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NEW CHURCH FOR CHADSTONE



Chadstone has a new church! The opening was attended by 320 and over 200 stayed for lunch, after the opening ceremony.

The immediate past-minister, Barry Jenkins, led the celebrations at the door of the new building. The photo at the left shows Mr Jenkins with his son, Stephen.

The occasion was further highlighted by the presentation of a sheaf of flowers to Mrs D. McArdle, in recognition of 21 years continuous service as church organiste.

Guest speakers shared in morning and evening services for four weeks as part of the opening celebrations.

The furniture in the new chapel is movable and this gives great flexibility in worship activities.



CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

(Vic.) An ecumenical adventure in education came to fruition in the opening of the Maryborough Christian Community School. The inauguration of the school and the commissioning of the Principal, led by the local representatives of the four participating churches, the

Anglican Church, the Methodist Church, the Church of Christ, and the Roman Catholic Church, took place last month.

According to "Church Scene" the idea began with Canon John Leaver, rector of Christ Church, Maryborough, for the past nine years. He was concerned that Anglican children of Maryborough should not have their family background of Christ eroded and ridiculed by assumptions made and occasionally propogated vigorously by teachers in local Government schools. He shared his concern with Fr. Peter Claridge, of the Roman Catholic Church, and found that his misgivings were shared. Further discussions with members of the Methodist Church and Church of Christ resulted in a proposal to proceed with the setting up of a Christian Community School.

The Headmaster is Peter Harris, formerly on the staff at Haileybury College and tutor at Farrer Hall, Monash University. The school opened in February this year with 130 students covering first to sixth secondary years.

Sir James Darling said that the school is "the most exciting move in Australian education in the 44 years I've been here." Ian Adams, Church of Christ minister at Maryborough, says that discipline in the school is very high and the classes are a delight to teach because of their receptivity. The students are already asking why they need to be separated for special teaching sessions and are more united than even the high hopes of the sponsors.

Murray J. Savage, former President of our Vic.-Tas. Conference, also shared in the inaugural ceremony.

"DAMNATION OF SOCIETY CAUSED BY GREED"

WHAT the Archbishop of York, Dr. Donald Coggan, called "the damnation of society" has come because self interest has been put before interest in God or others.

SPEAKING on 'The Creed of Greed' to the Religious Weekly Press Group at the Cafe Royal, London. Dr Coggan went on:

"I think Amos might say to us, if he stood in my shoes 'You have polluted my world, therefore shall your supplies dry up and your lungs choke, because you have not learnt how to handle that most precious gift of nature. And you have made a valley into a dust bowl, therefore I will visit you with agricultural chaos and lung trouble.'

Raise up

"Or I think he might go on to say 'You have burnt up my oil supplies with which I have enriched my world, therefore I will raise up a Sheik Yamani, who will be my weapon of judgement upon you.'

"And again I think if Amos were catapulted into our 20th century and into our London from Israel, he might be

inclined to say 'Because you have allowed 80 per cent of the world's goods to go to 20 per cent of the world's people, therefore I will visit you and you will find pound becoming worth less and less. I cannot teach you by common sense, I will teach you through economics.'

"Or again, he might say 'I will visit you because you have put into the seats of power in your country men whose motto seems to be I'm all right Jack, You have never had it so good, but I will see you have it a bit better. You have cared remarkably little what percentage of your GNP goes overseas, therefore shall you never have it so bad.'

"And may it not be that Amos would not be very far out if he saw through the exigencies of our present situation to a word of judgement from God on the people?"



Dr Coggan concluded by saying that God's commandments must not be relegated to "an appendix in church life or national life".

ABORIGINES

A HISTORY OF EVANGELISATION AND UPLIFT

Part 2

By A. M. Bell

NORSEMAN ESTABLISHED AND GROWING.

Federal Conference Adelaide, 1941, received a deputation of Roy Raymond and Albany Bell on behalf of the W.A. Conference. The request was that the Churches of Christ in Australia officially establish a work among aboriginal people.

CONFERENCE RESOLVED: "To create a Federal Aborigines Mission Board to attend to the evangelisation and general uplift of Australian Aborigines and half-caste people." Because at that time W.A. had the largest aboriginal population (except perhaps Queensland) and those in W.A. were living in more desperate and degenerate conditions, it was determined the Board should be established in Perth.

Initial members comprising the Board were: J. Wiltshire, chairman; Roy Raymond, Secretary; Albany Bell, C. R. Burdeu, W. S. Bown, A. C. Olds, T. A. Marsden and A. B. Povey.

Without delay, in a long weekend, working like slaves, A. B. Povey and A. T. 1974

Thomas travelled the 450 miles to Norseman, divided the hall and upgraded the ladies' living conditions with kitchen and bathroom. Soon Miss Joan Saunders from College of the Bible and Miss Elsie Roxburgh of N.S.W. were appointed to help in the work and at a later date Ken Roberts from the same College joined the team. Miss Eadie through ill-health had to return to New Zealand and Miss Bentley returned to Mt. Margaret.

Some small vegetable and orchard irrigation was started using the expensive Goldfields water supply. But the constantly recurring problems of adults and children living so close to the town were a hindrance.

About this time W.A. Government gazetted a 19,700 acre reserve north of the town mainly for natives, but with timber cutting rights for the needs of the mine.

Because of the difficulties and a growing public conscience to caring for

children as a separate Mission enterprise, the Board in consultation with the missionaries, determined to move from near the town to the newly-created reserve. Ken Roberts selected an admirable site nine miles north along the Coolgardie highway and railway, on a hill, 150 yards off the road. It had a gentle slope north and appeared to be an ideal position for a Mission complex. This selection has remained and been developed as the permanent location of the Norseman Mission.

Neither Brotherhood nor Government had yet developed much financial conscience. The Board was receiving 4/- per week per child up to 20 children but no more; however many children needed help. Two military disposal buildings became available near Fremantle; one of our Western Australian men put in 100 pounds and another 80 pounds to buy them. A large team of volunteer workers from metropolitan churches on two Saturday efforts dismantled the buildings and loaded them on to trucks at Fremantle. To get them to Norseman, freight alone cost 200 pounds.

When they were located on the new site, nine volunteer workers organised by Stan Gale, journeyed the 450 miles to Norseman and in eleven working days removed and erected the hall from near the township and incorporated the disposal building materials in a reconstructed set-up and the Mission was in business on the new site.

Next issue—"We take in Carnarvon"

INNER SPRINGS THE CUP AND THE CROSS



In Psalm 75 Verse 8 are these words: "In the hand of the Lord there is a cup and the wine is red." Coupled with the words of Jesus "The cup which my Father hath given me shall I not drink it?" is a poignant picture of Christ's agony in the garden. Even his anguished prayer could not prevent its coming. It was the cup of suffering. It came to Christ and it comes to us, and never the same to each. To drink the cup simply means to follow Christ wherever He leads and to be like Christ in whatever situation life brings. Hard, and costly yes, but in our acceptance of it lies that peace that passes understanding for which every human heart longs.

In the hand of the Lord there is a cup,
The wine is red and dark with pain;
Imprisoned in its depths, a Saviour slain.
He offered it to me and I took it up.
How bitter it was, and my heart bled
and I begged release from its bitter gall.
"Would you reach out to others, and show
My love to them?" He said,
"Then drink it all,"
and I bowed my head.
"My child," He whispered low,
"it was once my cup and so I know."

And through the mists of pain I knew
A love so deep, so tender and true,
It gathered me up and held me fast
As it severed me from the loves of the
past.
And now in the cup of wine I saw
Something I could not see before—
The Saviour's face,
Full of infinite grace.
And I gave thanks for the cup of pain
For 'tis the only way to the Saviour
slain.

O God Our Father, who gave Thine only son to die on a cross that we might live, grant us the strength to follow in His way.

Amen.

FLORENCE ROSIER

Psalm 75:8
John 18: 11

PART 1

EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Richard W. Lawton

Let's start by getting our wires straight.

If you want effective Christian education in your congregation this year, the easy way to it is probably not by appointing a new whiz of an organizer, administrator, or educator to your Sunday school staff.

It is probably not by reorganizing the structure of your Sunday school.

It is probably not by conducting exhaustive training sessions for your teachers.

It is probably not by changing to another curriculum which might approach things differently.

Let's face it. The fact is that there is no easy way. And, of course, very few people would imagine there would be.

QUALITY OF LIFE

The most effective Christian education that can take place in your congregation in 1974 is the raising of the quality of your congregation's life, work and witness, so that the congregation becomes a happy, deeply committed, sharing fellowship of people.

If the congregation is less than this-if worship is dull, if newcomers don't feel welcome, if there seems to be no life or enthusiasm in the church, then any good work being done by keen Sunday school teachers is being undermined.

You may want to look at what happens when your congregation worships. Is it a joyful time? If not, how could it become joyful? Is worship something done by one man up-front, or is it something in which the whole congregation is actively involved? Is it purely an adult show? Or is it something in which children as well as adults can catch the spirit of Christ?

It may mean that you will look at the way in which your congregation shares its faith with others? Is the faith something which you keep to yourselves because you don't know how to give it away? How can you share it with others genuinely?

It may mean that you will look at the way in which your congregation serves the needy? Where are the needy in your community (or in your congregation for that matter)? Of course you care. The crunch question is whether your congregation is actively attempting to do something about it.

It may mean that you will look at the quality of the fellowship of the congregation. Is the congregation made up of a hundred individuals who happen to meet together on Sunday mornings for an hour to worship God? Or are they a family of people who care for each other, who spend mornings for an hour to worship God? Or are they a family of people who care for each other, who spend time together other than for the Sunday worship hour, whose conversation is deeper than "Hullo, how are you? I'm all right thanks. Wasn't it a good game yesterday? 'It's so hot today . . ."

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ADULTS LEARNING

People coming together in this way are bound to have questions. Who is this Christ who obviously means so much to this congregation? How do I answer the question of so-and-so who said...? What does the Bible have to say about...? When I went to the hospital and found X who said....? What does the Bible have to say about....? When I went to the hospital and found X what happened? My children wanted to know what such-and-such meant in our worship the other day, and I'm not too sure myself!

What we are hearing are pleas for opportunities to come together and ask questions and discover answers concerning the faith and concerning life itself. What we are hearing are pleas for groups in which adults (often with young people, and sometimes with their children) have the chance to ask questions, to explore issues, to express their feelings, to receive information or the clues to getting information.

For years when "Christian education" has been mentioned we've immediately thought of children in the Sunday school. We've assumed that if we can "get the children" the parents will follow. By and large it hasn't worked out that way, and we've finished up with neither.

If our Christian education is going to be effective in 1974 then it will need to take the adults seriously-their questions, their needs, their feelings, their fears, their ambitions. Sometimes they will want simple sharing groups. At other

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KEN MADDERN

*Orange glow of setting sun
Shedding light across grey surging surf,
The endless waves ever surging forward and
back again.*

*Some of those who loved him and-whom he
loved,
who learnt life from him,
watched,
with sorrow and pain and aching as the ashes
of
his beautiful body were given to the sea.*

*The strength of the woman who cast the
ashes,
the woman of his life.*

*His body completely to the elements
that he had so often challenged and
experienced
so completely.*

*And then, sitting on the sand
bracing the wind,
we gain strength to continue.*

*He lives now in the hearts of those
who love the life he gave
and the man he was.*

*Robyn Jenkins
(Triggs Beach, 30th January, 1974).*

[Ken Maddern, a graduate of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, died on Jan. 28, as the result of an accident. Ken's wife, Sue, and Robyn Jenkins are sisters.]

BAPTISTS WITHDRAW FROM V.C.C.

The General Council of the Baptist Union of Vic. has voted to leave the Victorian Council of Churches because of concern felt about the theological views of some member churches.

The General Supt. of the Baptist Union, the Rev. Norman Pell, said that the decision was not taken with reference to future Roman Catholic participation in the Council, although the move to leave the Council followed the debate which was sparked off by the publicity given last year to the possibility of the Roman Catholic Church making application to join the Council.

Mr Pell said, "The basic reason for withdrawal is our denomination's embarrassment at the failure of Baptists to give the Council meaningful support. There is a variety of reasons for this, but the basic problem stems from the fact that there is wide disaffection with the theological viewpoints of some member churches of the Council."

The motion of withdrawal stated: "Believing continued membership of the V.C.C. is a matter of serious potential division within our Union, which far outweighs any possible advantages, the

Union withdraws from membership without reference to possible future Roman Catholic participation in the V.C.C."

The decision would not necessarily affect Baptist involvement in inter-church activities at a local level, said Mr Pell.

The Secretary of the V.C.C., the Rev. D. Dargaville, said that he was very sad about the decision. "The Baptists have been in the Council since its formation in

AND THEN THERE WAS WUN!

A tragic car crash near Singapore changed everything for a young Chinese photographer called Lee Wun.

Before the accident, Wun's only interest was photography. He wouldn't have anything to do with Christianity. He told his minister friend and photography 'instructor' never to mention the subject.

The story of Wun and the events that altered the course of his life are told in a filmstrip released by the Bible Society in Australia as part of its 1974 Youth Project.

The film, called 'And Then There Was Wun!', runs for 15 minutes, and is accompanied by a sound cassette or tape. The film's aim is to interest young people in the work of the Bible Society,

1943 and they have played a considerable part in the ecumenical movement since then. I think that both the Baptist Union and the B.C.C. will be the losers from this move."

DEDICATION (Epping, K. Farmer) A special Dedication Service was held for recommitment of all auxiliary leaders and B.S. teachers for new year . . . A February service was taped for broadcast on Sydney radio, and a further programme was made by the choir and minister for overseas broadcast by Radio Australia . . . Marie Henderson has sent slides of New Hebrides mission field to help the church in mission understanding.

particularly in Singapore. It is available on loan to Sunday schools and youth groups.

The Youth Project's target is to raise \$25,000 for Bible Society work in Singapore. Every \$5 sent by Australia will provide: 16 copies of Good News for Modern Man, which are being sold at half price to Singapore students; or 400 Selections for young people; or 80 special literacy Selections in the four main languages spoken in Singapore—Chinese, English, Tamil and Malay.

Other Youth Project material available from the Bible Society are: colour-in sheet, teaching aid leaflet, collection can labels and activity work book which tells the story of The Quest for Tamar's Bible.

WORD TALK NO. 92

Jesus is called Son of God (Word Talk 106), servant of God, image of God (W.T.95), form of God, fullness of God, mystery of God, and other like terms and on a number of occasions he is called just "God".

However, the manuscript evidence in the passages where Jesus is called God, with one exception, are all varied and difficult. "The Word was God" (John 1:1) is translated by the N.E.B. not making the identification between Jesus and God complete but as descriptive, "What God was, the Word was". It does not say that Jesus was God but rather that he was divine. John 1:18 speaks in the best manuscripts as Jesus being "the only begotten God" whereas later manuscripts use the word "son". Other passages where Jesus is called God was found in Heb. 1:8-9, Col. 2:2,9; 2 Peter 1:1; 1 John 5:20; Titus 2:13; 1 Tim. 3:16. In all of these passages there is some manuscript difficulty. The only clear occasion in the N.T. where Jesus is called God is John 20:28 where Thomas, surprised and adoring, says "My Lord and my God".

Yet without question each individual writer of the books accepted Jesus as God. It seemed the language of prayer and devotion struggled when it came to being written. All the N.T. writers, except Luke, were Jews and strictly monotheistic. Jesus was no rival god. Jesus himself taught his submission to God in will, power and knowledge. Paul thought of God as supreme even over Jesus (1 Cor.15:28). John shows Jesus was seen in obedience (John 17:3; 14:28).

No theological reasoning, but rather the personal experience of the Apostles led to the growing understanding of God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This trinitarian concept (2 Cor. 13:14) was to provide grounds of credal debate for centuries to come.

THE NAMES OF JESUS

GOD

FOR TODAY.

Members of Churches of Christ in our era realise that we have traditionally been Christocentric but this very issue of "Jesus is God" was a hotly debated point during the 19th Century. Alexander Campbell stressed the need to call Bible things by Bible names. He insisted that he was neither unitarian nor trinitarian, although he was accused by both sides as being the other. He said nine-tenths of humanity could not understand the terms or the issues involved and that the complexity of theological jargon went much further than the Holy Spirit's guidance of the N.T. writers. Campbell, the keen debater, avoided debate on theology as such, and Bethany College's Charter forbade the teaching of theology. Even today, ours are still "Bible Colleges" not Theological Colleges. No major work has ever been published on the trinity except to oppose trinitarian beliefs. Likewise unitarianism has been opposed. There is the struggle here between a sect with restoring concepts and a church possessing orthodox faith.

The seeds of the trinitarian doctrine are mainly to be found in the N.T. There is a unity between God the Father and God the Son (John 10:30; 14:9), yet there is a discontinuity in their personality, form, and substance. The early Church struggled to express their conception of the Godhead under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The writers lived at the one unique point in time when they alone of believers both before and since held the O.T. understanding of God, knew the physical person of Jesus and felt the In-dwelling of the Holy Spirit.

GORDON MOYES.

AT WORK AND WORSHIP

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The evening rally on March 1 at Belmore Church, was a meeting with a difference.

A pageant—"An Australian Vision"—written by Joyce Trickett, featuring the floral emblems of our country and their spiritual symbolism, was presented by C.W.F. members. It was produced and narrated by Bess Wylie and Jan Baker. Music was provided by Lorraine Hensby and singers from North Turramurra C.W.F., Anne Shirley and Beverly Shadlow.

VICTORIA.

At Council meeting on 1st March, G. K. Moyes spoke on various types of programmes prepared by the Christian Television Association for showing on T.V., in theatres and radio programmes. Mr. Moyes showed examples of one minute commercials—scatter programmes which have proved the most successful of all produced since they commenced in 1969.

Women's Day of Conference will be Wednesday, May 1, in Kew City Hall, at 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. Tea tickets are available at \$1.20 and must be purchased prior to Conference.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

"Care and Share" was theme and spirit of March camp at Longwood, shared by 75 women. Four study sessions, "Face to face with Jesus," "My Responsibilities," "Telling it out," and "Sharing Wishes," gave all an opportunity to share faith, experiences and problems.

Mary Finger told with story and slides of her 30 years in the New Hebrides, and emphasised in an amusing and graphic way the changes in general conditions and in the outlook of women.

The Communion Service led by Conference President, Rita Pederson, was highlight of the weekend.

QUEENSLAND.

Devotional thoughts prepared by Camp Hill C.W.F. were presented by Mrs. Dorothy Armstrong. Guest Speaker, Mrs. June Wilson, former Living Link in the New Hebrides, spoke of culture of that country and its people.

Mrs. Marjory Chapman is to organise camp at Caloundra in June.

Mrs. Doris Hammer has arranged for bus to take women from city fellowships to Nambour (80 miles from Brisbane) in May, for prayer and fellowship.

Highlights of the A.C.W. Convention in Adelaide were given by Mrs. Cora Connell and Mrs. Ruby Haigh.

As Conference approaches concern is felt for the ongoing of the "work," as younger women are reluctant to accept responsible positions.

WOMEN'S WRITE



Edited by Gladys Mackenzie

ADELAIDE FESTIVAL OF ARTS, 1974

Every two years, the city of Adelaide is transformed into a garden on NATIONAL FLOWER DAY. In Victoria Square dozens of organisations set out their floral arrangements in various sections, showing considerable talent, ingenuity and beauty.

For many years Churches of Christ women have been represented by wonderful entries arranged by Mrs. Jean Taylor of the Col. Light Gardens Church. This year entries were entered in the Religious section on behalf of the Overseas Mission Committee and Social Service Committee, the latter deservedly winning First Prize.

As many were not able to see these superb exhibits, here is a description of

the Social Service entry, written by Mrs. Taylor.

"A period clock with a body of yellow painted dried leaves. The face of the clock was 27" in diameter, with the features made of lima beans, maize, pearl barley, honesty pods, flox and strelitzia seeds. The stem and base were covered with fresh white dahlias, two bells on top were made of paper-mache covered with maize. Electric movement worked hands on face. Foundation of clock was made of styrene foam, exhibit standing on carpet of green hydrangeas. Text—"Christ is timeless" in 9" high old English letters covered in haricot beans, stretched across ground in front."

FROM THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT: GLEN FAULKNER

A highlight of the National Committee meeting of Australian Church Women in Adelaide, was the attendance at the public opening session, of the Rev. Winifred Keik, B.A. B.D., on whom it had been decided earlier to bestow the honour of Life Membership in A.C.W. This wonderful lady over 90 years of age, has been a pioneer in all fields of interest to church women.

She was the first woman to become an ordained minister in Australia and her work for the World Council of Churches concerning women and their role in the Church has had far reaching effects. It was after this woman that the Winifred Keik Scholarship was named and this

Scholarship has been instrumental in bringing nine young women to Australia from around the world for study.

BELCONNEN WOMEN STUDYING.

Before the new church began in the Holt Primary School, Belconnen A.C.T., on February 17, the women had already commenced Bible Study Groups which have been very well attended.

With a keen sense of anticipation the women have been preparing themselves to co-operate fully in the life of the church, so that the gospel of Christ can be spread throughout Belconnen.

QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH WOMEN IN THE U.S.A. & CANADA

JUNE 24 — 28, 1974, — INDIANAPOLIS, U.S.A.

These meetings will be the culmination of one year's celebrations of one hundred years of organised work among Church women in the U.S.A. and Canada. If you are planning to be in the United States en route to World Convention at this time, or know of any Australian woman living in America or Canada, who would be interested in attending, please send names and addresses to:

C.W.F. FEDERAL SECRETARY,
Mrs W. HOBART,
3 BURN ST., DOWNER,
ACT. 2602.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON WORLD EVANGELIZATION

(LAUSANNE, Switzerland)—Four speakers at the forthcoming International Congress on World Evangelization have cautioned evangelical Christians to take culture seriously and to communicate the Gospel in terms that are understandable in the cultures in which they work.

The advice is contained in position papers by four theologians on four continents. Their texts are in the second group of papers being mailed in advance to the 2700 participants in the congress, July 16—25.

Writers of the second set of study documents are: Susumu Ada, Japan Christian Theological Seminary, Tokyo; Howard A. Snyder, Free Methodist Theological Seminary, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Francis A. Schaeffer, L'Abri Fellowship, Huelmoz, Switzerland; and George W. Peters, Dallas (Texas) Theological Seminary, U.S.A.

As their papers were mailed, participants' responses to the first group of documents were beginning to reach the congress office in Lausanne. In an unusual procedure, every person invited to the July meeting of Christian leaders has been asked to read the texts and to respond in writing within two weeks after their receipt. Their comments and questions are being forwarded to the authors, who will spend most of their allotted time on the congress platform discussing points raised in the written replies.

Material in the second group is likely to evoke an even livelier response than that in the first.

Snyder, writer of a paper on "The Church as God's Agent of Evangelism," asserts that when the Bible speaks of "church" it does not mean denominations or other institutional structures. He claims that the church is an organism and not an organization bound by cultural patterns.

His text supports denominations and specialized evangelistic organizations, but he calls them "para-church" structures. The dean of Sao Paulo's Free Methodist Seminary notes that such groups are "useful to the extent that they aid the church in its mission, but (they) are man-made and culturally determined." He adds, "Whereas the church itself is part of the new wine of the Gospel, all para-church structures are wineskins—useful, at times indispensable, but also subject to wear and decay."

Essential to Biblical church growth, Snyder claims, are these four elements: proclamation of the Gospel, multiplication of congregations, building of the Christian community, and exercising spiritual gifts.

Uda, from a different theological position, declares that the church is the church only so long as it proclaims the Biblical message. The Japanese Reformed Presbyterian theological professor,

writing on the topic "Biblical Authority and Evangelism," warns that "there would be no foundation for Christian faith and action" without the divine revelation known as the Bible.

"It has been the faith of the people of God from the very foundation of the church until today that the Bible is the word of God in such a sense that whatever it says, God says," Uda writes. He adds that this high view of Scripture is nothing new, nor was it the invention of 16th and 17th century Protestants. "It was indeed held by the Jews, by the early church, and through the centuries. Standing on the promises of God found in the revealed word of God has certainly been the essential characteristic of the faith of God's people."

Schaeffer, founder and leader of the L'Abri Fellowship which has attracted intellectuals from around the world, describes Christianity as a "specific body of truth."

"We must be careful to emphasize content in our messages," Schaeffer advises. "How much content will depend upon the people with whom we are working. In a university setting, the content will be slightly different than in a situation where people are not as educated. Nevertheless, whether we work with a man or woman who is not as educated or whether we work with an intellectual, in all instances, the Gospel we preach must be rich in content."

The Swiss-based Presbyterian theologian warns that Christians must back up their verbal proclamation with their actions. He claims that some evangelical churches have negated their own message by failing to live up to their preaching. He cites the example of congregations which fail to welcome young people with "hippie" patterns of dress and talk and thus, in effect, add to the Biblical requirements for Christian fellowship.

"The evangelical church often will not accept the person with his lifestyle unless it fits into the middle-class norm in that particular geographical location," Schaeffer notes. "Unhappily, we often do not realize what we have done when we do this. It is not only a lack of love. We have destroyed the absolutes of the word of God by making something else equal to God's absolutes."

TASMANIAN SCENE



STATE CONVENTION

At the last Quarterly Meeting held at Bicheno, Stanton Wilson, Secty. Vic.-Tas. Conference, was a visitor and brought to the meeting news of what has been happening on the Victorian Scene over the past year. The Meeting received the reports of the Churches and of various committees of the Tasmanian Conference in preparation for the State Convention to be held at Ulverstone, March 30-31. The Convention will be held under the leadership of Cec Neville, the Tasmanian President. Incoming president will be Dean Hamilton, minister of the Margaret Street Church, Launceston. Guest speaker for Convention will be Eric F. Patterson, Vic.-Tas. Conference President. Preceding the Convention Mr. Patterson will visit a number of the Tasmanian Churches.

MATRIC CAMP

The first camp of a new state wide camping programme was held at Bicheno on the long weekend in March. The Camp for 2nd year Matric. students upward and for young workers was led by Graeme Townsend from Devonport with Don Stewart of Hobart as Chaplain. One of the high points of the camp was the use of the new open-air chapel overlooking the camp-site and the sea. The new chapel had been prepared by Jack Edwards the camp Manager. The young people also enjoyed the climb to the top of Saint Patricks Head near St. Marys.

MINISTRY CHANGES

There are some changes being made in the ministry in Tasmania this year with Paul Burnham commencing at Ulverstone and Bill Flett leaves Nubeena-Highcroft in June, Jim Hohnke leaves Copping in July and Bill Taylor leaves Devonport in August after a ministry there of 13 years.

FIELD OFFICERS

A recent visit to the State has been made by Dept. H. M. & Evangelism Field Officers, Ted Keating and Trevor Giles, who met with the churches and boards of Ulverstone, Invermay & Margaret Street in Launceston, Nubeena and Collins Street, Hobart.

—D. E. Stewart

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.

CHURCH COUNCILS

To The Editor,

Dr. Hall in A.C. 23-2-74 argues that because he did not like a report of the Social Questions Committee of the W.A. Council of Churches, Churches of Christ should disaffiliate with Councils of Churches and thus no longer dialogue with fellow Christians through such Councils.

Such a conclusion is like Joe Blow saying to his wife, child or workmate, "You sometimes say things I wouldn't say or would say differently so I will no longer converse or work with you."

If Dr. Hall were to meet the people who prepared the report in question, he would find them devout Christians. In a particular context of time and place they prepared a report which they hoped would be helpful. It was not intended to be a comprehensive treatment of the issues raised in the book.

The secretary of the W.A.C.C., in trying to help Dr. Hall understand this, wrote him in May 1973: "... It seemed to the committee, that parents and teachers should seize the opportunity to encourage the youngsters to see their problems in the setting of a truly moral life. For parents and teachers who were Christians, the book provided the point at which they could begin wisely and effectively to proclaim the Christian view of human life. I believe that it is possible to dispute the rightness of the findings of the committee. I think it would be unfair to question the integrity and Christian concern of the members."

The secretary also commented that the W.A.C.C. "is composed of delegates who regularly read the Bible, are familiar with its teaching, and recognise it as authoritative."

God forbid that we disaffiliate with the Council of Churches because everything is not always said just as Dr. Hall or Ken Patterson or Joe Blow thinks it might or should have been said.

How many ministers or members would any church have if they had to say and do things to suit every other member 100% of the time? Generally we thank God for each other recognising how much we owe and need each other and how much we have in common.

Ken. J. Patterson (W.A.)

SEPARATIST

To the Editor,

As Gordon Stirling says, I am a Separatist from the Apostate Church as represented by Dr. Ramsay. So were Paul and the Apostle John. 2 Cor. 6:17 "Wherefore come out from among them and BE YE SEPARATE saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you." 2 John 9-10 "Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ hath not God. If there come any unto you and bring not

LOSS OF MINISTER (Inverell) Mr & Mrs Craig have resigned from the ministry here. They leave shortly for Armidale where Mr Craig has a position at the University. He will continue with the establishment of a church there. Bob Ferguson has returned to Woolwich and is now student minister at Mosman... Inverell, Armidale, and Tamworth shared in a camp at Coff's Harbour... Mr Belcher of J.E.W. visited the church... The church and C.W.F. donated \$100 and \$50 respectively to Qld. Flood Relief... C.W.F. held a stall and Tupperware party... "Youth for Christ" rally commenced with a rally on March 23. The New Life Singers from Newcastle presented "Light Shine". Counselling classes were conducted... Ron Hewitt, Conf. Pres., visited here on March 17.

Population growth

The world's present population of roughly 3,600,000,000 is growing at the rate of about 2 per second. That's a rather unimpressive statistic. But 2 per second means 120 per minute, means 7,200 per hour, means 172,800 per day, means 1,209,600 per week, means 62,899,200 per year — means ultimate chaos if unchecked.

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

WHY AREN'T THE KIDS INTERESTED IN THE CHURCH?

To-the Editor,

Sooner or later every Sunday we get round to the question, "Why aren't the kids interested in the Church?" Last Sunday afternoon I found myself wondering what the kids are interested in.

They are interested in characters like Johnny Cash who understand how they feel, and put into words for them what they are against and what their hopes are. Maybe in the church we don't understand how they feel, or we wouldn't be wondering why the kids aren't interested in the church. We'd jolly well find out from them.

They are interested in "rock". It's alive and vigorous and gets into their bones. If you've ever been to a rock concert you'll know why the kids don't "turn on" to a church service. But is there any New Testament ruling against services being alive and vigorous and getting into our bones. Is there a verse that says they have to be exactly the same every Sunday?

They are interested in protests and demonstrations about pollution and war and aboriginal rights. They don't ask if they do any good. All they want is some action that they can feel and see and be involved in. In a world where the kids "dig" action, what overt action can they see in the church that catches their imagination?

They are the children of change. There has been more change in their lifetime than in the previous fifty years. They don't understand the static and the status quo. If it happens in the church the same way six times in a row, they can't cope with it, any more than we "oldies" can cope if it doesn't happen the same way six times in a row.

It's strange that they aren't interested in the church. The church follows the most understanding person who ever lived, and had some rough things to say about those who didn't understand young people (something about a "millstone" if I remember rightly). The Lord of the church likened his new way of life to a lively wedding feast, when taxed by ancient "stuffed shirts" for practising religion differently. And talking about action, on the day the church started they were accused of being "drunk and disorderly." As far as change is concerned, wasn't it Paul's enemies who complained that he was "turning the world upside down?" Yours irreverently,

TERTIUS.

BOOKS IN Review

RELIGIOUS POLICY AND PRACTICE IN COMMUNIST CHINA

A Documentary History by Donald E. MacInnis (Hodder and Stoughton) \$9.50.

There has been nothing vague about our impression that Communist China has been anti-religious and that Christians have suffered both as individuals and institutionally since Mao Tse-Tung came to power. But there has been little available from official sources to show what has been the views and practice of those governing the largest population in the world. Donald MacInnis is director of the China Programme of the National Council of Churches (U.S.A.). He was a teacher in China in the 1940s, and has written extensively on China issues. He has brought together 117 source documents which show that there has been far from unanimity of attitude to religion. Although seeking to be detached and objective, MacInnis admits to a bias: that China's leaders will follow Mao Tse-Tung and the implications of Article 88 of the State Constitution to allow adherents of all religions to freely and openly practise their faith. Mao said "We cannot abolish religion by administrative decree or force people not to believe in it... The only way to settle questions of an ideological nature or controversial issues among the people is by the democratic method, the method of discussion, of criticism, of persuasion and education, and not by the method of coercion or repression." Religion, whether Christian, Buddhist, or Moslem, is regarded as a tool that was used to deceive the people, consolidate the position of the "reactionary ruling class", and to oppress and exploit the people. This is the line taken by the schools. The official view was much more tolerant of religion than the local practices suggest and there were many Chinese writers who defended the principle of freedom of religion. However, the Cultural Revolution silenced these and the Red Guards terrorised and local extremists persecuted many believers. This will be a helpful reference book for students of China and for those seeking to understand the difficulties faced by Chinese Christians.

UNDER 5 IN AUSTRALIA

by Patricia and Don Edgar, Millicent Poole, Tom Roper, and Margaret Higgs (Heinemann, 1973. 174 pages. \$2.95).

By the time a child is five his personality and the way he acts and reacts to events are pretty well set for life. Sure, conversion is possible. So are other types of change. But that opening statement is standing the test of time. That means that if we care about people we must pay an enormous amount of attention to what happens in the first five years. Christian parents will want them to be top quality years. Churches may need to give much more attention to helping parents make those years top quality years.

This book is by five Australians who care what happens. They are prominent in child development, sociology, communication and pre-school planning. One is an M.P.

The book is about Australian children and Australian conditions. It is strikingly illustrated by photographs and drawings. The book contains material on how we grow and become persons in Australia, how the child relates to other people: in his world, play and places to go, painting and its place in development, television and other media, and pre-school.

There is valuable material here to help parents and teachers understand their children, and what they themselves are doing, and there are many practical ideas.

R.W.L.

(Available from Federal Board of Christian Education, 217 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000. Postage 30c).

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THE SIMPLE LIFE

By Vernard Eller (Eerdmans) Paperback.

There is nothing new in saying that we live under the tyranny of things. What we all want to know about this old and true saying is what we ought to do about it. Here is a delightful book about the simple life, which turns out to be rather complicated. It is the simple life which is complicated, not the book. The book is written brightly and with enthusiasm. The book is in three sections. The first part examines what Jesus (and company, including Paul) had to say about the simple life. Then Eller presents the interpretation of Soren Kierkegaard of the N.T. view. Finally, Eller gives his summary and expression of both. He concludes that the "sole motive of Christian simplicity is Hedonism." This is sure to get a reaction because most of us Christians have been opposing Hedonism all our lives. Hedonism teaches that pleasure is the chief aim of life. Eller goes on to explain that the "sole motive of Christian simplicity is the enjoyment of God himself (and if that be hedonism, let's make the most of it!). Very stimulating. The sub-title is "The Christian Stance Towards Possessions."

PLAIN TALK ON PRAYER

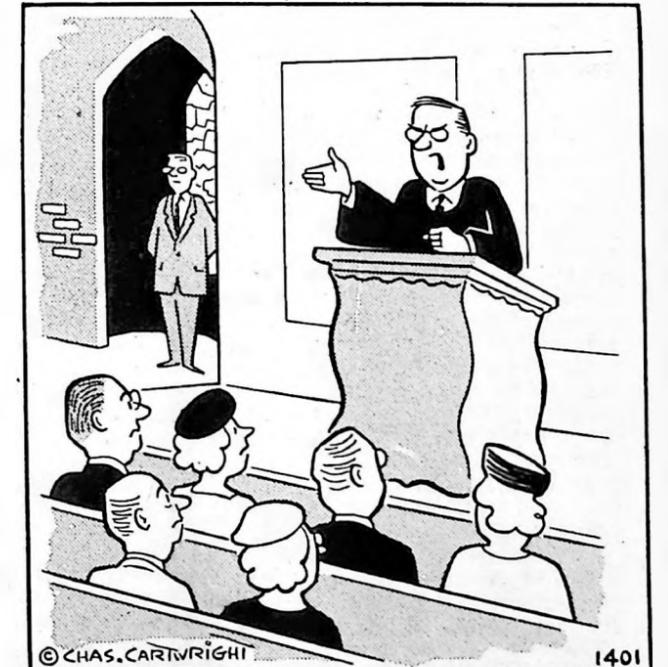
By Manford G. Gutzke

(Baker House) Paperback.

This is another in the series of "Plain Talks" by Dr. Gutzke. It seeks to answer a lot of questions about prayer and comes up with some positive answers in a day when prayer is not practised as widely as it once was. The chapters are short, there are 43 in 182 pages. The section on what to pray for, given in the context of the sickness and death of his son, shows an appreciation of the proper object of prayer that will help all who have the burden of concern for others.

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CHRISTIANS ONE

The President of the Australian Council of Churches, the Rev. Neil Gilmore, today announced that the Council is to form a new fellowship—Christians One.

Christians One: in Christ in outreach in action

for the unity of the church and the unity of mankind. Christians One—The Fellowship of the Australian Council of Churches.

Christians One will replace the existing World Council of Churches Fellowship and will be launched in June with a major promotional campaign in N.S.W., Vic., and A.C.T.

"I hope Christians One will be an exciting and lively new fellowship; a Fellowship of people seeking renewal of the world through the reconciling power of Jesus Christ and committed to work ecumenically for this goal through local

WORLD EVANGELISATION (FROM PAGE 7)

Peters, professor of world missions at Dallas Seminary, says it "may prove disadvantageous if not disastrous" to try to use the same evangelistic methods in all cultures.

"We do not need renewal of the Gospel," Peters writes, "but we do need continuous renewal of methodology to communicate the age-old Gospel in an intelligible, meaningful and purposeful manner."

The Dallas professor, a Mennonite, illustrates the need for different styles of evangelism: "Culture has cast the mind into a certain mould of thinking. Some cultures are more rational-logical, others meditative-intuitive, still others imaginative-mythological. Our generation is rapidly becoming existential. And it is this cultural mould of mentality that determines principles and practices of communication. Communication does not take place in the same way everywhere."

Peters concludes his paper with a warning that evangelism must "always remain supremely a message" and that methods and structures must remain subordinate and subservient.

interchurch action, state councils and the Australian Council of Churches. I hope many thousands of Christians throughout Australia will join Christians One and so become part of the movement seeking the Unity of the Church and the unity of mankind in Jesus Christ."

A.W.D. INITIATIVES

The national ecumenical agency, Action for World Development, will conduct issue-raising and action programmes in all Australian States during 1974.

The national secretary of the agency, Vaughan Hinton, said that issues of personal and institutional lifestyle would be a priority focus.

Mr. Hinton also announced the names of new A.W.D. staff: N.S.W.—Tom Kalmar, 3rd Floor, 401A Pitt St., Sydney, Victoria—Ms. Mary Considine, 100 Flinders St., Melbourne, Queensland—the Rev. Dr. N. Preston and Sister Joy Madigan 1st Floor, 318 Edward St., Brisbane, South Australia—George Chomiak, 222 Victoria Sq., Adelaide, Western Australia—the Rev. Keith Dowling, C/- The Christian Centre, 142 Beaufort Street, Perth.

Mr. Hinton said the national committee was planning a very active campaign in Australian churches on church investment policies and on church financial contributions for development, as well as on other aspects of the lifestyle of church institutions.

NEW SECRETARY (Portland, D. Duff) At annual meeting, A. Butler was elected elder and secretary. W. Crouch, also an elder, was elected treasurer. . . . T. Giles and E. C. Keating from H. M. Dept., visited the church, attended luncheon arranged by C.W.F. and met with the Board. . . . Mrs. Morrison visited C.W.F. evening meeting and spoke on Women's Conference activities. . . . Three ladies from Lewis Court Aged Home are regular attenders. . . . One in her late 80s, was baptized recently. Another has been welcomed by transfer.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

If you asked a hundred persons "What is the thing most needed in the world today?" many would say, "A real peace that lasts." Jesus knew that peace does not just come, it has to be "made". Do you know what Jesus said about peacemakers? (See page 18)

WORDS

When travellers set off from Europe to Australia, they were often said to be going to the "antipodes". The word was first used by Plato and it shows that he believed that the earth was round. He used the word to describe "the other side of the earth." It comes from *anti* (opposite to), and *podas* (feet)—The feet of the people living on the other side of the world had their feet opposite to those in Europe.

EASTER EGGS

Easter Eggs came from Persia, where they were used to express the early belief of many that the world was hatched from an egg. But the early Christians used it as a symbol of the Resurrection. Many countries coloured the eggs red as a reminder that Jesus died for us.

Another explanation of Easter Eggs is that the Roman Catholic Church did not permit eggs to be eaten during Lent (the 40 day period before Easter), but they could be eaten again at Easter. This gave eggs a special place.

Of course, most of the fancy Easter eggs sold today have nothing at all to do with the Christian celebration of the Resurrection.



"It's Pop's idea. Instead of calling me he whistles for Bosko, and I get home in no time at all!"

• IN UNITY

DOES HUMILITY RULE OUT CERTAINTY?

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN UNION

Do the two statements that follow say the same thing?

1. "A Christian's dialogue with another implies neither a denial of the uniqueness of Christ nor any loss of his own commitment to Christ, but rather that a genuinely Christian approach to others must be human, personal, relevant and humble. . . . As Christians we believe that Christ speaks in this dialogue, revealing himself to those who do not know him and correcting the limited and distorted knowledge of those who do. Dialogue and proclamation are not the same. The one complements the other in a total witness."

2. "True dialogue does require the humble admission that each may have something to learn from the other and the Christian thus not only understands another's belief but also shares his faith in Christ. In this sense, dialogue and the call to conversion can and must be combined."

One of these statements comes from an acknowledged spokesman of "conservative evangelicals", John Shepherd of the Latin American Mission. The other is taken from the Report of the Uppsala Assembly of the World Council of Churches. Both indicate that humility does not rule out certainty and that listening must be a legitimate aspect of missionary endeavour.

"The call to conversion remains central to the mission (of the church). . . . How do we witness to men of other faiths and ideologies with respect and humility and yet with firmness and clarity? Our ways of thinking may change; Christ our Saviour remains the same, the only way to the Father."

From which of the two sources does this quote come? It affirms clearly the centrality of the uniqueness of Christ for Christians. The statement is contained in the Minutes of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, August 1969.

There are some Christians at present who are stressing "dialogue" because they believe that some Christians have not been humble enough in their evangelistic approach. There are others who are stressing "proclamation" because they believe that some Christians have not been confident enough concerning Christ in their approach to others. Both stresses are needed for a witness that is true to the Bible.

By the way, it was the first quotation at the beginning that came from the Uppsala Assembly. Did you pick it?

SPECIAL AWARD TO STAN GILMOUR

At a public meeting in Melbourne on Tuesday, the Governor, Sir Rohan Delacombe, presented a special Community Service Award to S. M. Gilmour, an honoured member of the Gardiner Church. The award was sponsored by the Develop Victoria Council. The Governor said that Mr. Gilmour had given a lifetime of community service.

He was Executive Vice-President and Secretary of the Victorian Employers' Federation. In this he pioneered a great deal of new thinking in the Federation to achieve higher living standards. He pioneered and fostered special aid to the mentally ill, he was a founder of the Victorian Overseas Foundation, an organisation which fosters apprentices and offers overseas travel and study to apprentices. He pioneered the Committee for Economic Development of Australia, and similarly pioneered the Australia-Japan Society. He founded the Australian Retired Persons Association and was founder and president of the Over 50's Association, which has done a lot in finding work for people who were finding it difficult to get work.

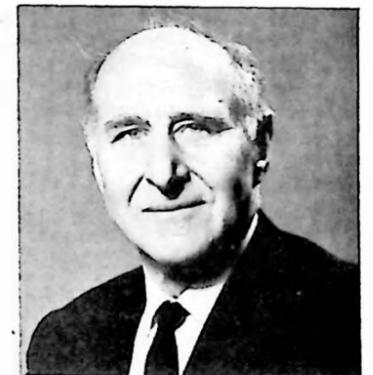
He pioneered the change to Decimal currency in Australia, in fact, a radio broadcast he made resulted in proposals for the change in currency which eventually did take place. Then he

founded an organisation known as Australia Decimal Research organisation. He introduced a campaign for the implementation of metric weights and measures. He was founder and first chairman of the Develop Victoria Council, and began the Premier Town of Victoria contest. He initiated the annual Community Service Award which commenced in 1961 and commenced a programme for the development of country youth which offers overseas travel for country young people.

The Governor summed up Mr. Gilmour's contribution to the community by saying "As a community leader, his contribution to this State will be long remembered as positive and forward thinking and always designed to involve the greatest talents of the greatest number of people in the greatest number of areas."

Mr. Gilmour was a member of the Parkdale church from its inception, later of the Malvern Caulfield church, and for the past 23 years has been an active member of the Gardiner church.

LOSS AT BORONIA (E. L. Williams, D. Stevens) The church was saddened by the death of Grant Woodward through illness. Grant was loved by all. To Anthea and the two children we seek the peace of God and give assurance of our love and ever-ready help. . . . The annual meeting was preceded by tea-table fellowship. The recommendation by the Building Committee that the new chapel be commenced by Sept. 30, 1974, and that



Acknowledgement was made of the partnership and co-operation with him in his community service on the part of his wife and family.

When given the opportunity to nominate people he would like to have present at the presentation of the award, the church was strongly represented in the presence of three ministers of churches of Christ and their wives.

\$35,000 be in hand by then, was accepted. . . . New officers are Gerald McLeod, secretary, and Gavin Baulch. . . . Rowland Watson has been baptised. . . . The Conf. Pres., E. F. Patterson, was speaker at church anniversary on March 17. . . . 45 CYFers held camp under canvas in Big River area. . . . Member Wayne Henry, teaching in Malaysia, has been appointed to the Parochial Church Council of the church at Kelang as recording secretary.

CONCERN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS BILL

The Standing Committee of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney has urged the Australian Attorney-General to withdraw the Human Rights Bill.

It passed a resolution declaring the Bill to be ineffective, unnecessary, selective and unpredictable. Copies of the resolution are being sent to Federal political leaders and Anglican bishops around Australia.

The Motion read:

"The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Sydney notes with very grave concern the Human Rights Bill proposed to be enacted by the Australian Government.

"First it believes the Bill to be ineffective insofar as it provides no legal or permanent guarantee of the human rights it seeks to protect.

"Secondly, it believes the Bill to be unnecessary as human rights are to a great extent already protected within the framework of the common law. Although we would not describe the existing law as always producing just results, we do not see this Bill as an effective or appropriate step in improving the relationship between law and justice.

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"Thirdly, it believes the Bill to be selective in its use of the United Nations International Conventions which it seeks to ratify and, therefore, significant rights which have been omitted will inevitably be seen as less valuable than those which have been included.

"Fourthly, it believes the operation of the Bill to be unpredictable in that it contains imprecise language—the meaning of which is obscure and will remain obscure, at least until interpreted by the courts, and therefore, liable to undermine the rule of law which we seek to uphold as a protection against the tyranny of arbitrary rule."

ALAN AVERY FOR N.S.W. CONFERENCE

A. A. Avery, the minister of the Church of Christ, Frankston, Vic., will be guest speaker at the N.S.W. Conference, April 20-28.

Programme Features:

Sat. April 20: Youth Programme, Enmore Church of Christ

Tue. April 23: Women's Conference, Enmore

Wed. April 24: 7.15 p.m. Business Session, Enmore

Thurs. April 25: Open Day: Stanwell Tops

Fri. April 26: Preachers' Session 5.45 p.m. Men's Tea & Workshop, Enmore

7.35 p.m. Power House, 1974. Preacher: A. A. Avery

ADVENTURE

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The greatest turn-out of Victorian senior Explorers, leaders and friends for many years enjoyed the Bushwalking Adventure Camp—nearly 90 were in camp under Camp Chief Harvey Miller and Vin Waters. Briar Hill Explorers deserve mention for completing the rugged thirteen-mile hike-out overnight. Clubs who participated were: Chelsea, Bayswater, Box Hill, Glen Waverley, Northcote, Thornbury, Briar Hill, Maidstone, Dandenong and Norlane. Camp Chaplain was H. Weedon D.C.E. Field Officer.



"THE MAN YOU CAN'T IGNORE"

The joint campaign of the Christian Television Assoc. S.A. and The Bible Society in Aust., to promote the teachings of Jesus through the distribution of the book "The Man You Can't Ignore," has been an outstanding success.

The producer for C.T.A. in S.A., the Rev. Keith George said that over 3,500 letters requesting free copies of the book had been received. Many included requests for copies to be sent to friends.

These figures are a dramatic further evidence of the increase of interest in the person of Jesus and his teachings, which is current in modern society.

The Bible Society states that the spot has made a similar outstanding success in Queensland, New South Wales etc.

Sat. April 27 9.30 a.m. Business, Enmore

7.30 p.m. Mission Rally, Enmore

Sun. April 28 2.45 p.m. Service of Witness, Sydney Town Hall, Preacher: A.A. Avery.

NO MORE FOR RECEPTION

(VIC.) The Vic.—Tas., Conference Secretary, S. H. Wilson, advises that the maximum number of personal invitations to the President's Reception for the forthcoming Conference has been reached, and regrets that because of catering limitations, no further acceptances can be received.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

PLAN NOW FOR CANBERRA The Registration Forms for the 35th Federal Conference are on the way to your church and you are urged to plan now and register early for our first Summer Conference.

It will be a new experience in many areas. For the first time we shall all be together in the one area. The business of the churches will be tackled in a new way. We hope that it will be the biggest ever Conference, but the emphasis will be upon fellowship in small groups.

Because there are three churches in Canberra, there is not the home accommodation with members that is practicable for the other capital cities. And compared with Canberra's normal motel and hotel costs, the charges for staying in the A.N.U. Halls of Residence are moderate.

Save now and plan to be in Canberra next January.

Registration Forms should be in your church any day now, and if you haven't already begun to save, start a budget account. If you have difficulty in obtaining a Registration Form, write to Jack Dunner, P.O. Registrar, 35th Federal Conference, P.O. Box 34, Latham, A.C.T. 2615. He'll gladly send you one!

Tours information will be forwarded to everyone who registers.

CHILDREN WITHOUT PARENTS The Australian Bureau of Statistics has just released figures which show that more than 43,000 working parents with children under eleven years of age, make no arrangements for the care of the children after school.

35% of people responsible for children under 12 years are in the Australian work force. Of those responsible for children under six years, 45% are usually absent from home for eight hours or more on work days, which are also school days.

We would like to suggest that here is a practical Christian task for the churches. The church buildings, almost empty during the week, could be put to work, and church members could provide child care assistance. Unfortunately, most of the church members are also in the work force!

GOOD GRIEF!! Publisher Randolph Hearst has completed his \$2 million food give-a-day to "People in Need" to fulfil conditions laid down by the kidnapers of his daughter, Patricia. A number of the people in need drove up in their Cadillacs to collect the food hand-out!!

PRAYER MISSION (LaTrobe Tce., Geelong, N. Hodgekiss) A Prayer Mission is in progress with the motto, "Power Unlimited." . . . Ladies prayer groups meet weekly at homes of Mrs. P. Drayton and Mrs A. Carr . . . There is increased interest in Youth Fellowship and in training groups meeting in homes of Mrs. H. Coleman and Mrs. Ian Kirwood . . . Senior Members Fellowship Circle met for first time. A "Z" Squad was formed (Zeal and Prayer) . . . Members attended Sth. Western Dist. Conf. at Colac . . . Chairman of officers' board, Geo. Vafiopulous, and his wife, were farwelled and presentations made on moving to his new appointment with the Shire of Wyong, N.S.W.

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WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT - AT CHUNGRIBU

By Fay Christensen (Newly appointed missionary)

Well here I am at Chungribu. As I got out of the M.A.F. plane the pilot said, "Well, enjoy yourself here - if that's possible. If the heat doesn't carry you away, the mosquitos will."

What a wonderful introduction to Chungribu! But nearly three weeks later, neither the mosquitos nor the heat has carried me off (though the mossies have tried pretty hard) and I am gradually sorting out who's who, where's where and what's what.

WHO'S WHO - At the moment the missionaries at Chungribu are Diana Catts and Gordon Williams. Diana is working on the language of this area with the eventual object of translating the Scriptures into it. She also does a multiplicity of other jobs, including showing the new Head Teacher what she has to do!

Gordon Williams is a tractor driver, builder, etc., etc. He has been putting up the new school buildings. Later he'll be working on the new airstrip at Gokto.

Then there's Mura, a New Guinea schoolteacher. He teaches Standard 4, and is a very keen, hard-working teacher.

And there are many more whom I'm getting to know - Ernot and Wenap, the pastor and his wife - Gombil, another pastor, - Sadu and Mangga, our 'doktabois' - and lots more.

Of course, there's my class of Standard 5 school children - who are in most ways like any other class anywhere else. Some good, some naughty, some bright and some slower to learn. I'm enjoying teaching them though the curriculum here is rather different from that at home. First, English

is being taught as a foreign language. Second, the background of the children is very different from that of other children I've taught. What is a 'wharf', a 'cabin', a 'wardrobe'? These things must be explained in the course of a reading lesson. On the other hand, how does a 'townie' like me tackle a subject like 'Agriculture' with these rural children?

Last but not least, there's Standard 1 - but alas, no Standard 1 teacher. The teacher appointed to this school was also appointed to another school - which he took! Meanwhile Standard 1 is staying home, until the Education Board can find us a teacher.

So **WHERE'S WHERE?** Don't ask me where Chungribu is. Buy a map and find out! We are on a very flat country, so bikes come in handy. (By the way, I had my first motor bike lesson the other day!) There are several villages within walking and riding distance. From my bedroom window I look out onto the airstrip. The Chungribu church building is a little way down the track.

WHAT'S WHAT? I'm still finding out. My Pidgin still has a long way to go, so communication is rather limited. I can hardly wait till I can understand everything that's said to me, and think of a reply in less than five minutes. Weekends are good. With the various church meetings there's plenty of opportunity for hearing Pidgin.

Last Sunday was the monthly meeting, when all the Christians from the various villages in our area met together and held a business meeting after the service. The whole thing lasted about five hours, and do those seats get hard! It's good though, because everyone has a say in the work of the Church and in decision making.

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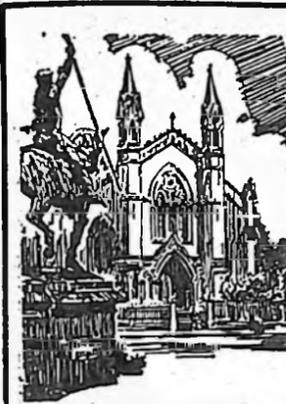
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The income to meet the budget needs of the Counselling and Referral Service drafted for 1974 (approximately \$16,000) is assured, though this budget does not allow for expansion of facilities to meet a rapid rise in client-contacts. Trust funds together with funds voted from three Anglican

Social Welfare Agencies are being contributed to the running of the Counselling Service. A fortunate \$5,000 carry-over from 1973 will enable the budget to be balanced.

Three volunteer counsellors have been assisting at the office for some time and they have now been joined by a fourth. There is further need of volunteers for this work. Mature persons, preferably (though not necessarily) between the ages of 30 and 50 who would, after training, be available for half a day per week or more are welcome to contact the Director, at V.F.A.D.D., Tel. 63-4848 (Melb.).

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

ALL STATES

TIN SHED CONVERTED! (Brighton, K. J. Harvey, C. E. Curtis) The old tin shed used only by the Primary Dept has been converted into a spacious 40' x 30' Activity Centre. Teams of voluntary tradesmen and handy men and women worked for 12 months on the conversion. At a total cost of less than \$5,000 the low ceiling, carpeted and well appointed area with kitchen and store room is already receiving heavy use by fellowship and group activities. . . . 32 additions by faith and baptism reported at annual meeting. . . . Col Curtis is back at work after major surgery. . . . Keith Horne arrived with bus load of young people from Doncaster, Vic. for weekend with church families. . . . 18th Anniversary marked by opening of new Centre, and a creative display of arts, crafts and treasures. . . . Attempts being made to reduce numbers by 50% at Coffee Shop Programme.

BOWL APPEAL (Maylands, N. S. Moore) The Christmas Bowl Appeal amounted to \$265. . . . The display of goods from the Harvest Festival were sent to Norseman Mission, St. George's Christian Rest Home, and "Windee", an Aboriginal Children's Home in our district. . . . At a Devonshire morning tea and trading table, C.W.F. raised \$160 for Dr Chae's work in Korea. . . . Five study and fellowship groups involving 50 meet each week. . . . Jim Stanlev, and a group of boys from "Windee" hostel, are now meeting with us. Mr Stanley, chairman of the Aborigines' Consultative Committee, was speaker on Aboriginal Sunday, March 17.

FRIENDSHIP PICNIC (Glenelg, C. H. J. Wright) The congregation of 200 was in

picnic attire on Feb. 24 for a lunch at East Parklands after service. It was one of the activities for February's Friendship Month. Other features were a Fancy Dress Social, a Family Service with Gospel Folk Songs and coffee in the hall after worship. . . . Mrs Mary Finger was speaker on Feb. 24. . . . Mr & Mrs John Pederson are in Tulsa, U.S.A., for 12 months. Mrs Merl Alderton is acting choir leader.

PIALBA CHAPEL (V. G. Boettcher) The ministry in the Harvey Bay area (Qld.) is being consolidated. The erection of the chapel at Pialba is progressing well. Members are giving generous financial support and are also giving voluntary labour. Working bees from Maryborough have assisted greatly. . . . Bruce Roberts, newly appointed H.M. Organiser, visited the district. . . . The closing week of Mr Boettcher's ministry at Maryborough was climaxed by four adult additions. Mr Boettcher was guest preacher at the 91st anniversary at Rosewood. 320 were present at the "Homecoming" evening on March 16.

WELCOME LUNCH (Mildura, T. Lawrie) After a Family Service, new families were welcomed at a lunch at the Rogerson home. . . . Fruit was bottled by the ladies for C.O.B. . . . Members attended induction of Peter Richter, new minister of the Church of Christ-Methodist church at Dareton. . . . Wal. Davies has been appointed church grounds supervisor. . . . Donation was sent to Korea to purchase bicycle for a minister. . . . Evening programmes have featured book reviews by Mr Lawrie, Glen Miller speaking on "Stars and Your Destiny" and Tom Cuddy on his visit to Carnarvon Mission Station. . . . D. H. Smith spoke with Board on Planned Giving Renewal. . . . A "Tweens" group, 12-14 years, has commenced.

of Officers and the Choir, and secretary of the Ladies' Guild. She and her husband prepared the Communion Table every Lord's Day as a sacred trust. Services were conducted at Kensington Park chapel and Enfield Ever-green Cemetery. We commend her husband to the comfort of the Heavenly Father.

-W.N.B.

LE PAGE E.A.

Everest Le Page had more influence on the life of the Cheltenham (Vic.) community and church than any other single person. He was Mayor of Moorabbin twice, and Councillor for 28 years. His father had been Mayor before him and his son Frank was Mayor last year. His family have been in the Cheltenham area and church since 1854. Today the fifth generation is still active in the Church. He was Trustee of ten community organisations, President of a score of cultural, sporting community and Church organisations. He was involved in numerous youth groups and State organisations, with particular involvement in the horticultural industry. At the Cheltenham Church he was Leader of an Adult Bible Study Group, Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Secretary, Deacon, Elder, Chairman and Trustee at various times.

In 1966 he was awarded the M.B.E. for his civic and church work.

Until his death he was physically strong, always up at dawn working hard in his market garden. One of the largest funerals ever seen in Cheltenham paid tribute to an outstanding Christian leader.

-G.K.M.

LARGER CHAPEL (Redcliffe, D. Hamer) Looking to the future the Board sees the need for a larger chapel and is investigating the possibility. . . . The church manse was renovated prior to the arrival of the Hammer family in January. David Hammer Jr. is our first full time and Bible study mid-week meetings will again be held in members' homes. . . . The growing and Bible study mid-week meetings will again be held in members' homes. . . . The growing B.S. still lacks a Supt. . . . A Stewardship Campaign and Teaching Mission are planned to culminate with the church anniversary.

CHAPLAIN COMMISSIONER (Ivanhoe) Former minister, Jack McCormick, was commissioned as Chaplain to Heidelberg High School at a service in Rosanna Methodist Church on March 29. . . . G. R. Stirling has been assisting the church through preaching. . . . Kim Wood, C.O.B. student, will assist in the church school and in youth leadership. . . . Good Companions conducted a "Sausage Sizzle" at Janis Conning's home. . . . Geo. Farrington, director of Open House, spoke to C.W.F. . . . C.W.F. served tea for patients at Mount Royal.

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Visitors and especially campers of past years will be most welcome.

OBITUARY

McDONALD Alex.

Alex. McDonald died on Jan. 7 at the age of 64. Coming from England he boarded with the Roberts family at Fairfield, Vic. He joined the church there at 16 and there also he met and married Tilly Hodges. During the war he served with the R.A.A.F. and in 1946 moved to Warragul. At Fairfield and Warragul he served as Board member, secretary, and door-keeper. He was a pastry cook and in recent years was employed by the Educ. Dept. at the Warragul High School.

With unflinching loyalty he remained committed to Christ and the church, and impressed all with his sincerity, geniality, and strong faith. The large assembly at both chapel and lawn cemetery was testimony to the esteem in which he was held by church, community, and school. With Tilly, his wife, his children, Lawrence, Hugh, Rosemary and their respective families, we remember him with gratitude to God.

-R.E.H.

OWENS, Mrs Olive

Mrs. Olive Owens died on Feb. 14 aged 82 years. She made her decision to follow Christ during a tent mission conducted by the late E. C. Hinrichsen at St. Morris and was baptised by H. R. Taylor. She was a faithful and active member at St. Morris and later at Beulah Rd., Kensington Park. She served with distinction in various offices. She was a member of the Board

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IN MEMORIAM

BOAK, Russell James, Passed away on April 2, 1965, beloved son of the late Allen and Florence Boak, loved brother of Dorothy (Mrs Baines) and Lorna (Mrs Coates), fond brother-in-law of Ian and Graeme, and loving uncle of Wendy, Allan, Ken, Lynette, and Peter.

MASON Sydney Merrill, passed away at Victor Harbour, S.A., April 18th, 1972. Beloved husband of Rita, loving father of Alison, father-in-law of Kevin and devoted pa-pa of Ian, Wayne, and Bruce. Gone but not forgotten. In heavenly love abiding.

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LAY WITNESS (Oakleigh, Dr C.J. Mackenzie) Over 100 participated in Lay Witness week-end, March 15-17, conducted by the Institute of Church Renewal. A follow up programme is under consideration. . . . Bruce Williams was welcomed as student minister.

EXCHANGE STUDENT (Bayswater, A. Fletcher) Peter Bryant of Bayswater High School has been chosen to spend the winter school term in New Zealand. Bayswater Rotary in cooperation with N.Z. Rotary made this exchange possible for Peter and one other student from the school. . . . Mrs Martin Sr., a patient in Epworth Hosp. is making steady progress. . . . Mrs Stirling (C.W.F. Pres.) was guest at a social evening and barbecue supper.

WORK PARTY (Doncaster, K.D. Horne) A Work Party to New Guinea is being sponsored by the Doncaster Church and applications are invited, (see advertisement this issue). . . \$2000 was forwarded to Inter-Church Aid through the Christmas Bowl Appeal. . . . Fourth Family Camp was held at Cowes. . . 38 members of the CYF-YAF visited Brighton Gardens (S.A.) for Labour Day week-end. . . 250 were present at evening service with Alan Rowe as speaker. Other guests interviewed at evening services were Ian Stewart (cricket umpire), Matron Phyl Davis; Alan Appleby (Alcoholic Foundation), and Bill Edgar (Mission to Lepers).

TWO BAPTISMS (St. Arnaud, I. Adams) Ian and Alyson Beasy have been baptized. . . . Members from all other churches gathered at Church of Christ for Women's World Day of Prayer with Mrs D. Beasy as guest speaker. . . On March 3, C. Dahl spoke on behalf of Aborigines Missions. . . Sympathy is extended to Mrs Moore and family on the death of her father.

NEW MINISTRY (Reservoir) The new minister, K. H. Pitt, was inducted at service led by Stanton H. Wilson. Mr & Mrs Pitt and family joined members in luncheon after the service. . . At annual meeting C. Crossfield was elected secretary, and J. Welsford as treasurer. . . C.W.F., under leadership of Mrs Pitt, had Matron Davis of C.W.C.I. Committee to speak. . . C.W.F. continues with visitation of aged at Greenvale Village.

PATCH RELIEF (Rod Lloyd) The Patch church gave a total of \$675 for Qld. Flood Relief. \$175 from members and \$500 from C.W.F. . . . Church anniversary speaker on March 3 was Eric Patterson, Pres. of Conf. The soloist was Christine Stewart. . . The church picnic on March 16 was by car to Mt Macedon, with lunch and afternoon tea at Gisborne. . . Newly elected to Board are Deaconesses Mrs Elsie Deane and Mrs Jean Holmes. Mrs May Reed is secretary. Particular mention was made of Harold Easton who retired as secretary after 26 years of service in that office, 19 at Footscray and 7 at The Patch.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MISSIONARY VISIT (Kadina, M.D. Williams) Mr & Mrs Harold Finger, on deputation from Overseas Missions, visited the church on Feb. 17, and used slides to show growth of mission in New Hebrides. . . Young people shared in a camp at Mylor with Hampstead Gardens. . . C.A. Jones spoke to church for State Aborigines Mission Committee. . . Mr Williams visited Port Pirie as Pres. of Northern Dist Churches Conf. . . 37 visited Adelaide for S.A. Youth Choir presentation of Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Gondoliers". . . Three girls from senior youth group have been baptised.

CONCERN GOES DOOR-KNOCKING (Clovelly Park, R. L. Arnold) Three very concerned girls made door-to-door collection for the Qld. flood appeal and raised \$23. . . Another successful family camp for 60 was held at Ironbank. . . Miss Robyn Haskell, H. M. Field Worker, spoke at combined Women's World Day of Prayer meeting at our church. . . Women's prayer meetings commenced recently in homes. . . Dr. and Mrs T. Taylor were speakers at A.C.E. on New Hebrides. . . Chris Morris was farewelled on army transfer to Townsville. . . Mrs John Rundle is C.W.F. Pres.

24 HOUR PRAYER (Prospect, R.H. Sercombe) From 6 p.m. on Friday to 6 p.m. Saturday we had two men every four hours in a 24 hour prayer vigil. . . The produce from the Harvest Thanksgiving Day was taken to the Christian Rest Home. An offering was taken for the Qld. flood victims. . . G. Lawrie of Hampstead Gardens addressed the church in an exchange of pulpits. . . The ladies' annual picnic was held at East Parklands. The combined Women's Coffee morning for all Northern Churches was addressed by Jack Bond. . . Youth activities have included Putt-Putt nights, Hay Ride, and Rowing on the Torrens. The tennis team is going well. . . K. Kaehne and Mr Kelly, who suffered heart attacks, are home from hospital. . .

MAGILL INDUCTION Dean Sander was inducted as minister here, with Gerald Rose giving the charge to the minister and congregation. The church was crowded to welcome Mr & Mrs Sander and their three children. The next Sunday there was an informal luncheon to enable the church to meet the Sander family. . . Susan Guyot, Christine Hancock, and L. Kay Lange Luddecke received Duke of Edinburgh silver awards from the S.A. Premier. . . Church and grounds were spruced up at a working bee on March 9.

PRISONERS AIDED (Ascot Park, R. J. Clymer) A good display was arranged by the ladies for Harvest Thanksgiving. Afterwards goods and groceries were sent to the Prisoners' Aid Society. . . The B.S. picnic was held at Brown Hill Creek, well supported by members and parents. . . Sympathy was expressed to family in the death of D. G. Fenn's father. . . Colin Butler of Hawthorn showed slides to C.W.F. of his visit to N.Z.

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QUEENSLAND

HAMMOND ORGAN (Avenell Heights-Bundaberg) The church has decided to purchase the second-hand Hammond organ which has been in the chapel on demonstration. . . At the annual meeting the following were elected: Selwyn Dickfos (treasurer), Warren Fisher, Warren Murray (secretary), Harold Saunders, John Wilson, and Glenda Pohle who is now nursing at the Mater Hospital. . . There is team teaching in the B.S. in the older groups. . . Bruce Roberts of the H.M. Dept. was a recent speaker.

OPEN PULPIT (Ann St. L.G. Armstrong) The latest innovation at evening service is "Open Pulpit," where opportunity is given to all to express themselves, if they desire. . . Nine have been received into membership by transfer and two by baptism. . . To assist college students to receive supervision in practical church work, Mr Armstrong has offered his services and four students are expected to avail themselves of the offer on Wednesday afternoons. . . The annual academic service was held at Ann St. Representatives were welcomed by Mr Armstrong, Ken Wiltshire, lecturer in Political Science, led the service, supported by Principal F. Ewers, Kenmore Christian College, and A.C. Male, Dept. of Christian Educ. Professor Ian Gillman, Emmanuel College, was guest speaker.

DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP (Roma, M. Gibson) Visitors from Murgon, Kingaroy, Chinchilla and Hopelands met here for the twice yearly Western Dist. Fellowship. 90 sat for tea on Saturday, with 114 at Sunday worship. Speakers were Rob. Holt (Dalby), Arthur Clarke (Kingaroy), and Glen Wegner (Murgon), on the theme "In Times Like These". . . Alex. Waldron (chairman), Ray Gallas (secretary), and Peter Clow (B.S. Supt) were re-elected. . . The Senior C.E. will continue to take one gospel service a month. . . The morning service is broadcast over radio 4ZR each fifth week. . . Junior C.E. has split into two groups this year. Alec and Shirley Waldron are leaders. . . Senior C.E. has joined with the Prayer and Bible study weekly meeting. . . Shirley Waldron is C.W.F. president, and C. McDougall is secretary. The ladies raised \$1000 which they presented to the Building Committee toward the cost of the recently built manse.

NEW AT GLADSTONE Mr and Mrs Ray Hawkins commenced their ministry here on Feb. 24. . . Home Mission Director, Bruce Roberts, conducted the induction service on March 2. Visitors from Bundaberg and Rockhampton were present. . . Mr & Mrs J. G. Finger from Toowoomba, and Mr & Mrs E. Thomas from Vic, have taken up fellowship with the church. . . From April, morning services will commence at 9.30a.m.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

ONE WAY '74 (Tamworth, C. D. Crago) At the completion of the first week of the One Way '74 mission with Jack Bond there had been twenty public decisions for Christ. The mission commenced with 200 at a smorgasbord tea on March 9. One married woman decided for Christ. The following night seventeen students from Farrer Agricultural High School made commitments. There were two more decisions on the following nights. Mr Bond is informally sharing his faith at coffee mornings with ladies who would not normally attend meetings. Phil Marlow from Western Australia is song leader.

FESTIVAL DAY (Wyoming, D. J. Gurney) Harvest Festival and Thanksgiving Day was held on Mar. 3. Colin Saxby presented slides to B.S. and at morning service received a cheque for \$350 as a result of a church project for Bibles and Hymn Books for India. W. Harrison was morning speaker. Fellowship luncheon followed. . . Colin Bowser was guest speaker on the day of the B.S. Graduation. Special items were presented by the scholars. . . The C.W.F. President, Mrs Glad Bent, with Mrs B. Roe (D.C.E.), Mrs D. Frost and Mrs R. Wakely (Dunmore House), visited Women's Fellowship. . . John and Shirley Truscott arrived home after six months in Indonesia. . . Mr Cheate, Mrs Joyce, Mrs Larsen, Mr Jones and Miss Patterson have been ill.

DIAMOND JUBILEE (Chatswood, C. G. Taylor) An exhibition of old photos and items of interest will be featured at our Diamond Jubilee on May 26. Members are sharing a Bible reading plan designed to reach Acts 2 by the anniversary. . . Elders spent a day at the Bungan Head home of Ron and Marcia Single in discussion, prayer, and fellowship. . . Girls' Brigade commenced year with a Pool Party and barbecue. Their captain, Heather Taylor, was presented with a Bible on leaving for overseas. . . Rosalie Rofe was a recent speaker at church and Dorcas. . . Dr John Graham left for 5 months working in hospitals in Singapore and England. . . Heather Wilson, back from Brazil spoke to C.W.F. . . Peter Wilton gained first class honours in Commerce in the field of Marketing Research.

CHANGES AT BEXLEY NORTH (P.A. Pitts) Les Yelds has retired as secretary after 30 years of service. Don Lewis was elected secretary in his place. Cedric Langbein retired from the Board after 28 years, most of them as treasurer. At the annual meeting J. Saville, L. Yelds were elected elders. . . The B.S. picnic was held at Carrs Park, Kogarah. . . Bexley ladies hosted the district World Day of Prayer preceded by morning tea. . . Woolwich student, Robert Hough, has been allocated as student minister for 1974. . . The March C.W.F. meeting had the topic "Homemaker" Cooking and Recipes. . . The church service will be broadcast on Apr. 28 at 10.04 a.m. The service will be pre-recorded on Apr. 7.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

WORLD PRAYER (Merredin/Bruce Rock, D. Good) Our women were represented at the Women's World Day of Prayer meetings, at the Methodist Church in Bruce Rock, and at the Roman Catholic Church in Merredin where Mr Good was guest speaker . . . Rosalie Rofe, missionary from New Guinea, was a recent visitor . . . Doug Banks, 14 year old son of Joe and Gloria Banks has been readmitted to hospital and is not at all well . . . Bronwyn Butler, three year old daughter of Robbie and Gwen Butler, is home after a serious operation and is making steady progress.

36 DECISIONS (South Perth, D. G. Nelson, I. R. Moyses) Since November last there have been 36 decisions . . . The Thursday night Bible study prayer meeting has an average attendance of 70 . . . The following are from our church at Bible Colleges: Kenmore-Sue Charles, Reg. Charles, John Brear, and Graham Hyman. Woolwich-Geoff Rowcroft, John Bond, Glen Iris-John Caporn. W.E.C. (Tasmania)-Irene Munsie, Brett Ridley . . . Attendances for all services are very high and serious consideration will have to be given to enlarging the chapel.

DUAL MINISTRY (Midland) A dual part-time ministry is being conducted by A. van Leen and Colin Hall since the recent retirement of A. W. Ladbrook . . . Milton Caine is now studying at Woolwich and Bruce Williams at Glen Iris. Garry Clarke has a year to spend in the Antarctic . . . On Labour Day the Youth Fellowship shared in a youth breakfast and picnic at Walyunga Park . . . The church regrets the death of Mrs Mary Chapman . . . Family luncheon was held at Kenda home after morning service on March 17 . . . Junior Youth Fellowship has commenced with Lori van Leen as leader.

TASMANIA

TWO MORNING SERVICES (Hobart, D. E. Stewart) Because attendances during last year have almost filled the building it has been decided to hold two morning services at 9.30 & 11.00 a.m. The B.S. is held in conjunction with the services . . . \$667 was given in a special offering for Qld. flood relief . . . Under a changed administrative procedure Nita Bradshaw, Dorothy Hartam and Elaine Wilson were elected deacons at the recent annual meeting. New board members are Ivan Smith and Geoff Morfew. After many years of valuable service on the Board Lawrie Boxhall did not seek re-election. Lawrie is the Secretary of the Tasmanian Conference . . . The new manse should be completed by June . . . The minister, Don Stewart, has completed the B.D. degree.

VICTORIA

HOPPERS CROSSING (Footscray, F.B. Alcorn) Weekly meetings at Hoppers Crossing for breaking of bread and Christian Education commenced Mar. 3 at Woodville Primary School. Over 1400 homes have been contacted by letter box drop. Footscray members assisting G. Dowling presided, Mr Alcorn brought the message. Footscray members met with seven local members. S.S. enrolment is 9 . . . Ladies visited Metropolitan Research and W.E.F. held a Garden Party at home of Mr & Mrs Peard, Ascot Vale . . . A week-end family camp was held at Eppalock, 50 attended . . . Steven Jones has commenced as assistant minister.

TARGET OF 1000 (Glen Waverley, R. Elbourne) The C.W.F. has target of making 1000 Medical Bags for Julie Acquero in Bunan, New Guinea. Julie is first member of our church to serve full-time on our mission field . . . Sermons have been taped for use in smaller congregations . . . There were three decisions in February . . . 10 Senior Explorers and 3 leaders attended D.C.E. Adventure Camp. C.Y.F. members took part in Youth Service . . . Ladies attended World Day of Prayer Service. C.W.F. involved in Meals on Wheels and

serves afternoon tea for Elderly Citizens Group in Mt. Waverley . . . Loris Cottee is in N.Z. for dental therapy course . . . Cricket and tennis teams reached semi-finals.

CAMP STUDIES (Ballarat, Dawson St., F.C. Hunting) Mrs Burnham Sr., prepared studies on "Living or Just Existing" for C.W.F. camp at Hall's Gap which was attended by a number of our ladies . . . C. Hocking was guest speaker at "Challenge to Youth" . . . S.S. changed to morning and maintaining numbers . . . Church members attended Sth. Western Dist. Conf. at Colac . . . Miss Hetty Morrison, Mrs Paterson, Hayden Anderson, and Mrs Twaits are convalescing after surgery . . . Mr & Mrs Ivan Wilson and children returned after three years in England.

SERVICE RECOGNIZED (Caulfield) Ted Terry was presented with a gold watch by "The Herald" in recognition of 25 years service . . . Visiting speakers have been B. McIntyre, P. Sumner of Christian Foundation for Blind, with Mrs Sumner as soloiste, A.R. Haskell, and J. Hunting of J.E.W., who screened the film "Israel, My Son" . . . E.W.F. held work night sewing for the Blind Home, Brighton . . . Bible Society held meeting in our hall, March 13, when Miss A. Pole and Miss C. Smith told of Lebanon Evangelistic Mission. Mrs G. Lees showed slides to

A.W.F. and spoke of visit to Canada and U.S.A.

AVONSLEIGH GROWTH (A.B. Titter) Following visitation of the Avonsleigh township, both the Good Companions and the S.S. have increased in numbers . . . Mrs Legg, our oldest member, died on March 3. Sympathy is expressed to her family and friends. Many met at the church prior to her burial in Macclesfield.

COLLEGE INAUGURATION (Maryborough, I. Adams) M.J. Savage represented the brotherhood at the Inauguration of the Christian Community College, and with Mr Adams took part in the Service of Dedication . . . Three groups meet each week for prayer and Bible study . . . Athol Leach is now on the L.E.C. committee . . . Ladies' Aid donated \$50 for Qld. Flood Relief . . . Our church took lead in World Vision Week . . . Miss Marion Lakey of Asia Pacific Christian Mission, with Mr Adams, visited the Technical College, Christian Community College, and afternoon prayer meeting.

FOR COLLEGE (Chelsea, D. Oakes) C.W.A.F. held a pantry afternoon on March 12 for groceries for College of the Bible students . . . C.W.E.F. will conduct an opportunity shop, commencing in May . . . Senior Explorers held a weekend camp at Murrindindi . . . Evening service has changed back to 7pm.

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