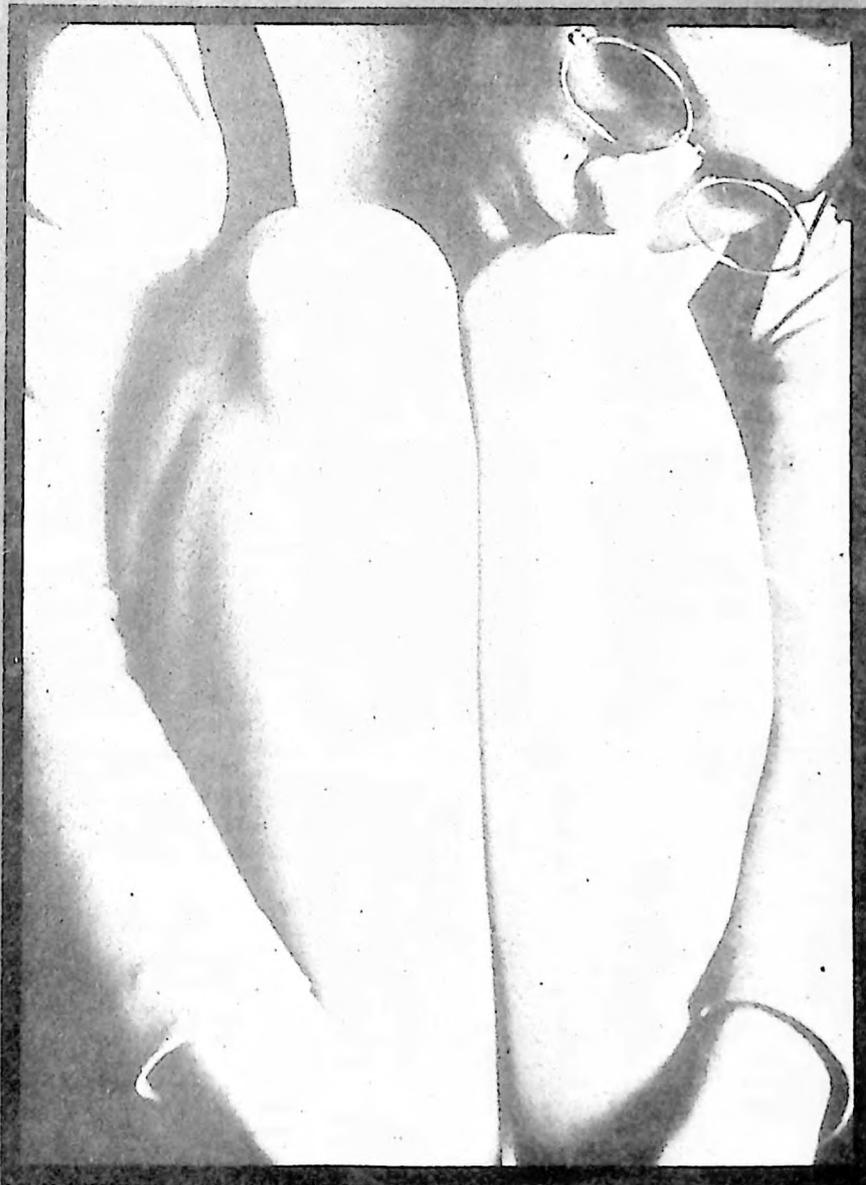


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EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PART 2

By Richard W. Lawton

Family Life

Some of the key issues of 1974 relate to the family. The family is undergoing tremendous changes and pressures to change. How do a couple relate to their children in 1974? How do they relate to each other? What does the widespread experimentation with sex and with new forms of marriage have to say to those of us who live in a more traditional style?

Churches which attempt to provide help in the family life area usually find an unenthusiastic response. Some conduct "Your Child and You" courses, bringing in experts to help parents in their roles and functions as parents. Others conduct "Your Marriage and You" courses, concentrating more on the partnership.

The Federal Board of Christian Education's Church and Home leaflets are a means of providing a bond between church and home. A minister or other concerned person will visit a young couple every six months and leave with them a leaflet concerning an important topic such as Talking with Children about Death/Birth, Children's Prayers, Conscience.

There are also study materials which deal specifically with family life. Marriage and Parenthood is one, Family Life Film Programmes another.

Youth

We won't start this section with any nice platitudes such as "The young people are the church of tomorrow". That's a heresy we've preached for a little too long.

Young people are part of the church of today. They are as much a part of today's church as retired people, or young marrieds, or the middle-aged.

That leaves us with a number of important questions to ask about the place of young people in the life of the congregation. Are young people represented on the decision-making bodies of the church? Not because you have to have two young people by the terms of your constitution, but because they are people, too. Are young people represented proportionately when it comes to stewardship visiting, to evangelism, to study groups?

1974 can be effective only as groups within the church are not excluded from the church.

We recognize, however, that there will be times when young people will want to get together. Much of our present youth work seeks to make this possible. Getting young people together is not something which needs an elaborate organization. They will make many of their own opportunities for this anyhow.

Churches need to beware of the "bowling syndrome". There are times when it would seem that the chief reason that churches have youth groups is to be a source of income for bowling alleys. The occasional game of bowls is fine, as is the regular game for the enthusiast. But when church after church reports that what they do for their Friday night programme is to go bowling and to . . . but always, first, they say go bowling, then it's time we looked at our priorities.

Why does the youth group exist? Because every church has to have a youth group? Or for some considered purpose? It is good occasionally to stop and examine what we are trying to do. When we have decided that, then we may proceed to plan to achieve our objectives.

The Joint Board of Christian Education is currently looking at its approach to youth study. It may be, that as a result of this review now resources will be developed which will be available alongside the present ones, but which will provide a refreshingly different approach to Christian education classes for youth.

A recent venture has been the publication of the Youth Work Guide series. So far the series has four titles: Using Simulation Games, Adult-Youth Dialogue, Service Projects, and Programme Ideas.

Children

The most massive evaluation project ever mounted in New Zealand and Australian Sunday schools will soon be completed.

The Christian Life Curriculum is now in the third of its three two-year cycles, and Christian educationists from both countries will soon be making decisions on what happens from 1976 onwards.

Many teachers have evaluated session-plans step by step for a term at a time. Many teachers, superintendents, ministers and others have been interviewed in detail on their reactions to lesson materials, their experiences in class, the response of their pupils, and many other aspects of their teaching.

The results of this extensive evaluation are now being processed and will provide a basis for the work of the educationists during this year.

Some churches want to concentrate on Biblical instruction, and others on the meaning of faith for the contemporary world. Most see a balance of both as important.

Where more Biblical study is wanted, churches are encouraged to select within the range of Christian Life Curriculum resources available so that they can have this concentration.

The question of Biblical content in the curriculum in the future is at present under review. This year two new Bible reading resources will be available: Exploring the Bible (Junior) and Exploring the Bible (Intermediate) provide home Bible readings and activities related to the second term curriculum materials.

Meanwhile, churches can render their Christian education classes more effective by providing in-service training for their teachers. They can have more effective Christian education by featuring the work of their Sunday schools more prominently in the life of the congregation—by referring to it in the worship services, and by giving it priority when it comes to finance and time schedules.

Whilst with hard work and imagination, Sunday schools can come to life, some churches are discovering new possibilities in their Christian education programme by adopting different times or structures for their Sunday schools, or by combining worship and learning for the whole family. Details of some of these new approaches are contained in the first issue of the magazine "On the Move", and in the Pamphlet Club's New Approaches to Christian Education.

Christian education will be effective in 1974 as you deliberately seek to make it effective, as you raise the quality of your congregation's life and work and you treat each person

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS



ALLAN MALE, B.A.
Dip. R.E.

Our longest serving DCE director. Came from Queensland to C.O.B. Ministered at Portland, Director of Queensland D.C.E. since 1966. Initiated The Shaftesbury Citizenship Centre, which attracted a world Rotary award. Married to Kath.



AVRIL CHAPMAN

Secretary-field worker in N.Z. since 1968. Trained as kindergarten teacher. Served as missionary in Rhodesia for two years. Married to Ron, principal of Cashmere High School, Christchurch. Secretary of Arrangements Committee for 7th N.Y.C.



RAY McKENZIE, B.A.

Vic-Tas. director since 1969. Came from Caulfield, Vic. to C.O.B. Ministered previously at Ormond, Vic., Toowoomba, Qu., Richmond, Vic. Part-time chaplain with R.A.N. Married to Betty.



HOWARD WEEDON

Part-time field worker in Vic-Tas. DCE since January. Previously a printer and real estate salesman. Served twice as volunteer worker on New Guinea mission field. Married to Josie.



GERALD ROSE, B.A.

S.A. director since 1970. Came from Maylands (SA) to C.O.B. Ministered at Lower Hutt (N.Z.), Kilburn, Port Pirie (SA). Married to Jean.



KEITH HORNE

Chairman of Federal Board of Christian Education since 1972. Ministered at Chinchilla and Sunnybank (Qu.), Cowandilla (SA), served as Youth and Christian Education director in Queensland and S.A., and Home Mission Director in S.A. Now minister at Doncaster (Vic). Married to Gwen.



RON KALLMIER, B.A., B.D.
Dip. R.E.

N.S.W. director since 1972. Trained at Woolwich. Former schoolteacher. Ministered at Copping, Tas. Married to Jeanette.



RICHARD LAWTON, B.A.
A.U.A. (Pub. Admin.), Dip R.E. Canberra (ACT). Executive chairman of A.C.C. Commission on Christian Education. Will leave the Board next January to become minister at Magill (S.A.). Married to Elaine.



KELVIN PARRY

W.A. director since 1972. Came from Launceston, Tas. Trained at C.O.B. and YMCA College. Ministered at Port Pirie and Kensington Park, S.A., and Inglewood, W.A. W.A. Conference President in 1971-72. Married to Joy.



IAN ALLSOP, B.A.

Director-editor/lect of Federal Board of Christian Education. Minister at Burwood (Vic.), and part-time chaplain at Nicholas Ltd. Previously ministered at East Victoria Park and Rivervale (WA). Married to Jan.

Exciting New Approaches to Learning

★ Pilot Workshop

Exciting new approaches to learning are becoming available to the church as well as to secular education. Through simulation games people are discovering new meanings in the Christian faith. Through the Serendipity series (Word Books) people are discovering exciting new approaches to Bible study and to personal relationships.

The Board recently held a pilot workshop for people from selected churches to introduce them to some of these new approaches. Already the effects are being felt in some churches.

★ Children's Work

Just as our society is changing rapidly, so is the response to some of our traditional approaches to work with children, especially in the Sunday school.

Some churches are not prepared to take the changes lying down. They are coming up with creative new approaches to work with children: Sunday school during the week, classes and worship in which hard and fast age lines are no longer drawn and adults and children learn together, open classrooms in which children learn what most interests them at the time, in the way which is most meaningful.

The Board hopes to produce this year a detailed guidebook to help churches think through and plan for new approaches.

★ Family Worship

Increasingly the Board is convinced that what happens in public worship, the shop front window of our churches, has a powerful effect on people's learning of the Christian faith. It backs up or undermines or makes up for what happens in classes.

Worship should be joyous and involving the congregation as more than just spectators.

Several state D.C.E.'s are conducting or closely observing some fresh approaches to worship in the hope that the good news may be spread.

★ Staff Training

For the second time, Churches of Christ D.C.E. directors will in July be part of a national staff training week organized by the Joint Board of Christian Education.

Guest leader will be Dr. Nicholas van Dyck, of Princeton University, USA. Most of the training will be in skills in helping and consulting with local churches. There will also be concentrated work on worship and approaches to Bible study, and elective sessions on a number of other skills.

★ Adult Education

The number of people involved in adult Christian education in Australian Churches of Christ is still increasing. The number rose by 20 per cent from 1970-73, following an 80 per cent increase in the previous three years. A great variety of material is available, and churches are finding a great variety of ways to use it.

★ Second National Work Party

The Board is investigating the possibilities of a second national youth work party, to be held in 1976. This follows the successful 1972 project in which sixteen young people, supported by youth groups from all over Australia, built two cottages for eight elderly aborigines at Carnarvon, W.A. The second project will probably be outside Australia. It is expected that a decision will be made at the annual conference of the Board in July.

★ Plans for 1976

The Christian Life Curriculum, scheduled to run from 1970 to 1975, has been extensively evaluated over the past two years, and the results have now been processed. A major national consultation will be held in July to determine the direction the children's curriculum will take from 1976. Review of the youth and adult curriculum are also taking place. It is expected that there will be extensive changes at the children's and youth levels which will result in the curriculum more closely meeting the needs of churches, teachers and students.

THE CHURCH IN THE BUSH

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I . . ." This is a well-used phrase by Churches of Christ people, often being the salve for guilty feelings when only a small group attends prayer meeting, or Women's Fellowship, or the Sunday evening service.

The word "where" denotes a place, any place, without limitation. It can even mean a few people sitting under gum trees, talking about the Church.

This was the experience of a number of families from the East Keilor church who met, along with some visitors who accepted the invitation published in the "A.C.", for two Sunday mornings in the summer holidays at "Bernara" the property of Don and Isabel Langley at Bullengarook. In a pleasant clearing under

the shelter of shady gums, a worship centre was set up—a small coffee table on which were laid out the communion elements. The people brought their own picnic chairs, rugs, tarps, and sat around in informal groups. The children patted the dogs, as did the adults, and swung happily in the hammocks that were slung between nearby trees. Mums or Dads wandered off after toddlers without causing any disturbance. The informality detracted nothing from the atmosphere of free and open worship.

The first service was a "listening to music". Records, from rock opera to western ballads were played, and we sat, and listened, hummed in harmony if we wished, tapped the toes, but listened and thought about the message which the song writer was trying to present. We

were at worship. Appropriate hymns were sung to the accompaniment of the piano accordion. Communion was a moving and meaningful experience as each one served his neighbour with the elements. No need for accompanying music—the bush sounds were delightful—the wind in the trees, the magpies carolling, the white cockatoos screeching in the distant bushland.

Fellowship continued after the service as we opened our baskets and car coolers and had lunch together under the trees.

The second Sunday we worshipped by thinking and talking. A discussion was introduced on the topic "The Church—what is its future?"

The general comment was that this sort of thing ought to be done more often, allowing more natural responses from people, and bringing the special Christian experiences closer to the realities of daily living.

We commend the East Keilor Church for its willingness to experiment with forms of worship, and thank, on their behalf, Don and Isabel Langley for making their property available.

—Doug Beasy.

ABORIGINES

A HISTORY OF EVANGELISATION AND UPLIFT

Part 3

By A. M. Bell

WE TAKE IN CARNARVON

The Federal Board soon discerned that Churches of Christ throughout Australia had capacity for more than one Mission. The Commissioner was then approached to enquire where else there was a need. Without hesitation he replied, "CARNARVON," he said, "there are large numbers of Aborigines and nothing being done for their welfare."

Thereupon he wrote a permit for Churches of Christ to establish Mission work at Carnarvon. The Board sent J. Wiltshire by air to investigate. Being a bricklayer he was attracted to Rockypool as a probable site. There was an abundance of supply of fresh water and a lot of rock country from which good solid buildings could be made. However, it was part of the million acre Brick House pastoral lease, 30 miles north-east from Carnarvon through claypan country, slippery when wet and, as the Board later discovered, unsympathetic and hostile territory.

Mr Wiltshire also recommended the purchase of a two-room partly built house with some verandah on a central town block of land as a base from which a missionary couple could begin to work. The property was purchased in an unfinished condition, even inadequate as it was.

The big question now was where to find the missionary couple.

David and Doris Hammer, after New Hebridean experience, were ministering to Forrestville Church in S.A. At the Board's request, with favourable response from the Hammers, and with gracious sympathetic appreciation from Forrestville leaders of the church, release of the engagement was granted and the Hammers were appointed to pioneer the new field.

In Perth, David, in consultation with the Board, purchased a disposal military 30 cwt Chevrolet utility, tents and sundry equipment. Friends vividly remember the dedication and farewell gathering in Murray Street at Perth's Y.M.C.A. and the well-loaded utility was on its way. Roads were so poor and traffic so scarce that the practice was established of advising when leaving Geraldton or Carnarvon and telegraphing safe arrival at the other end. The 600 mile journey now

taken in a day's stride, was a hazardous pioneering venture in those days.

After settling in the partly built house, the Hammers made contacts with adult people and commenced a Sunday School on the river bank in the Native reserve. Meantime came the search for a permanent Mission site. It was quickly evident that while some pastoralists were sympathetic towards uplift of the natives, many with political influence were antagonistic. An application for several hundred acres of Brick House Station was then made to the Government for grazing purposes, but this was refused. THAT was No. 1 setback.

Two blocks surveyed and suitable for a banana plantation were available for development. This land was near the bridge ten miles up river with an abundant water supply. The Lands Department refused the Board's application. This was No. 2 setback.

This refusal was in spite of the Board's having been in possession of the Commissioner's permit to commence a Mission. Other evidence indicated political resistance and our best hope would be to find land which we could purchase in our own right. Mr Hammer located three blocks north of the river crossing owned by a German named Zeddi who had abandoned his blocks and gone Kangaroo hunting with half a dozen horses and a dozen dogs. There was an old shack and a considerable amount of fencing on the property, but where could Zeddi be found?

Finally a sympathetic pastoralist, Mr McLeod of Manilya Station, had Mr Zeddi pull into his property and he contacted Mr Hammer. By telephone Zeddi's German and Dave Hammer's English could find no harmony so Dave asked McLeod to hold Zeddi while he drove the 180 miles to see him. Zeddi's price for the freehold blocks was £500 and when Dave suggested Land Control Officers might not allow that valuation would Zeddi agree to their valuation he replied, "Yes, as long as it's £500." So the Board had to purchase its own land on which to establish a Mission for which the Commissioner had already given his permit!

NEXT ISSUE: "MOVING TO THE MISSION SITE"

we're 'discovering . . . god through adult study



My participation as a member of a group in our all age Bible School has been vital and growing experience.

As we met together regularly, an atmosphere of mutual support and acceptance developed. This encouraged some to present their true humanity, including conflicts and failings they experienced in daily living. Others were able to acknowledge similar problems or offer possible solutions. Traditionally the sermon is the prime method of instruction for the congregation, but often members either ignore or fail to assess what is said in terms of their needs in daily Christian living. However, in the groups the active participation of members has shown various opinions in the interpretation of scripture and a constant questioning of their practical application and relevance. All groups discuss the same topic or scripture passage, the emphasis being determined by the differing needs of each group. Later in the morning service, the sermon illustrates the theme or a certain facet of it. Often the diverging opinions raised in the groups are blended or contrasted in the sermon, creating a more relevant worship service.

In summary, these groups appear to give mutual support to members and facilitate personal growth in the Christian life.

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(Staff Psychiatrist at Rydalmere Hospital, Sydney, and member at Telopea.)

WORD TALK NO. 93

THE NAMES
OF JESUS

GOOD SHEPHERD

As a child my kindergarten wall was dominated by a larger than life sized painting of Jesus with a lamb in his arms. The carpenter of Nazareth often became mixed up with David the Shepherd boy. But, nevertheless, the feeling of security got through!

Preachers have made congregations familiar with the habits of Eastern shepherds: How the sheep were kept for milk and wool, for clothes and tents, and not slaughtered for meat except as sacrifices; how the flocks were small, personal and followed him; how he spent 24 hours a day with his sheep, stood with them at pasture and slept with them at night; how he knew each one individually by name and how they knew him, following only his voice with the strange language of sounds that they obeyed; how the goats were mingled with the sheep to give leadership to the flock; and how the shepherds were to be brave in the face of wild animals and thieves and considerate and careful for their flock.

There are over 500 references in the Bible to shepherds and their flocks.

In the O.T. God was the shepherd of Israel (Ps. 23, 77, 79, 80, 95 etc., Isa:40:11). Kings and priests were to be shepherds of Israel and the coming Messiah was to be the great shepherd (Ezek. 34:23, 37:24).

In the N.T., "shepherd" was used 17 times mainly concerning Jesus. Jesus took the title "good shepherd" as his interpretation of his ministry to lost people (Matt.18:12), caring for them in

love (Matt.9:36), and providing for them in the magnificent parable of John 10:1-14. The Church saw Jesus as the shepherd of our souls (1 Pet.2:25, Heb.13:20). Peter (1 Pet.5:2-3) and Paul (Acts 20:28) admonished the Church leaders to be shepherds of their people.

FOR TODAY

The good shepherd was an understood figure in an agricultural society. This must be translated into each culture where the agricultural society does not exist. We need to distinguish between the concept of care and the illustration concerning it. In some parts of New Guinea the pig herder has real meaning. In Ceylon the buffalo seeking its calf is the best picture. Among the street gangs of New York, according to Carl Burke, where not one ghetto boy had ever seen a paddock let alone a sheep the only figure of concern known was the probation officer. "The Lord is my probation officer" had meaning.

Australians need a new image other than sheep and shepherd. The only true shepherds Australia has seen were the early convicts and an occasional immigrant before barbed wire allowed huge leases to be run. No one who has worked on an Australian sheep station could possibly see God's tender loving care in the action of the shed hand who uses his boot with oaths to kick the sheep into the dip or into the pen.

But in the concrete jungle of the cities where is the image that speaks of God's

care? Does anyone care for the lost? "Shame on the shepherds!" (Jer.23:1 W.T.40).

Chaucer's "Pore Parson" should be read by every minister annually. "This good example to his sheep he brought, that first he wrought and afterwards he taught, for shame it were for shepherds to be foul yet clean the sheep; well of a priest example fair to give, by his own cleanliness, how the sheep should live".

Many ministers are called pastors. In some denominations this is a title given to an untrained, unordained preacher on trial! We who are trained, ordained, called and committed to the ministry, still should be pastors—the Latin word for shepherd. The pastor follows the good shepherd in caring for his flock.

GORDON MOYES

SEWING MACHINES FOR MISSIONS



Over the past five years, the Briar Hill (Vic.) church has been engaged in a special project.

Sewing machines of all types have been collected from many sources, reconditioned, and then forwarded to mission fields, to individuals or groups. Some have been sold to cover cost of reconditioning and freight.

The assistance of Arthur Scaife, a sewing machine specialist, and a member at West Preston, has been invaluable.

Machines have been sent to New Hebrides, New Guinea, Africa, and also to W.A. for use by Aborigines. Missionary work in Thailand has also benefitted from the project.

The most recent shipment of machines to New Guinea (see photo) was unusual in that most of the machines were sent to fill orders placed by New Guinea folk through our missionaries in the Keram and Ramu River areas. These people will be able to own their own machines by paying a small amount for the purchase and the cost of freight. The cost of new machines would be prohibitive.

Thanks are due to those who have donated machines over the past years (nearly 200!!!).

Donations of machines are still welcome — any make, any model, in or out of working order. The project convener is Howard Weedon, Phone 485-5187 (Melb.).

VICTORIA - TASMANIA CONFERENCE

GIFTED PREACHER & RADIO PERSONALITY TO SPEAK



Many thousands throughout Victoria and beyond listen to Rev. Alex Kenworthy on "Nightline" (3AW) from 9.30 p.m. until midnight every week, Monday through to Friday. Although used to late hours, Alex Kenworthy will not keep his audience late when he speaks to 2,500 people in the Melbourne Town Hall at the United Evangelistic Rally at 7.00 p.m. on Sunday, April 28.

In keeping with a grand tradition of fellowship, Melbourne suburban churches and near rural congregations will co-operate to commence Conference with this great united witness to the Gospel of Christ.

This year's speaker is a person of wide and unusual experience. Alex Kenworthy

NEWCASTLE CONVENTION

The first Quarterly Newcastle and District Churches of Christ Convention for 1974 was held at Georgetown, opening with a fellowship tea attended by 200.

Georgetown's new minister, Lloyd Thom, spoke to the youth. At the Intermediate Session, the Conf. President, Ron Hewitt, conducted an induction service for Mr Thom. Mr Hewitt delivered the charge to the congregation and minister.

At the main evening service Mr Thom gave the address. The Convention was most successful and an encouragement to the whole work in Newcastle.

TEMPLETON PRIZE

Brother Roger, the French Community Prior, has been awarded The Templeton Foundation 'Prize for Progress in Religion'. Brother Roger is Prior of the Taize Community which he established in 1940. He has been awarded the 34,000 Prize for his worldwide work among young people and his efforts for 'renewal and reconciliation'.

Born in Provence, France, in 1915, Brother Roger had a distinguished academic career in Lausanne and Strasbourg.

In 1942 he was exiled in Geneva because of the German occupation. He returned to Taize in 1944.

Brother Roger, a member of the Swiss Protestant Church Federation, now has Christians from around the world as members of his Community. He has close ties with both the World Council of Churches and the Vatican and has sought to promote a unity among all Christians.

was ordained to the ministry in 1954. Prior to this he was a draftsman. For post-graduate studies he went to the United States, 1957-60, and majored in the areas of Pastoral Theology and the Behavioural Sciences taking the degrees of Master of Arts and Master of Theology.

In Victoria he held ministries at Albury, Regent and Geelong (Aberdeen Street) Baptist Churches. In 1967 he was appointed Director of the Baptist Counselling Centre in Melbourne and has been engaged in this specialist counselling ministry. The work of the centre is mainly in the area of human problems. The problems may be related to spiritual needs or conflicts in marriage and other family relationships, social or economic difficulties, illness, problems of faith and doubt, or moral difficulties. By now some thousands of people have been seen at the centre.

Three years ago, radio station 3AW, Melbourne outlet of the Macquarie Network, asked Mr. Kenworthy to conduct "Nightline" its open-line session.

we're
discovering
... the bible



With other members of our congregations, we recently shared an experience of renewal and discovery. Individually and in small groups we considered New Testament passages and, although we had read them many times, here we could not help but feel the excitement and dynamic spirit pervading them.

During this renewal programme we discovered the relevance of the Bible to our own needs, a deeper awareness of human nature as we had fellowship with other people, and fresh insights of what the church can be, under God's power.

In reading Luke 5 (Peter hauling in the great catch of fish) we imagined the colourful, noisy scene, the salty smell, and the roughness of the fishermen's ropes, and we were challenged to adventure with Christ: "Put out into deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Then, Peter's denial of Christ, after his promise to remain faithful, became a reality as we thought of our own experiences of failure. By identifying ourselves with Peter, we gained a deeper understanding of forgiveness.

What does this passage mean for me? This is the key to a continuing discovery, as God's Spirit speaks to us through his Word.

Lyn and Athol Leach, Maryborough, Vic.

we're discovering ... cars are for christ

What is car camp? I guess it's Matthew 28:19 on wheels! It is travelling to country centres and co-operating with the churches in new area visitation, working with the local youth group, and coffee-house evangelism (usually preceded by leaflet distribution on the beach or in the shopping centre).

For me it is an all-pervading phenomenon which is incredibly exciting, humbling and uplifting all in one.

Whenever I've spoken to anyone about Christ, I've found that once I've ceased squirming at my own meagre ability and given the situation over to God, I have the feeling that God is giving me his thoughts and words.

They come through me but it's as if I'm remote-controlled. I'm being used for his divine purpose. Wow!

I know that I'm not alone in this feeling. In a car camp every team member is totally (and that's the key word) oriented towards the camp aim: to present Christ both to non-Christians and to Christians in the country church environment.

To achieve this, one just has to be in tune with God and completely dependent upon him for guidance and strength.

It's exciting and edifying.

Leonie Blundell, Caringbah, N.S.W.

L.I.F.E. (Horsham, R. Roberts). L.I.F.E. held seminars and open lectures March 21-24. The leader, Mr Bishop, spoke at Harvest Thanksgiving. Proceeds of sale of goods were forwarded to Bethany Children's Home . . . David Strachen, O.M.F. Thailand, spoke at men's tea on March 31 . . . Annual meeting elected N. Fulton as elder . . . One Way In Coffee Shop recommenced on April 7 and featured Maranatha Sounds musical team from Ballarat . . . Adelphian Junior C1 tennis team won grand final. Senior C were runners up.

INDUCTION (Christies Beach). Dr. Thomas, Conf. Pres., inducted Brian Beck into the ministry here . . . Mid-week prayer meeting is well supported . . . In last week in March many met for prayer each day from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. A week-end camp for church officers followed. On April 7 they shared with church their experience and aims for church programme.

CHAPEL OPENED (Warburton, C. W. Jackel). Accommodation was fully taxed, a challenging address on "The Church's Finest Hour" and afternoon tea served under shady trees, were features of the opening of the Renovated chapel at Wesburn. A thanks offering of \$846 was received for the Building Fund. This amount covers all renovations of chapel. S.S. meets 9.45 a.m. Communion 11 a.m., gospel witness 7 p.m. Thanks were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. F. Boer in whose house meetings have been held for over three years. Five members joined a party visiting Cyprus, Egypt, Israel and Lebanon for three weeks.

REUNION (Richmond W. Gibney). A Reunion and Fellowship day was held at the Fitzroy Gardens. Past and present members had lunch and afternoon tea . . . David Langdon was elected to official board . . . \$224 was given by church members for overseas relief . . . C.W.F. meet in home of Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins . . . Sunday morning and Thursday evening youth activity has commenced . . . Harvest Thanksgiving goods were sent to C.O.B. . . . On March 30 there was a COCIAC Family Barbecue at Tourorong Reserve.

NEW ORGAN (East Vict. Pk., W. Thornton). The church has purchased a new organ . . . Malcolm Pearson was hospitalised after an industrial accident. Mrs. Dennis is home after major operation . . . Young Marrieds Club has been formed . . . Mrs. F. Mill attended Women's World Day of Prayer Conference in S.A.

ELDERS ELECTED (North Perth, E. B. Clapp). Annual meeting appointed Messrs. Edwards, How, Meldrum, and York as elders. Appreciation was expressed to G. York for 30 years service as treasurer . . . Junior C.E. has increased attendances . . . Young people meet in church homes for coffee hours after Sunday evening church . . . C.W.F. catered for Teachers' Tea (Overseas Committee) where Miss Rosalie Rofe was speaker. She also spoke and showed slides to church of new Guinea mission . . . F. MacNish is back after surgery.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

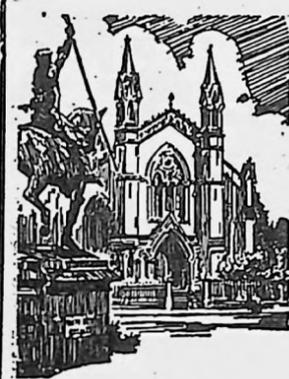
TABERNACLE TALK

To the Editor,

I ate sandwiches with my mate from the Tabernacle church down the road, last week. I made an innocent statement, not expecting the torrent that followed. I said, "So your denomination has withdrawn from the Australian Council of Churches!" "Can't understand it," he said. "If the ecumenicals are that bad, surely we'd do better to stay with them and help them, rather than deserting them." He put his sandwiches down and on he went. "If they're not Christians we should be in with them showing them the way and the truth and the life. If they are in doctrinal error, we ought to stay in conversation with them to help them to find Biblical truth. If they are hypocrites, they need the Lord, and our deserting them isn't going to help them to find him. If some of them write and talk a load of rubbish, we should stay in fellowship with them helping them to sift the chaff from the Biblical grain. If they've been baptized the wrong way for all the wrong reasons, they are not likely to find the Biblical way unless we stay alongside them to witness to it. If they are Christians we ought to join them. If they are only half Christians that's better than than nothing, and we are better with them fighting the common enemies of materialism and indifference."

All that, he said and a lot more. As he stopped for breath the siren went. We shared the remainder of his sandwiches with afternoon tea, in true ecumenical spirit.

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we're discovering

. . . move out '75

In January 1975 that's exactly what we will be doing—'moving out' to the 7th N.Y.C. in New Zealand. I have never before had the opportunity to attend a National Youth Convention, and I am delighted that I will be taking part in the 1975 N.Y.C. As it is being held in New Zealand, it means that I will meet and share fellowship with young people not only from other Australian States, but also from New Zealand.

We in Western Australia are excited about 'moving out' and look forward to it anxiously as the months pass by. As each dollar is set aside I see it as a step towards New Zealand and the wonderful programme that has been arranged for us. Hearing about the study session group activities, sight-seeing tours and other activities has certainly made me anxious to participate in the programme and at the same time see New Zealand.

I know that God will bless us as together we plan to attend the Convention and I look forward to meeting everyone when we move out in 1975.

Karen Wright, W.A.

MAKE IT A DATE!

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All former students of the College are invited to join the fellowship and the fun at the

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INNER SPRINGS

AN EXPLANATION— WHO NEEDS IT?



In spite of having reached what is known as maturity of years, some part of me refuses to step beyond the gate of childhood and its attendant wonder in all living things. And much to the amusement of my family and more sophisticated minds, I am likely to be found at appropriate times observing the progress of some small creature in bottle or box.

Those that fascinate me most however, are the cocoon-dwellers. When I watch the painstaking process that transforms a caterpillar into a cocoon, and later into an entirely new and beautiful creature, I can only whisper in reverent awe "O God, Thou doest wondrous things".

With such evidence of God's transforming power before me what need is there of an explanation of the resurrection?

Can you measure the blue
Of the summer sky;
Or plot a breeze
By the pine tree's sigh?
Can you count the grains
Of the ocean sand;
Or weigh the touch
Of a loving hand?

No more can you fathom
A conquered grave
Or the Son of God
Who arose to save.

An empty cocoon — a new creature!
An empty grave — a Risen Christ.

An explanation may satisfy your mind. Only faith will usher you into the Presence of the Living Lord.

PRAYER: Eternal Father, Thou hast created in us a thirst for knowledge. Help us to seek after those things that are right for us to know, and leave the rest with Thee. Save us from our own conceit and the foolish belief that we must know the answer to everything. Amen.

FLORENCE ROSIER

we're discovering

. . . teaching is exciting

Four of us teach in our grade at Bible school. We enjoy working together. There are times when it's exciting. We get together to plan our sessions. We always read through the "Understanding the Subject" section in the teacher's book, and we are often surprised. The Bible stories we have known since childhood make more sense to us now—that's exciting.

Mike has been in our grade for a long time. He is a slow learner, and he is comfortable with us. Mike answered a question with "Because God loves us"; that seemed like Simon Peter's flash of insight when he said to Jesus, "You are the Christ." We were excited. Our children are high spirited. Sometimes we think they haven't heard a word. But they'll often produce a poem or painting expressing amazing understanding. It's exciting then.

When we wanted to take our grade away for a camp, we invited the parents to a meeting to talk about it. It was an opportunity to get to know each other, and they offered much help. We think they liked us. We certainly liked them—and the camp was a great success. Everybody benefitted from it. It was really exciting.

Betty Mitchell (Box Hill, Vic.)



Aid to Aboriginal school

The Australian Council of Churches made the first grant from the recently established Aboriginal Development Fund. The grant of \$1,000 is to the Black Community School, Townsville.

Black Community School was established in 1973 by a number of Aboriginal and Islander parents who had come together with a common realization that the Educational System of Queensland has failed if one is to measure educational attainments and achievements of Black people.

The Black Community school aims are to give black children or other underprivileged children an alternative education more suited to their needs and to involve the children's parents and the community in these children's education; with the school becoming a focus around which the Black Community can operate. The Council also aims to teach Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Culture so that the Black children will recognise the value and be proud of their own national heritage.

The school was only able to continue this year after receiving a \$3,000 grant from the Australian Union of Students. The Queensland Department of Education has been approached to recognise the school, but inspection has continually been delayed. The School cannot apply for Commonwealth financial assistance until it has been recognised by the State Education

Department; and the state department will not inspect the school unless it is operating. This means that the school has to depend on grants and donations until such time as the school is inspected and approved.

GLEN IRIS COLLEGE ORIENTATION

An innovation for the College of the Bible this year was an Orientation Weekend Camp at Cowes, Phillip Island, for eleven "freshers" and the faculty members.

The aims were to help new students understand the routines, timetables, and the sometimes confusing aspects of College life; to enable faculty members and students to get to know each other in informal situations; and to engage in group sharing where students and faculty talked to each other about their different backgrounds, ideas, faith, hang-ups, experiences and factors that led them to come to College.

The closing worship, on the beach, was especially meaningful. The weekend built strong foundations for friendships and they arrived back at College no longer a group of individuals, but a group of friends looking forward to sharing faith, bound together by God.

we're discovering . . . youth can lead



E. W. ROFFEY,

When the Blackburn CYF asked to lead the Sunday morning service, our response was: "Yes, provided you answer to your own satisfaction, 'Why do you want to lead worship? What do you want to achieve? How are you going to achieve it?'"

Subsequently both services were completely and meaningfully led by CYF. The theme was "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." CYFers did their own thing, involving the congregation. They walked out singing and clapping to the "Godspell" song, "Day by Day." Forty young people lined the foyer to shake hands with the congregations.

Since 1970 seventy young people have been baptised and welcomed into a church whose constitution knows nothing of age qualifications. A first year undergraduate is on the Board. Women as well as young people preside at communion. Young adults have set up Wednesday tea time Bible study meetings. CYF Cabinet is chosen by CYFers at their annual camp and arranges Friday evening programmes.

I looked out at the tennis courts. The age range of players made me comment to my wife: "The generation gap is no threat to this church." To give responsibility along with supportive interest is to discover that youth can lead. Ed. Roffey, now S.A. Conference Secretary.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

Would it be possible for a good person living day after day among other people and no neighbour ever finding out that he was a good man? Such a thing would be impossible. Jesus said that a good man's goodness could not be hidden. It was like . . . (what?) See page 18.

DID YOU KNOW

There are 1189 chapters in the Bible, 31,173 verses, 774,746 words.

The shortest chapter is Psalm 117, the longest chapter is Psalm 119.

Ezra 7:21 contains all the letters of the alphabet, except "j."

FUN TIME

Doctor: I don't like the look of your husband.

Wife: I don't either, but he is kind to the children.

Question: Where were the first chickens fried?

Answer: In Greece (grease).

Jill: Stop reaching over the table. Haven't you got a tongue?

Phil.: Yes, but my arms are longer.

Teacher: How many sexes are there? Pupil: Three.

Teacher: Three! Can you name them? Pupil: Male sex, female sex, and insects.

"This beautiful steel guitar can be yours for only \$49—no strings attached."



"Dad! Before I show you my report, can I have my pocket money?"

BOOKS TO READ

A TODAY SORT OF EVANGELISM,

by John Poulton (Lutterworth)

John Poulton, an Anglican, is Research and Development Officer of the Archbishops' Council on Evangelism in England. Poulton begins by an analysis of the changes that have been taking place during the 1960s and indicates along with Edwards, Hoggart, Illich, and Toffler that the rate of change is going to increase. In particular he begins to look at the effects of the media, especially T.V., upon people. From that he takes a look at preaching today and has some very good suggestions as to some of the things that are needed. He goes on to three areas stressing their importance for any sharing of the faith. The first is the need for real commitment to Jesus Christ, commitment that is not in name only but which shines through in every area of life. Second, the importance of leadership. With all Third, there is the importance of the "feel" of a Church, that people pick up in their contact with the buildings and the people—their sincerity or lack of it, their friendliness and dedication. He points to the positive values of the Charismatic and Jesus Revolution movements and urges the development of some of these characteristics. In all it is an easy to read little book that has a great deal of useful information in it for the Minister and congregation who are concerned at the need to share our faith in a variety of ways.

—Don E. Stewart

IN UNEXPECTED PLACES

by Philip Andrews (Joint Board of Christian Educ.) 75c

For thousands of people in Australian cities, home is a high-rise flat. Hundreds of others share the same building, the same playground, the same noise. High-rise flats make the news when someone suicides from them, and when welfare workers and others make the occasional plaintive cry to the authorities about people being treated as less than human. Most of us pass in our cars and say, "I'm glad I don't live in one of those buildings." Yet there are those who enjoy the unique opportunities provided by such high density living. Philip Andrews has ministered in two of our suburban churches, in coffee shops, and now with youth in the city. He has lived for some years in a Richmond flat. He knows about high-rise living and high-rise people at first hand. That intimate knowledge is obvious as we read this brilliant and imaginative poem. It starts with Christmas—the incarnation, the gifts of the magi, the church. It soon launches into "unexpected places". "In Unexpected Places" is a worthy successor to the author's "The Three Days of Easter". It contains discussion and activity suggestions, and would go well in youth-adult study groups. It is powerfully illustrated with photographs by Terry Lane and others, and would make a

thoughtful gift, provided your friend is not too squeamish.

R.W.L.

(Available from Federal Board of Christian Education, 217 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. Vic 3000. Post 15c)

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Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



REV. TWEEDLE, D.D.
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"Doc, I'll quit calling you a head-shrinker if you'll quit calling me a soul-expander!"

we're discovering . . . games are for learning



For learning about yourself, how you react when placed under stress, how willing you are to hurt others to obtain what you want, how you feel when others hurt you. Games are situations taken from life. In life people often are not aware of the consequences of their actions; in a game—actions can be visualised more clearly.

"Getting There" is a game which reflects today's society. There is a choice of paths: high risk, average, and low risk. The path chosen by the player reflects the choice that he may make in life. Inbuilt is the opportunity to hurt others and to cheat if you so choose.

"Ralph" is a game that subjects the participants to stress. Given a situation which may possibly occur in the future, actions have to be taken that involve life and death (not literally). "Ralph" is an experience that helps in understanding community sharing.

For those who wish to understand the frustrations of underprivileged people, "Success" is the game to play.

These games and many others are a means by which people can learn about each other. They have been used successfully at camps and youth clubs, enabling a greater degree of sharing.

Barbara Denn, W.A.

23rd FAMILY CAMP

Cyclone Wanda hit Queensland on the Foundation holiday weekend and put a halt to the 23rd Annual Toowoomba Family Camp at Caloundra.

For about a week it was impossible to reach Caloundra from Toowoomba, and it looked as though the sequence would be broken.

However, on March 23, 70 campers settled into the Lutheran Camp at Highfields, near Toowoomba, for a 12 hour session of studies prepared by the Youth minister at Margaret Street, Jim Cunningham.

Once again the Camp was organised by Horace Christensen and Margaret Grenfell. The meals were prepared by Mrs Cathy Lowe and Mr & Mrs J. Spriggs. Mrs Eileen Grenfell and Hec. Large were once more on duty as Camp mother and father.

As always an offering was received. This year \$36 was shared between Fay Christensen, New Guinea, and Lyall Miller, New Hebrides, as a love gift from the campers.

TASMANIA CONFERENCE

(Ulverstone) Guest speaker for the recent week-end Conference was the Vic.-Tas. Conf. President, Eric Patterson. All Tasmanian churches were represented. There were 123 at youth rally on Saturday evening.

There were 140 at Sunday communion, Ladies' Conference was addressed by Mrs J. St. Aubyn.

With five new members, the Girls' Brigade held first church parade for year . . . The Boys' Brigade have commenced own company and 16 boys are doing Achievement Awards. The minister, Paul Burnham, is to train for captaincy . . . Two new youth groups are Co-ed Teens and Co-Ed Youth.

we're discovering . . . jesus christ through camping

More than 500 young people over seven shared in camping during the Christmas season at Camp Cal, (Qld). For some it was the first time away from home, for others a time of relaxation from the pressures of work. For all there has been challenge.

No one can experience constant waves smashing against rocks, or sit in a quiet garden looking at the stars and not wonder about a greater power. Through studies, films, discussions, and living with others we find that this power is a living person—Jesus Christ. We discover that he is concerned for us, and available as our Saviour. We look at his life and find an example.

Living with others in camp helps us to discover ourselves. Personalities are developed so we can better live as Christians. A thought from one camp is summarised by Dietrich Bonhoeffer:

"To be Christian is not to be religious, but to be a man.

Not a type of man, but the man that Christ came to show us and enable us to be."

That is what camping is about. We're discovering Jesus Christ and allowing him to make us the "men" he came to show us and enable us to be.

Keith Enchelmaier (Member at Gympie, Qld. and teacher at Gallangowan State School).



NEW CHURCH FOR WERRIBEE (VIC.)

With the encouragement of Western Suburban churches a group of members living in the Werribee-Hoppers Crossing area has commenced meeting each Sunday.

The communion service is held at 10 a.m. in the State School in Warringa Crescent.

On March 17, S.H. Wilson and D.H. Smith representing the Brotherhood worshipped with the church and assured

the brethren of Conference support. The sponsoring of a regional congregation in the area has the endorsement of the Church Location Committee.

F.B. Alcorn, minister of Footscray, has assumed pastoral care of the new cause. Information concerning members or contacts living in the area should be forwarded to him at 1 Govan Court, Footscray, Vic., 3011. (Phone 318-2674).

TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE (Vic.) The annual Conference of the Victorian Temperance Alliance will be held on April 24 in the Auditorium, Methodist Church Centre, 130 Little Collins St., Melbourne, commencing at 10 a.m.

Associated with the Conference is the H.R. Francis Lecture at 2 p.m., which will be delivered by Rev. Arthur Preston, O.B.E., Supt. Wesley Central Mission. Subject: "Responsible Attitudes to the Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages."

THE NEW CHURCHES OF CHRIST HYMN BOOK

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- Sample copies will not be available until initial delivery date, June 29.
- The new book is 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ " x 4 $\frac{3}{8}$ ", with stiff board covers and Brelmar cloth.
- A small quantity of copies will be bound in Morocco leather.
- Plastic overcovers will be available.
- A list of hymns in new book will be published in the "Australian Christian" May 4, 1974.

PRE-PUBLICATION OFFER

Orders received prior to June 30 will be supplied at \$1.50 per copy (a saving of 35c each book)! Send cheque with order to Austral Company, 125 Hawke St., West Melbourne, Vic., 3003.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

GAY ADVERTISING Recently, an advertisement was submitted to this journal, seeking a homosexual minister to minister to homosexuals. Remembering an old principle of our forefathers, "neither to invite nor disbar", we neither accepted the advertisement nor rejected it. We just ignored it and hoped that it and the problem would go away.

Of course, the problem will not go away, and someday, somehow, decisions will have to be made about it. A few weeks ago, Sir Reginald Sholl, the eminent judge, made a scathing attack upon homosexuality and received the predictable support and opposition. Sir Reginald is a Roman Catholic and was expressing his Church's traditional stand against the practice.

It is fair to suggest that an overwhelming majority of our church members would agree with Sir Reginald.

The American Psychiatric Association decided last December to cease classifying homosexuality as a "mental disorder", but there was such an outcry from members that the decision is being resubmitted for voting on by all members.

However, no matter what view people may have, whether homosexuality is abnormal and dangerous, if it is normal but different, if it is a good thing or a bad thing, we are likely to have to make decisions that will be hard, and even divisive, and far more demanding than whether or not to accept an advertisement.

Even where we feel that homosexuality is a bad thing (and that is our personal view), there is at the very least the same need for the compassion which we offer to the alcoholic or drug addict, and seek to help and heal.

But this is precisely where there is a great difference. The alcoholic and drug addict know that they are sick. The homosexual denies that he needs that kind of compassion, and certainly argues that he needs no healing. He says that there is nothing wrong with him. He is normal—just different from the heterosexual. This is an aspect that worries many of us. Once we admit that homosexuality is a different but normal life-style, then the way is open to declare it to be a good thing which could be promoted and encouraged as a socially acceptable alternative to hetero-sexuality.

The U.S. Roman Catholic Bishops have looked at this question again and recently issued a new set of guidelines for priests. The new booklet states, "since homosexual acts are neither procreative nor expressions of mutual love between a husband and wife, they are a grave transgression of the goals of human sexuality and are consequently contrary to the will of God."

While this is traditional R.C. doctrine, the booklet goes on to urge priests to be more pastoral and less judgmental in ministering to homosexuals. But the judgment is still there.

Looking at homosexuals from outside, we don't see them as gay, or liberated, or normal. We can quote Bible texts to support that view. But the Bible texts do not persuade everyone, or people would not be submitting advertisements for ministers to share the rest of the Bible with homosexuals.

GOOD GRIEF! In Knox Church in Dunedin, N.Z., last week, a Methodist minister, the Rev. E. S. Mullens, was preaching on "Forgiveness", and as he was using the Last Judgment as an illustration, an earthquake shook the building. Some took this as a divine support Mr Mullens' sermon. Presbyterian church. However, Mr Mullens says he gets a lot more respect and support from his staff now that he's shown he has the capacity to shake them up!!!

QUEENSLAND YOUTH NEWS

* **Your Department in Action** A "Talents Scheme" is being conducted throughout the State on behalf of Youth Department to culminate on Annual Offering date, June 2. Hilary Polglaze has taken up duty as "Assistant to the Director," A. C. Male. Easter Camp special guests are Allan Rowe and family of Melbourne. In the May holidays one week's camp will be held at "Camp Cal" and one week at Emu Park, Via Rockhampton.

* **Magnetic Island's new dormitory** Seven miles off the mainland from Townsville, the Camp Committee has completed the erection of the new assembly hall and foundations are being dug for the new dormitory. \$1,317 has been donated by the Victorian/Tasmanian Social Service Department to assist rebuilding following the cyclone "Althea" that wrecked "Camp Irwin."

* **North-side churches** have agreed to combine for services on those evenings when there are five Sundays in the month. The first was held recently when the youth of Albion and Ann Street met for tea and shared in the service at Ann Street. Kedron, Stafford and Arana Hills also met for tea, followed by an evening service at Arana Hills.

* **Arana Hills quadruples youth contacts.** Using the Youth Department's age-grouping and programming policies under the leadership of Ronda and John Smith, the "Midgets" (7-9 years), Juniors (10-12 years), Tweenagers (13-15 years) and Seniors (15+) has meant a rise from 15 to 60 youth engaged in activities geared at their appropriate level. Three young people made their decision recently at a Youth Service. Teen Week '74 will be conducted in this vital centre.

* **Teen Week '74** This year's effort which comprises spiritual challenge, intellectual stimulus and wholesome entertainment, will be held at Hawthorne Church from June 18-23.

FURTHER TERM (Glen Waverley, R. B. Elbourne) Mr Elbourne has accepted the unanimous recommendation to extend his term of ministry for another five years from Jan., 1976 . . . J. Alabaster, J. Acquiroff, D. Patterson were re-elected as elders . . . Open-Air Service and Fellowship at Churchill Park attended by 220 . . . Good Companions joined combined Club outing to Yarra Bend National Park . . . Junior Explorers and leaders went camping . . . 11 Senior Explorers were water-ski-ing at Eildon . . . 200 attended C.W.F. 20th Birthday. Mavis Elbourne led devotions . . . "Glen Aires" led by Sandra Gibson rendered the cantata, "The Glory of Easter." . . . Young people are taking part in "Walk Against Want".

LOVE DIVINE

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Andante

When I sur-vey the cross of love To which my Lord came from a - bove
When I sur-vey the cross of pain Though He were dead He lives to reign
And when I see my Sa - vidour's face Saved by his all a - ton - ing grace

My great-est gift I count so small So while I live I give my all.
And in our hearts he has his way Christ con-quer'd death and lives to - day. A - MEN.
All earth-ly gains no long - er mine Heav'n's joys I'll share through LOVE DI - VINE.

COMMUNITY CALLS (East Keilor, S. Downie) Mr Downie was asked by the Mayor of Keilor to address a Citizenship ceremony. There were 400 present. He has also spoken at a High School Parents night, a Scout meeting, and the City of Keilor Advisory committee . . . Recent activities have included a church picnic, a men's trek, and a youth barbecue . . . 60 ladies attended W.E.F. birthday night on April 8. The Mayoress and the minister's wife judged the Easter fashion competition. Mrs Strack led devotions.

\$402 TO QLD (Bentleigh, R.W. Marshall) The church donated \$402 for Qld Flood Relief . . . Howard Barclay was guest speaker for special Missionary Day on April 7. Films on work in Nepal were shown after tea . . . The children provided variety in fancy dress at the S.S. social. Mrs R. Lindroth conducted the festivities . . . Business meeting elected Edwin Bishop to board, and Ian McDonald as S.S. Supt.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT (Margaret St. Launceston, M.D. Hamilton) Mr Hamilton has been appointed President of the Tasmania District Conf., and also of the local Ministers' Fraternal . . . Mr and

Mrs John Harrison have been received into membership from Vic . . . The church held an after-service picnic lunch . . . 22 girls and 5 leaders attended Good Companions week-end camp.

STEWARDSHIP MONTH (Balwyn, W.W. Saunders) March was Stewardship Month and Mr Saunders gave a series of morning sermons on being trustees . . . The church sent \$200 to Qld Flood Relief . . . There was a family luncheon in Beckett Park on March 24 . . . On April 7, the C.Y.F. led by Gary Wake gave a present day enactment of the Last Supper . . . There was an after-church fellowship to honour the Golden Wedding of Mr and Mrs R. Trotter . . . C.W.A.F. brought hospital gifts to April meeting where speaker was from Hosp. Visitation Comm.

ACE PROGRAMMES (Nth. Essendon, P. Nelson) All-Age Christian Educ. programmes organised by John Birt and others are held on series of Wed. evenings with a wide variety of speakers. A hot meal is served, cooked by Karen Birt, Lynne Bridger, Robyn Jenkins and Ngaire Finger . . . Weekly prayer meeting is

growing in numbers . . . The annual meeting on March 31 elected Bill Barratt as new church secretary. Kevin Hubbard is S.S. secretary . . . Three car loads of W.E.F. members visited Kyneton C.W.F. . . . Young people's group, "Alpha" is growing and sharing in worship services . . . Sir Douglas Nicholls was speaker on March 31.

BEE FOR HOSPITALS (Box Hill (K.R. Bond) 27 Buds and J.C.E. participated in working bee for hospitals, missions, and aged folk . . . Miss Kay Bails was soloist for first guest gospel service for 1974 . . . Recent speakers were Ted Hands of Borneo Evang. Mission and R. Muller . . . Y.P. held progressive supper . . . C.W.E.F. held barbecue and C.W.F. had speaker from Prayer and Evang. Comm . . . Dr. G. Garret was speaker at the Good Friday service with Baptists at our church.

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OBITUARY

HERON, Mrs Emily

Ninety four years of life and eighty years of membership in Churches of Christ, closed with the death of Emily Heron at our Murrumbena Hospital in her 94th year. Her discipleship began at Dawson Street, Ballarat, and was always simple, balanced, intelligent and practical. She maintained, in youth and age and in comfort and crisis, a spirit of thankfulness, brightness and cheerfulness that was continually saying, "God has been so good to me." Mrs Heron's membership was spread over Vic churches at Ballarat, Nth. Melbourne, Newmarket and Camberwell and she was known in all these churches as a quiet but radiant Christian. She married Alfred John Heron, at Nth. Melbourne in 1910. She bore a widowhood of 32 years with courage and resourcefulness. Mrs Heron spent her last 9 years happily and thankfully at our homes and hospitals at Oakleigh and Murrumbena and again we have reason to express thanks for these wonderful Brotherhood facilities.
—L.S. Dewberry

MADDERN, Ken

Ken Maddern died in Perth, the result of a car accident. He was born in Bordertown, S.A., in 1942. In his early years Ken was interested in road cycling, and rode with reasonable success. After leaving school he worked in his father's sports store, and played a lot of sport, mainly football, tennis, and badminton. As a youth leader and member of the Church of Christ he showed leadership qualities. Ken was also a very interested member of the local drama group, winning an actors' award. At the age of twenty one he entered the Churches of Christ College of the Bible at Glan Iris, Vic. He served the churches of Fawkner and Camberwell and graduated with honors. In 1968, with his wife (formerly Susan Goldsworthy of Kaniva), Ken transferred to Perth, serving the city church as youth minister. At the same time Ken was acting as organiser of 'Yac' house, a youth coffee lounge run by the Y.W.C.A. During this period Ken was a full time student at the Institute of Technology, studying Social work. He graduated in 1970, having gained thirteen distinctions during his three years of study. He then became Social worker to the Junior farmers Movement Council of W.A. He served in this capacity until his death. The W.A. Government made a \$3000 grant for Ken to do research into youth work in England, Europe and North America. Ken and Sue, with social worker friends, were to have left for Asia a few hours after the accident occurred. Although only suffering a broken leg and minor facial cuts, Ken went into deep shock under anaesthetic, and died on Jan. 28 without regaining consciousness. Ken was privately cremated and his ashes scattered into the sea at Triggs beach by his wife, in the presence of close friends and his family. Ken, who leaves a wife and daughter, Cindy-Lou, and son, Todd Michael, is the elder son of Leola and Russ Maddern of Bordertown.

WICKING, Rene

After a period of six years in hospital, Rene Wicking died on Feb. 28, 1974. For over 50 years she was connected with the La Trobe Terrace Church, Geelong. In her earlier days she was active in S.S. and church clubs, but in later years was a patient but gracious sufferer. The funeral service was conducted by N. Hodgkiss.
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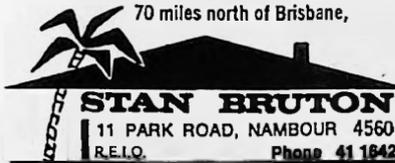
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INTERVIEWS (Ascot Vale, Ian Corlett) Among those interviewed at special services lately have been Graham and Pat Hilbig, Barry Jenkins and Rose Filardo, Mrs Daisy Higgins, with daughter Helen and son John. On Aborigines' Sunday, Daisy played the organ, John and Helen read the Bible, and served the emblems . . . The church is involved in Euro-Encounter . . . Helpers from North Essendon, Essendon, Nth Williamstown, and Swanston St., are much appreciated . . . The church has a lovely notice board, made and erected by Mr Hamond, Barry's father, from the Ararat church . . . Mrs Petrie has been very ill . . . C.W.F. street stall on April 5, raised \$78 . . . We have gladly welcomed four new young chaps.

SERVICE BROADCAST (Bendigo, M.D. Keatch) Recent service was broadcast over station 3BO . . . C. & N.D. Conf. was held at Lake Eppalock . . . C.W.A.F. visited Social Service Homes . . . Youth 1 visited Mt. Alexander and Koala Park . . . Explorer Club and leaders bike-hiked to Twin River, Eppalock, a round trip of 50 miles . . . Sympathy of the church is extended to the relatives of Mrs Lilburn . . . Mrs B. Martin, W. Smith, and Craig Graham are recovering after surgery . . . J. Ford and E. Steele have been added to the Board . . . A Lay Witness Mission was led by Ian Carter of Springvale. The weekend had a profound effect on the church. Ten men and women from other congregations shared their faith. Two young people accepted Christ and many members rededicated their lives.

INTERIM (Caulfield) Kevin Christensen will commence an interim part-time ministry on May 12 . . . Recent speakers have been J. Alabaster, H. Pietzsch, R. Callaghan, Mr Russell, and A.R. Haskell . . . V. Woff was soloist on March 31 . . . C.W.F. took part in Talent Quest for "March Effort" at Melb. Town Hall . . . Mrs V. Morrison visited A.W.F. and showed slides of C.W.F. at work in all departments . . . Mrs D. Smith spoke at E.W.F. on her work in New Hebrides . . . A concert was given by "Southern Sound" on April 5. Proceeds were for organ fund . . . Churches of Christ Choral Society conducted by V. Woff, presented Stainer's "Crucifixion" on April 7.

MISSIONARY EMPHASIS (Annerley, R.F. Bennett) The first Missionary Convention was held March 22-24 with Rex Ellis as guest speaker. Ray Wilson and John Friebel from New Guinea, and Col. McCosker from New Hebrides used slides to illustrate their experiences. Bible Society, M.A.F., and Leprosy Mission provided displays and films. Faith-Promise pledges indicate that over \$2,200 will be given to work in New Hebrides. Miss Glynthia Finger has offered her life in full-time service . . . 90 members shared in Fifth Family Camp at Camp Cal . . . Personal Evangelism studies and readers are assisting at Hawthorn and Springwood . . . There have been two baptisms.

NORSEMAN TEAM (Kalgoorlie, R. Taylor) Sonny Graham and a team from Norseman led both services on March 10. Leaders and children from Nindeebai

Hostel have been in fellowship here . . . Mrs Sargent was baptised by Mr Taylor on March 24 . . . A youth group is meeting each Sunday afternoon at home of A. & S. Creelman . . . There was a generous offering for Qld Flood Relief . . . Trevor Sykes, W. A. Rep. for Christian Mission to the Communist World, spoke on March 17 followed by a combined churches' rally . . . The Bible Society audio-visual "Then There Was Wun" was presented on March 24.

LAKE COMMUNION (Warracknabeal, S. Hince) A communion service at Lake Hindmarsh was well attended . . . A church tea was held recently . . . Jack Marshman was a recent preacher . . . A day of prayer was held . . . E.C. Keating and Trevor Giles were here for a week and conducted coffee mornings and house parties, also a lunch for Elderly Citizens . . . Our minister has been ill but is improving.

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ROAD ACCIDENT (Woorinen, R. E. Pritchard) Mrs W. Waldron is recovering after being in hospital following a car-caravan accident returning from holidays in Qld. . . . Jack Leach is in Fairfield Hosp. seriously ill with encephalitis. Prayers for his recovery are being maintained by the Swan-Hill/Woorinen churches, the Central and Nthn. Dist. Conf., of which he was president last year, and other churches . . . Miss Marion Dunn has commenced nursing training at Bendigo and Echuca Hosp. She returns to assist in the B.S. She has been Kindergarten Supt. for a number of years . . . Mrs J. Cock, a member for many years, has died and we extend sympathy to her brothers and sisters.

101 AT NORTH FITZROY (G. Nelson) The 101st church anniversary services were conducted by the COCIAC Executive. The obligation to an understanding of the background and culture of migrants is being developed through the programme "Euro-Encounter" . . . Part-time student ministry this year is G. Nelson (General Ministry), Mrs G. Johnson (Youth Work), and Miss M. Middleton (Migrant Work) . . . The principle of "Christians in Fellowship" has been adopted by the church.

NOBLE PARK SPECIALS (G. Agnew) Vice-Principal G. R. Stirling of the C.O.B. led a week-end series of meetings in March. Women's night considered "Future Shock and the Family". Guest at men's breakfast was Max Oldmeadow, M.P., M.H.R. member for Holt . . . On Friday was the youth spectacular, "Join the Jesus Revolution" . . . C.W.F. street stall raised \$60 . . . The open-ended film "Parable" was screened on March 17 . . . On March 24 an out-door church service and barbecue was held at Camp Waterman.

CHURCH CAMP (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes) Over 100 attended a church camp at Monbulk. At home the remainder heard Mr & Mrs J. Bolton tell of their mission work in New Guinea . . . Officers for 1974 include F. Drummond, chairman; G. Hilbig, secretary; and E. Henderson, treasurer . . . Our junior cricketers and tennis players won their section premierships . . . Hilary Polglaze was farewelled on leaving to work with the Qld. D.C.E. . . . Everest LePage and Jack Hodges, whose memberships go back over 50 years, have died.

FIRST FULL MINISTRY (Knoxfield) The church's first full time ministry was commenced when E. C. Keating inducted Michael Pelling . . . The Church Life Committee met in camp to plan year's programme . . . The annual meeting followed communion on March 24. Noel Wolstencroft is chairman, Legih Bullock is treasurer, and Geoff Douglas is secretary . . . A new position of second elder was created to assist W. A. Thompson. Jim Douglas was appointed . . . The church school picnic on March 23 was at Ferny Creek Reserve . . . All S.S. Depts. displayed posters in church service on March 31 with the theme "Easter and Its Meaning" . . . 35 Good Companions are enrolled . . .

NEW MINISTER (East Bentleigh) The ordination of John Morrow by Don Smith followed an informal social and welcome to Mr and Mrs Morrow and Gavin and Robyn the previous evening . . . Men renovated the manse and ladies provided curtains and groceries . . . C.Y.F. meets on Sunday evenings after

service . . . Two tennis teams reached finals, one becoming premiers . . . "Fifth Sunday" Family Service saw film "Whispering Mountain" and shared after-church fellowship at home of Tom and Elva Clark . . . A teenage girl has been baptized.

OUTBOARD FOR NEW GUINEA (Maryborough, I. Adams) Church decided on an outboard motor for work in the New Guinea Mission field. Frank Richards was speaker on March 31, when A. J. Kennedy presented him with a cheque for \$640 . . . Business meeting elected Athol Leach as elder, also B.S. Supt. The secretary is Roy Walker and the treasurer is A. J. Kennedy. The Principal of the Christian Community College spoke on the working of an ecumenical education system . . . Our church hosted Women's World Day of Prayer, led by Mrs Adams . . . Family night "Up the Creek", organised by Mr Leach was successful. \$88 was contributed to Qld. Flood Relief. \$49 to Ethiopian Appeal.

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QUEENSLAND

19 ADDITIONS (Gatton, Delroy Brown) There were 19 additions to the church in March, with 15 baptisms, including a family of six . . . Mr Brown is lecturing at Kenmore College on Christian Educ. He will be guest speaker at the Easter Camp at Leslie Dam and at the Sth. Qld. Country Conf. . . . Rosevale youth group led the gospel service on March 24.

SON FOLLOWS FATHER (Ma Ma Creek) E. F. Cole has resigned as church secretary after 37 years of service. His son, E. R. (Bob) Cole was elected to fill the vacancy. The treasurer, C.W.J. Roberts, resigned as from the end of June. His place will be taken by Trevor Dallinger . . . The student minister is R. J. Bowden. F. J. Winter and Japanese student, Hiroshi Inada, of Kenmore, took recent services . . . E. R. Cole, assisted by Robert Metcalfe, lead the C.E. . . . E. F. Cole represented the church at the welcome to Gatton's new minister, Delroy Brown . . . F. J. Winter of Toowoomba, officiated at funeral service of our oldest member, Mrs Amanda Zessin, born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1881. Sympathy is extended to her six daughters and three sons. Her husband, Otto, pre-deceased her some years ago . . . Religious instruction at the Ma Ma Creek Primary School is taken by R. J. and W. Bowden. Margaret Cole leads this session at Mt. Whitestone State School.

ALBION MINISTRY Following the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Benz, Jack Wiltshire has been assisting with preaching. Gary Staddan has joined him and will be full-time until his departure to U.S. in May . . . The All-Age B.S. has sponsored a series of lectures by Prof. Rendle-Short on "The Christian in Contemporary Society."

DEBT CLEARED (Toowoomba, Margaret St., Dr A. C. Caldicott-J. Cunningham) The \$47,000 education block has been cleared entirely of debt before the set date . . . Church has accepted Lyall Muller as Living Link in the New Hebrides . . . Joy O'Neil and Stephen Hill, young adults, are recent additions to membership

Toowoomba churches shared in one day camp with Jim Cunningham as study leader with the theme "The Christian Family".

FOURTH YEAR (Dalby, Robt. Holt) The minister has commenced his fourth year with the church . . . Mrs Kay Vogler has been baptized . . . Nella Reid is entering Qld. Bible Institute, and Neva Miller continues at Adelaide Bible Inst. . . . Mrs Joyce Wheeler is home after hospitalisation following car crash. Andrew Wheeler is recovering in Ipswich Hospital. Glenice Holt was discharged from hospital after removal of plaster cast she wore for 10 months after spinal operation . . . Members attended Western Dist. Fellowship week-end at Roma . . . The church purchased a new organ . . . C.W.F. held a Wake-Up Social Night.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

NEW SUPT. (Unley, W. J. Philp) Brian Stanford is the new S.S. Supt. . . . Col. Smith, a past minister, and his family, have been welcomed into membership . . . The church mourns the death of a respected treasurer and loved brother in W. B. (Ben) Wharton . . . The church was thrilled to hear a first-hand account of the induction of Principal Dr K. R. Bowes, from his brother, L. Bowes. Dr Bowes attended this church from an early age.

COMBINED FOR PASSION (Blackwood, L. Cooke, R. Haskell) 400 attended when St. Luke Passion (Bach) and "The Way of the Cross" were presented at a local combined service arranged by the Inter-Church Council . . . At Harvest Thanksgiving all of the church presented their gifts during the service. B.S. children also took part . . . Women's Fellowship shared a day at Stirling with Aldgate Valley ladies.

BOWLERS' SERVICE (Victor Harbor, J. Luff) As many bowlers were in Victor Harbor for the Country Carnival, a combined Bowlers' Service was held in the Newland Memorial Congregational Church . . . The V. H. church was well represented at Southern Dist. Conf. held at Strathalbyn . . . The additions to the church are almost paid for. Thanksgiving Day should clear this debt . . . The Women's Fellowship is supporting the Federal Aborigines Mission Living Link, Miss Edna Lincoln, at Carnarvon . . . Sister Kalbergger was guest speaker at March W.C.F.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NEW WURLITZER (East. Vic. Park., W. A. Thornton) The church has purchased a new Wurlitzer organ. Mr & Mrs John Curtis lent their organ during negotiations and installation. Talent scheme in operation. C.W.F. donated \$40 towards fund . . . Members recently shared in lunch after morning service . . . Y.P. camped for week-end at Pingarra, about 60 miles from Perth . . . Mrs Denn is home after major operation. Mrs Blake and Miss Denise Brown have been ill.

RAPID GROWTH (Warwick, G. B. Carslake) Just 12 months old, there are now 52 members in this new cause. Meetings have been held in homes, double garages, and open areas, but are now located in a new primary school at Warwick. Communicants average 45 . . . A Junior church has been incorporated with the morning service . . . 60 attended first family evening service to feature the Leprosy Mission . . .

YOUNG LIFE LOST (Merredin/Bruce Rock, D. A. Good) The churches are saddened by the death of Doug. Banks, aged 14, who inspired all with his courage during a long illness. Merredin church paid tribute to his memory by giving a donation to the Cancer Council . . . The Eastern wheat-belt Women's Conf. was held at Merredin. Speakers came from Perth. Because of visitors from Kalgoorlie, it is planned to hold the next Conf. there . . . The combined Wheatbelt services on March 31 were addressed by Don Butler.



VICTORIA

CHANGING MOODS (Brighton, A. G. Mathieson) The Changing Moods singing group presented their programme to a large congregation on March 24. Members from Hampton and Black Rock attended . . . Evening services include segments where members tell of community involvement . . . Young people held a car-wash to raise money to purchase a 16mm projector . . . Three tennis teams have entered for winter competitions . . . H. Malin, H. Kenner, and Miss Jean Robinson are home after hospitalisation. Mrs. D. Hatton is improving after treatment for heart ailment.

PRE-KINDER (Croydon, A. B. Clark) A play group has been commenced for Pre-Kinder children on Wednesday mornings . . . Young people from Methodist Church conducted part of the p.m. service on March 24 . . . Young marrieds session was held at home of Pam and John Baker . . . Mr & Mrs John Boulton spoke at a recent mid-week service, and showed slides of their work in New Guinea . . . C.Y.F. attended meeting at Belgrave Hgts. . . . Kim Wood is Pres . . . Tennis Club is conducting a car-wash.

ENCEPHALITIS VICTIM (Echuca, R. Ritchie) The church has joined in prayers for the return to health of Mr Leach of Swan Hill, at present in Fairfield Hosp. with encephalitis . . . A Thanksgiving Night on March 24 focussed on Aborigines. Items were given by the Youth Choir, Bay, Jeff, and Daisy from

Mooroopna, and Meryln Bertram. A thank offering of \$170 was received for Aborigines Missions . . . Junior, Youth and Adult groups all meeting on Thursday evenings for separate programmes began successfully with 35.

WORKING HOLIDAY (Box Hill, K. R. Bond) S. Goodman is leaving for six weeks working holiday at Bunapas in New Guinea with Ted and Dora Gray . . . Assistance given with cars for outings for Oakleigh and Emmaus guests . . . Harvest Thanksgiving goods taken to C.O.B. . . . Further \$52 forwarded to Leprosy Mission . . . Mrs. M. Smedley spoke to C.W.F. on Blackburn Opportunity Shop . . . Aborigine Mission featured I.C.E. Young people assisted at Sth. Melb. Church . . . Mrs. L. Clencie making slow progress after long illness . . . Recent speakers were W. Wigney, Dr. A. Gih, P. Retchford, and Mr. Bowden.

GUEST HOME SERVICE (Bayswater, A. Fletcher) Members have conducted services at Oakleigh Guest Home in month of March . . . Mrs Vera Morrison was guest speaker at C.W.A.F. . . . Two Sunday afternoon sessions were held for training of reading and presidents.

DARETON UNITED CHURCH The united Church of Christ and Methodist Church induction service for Peter Richter was conducted by K. Fechner of the Berri, S.A., church. Mr Lavender, Horsham, chairman of the Nth. West Dist. Synod of the Methodist Church, gave the address . . . The previous minister, J. Rankin, has entered Queen's College to train for the Methodist ministry . . . Some Aboriginal children from around the settlement are attending S.S. . . . Mrs

Marion Waters is leading a youth club for primary age children. She is assisted by helpers from other churches . . . D. H. Smith, H.M. Dept., was a recent speaker . . . Harvest Festival was held at Curlwaa.

CONSTITUTION CHANGED (Shepparton, F. L. van Laar) A special meeting accepted proposed changes to the Constitution. The main change was for the Board to consist of elders, minister, 7 deacons and/or deaconesses. An unlimited number of deacons and deaconesses would serve in other ways. The annual meeting elected five deacons, one deaconess, and two new elders . . . A girl has been baptized following her decision at Cheshunt camp . . . The board members met with Ted Keating and auxiliary leaders with Trevor Giles.

MISSIONARY VISITOR (Stawell, Miss P. D. Bowers) John Bolton, missionary from New Guinea, spoke to the church on March 10 . . . Youth camp at Baston Park studied "Rap" from Serendipity series . . . A table tennis team has been entered in the Stawell Assoc. . . . A study group for girls in Forms 1-3 meets after school on Mondays . . . C.Y.F. in conjunction with Baptist C.Y.F. entertained 127 children from a local training centre to picnic and tea on March 30.

GOOD COMPANIONS FORMED (Tootgarook, D. Brown) A Good Companions Girls' club has been formed under the leadership of "Auntie" Glad Cooke. . . . A special service, including films, followed a youth tea on March 31 . . . Mr & Mrs Jim Tillie and Michael have moved to Dandenong . . . C.W.F. held "morning coffee" at Mrs Allison's home. \$20 was raised for "Golden Bags" appeal.

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Thank God our time is now when wrong Comes up to face us everywhere, Never to leave us till we take The longest stride of soul men ever took. Affairs are now soul size. The enterprise Is exploration into God.

—Christopher Fry.



If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be wasted . . . Now put the foundations under them.

—Osa Johnson.



Father welcomed his daughter's boy friend at the door, and invited him in, saying, "She will be right down—care for a game of chess?"



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