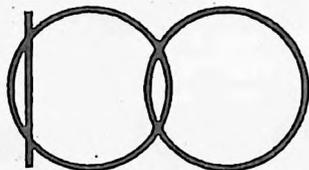


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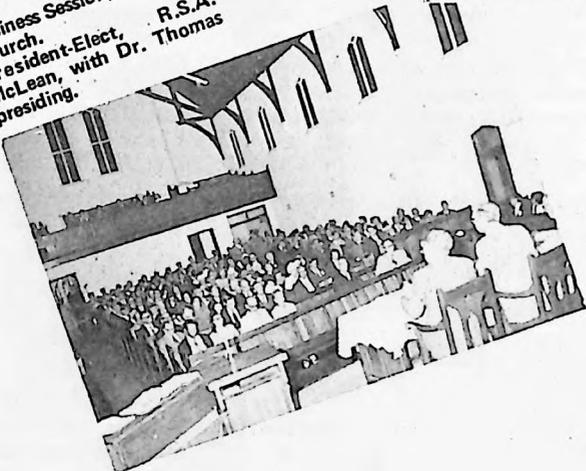


## Churches of Christ in South Australia Centenary Conference



The Town Clerk of Adelaide, R. Arland, conveys civic greeting. Conference President, Dr. Thurnley Thomas, on the right.

Business Session, Grote St. Church, R.S.A. President-Elect, McLean, with Dr. Thomas presiding.



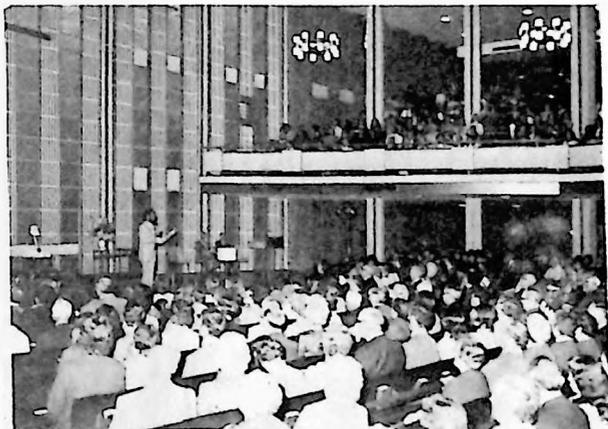
Reception—President's Conference Secretary, E.W. Roffey, and Mrs. Roffey, host guests from The Society of Friends.



Ministers' Choir sings during worship segment.



D.C.E. sponsors Saturday night at Maughan Memorial Church.



# EVANGELISATION: YEAR 2000

"The International Congress on World Evangelism will be the largest and most representative congress on evangelism in Christian history", Billy Graham told a press conference recently. The American evangelist is honorary chairman of the congress.

Some 2,700 participants, one-half from Asia, Africa and Latin America, have been invited to Lausanne July 16-25. Members of churches in 148 countries will come in an individual capacity and not as official representatives of their churches. As a consequence, no votes will be taken in the course of the meeting.

The purpose of this assembly — termed by Graham "the best organized one with which I have been identified" — is to discuss plans and strategies for evangelizing the entire world before the end of this century.

Asked by a journalist whether the congress would create some kind of ongoing organization, Dr Graham said

## SOLZHENITSYN'S FAITH: TWO VIEWS

Russian Orthodox Metropolitan Serafim of Krutitsy and Kolomna has questioned whether Alexander Solzhenitsyn by his actions in "heaping slander on the country of his birth" reveals himself to be "at heart unchristian". In a letter to The Times of London March 1, the metropolitan writes: "After all he has done against our country can Solzhenitsyn really be regarded as her son? In the eyes of believers of the Russian Orthodox Church he has long forfeited the right to call himself a Christian."

## NEW ZEALAND ANGLICANS VETO UNION

The General Synod of the Anglican Church in New Zealand failed to approve a scheme that would unite five Christian churches in a single body. The laity approved the plan by 21 out of 28 votes, but among the clergy 12 were in favour but nine against. A two-thirds majority was required in each house. The scheme involves Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists and the Church of Christ in addition to the Anglicans. At one point the Bishops of Nelson and Wellington threatened to withdraw from the United Church if the proposal went through. They were the only two out of eight bishops to oppose the union.

—E.P.S.

nearly 90% of the 1,200 persons who had already responded to a questionnaire sent out by congress organizers, wanted something in the area of mission, evangelism and fellowship.

The participants were selected by national committees on the basis of their interest in "evangelism and mission . . . and their faith in the authority of the Bible, the Cross and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ".

—E.P.S.

## SCOTS MISSIONARIES EXPELLED

Two young Scots missionary teachers were expelled from Malawi on 72 hours' notice, according to the Church of Scotland's Overseas Council. No reason was given for the action. Miss Margaret Millar of Paisley and Miss Mary Ritchie of Glasgow have been missionaries about seven years working at a teacher training college. The church has 28 other missionaries serving in Malawi.

## NEW HEAD FOR WORLD CHRISTIAN ACTION

Rev. John Mavor recently took up his new appointment as Secretary of the Division of World Christian Action, the overseas development and relief arm of the Australian Council of Churches. Mr Mavor fills the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Rev. Ted Arblaster in December last year. Until last February 28, Rev. John Mavor was Director of Christian Education and Communications Programme of the Pacific Conference of Churches, based in Suva, Fiji, a position he has held for the last three years.

Mr. Mavor, a Methodist Minister, was born in Brisbane and lived most of his early life in Beaudesert where he later returned as a school teacher after completing his high school and teacher training course in Brisbane; he attended Kings Theological College, Brisbane, and served in the Parishes of Imbil and Darra, before joining the Queensland Methodist Young People's Department in 1961.

In 1965 he became Director of Christian Education of the United Church in Papua-New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, and in 1971 took up the position with the Pacific Conference of Churches.

## INNER SPRINGS

### REMEMBER TO FORGET

In spite of all our best efforts we do forget things. "How complex we humans are," writes one, "that we can so easily forget umbrellas and things which should certainly be remembered, and remember the things which should be entirely forgotten! Things that have happened, words which have been said, can be recalled with deadly accuracy for a lifetime, ruining church unity, spoiling harmony, dividing friends and families. Such things should be buried and forgotten." "Forget it" we say, but do we?

The apostle Paul had much that he might have remembered, but he had captured the secret of his Lord and became adept at forgetting the right things. "This one thing I do, forgetting those things that are behind . . . I press on towards the prize (Phil. 3:13)." He was not suggesting that we erase past mistakes from our memories—how could we? But that, leaving them behind in the past, we refuse to repeat their follies nor allowing them to embitter us.

I will forget the sorrow and the toll,  
Days of disheartenment and nights of tears;  
Labour that seemed for naught—strength spent in vain—  
All the sad tales of failure through the years.

Prayer:

Our Father, teach us the art of forgetfulness that we may not make our hearts a resting place for hurtful things, but rather a dwelling place for love.

Philippians 3: 13-21

I will forget the things that are behind;  
So shall I run with lightened steps the race.  
So shall my eyes look only to the goal—  
The prize of my high calling through His grace.

Amen  
FLORENCE ROSIER



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA CELEBRATES 100th CONFERENCE

In fact it is our second Centenary Conference. In 1946 the occasion was called a centenary conference because it marked the centenary of Churches of Christ in Australia. In 1846, just ten years after the founding of the Colony of South Australia, a church of Christ was established in Adelaide. However, on April 2, 1974, the Centenary Conference was officially opened in prayer by the President—Dr. Thornley Thomas—in the Regency Ballroom. During the evening Dr. Thomas highlighted some areas of change even in 28 years, by quoting from the 1946 Centenary Report Book, bearing the marked price of sixpence.

At the same function Ron O'Grady shook our pride in being the mother State by bringing greetings from "Mother"—the New Zealand Churches of Christ whence came



Ron O'Grady, Associate Secretary, Christian Conference of Asia.

Also in the photo are Mrs. Edda Thomas and the Rev. and Mrs. D. J. Howland. Mr. Howland is President of the S.A. Council of Churches.

Thomas Magarey to Adelaide.

There was a dimension drawn at the President's Reception, setting themes which were developed in many contexts and modes of expression. Conference was no rehash of 1973 or the past 100 years. It became aware of today's world. The second century of Conference opened with motions demanding our future planning be in an ecumenical context. Pressures were felt for some serious study of social questions. We sang with a modern beat and opened the way to discussions on contemporary worship and quality of life in witness and service. I.J. Chivell's devotional "stooping Love" reminded us of the grace of God. It is to this grace we witness in a new programme for 1975. Next year our Home Missions Committee celebrates its centenary year in evangelism.

## SETTING FOR CENTENARY CONFERENCE THE FESTIVAL CITY

Not only is 1974 the centenary of the South Australian Conference, but it is also that of the University of Adelaide whose Centenary followed hard on the Festival of Arts and the opening of the Festival Theatre.

Part of Adelaide's biennial Festival of Arts is the overnight transformation of Victoria Square where for three days skilful floral decorations draw thousands of spectators.

Mrs. J. Taylor of the Colonel Light Gardens Church has won three out of four first prizes entered in the Religious Section for our Social Service Department. The working model of her floral clock won this year's award.



Our Overseas Mission display was positioned alongside the prize winning award, and tells its own message in beauty and with clarity.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA SERVES AUSTRALIAN & WORLD CONVENTION INTERESTS

The South Australian Executive Office has been the centre for travel arrangements for the Australian brotherhood to World Convention assemblies since 1961. Its particular contribution in 1970, as the host city for the 8th Assembly is well known to some 1500 overseas visitors, as well as the large number of Australians who were present.

The Ninth Assembly meeting in Mexico City, July 30 to August 4 will be attended by 193 Australians. Very favourable travel arrangements have been made, particularly in relation to the tours of six and eight weeks duration, which are catering for 162 of our people. However, we must now make the point that registration is no longer possible for this Convention.

# A PRESENCE IN THE 2nd CENTURY

The business sessions of the S.A. Conference were marked by a sense of the urgent need for the church to express its life meaningfully in the present and the future.

## A CHURCH SENSITISED.

"We are grateful for our first century of Conference but this motion is intended to help us face the second century." With these words, Maylands delegate (N. Moore) introduced the debate on a motion requesting Conference, each year, select a theme for intensive study to enable the churches to examine, at depth, its life and mission.

The church has been caught unprepared for the effects of the



SCENE AT TOWN HALL

scientific and social revolution of today, "We are not yet really facing up to the theological and social issues that the modern world is forcing upon us. Too many of us are content to fight rear guard actions with the shadows of ancient enemies who are no longer there. The intention of this motion is that we begin to face some of the issues that really matter so that we shall not be useless when the Spirit of God wants obedience."

Areas suggested for study were: **Coping with Change in the Church** — or learning to trust the Holy Spirit and be adventuresome in thought and action in the life of the church. **Can the Church Survive the 20th Century?**

**How do you cope with radical young people?**

**Education to meet the challenge of humanistic thought**

**Man's Survival on Earth** — Are we the cause of poverty in other countries.

Conference accepted the motion and each year an area will be chosen for Bible study and practical research, study groups organised in regions, and selected individuals will be invited to really work on the issue that, under the guidance of God's spirit, a common mind be reached

where possible and action initiated where appropriate.

The theme for 1974 is "The Church's Survival and Growth Today."

## A VITAL LIFESTYLE

People learn from people and particularly from the way people behave. In a day where enthusiasm is important there is an urgent need for the church to demonstrate its enthusiasm for the things of Christ if it is to be effective in its mission. People learn from the total situation and not just from what is said. The church can destroy its



W. PHILP

whole teaching ministry if the work done through Sunday Schools, clubs and adult groups is not supported by a vital and enthusiastic church. It is not what is said but what is done that has the final say."

The comments relate to a motion brought before Conference by the Department of Christian Education asking the churches to take steps to ensure that their worship, witness and service be marked by a sense of vitality, enthusiasm and joy.

The Department deliberately did not suggest any particular means by which a congregation should bring these things about because each church needed to develop these things in the way appropriate to its situation. Nor was the Department suggesting that these things were not already happening. Its aim was to encourage churches to see the relationship between these elements and Christian education and evangelism and to take serious stock of what was happening.

A lively debate followed with speakers warmly supporting the motion and pointing out the need for a dependence upon the Holy Spirit as well as restructuring of worship, etc.

## URGENT SOCIAL ISSUES.

The need for the church to be informed and aware of the issues in current debates on social issues prompted a resolution to be passed setting up a provisional committee on Social Questions.

Delegates expressed concern that, on many social issues, the voice of the church was not heard. Many people still look to the church to give a lead. Pornography, the permissive society, the drug scene are urgent issues demanding that the church take an informed stance. The Conference Motion sought that the committee carry out research, prepare papers on both sides of the argument and distribute these to the churches for study and discussion. It is not intended that the committee should make pronouncements "on behalf of the churches". Its task will



REV. J. BENTLEY.

be one of education and dissemination of ideas.

The church speaking with relevance to its community; the church alive and meaningful in its witness and worship; the church meeting the challenge of change with confidence; the church confident of its calling to be loyal to a victorious Christ. These themes emerged strongly through the Conference. Lively debate and free expression of opinion showed that delegates were prepared to face differences and begin to explore issues at depth to give our churches in S.A. a meaningful presence in this community during the second century of co-operative work.

# INTERCHURCH ACTIVITIES AND IMPLICATIONS

Among the guests at the President's Reception was the Catholic Archbishop, Dr. Gleeson, a moving spirit in the co-operative church venture at Westlakes. Four churches, Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational will share with the Churches of Christ in the purchase of a site of land for a church (our share of the cost will be \$600).

This project evoked many questions during the presentation of the Executive report, searching for the propriety and implications of the joint use of the three-quarter acre site.



Conference delegates in Grote Street Church hear motion to purchase land at North Salisbury for joint use presented by K. W. Allison and E. W. Heard.

Retiring Conference Secretary, I. J. Chivell, moves the adoption of the Executive report. The seconder is the Treasurer, L. C. F. Higgins.



It was announced that a site for a manse at Westlakes for a United Parish has also been selected and money to purchase this, and towards the erection of a house, is being made available through the Congregational Union. The Home Missions Departments of the four Joint Advisory Council churches have been asked to underwrite the appointment of a part-time minister in Westlakes next year.

## CONFERENCE CO-OPERATION IN THE JOINT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The first year of participation in the Council, which was set up in relation to Joint Parishes, has been encouraging. Good relations with the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches have been strengthened. Conference Executive asked a willing Conference to consult with the member churches of the Joint Advisory Council when planning any new Church-work.

## EXPANSION THROUGH CONSULTATION

"THAT this Conference affirm its intention in planning the establishment of a new work to enter into consultation with member churches of the Joint Advisory Council. It will be the policy of the Brotherhood to explore thoroughly any possible co-operation within the Joint Advisory Council in establishing churches in new areas."

## LAND TO BE HELD JOINTLY AT NORTH SALISBURY

The expansion of metropolitan Adelaide across the plains and hills has left some gaps in the access to Churches of Christ in some areas. There is no church from suburban Enfield Heights northward to Elizabeth.

Conference accepted the proposal of the Home Mission Department and authorised the purchase of land, to be held for the use co-operatively of the Churches of the Joint Advisory Council.

## THE HISTORY OF PIONEER AFTERNOON

Arranged annually by the S.A. Women's Conference.

"Pioneer Afternoon" was introduced into the Conference Programme as an addition to the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in September 1935, when the "Sisters" Conference Executive invited members of 45 years standing and over, to meet for fellowship together with interstate and country delegates to the Annual Conference. The President was Mrs. P.R. Verco, who today at 88 years resides at Stirling, alert and active. There were a reported 105 people present.

For 39 years the attendance at Pioneer's Afternoon has averaged more than 120. During this time members, with no less than 45 years service, have gathered and exchanged greetings and reminisced. The highest number of years

membership admitted to on a couple of occasions is 77 years. The spirit of these older members may be epitomised in the observations of one, who with 51 years membership admitted to attending for the first time in 1974, because on earlier occasions, although qualifying, she was busy playing tennis! On being asked what her favourite occupation is at present, the reply came "escorting parties of travellers on conducted tours around the world!" The same person is a third generation member of a pioneer family to hold office on the board of her home church.

The S.A. Women's Conference Executive enjoys hosting these opportunities for links with the past, and pays homage to all who have gone before, accepting the challenge to do justice to the heritage so nobly handed down.

## D.C.E. DIRECTOR REAPPOINTED

Gerald D. Rose has accepted Conference's invitation to serve as D.C.E. Director for a further term to December, 1979.

Conference approved also the purchase of a new manse for the D.C.E. Mr. and Mrs. Rose and family are now already living at 19 Abelia Street, Flinders Park, S.A. 5025. Their previous phone number has been retained—43 5796. A generous gift was made by the Youth Choir from its successful run of nine nights in presenting "The Gondoliers", at Her Majesty's Theatre. The choir voted \$2,000 for carpeting and other furnishings for the manse.



GERALD  
ROSE



Dr. K. R. Bowes, preaching to a large audience in the Adelaide Town Hall, at the combined Evangelistic Service on Sunday evening.

## COLLEGE PRINCIPAL GUEST PREACHER FOR CONFERENCE

A large congregation at the Centenary Gospel Rally responded warmly to the message of the guest preacher, Principal Keith R. Bowes in the Adelaide Town Hall. "We live", he said, "in troubled times, amid a cacophony of sounds, when foreigners have become our neighbours and our neighbours have become foreigners". As churches we are tempted to talk to ourselves and let the world go by. Jesus challenges, Up, let us go forward.

Two questions are central for us; those of death and dying, and life and living. Death has become unmentionable, its reality hidden. Our community has often allowed our old people to remain lonely and frightened in a living death. The Gospel centres on the resurrection hope. Christians speak of the life beyond and death as the doorway to life. We are bearers of a message of hope. It is for those who are 60 years of age and over—they are important. It is for those 16 years and under—God hears their cry. There is a message of hope for those who face death and dying.

The Church has a message of service from Jesus for the successful. When life is full of happiness and vigour, Christ says "Come, follow me". For the Church is

her true self only when she exists for the sake of humanity, for the world. So we are challenged in our second century to co-operation. Churches are being confronted with the questions "What are we here for?" The growing, living Church does not exist merely to pray, but to serve.

In today's Church we need to rediscover the doctrine of the Eldership—not in terms of status but of care and concern. The congregation is to be found as the

place where love and concern is expressed. We must stop the petty quarrelling in the church. We are the bearers of the Gospel of reconciliation. Consider the President's theme of survival and growth. Consider the motion calling the churches to show vitality in worship and enthusiasm in witness and service. We are challenged to express a quality of Christian life.

Dr. Bowes called the Conference to respond with their lives to the challenge of Jesus.

### COLLEGE REPORT

Speaking to the College of the Bible report at the Business Session on Saturday morning, Dr. Keith Bowes outlined the changes made in the College Course. A group of lay persons are involved as Partners in Preaching in student sermon evaluation.

When asked if any specialised training was being given for the rural ministry, Dr. Bowes outlined the fourth year course which presented opportunities for a study of ministry to country churches.

The question was also raised of relationships between the three Colleges. Dr. Bowes replied that personal

relationships between the faculties of the various Colleges was very good and there was co-operation at this level. The Inter-College Seminars of five students and one lecturer from each College during term vacations (the third Seminar to be held this year at Kenmore). were a very good means of promoting understanding.

Dr. Bowes commented on the lack of office staff for faculty members as lecturers do their own typing and duplicating. Others urged the South Australian Brotherhood to remedy this situation.

Conference expressed its confidence in, and support for, Dr. Keith R. Bowes, in his appointment as Principal of the College of the Bible.

At the close of the discussion Dr. Bowes presented Jim Spiker (Whyalla Church) with his College Diploma. Jim had successfully completed his course since Diplomas were presented last year.

This Conference congratulates Dr. K. R. Bowes on his appointment as Principal of the College of the Bible, and we express our unreserved confidence in the leadership of the Board and faculty and pledge our whole-hearted support in their ongoing work, particularly mentioning our delight with the outlined curriculum in the Conference book.

## HOME MISSIONS CENTENARY PROGRAMME

One hundred years of co-operation for evangelism will be marked by an OUTREACH '75 project. Conference endorsed the action of the Home Missions Department in inviting all the Churches to participate in the celebration of the centenary of co-operation. Already an enthusiastic response is evident from many churches. The emphasis will be on action in the local area. Some churches will co-operate in districts to promote rallies. Other churches will pursue the inter-church cooperation which they already have initiated. The Home Missions Department will assist them, in cooperation through MISSION '75, the world-wide evangelism programme of the Methodist Churches.

In the changed circumstances of this last

quarter of the twentieth century the call is for co-operative evangelism. A movement of the Spirit of God is evident and as our people move in evangelistic action they will find that many Australian churchmen are already responding to the Holy Spirit's leading. It is hoped that much of this joint venture will be brought together through the inter-church programme for evangelism of ENCOUNTER '75.

Preparation for outreach in 1975 will be initiated in the churches this year, and the use of William Barclay's book "Jesus Christ for Today" is recommended for winter studies.

Further studies will be initiated in the churches under the President's theme for this year: "The Church's Survival and Growth Today".

## ABORIGINES A HISTORY OF EVANGELISATION AND UPLIFT

Part 4

By A. M. Bell

### "MOVING TO THE MISSION SITE"

Immediately the Commissioner was notified, he urged the Board to present their proposals for a Mission and he would send an officer to inspect and report. The Board's reply was a positive "NO". "We have your permit; we have been forced to buy our own land against political resistance and we now commence the Mission."

Bronchial and pneumatic sickness among the Aborigine children became chronic. May Jones was left with a large family and one child dying in hospital. In aboriginal tradition she broke up her bush shanty and swept the ground clean so that no spirits could live there and built another shelter on different ground. Within a few days a second child died and May repeated the traditional operation,

sweeping the ground again. She was literally beside herself with desperation and ready to abandon the family.

Ill-prepared as they were with an over-crowded half-house, the Hammers, to save the situation, offered to take the children and May was overwhelmed with gratitude. But something more drastic had to be done. So, long before our Mission site could be prepared, the Hammers cleaned out Zeddi's shack, put up some tents and moved out with their own family and some 18 bedraggled native children including some desperately ill.

When the writer visited Carnarvon some two months later, about Christmas, Mr Hammer had built two timber framed galvanised iron sheds as living quarters for

girls and boys, a Miss Hilda Martin of Northam had joined the team as a volunteer. Boring for water at various points was proceeding but without success. Plenty of water was available 26 feet down but all too salt. For the children's washing, Doris Hammer battled in the broiling sun with a copper set in a 40 gallon oil drum. I have often said that had it not been for the selfless missionary spirit of Doris Hammer, we might never have had a Carnarvon Mission.

### "SPLINTER SHELTER PURCHASE"

With keen business acumen and foresight, although little money was coming from the Brotherhood, Mr Hammer, with Board approval, purchased some splinter shelters. These were 26 feet high timber walls packed with solid earth, octagonal in shape but large enough in area to run aeroplanes in as protection against bombing. Only those involved know the colossal task of dismantling the shelters and clearing the mounds of rock-like mud without mechanical equipment, but the timber piled at the Mission was as big as two houses. Moving the mud was part of the contract.

By the end of 1946 something

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### WORD TALK NO. 94

The Book of Hebrews calls Jesus our High Priest and so strikes a keynote in that remarkable book (Heb. 2:17, 3:1, 4:14-15, 5:5, 10, 6:20, 7:26-28, 8:1, 9:11, 10:21). This is the major reference to Christ's high priestly function in the Bible.

It is surprising that O.T. writers never thought of the coming Messiah in terms of being a High Priest. In Jewish life the temple and the work of the High Priest was so important that one might expect the coming Messiah to be a new High Priest making up for the deficiencies of the Jewish priesthood. Only in the Books of the Apocryphal period was the suggestion made. This came about because the heroic Maccabees who resisted the Romans so strongly were both Kings and High Priests of Israel. However, the Maccabees were wiped out about 63 B.C.

The author of Hebrews caught up the theme that Jesus is our kingly High Priest. He was the only satisfactory High Priest, as all others were sinful men making atonement for sinful men. Jesus was the only sinless one who himself was both the High Priest and the sacrifice.

Jesus was called a faithful and merciful High Priest.

By his faith he delivers us from the fear of death. This fear was closely associated with the worshippers approach to God (Num. 18:3-5). Boldly Jesus came before God, removing the fear, and allowing us with confidence now to approach God (Heb. 4:16).

In his mercy Jesus demonstrates his compassion. The High Priest was not expected to be compassionate. There is no such concept in the O.T. Actually the priesthood was known for their hardness (Hos. 4:4-9). In N.T. times the Sadducees were notoriously hard and cruel but Jesus was compassionate.

### THE NAMES OF JESUS

## HIGH PRIEST

Jesus was appointed by God a High Priest after the order of Melchizedek (Heb. 4:14-5:10; Gen. 14:17-20; Ps. 110:4). His name meant "King of Righteousness, King of Peace". Jesus aptly suited this title. Because Melchizedek had no recorded parental background — the very opposite of the normal Priest who was proud of his descent from Aaron — he was a High Priest in his own right. Jesus, from the tribe of Judah was of this type. Furthermore, as nothing is said of Melchizedek's birth or death he was regarded as timeless. The high priesthood of Jesus was similarly eternal. The other indicates that the high priesthood of Jesus was a unique and superior office for the benefit of all mankind who have faith (Heb. 7).

### FOR TODAY

The Vic.-Tas. H.M. Department regularly produces a helpful brochure entitled "Bridgebuilder". The word bridge and bridgebuilder is not found in the N.T. (no reason for bridges!), but the concept is. The Roman Catholic Church calls the Pope, the Pontiff. This word means Chief Priest and by epistemology this means "bridgebuilder". The Pontiff was seen as a bridgebuilder between man and God. The N.T. teaching is that there is only one bridgebuilder, Jesus, who in his high priestly function reconciles man to God. The "Bridgebuilder" publication seeks to bridge the gap between the department and the Churches, the Churches and their members, and the members and God. Jesus is the only bridgebuilder, yet after him we are supporting his ministry. This is a vital ministry in an age when alienation marks off man from man and man from God.

GORDON MOYES.

# OPEN FORUM

Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the management or editorial panel. Correspondents are requested to say only what is true, kind, necessary, and Christian, and to say it in no more than 150 words.

## GOOD WILL—OPEN HEARTS

To the Editor

Dr Geoff Hall (President of W.A. Conference) displayed an extreme attitude in his letter to the "A.C.", 6.4.74. The tradition with which he identified himself appeared to be that of doctrinal witch-hunting and the exclusion of all who do not follow a narrowly defined path.

The tragedy of the 1974 W.A. Conference business session was that there appears to be a widening gulf between different viewpoints. The succession of block votes on every issue, and the results of committee elections, witness to this.

In my mind separation and exclusion are the antithesis of what being churches of Christ means, and I believe that over the next few years there will be the need for brethren of good will and open heart to be resolute in recalling our people to a brotherly acceptance of those who differ from them. Alan Cant, W.A.

## TWO STREAMS

To the Editor,

As a reader of the dialogue between Dr. Geoff Hall and G. R. Stirling re "Separatism," I would like to particularly make comment on the letter in the

"A.C." on 6/4/74 written by Dr. Hall.

Surely not attending alcoholic parties held by the A.M.A. does not mean that Dr. Hall has separated from it. True separation would mean that he would withdraw his membership. (A doctor can still practise without being a member of the A.M.A.).

However, the above is not important when viewed in the light of the real issue tragically causing divisions in our denomination. The real issue is whether the W.C.C. is, in fact, the Great One World Apostate church or not. Some members obviously believe that it is, and others believe that it is not.

I would plead that the "separatist" and the "unity" streams get together and thrash this matter out once and for all in a manner befitting us all who call ourselves Christians.

G. F. Hewitt, W.A.

## YOUTH WANT MORE SAY

Youth are concerned about the right to participate fully in the life and work of the ecumenical movement. Because of their Christian commitment and concern, youth are anxious to be listened to,

according to the Ad Hoc Committee on Youth after a five-day meeting in Geneva.

Miss Peggy Ashby of Guyana, vice-chairman of the WCC's Programme Unit on Education and Renewal, said: "Youth have a particular kind of experience and expertise to bring to the World Council's programmes on development and aid to groups struggling for liberation."

Miss Ashby chaired an open staff meeting at WCC headquarters here at which the Ad Hoc Committee presented a two-part document for preliminary discussion. The first part outlined "present issues and priorities" coming from the regions. They grew out of work the regional secretaries have been doing in their churches with Christian youth, including educational schemes, leadership training, research, community service and "conscientization" of youth.

From Africa came the priority "liberation of the people from poverty, ignorance and injustice". From Asia: "the oppressed masses are determined to forge a society characterized by justice and self-reliance on their own terms."

Latin America called for the involvement of both urban and rural youth in "the total process of liberation of the people". Europe and North America saw a need to change the unjust structures in their own societies that oppress and exploit the people on other continents.

## ABORIGINES

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desperate had to be done. Stan Gale and a team of volunteers removed the half-house from town to the Mission and with splinter shelter rough material erected a 45 ft. x 20 ft. hall with kitchen facilities at one end.

By now there were some 45 native youngsters to be fed, clothed, schooled and taught the things of God. Racial prejudice from some residents barred the children from the school which made the road more difficult. Syd Moygnard ex P.B.I. and Betty Schurmann (now Mrs. Jack Sewell) reinforced the team but by early 1947 Mr Hammer took over Federal Board Secretaryship and Sydney and Olive Reeson gave up their poultry farm in N.S.W. and a flourishing young church work at Doonside to take over the work.

Next issue: "NEW GOVERNMENT APPROACH."

# WOMEN'S WRITE



Edited by Gladys Mackenzie

## C.W.F. — IN CONTRAST

KALGOORLIE, well known for its "Golden Mile", lies 372 miles east of Perth. This makes our C.W.F. there one of our most isolated in Australia. But isolation does not mean lack of interest. Kalgoorlie C.W.F. meets fortnightly and not surprisingly much of their work is centred in Missions. Twice yearly visits are made to the Norseman Mission, to help the staff catch up on mending, sewing, ironing and in any other way needed. A highlight is the time of fellowship around the lunch table, when devotions are shared with the missionaries.

Once a year, an Aboriginal Mission at Kurrawang is visited, and this year the ladies are supplying a wardrobe of clothes for an eight year old girl at Carnarvon. A lass at the Warburton Mission is also helped.

Prayer and financial support are given as well to mission work in the New Hebrides, India, Ethiopia and the local work. Each lady in the church is invited to help by using "Blessing Tins".

"There are times when we do feel very isolated," writes Mrs M. Forrest, C.W.F. Secretary, "but with our hearts and minds set on Jesus, we manage to cope, knowing he is always there to hear when we ask for help and guidance."

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ALBERT PARK, famous for its lake, is an inner suburb of Melbourne. In a block of high rise flats, for elderly people, lives Mrs Johns. When the C.W.F. she attended at Middle Park had to close because of dwindling numbers, she gathered into her flat the elderly, the crippled, often lonely women who lived in the other flats, and together a remarkable work has been done.

They sew and knit for Kew Cottages Children's Home, on an enormous and most generous scale. Gifts at Christmas were sent to the children's wards of Prince Henry and Queen Victoria Hospitals. Lin Moo, a boy in New Guinea, has been "adopted" and is supported, and financial assistance is given to all avenues of C.W.F. work.

Mrs Johns writes, "I am very proud of our ladies," —and so are we.

## AT WORK AND WORSHIP

### QUEENSLAND

Thirty women, representing eleven churches, heard Mrs Marjory Chapman lead the Devotional Session at April meeting. She reminded all — God is a Haven; He is our tower of Strength; He is the Rock on which we lean; He is the River of Life from which we feed. This being her final monthly meeting as President, Mrs Chapman thanked the Executive for help given her during the year.

Mrs Ewers thanked the C.W.F. for recovering the lounge suite, (with red vinyl) in the Principal's residence, at Kenmore College.

### VICTORIA

The last Council Meeting of the Conference Year opened with a Thanksgiving Service prepared and

presented by the President, Mrs G.R. Stirling. The Service concluded with all partaking of the Lord's Supper.

Keith Milne gave a book review of books available at Conference bookstall.

45 ladies attended the March Effort Talent Quest, when \$385.70 was presented to the Gordon Homes for Boys and Girls.

Thanks were expressed to Mrs Stirling for her leadership during the past Conference Year.

The next Council meeting will be held in the new Brotherhood Centre, 52 Latrobe Street, on Friday June 7, 10.30 a.m.

### TASMANIA

With Mrs June St. Aubyn (Pres. Elect, Vic/Tas C.W.F.) as guest speaker, 70 women attended the Conference at Ulverstone on March 31, 1974. It was decided that the Tasmanian work will continue with the same Executive under the Presidency of Mrs Iris Robertson. The Secretary's report highlighted the good response from Groups to the most

important aspect of our work — Aborigines and Overseas Missions, with increased giving in these fields. Seven Tasmanian women had contributed Bible Studies for the C.W.F. Handbook.

The Executive had invited Mrs St. Aubyn to broaden her Devotions into a Musical Focus. By "Sight and Sound" she led into a delightful programme, whereby the work of C.W.F. in all its aspects was depicted by music and slides. The piano, the player, the pictures and their portent, confronted all with a challenge to renew their dedication and participation in the work of our Lord.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

About 320 ladies including 57 from the country and 25 visitors from interstate, and other churches, were welcomed by the President, Mrs Rita Pederson, to Conference.

Devotions were led by Victor Harbour Ladies. Misses Fay and Helen Sinkinson sang, and Mrs Nancy Luff challenged us to seek to find and do God's Will in our personal lives and in the Church.

Highlights were given by each Department leader, and acknowledgement was made of the wonderful work done by Mrs "Flowers" Taylor with her exhibits for National Flower Day and in floral arrangements for many occasions.

The following were appointed as delegates to various organisations:— Travellers' Aid — Mrs Rosewarne; National Council of Women — R. Pederson, D. Blenkiron; Women's World Day of Prayer — E. Simpson; Bible Study — A. Saunders, H. Oke; Alliance Fair — F. Hughes, J. Roberts.

Mrs Lynch brought greetings from "Fairhaven", Esperance; Mrs Young from interstate visitors, and Mrs Manning from other Church bodies. The President of General Conference, Dr Thornley Thomas, also brought greetings.

Our President's message was based on Eph. 5.20—"In all things giving thanks to God the Father," reminding us to keep in mind God's amazing generosity.

The visiting speaker was Mrs Adcock. Dr Thomas led in prayer of Dedication for the new office bearers — President J. Middleton, Pres. Elect J. Long, 1st Vice Pres. D. Heard, 2nd Vice Pres. M. Pollard, Secretary H. Morrow, Assist. Sec. S. Holmes, Editress — A. Saunders.

Mrs Pederson introduced incoming President, Mrs Middleton, who expressed the thanks of all to Mrs Pederson for her year of leadership.

The benediction brought a day of blessing to a close.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND WOMEN'S FEDERAL CONFERENCE JAN. 26-31 1975.

• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Federal Overseas Mission Board was held, March 15, 16 at Brighton Gardens, S.A. Interstate Board members, namely, R. Ellis, Qld., C. Saxby, N.S.W.; F. Richards, Vic.; and T. Banks from W.A., joined with Board members located in South Australia for this important occasion.

Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. H. Finger, Dr. and Mrs. T. Taylor, who had served in the New Hebrides, and Miss C. Hemer who had served as a short term worker on famine relief projects in India. Colin Curtis, associate Minister at Brighton Gardens, led in devotions prior to the Friday evening and Saturday morning business sessions.

The Annual Meeting considered the results of a survey that the previous Annual Meeting had requested concerning salaries and allowances. The survey was made by requesting missionaries to complete a questionnaire related to this matter.

It was agreed that a 15% increase

should be made in salaries and allowances as from April 1, 1974. It was further agreed that the Finance Committee should institute immediate enquiries into a rehabilitation fund for missionaries.

The Annual Report (printed in State Conference Report Books) was an encouraging statement concerning the growth of the Church in the areas where we are working overseas and opportunities for new outreach work. The Annual Report indicated the wide extent of our present programme overseas and future planning must include continuing with this work as well as accepting new opportunities as they become available.

The statistical report showed that rapid church growth is taking place in our Papua New Guinea field—Church membership at the end of 1973, was 639, baptisms during 1973 were 166, and 384 attended Discipleship classes. It was noted that we now have 13 established Churches in Papua New Guinea, and 48 villages are contacted.

NEW EXPERIENCES IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Sylvia Smith from Whyalla, South Aust., is spending 6 months as a short term missionary in Papua New Guinea. Sylvia has completed her general nursing training and will commence mid-wifery on her return to Australia.

I have been on several medical patrols to the villages and have enjoyed this very much. One patrol was from Bunapas to Tamnung. I really enjoyed the walk, every bit of it, the mud, slush, tree roots, hills, vegetation, and a beautiful cascade of water over rocks. At Tamnung I checked a number of babies. The next day I went with Margaret Horne to Giri. For two hours we walked ankle-deep in

grey glutinous mud. It was a long walk to deliver medical supplies to the school at Giri, and then turn around and come back.

I like Bunapas very much, the grass, gardens, river, trees and the people. Just being out-doors in a new environment, gives me a great deal of pleasure. Everything is so new and interesting, the people, villages and their houses, the bush, insects, plants, language and all things imaginable.

I know I will enjoy my time here, and I trust I will be able to make a small contribution toward the work of God in Papua-New Guinea.

AT HOME & ABROAD HAPPENING

The W.A. Overseas Mission Committee in conjunction with the Federal Aborigines Mission Board conducted an "At Home & Abroad Happening" for the brotherhood, March 8-10.

Run on lines similar to the Summer School of Missions, this camp was held at Orange Grove Keswick site, 12 miles from Perth.

The aims were to inform and challenge. Up-to-date mission information was given by Ron McLean (O/Seas Secretary), Rosalie Rofe (New Guinea), and returned missionaries Kathy Bullock, Aileen Hardie, Helen Maiden, Roger Ryall and others . . . The Aborigines' Focus was brought by Don Butler, Hazel and Lyle Morris (Eidsvold, Qld.), and staff representing the work at Carnarvon, Norseman, Esperance, and the City.

The challenge came from a clear, simple presentation of the need for total

involvement in world wide evangelism demanded by our Lord. It came through a film, Bible studies on "The Uniqueness of Christ" and "The Need of the World" led by Ron McLean. Discussion sessions, panel discussions, and question times produced searching questions and some answers.

Each day commenced at 6.30 a.m. with prayer time for missions followed by a quiet time centred on studies that called for personal commitment to, and total involvement in, the task of evangelising the world.

Special thanks are due to Allan Anderson, the camp leader, the mission board secretaries, Overseas and Aborigines' missionaries who travelled long distances to participate. It was the unanimous view of those attending that the "Happening" should be repeated annually.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

Jesus said that a man went to church one day and when he was about to make his offering, he remembered something that bothered him. What did he remember and what did Jesus say ought to be done about it?

(See page 18)

WHAT AM I?

I am white and tall and thin  
(Not a ghost and not a pin)  
Through my middle runs a string  
And it is a funny thing.  
People set my hair alight  
So that I will glow at night.  
What am I?

(See below).

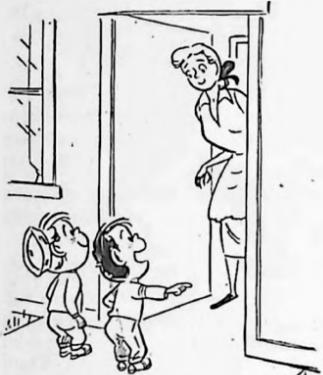
WORDS: "O.K."

This is very much a part of our language, meaning "yes", "all right", "correct" or "somesuch". It is a slang term. One suggested origin is that it was first used by Andrew Jackson, seventh President of the U.S.A., who used it to mean "All Correct" which, however, he spelled "Orl Kerrect". A much more likely explanation is that it comes from a Choctaw Indian word "Okeh" meaning "so be it".

Diner: Do you serve crabs here?  
Waiter: We serve anyone. Sit down!

ANSWER: A candle.

Teacher: "If I subtract eighteen from twenty, what's the difference?"  
Student: "That's what I say—who cares?"



"Mrs. Thompson gave me some delicious cookies yesterday, but I'll bet you're a better cook than she is."



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SIX DECISIONS (Sth. Perth, D. G. Nelson) There have been six recent decisions, and two baptisms . . . Mr Nelson was guest speaker at "United Church" rallies at Carnamah, Coorow, and Three Springs. There were 10 decisions and 7 baptisms (in the back-yard swimming pool of a local Christian) . . . The church expresses sympathy to Roy Raymond and family in the death of Bessie Marjorie Raymond (78 years) . . . Mr Nelson has received an official invitation to attend as an observer the International Congress on World Evangelisation . . . Padre Denby Holmes was a recent guest speaker.

OBITUARY

GOODWIN, Mrs. Esther M.

Mrs. Esther Goodwin, widow of the late Franklin Goodwin, died on March 24 after a very short illness. In her pilgrimage of 88 years she gathered many friends whose lives she greatly enriched. She was baptised in the Montrose Church of Christ in 1904 and was later a foundation member at Boronia. From 1910 she supported her late husband in various ministries in N.Z., S.A. and Vic. Having settled at The Basin she was a loyal member through many years in the Boronia church although incapacity prevented her attendance over the last year or two. Her family, Ivy (Mrs. V. Burden), Winnie (widow of Frank Burden), Marjory (Mrs. E. Fankhauser), Eric (deceased), Leslie, Walter and Bill and Thelma (Mrs. L. Baynes), were all nurtured in the fellowship of the church. Christian commitment lives on in children and grandchildren. From an association of forty seven years I was always impressed by her strength, brightness and practicality. She belonged to those people who are the salt of the earth. Her friendship was a blessing. We thank God with the family for a life well lived and enriching to all.

—E. L. Williams

POCOCK, Bertha Alice.

Bertha Alice Pockock died on March 28 at the age of 83 years. As Bertha Bradford, she was baptised by the late J. B. Wiltshire at Wallaroo, S.A., in 1913. She commenced her nursing career the following year. In 1918 she graduated from the Royal Adelaide Hospital as runner up for the gold medal. Then followed periods as Sister-in-Charge at Bedford Park Sanatorium, S.A., Royal Women's Hospital, Paddington, N.S.W. Returning to S.A., she served with the Bush Nursing Society and Mothers and Babies Health Association. She served as S.S. teacher and church organist from the age of 18 years, and maintained this interest at Mile End and Cowandilla after her marriage to James A. Pockock in 1925. In 1940, she and her husband came to Mount Gambier. Throughout the war years their home was "open house" to servicemen training in the district. They also provided opportunity for Bible study and Christian fellowship for service personnel. Mrs. Pockock was a gracious Christian woman. A memorial service was conducted by the writer in the Mt. Gambier Church and funeral services in Adelaide were conducted by H. M. Long. She leaves a husband, J. A. Pockock, daughter Beth (Mrs. D. M. Fimmell) and son Graham, who with their dear one cherish Christ's living presence.

—Stan. Neighbour.

LADIES' TALENT (Morawa, R. Sack) Ladies' Talent scheme resulted in new carpet runners and platform carpeted free of debt . . . Foundation member, Granpa Carlsake, was transferred to Royal Perth Hosp. Mrs Sack is home after 9 weeks in hospital . . . S.S. competition being held for new scholars . . . Members travelled to United Parish rally at Carnamah where Des. Nelson was speaker . . . Mrs Hunt has been baptised, and she and her husband received into fellowship . . . Mrs Giles assisting in kindergarten and Mrs Rutley with Primary class.

GOLDEN WEDDING (Mandurah, D. Sonsee) Mr & Mrs Deney celebrated their Golden Wedding at a party given in their honour . . . Miss Kath Workman, past treasurer, is well after surgery. Mrs Rowe is improving. Mervyn Livingstone resigned as secretary through ill health. Ken Martin is secretary and John Eichner is treasurer. Miss Flo Schurmann is helping them. Mr. Livingston was in office for 16 years and Miss Workman for 15 years . . . The chapel roof is in need of repair . . . The C.E. sold 50 dozen lamingtons in a lamington drive. They hold special teas, barbecues, and boating . . . Alex McKay drives 300 miles weekly to attend services.

IN CONFERENCE (Hamilton Hill, W. R. Newton). The church was formally admitted into the Conference of Churches of Christ. The Board elected J. Sonsee as chairman, M. Ashworth as secretary, and G. Ladner as treasurer . . . 100 from all denominations attended C.W.F. "At Home" on March 25 . . . Two young ladies were baptised recently . . . At evening service three "Christians in Community" were interviewed, a politician, a hospital matron, and a sufferer from multiple sclerosis . . . On April 7, Miss Rosalie Rofe spoke of work in New Guinea mission.

CAMP STYLE (Kalgoorlie, R. Taylor) Camp-style meetings were conducted over Easter week-end. Meetings commenced at 9 am each day and concluded at 11 am with morning tea. Easter Bible Studies and the poem "The Three Days of Easter" were features. On Easter Monday, after summing up we had lunch and cricket at Coolgardie Park . . . Mrs Palmer received a presentation from the church ladies on moving to Carinya Village. . . Young Adults conducted evening worship round the tea-table on April 7.



VICTORIA

NO QUITTERS! (Box Hill, K.R. Bond) Representatives of sporting bodies took part in Sportsmen's Gospel Service with the theme—"Winner never quits, quitter never wins." Mr Mason was soloist . . . Bible study was led by Neil Thomas at C.W.E.F. . . . J.C.E. were guests of North Blackburn Endeavour Society . . . Over 100 at Cricket Banquet were catered for by Ladies' Committee . . . Bill Sprinkle was injured at football.

BROADCAST SERVICE (Latrobe Tce., Geelong, N. Hodgekiss) April 21 service was broadcast over 3GL with Mr Hodgekiss as speaker . . . Thomson church, sponsored by Terrace church, will hold future Sunday morning services at 9 am. This will allow for a joint ministry with Mr Hodgekiss. The first of such services was held on April 21 with Don Smith, H.M. Dept., presiding. A married lady was baptised and another married couple rededicated their lives . . . At morning coffee in home of Mrs Joy Williams on April 18, she related her missionary experiences in India to 25 ladies who attended. Offering of \$75 was donated toward purchase of blankets for Girls' Home at Shrigonda, India . . . Church is saddened by sudden death of Charles Stevenson.

LOSS AT BORONIA (E.L. Williams, D. Stevens) Church records with sorrow the death of Mrs E. Goodwin on March 25. Mrs Goodwin and her late husband were foundation members of the church (1921) and she had been a member of Churches of Christ for 70 year . . . Albert Thompson has left for U.A. and Europe following granting of Research Fellowship . . . Our immediate past secretary, Frank Perry, his wife, Yvonne, and family have left the district . . . Church school reports best attendance of scholars for 12 months . . . Choir, led by P. Jordan, presented Stainer's "The Crucifixion" on April 7 . . . President of Women's Conf., Mrs Stirling, was guest speaker at E.W.F. meeting . . . Church members assisted as callers at Red Cross Appeal . . . Robyn Westmore and David Apps have joined Explorer Club as leaders.



NEW SOUTH WALES

ELDERS RE-ELECTED (Chatswood) C. G. Taylor Messrs Fax and Stephenson were re-elected as elders at the annual meeting for further two year term. Mrs Elaine Kemsley is relinquishing control of the Cradle Roll to lead the Girls' Brigade . . . Messrs Bamford, Cust, Dickson, Jay, Kemsley, Nichols, Pentelow, Perkins and Saxby were elected to the Board . . . Ten bushwalkers spent a day in the Blue Mountains . . . Heather Wilson thanked the church for prayers while she was in Brazil last year . . . The prayer group meeting at the home of Mr & Mrs Brian Jay held a pre-Easter tea, followed by a Communion service.

TO UNIVERSITY (Inverell). R. Craig concluded his ministry on March 24 to take an appointment with New England Univ. An after-church fellowship farewell was attended by representatives of other churches . . . The New Life Singers from Newcastle presented the rock musical "Light Shine" for the Youth for Christ Rally . . . The church annual meeting was held on March 27 . . . Ten of our young people attended the Easter Camp at Quirindi. Camp leader was Peter Holt of Greenacre. Colin Crago of Tamworth was study leader . . . C.W.F. held annual picnic for older members and friends.

# ASIAN LEADERS MEET IN NEW ZEALAND

Concern for development, human rights, mission and evangelism, urban and rural mission, ministry to persons overseas and youth, emerged during the Executive Meeting of the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA), March 24-26; in Auckland, N.Z. The three day meeting reviewed the Assembly mandates and formulated programmes for the CCA in 1975 and beyond.

Dr. T. B. Simatupang from Indonesia, presiding chairman of the CCA, described the event as the beginning of the second generation of the CCA. "For the first time, members of the Executive meeting here, do not have direct links with the founding of the CCA," he observed. Warning that this was both a strength and a weakness, Dr. Simatupang urged members of the Executive to consider the

priorities of the CCA in the future with this awareness of continuity and change.

A wide ranging programme budget for 1975 was adopted with the overriding priority concern for development thrusts in the region. Since the church in each Asian nation is engaged actively in some development task, it is assumed that the CCA will be required to play a supportive role. It was decided that the General Secretary of the CCA assume prime responsibility for ensuring that all the CCA programme committees are related to this central concern. In this connection, the Executive sanctioned the planning of a regional seminar on Human Rights which will investigate the implications of the violation of human rights to development in the region.

## NEW HYMN BOOK

As an introduction to the contents of the new Hymn Book for Churches of Christ in Australia, in cooperation with the Hymn Book Committee we present on pages 16 and 22 a list of the hymns in the new book.

The hymns shown with an asterisk (\*) are in the old book. Those not marked are new.

In addition to the hymns shown, three more will be added, as late copyright negotiations have been completed. These are "Morning has broken", "Amazing Grace", and "How Great Thou Art."

The initial delivery from the printers has been promised for June 29, 1974. Orders received before June 30, 1974, will be supplied at the pre-publication price of \$1.50 per book. In order to qualify for this offer, orders should be made to the Austral Company, 125 Hawke St., West Melbourne, Vic., 3003. The order must be accompanied by payment. Cheques should be made payable to "Churches of Christ Hymn Book Fund."

The retail price operating after June 30 will be \$1.85 per copy. Details of State Distributors will be given at a later date.

### FLAT WANTED

Young married Christian couple require furnished or unfurnished house or flat in Liverpool (Sydney) area, from approximately June 6th. Have no children or pets. Please contact W. Horne, 19 Third Ave., Rosebud, Vic. 3939.

The Centre of Queensland's Sunshine Coast  
70 miles north of Brisbane,



A SPECIAL WELCOME TO INTERSTATE CHURCH MEMBERS

## DRIVE-IN EASTER SERVICE

What began as a routine investigation of the possibility of a combined Easter service resulted in 1800 attending the district Easter Service at the Shepparton Drive-In theatre on Good Friday night.

The offer of the use of the Drive-In facilities was quickly accepted by the Salvation Army and Church of Christ. The other member churches of the Fraternal co-operated and the event was advertised as a combined presentation.

Capt. Barry Shearer (Salvation Army), Louis Van Larr (Church of Christ), and Leigh Wilson (High School Chaplain) planned the service which was bright, involving sight, sound and spoken word. The meditations, hymns, items, and two four minute sermonettes were channelled through the sound system so that people

### Victory for Women's Lib

The women's liberation movement has brought about a change in the theme of the 13th Baptist World Congress to be held in Stockholm, July 8-13, 1975. At Virginia (USA), the Baptist World Alliance administrative subcommittee accepted a motion that the theme should be changed from "New Men for a New World - Through Christ" to read "New People for a New World - Through Christ". The change is of significance chiefly in the English language where the word "men" is interpreted not only as meaning mankind but as denoting particularly the male sex.

- E.P.S.

### Filipino Gives Up Hope

After 460 days in prison in which no charge was placed against him, Filipino lawyer Carmen I. Diokno has told his lawyer to drop his petition for a writ of habeas corpus. He took this action after five of the six Supreme Court justices in Manila had taken an oath to support the new constitution. Previously they had maintained that the constitution was not validly ratified under martial law. Stating that the five justices are men of firm convictions, Mr Diokno wrote his lawyer: "When even they took this oath, I knew I could no longer hope that the voice of conscience would make itself heard in my case."

- E.P.S.

### CROSS WAYS.

Neil Gilmore, President of the A.C.C., and minister of our Ainslie church, A.C.T., will speak on the ABC Radio programme Cross Ways on Friday May 24, 8.30 p.m. (9.45 p.m. in S.A.) The programme deals with The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which begins on May 23.

### GIFT TO BROTHERHOOD

(Melb.) The Vic.-Tas. Conference Executive gratefully acknowledges an anonymous gift of \$55.

could remain in their cars. There followed a 15 minute break with gospel music by a local group and then the film "Gospel Road" starring Johnny Casy was screened.

All costs were met by the churches and no offering was taken. Costs were minimal because of many donated services including extensive press and radio advertising.

Among the immediate results, the Drive-In offered facilities for Christmas night, the group "New Life" were asked to perform every Sunday night at the Drive-In, people who had not intended to attend church did so on Sunday morning, and hundreds of people testified to an inspiring good news celebration.

## WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

**THE ELECTIONS.** This journal is not an ordinary newspaper with financial axes to sharpen or political biases to display. With the preacher in the local pulpit we minister to folk of various political allegiances. Whatever our personal attitudes may be, in the journal we are politically neutral.

Our prime concern is for the spiritual well-being of man, as an individual and as a part of society. But the Christian cannot isolate himself from the rest of society and he cannot evade his political responsibilities. He is a part of the nation, and the nation must have government. The Christian voter should use his ballot paper to bring the greatest good to the greatest number.

We are cynical enough to believe that this election was forced upon us, not because a morally outraged opposition rose to the defence of the people and democratic institutions, but because it is now politically expedient and advantageous for them to do what they had the power to do through the life of the last Parliament.

The Gair business was a sorry happening. It was a shabby trick, a shabby trick that was bungled. It reflects little credit upon the Prime Minister and his colleagues, and even less upon Vincent Gair. Foolish and underhanded it was, but it hardly qualifies as some peak of political skulduggery. We wouldn't have to dig far into political history to discover equally shady deals by all of the major parties with political rivals being eliminated by promotion to the Bench, to Governships, or to Office of some High Commission.

The Senate played a role quite different from its recognised Constitutional position as a house of review on behalf of the States. The Senate is now an obvious extension of the political parties of the House of Representatives, where the Senate vote almost invariably follows the party line.

But we shall be led into disaster if those elected by this nation to govern (no matter which party they own or owns them) are under continual threat to be taken to the polls every time the Opposition has the numbers in the Senate to thwart the Government of the day.

It will be a good thing if one major party or the other has a clear majority in both Houses, for only then can it effectively govern.

The Leaders are busy making promises and we, the voters, have the responsibility of using our pencils to say what we think is best for the country, not just what is best for us as individuals. If we are Christian, our responsibility is even greater, because of our concern for our neighbour.

We have our problems, whether to vote for this party even though we don't like it's local representative, or to vote for this man or woman even if we don't like some things for which his party stands.

We must do the best we can with what we have. If we send weak or unworthy representatives to Canberra, we shall surely finish up with a weak and unworthy government.

The young voter cannot be commended the other day for saying "I'm going to cross out all of their names, and write 'Jesus Christ.'" If he does that his vote counts for nothing at all. But it does express a point of view that will find its only practical fulfilment in the sending of men and women who have a Christian concern for truth, justice, dignity—and people.

**CORRECTION** In White Papers, last issue, Sir Reginald Sholl was referred to as a Roman Catholic. This was an error. Sir Reginald is and always has been an Anglican and is advocate to the Diocese of Melbourne. We apologise for the mistake.

**ACCIDENTAL LIFESAVERS** For decades, temperance workers and churchmen have been blaming alcohol for week-end death and violence. Last week there was a strike by hotel workers. The hotels were shut. Only one death on the roads was reported and Victoria's police said they had one of their quietest ever weekends. The implications of this should be plain for any responsible person to see, yet so great is the financial return from alcohol that its promotion is still seen in every area of the communications media as though it added something to the quality of life instead of being life-destroying. And the advertising counts as a tax deduction.

It made sense when the recent annual conference of the Vic. Temperance Alliance passed a resolution recommending "that the Australian Government no longer allow expenditure on advertising of any form of alcoholic liquor, tobacco or other dependency producing drug to be claimed as a taxation deduction."

Government reluctance to do anything but encourage the purveyors of alcohol is seen in its failure to implement its own decisions. In Nov. 1968 it passed the Alcohol and Drug Dependent Persons Act, but the Act has not yet been proclaimed. In 1973 it passed a bill for Compulsory Blood Alcohol tests of all Road Accident Victims, but the law is not yet operating. The alliance rightly claims that the Victorian Government has not taken one positive step to build safety fences around our greatest social problems.

**GOOD GRIEF!!** Two contenders for election honours met in Melbourne the other day. Mr. Universe, 18½ stone, 6'3" tall, and a 60 inch chest, was here for the Mr. Southern Hemisphere title. Hare Krishna monk Sabhapati Das (Philip Scott) is standing for the House of Representatives seat of Melbourne in the forthcoming election.

The monk told the strong man "You think you are this body." "I am this body" said Arnold Schwarzenegger, and I quote you my fellow Austrian, Dr. Sigmund Freud, that all spiritual beliefs are sublimations of body pleasure." "No," said the monk, "the Bhagavad Gita makes us realise that the soul is reality and the body mere dust."

He then challenged Mr. Universe to come to Bourke St. and chant 'Hare Krishna' for six hours. Mr. Universe gave the monk a gymnasium card and said, "I'll chant with the Krishnas for three hours if you join us on the barbells for the other three hours. Sabhapati Das said, "You must be crazy!" and left the room!!!

### BOOK WEEK BOOK REVIEW

#### BIBLE STORIES RETOLD

By David Kossoff \$1.00.

For those who have heard his recorded reading of bible stories, the publication of this collection of stories as retold by the brilliant David Kossoff has brought great excitement. Whilst written for children from about 6 to 12 years old, one suspects that the adult reader experiences as much enjoyment as the youngster when opportunity presents itself to read to them. The style is one which, to date, only Kossoff seems to have mastered successfully: light-hearted, extremely amusing whilst being factual and sincere. All stories in this collection are from the Old Testament.

The retelling of the Jonah incident, in Kossoff style, is a classic.

-K.R.M.

(See also Pages 14 and 15)

### Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"No, I'm not a doctor — but I'm a preacher, in case any marriages are needed!"

# THE BAPTIST BOOK STORE SHARES IN CHURCHES OF CHRIST BOOK WEEK—MAY 19-26

## —RECOMMENDED BOOKS—

### THE EMERGING CHURCH

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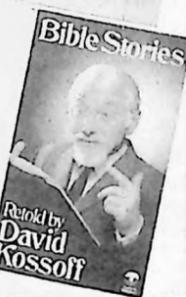
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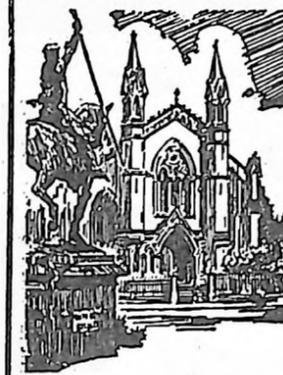
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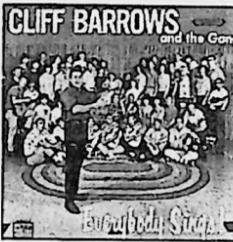
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**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**CONFERENCE EXCHANGE** (Ascot Park, R. J. Clymer). On Conference Sunday, April, in exchange of preachers, E. W. Heard was speaker. Mr. Clymer was at Clovelly Park. The evening meeting was closed to encourage support for Town Hall rally . . . Judith Herriman has been baptised.

**VANS AND TENTS** (Murray Bridge, D. Kuhl). Caravans and tents dotted the camp site at Point Sturt for the week-end family camp. Mr. Kuhl led the studies on the theme "Thou-Art-Worthy". Food for the body was organised by N. and B. Coleman (this was also worthy!). P. Thomson and K. Britten led the children's sessions. An impromptu concert was led by G. Howell . . . The church farewelled D. Allen who spent most of her life here, and has retired to Glenelg . . . C.W.F. led morning service for Harvest Thanksgiving. Goods were sent to church home . . . E. Long has graduated from crutches to walking stick. Mrs. Rae Thomson is in hospital. Mrs. Johnson left hospital for a day to celebrate her 80th birthday. Mrs. I. Thompson is ill.

**FOR OTHERS** (Forestville, M. Munyard). C.W.F. had successful year with projects for Duindui Mission Field and Aborigines . . . Guest speaker on March 17 was Miss Robyn Haskell from H.M. Dept . . . Brian Cutts, Geoff Beard, Joyce Smith and Stella Francis took part in a Lay Witness Mission at Fullarton . . . Wycliffe Bible Translators visited prayer meeting on April 3 . . . Mr. Munyard was song leader at Bordertown church mission. N. Kingston took services here.



**TASMANIA**

**DEATH OF ELDER** (Hobart, D.E. Stewart) The church has been deeply saddened by the death of one of its elders, Walter Rushton. A large crowd attended his funeral service on April 22 . . . Following the Church Family Camp where the studies centered on "The Lord's Supper", a special Easter Thursday Upper Room Service was held at 10 p.m. Church members also participated in the combined Good Friday Service in Wesley Methodist Church at which about 750 were present . . . A new Junior Youth program has been started. Rod Cooper has been appointed S.A. Supt. Creche and Kindergarten operate at both the morning services . . . In a recent afternoon ladies raised over \$100 towards Life Line Hobart . . . In the Hobart church, St. John's Presbyterian Church conducted a baptism by immersion recently . . . The minister has been appointed President of the Hobart Branch of the Tasmanian Council of Churches.



**VICTORIA**

**AGAINST WANT** (Preston/East Preston, J. Manallack, R. Risson). Twenty-one people from our two churches were in Walk Against Want . . . T.V. Weir and G. J. Crossman were guest speakers . . . About 20 young people met at the Stirlings one Sunday night to discuss liberation, personal discovery and expression . . . Preston C.W.F. raised \$75 at a street stall. Mrs. V. Morrison was speaker at East Preston C.W.F. . . Good Companions Clubs shared with other clubs in Annual Field Day hike and picnic . . . Shirley and Don MacDonald showed slides of their overseas trip to Preston C.W.A.F. \$10 was raised for Golden Bag appeal.

**NEW AT BRIAR HILL** (R. Baxter) Seven new members were welcomed into church recently . . . Group 13 held a discussion on Jonathan Livingstone Seagull . . . Two S.S. camps were held at West Rosebud. Ten members of Youth 1 and two teachers, and twelve intermediates, and four leaders . . . Robert Pfeifer was a recent preacher.

**COMBINED SERVICE** (Caulfield). Combined Caulfield churches meeting in our chapel on Good Friday were addressed by A. Dunstan, Hawthorn Rd., Methodist . . . Barclay Singers of Mordialloc provided programme for A.W.F. birthday on April 18 . . . The Revelation singing group took service on April 21. D. Bails was recent speaker . . . C.W.F. joined W.C.T.U. in visiting "Curraweena Homes", providing programme and afternoon tea . . . Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Elbourne in death of her brother . . . Mrs. F. Buckingham is ill.

**EXPLORERS BEGIN** (Kaniva, B. W. Brown) Neil Macdonald is the chief leader of the new Boys' Explorer Club . . . Good Companions is now led by Mrs Lorna Hunter . . . C.Y.F. arranged Harvest Thanksgiving Display. Goods were shared between local hospital and Social Service Dept. . . A. J. Williams was re-elected board chairman . . . Manse fund established with moneys received from a bequest and a special gift . . . Planned S.S. picnic in Big Desert on Old Macdonald's Farm transferred to Miram Hall because of rain.

**EXPLORER FILM** (Thornbury, G. J. Crossman) At combined C.M.F. with Croxton Methodists, Les Stewart was speaker and the film "New Zealand Adventure" was screened . . . Our Section 2 tennis team won the final by only game from Ivanhoe Baptists . . . Monthly Elderly Citizens' Fellowship continues to be well attended.

**FAMILY CAMP** (Morwell, D. A. V. Thomas) Twenty-five attended a Church Family Camp at Banksia, March 22-24 . . . The annual church picnic was at Moondara Reservoir after 10 a.m. family service on April 6. After Bar-B-Q lunch and games an open-air service was held . . . At C.W.F. evening 11 ladies joined in "Bring & Buy" night. Mrs Joan Skerry is pres., and Mrs Lois White is sec.



**QUEENSLAND**

**FELLOWSHIP CAMP** (Ann St., Brisbane, L. G. Armstrong). Annual Family Fellowship Camp at Caloundra had Ken Wiltshire, Lecturer in Aust. Politics & Admin., Qld. Univ., and Mr. Armstrong as study leaders. Miss Lorna Kickbush, Mrs. A. Files, and Mrs. L. Holmes provided the meals. Eric Hart, Qld. Social Services Director, preached on April 7. Mr. Armstrong led the combined Easter service with the City Congregational Church on Good Friday. Rev. T. Reece Thomas gave the address . . . Mr. Armstrong has accepted a further three year extension from expiration of present term . . . The Ann St. C.W.F. have given generously to various causes and also made a substantial financial donation to the Board of Officers. They recently visited the Shaftesbury Centre with the Director, Allan Male.

**SPRINGWOOD'S FIRST** Roger Foletta is minister of this newly formed church on the outskirts of Brisbane. He has successfully negotiated the purchase of a block of land, opposite the site for the church, where Mr and Mrs Foletta plan to build their home. The church is presently meeting in the home of Mr and Mrs Doug Willis. The first baptismal service was held on the banks of the Logan River, near Loganholme. Two were baptised. 60 people witnessed the baptisms.

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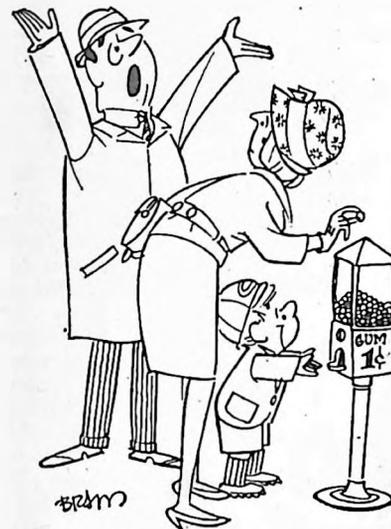
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