

FRANKSTON'S NEW CHAPEL



The opening on February 16th, 1974. Left to right: Ray Patterson (former minister); The Hon. R. J. Hamer, Premier of Victoria; Eric Patterson (President of Conference of Churches of Christ, Victoria-Tasmania); Alan Avery (present minister). See page 11.

ABORIGINES

A HISTORY OF EVANGELISATION AND UPLIFT

By A. M. Bell

Part 1—"BEGINNINGS"

Miss Eadie of Churches of Christ in New Zealand became burdened about the spiritual and material plight of Aborigines in Australia. Unsupported, she journeyed the Nullarbor Plains to about 100 miles east of the goldmining town of Norseman and set up a tent to live in. Before long she was joined by Miss Ethel Bentley from Mt. Margaret. The two ladies battled the desert conditions doing the best they could to help families with their desperate problems and to tell them of the saving grace through Jesus Christ on Calvary's Cross.

Excessive sickness and infant mortality drove the ladies to a small area outside the town of Norseman where many of the Aboriginal people lived in their bush and tin humpies. But it was nearer to the hospital and doctor's attention, and by the same token nearer the hotel.

The ladies still lived in their tents putting up with the scorching sun, flies, mangy dogs, storms and violent fights from the drunken brawls inspired from the white man's liquor. Yet a little congregation grew and some began to

understand commitment to Christ, including one, an Aboriginal tribal leader, Jacky Boy. Police and courts were kept busy and W.A. Government established a settlement four hundred miles away at Mogumber. Illustrative of some of the public attitude, a smart-alec railway man herding a group of sentenced offenders into a cattle truck labelled the ticket "25 NIGGERS FOR MOGUMBER."

But the ladies still patiently, persistently and with Godly love kept on teaching the little flock and building it up in the things of God, helping with the intolerable conditions for the children. They managed to have a meeting hall erected 30 ft. by 20 ft.

To Be Continued . . .

WORLD FOOD CRISIS

The Executive Committee of the W.C.C. has called attention to the world food crisis as a matter of "urgent and grave concern" to the churches.

"Without some cutback in the rate of consumption, of both food and energy by the rich everywhere with a view to the fairer distribution of the world's resources among the human family, the poor will face increasing misery", the Committee stated.

It had been assumed, according to the Committee, that the development of the poor countries could take place without any slowing down of the rate of growth of the rich nations. "The present food shortage and energy crisis show that assumption is unjustifiable".

A paper entitled "Development Crisis and the Poor Societies" is being distributed to the 267 member churches belonging to the World Council so that its Central Committee, meeting next August in West Berlin, can see what action the churches might take to "make their proper contribution to the meeting of need, the promotion of justice and the avoidance of disaster".

MOTU BIBLE

A translation task that began almost 100 years ago culminated in the release last month of the Motu Bible.

Although the translation and printing work has ended, the joy has just started for the 30,000 Motu-speaking people in Papua New Guinea who now have the Bible available in their language.

The Motu Bible was dedicated at a service on Sunday, February 24, at the United Church, Poreporena. Thanksgiving services were also held in the five Motu circuits of the United Church, as well as Motu church services in Lae and Rabaul.

Many missionaries and other Christians have laboured over the years, translating parts of the Bible into Motu.

The New Testament has been revised many times since it was first released. The new Bible sees the publication of the Old Testament for the first time.

It costs the Bible Society \$3.00 to print each Bible, but they will sell for \$2.00.

INNER SPRINGS

LOVE IN DISGUISE

The wonderful ways of nature never cease to delight me. For many days I had watched the lovely wanderer caterpillar grow to maturity. At last the time came for its transformation into the delicate green chrysalis flecked with gold, peculiar to its kind. As it began its wriggling gyrations I felt the need to share the miracle with my friend ploughing on the far side of the hill.

Quickly I set off, eager to reach him in time and failed to notice, until too late, what was happening inside the box. With every step over the rough uneven ground, the caterpillar, suspended on a slender branch, was swinging wildly back and forth. I tried again walking more slowly but it was no use.

Regretfully I turned back. There would be no miracle. The constant movement had caused some malfunction and the little creature's life had ended, poised between two worlds. My selfishness had been its undoing!

It is a bitter lesson to learn that you have destroyed that, which at all costs, you would have preserved. We need to be so very careful that what we do in the guise of love is not merely the gratification of our own desires. To want to possess another is to destroy them. In order to hold we must be willing to let go.

"My friend, beware of me

Lest I should do,

The very thing I'd sooner die than do

In some way crucify the Christ in you

And I would humbly ask of you in turn

That if some day in me Love's fires

should burn

To whiteness, and a voice should call
Bidding me leave my little for God's all
If need be, you would thrust me from your
side
So keep love loyal to the Crucified."

Prayer:

Loving Father, where we are selfish in our loving, teach us the way of unselfishness. Where we are possessive, help us to let go. We thank Thee for Thy love which allows us freedom of choice.

1st Corinthians 13

Amen.

FLORENCE ROSIER

100 YEARS OF LEPROSY MISSION

THEN

AND NOW!

In 1874 leprosy sufferers could find help only in "leper asylums" where men and women could shelter from the prejudice and cruelty of a hostile world afraid of leprosy. The Mission's earliest work was translating Christian concern into action by building such centres for patients rejected by their own communities. Once admitted there was little hope of returning to ordinary life. Today the asylum has become a hospital where skilled and dedicated workers give to their patients the advantages of modern medicine and surgery. Patients are usually admitted for weeks or months—certainly not for life except in very exceptional circumstances and every activity concentrates on returning patients to the community from which they came, healthy, fit and eager to take their rightful place in society.

Then, there was no cure for leprosy. Little was known about the way the disease spread. Patients, often completely non-infectious, were isolated, separated from their families and friends. Leprosy was a lifelong tragedy, with little hope of relief. Modern medicines can now control and cure the disease in individual sufferers, and prevent the spread of infection to others. Today, with skilled treatment leprosy need be nothing more than a passing incident in life.

When the Mission began its work, most sufferers could look forward to nothing better than a life of progressive and distressing deformity extending, often, over many years. Little could be done to prevent nerve damage, and the consequent



NEW
STRENGTH
FOR
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injuries to hands and feet, face and eyes, resulted in ulceration, gross disablement and frequent blindness. Now deformity can be prevented. The pioneer work of surgeons, physio- and occupational therapists, has shown that deformity is not inevitable. Hands and feet made vulnerable to damage through loss of feeling can be protected when patients are made aware of danger, and taught simple precautions and exercises. Deformities which still occur because many patients do not get treatment at the time they most need it can be corrected by orthopaedic and plastic surgery.

In 1874, sufferers were driven from the community, to beg on the edge of existence. There was no hope of return, or reacceptance into their old society. Today, although this still continues in many parts of the world where treatment is unavailable, most patients under treatment do not see a hospital at all. Mobile treatment centres and village clinics dispense treatment in the patients' home surroundings, helping them to maintain their own place in society by teaching the local community that the patient can live safely at home, with regular and efficient treatment.

One hundred years ago, the year The Leprosy Mission's work began, a Norwegian scientist, Armauer Hansen, first published details of his discovery of the germ which causes leprosy. This was the first disease-causing organism to be isolated under the microscope. Little was known about the spread of leprosy, or the course of the disease, and few people seemed interested in finding out more. Now, research workers in many countries continually add new knowledge to that already accumulated and try to answer the questions the disease still raises. Important work includes the search for a vaccine and more effective drugs, better means of cultivating the bacillus in the laboratory, and a closer examination of the factors allowing the disease to spread within communities.

In the 19th century leprosy work was only undertaken by a small band of compassionate people, most of them Christian, who tried to limit the suffering of leprosy by offering sympathy and practical help. Today there is still a great and continuing need for the special qualities of service which the Christian Church, through The Leprosy Mission, can give but we rejoice that the fight is now shared by many—National Governments in many countries, the World Health Organisation, and an increasing number of voluntary agencies throughout the world.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA ARE
ENCOURAGED TO OBSERVE LEPROSY SUNDAY ON
MARCH 31.

• ABORIGINES MISSIONS

THE TRIBES OF MINDANAO

One of the small islands that forms part of the Philippines goes by the name of Mindanao. It is tiny, covered in tropical forest and for centuries lay neglected amongst the other islands. It withstood the conquest by Spain which named the island group after its King, the possession of its territory by the U.S.A., the ravages of the second world war and the occupation by the Japanese. These centuries and events saw little change in the lives of its people. They lived unmolested in the mountains and jungles with their traditions and culture and legends.

However, with the spread and growth of population early in the 1960s and the finding of great mineral wealth Mindanao suffered as many other places and people have suffered. The big mining companies and timber firms pushed their way into this tiny island and devastated much of the countryside driving the small tribal groups from their traditional homes into the hills and mountains. A type of guerilla warfare was carried on between the new settlers and the tribes. Filled with misery and despair these small groups of people numbering little more than about thirty in each group could see no answer to their degradation. They had lost their identity as a people and were ashamed of their culture.

One day there came amongst them the son of one of the mining magnates. He realised that their warfare with the settlers was not because of hatred but that this was their home and had been for centuries since they passed over what was then a land barrier to these islands in the Pacific. They called him the "Good Man". From 1967 onwards they saw a change come into their lives. This "Good Man" worked alone talking to them and to the government and investigating the wrongs that had been done to them. They had become so ashamed of their culture, their "dreamtime" legends, their dress, that they went about in rags and simply called themselves "natives". He gave them back their heritage. Lands were returned to them where they could rebuild, whether it be a tree house, a stilted lake dweller's house, or a grass hut. They built the type of homes they had always built and the government let them! They dressed in their tribal garments and were proud to confess the name of their tribe. Each tribe once more achieved its own identity. They were no longer ashamed and walked with new dignity.

All this did not happen overnight but over years and even now there is occasional violence between the tribal people and the "newcomers" who still

retain much of the land. But the will to retain their identity as a people of no matter how small a tribal group has been renewed and these people of Mindanao are struggling with the help of the "Good Man" to retain their right.

There is a parallel here. For long our tribal Aborigines have felt shame at their way of life and yet have not wanted to change. They have attempted to adapt to the white man's ways and most have failed miserably in the attempt. They have taken to wearing white man's clothes, drinking white man's liquor and apeing white man's ways in an attempt to be accepted by the white man in his society. They have denied their own laws and culture. But no man is converted by shame. Churches of Christ have brought the Gospel of the "Good Man" Jesus Christ to these people and many have accepted Him as their Saviour. Alan Pallett, Liaison Officer of the Norseman was specially appointed to assist in helping the children in our care to retain their identity. Through his visits to the peoples of the desert and his talks with them he has found an understanding of the meaning of their tribal laws and culture and language. Today at Norseman the children are taught to respect and have pride in their tribal attachments, to speak their own language and to preserve their culture. Their parents can visit them to see what sort of environment they are living in and there is a greater understanding between families and missionaries than ever before.

Conservation is the big word today. Few people associate it with human beings but aren't they the most important need to be conserved or saved? We have taken the Gospel of the "Good Man" Jesus Christ to the Aborigines but we have not shamed them nor degraded them. We have uplifted them and given them new dignity and pride of race - we have tried to conserve them.

A RETURN TO TRIBAL LAW

A revival of old tribal laws began with a ceremony at Liveringa 80 miles east of Derby recently when 18 men were punished for wrong-doing against the tribe. The elders feel that the white man's laws are ineffective against excessive drinking and unruly behaviour particularly by younger members of the group.

The tribes at Liveringa ceremony were the Njittina, Wolmatjera and Mudula tribes but similar law is observed by Aborigines at La Grange, Christmas Creek, Fitzroy Crossing and Balgo. The people are very frightened of the laws and find them very

hard. A gaol has been set up by the elders in an area marked out in the bush where those being punished are kept and watched. Their food is meat and tea.

This particular group spent two days in isolation. During the ceremony they squatted in a circle chanting while the elders showered them with sparks from burning grass. Later aboriginal women showered them with burning grass. The men were then forced to sing till dawn when they were returned to the isolation circle for another five days.

This ceremony is a mild form of punishment. Should they offend again the punishment would be much more

severe. These laws have been inherited from a tribe now nearly extinct but once inhabiting the area and have been held by the custodians Frank Djillaminga and Tommy Abadee for many years. The decision was made to help white people and to make towns more peaceful.

Alan Pallett, Norseman Liaison Officer, has found a similar request for tribal law to be enforced amongst the Warburton and Cundelee people. Respect for tribal law is taught at the Missions in an effort to help the children retain their identity and pride of race.

-B.G.W.

March 23

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN



Gordon K. Scambler was born in Melbourne and has lived in the metropolitan area ever since. His family were in attendance first at Black Rock, then South Richmond and subsequently at Camberwell where in 1944 he was baptised by R.L. Williams.

With encouragement of B.F. Huntsman and W.R. Hibbert he attended his first Youth Camp at Monbulk. There he met Hazel Elderfield whom he later married at Brunswick in 1948. The Scambler's have three children: Elinor, a Teaching Fellow of Monash University; David, an electrical engineer, and Raelle, a dental nurse.

Gordon Scambler's sustained interest in Brotherhood activities has involved him in a wide range of responsibilities. He served on the Officers Board at Brunswick and was also Bible School Superintendent. Since transferring to Blackburn, where he now lives, he has served as Board member, Board Chairman and Church Secretary. At the Brotherhood level he has been a member of the Department of Christian Education (when it was the Young People's Department 1953-56; Conference Treasurer 1957-64; and has been a member of the Ministers' Salaries and Allowances Sub-committee since 1951 and of the Christian Building Trust since 1971.

Mrs. Scambler has been actively involved in the Kindergarten Departments

• VICTORIA-TASMANIA

PRESIDENT-ELECT HAS LINKS WITH INTERESTING PEOPLE & PLACES

of the churches at Brunswick and Blackburn. She has always been a keen supporter of the work of the Christian Women's Fellowship, the Women's Christian Temperance Union and Religious Instruction in State Schools.

Gordon Scambler qualified as an accountant in 1948 and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the Australian Society of Accountants and the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators. For the past 17 years Mr. Scambler has been a partner in a well-known firm of Chartered Accountants.

Mr. Scambler's profession involves him in frequent visits overseas to such interesting places as Thailand, Hong Kong, Singapore, the New Hebrides and Papua.

The incoming President-Elect is a nephew of the late Principal T.H. Scambler and a cousin of A.E. White, editor of "The Australian Christian."

We congratulate Mr. Scambler upon the honour which is his, leading as it does to the Presidency of Conference in 1975-76. In his new responsibilities he is assured of the loyal co-operation and prayers of the people of the Conference of Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania.

Stanton H. Wilson
Conference Secretary.

BELGRAVE HEIGHTS, VIC., EASTER CONVENTION

A feature of the 23rd Easter Convention at Belgrave Heights this year (April 12-15) will be three visiting speakers from England. Leading the morning Bible Studies will be the Rev. Colin Grant, London, who is the Home Secretary of the Evangelical Union of South America.

The other two speakers are the Rev. Chris Byworth Oakhill Theological College, London, whose messages will be of special appeal to young people; and the Rev. Geoffrey King, a widely experienced Convention speaker.

Of special interest to day visitors will be the contemporary building housing the

Missions Display. Under the auspices of the Evangelical Alliance of Victoria over 40 missionary societies have combined to present 10 regional displays depicting the theme "One World—One Task."

Ample parking space, good picnic facilities and provision of light refreshments and tea service make the Convention centre which is only 28 miles from Melbourne an ideal day's outing for the family. Upwards of 2000 visitors gather for the programme featuring Morning Bible Studies, Convention and Missionary meetings, Children's and Young Teenage programme. A fully equipped Play Centre also operates for the younger members of the family.

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WHY THE FILIPINOS?

'The time has come to stop using the 35 Filipino Workers as pawns in a game that increasingly becomes confused,' the Associate Director of the Ecumenical Migration Centre, Alan Matheson said last week.

'If the situation is not clarified,' he said, 'the intentions of the Government and the Unions will be misrepresented in those areas of the world where we are trying desperately hard to live down our past history.'

Mr. Matheson said, 'there are two issues which must be kept separate. The first relates to the inhuman, monotony of the assembly line process of the car industry, and the other relates to the entry of people into Australia, whether Turk, Briton or Filipino.'

'The Unions,' he said 'are well aware of the exploitation practised by the industry and deserve the support of the community in bringing about changes', but 'it was unfortunate that they chose the entry of these particular workers to highlight the conditions under which all workers are exploited.'

Mr. Matheson said 'that the other issue relates to Australia's immigration policy. Already there are some 3000 Filipinos in Australia and talk of bringing 35 families in, as though they were the first to come, is not in accord with the facts.'

'As a way out of the impasse which apparently now exists between the Unions and the Government,' Mr. Matheson suggested that—

1 The Department of Immigration should immediately strengthen its selection staff in the Philippines as a concrete expression of its determination to implement a non-discriminatory policy.

2 Filipinos who meet the criteria of selection should be admitted on the same basis as all other immigrants. It is of paramount importance that in this particular case the entry of Filipinos should be kept separate from conditions in the car industry.

3 The Unions must be supported in their struggle for better conditions and for job satisfaction in those industries which have traditionally used unskilled migrant labour as an excuse not to improve conditions.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST
IN AUSTRALIA
SUMMER CONFERENCE
JAN. 26-31, 1975

WESTERN AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE APRIL 2-7, 1974

This will be W.A.'s 77th Conference. The President is John W. Somerville, minister of Dianella church. W. Tabbernee, B. A. (Hons.), S. T. M., Dip. R. E., will be guest speaker. The theme is "The New Testament Church for Today."

Programme: April 2 Fellowship Tea 6 p.m., followed by an assembly with Mr Tabbernee as speaker. April 3 Public meeting. April 4 Women's Auxiliary Conference. April 5 Youth Night April 6 Business commences 8.45 a.m. April 7 Conference Sermon. Good Friday, April 12 Brotherhood Devotional Service.

The Conference Executive will propose that the churches at Hamilton Hill and Warwick be formally admitted into affiliation. Sponsored by Fremantle for the past years, Hamilton Hill is now a separate church with W. Newton as minister. Warwick has grown rapidly owing to the large scale movement of church members into the housing areas nearby. P. Williams ministered there in 1973. G. B. Carslake succeeds him.

The Social Service Committee will ask for a change in the Constitution to provide for a Board of Management of the Christian Welfare and Counselling Services.

The State Aborigines Committee will

ask Conference for special permission to launch a "one million cents" appeal for a programme of evangelism and uplift among the increasing numbers of aboriginal people in the Perth metropolitan area.

The Social Questions Committee has given notice of two motions: 1. "While strongly encouraging the acceptance of motherhood as the priority career during a child's first four years of life, we commend the Federal and State Governments for their initiative with respect to pre-school education and child care. We urge (a) a rapid transition to the staffing of all private and community child care centres by adequately trained staff. (b) institution of a scheme of higher child endowment during the first 4 years as compensation for a mother who does not take another job, (c) Federal provision for the education of young parents in infant development, especially social and emotional needs; (d) Churches to conduct programmes of help for parents. 2. "That as physical facilities are a prerequisite to many recreational and welfare activities in the community, and lack of these can have adverse social repercussions, the Conference of Churches of Christ calls on each Church

(a) to encourage the availability of school buildings and grounds after hours; (b) to study the use of their own and other church halls; (c) to seek Governmental action on specific needs such as Infant Health Clinics, Community Halls, etc.

The Wembley Downs Church gives notice of the following motion: "That action be deferred on the motion passed at the State Conference in 1973 concerning affiliation with the World Council of Churches, and that a Commission of Enquiry be established to report to State Conference 1975; this commission to consist of eight (8) members to be appointed by the Conference Executive, equally representing supporting and opposing points of view, and chaired by the Conference President as a non-voting member".

The Conference Secretary, A. D. Pyne has notified that, after 35 years' membership of the Conference Executive and 23 of them as secretary, he will not be a candidate for election this year, believing that the time has come for a younger man to fill the position.

Conference will meet under the pressure of tensions from without and from within. Let our prayer be that the tender grace of our God will infuse itself into all our relationships, gatherings and business that the outcome will be to His glory.

J. K. Robinson.

WORD TALK NO. 91

Only once in the N.T. is Jesus called "Forerunner" (Heb. 6:20) but it is an interesting word requiring our attention. In Classical Greek a forerunner was the word used of scouts that were sent in advance of the rest of the troops. They were fast, light armed and skilful. Their courage was never questioned. I have seen the word used by Greek historians Herodotus, Thucydides and Xenophon—the greatest of the Greek military historians—to describe the initiative taken by skilful frontline fighters. Barclay says it was also used of a pilot boat in the harbour at Alexandria to bring in the large ships.

In the O.T. the word was used in association with preparing the way for others following (Isa. 40:3-11; Mal. 3:1). It was also used of the first figs that ripened as these were signs of the coming of the harvest (Isa. 28:4).

In the N.T. John the Baptist was a forerunner of Jesus (Mk 1:2-8) even though this term was not used of him.

Jesus in Heb. 6:20 is a High Priest in succession to Melchizedek, and he has entered within the Holy of Holies on our behalf. He was our forerunner.

This was a great concept to Jewish people. The Temple consisted of a series of Courts into which progressively fewer people could enter. The High Priest went through the Court of the Gentiles (where gentiles must stop); The Court of Women (the limit of women's worship); of the Israelites (Jewish men only); of the Priests (the sacrificial area) and into the Temple proper consisting of the Holy Place and the small Holy of Holies where only the High Priest could enter for a moment on the Day of Atonement.

THE NAMES OF JESUS FORERUNNER

Jesus was seen as the one High Priest who entered the Holy of Holies not just as our representative but as the first of all those who believe in him. He opens up the way for all of God's people to enter into the presence of God personally with boldness (Heb. 10:19-20). Jesus commences the priesthood of all believers, of all who believe in Him and follow the way He opened.

FOR TODAY.

One of the earliest church papers published by Alexander Campbell was called "Millennial Harbinger". This paper was the forerunner of the good news that was being spread around the world by our early Churches. The printed word went ahead and opened the way for preachers and churches which came later. So often our Christian literature lacks this "forerunner" concept. We should be writing literature that goes ahead of the Christian message into non-Christian homes and opens up the way for further Christian cultivation.

When the scouts went ahead and blazed the trail for the emigrants settling in the new land, they had to be followed or else their efforts would have been wasted. Jesus does not want admirers-but followers of the way he has opened.

As the forerunner Jesus pioneered the way to fullness of life. The word "pioneer" is also used of Jesus (Acts 3:15; 5:31; Heb. 2:10; 12:2). To Him should be given the pre-eminence, honour and obedience as he pioneers our way into faith, salvation and abundant life.

GORDON MOYES.

FIELD OFFICER INDUCTED



Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Giles, Les Withers (Chairman) and Don Smith (Director), Vic.-Tas. Dept. Homes Missions and Evangelism.

Trevor Giles the newly appointed Home Missions field officer for Victoria-Tasmania was inducted to his new appointment on Feb. 14 1974 at Doncaster Church. Department members and staff entertained Mr. & Mrs. Giles, Brotherhood representatives and ministers of assisted churches at a buffet dinner.

The chapel was crowded for the induction service. Department Chairman Les Withers presided, and Director Don Smith introduced Trevor and Nola Giles.

Newly appointed ministers to Home Missions churches assisted in the worship

and Gordon Moyes preached the induction sermon. He focused on the ministry of Titus and drew parallels with the current programme undertaken by the Department's field staff.

President of Conference, Eric Patterson, formally inducted Mr. Giles to his new position. In the next three months Mr. Giles will undergo an intensive orientation programme with field officer Ted Keating. The programme will include a visit to most Tasmanian churches and visits and special programmes with numerous Victorian churches.

• N.S.W.

WOOLICH COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

The Opening Dinner of the Woolwich Bible College, marking the commencement of activities for 1974, took place in the Lane Cove Church Hall on Feb 26;

New students and their wives were welcomed by the President of the Student Committee, Steve Warwick, and the Principal, Dr. Elliott, introduced the new part-time academic staff member. Mr. Chapman and Mr. Dixon also shared in the programme around the dinner table.

New Students for 1974 include George Arundell (from Fairfield), John Bond (South Perth, W.A.), Milton Caine (Midland, W.A.), Robert Goldfinch (Campbelltown), Robert Hough (Padstow), Stuart Livesey (Carramar), Geoffrey Pearman (Auckland, N.Z.), Hugh Roose (Enmore), Derek Stacy (Nailsworth, S.A.), Mark Wallace (Hornsby), Andrew Wijesinghe (Ceylon), Fred Wrightson (Georgetown).

Student Placements, applying to 3rd and 4th year men, who will be responsible leaders in the preaching and pastoral ministry in their churches, are as follows: IVth Year, D. Bailey, Lidcombe. R. Ferguson, Mosman. D. Herbert, Padstow. B. Nichols, Doonside. L. Smith,

Narraweena. S. Warwick, N. Sydney. IIIrd Year, R. Burton, Tempe. G. Deuble, N. Turramurra. B. Francis, Holroyd. N. Proellocks, Hurstville. R. Black, Warrawong. R. Thompson, Mt. Druitt.

1973 GRADUATES

The final year men of last year are settling-in to their congregations.

R. Combridge is at Wollongong, W. Gibney at Richmond, Vic, S. Kitto in service with the Federal Board of Aborigines Missions, in W.A., N. Merrick, at Maryborough, Qld. J. Morrow, at East Bentleigh, Vic, P. Pitts, at Bexley North, K. Rankin, at Lane Cove, and L. Thom, at Georgetown in the Newcastle district.

WOOLWICH STAFF MEMBERS, 1974.

Members of the part-time, visiting faculty at Woolwich Bible College during this year will be as follows:

C.E. Bowser, B.A., Dip. Ed., (Greek); R.C. Dixon (Practical Missions); K.W. Farmer, B. Camm. B.A. Hons. (Psychology); J.P. Henderson, B.A. (Social Counselling); C.G. Taylor, B.A. Hons. (History of Missions); G. Walker (Hebrew & Greek); H.C. Wheat, M.Th. Dip. R.E. (Theology); K.E. Crawford, A.A.S.A., A.C.A.A., A.S.T.C. (Evangelism); Mrs. Baker (Speech).

NEW N.S.W. PASTORATES

Several new pastorates have been begun in N.S.W. churches in recent weeks. Barry Benz has come from Albion, Qld. to Austral, Allan Rae, from Auburn, has commenced at Belmore, Trevor Kallmier, is serving as associate-minister with Mr. Pieper at Burwood, and George Elliott, following his service in the New Hebrides, has taken up a part-time ministry with the church at Auburn.

JAPANESE AID DROUGHT VICTIMS

Thousands of local congregations, schools, and kindergartens in Japan threw themselves into the fund-raising campaign for drought relief in India and West Africa. The result was approximately \$100,000US, the largest amount ever raised by the Division of Service of the National Christian Council of Japan and five times the campaign goal.

FEDERAL EXECUTIVE

PAYS TRIBUTE

TO E. W. ROFFEY

Earlier this year, the South Australian Conference gained a new secretary in E. W. Roffey. Mr Roffey was currently serving as minister of the Blackburn church, Vic., was a member of the Federal Conference Executive, and had also been Conference Secretary.

At its first meeting for 1974, the Federal Executive placed on its books the following minute of tribute:

"The Federal Conference places on record its deep appreciation of the many years of splendid service and leadership given to the churches by Ed. W. Roffey as Conference Secretary.

"This Executive, in particular, acknowledges the manner in which Mr. Roffey used his talents and resources on behalf of the brotherhood. His extensive experience, his attention to detail, his wide knowledge of the churches, and his capacity for work were willingly placed at the disposal of his brethren.

"His special contribution to the work of the Executive was in addition to his pastoral and evangelistic ministry to local congregations. Throughout all of his service there was evident his deep commitment to our Lord and a genuine concern for the churches.

"We seek the blessing of God upon Ed. Roffey as he now serves the Churches of Christ in South Australia as Executive officer".

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.

SEPARATISM

To the Editor

It must be difficult for a Separatist to appreciate words like those Dr. G. Hall ("Church Ecumenism" A.C. 23/2/74) attributes to Dr. Ramsay, Archbishop of Canterbury.

However, it is a fact that when a person is prepared to venture into circles other than those commensurate with his own religious views dilemmas sometimes do present themselves. It is just possible to meet an occasional atheist whose love of his fellow man and serious concern for the world in which he lives would seem to outstrip the attitudes and actions of at least some of those who have their religion worked out to the last jot and tittle. Heaven would be much more interesting with the former but almost hell with the latter, or so it might appear.

Let us by all means adhere to what we honestly believe the Bible is saying to us and we should by all reasonable means proclaim it. But why not use every council to which we have access, even the W.C.C., for that purpose? Maybe what we sometimes learn in the process will temper our own impatience or ignorance.

It is always easier to preach to the converted, and there is also a saying about frogs and puddles. Why not be positive and use the doors that are open to us, leaving the final analysis to God.

D. K. Thoday, S.A.

DARWIN

To the Editor

As former resident of Darwin (Aug. 1939 to 1945) I was interested in the article in the "A.C." 23/2/74. The population of Darwin in 1939 was approx. 500. By the end of 1941 it was approx 7000, and there were 12 Church of Christ members meeting each Lord's Day. We had no building but met in the home of one of the members.

The end of 1941 saw the evacuation of all women and children in view of the Japanese move southward. The subsequent air raids on the town from February 19, 1942, onwards, saw the dispersal of most of the armed services and the removal of all civilians except those engaged on essential services. Consequently this saw the abandonment of our group of members.

I was transferred back to Queensland in 1945 and up to that time no civilians had been allowed to return to Darwin. As far as I know none of the Group above mentioned returned to Darwin to live permanently.

IF we had a membership of 12 from a

population of 7000, surely we could find sufficient members from the present population of 40,000 to set up a group to form a church. Perhaps the Govt. Statistician could tell us how many Church of Christ members are in Darwin. I hope this matter will be discussed at next Federal Conference when I hope to be present.

W. Berlin, Qld.

To the Editor,

In reply to Malcolm McArthur's letter in "A.C." 26.1.74, the Federal Secretary gave three reasons why no work was being commenced at Darwin:

1. "No willingness by members there to take initiative". By N.T. standards, does the initiative come from members or eldership, with a vision after prayer and fasting? (Acts 13).

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

(Repeated from "A.C.", 23.2.1974.)

LEARN THE CLICHES

The wife got us involved in an "encounter group" (the in name for discussion group). I didn't like it much at first; but now I do. You see, I've learned the "lingo." I can juggle with the jargon. I can cope with the cliches. So if any of your readers want survival hints for encounter groups, here are the words and phrases that you use.

Use anything with "self" in it, such as "self-image", "self-discovery", "self-awareness." "Identity" is a winner if you combine it with "crisis" or if you say you are trying to find it. The most useful word of all, with many possible combinations is "role". You can have "role conflict", "role expectation", "role satisfaction." Our church secretary is in the group and he has been so carried away with this "role" thing, that he printed in the "Church Bulletin" that the elders were going to "revise the church role." He didn't mean anything exciting! Just that the elders were going to follow their annual practice of "playing God" and consigning the unfaithful to the oblivion of the supplementary roll ("the devil's book of death").

Other conversation pieces are "human dimension," "authenticity," "renewal," "finding our true humanity," "being human." Perhaps equal first prize winners would be "experiencing the positive values of life" and "discovering one's unique potential."

It doesn't matter whether these words and phrases mean the same thing to others in the group, or whether they mean anything or not to the speaker; they sound impressive in their own right. So you use them to say what you think they mean. The other fellow listens to them and hears what he thinks you mean, and a good time is had by all.

Our group is tolerant and open minded. You can think and believe what you like, as long as you use the right words and phrases to say it.

My wife is calling me to play a "supportive role" with the tea towel, so I'd better close or she'll tear strips off my "self-image."

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2. "We do not see how we can impose a church from Sydney or Melbourne." By the Lord's instruction to his disciples (Acts 1:8) and there response (Acts 2:14, 5:42, 8:1, 4, 40: 11:19, 20) we see no reticence about the imposition of the Lord Jesus and therefore his church upon those who were without hope and dead in trespasses and sins.

3. "To erect a building" and sustain a minister would be costly beyond the present resources of F.H.E. From the N.T. we gain no insight into so-called church buildings. It was more concerned with actually reaching people with the Gospel than where it met, consequently the emphasis on "house churches".

Are we concerned with the material or spiritual building? God's promise to us is to supply all our needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Surely this takes us beyond the "present resources" of a committee.

Positively, what about praying and seeking a mature Christian couple to go to Darwin and start meetings and outreach work through a home or hall in order to present the Lord Jesus Christ to every person in Darwin.

Geoff Rowcroft, W.A.

Books off the Press

AN EXPANDING FAITH

By David H. C. Read (Eerdmans)

In his preface David Read says that in recent jargon a preached sermon may be "cool", a written sermon is bound to be "hot" (which is bad). Recognising that any real sermon is born out of relationships with a living congregation, he says that the reader should supply the background. Most readers will find that Read is saying something to them. He presents no easy, sentimental gospel, but takes a long, hard look at life from the platform of faith, and shows some of the tough decisions which love requires. (In a POW camp the authorities decided to issue each prisoner with a loaf of bread, a week's supply. One man carefully measures each day's ration, another bolts down the whole lot in one day. What does Christian love do on the fourth day, when the second man is hungry and foodless?) Of course, there are no "Christian" answers which apply to every situation, because we cannot depersonalise each situation. We liked the last words of the first sermon (on unloading our burdens). "There is no burden a cleansed conscience cannot bear. And there is no burden a cleansed conscience cannot understand and share." Some preachers are still getting through, and Read is one of them. He has been pastor of Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church, New York City, since 1956.

THE PARABLES: THEN AND NOW

by A. M. Hunter (S.C.M.) \$2.25

It is obvious that for A. M. Hunter the parables of Jesus have become alive and crucial in his understanding of Christian discipleship. It has all come about because there have been some exciting movements in the fields of exegesis and philosophy. Hunter in his lucid style, and with a desire to be true to the text of scripture, has the happy knack of pulling together many of the threads of scholarship to produce a very helpful book on making the parables relevant for today. His introduction points the way for an exegesis of the parables that goes to the heart of the parable in its historical setting and then drawing out its meaning goes on to apply it in a living form for today. For Hunter the parables have ceased to be little moralizing stories of the past and have become key pieces for our understanding of the Kingdom of God, lessons which call for decision and action. Using some thirty parables he demonstrates the key ideas of his introduction and brings the lessons of these parables into the 20th Century with force.

-Don. E. Stewart

GOOD MORNING, LORD.

Five Devotional Books (Baker Book House) \$ ea.

These hard cover attractively presented books are useful for gifts, and three of them have pages at the front to indicate the name of giver and receiver.

They are largely the collection of devotional thoughts based on illustrations from life—many of them new to this reviewer. The background theology is conservative. Mostly, the lessons drawn are sane and helpful.

All use the title "Good Morning, Lord," and the sub-titles are *Five Minute Devotions* by Charles R. Hembree; *Devotions for Children* by Dena Korfker; *Devotions for Campers* by Floyd and Pauline Todd; *Devotions for the Mature Years* by Evelyn Anderson; and *More Devotions for Teens* by Paul Martin.

Quite a useful series.

DICTIONARY OF FAMOUS BIBLE PLACES. (David W. Thompson)—ANIMALS, BIRDS, AND PLANTS OF THE BIBLE (Willard S. Smith)

Both from Hodder & Stoughton 85c each.

Two inexpensive aids to the Bible. In the first there are over 500 place names listed, and over 200 drawings. The text is

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fairly simple. First the pronunciation is given, then the meaning, and then the description. At the back there are a few special sections on The Exodus, The O.T. World, Journeys of St. Paul, etc.

The same format is used for the book on animals, birds, and plants. There is an alphabetical section for each, and every item is illustrated. The King James version is used as a starting point.

These are useful for church and S.S. libraries, and their cost makes them acceptable for the home book shelves. There are many other books in the same series including "A Bible Who's Who.", "Hymn Writers of the Christian Church", and "Symbols of the Church." Each book has 64 pages.

THE JESUS PEOPLE SPEAK OUT!

compiled by Ruben Ortega (Hodder & Stoughton) \$1.30.

Ortega and his staff took 25 tape-recorders, 15 typewriters, and 100 rolls (he spelled it "roles"!) of tape and went to find what the young people in the Jesus Movement think about life, the Bible, Jesus, etc. etc. Since there is no official, organised Movement with an established core of beliefs, they found a variety of answers to many questions. Generally, those questioned took a fairly literal view of the Bible, and their theology is a fairly simple one of following Jesus—which may not be a bad thing! If the survey was a fair sample, the Jesus People don't have much money. Of the 19 responses, 11 had less than \$2. On parents: "You should obey your parents all the way. Just obey then until they get sick of you; they'll get sick of you after awhile." Most were anti-women's lib: "They're to submit to men; they're for men. Man was lonely, and she was given to him. Woman was taken out of man to serve man. I'm not much for women's lib." It is always interesting to know what others are thinking, but there's not much new ground broken.

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Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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"Confidentially, as a lawyer, the Ten Commandments may be a violation of civil rights!"

RESOURCES CAMP



"In silence, think about the people in your small group and choose an animal to represent each person."

This was, virtually, the first task given to 35 young people and youth leaders at Monbulk as they came together in a "Resources Camp." We then had to explain to the others in our group (of 4 people) the animal we had chosen for him or her and why! From the outset we were challenged to be honest in the relationships we were to build-up over the weekend.

The weekend was designed to introduce new concepts and approaches in Christian education. We played simulation games.

There are twelve people on an aeroplane and only one parachute, how do you choose which person has the parachute?

We learned about co-operation by building squares and doing handcraft.

We studied the Bible by expressing our insights in clay models or graphic designs.

Finally, as we simulated a church congregation we were confronted with the reality of factions within the church, and the difficulty for newcomers to "come-in". The organization is supreme!

To share with other youth leaders in their difficulties, their frustrations, their sense of inadequacy;

To learn with other youth leaders new ideas, new programmes, new insights into building trust and acceptance;

To experience in the beauty of God's world (the Dandenong Ranges) the sense of fellowship, love and strength which he offers;

These have given the youth leaders a new understanding of their place in God's work and new resources for doing it.

T. A. BANKS GEELONG.

• MARRIAGE & FAMILY WEEK

SHOCK ABSORBERS SHOCKED

The family, which has been called the "giant shock absorber" of society, will come in for some shocks of its own, according to Alvin Toffler, writer of Future Shock.

That kind of prediction, and the events behind it, has led to the theme of this year's National Marriage and Family Week being announced as "The Family Today and Tomorrow".

National Marriage and Family Week will be celebrated from May 6-12, 1974.

Marriage has been defined as "a voluntary union of one man and one woman exclusive, for life, for the purposes of mutual support and comfort, and for the bringing up of children". So the churches in the Western world have long upheld it.

Today there are many questions being asked and challenges being issued. The church must take these questions and

challenges seriously if it is to minister adequately to those who are frightened or confused by them.

It is timely, therefore, for National Marriage and Family Week to use the theme of "The Family Today and Tomorrow" as a springboard for a focus on so many vital issues.

The National Marriage and Family Week Council has issued a leaflet giving a number of suggestions and activities for celebrating the week. It includes an exercise in clarifying values on the issues and several group tasks. The brochure will be widely distributed through the churches. Copies are available from the N.M.F.W. Council, 100 Flinders Street (first floor), Melbourne.

The National Marriage and Family Week Council includes representatives of all major Christian communions.

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JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAYS QUIZ

Jesus told a story of a man who was attacked by thieves. They stole everything he had, and bashed him up and left him. Three men came along. It was the job of the first to help people, but he did nothing. The second man was probably scared, he also did nothing. The third man was a foreigner, he . . . (what happened next, see page 18).

FUN TIME

1. Why does a chicken cross the road?
 2. Why is a dog's tail like the centre of a tree?
 3. What is black and white and red all over?
- (see below)

A little boy, running wildly down the street, bumped into a man.

"My goodness," said the gentleman. "Where are you going in such a hurry?"

"Home," said the lad. "My mother is going to spank me."

"You're the first fellow I ever saw in such a hurry to get a spanking," the man replied.

"Well," came the response, "if I don't get there before my father does, he'll do the spanking."

FUN TIME ANSWERS

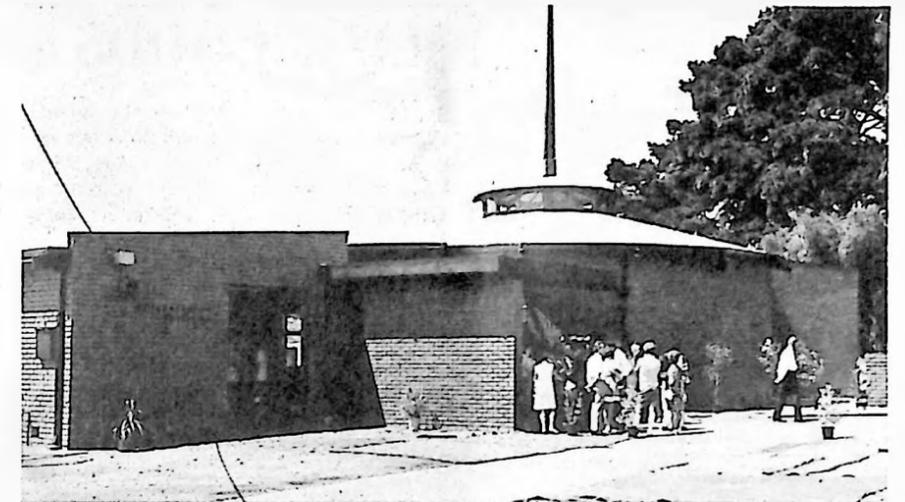
1. For fowl purposes.
2. Because it is furthest away from the bark.
3. A blushing zebra.



"What do you yell if it's a woman overboard?"

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NEW CHURCH AT FRANKSTON



(See cover photo).

"It just can't happen . . . it's impossible . . . it will never be ready!" These were some of the comments as people looked at building with just one week to go to opening date.

But it did happen! A vast army of members invaded the place, both on Saturday and during the week. Men moved earth and levelled gardens. Inside, ladies feverishly cleaned glass by the mile, swept and cleaned floors and prepared the kitchen. The minister looked over his office and puzzled as to how he and his books would fit.

When the great day arrived, the sun

shone brightly and the people began to arrive—first by tens, then by hundreds. The Premier of Victoria, the Hon. R.J. Hamer, came to share in the proceedings.

Alan Avery, the minister, reminded the assembly that "Hamer makes it happen, and it's time!" Then the Premier addressed the gathering and turned the key to open the building.

540 shared in the dedication service in the chapel, with the Conference President, Eric Patterson, delivering the dedicatory address. The Lowana Singers provided the music, and Mr Avery presided.

Afternoon tea was served following the service and opportunity was taken to inspect the building.

The building is about 60 squares with 2/3rds of the area being carpeted. The circular chapel will seat about 200 and features a circular communion table as the focal point. The complex comprises an administrative block, craft room, library and reading room as well as class and all-purpose rooms.

There is provision for outside activities—for sport and relaxation.

AT LAST !!

THE NEW CHURCHES OF CHRIST HYMN BOOK

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- ★ The Thrill of the New Songs
- ★ Traditional and Modern
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APPEAL FOR QLD. FLOODS

The Federal Social Questions and Services Board reports that to March 13, 1974, an amount of \$15,947 has been received. This amount came from members of our churches in all states of Australia, except Queensland where there also has been a ready response direct to Queensland Social Service Office.

The appeal has been recognized by the Taxation Department and amounts of \$2.00 and over are deductible when denoted "Churches of Christ in Australia Queensland Flood Relief Appeal 1974."

There is still a great need and the

DR. JONES TO N.Z.

Dr. Lloyd Jones of Sydney has been invited to serve as Guest Preacher with the Moorhouse Avenue Church of Christ, Christchurch, New Zealand. He will minister at this city church for at least six months from April 6, but will also fulfil several short commitments in Australia during this period. He can be contacted either through his Sydney address or through the above church (See P. 19).

THANKSGIVINGS SERVICE:

The N.S.W. Branch of the B. & F.B.S. held a Service of Thanksgiving in the St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Sydney, on March 7, in recognition of the thirty-six years of faithful and effective service given to the Society by its well-known retiring secretary, Rev. Alan F. Scott, B.E.M.

OBITUARY

TURTMANN, Karl.

On Sunday night, Feb. 24, after a period of four weeks without regaining consciousness, Karl Turtmann left this life. He suffered a stroke on Monday, Jan. 28 and was admitted to hospital. The chapel of High St. church, Preston, was inadequate to contain the crowd which assembled to pay its respects and show its love for Edith, his wife. During the 13th year of their marriage, Karl migrated from Germany to Australia. About 18 months later Edith joined him here—to find a difference. Her faith extends back many years, but Karl found Christ here in our land through friends associated with the Bentleigh Church.

His faith intensified his natural concern for the well-being of men and in 1966 he entered the Federal C.O.B. He became known and admired by many churches and at graduation he accepted a ministry at Coburg church. Like his Lord, he specialised in people and this deep interest led him to a wider ministry as Chaplain to the Preston Technical School during 1972 and 1973.

People from there, from LaTrobe University where he was studying, from former church associations, and from the community, sought this man out, and were accepted. The tributes from such a broad variety of people indicated that he had the listening ear. We suffer a loss, yet know we are enriched through our living together. It was in loving confidence that he and ourselves were committed to the presence of Christ is who is ever available.

—J.M.

TAREE MINISTRY

It was with deep regret and sense of loss when we learned that our minister wished to terminate his ministry at the end of the present year. This was a blow to the Board and to the members who were appreciating a ministry which was full and rewarding.

The Taree News Letter to members said that "without any reservations we have greatly appreciated the ministry of Mr & Mrs Howard, who have worked hard and sincerely and the messages of Mr Howard have been helpful and refreshing. The prospect of them leaving us does not fill us with dismay but it does fill us with a sense of deep regret and loss. In cold print such as this we would be unable to express the warmth of our affection."

The programme set out by Mr Howard for Taree in 1974 is wide and embracing.

The planned giving programme late in 1973 is bringing rewarding results. The financial improvement could mean an advance of up to 35%. The church will review its plans for Christian work beyond local needs. The church is sharing in the salaries of two ministers in young N.S.W. churches and is looking at the prospect of assisting another church in the same way.

C.W.F. VIC.-TAS.

The next Council meeting will be held in the Brotherhood Centre on Friday, 5th April at 10.30 a.m.

Programme: Thanksgiving Service.

appeal is open to receive further donations. Distribution will be made on an equitable basis on the recommendation of a special committee organized by our Queensland Social Service Committee.

Donations are being sent to State Social Service offices, which in turn remit through Federal Board in Melbourne.

We express thanks to all who have participated and we know how appreciative are our Queensland brethren.

F.M. Combridge, Director/Secretary.

CHORAL SOCIETY PLANS

The 21st Annual report of the Churches of Christ Choral Society (Vic.) showed that 1973 was a very successful year.

The Choir sang at six of our metropolitan churches, the two Social Service Homes, and two country churches, Bendigo and Horsham.

This year the choir is planning for at least three country trips apart from singing at a number of suburban centres.

—R. L'Green, Sec.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN W.A.

has a vacancy on its permanent male staff for a

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Details available from the General Secretary, 167 St. George's Terrace, PERTH, W.A. 6000

o VIC.-TAS SOCIAL SERVICE

CHANGE AT CHRISTIAN GUEST HOUSE

On 6th March 1974, Mrs. E. A. Gall laid down the task as Matron of the Home after serving with distinction for sixteen years.

Mrs. Gall came from South Australia to take up her appointment on Feb. 1958, and since then she has served in her responsible work with dignity and a deep concern for aged persons. She has given of her time and talent sacrificially to care for many persons who have been and now are resident at the Home.

Mrs. Gall will be greatly missed by many people including the residents, members of the Department of Social Service, members of our churches generally, among groups in churches and in areas of geriatric care. She had made a wonderful contribution to organizations such as geriatric conferences, matrons' associations and Mayfield Centre. Much of her thought and advice has been adopted in various ways.

We regret that in recent months Mrs. Gall has not enjoyed the best of health which has led to the present position, and we sincerely trust that she will soon be completely recovered. As she undertakes a new position with less responsibility we wish her every success and blessing.

A function was held at the Home on March 6 when representatives of the Department of Social Service, the staff and residents farewelled Mrs. Gall and made appropriate presentations to her.

The Deputy-Matron, Sister E. Blundy, who has been Acting-Matron since December last, will continue in that role until a new appointment is made.

D. L. KILEY
Chairman

F. M. COMBRIDGE
Director

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WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

CHURCH IN COMMUNIST LANDS It is not easy to get a clear picture of life in communist lands. It is even more difficult to get a clear, objective view of what is happening to Christians there. Is religion free or restricted? Are Christians persecuted or tolerated? One man who has many of the answers to these and other questions about the other side of the curtain is Michael Bourdeaux.

A graduate of Oxford University, Mr Bourdeaux then studied at Moscow University. He paid subsequent visits to Russia and to other East European communist countries. An Anglican clergyman, he is Director of the Centre for the Study of Religion in Communist Lands (in England) and is also on the research staff of the Royal Institute of International Affairs.

He has written a number of books, including "Opium of the People" (on the Christian religion in the U.S.S.R.); "Religious Ferment in Russia" (on Protestant opposition to Soviet Religious Policy); "Patriarch and Prophets (Persecution of the Russian Orthodox Church today); and his best known volume, "Faith on Trial in Russia" (a popular account of Russian Baptists today).

We are all concerned, or we should be, with the persecution of religious minorities in communist countries, and the Australian Council of Churches and the various State Councils have helped us towards a better understanding by sponsoring a visit to Australia by Michael Bourdeaux. He will speak at public meetings, at universities, and through the media. Concerned Christians should take the opportunity of hearing him.

He will be in Perth, March 23-25; Adelaide March 26-27; Melbourne March 28-April 2; Canberra April 3-5; Sydney April 5-9; Brisbane April 9-11.

GOOD GRIEF A Lutheran newsletter has some tongue-in-cheek suggestions for church members unhappy with their minister. The chain letter idea was borrowed:—

"Simply send a copy of this letter to six other churches who are tired of their ministers. Then bundle up your pastor and send him to the church at the top of the list.

"Add your name to the bottom of the list. In one week you will receive 16,436 ministers, and one of them should be a dandy. "Have faith in this letter. One man broke the chain and got his old minister back."!!!!

50 YEARS AS ORGANIST (Bunbury, B.K. Ryall) An after-church luncheon was held to honour S. Hicks who has been church organist for the past 50 years. Over 70 were present, including 16 members of his family. The Board chairman, A. Morris, spoke on his faithfulness. E. Pridmore, R. Bain, F.

Lake, and A. Chessell also paid tribute . . . 15 young people attended river cruise in Perth . . . Three young people were farewelled on moving to Perth for further studies . . . K. Parry, Director Christian Educ., held recent week-end leadership course . . . A dedication service was held for S.S. teachers.

Come and share in the

89th CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN N.S.W.

20th - 28th APRIL, 1974

ENMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Concluding with SERVICE OF WITNESS IN SYDNEY TOWN HALL, SUNDAY, 28th APRIL, at 2.45 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER: Mr. A. A. AVERY, Frankston, Vic.
PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE: Mr. R. C. HEWITT.

HOUSE TO HOUSE (Hornsby Dist., D.A. Oldfield) The church embarked on a House to House visitation programme in Thornleigh area in Feb. Results were encouraging. The Girls' Brigade received 10 new members in one night . . . The church is settled in the new location and cooperation with other churches is becoming evident. Ladies of Thornleigh Baptist church were guests at C.W.F. on March 4. Mr. Oldfield was guest preacher at Thornleigh Methodist church on March 10 . . . A young lad made his decision and was baptised on March 10. The young people arranged an All-Ages Fun Night with proceeds for the Social Service Dept.'s Flood Relief amounting to \$53 . . . D. Barnes of the Alternative Centre was recent speaker.

TRASH and TREASURE

HARTWELL, (Vic.), CHURCH OF CHRIST HALL

C/o Highfield and Milverton Roads
Friday, March 29 — 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday, March 30 — 9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Large Plant Nursery
Be there for Bargains!

TERTIARY STUDENTS' TEA (Vic.)

There will be a tea for all Vic.-Tas. students at Universities Teachers' Colleges, Institutes of Technology at 217 LONSDALE ST., MELB. (Reception Room), 6.30 p.m., Wednesday, MAY 8, 1974 Ring 663 2449 (Melb.) for an invitation and/or further information. (Vic.-Tas. D.C.E.)

ENGAGED COUPLES' ENCOUNTER

At: Camberwell Church of Christ
SUNDAY, MAY 5, from 2 p.m.

Program will include guest speakers and discussions on many aspects of marriage. Phone 663 2449 (Melb.) for an enrolment form, or call at the D.C.E. Office, 217 Lonsdale Street, MELBOURNE

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2.00 — 5.00 P.M. SUNDAYS

These courses are particularly for young leaders. Cost is \$2.00 for the whole course. Application forms from the Dept. of Christian Education, 217 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

FLOODS AT IPSWICH

The floods are past and the waters have receded but the disaster is not old news for those who are recovering and rebuilding, and reshaping their lives after the Queensland summer tragedy.

Alf Jenner of Ipswich, Qld. tells some of the story. (Photos are from "The Queensland Times", Ipswich).

For the long weekend, East Ipswich young people had arranged a camp at Murgon. Leichhardt young people were to be involved in a camp with a local Baptist church. Plans to travel to destinations on Friday night were delayed until Saturday morning, owing to heavy rains on Thursday night and Friday, cutting roads. The weather bureau forecast that rain would cease Friday night, and it was expected that roads would be opened the next morning.

The 6 a.m. news next day informed us that the road and rail were cut to Brisbane, and that people had been evacuated from their homes during the night, and homes were submerged by water.

Plans for camp were cancelled, and on Saturday afternoon people were involved in evacuation work instead.

First to be moved by church members were the contents of a milk bar in the centre of the city. These were placed in the kindergarten hall. Then followed the evacuation of church members, and others who needed help as the waters continued to rise. By this time one church family lost almost everything as the waters washed their rented home away.

Evacuation continued right through the night, except for a break of one hour.

Services at all of our churches were cancelled on Sunday. The foyer of the East Ipswich chapel being turned into a kitchen to provide meals for workers and people evacuated from their homes.

The Bremer river rose at 18 inches per hour until reaching a peak of 62 feet.

CLEAN UP AFTER FLOODS



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Trucks supplied by D. Risson and V. Springall worked continually through Sunday and Monday. Both halls at East Ipswich plus underneath one member's home were filled with furniture.

Some suburbs became islands amongst a sea of water. Among these were Leichhardt and Bundamba. At Leichhardt, about 50 homes were affected, and some six hundred people moved to church and school halls. Leichhardt church hall had four families staying there, plus quite an amount of



40 FEET OF WATER COVERED IPSWICH ROAD AT GOODNA.



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furniture stored. The facilities at the Golf Club were used to provide food and shelter for 150 people for six days.

Many people refused to believe that their homes could be affected by floods, and were hesitant to move. Few families in the Leichhardt area moved furniture.

Eight families from the East Ipswich church were affected, Mr and Mrs. Kelvin Nuemann, Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Berlin, Lyall Boettcher, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Phillips (student minister at Bundamba) Mrs. Freeman. Mr. and Mrs. Ian Boettcher's car yard with 35 cars in it was also completely submerged. Another six families connected with the church were also affected.

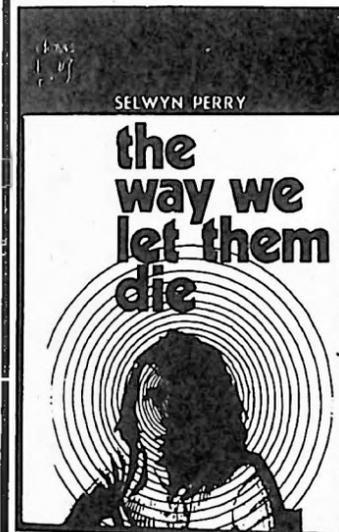
At Leichhardt those affected were Mrs. Gillaway, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Domrow, Mr. and Mrs. Ced Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Steiler, and Mr. and Mrs. Des Turner, plus another six families with church connection.

In all, six hundred families were evacuated, and at least two hundred and fifty homes and businesses submerged, thirty seven homes were swept away, and four coal mines have ceased operation.

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Pentecost, to see the Queen, and land divers. Unfortunately the land divers display ended in tragedy. One diver, John Mark Tapi, of Point Cross was seriously injured in his jump. Two of our Missionary nurses, Sue Boxhall and Nola Baker, went to his aid and assisted the doctor who arrived thirty minutes later. Sue Boxhall went with the injured man to the air field at Lonore several miles away where he was taken by plane to the hospital in Vila, where he died two days later.

FROM BUNAPAS

Another Discipleship class has started here at Bunapas. Dick, one of the trainee mechanics, is leading the class. Or should I say was, till he got the mumps! Apparently there has been quite a lot of this at Bunam and he has brought it back with him. There are 14 in the class and of these there are 9 adults. Do pray for these folk and also for Dick. I will be taking the class till Dick is able to come back.

Miss Rita McAllister left us on Feb. 21 to return to Australia. She is very sad about this move but feels peace about it as God has directed. Coming amongst us on Thursday 21st February will be Paul and Judy Williams, and their little one, and also Sylvia Smith. They will all be going to Chungribu. Paul is a carpenter but both Paul and Judy have also been through Glen Iris Bible College. Judy is a trained nurse. Sylvia is also a nurse and is coming up for six months. Sylvia will be with us here at Bunapas, for a while before going up to Chungribu.

At the moment we do not have enough nurses at Bunapas. Margaret Home left last Friday for a patrol right up to Chungribu and returns on Thursday. On Saturday some folk from Bosman walked through to say that there was a woman there who had had a baby on Wednesday but the delivery had not been normal. Dora Gray went down to find a lass of about 16 in a terrible state. The doctor would not send a plane for her and told Dora just to treat her. She was badly infected but in herself was not too bad. Dora did not have much rest that night or the next day.

Then on Monday night one of Rin's twin boys was brought in with very bad diarrhoea. The lad has not really improved, but neither has he slipped back. The people seem to have little resistance against these things. It has meant a very busy time for Dora and she is also short on sleep. Next Thursday there will be three sisters on the station, so the situation will be relieved.

Miss A. Draney

The British Government Information Service said, 'On hearing of the tragedy, the Queen and Royal Party, who had been unaware of the seriousness of the accident, sent a message of sympathy to the man's family. They were obviously distressed that death marred what had previously been a supremely happy and successful visit.'

We give thanks to God that our missionaries were there and rendered what aid they could to relieve the suffering that John Tapi experienced when he was injured. The fatality is highlighted because it occurred during the Royal visit, but on numerous occasions in the areas where we are working when accidents occur, the only ones available to help the injured are our missionaries and their indigenous co-workers.

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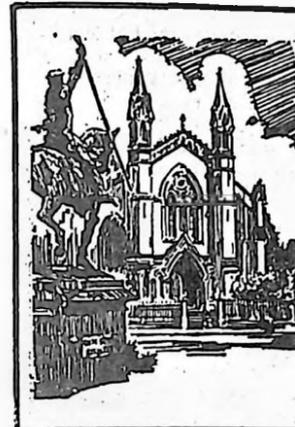
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We wish sincerely to thank all friends and many, unknown to us, for the loving thoughts expressed to us, during these last weeks. It is impossible to answer personally the many hundreds of cards and letters. Thank you for caring, and for showing us that you cared. Please accept this as personal. Ken will still live on in the hearts of those he loved, and those who loved him dearly. —Leola and Russ Maddern, Robin and Sue, Suzanne and Kaye.

MARSTON On February 26th at East Burwood, William Angus (Gus) Marston, formerly of Prahran, loved husband of Lily, father of Janice (McKenzie) and Bruce.

APPRECIATION

Edith Turtmann expresses her gratitude to all the love that her friends extended to her in her bereavement. The many callers, card senders, phone calls and visitors prove too many to contact personally, so she asks all to accept this as her loving response in appreciation.

IN MEMORIAM

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FAREWELL SERVICE (Strathalbyn). A combined circuit service was held on Feb. 3 to farewell Mr. and Mrs. Oke, David and Brenton, after eight years ministry. Appreciation was expressed by representatives of the churches of the town and the circuit. A presentation was made. Mrs. Bell, for C.W.F., also presented Mrs. Oke with a gift . . . The S.S. picnic was held at Pt. Elliot . . . Ladies' Auxiliary annual meeting discussed year's programme. On behalf of the ladies, Mrs. Hunt made a presentation to Mrs. Oke . . . On Feb. 15 a circuit induction was led by W. J. Philp, for Peter Moyle. Mr. Moyle, his wife Glenys, and their twin sons, come from Kenmore College, Qld. combined services were held at Strath. and Milang . . . Mrs. H. Caudle is now residing at the Christian Rest Home, Everard Park.

TEACHERS COMBINED (Owen, L. W. Marshman). At combined S.S. Teacher Dedication service, Mr. Marshman delivered the "charge" and the Methodist Minister delivered the sermon . . . Combined monthly communion services were held during holidays . . . The Harvest Thanksgiving service on Feb. 24 was preceded by two baptisms . . . The annual meeting considered erection of new fence, the possibility of purchasing an electric organ, and a greater effort for evangelism among young people.

15 NEW MEMBERS (Blackwood, L. Cooke, R. Haskell). Fifteen new members were welcomed into church fellowship at recent morning service . . . Chris Hemer's experiences in India were focal point of Women's Fellowship meeting when she was interviewed by Edda Thomas . . . Coffee Hours attended by 60 women for Bible Study and discussion were led by Robyn Haskell . . . 6 a.m. prayer meetings have been started by young people seeking help with local problems.



VICTORIA

B.S. ADOPTS NEW GUINEAN (Dandenong, A. V. Page) As a project for 1974, the B.S. will support a 9-year-old child of the Temnung village in New Guinea, who is a scholar at the Bunapas school. The youth classes will support a New Hebridean Bible student. The school has donated \$15 to Qld. Flood Relief. The church also took an offering for this appeal . . . Senior Explorers were in camp at Murrindindi last weekend.

GIPPSLAND CAMP The churches at Berwick, Warragul, Morwell, Traralgon, and Toora, shared in a long week-end camp at Camp Banksia for young people and leaders. 42 attended. Activities included yachting and surfing. Studies on the Bible culminated in the Lord's Supper served in the outdoor chapel, lit by gas lamp. The Y.P. themselves have asked that in March '75 we conduct the Fourth Annual Gippsland Teenagers' Camp.

FLOOD RELIEF (Croydon, A.B. Clark) The Opportunity Shop has donated \$200 for Qld. Flood Relief . . . Lance Fisher spoke to 20 at men's tea . . . Mrs Lesley Stirling was speaker at Women's World Day of Prayer service at our church . . . C.W.F. syllabus was presented on Feb. 26 Mrs Rackeman is Pres . . . Boys' Club held church parade. Shield was presented to them as the most improved club in Vic . . . Tennis Assoc. members attended church for special service to dedicate the new tennis court.

1000 DROP IN (Blackburn, R.W. Lawton) Over 1000 between the ages of 4 and 17 years attended the DROP IN-DRIFT IN Centre held for 6 days and 10 nights in church buildings and grounds. Leaders came from three youth groups, Explorers, Good Companions and C.Y.F. . . . Noel Mitaxa, student minister, has been welcomed into fellowship . . . 60 attended C.Y.F. camp at Cowes. Lyn Rhodes is Pres. for 1974 . . . Those speaking or interviewed at church included John Paver, Chaplain Psychiatric Unit, and his wife, Helen, Nursing Sister at Austin Hospital; E.C.L. Ots, Chaplain, Blackburn High School;

Alan Emmett, Executive Officer of Properties Corp . . . C.W.F. and C.W.E.F. held combined meeting with Mrs Lesley Stirling as guest speaker . . . Judy Drayton commenced 12 months at C.O.B.

COMMENCEMENT DAY (Hartwell, M.J. Savage) "Commencement Day" on Feb. 10 included an Act of Commitment as members rededicated themselves to Christian discipleship . . . Men's Pleasant Sunday Afternoon had Frank Richards speak on his third working visit to New Guinea mission fields . . . Women's Afternoon Fellowship paid a happy and helpful visit to Churches of Christ Hospital, Murrumbidgee . . . At W.E.F. Frank Haycraft showed slides and told of his tour of North Western Australia . . . 70 women from Camberwell churches shared in Women's World Day of Prayer at Hartwell Church on March 1, with members from various churches taking part.

CHURCH MEETING (Harcourt) The annual meeting was held in February with good reports. Brian Spencer is leading the work this year. Those re-elected were Charlie Rice, Supt of B.S., Horrie Rice as secretary, and Geoff Pellas as treasurer. All other officers were re-elected to their former positions . . . The fortnightly prayer meetings continue under leadership of Vic. Symes.

ELDERS ELECTED (Hampton, E. Gray) The annual meeting elected two more elders, O. Cooper, and C. Henshilwood. The others are D. Allen and V. Gole . . . As a result of the work of the Afternoon Women's Fellowship, the debt on church property has been reduced by \$600 . . . A Family Service is held once a month with young people sharing in the service . . . The church is saddened by the death of Mrs Mearle Yarde.

TWO CONGREGATIONS MOURN (Preston/East Preston, J. Manallack, R. Risson) Both churches have been saddened by the death of Karl Turtmann. Their loving concern is expressed to his wife, Edith. (See obituary notice this issue) . . . Roger and Ann Risson, with their son Simon, have been welcomed into the joint ministry . . . A. Marsh represented the Aborigines Mission Board at a recent meeting . . . Mystery car night organised by the Social Activities Group, was won by the Shannon family.

FAMILY CAMP (Horsham, R. Roberts) Family Camp at Hall's Gap was led by Dr and Mrs Harold Steward on March 8-11. There was one decision . . . The Ladies' Camp at Hall's Gap, Feb. 22-24 was arranged by Horsham, with devotions led by Ballarat ladies . . . The Missionary Outreach programme has been revised and presented to the church . . . M. Carter and P. Cook were recent speakers.

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86 ADDITIONS (Toowoomba, Margaret St. Arnold Caldicott, Jim Cunningham): Recent annual meeting reported 86 decisions for the year, 43 added to church. Income reached an all time high, \$17,339. \$38,000 church hall, opened 1968, nearly debt free—aiming to clear remaining \$800 by April . . . Dr & Mrs Caldicott have entered their eighth year ministry. During the previous seven years 256 have joined the church, the majority added by faith and baptism, also many other decisions registered . . . Mrs. Hunter has suffered slight stroke . . . Mrs. Caldicott was guest speaker, at Central Baptist, Women's World Day of Prayer.

IPSWICH REVIEW (B. Rice). The annual meeting was held after church and basket lunch on Feb. 17. There were 9 additions by faith and baptism and four by transfer in past year. W. V. McKenzie was elected elder and chairman; N. Fawdry, secretary; A. E. Boettcher, treasurer . . . A mini-mission was held at Bundamba, led by Doug Willis and the Pearce family. S.S. and gospel services have commenced there, with Bill Phillips of Kenmore College assisting . . . A Daily Vacation B.S. was conducted by Mr. Rice and lady helpers.

JOHN HAGGAI CRUSADE (Southport, N. Newton) The church is preparing for the John Haggai Crusade on the Gold Coast, May 12-18 . . . Alan C. Male was guest speaker for the church's 17th anniversary. On the Sat. night a young married lady accepted Christ as Saviour at the close of Mr Male's message. Three adults were baptized on March 3 and five were received into membership . . . Graham Hyman, second year student at Kenmore, has been engaged as assistant minister for the next two years.

QLD FLOODS

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Bundamba chapel fared somewhat better than in the 1893 flood, when only its spires could be seen. This time water came up to the window sills.

Following the floods members formed into teams for the massive clean up task, washing clothing, cleaning kitchen utensils, walls etc. With the help of personnel from the nearby R.A.A.F. Base, as well as from private firms, the initial clean up of the city was achieved very quickly.

Some people have been able to move back into their homes, others are still waiting for major repairs to be done.

Co-operation in the community has been outstanding, and has brought many people together. Church members have become closer in fellowship as they have worked together in teams, and the concern of the church has been brought before the public in a way probably never experienced before.

Both Ipswich ministers, Arthur Davis and Barry Rice, are now involved in a follow up programme of help to those who have been affected.

VICTORIA



FOR MISSION FIELD (Kaniva, B.W. Brown) Helen Wheaton, a double certificated nurse, attended the Summer School of Missions in Adelaide prior to leaving on Feb. 4 for the New Hebrides for a 12 months period. Kanova Kaniva church prayed for God's blessing and made a presentation . . . B.S. teachers' dedication service was held Feb. 17 . . . Eight ladies attended C.W.F. camp, Hall's Gap, Feb. 22-24 . . . Joylene Wheaton has commenced studies at M.B.I. . . . Qld. Flood Relief appeal has been supported through church treasurer. Individual donations were also sent through the Social Service Dept.

MEN GO PREACHING (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes) Men have taken preaching appointments at Ormond, Richmond, Noble Park, Reservoir, Sth. Yarra, Sth. Melb., St. Kilda, and Black Rock . . . Fred Cambridge spoke at first 1974 Men's Dinner. A presentation of a mobile library for the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh was made . . . Three young men are at C.O.B., one at Whitley College, one at Ridley College, one in New Guinea mission, and one on leave from the New Hebrides . . . Four have been received into church membership.

B.S. GROWTH (Swan Hill R. E. Pritchard). 15 scholars have been added to B.S. and Kindergarten in 1974 . . . Church was saddened at the death by road accident of Fiona, 6 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Waldron of Woorinen. Mrs. Waldron is in St. Vincents Hospital, Melb., recovering from serious injuries . . . Two elderly members, Mrs.

M. Cock (Woorinen) and Miss E. Gillespie (Swan Hill), died in Feb. . . . Church was represented at Northern and Central District Conference gathering at Eppalock Camp Site.

DEATH AT 103 (Castlemaine, J. Byrnes). Mrs. Christina Potts, one of our members but a patient in the Will H. Clay Memorial Hospital, died at the great age of 103 . . . The church hosted this year's Women's World Day of Prayer . . . Quiet-Ins and Sing-a-longs are held regularly after evening services . . . Members were associated with "Child Care Week" sponsored by World Vision . . . A "Creatives Camp" was held at Eppalock, led by Mr. Byrnes . . . Mrs. D. Kuhle leads the young adult Bible Class . . . Recent speaker was John Thornhill from S.I.M. in Ethiopia. His wife accompanied him.

TO REACH ITALIAN MIGRANTS (Coburg, E. Morrison). Barry Jenkins introduced Miss Rose Filardo, who has commenced work with COCIAC in reaching Italian migrants. Miss Filardo will spend time each week in the Coburg area . . . The Greek Orthodox community of Coburg is using a Seminar Room two evenings weekly to teach Greek children ethics, religion, and cultural background of their old country . . . At young People's Worship service on Feb. 10, Anne Rees presided at the Lord's Table, Mark Yarwood was speaker, and readers were Graeme Yarwood, Jennifer and Rosemary Aldred . . . Members were deeply saddened by the death of Karl Turtmann, a former minister . . . A special Family Service was held on March 3.

STUDENT MINISTER (Box Hill, K.R. Bond) Student Minister, David Althorp, welcomed . . . "To Russia with Love"

film was shown at C.W.E.F. by Underground Evangelism . . . C.W.A.F. film and talk by Mrs Morrison focussing on work of C.W.F. . . . Ladies held picnic at Wattle Park . . . Average attendance of J.C.W. is 30 . . . Cricket Club raised \$109 at end-of-season progressive dinner . . . Mrs. Turner recovering after receiving severe burns through accident, and Mrs. Retchford after hospitalisation. Mrs Street and Mrs Mott welcomed back after illness. Mrs. Arnold in hospital for surgery . . . Attendance at 6.30 am prayer meeting increasing.

NEW ELDERS (Strathmore, S.K. Bannon) Allen Jenkins and Noel Skillicorn were elected elders at the annual meeting. The church expressed deep appreciation to retiring elders F. Robertson and R. Baldry. The church also expressed gratitude to Fred and Clarice Robertson for their years of faithful service at Strathmore. They will move soon to Nhill. Fred was treasurer and is now honoured with the position of Elder Emeritus . . . N. Maddox is student minister. He recently married Christine Barrett of Adelaide . . . Fred Mill is new treasurer of Men's Society . . . CYF numbers are growing.



TASMANIA

PLANNING SESSION (Nubeena/Highcroft, W.J. Flett) The officers met to plan year's programme . . . David Brown showed slides of O.M.F. work in Indonesia. Mrs Brown was guest soloiste. The annual S.S. picnic was held at Stewart's Bay . . . Mr Flett concludes his ministry in June. He will serve at Orange, N.S.W.

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