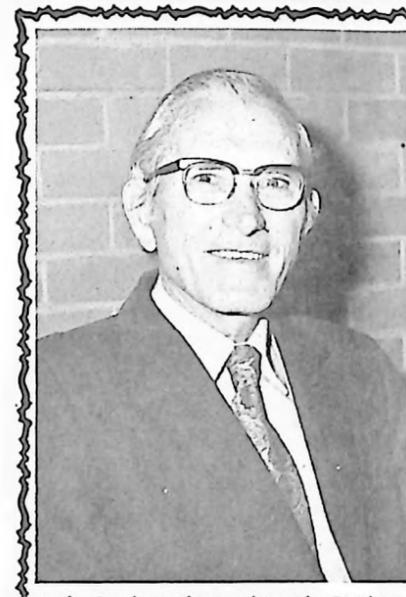
FUN TIME ANSWERS

- 1 Baby giraffes. 2 A garbage truck. 3 It would sink.



"I've talked your son into not running away until after supper... Can I join him?"

March 9



On March 3, Frank Hunting completed 25 years of ministry at the Church of Christ, Dawson St., Ballarat, Vic.

The church honoured Mr and Mrs Hunting at a church fellowship evening on Feb. 26. The Board Chairman, J. Morris, spoke in appreciation and reflected on the ministry of Mr Hunting. A message of greeting and good wishes was read from the Conference Secretary, Stanton H. Wilson, and a 500-day clock was presented to them by Mrs Maud Smith of the Mt. Clear church on behalf of both congregations.

Throughout the ministry of a quarter of a century, Frank Hunting has maintained a vigorous Christian service with unflagging zeal. He challenged the church to prayer, consecration and outreach, with a freshness that was renewed week after week.

At the first Easter after his arrival in Ballarat, he took an active part at the Hall's Gap Youth Camp, which was conducted by the combined Ballarat churches, with the spearhead coming from York St. church. Frank Hunting's leadership raised the spiritual tone of the campers and, with the help of other leaders, this high level has been maintained. Other youth activities on the local scene have been greatly strengthened and encouraged by Mr Hunting. His emphasis upon prayer has maintained great power within the church, and his leadership in prayer groups and schools has been widely sought throughout Victoria and by interstate churches. The Sunday evening gospel services have been a vital part of the church's evangelism and outreach.

Mr Hunting's ministry has had many facets, including great emphasis upon personal counselling, hospital visitation, radio broadcasting, and training of

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25 YEARS AT DAWSON STREET

laymen and women as competent leaders, teachers, preachers, and helpers.

In all of these activities, Mr Hunting has been supported by his wife, Hazel, who has been a tower of strength to him, as well as accepting her own position of leadership in the primary department of the Bible School in the C.W.F., for 25 years.

Born at Perth, W.A., Mr Hunting came to Victoria and as a member of the Middle Park church he entered the College of the Bible at Glen Iris for training, graduating in 1933. Three months after entering college he began a student ministry at Blackburn and, after graduation, continued there, being at Blackburn for a total period of nine years.

After this, he led the church at Prahran for 18 months before becoming Youth Director in New South Wales for three years.

Early in 1944 Mr Hunting began ministering at Ann St. in Brisbane, where he served for five years. He continued to take an active interest in youth and assisted Harold Greenwood, who was Qld. Youth Director, in obtaining a site for the Youth Camp at Caloundra. On March 3,

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No one can assess the blessing a church has been to countless men and women during 115 years of witness to the Lord Jesus Christ. Dawson Street has been wonderfully blessed by the spiritual leadership of its ministers. In this year of our rejoicing, we thank God for the long ministry of Frank Hunting.

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PROTEST ON SOLZHENITSYN

The President (the Rev. N. Gilmore) and the General Secretary (the Rev. F. Engel) of the Australian Council of Churches have telegraphed the Russian Ambassador protesting at the exile of Alexander Solzhenitsyn and the continued suppression of other writers and citizens. They also remind him of an earlier unacknowledged protest made in September, 1973. The text of the telegram was:-

"On behalf Australian Council Churches we protest strongly at Russian Government's exile of Alexander Solzhenitsyn and its continued suppression of other writers and citizens. We remind you of our unacknowledged protest of September, 1973."

AMIN "TERROR" CONDEMNED

Nairobi (EPS)—Canon Burgess Carr, general secretary of the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC), has told President Amin of Uganda to end the disappearances and executions in his country. Since General Amin seized

power in a coup in 1971, there have been frequent reports of the murder of political opponents and the abduction of leading figures in different walks of life.

In a speech opening a consultation on lay and leadership training at the Limuru conference centre, Canon Carr pointed out that all Uganda's economic successes would be of no value "so long as Ugandan citizens—men and women, boys and girls—are haunted and terrorized by lawlessness masquerading in the guise of defending national security."

The Liberian-born general secretary reminded Uganda's president that a real economic revolution depends on the measure of justice it brings to the people. "General Amin must stop immediately the situation in which reports are received of Ugandans disappearing and subsequently being executed by the Army and security forces."

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BELCONNEN LAUNCHED

The third Church of Christ in the A.C.T. was launched on February 17, when the Federal President of Churches of Christ in Australia, Graham Gilmour, formally commissioned the new congregation in the Holt Primary School, Beaurepaire Crescent. Mike McCuaig presided, his first occasion in the president's chair.

On the previous Sunday, George Warren was inducted into the ministry at Belconnen. The service was held at Ainslie church.

George and Lesley Warren, with their son, Timothy, have moved into the new manse at 10 Jeffcott Place, Latham.

A one day conference at the Y.M.C.A. camp at Sturt Island on Feb. 3 enabled prospective members of the Belconnen church to plan their work. The climax was the breaking of bread in the open air chapel overlooking the Murrumbidgee River.

ASIA REVISITED

Allan Webb, minister at Swanston St., Church of Christ, Melbourne has just returned from a visit to Asia.

Travelling 20,000 miles, he visited six countries and consulted with 60 Asian Christian leaders.

Mr. Webb says that the lessons learned, the insights gained and the experience shared will be invaluable. The words of Matthew 9 were indelibly printed on his heart. "The harvest is so great but the laborers so few."

Asia is teeming with millions but in Bangladesh there is only one missionary for every 400,000 people. In Thailand there is only one Christian for every 10,000, and 1000 more missionaries could be absorbed tomorrow if only they were available. In Papua-New Guinea there are 600 tribes without any portion of the scriptures. In Indonesia there is only one missionary doctor for half a million people!

Euro Encounter

Bi-lingual workers will help COCIAC

Several students from Melbourne Bible Institute will help train Christians from Inner Suburban Churches of Christ in witnessing to their migrant friends and neighbors. Joe Virgona is an Italian and is a second year student Katina Miriklis also second year at M.B.I., is assisting at Collingwood church as well as advising us on reaching Greeks; and Maria Gribdn is a Yugoslavian who will help us with people of her background. Please pray for these students and for Rose Filardo the full time Italian worker for the northern suburbs. Prayer convener for Euro-encounter is E. Morrison, minister of Coburg church. Phone him at 35-2030 (Melbourne) for prayer items.

(See Advert. on page 20)

T. E. Rofe settlement

Graduates of the College of the Bible studying at an Australian University or comparable Australian tertiary institution, and intending to continue in the ministry, are invited to apply for a grant from the T.E. Rofe Settlement. Application forms are available from The Vice-Principal, 7 Elm Road, Glen Iris, Vic. 3146.

DONATION

The Dept. of Home Missions acknowledge an anonymous donation of \$30 through the Conference Office, Vic.—Tas. Conference.

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

NEW PRINCIPAL INDUCTED



The Lygon St. chapel was well filled for the College of the Bible Inaugural and Induction of the new principal on Feb. 22, 1974. The President of the Federal Conference, Graham Gilmour, travelled from Canberra to induct Dr. K. R. Bowes. As part of his address Dr. Bowes repeated the words of his response when inducted as a faculty member ten years earlier. The only difference was the substitution of the name of E. L. Williams for R. T. Pittman. He said,

"To be called to the ministry of the gospel is always a privilege and an honor. To be called to assist in the training of men and women for the ministry is not only a great honor but also a grave responsibility. Such a ministry cannot be undertaken alone, but only through the Grace of God and the sustaining fellowship of the Spirit in the Church. The beginning of a new work is always difficult. My work in one sense will be more difficult because of the stature of the man whom I succeed. It will be impossible for me to teach as wisely, live as kindly and witness as effectively as E. L. Williams, for he has been a spiritual giant in his God-given work. I believe that I stand in the great heritage of the College which can be stated as: loyalty to the person of Christ; faithfulness to the Scriptures; loyalty to the plea of our movement; and faithfulness within the universal Church of God. My prayer is that I shall be worthy of such a heritage and such a responsibility."

These words had been faithfully

copied by the late Mrs. T. B. Bowes (mother of Dr. Bowes) and cherished by her. They were found amongst her papers.

At the Inaugural and Induction Service ten new students were introduced. They are:

David Althorpe, W.A.; Roderick Brown, N.Z.; Paul Cameron, Vic.; Judith Drayton, Vic.; Peter Galliford, S.A.; Gregory Jenks, Qld.; Geoff Morton, A.C.T.; Meryl Middleton, W.A.; Bruce Williams, W.A.; Kim Wood, Vic.

During the Inaugural ceremony the annual prizes were presented as follows:

Leslie C. McCallum Memorial Prize for highest first year aggregate, Peter Still. Morton S. Noble Prize for the highest second year aggregate, Russell Allison. Old Boys' Prize for highest third year aggregate, Rodney Lloyd. F. G. Dunn Memorial Prize for the highest fourth year aggregate, George Warren. George Warren also won the J. E. Webb Prize for achievement. William Grindrod Memorial Prize for preaching, Roger Risson. Chown Memorial Prize for decorum, diligence and development, Barry Ryall, Peter Richter, Doug Smith. The following prizes were awarded for achievement: F. M. Ludbrook Memorial Prize Brian Spencer, David Brown. Mrs. A. E. Skinner Prize Robert Street, Jeffrey May, Jeanette May. Misses N. & P. Ellis Prize Peter Nelson and Ian Corlett. The E. F. Winter and Emma C. Hovey Prizes were held over until the end of 1974. The Norman and Letitia Noble Bequest will be applied to the Bursary Fund.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

THE ENERGY CRISIS OF THE CHURCH The physical energy crisis we all know about. The world's precious resources are thinning out. Nations which have built their great wealth on coal and oil speak of depleted mines and wells in a decade or two. The message hasn't got through to the greedy developed nations. If they have their way, they will continue to spend the earth's diminishing capital without restraint.

The church is also facing a crisis. It is fast running out of power. In one way, the physical and spiritual crises have much in common. They are both trying to live on the resources of the past. The church is not renewing the capital of faith and hope and love which was given in such abundance through the N.T. church.

When we look closer, we find that the two crises have a great difference. Our spiritual energies are being exhausted, not because we are using them up too fast, but because we are not using them enough. The stored oil, the buried coal—once used, cannot be replaced, but spiritual resources multiply when used. He who loses his life for the sake of the gospel will save it. He who loves will find his capacity for love increased.

Spiritual resources are inexhaustible. They will last as long as God is there. The material resources are soon wasted and in the end we have only what is given to others in compassion, understanding, acceptance, kindness.

THIS CRIME SHOULDN'T PAY The daughter of the millionaire has not been released, even though her parents have distributed over a million dollars worth of food to the poor as her ransom. Further demands were made by the kidnapers.

All over the world a wave of sympathy has gone out to the girl, her parents, and friends, all under a strain of fear and grief.

The time has come, however, to ask seriously if it is ever a good thing to pay a ransom for kidnapping, or hi-jacking, or bomb threats, or other crimes where innocent people are threatened. It is much easier to be objective when the crime is far away and does not involve us personally, but every successful kidnapping places others in danger. If the profitability of this kind of crime were removed, then most of the motivation for them would be taken away.

There has been a wave of kidnapping of diplomats and business men in South America and each success ensures the continuation of a profitable business. Israel has argued that hi-jackers of planes should never be allowed to profit from their crimes, and that most of these would stop if all nations refused sanctuary to them. Paul Getty, the richest man in the world, refused to pay a ransom for the return of a grandson. He said that he has fourteen grandchildren and he would place them all in jeopardy if he paid for one.

Since Patricia Hearst was kidnapped, an editor was held to ransom for \$750,000, and a valuable painting was stolen in England—to be returned if the poor in Granada were given three-quarters of a million dollars worth of food. At least, an editor was reckoned as valuable as a painting!

We think that so long as ransoms are paid, this kind of crime will continue. If a firm stand were taken against the payment of any kind of ransom, it may well be that some kidnap victims would be in hazard of their lives. But they are already in grave danger, for kidnapers often kill even after they are paid.

BACK BROM FIELD (Bassendean, D. Thorpe) After three years active missionary service in New Guinea, Aileen Hardie is again in fellowship. We have been proud to have her as our 'Living Link'. Helen Wheaton of Kaniva, Vic., if our new 'Living Link'. John Nazzari is at Perth Bible Institute, and Fred Davis has resumed at Kenmore College . . . A. Jacques has been added to Board as third Elder . . . The church records the service of Mrs. Wilkins as organiste. A panel of three will succeed her . . . Mr. Thorpe has accepted a further term of ministry . . . In past two months there have been 20 first decisions . . . Seven have been baptized. Others are in instructional groups . . . There are three active prayer and bible study groups in operation.

COMBINED WELCOME (Boronia) At final combined service with Methodists opportunity was taken to welcome Mr & Mrs E. L. Williams and Mr & Mrs Dare Stevens to an interim ministry. . . Explorer and Good Companions Clubs have received a grant of \$200 from the Dept. of Youth, Sport, & Recreation. . . Tape recordings of Sunday morning services are being used for elderly and other shut-in folk. . . Members have given generous support for Christmas Bowl and Qld. Flood Relief. . . Ten have been received into membership by transfer from other churches.

KARL TURTMANN DIES

Chaplain Karl Turtmann, who suffered a stroke on January 28, died after four weeks without regaining consciousness. The funeral was on February 27, an obituary notice will appear later.

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PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Queensland Brotherhood, as President I express sincere appreciation to the Brotherhood throughout Australia for the magnificent response to our Appeal for assistance to flood victims.

The flood, which affected many areas of our State, but especially the Brisbane-Ipswich region, has been described as the worst natural disaster in the history of Australia. Our local churches were quick to respond to the need as thousands became homeless and emergency situations developed with increasing rapidity. It was indeed heartwarming to witness the splendid efforts of many of our people who gave of themselves, almost without ceasing. There is no doubt the community was impressed as the Church was seen to be in action, expressing real love and concern in what one could certainly describe as "practical Christianity".

Eric Hart, Director of our Brotherhood Department of Social Services, has been magnificent in handling the big task of assessing the needs of our people and giving practical assistance and advice. He has, of course, help from members of his committee. All donations from our Brotherhood are being channelled through our Social Service Committee. Donors can be assured that their gifts will be used wisely and well.

The effect of the Great 1974 Flood will be felt for a long time. Yet out of the tragedy and heartbreak of the disaster has come a wonderful sense of togetherness. The theme chosen for this Presidential year is most appropriate in the light of these events. Our theme is LOVE THE BROTHERHOOD - Strengthen the Bond. There has been a real demonstration of great Christian Love within the Brotherhood which has served to strengthen the bond that draws us together.

We are very grateful.

Len Brooks
PRESIDENT

FLOOD AFTERMATH

By Allan Male

Members affected:

36 of our members' homes have been affected by the flood. Some were completely inundated and others were partially affected.

Chapels damaged:

One church building (Salisbury) was ½ metre off total immersion and was subsequently demolished. Rocklea chapel had ½ metre above the floor level. Bundamba church was also affected. The Chapel at Marburg (350 Kilos from Brisbane) received 1 metre of water through the building and the adjacent manse occupied by the Minister Arthur Griffiths and his family.

Presidential Visits:

Len Brooks visited flood affected areas

and gave personal encouragement to members who were victims. He arranged for immediate flood relief where necessary and using his recognised business acumen has personally assisted in plans for long-term rehabilitation.

On behalf of the Queensland Brotherhood Len expressed his admiration for the Brotherhood who served their fellow-man in need. As President, he particularly praised Eric Hart (Social Services Director) and the Committee and staff for their untiring efforts to help the disabled community. Len's Conference Theme: "Love the Brotherhood - Strengthen the Bonds" took on practical significance as offerings have been received from Churches through special offerings.

Interstate Support:

From the Federal Conference President, Graham Gilmour (Canberra) and messages from Conference Executives and Departments have strengthened our feeling of national brotherhood. The many expressions of loving concern have been gratefully received.

State Approach

Through the Department of Social Service a Committee of three comprising a retired Public Servant, Staph. Hoens, (Ann St), an Architect, Don Cranston, (Camp Hill) and a painter Jim Rogers, (Acacia Ridge) will assess the situation as to reparation and restoration of buildings.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Deep grief has now set in as the shock-wave of the "unbelief syndrome" passes and social workers are deeply concerned at the possibility of hasty and irrational reactions from victims.

Already tension is evident among weary welfare agents who are dealing with people who are, understandably, seeking a scapegoat to blame for their undeserved hardship.

Other State Governments have sent in teams of Social Workers and skilled tradesmen in a magnificent gesture of interstate goodwill.

Small businesses have been brought to a standstill and many owners are faced with financial ruin. The task of the Church in this area of social concern for individuals and their future is immense.

At a recent Sunday afternoon "Prayers for People" organised by radio 4 BK, all churches were represented and the address was delivered by A.C. Male. In it he stressed that there were three avenues open to people in a time of crisis.

- (i) to Resign and "give the game away".
- (ii) to Retaliate and seek a "scapegoat" or
- (iii) to Accept and learn from the experience.

He concluded - "In the face of the flood devastation, resignation is a understandable but not commendable. Retaliation is of little use against flood - as Churchill said when a speaker expanded the policy "an eye for an eye, tooth for tooth, bomb for bomb" - "Have you ever tried to sting a bee?"

For the Christian, Acceptance and learning is the only avenue open.

Like the Alcoholics Anonymous slogan we pray,

Lord, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,

The Courage to change the things I can,

and the wisdom to know the difference."

ON ABORIGINAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

(S.A.) Among the 41 members of the recently formed National Aboriginal Consultative Committee there are several Christian Aborigines. One is Jim Stanley and he has the honour of being elected President of the N.A.C.C.

Previously he was a welfare officer with the Prisoners' Aid Association in Adelaide, and in this capacity made a most effective Christian witness.

With his wife, Elaine, Jim is now involved in the management of "Nindee" Aborigal hostel, Beulah Park, and



attends Maylands church.

Jim is a very important member of the S.A. Churches of Christ Aborigines' Committee, whose members join with so many others in wishing him well in this opportunity to serve his people.

H. R. Fitch retires

(Fremantle) Harold Fitch retired from the ministry on February 17. The ladies' choir assisted in the evening final service. At the farewell on Feb. 22 tribute was paid to the ministry of Mr. & Mrs. Fitch. Retirement will be spent in the Harvey area from which he came. A presentation of a wallet with notes was made . . . An

historic occasion was the combined Charter Service at Fremantle on Feb. 24, when the church at Hamilton Hill was formally established in its own right. W. Newton led the worship and John Somerville, Conf. Pres. led in prayer. Mr. Fitch gave the message. Shirley Caddy was soloiste. 45 signed the Charter as H.H. church members . . . Fremantle church will be without a minister for the time being.

INNER SPRINGS



In lowliness of mind

Following his defeat in a tournament, one of the great tennis champions of our day was being interviewed. Replying to the suggestion that a hard match on the previous day and the very hot conditions might have contributed to his loss, he gave a winning smile. "Oh, no, that had nothing to do with it. My opponent played better than I did." No excuses for his own weakness, no attempt to belittle the winner. Instead a gracious acknowledgement of another man's superiority on the day. And what a lovely thing it is! For it removes the sting of defeat and gladdens the hearts of all concerned.

Men achieve greatness not by what they do so much as the manner in which they do it, and the attitude which motivates them. For those who would seek greatness insensitive to the needs of others there is a word of warning. "Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down", saith the Lord. (Isaiah 1:4) And Paul further reminds us. "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves." (Phil. 2:3)

Make this poor self grow less and less
Be Thou my life and aim;
O, make me daily through Thy grace,
More meet to bear Thy name.

Loving Father, help us to be truly gracious in the face of defeat. May Thy spirit dwell within us, so that no situation may find us lacking in love and humility.

Amen

Philippians 2:1-5

FLORENCE ROSIER

REPRESSION IN SOUTH AFRICA

The Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches expressed concern at the "increasingly repressive measures" being taken against dissenting voices in South Africa and Namibia (South West Africa).

The 25-member Executive Committee reaffirmed WCC support for those who are bearing "courageous witness" to the Christian vision of justice and reconciliation.

The full text of the statement is as follows:

"The Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches expresses alarm at the increasingly repressive measures being taken by the Government of the Republic of South Africa, such as the activities of its Schlebusch Commission, its lengthening list of banned persons and the widespread prosecution of dissenting voices of South Africans and Namibians (whose country South Africa illegally occupies); reaffirms the World Council's support for all persons and groups in those countries who are bearing witness to the Christian vision of justice and reconciliation."

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PEOPLE AND THEIR RELATIONSHIPS

Wednesday, March 13, 8 p.m.

- "Child/Parent Interaction"
 - Dr. F. Bishop, Royal Children's Hospital.
 - "Learned Behaviour-Helpful and Unhelpful"
 - Dr. John Birrell, Police Surgeon
 - "Family Dynamics on the Peninsula"
 - Mr. B. Fitzgerald, formerly Psychology and Guidance Branch, Educ. Dept.
- Questions from audience.

PEOPLE'S ESCAPES

Wednesday, March 27, 8 p.m.

- "Do the Young Opt Out?"
 - Mrs. J. Bryant, Buoyancy Foundation
 - "What about the Women?"
 - Miss S. Brayshaw, Social Worker.
 - "... and the Men?"
 - Mr. J. Dixon, Salvation Army Counselling Centre.
- Questions from audience.

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VICTORIA

EUROA STUDENT WINS HONOURS

PICNIC LUNCH (Ormond, C. Clayden) Members took picnic lunch to Caulfield Park on Jan. 20 for an informal "Getting-to-know" the new minister, Carl Clayden, and his wife, after 11 a.m. induction service . . . A magician assisted in entertaining S.S. at a graduation tea . . . Growth group has recommenced.

LAY WITNESS MISSION (Bendigo, M. D. Keatch). There were 114 communicants on Feb. 3 in preparation for a Lay Witness Mission to be held Feb. 22-24 . . . \$309 was raised for the Ethiopian appeal and \$346 for Queensland Flood Relief . . . 62 shared in a Family Camp at "Tandara" Lutheran Camp at Hall's Gap . . . G. Doolan has resigned as B.S. Supt. after 13 years. K. Lacy is the new Supt . . . Miss Jennie Doolan has resigned leadership of the Good Companions. Maree McGrath has been appointed in her place.

EAST KEILOR WELCOME The Church welcomed Mr. S. Downie and his wife at a social evening. Ted Keating conducted the induction service for Mr. Downie on Feb. 17 . . . Mr. Downie has been guest speaker at North Essendon and Essendon churches recently.

OBITUARY

POTTS CHRISTINA

Approximately half way between Cook's landing and the present, Christina Smith was born at Taradale, Vic., in 1870. Before cars and planes, radio and T.V., and before electric gadgets cluttered our homes, the Smiths worked on railways in gold digging country. Here, Christina spent her girlhood. In 1898 she married John Robert Potts, a railway employee of Elphinstone, William Davey officiating in Christian Chapel, Taradale. Supplementing the family income, John and Christina added farming to support the seven children of the marriage. They established a farm at Castlemaine. John died in 1929 and Mrs Potts held the farm together until, at the age of 66 she came to live in Brunswick, staying there for over 30 years, lovingly cared for by her daughter, Grace. The last four years of her life was spent at Churches of Christ Nursing Home, where she died on Feb. 15 at the age of 103 years. She had a record of over 80 years membership with Churches of Christ, and attended Moreland Church of Christ when in her nineties. Mrs Potts never wavered in her faith, and did not hesitate to speak forcibly on trends which seemed detrimental to the spiritual welfare of the country she loved so much. A familiar memory of her is to picture the person at the fireside making dolls and golliwogs for sending to native children. In spite of failing health and weakening sight, "she did what she could" for her Lord. Services were held at Castlemaine Church of Christ and Campbell's Creek cemetery. Christian love was expressed to the ninety descendants of Mrs Potts, many of whom serve in Castlemaine and other Churches. Norm Murphy, who had taken Lord's Supper emblems to Mrs Potts over five years, closed the service with an uplifting prayer.

—George A. Grainger.

Elizabeth Smith, daughter of the late Principal of the Euroa High School, shared the Liet. Memorial Prizes (1st and 2nd 1973) with two other candidates. The Liet. Prize is awarded in respect to the linguistic part of the H.S.C. This was the climax of an outstanding year for Elizabeth. She was Euroa's "Student of the Year," chosen for the Mobile Youth Australia Quest Zone finals, took four 1st Prizes in the Alliance Francais Competitions, gained special mention in the Australia wide Concourse La Perouse sponsored by Air France, and earned A's in all five subjects in the H.S.C. Examination.

Elizabeth follows a family tradition.

S. S. SUPT. RETIRES (Nth. Essendon). After long and valued service in the S.S., Jack Pemberton has retired as General Superintendent . . . Peter Nelson was installed into the ministry on Feb. 10 . . . S. Downie, new minister at East Keilor, was speaker on Feb. 3 . . . Judith Lycett made her confession of faith on Feb. 17 . . . A Reunion worship service for cricketers was held. "Gospel Rock" from North Balwyn provided the music and cricketer Ken Eastwood spoke at a fellowship hour.

SILVERTONES (Berwick). A youth service on March 3 featured the Silvertones musical group and members of the Burwood Teachers' College Christian Group took part . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Williams have been received in fellowship from Warragul.

CHURCH PROGRAMME (Latrobe Tce., Geelong) The minister, N. Hodgekiss, and Elders met to plan future activities. Members are giving enthusiastic support for new ministry . . . Ladies went to Indented Heads to home of Mrs J. Grieve for C.W.F. meeting . . . The growing J.C.E. is led by Mrs H. Colman . . . There have been several decisions and receptions into membership.

AT GUEST HOME (Box Hill, K. R. Bond) Services were rendered each Sunday evening in Feb. at Oakleigh Guest Home . . . 16 C.W.F. members attended Women's Convention at Belgrave . . . Recent speakers were Mr Bond's brother from W.A., and Dr. E. Kilbourne, Vice-Pres. O.M.S. International, prior to returning to the mission field . . . Mrs S. Smith from East Doncaster was J.C.E. speaker . . . Explorers commenced fund for new equipment . . . Sympathy expressed to Marchant family in the death of Mr Marchant Sr.

ASSISTANT MINISTER (West Preston, A. J. Storay) Vic. Quayle has been re-engaged as assistant minister for 1974 . . . Many members met to support the youth programme "Chrislab" an 18-week

Her father Keith, in his matriculation year, was awarded a Senior Government Scholarship and the Exhibition in Geography with first-class honours in Geography and English Literature, and took an Honours Arts Degree at Melbourne University. Her mother, Valerie, holds the same degree and is teaching French and English at Euroa High School.

Accepting a studentship for Secondary Teaching, Elizabeth will study for the degree of Bachelor of Arts and Diploma of Educ. at Monash University. She is a member of the Burwood Church of Christ and at Euroa has been worshipping with her family at the Presbyterian Church.

course aimed at increasing confidence in handling Christian life . . . In memory of Mrs Cook, Thai bibles are to be purchased for use of Ian and Patsy Cook in their work in Thailand . . . Interviews between minister and members are features of evening services.

YOUTH MINISTER (Balwyn, W. W. Saunders) Dr. K. R. Bowes inducted Gary Wake as Associate Youth Minister, and Mr Saunders welcomed Mr & Mrs Wake into the church on Feb. 3. Mr Wake has been taking the evening services and led the B.S. Teachers' Dedication Service on Feb. 10 . . . Feb. was "Fellowship Month" with a church family social on 15th. An after-church Coffee Hour on 17th was a welcome to Mr & Mrs Wake . . . Young people helped in Yooralla Hospital appeal . . . B.S. prizegiving was held on Feb 24. There was "coffee and chat" afterwards given by teachers to meet parents.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

GOOLWA CHANGE Brian Beck concluded his ministry at end of the year. After the final service a social hour was held and a presentation made. A.R. Jones conducted the induction service for our new minister, D. Smith, on Feb. 3 . . . Visiting speakers have been Dr. Thornley Thomas, Mr Archbold, and B. Whyatt . . . Young people conducted a "Drop-In Centre" at "The Hut" on two nights a week during the school holidays.

EXTENSION OF TERM (Victor Harbor, J. Luff) The annual meeting invited Mr Luff to continue his ministry for a further two years . . . "Highlight Happenings" have been features of recent evening services . . . Industrial and Harvest Sunday was observed . . . Informal tea was held to welcome Church of Christ students of Bible College of S.A. in Victor Harbor . . . Mr & Mrs H. Finger visit the church on March 3.



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FEARY—MICHELL. Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Feary of 183 Eureka St., Ballarat, Vic., are happy to announce the engagement of their elder daughter, Rosalind, to Russell, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mitchell of 16 Iris Ave., Wendouree.

GOEDECKE—KNEE Mrs. G. Goedecke of Black Forest, S.A. and Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Knee of Ormond, Vic., are happy to announce the engagement of Helen and Brian.

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GOLDEN WEDDING

LAWRIE—RICHARDSON Daphne, John and families, congratulate their parents, Roy and Nell Lawrie of Tumbay Bay, S.A., on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, solemnised at the Mile End Church of Christ, March 13th, 1924, by Pastor B.W. Manning.

DEATH

CHEAL, MARY, February 13th at Christian Guest Home, dearly loved mother of Neal and Marjorie, loving Grandma and Great Grandma of Jeff and Val, John and Gwen, Ray and Gwendolyn, Russell and Barbara, and their children. "The peace of the Lord has been laid on thee."

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- Ben Barnes, Camp Hill, Qld. ● Mrs. Evelyn Sitlington, Nth, Williamstown, Vic. ● Mrs. M. McKenzie, Devenport, Tas. ● Mrs Mearle Yard, Hampton Vic.

BIRTH

ANDERSON (JENKINS). On December 6, Michael was born twelve weeks prem. He was so small he wasn't weighed then. On his eighth day he was 1 lb. 15½ ozs. and due to the care of the Box Hill Staff, your love and prayers on his behalf, he's home at last. Sue and Geoff's boy. Delighting Alan and Joyce and Jack and Joy. God's miracle.

GOLDEN WEDDING

LYALL-WELLS. On 5th March, the 50th Anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lyall, which was celebrated in 1924 at the Howe Crescent, Crescent Congregational Church by the Rev. W. S. Pearse.

ALL STATES

GEO. MATHIESON JR. AT BRIGHTON
A.G. Mathieson commenced his ministry on Feb. 3. Greg. Jenks, student minister, began on Feb. 17. . . . Annual meeting reported a net loss of 11. Active roll, 133. Finances showed a deficit of \$707. . . . C.W.F.'s received \$1569 for others. . . . The principle of Christians in Fellowship was approved. . . . Elders are N. Arnott, C. Davis, B. Lanaway, B. Huntsman. The Chairman of the Deacons Board is Mrs S. Angwin. Board members are Mrs C. Skeat, K. Arnott, M. Bismire, B. Craven, R. Davis, J. Lanaway, C. Lewis, P. Mann, R. Hart, K. Sharpe, R. Scott, and J. McLean.

PLANE CLEANERS (Peel St., Ballarat, W. Mills) Youth members helped clean M.A.F. Cessna plane. C.Y.S. Pres. is P. Coates; Sec., Wayne Talbot. . . . S.S. Sec., Bruce Harmer, has moved to Murrayville. New Sec. is Wayne Talbot.

. . . . 10 a.m. January services were successful. . . . Recent guest artists were E. Steele and Merv Romeo.

MURRAY BRIDGE MINISTRY
Induction service for D.F. Kuhl was conducted by L. Fitzgerald of Adelaide. Mr Kuhl is a graduate of Kenmore College. Ministers' Fraternal was represented at after-church fellowship to meet minister and his family. . . . Mrs Hall from Victor Harbour, Pres. Stn. Dist. Conf., and Mrs Bell, Pres.-Elect from Strathalbyn, were present at C.W.F. meeting. . . . Vandals entered the church by breaking a window and caused a lot of damage and inconvenience. . . . E. Long, elder; Mrs Lind and Mrs Simons are home from hospital. Mrs Johnson is still hospitalised. . . . Mrs Phillips and Gwynne have returned from England, but Mrs Phillips is in hospital with pneumonia. . . . G. Bywaters welcomed 60 men to inter-church men's fellowship. Speaker was from Monarto Development Commission.

STATE C.E. CHOIR (Fullarton, M.T. Lawrie) The State C.E. Choir gave items on Feb. 10 when Lorraine Creeper was farewelled on leaving for missionary training at Launceston. . . . C.W.F. gave \$306 for M.A.F. and \$39 for a needy family. . . . Recent speakers have been Mr Pederick from the Bible Society, Miss Robyn Haskell, and D. Chigwidden. . . . Blackwood young people led service on Feb. 24.

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP (Oakleigh, Dr. C.J. Mackenzie) A church family camp was held at Camp Waterman, Feb. 22-24, for 40 persons of all ages. An early morning communion service was led by the ladies. A number expressed desire for a deeper commitment. This camping experience is a lead to the Lay Witness to be conducted by the Institute of Church Renewal, March 15-17. . . . The annual meeting decided to support a special missionary project and that an effort be made to build up B.S. R. Corrin is new B.S. Supt. B. Gilhooley is C.Y.F. leader. . . . At a Sportsman's service Pam Whytecross spoke of the disciplines needed by a tennis player and of her visit to Wimbledon as a participant. Graeme Ainscough told of the cricket team in past years. Both tennis and cricket teams have qualified for the finals. . . . John Briggs was farewelled on leaving for W.E.C., Tas.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

FRANK GRIFFITH CONCLUDES MINISTRY (Dianella, J. Somerville) Frank Griffiths concluded his ministry on Feb. 3. The church honoured Mr & Mrs Griffiths at a large gathering after evening service and presented two recliner chairs as token of appreciation of their dedicated work among us. F.H. Griffiths is now an elder. Older elected officers included E. Tinetti—Secretary, R. Gething—Treasurer, B. Stitt, E. Tinetti, K. Parry, G. Cugley—elder. Mrs J. Parry is new B.S. Supt and Mrs G. Thomas, C.W.F. President. . . . A large congregation was present for induction of new minister, J. Somerville, on Feb. 10, with T. Banks and K. Patterson assisting.



TASMANIA

DEATH IN SCOTLAND (Margaret St. L'ceston, M. D. Hamilton). Duncan McNab Stewart died on Feb. 10 in Edinburgh, Scotland. It has been a privilege to have fellowship with this great man of faith on extended visits he paid to Tasmania to visit his relatives and family. Mr. Stewart was 93. . . . Mr. Hamilton has accepted the invitation to extend his ministry a further five years at the end of his present term. . . . Phillip Younger and Steven Masterman are continuing university studies in Hobart. . . . \$420 has been sent to Qld. for Flood Relief.

TO TERMINATE (Devonport) E.W. Taylor has notified the church that his ministry will terminate in August. . . . Bud Schaeffer, athlete and missionary, was recent speaker. . . . Sherrin Lee was presented with the Girls' Brigade "Pioneer Pin," the first in Tasmania. Other awards were presented. B.B. had annual inspection and parade. Timothy Pearce won the Queen's Badge. . . . Chas. Gray of HCJB Radio Station spoke and showed slides of his work. . . . N. Chamberlain conducted Y.P. camp at Black Bluff. A "Family Tea" was held to meet Mr Chamberlain who is assisting the work this year.

NEW MINISTER (Ulverstone). Our new minister Paul Burnham was inducted on February 3, and afterwards Mr and Mrs Burnham, Lincoln and Prudence joined with the officers and wives and Cr and Mrs Badcock (the Warden of Ulverstone) in a fellowship dinner. . . . Presentations were made to Craig Ashton on applying as an apprentice chef in Hobart, and to Mr Ling for painting the church manse. . . . Men of the congregation spent the long weekend at Lake Rowallan fishing and enjoying Christian fellowship. . . . Messrs Burnham and Orr journeyed to Bicheno for the quarterly Tasmanian Conf. . . . The Annual Tasmanian Conference will be held here, March 30-31.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

GROTE ST. GIVING (H.M. Long) The congregation responded to calls for extra giving: supported proposed Centre in Vila, New Hebrides, took an extra monthly offering for famine in India, allocated Christmas Bowl giving to Ethiopia through COCOA, is currently assisting victims of Australian floods. . . . Frank Bell, Graham Bing, and Gary Leane have been added to the Board. . . . Mrs Maire Maskrey of J.E.W., and Harold and Mary Finger from the New Hebrides have been recent missionary visitors. . . . The congregation has voted to extend the minister's term by an extra four years from the end of 1974. . . . Chapel, halls, kitchen, etc. are in continuous use by local, brotherhood, interdenominational and even secular interests.

SHARE GROUPS (Forestville, M. Munyard) Share groups are functioning again. . . . Dr Ed. Kilbourne of O.M.S. International spoke on Feb. 10. A women's luncheon, attended by 60 ladies including those from other churches, was addressed by Mrs Kilbourne. A cheque for \$61.80 was given for O.M.S. . . . On Feb. 21 a tea was held to meet Mr & Mrs Harold Finger, who have spent 20 years in the New Hebrides mission.

TWO BAPTISMS (Mt. Gambier, S. Neighbour) There have been two adult baptisms, brother and sister, bringing the total of recent baptisms to five. . . . Seven members, including three High School teachers and families, have been lost through removal during holidays. . . . Ian Gould, Deputy Head Master, preached recently. . . . Mr Neighbour inducted David Hovey into the ministry at Naracoorte. . . . Regular weekly articles featuring "From the Pulpit", based on morning readings, appear in the local press.

"COME ALIVE" CAMPAIGN (Prospect, R.H. Sercombe). The Northern District churches are cooperating in a "Come Alive" campaign from Feb. 26 in the Prospect Town Hall with Jack Bond as evangelist. A pre-campaign service at Prospect Church on Feb. 24 sets the tone of the witness. . . . The church is indebted to Mr & Mrs B. Carter for their donation of a sealed unit refrigerator, and to Mr McBride for the donation of a vacuum cleaner. . . . The church is collecting for the Qld. Flood Relief appeal.

PROGRAMME LAUNCHED (Nailsworth, P. De Wildt) The year's programme was presented by the minister at a tea with the theme "Christ to the fore in '74". . . . Derek Stacy is to enter Woolwich College to train for the ministry. . . . Mr De Wildt visits the Girls' Hostel once a week for tea and devotions. . . . The annual outdoor service attracted over 400 people. Prospect church and Broadview Baptist church participated. . . . Northern Community Hosp. patients are visited once a week by church ladies.



QUEENSLAND

SUPERINTENDENT BEALE (Townsville, A. Weedon) Frank W. Beale has accepted office of B.S. Supt. There were 50 pupils in second week of B.S. year. . . . Alan and Eva Lowe lead the Explorers' Club Club. . . . Consideration is being given to commencing a day C.W.F. . . . Mr & Mrs R. Acland led a fellowship tea on Feb. 10 on friendship evangelism.

29 ADDITIONS (Camp Hill, Barry Cutchie) There were 29 baptisms in 1973. . . . Greg and Bev. Jenks were farewelled on leaving for Melbourne where Greg will enter the College of the Bible. Des Ede is Boys' Brigade captain, replacing Greg. . . . Malcolm Chandler, student at Kenmore Christian College, has been called as assistant minister. . . . Camp Hill is cooperating with Murrarrie on a trial basis for 1974. Mr Cutchie will minister to both churches. Recent speakers have included Harry Yeomans (HCJB), and Haralan Popov (Evang to Communist Lands). Over 300 attended the film "The Rapture." There were several commitments as a result. . . . Following success of Open Air S.S. in a caravan park last year a second team opening work in a new park. Average combined attendance is 60. . . . Church was saddened by the death of Ben Barnes, a foundation member, at the age of 93.

DELROY BROWN AT GATTON (Qld.) The new minister Delroy Brown and his family were welcomed on Feb. 10. The induction service was conducted by F. Winter. . . . On Feb. 8 Doug Willis attended a cottage meeting at the home of Mr & Mrs A. Wegner. . . . Richard and Shirley Pearce of Aratula entertained with singing. . . . 31 of the Girls' Brigade attended a week-end camp with their leaders. at Toowoomba.

NAMBOUR INDUCTION At the induction service for A. G. Leane, E. T. Hart was guest speaker. A sit-down luncheon followed with 85 guests. During the luncheon the church expressed appreciation to G. Hopson, E. Adermann, and L. England for their interim ministry since last September. . . . Building has now commenced on the new manse adjacent to the church. . . . G. and F. Barber were welcomed from Sydney.

VICTORIA

MEMORIAL (Thornbury, G. J. Crossman) A new piano stool has been installed in memory of the late Mrs E. J. Brown, whose generosity made possible a considerable reduction of the church debt. . . . Church School teachers' dedication service held. Bibles were presented to four children graduating from Primary Dept. . . . C.W.A.F. and C.W.E.F. conducted a gospel service at which one lady made her confession of faith.

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A special business meeting endorsed the unanimous invitation of the church board to invite Mr and Mrs Moyes to continue their ministry until January 1981. They have commenced their ninth year. At the church's invitation Mr Moyes is attending the World Convention in Mexico and will spend a further month preaching in USA and Canada. The Church has contributed \$1000 towards his expenses.

900 attended the special Christmas service in the Moorabbin Town Hall conducted and organised by the church. Ron White and Noel Mitaxa continue their studies in COB. Philip Hughes enters Whitley College for ministry training and Paul Cameron has entered COB. Julie Acqueroff continues her missionary work in New Guinea and June Tassell has returned from voluntary nursing in the New Hebrides.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

FOR COLLEGE (Hornsby District, D.A. Oldfield) On Jan 27 Mark Wallace was speaker. He will enter Woolwich Bible College. A presentation was made to him at the close of the service . . . The church shared in a Mystery Car Drive on Australia Day . . . A young lady was baptised on Feb. 3. K.E. Crawford (Director of Dept. of H.M. & Evangelism) was guest speaker. A young man made his decision at night . . . The church has embarked on a House to House Visitation of the Thornleigh-Normanhurst area. On the first drive from Feb. 4-8 at least 450 homes were visited with encouraging results. On Feb. 10 the B.S. Annual Promotion Service was conducted by the Supt., H. Bishop. Mr Lowther of the Oriental Missionary Society was guest speaker at night and showed slides of their work after the service.

DIAMOND WEDDING (Marrickville D. Holloway) Mr & Mrs Button have celebrated their Diamond Wedding. They received greetings from the Queen, the Governor-General, the Prime Minister, and many others . . . There are many sick folk among our congregation . . . Mr & Mrs Geo. Knight were welcomed back after their trip to Perth.

FROM NEW HEBRIDES (Engadine, W. Caspersonn). At two meetings Graham Warne showed slides and told of his work at Banmatmat Bible College, New Hebrides. As a result the repairing of the mission launch "Ivanhoe" has been taken as a missionary project . . . C.W.F. executive for 1974 is Lee Caspersonn, President; Chris. Broady, Vice-Pres.; Barbara Tandy, Pres.-Elect.; Sylvia McGuire, Secretary; and Lorna Yuen, Treasurer . . . Richard Laney is B.S. Supt. with Lyn Dudman as Junior Dept. Supt . . . Social Squash has been commenced on Sat. nights.



VICTORIA

TWO BAPTISMS (Traralgon, W. Hamilton) There were two baptisms recently . . . S.S. commenced year with a teachers' morning tea . . . Our 1974 church programme was introduced with a "Finger Lick'n Dinner" . . . Our minister is being released for one week in March to attend a Marriage Guidance course in Melbourne . . . A recent speaker was T. Turiff representing the Aboriginal Missions.

PACEMAKER (Warracknabeal) Mr Blackman has returned from hospital with a heart "pacemaker" . . . Church has recommenced two services. Bruce Harmer was married in Ballarat. Mrs Preston spoke on Aborigines' missions and showed slides. Supper was served in hall. Church is appealing for funds for Qld. Flood Relief. A special collection is being made for Suter family at Kenmore College . . . H. Newell is recovering after being in hospital.



VICTORIA

CHARGE AT NOBLE PARK When Mr and Mrs G. Agnew and Miss Robyn Caudwell commenced their ministry on Feb. 3, the charge was given by C.L. Ward of the Dept. of H.M. and Evang. An informal tea service at 5 p.m. enabled the newcomers to be met in an informal way . . . Monday evening group is considering studying "What Churches of Christ Stand For" . . . C.W.F. has been making toys for hospital visitation . . . Improvements have been made to the appearance of the chapel.

JOINT MINISTRY (Preston-East Preston) Welcome extended to Roger and Ann Risson who have commenced their ministry with Jean & Jack Manallack . . . Several Church members sponsored prisoners from Pentridge in their recent walk-a-thon to raise funds to assist famine in Ethiopia . . . Miss Jean Hancock is Principal of Lalor Park Primary School . . . Mrs. Gordon Stirling was guest speaker at the C.W.F.'s first meeting for 1974 . . . Christian Education at East

Preston has moved to Wednesday evenings where it will be incorporated with club programmes . . . "Club 220" at Preston caters for young people from Form 1 up . . . Both Jean Manallack & Peg. Johnson were accredited following training as voluntary counsellors with the Citizens' Advisory Bureau in Preston.

KIWI IN PULPIT (Nth. Williamstown) New Zealander Roderick Brown, student at the College of the Bible, will be ministering here this year. The manse was painted inside and the pantry stocked in readiness for Mr and Mrs Brown and their two children who arrived on Feb. 18 . . . Recent speakers have been Messrs Haskell, Firth, Ratcliffe, Redding, and Lane . . . Vice-Principal G.R. Stirling was guest speaker at church's 85th anniversary on Feb. 17 . . . C.W.A.F. began year with a "Get-Together" in W'stown Gardens. C.W.E.F. held a fancy hat parade, and were visited by Mrs G.R. Stirling, C.W.F. Pres. Six ladies attended C.W.F. camp at Hall's Gap.

RAISED FOR SERVICE (York St. Ballarat, B. McMurtrie) A combined service on Christmas morning gave \$385

for Ethiopian relief . . . On Feb. 17 a Garden Party raised \$280 for B.S. equipment . . . Mr McMurtrie has had nose and throat surgery, and is now recovered . . . "Maranatha Sounds" assisted at a gospel service . . . The health of baby daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Harrison is causing concern . . . 55 have enrolled for a six weeks series on Text Marking . . . Fiona Mitaxa, Mrs Hugo, Mrs Tresco, and R. Burns have been received into membership.

FLOOD APPEAL (Caulfield) Appeal for Qld. Flood Appeal raised \$124 . . . Recent speakers have been K. Christensen and B. Harper . . . Miss B. Houghton is leader of girls' club . . . Lorraine Heywood is new Bible Class leader . . . Mr and Mrs R. Story are in N.S.W. for Wycliffe Translators . . . A.W.F. visited Christian Service Centre, also took part in Women's World Day of Prayer . . . Miss Marjorie Buckingham was honoured by R.M.I.T. and presentations were made on her retirement as Senior Lecturer at Secretarial College after 32 years service . . . Mr Neeson is in Alfred Hosp. for surgery . . . A.W. Brown celebrated 80th birthday on Feb. 25. Many relatives attended morning service on 24th.

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