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BETHANY HOME FAREWELLS MORFFEWS



Overseas Missions Chairman retires

Sir Philip Messent has retired as Chairman of the Overseas Mission Board. The Brotherhood is deeply indebted to Sir Philip for the valuable contribution he has made to Overseas Missions in serving in this capacity. Sir Philip was appointed to the Federal Overseas Mission Board in November 1940 filling the vacancy left by A. J. Gard who resigned for health reasons. In July 1942 Sir Philip was appointed Chairman following the death of A. L. Read.

In the Overseas Missions Report to the Federal Conference held in Sydney 1944, it was stated that, "Dr. P. S. Messent was unanimously elected as Chairman and out of a very busy professional life, gives much valuable time to the problems of the work."

This has been true of Sir Philip throughout the 34 years he served with

the Overseas Mission Board. He has, while leading a busy professional life, devoted his time and energy to the work of Overseas Missions. The Overseas Mission Board, on behalf of the Brotherhood, pays tribute to Sir Philip, and expresses deep appreciation for the leadership he has given. His consecrated life is an inspiration to Board Members, Missionaries and National Workers. By way of recognition for his devoted service, the Board has appointed Sir Philip as a Member Emeritus of the Federal Overseas Mission Board.

Sincere appreciation is also expressed to his wife, Lady May, for the way she has supported her husband in this important ministry. Recognition was made of the service rendered by Sir Philip and Lady May Messent, at a Brotherhood Rally at the Unley Church on Dec. 10, when Mr. and Mrs. Powell were welcomed home from India.

\$300,000 AID —AND RELIEF—

On behalf of its twelve member churches, the Australian Council of Churches forwarded in Dec. a cheque for \$322,385 to the World Council of Churches for expenditure on 17 different items. The major items were relief aid for the drought ravaged countries of the Sahel Kenya, Ethiopia and Sudan; and aid for rehabilitation programmes in Bangladesh.

Other items included the forwarding of monies raised by three Force 10 projects earlier this year—\$15,663 for slum improvement in Calcutta, India; \$10,149 for rebuilding the Provincial hospital at Hai Duong in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, and \$10,056 support for the work of the Selango Industrial Mission in Malaysia.

The Australian churches are able to give this support to those in need overseas as a result of generous giving to the Christmas Bowl Appeal of the A.C.C. and support through such agencies as Force 10.

—A.C.C.

N.S.W. training classes

At the request of the Hurstville Church the N.S.W. dept. of Men's Work conducted classes at that centre for the St. George and East Hills District Churches of Christ. Average attendance was 32.

The subjects were chosen to help in reading, presiding, praying, and in chairmanship and debate. Mrs. Rae Freckelton and Mrs. Jan Baker presented lectures on voice production and elocution, with emphasis placed on the importance of scripture readings.

Harry Borham dealt with presiding at The Lord's Table stressing the need to convey a worshipful atmosphere to those who took on this task, and to remember to "do your best, let God do the rest."

Peter Pitts made a thorough examination of the part prayer takes in the communion service, and outlined each section: opening prayer, thanks for emblems, prayers of the church, benediction, as well as the importance of a member's individual prayer life.

Ron Hewitt explained the duties of a Chairman, motions and amendments, followed by a practical demonstration.

Pam Nutt concluded the series with "Formal Debate."

—L. C. Yelds

"OUTDOOR-OUTREACH" (Victor Harbor, J. Luff) This is the Victor Harbor foreshore Sunday evening services with films, held each year during January . . . Dean Stringer was appointed Pres. of Senior C.Y.F. . . . Three of our young people have gone on a working holiday to our Aborigines Mission at Norseman . . . Three of our young people were recently baptized.

INNER SPRINGS

Dreams take time

If there were dreams to sell
What would you buy?
Some cost a passing bell
Some a light sigh,

That shakes from life's fresh crown
Only a rose leaf clown
If there were dreams to sell
What would you buy?

An even more searching question is: How much are you prepared to pay for your dreams? For they don't just happen, neither do they happen overnight. There may be many years of waiting and many adversities before their fulfilment.

In her autobiography, Fay Inchfawn, writer of many beautiful books, tells of her own experience. "In the late Autumn of 1920 'The Verse Book of a Homely Woman' went out into the world. I received six presentation copies by post. There it was! A small unpretentious volume. My first book. The book of which I had dreamed before I was a teenager. I was now thirty-nine years old. The dream of my heart had been granted".

And I can tell a similar story. Only a very small girl when I first longed to write, much was to happen before my dream would be realised. The loss of one parent, a broken home, poverty, the denial of a higher education and the nursing career I had set my heart on. Followed years of uncongenial work, loneliness, the death of my remaining parent and much more that must remain personal. And in the matter of time, over forty years.

Dreams take time! And the One who had the noblest dream of all? Where was He for the greater part of His life? In an obscure village, at the carpenter's bench faithfully doing his appointed task. Nineteen centuries have come and gone and still He waits for the fulfilment of His Dream. If your dream has the purposes of God in it, and you have the will to work, and the faith and patience to wait then its realization will never be too late.

PRAYER:

Loving Father, you have given to us the ability to dream. Grant us also the determination to work, and the willingness to be guided by Thee to bring our dreams to fulfilment. Amen.

Florence Rosier

CYCLONE TRACY HITS

DARWIN CHURCHES

BY RAMON
WILLIAMS



All that remains of Christ Church Cathedral

Christmas Eve the inhabitants of Darwin had been listening to cyclone warnings all day, but as the evening wore on they came to realise this was not the usual "false alarm". Reports differ, according to location throughout the city, but by 11.30 p.m. everyone had stopped mopping up water from floors and started preparing for "something stronger".

Cyclone Tracy brought havoc and disaster such as has never been seen on Australian soil. The first rush of wind, described as the "sound of an express train", or "a jet which couldn't seem to take off", reached speeds of between 130-140 miles per hour. With it came the rain. Between 15 to 20 inches fell during the total period of 6-7 hours. The eye of the cyclone meant an uncanny calm and was followed by the "other side", which meant winds of 150-200 miles per hour. In many cases it was this second onslaught which did the most damage.

Many residents said it was far better to have everything happening in the dark of night, so that they couldn't see the complete sheets of aluminium and galvanised iron cutting through trees and being completely wrapped around power poles.

The same power poles, in many cases made of twin lengths of 6" RSJ steel, were bent at right angles, at ground level. Other power poles of a lighter construction, were even twisted and knotted as well as being levelled.

Trees were uprooted, complete with the surrounding grass which formed a 6 feet square carpet around the roots. Cars thrown as if they were toys. Windows exploded before the force of the wind. Paper, leaves and even aeroplanes were hurled with such power that they became part of the surface where they stopped. One plane could not be separated from the hanger on to which it was thrown in a vertical position. One tiny piece of paper was even forced on to a car windscreen and upwards between the rubber seal and the glass.

People meanwhile were trying to take refuge wherever possible. They had been advised to head for bathrooms, laundries,

under tables or beds. One man couldn't reach his bathroom in time. The next morning he found a piece of 4" X 2" timber, forced through one brick wall, across the bathroom at a height of 4 feet, then through the other wall.

One family couldn't go under their beds, so sat under their table, singing praises to their Lord. Next morning found their bedroom gone, likewise the beds, but they were able to step out of the shambles, climb down their roof's framework to the ground.

Many spoke of praying as they had never done before. Some even cursed God for what he was doing, while others praised him for his faithfulness in every situation . . . even a cyclone.

Christ Church Cathedral had been close to the harbour area and had been built of solid, hewn stone. All that remains is the front wall and back wall. In between is a pile of broken, hewn stone.

The United Church, a well-known tourist attraction and seen on many souvenir postcards, has many broken sheets of glass, no glass in the front doors and sections of roofing have lifted. Trees have been flattened and one crashed into the front right hand corner of the building. Vandals stole portion of the book supply in the foyer, ripped covers off other books and even tore some into pieces. In the midst of the debris was one book, "Learning From Living". Many deep lessons were learnt through this ordeal.

The only deaths reported amongst church members were of United Church personnel. Brian Williams of New Zealand, secretary of the Uniting Church, lost his wife and 17 months old daughter. Dr. P. Mecklin, a member of the church, was also killed during the first few hours.

Sunday morning services of the United Church and Christ Church Cathedral, were held in the United Church building.

Further down Smith Street, the Roman Catholic Cathedral continued its services, despite large gaping holes in the roof and walls. Water, leaflets and chairs mixed together at the rear of the Cathedral. Fallen roofing blocked side

doors in one section and trees had to be skirted in the grounds.

Heading out of town, the Darwin Baptist Church was obviously damaged in one corner, with portion of the hostel roofing also missing. The book room avoided serious damage as did the house of the Homes Trust personnel.

A member of the Baptist Church, Trevor Ambrose from Adelaide, was evacuated with internal injuries. Rev. Lloyd Kent said "We were poised for substantial advance in the Darwin area, but now we need to review our whole future here. There is little of our constituency left, if any!"

Not only are people hard to find, but also personal possessions. In one church a minister arrived in one of his two changes of clothing left, and had to request pen and paper from anyone who owned them, so as to prepare the hymn numbers. Humour still abounds however, for the suggestion was made, "Should we sing 'It came upon a midnight clear'?" The cyclone struck around midnight!

The Aborigines Inland Mission's Retta Dixon Home for Aboriginal children, is only a shell of its former complex. Two of the cottages of eight are still "habitable"—even though end rooms may have no roofs left. Staff cottages at the rear of the property are split wide open. A lady worker's thong was whipped out of her room and found near the front fence, over 500 yards away.

The recreation hall has completely gone.

Mr. Pattemore's family tried to hold one door closed during the cyclone, by pushing a refrigerator against it, and the piano against another door. The wind blew both in without any trouble, causing a tug-of-war between manpower and the elements. The elements won that round, but could not dampen their spirits—they sang praises until morning.

Boxing Day, the Welfare Department notified Mr. Pattemore, the superintendent, that a bus would be supplied to drive the children and staff to

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DARWIN CYCLONE APPEAL

Christmas Day 1974 will long be remembered with extreme heartbreak, deep sorrow and a great sense of loss particularly by the citizens of Darwin who suffered in the devastating cyclone "Tracy" on that tragic morning.

We thank all who have forwarded food and clothing through the Salvation Army as arranged by the writer. We are also grateful to those who have advised this Office about emergency accommodation as requested in our phone calls to most Victorian churches. Some have sent financial help, and we thank you.

One problem will be the need of finance after emergency help is given which seems to be readily available. There will be a great need to restore property, and replace their possessions when persons and families begin to rehabilitate. In view of this, we therefore launch a nation-wide appeal to our churches. This

BIBLES FOR DARWIN

The Bible Society in Australia is replacing Bibles lost by individuals and churches when cyclone Tracy hit Darwin at Christmas.

The Society has undertaken to provide free Bibles to any person who lost a Bible in the disaster, and will replenish Bible stocks lost by churches.

The provision of replacement Scriptures in Darwin is being handled by the Society's representative there, Canon Barry Butler. People evacuated from Darwin can have their Bibles replaced by contacting the Bible Society offices in any of the States.

Commonwealth Secretary of the Bible Society in Australia, the Reverend James Payne, said a Bible was often a person's most precious possession and the Society was happy to replace Bibles lost in the cyclone.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY EXPELLED

The Rev. George Ogle, 45, a Methodist missionary in South Korea for 20 years, left Seoul, Korea, Dec. 14, hours after receiving a deportation order from the Ministry of Justice. He is the first foreign missionary to be expelled.

Some 100 Western and Korean religious leaders and other friends gathered at the airport to bid him farewell, some of them singing hymns. His wife and four children, who were allowed to remain in Korea, were not allowed to speak to him as he boarded a Korean Airlines plane for Los Angeles.

The Justice Ministry said Mr. Ogle had "disrupted social order by engaging in illegal agitation and demonstration calling

appeal could remain open for some weeks to enable those who are on vacation to participate when they return.

The proceeds from this appeal will be distributed in at least two ways—firstly to the United Church in Darwin (where some 20–25 Church of Christ members worship) and then through our State Departments of Social Service for those who will re-establish themselves away from Darwin.

Members of your church are urged to give to such a worthwhile appeal. Cash donations of \$2.00 and over will be tax deductible but the name and address of the donor must be advised for the issue of a separate receipt.

Kindly forward all monies DIRECT to: The Director, Churches of Christ Department of Social Service, in your own State, and clearly identify as "Churches of Christ in Australia Darwin Cyclone Appeal".

F. M. COMBRIDGE

• QUEENSLAND

AVENELL HEIGHTS EXPANDS

The Church at Avenell Heights had chronic need for expanded facilities and the members decided to consolidate church property and plan for future development. The first stage of this plan included the resiting of our wooden chapel across the road on to our large allotment and we rejoice that this has now been accomplished.

Obstacles! Four enormous mango trees whose roots gripped almost every square foot of the land to be removed and after many hours of toil in the hot sun, the men were not far advanced, still four trees standing. God wonderfully provided equipment, (Bulldozer, truck and

forklift) at no cost to the fellowship and from folk not associated with the Church. "Ask and ye shall receive".

Russell Cobine, church secretary, has directed the procedures and has been well assisted by the men of the church on Saturdays and also after work. The removalists did a fine job also and the building was taken across the road in a very smooth operation and has now been placed on a brick base with a toilet block being built. During the time of the removal rain held up the project and as a fellowship we were without a building in which to worship. We were provided with buildings to hold our meetings for four weeks. God once again supplied our needs, also all the materials needed were available exactly when required.

Future plans have been drawn to erect a new chapel on the front of the allotment to accommodate the church for worship and for BS. The church is in a very responsive suburban area with many children attending our BS and Youth Clubs.

BEACH MISSIONS (Horsham, R. T. Roberts) Several members are engaged in beach missions over the holidays . . . B. S. presented a P. S. A. on Dec. 15 with S. Hince of Warracknabeal as guest speaker. Several members took part in a Christmas service at night. The Christmas morning service included a children's story by Mrs Hovey . . . Mr Roberts conducted funeral service at Dimboola church for Edward Martin of Pimpino.

CHURCH WOMEN RECEIVE GOVT. GRANT

The Australian Council of Churches (NSW) Commission on the status of Women has received a grant of \$30,000 from the Australian Government for a 1975 International Women's Year Programme. The commission has proposed a programme on the theme "Towards a Whole Community".

Miss Jean Skuse, Executive Secretary of the A.C.C. N.S.W. Council, said, "We are delighted to receive this grant from the Government as it will enable us to work further with the problems our recent inquiry into the Status of Women in the church revealed.

"In planning our participation in International Women's Year, we are seeking to contribute something to the possible wholeness of the Australian community. In particular we plan to focus on changing the attitudes which limit the role of women in the church and society."

This grant is one of the 12 announced by the Australian Government earlier this week to help finance activities during International Women's Year.

SENATOR GREENWOOD AT EAST KEILOR



FORMER Attorney General Senator Ivor Greenwood publicly declared his faith in Jesus Christ when he visited the church.

"I'm on the side of the Christian church," he said.

"I'm a Christian because I find it's a help in moments of stress."

He unshamefully expressed his standard of Christian principle.

He also said that he was apprehensive about coming to the church and saw my invitation to him as a courageous decision.

He then went on to say the Church should stay out of politics. When the Church aligned itself with a political party it alienated many other people.

He said people of all persuasions should be able to worship in the same church. Senator Greenwood was critical

of the 70 church leaders who came out in favour of a political party at the last elections.

The panel and the audience questioned the Senator on the Family Law Bill, overseas aid, the behaviour of politicians and his Christian principles in politics. He was challenged on his liberal philosophy producing selfishness in a profit-producing society. Senator Greenwood said selfishness is inevitable in any society and this is where the Church should be striving.

Throughout the evening there was no mistaking the warmth of the Senator.

Ken Wheeler, the Speaker for the State Legislative Assembly, was in the audience."

Senator Greenwood is a member of the Church of Christ at Hartwell, Vic.

—S. DOWNIE,

education but the parents were of the opinion that the project classes would be far more successful if taken at home in their own environment. Unless some type of classes were implemented we would be faced with idle school leavers who could benefit from such facilities. The study also included adult natives to see if they could not only gain from adult education but also be employed as instructors for certain types of crafts and also to see if something could be done to slow down the fast disintegrating framework of the native culture which is experiencing such dramatic and traumatic change in the life not only of the individual but also within the society of the Warburton tribes as a whole.

The findings of the study were interesting. It was evident that there was a need to do something and to do it as quickly as possible. The young people were interested in this type of education for something to do. It could relieve tensions within the community in that young people could gain a sense of achievement and responsibility which could then be used to benefit the community as a whole. Hidden talents were found pertaining to craft making which, with the right encouragement, could be used beneficially not only as a source of income but also as a way of enriching the cultural life of the people.

As the Warburton community grows, as indeed it must, there will be a need for young people to be trained in the basic skills of running a community if ever they are to be a self-supporting indigenous society. There was a favourable response to the idea of project classes from all sectors of the Warburton Centre.

However, it appears that whatever happens at Warburton Ranges in the future in regard to project education, it MUST find its expression as early as possible within the life and labour requirements of the entire community. Anything less than this could once again lead to frustration and indecision bringing with it its fruits of degradation and shame.

• ABORIGINES MISSIONS

WARBURTON EDUCATION PROBLEMS

A feature that developed from our liaison work from Norseman Mission during the year 1974 was the evolution of project classes for students at high school who could not reach an academic level.

Most of our aboriginal children, particularly from the Warburton Ranges, were included in these classes, which were designed to help provide an outlet for talents not otherwise used and assist in helping children feel that they were capable of achieving some degree of efficiency in certain fields.

During the last term, concern was expressed over the dismal failure of the Warburton Education venture into the Goldfields and it was finally resolved that we write to the Minister of Education and

all other related bodies to the effect that although we are not refusing to take Warburton children, we were only prepared to take these children at the express wish of the parents in front of the children. This had come about by the large percentage of Warburton children opting out of project classes.

Because of all this, a feasibility study into secondary school projects and adult education projects was taken at the Warburton Ranges by Michael George and Kevin Pittard of Adult Aboriginal Education, Ron Abbott of "Bamburra" Hostel, Yokine, and Alan Pallett, Norseman Training Centre Liaison Officer.

The young people, it was found, were definitely interested in this type of

SEMINAR WILL REVIEW TEMPERANCE ACTION

A National Seminar on the future of the Temperance Movement in Australia is to be held on March 4 under the auspices of Ansvar Insurance Company.

Well-known psychologists and social workers, as well as full-time temperance and church leaders from most Australian States will participate. A session on trends and developments of the temperance movement overseas will be addressed by Gunnar Nelker, of Sweden.

Seminar members will evaluate temperance activity in the past, its present status and the course it should take in coming years.

Practical guide-lines for future action are expected to emerge from a series of workshop sessions to be conducted by experienced group leaders.

Further information on the seminar can be obtained from the offices of Ansvar Insurance Company.

MORFFEWS LEAVE BETHANY

The cover photo shows Cec. Neville, Past-President of Tasmanian Conference, presenting a cheque to Ray and Gwen Morffew. Dudley Hemmings, Chairman of Bethany Committee, is on the right.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Morffew were honoured at a function in Hobart on Dec. 15 to mark their retirement from the position of Superintendent and Matron of Bethany Childrens home at Lindisfarne.

Mr. and Mrs. Morffew took over as "parents" at the Home in 1955 when it was at Dover where it had been established by the Tasmanian Churches in 1947.

Not long after they took over, the home was moved to Lindisfarne.

B. Goodluck, the warden of Clarence Municipality, spoke on behalf of Community organisations, L. Masters on behalf of the Childrens' Homes Association, and the Past-President of Tasmania Conference, Cec. Neville, spoke for the churches and presented the Morffews with a cheque to mark the appreciation of the brotherhood for a job well done over a long period of time.

Mr Morffew said at the function that he and his wife had been "mum and dad" to 46 children who had passed through the Home since 1955. He said some of the "old boys" were now happily married with children of their own, ("grandchildren" to the Morffews).

There were more than 100 friends and supporters of Bethany present including "old boys", people from churches, and community and child welfare organisations.

Mr. and Mrs. Morffew left the Home after Christmas and are taking their long service leave in W.A. Until the new "parents", Mr. and Mrs. N. Carter, arrive in February the assistant Matron, Miss Shirley Byard, will be acting Matron.

SOUTH YARRA CHURCH OF CHRIST COME AND HEAR

3 p.m. P.S.A. Feb. 23

Guest Speaker:

**The Right Hon.
J. G. Gorton, M.P.**

FORMER PRIME MINISTER

OF AUSTRALIA

ALL WELCOME

SONGS OF FAITH

One of a series of half-hour television programmes, contributed by Churches of Christ in Perth, was telecast on Jan. 19 in Vic., N.S.W., and A.C.T. It will be shown in Qld. on Feb. 2 at 9.30 p.m.

The congregation was drawn from our Perth metropolitan churches. The director of music was Donald Cook, the organist was Ron Raymond, and Keith Robinson wrote the script. The programme has yet to be seen in Perth.

• NEW SOUTH WALES MINISTRY

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas

After service at Bowral over the last four years Mr. and Mrs. Colin Thomas relinquish their ministry with the church at the end of 1974. They are planning to settle in the district, at Bundanoon.

Mr. Plenderleith

Following a long and faithful record in preaching the Word, Mr. Ern Plenderleith is planning to retire and will shortly conclude his ministry with Earlwood.

New Ministries in N.S.W.

Among those who are taking up new ministries in churches in N.S.W. in 1975 are: Don Herbert (from Woolwich to Mt. Druitt), Bruce Nichols (from Woolwich to Bowral), Les Smith (from Woolwich to Narrabeena), R. Wegner (from Kenmore to Lismore), R. Risson (from Glen Iris to North Turramurra), W. Phillips (from Kenmore to Hamilton), and Richard Powell (from India to Inverell). Also Noel Flint commences a ministry at Padstow, E. Morrison begins with the church at Wyoming, and Dr. Lloyd Jones will take up ministry with Kingsford.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Roose

Mr. Roose, whose service at Enmore and with the N.S.W. Aborigines Committee is so well known, and also Mrs. Roose, who has served in the Brotherhood Bookroom, have taken up the work with the Federal Aborigines Mission Board, in the field of Norseman, WA.

SOUTH KOREA AFTER FORD'S VISIT BY PARIS HARVEY

Paris Harvey is secretary for Japan and functional secretary for Student World in the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. He visited Seoul and filed this special report for Japan Christian Activity News.

A mood of uncertainty and anxiety prevails in South Korea in the wake of President Ford's visit here. On the surface there is a continued relaxation of restraints against the press and the political opposition. Behind the surface calm, however, Korea's democratic forces express new fears of a gradual but relentless tightening of repression. One prominent political figure predicted this winter will see more harsh measures than 1974, when Park Chung Hee issued decrees calling for death sentences for dissenters:

The cause of the uneasiness is President Ford's visit and the lack of any evidence that the U.S. government put any pressure on Park to ease his repression. U.S. diplomatic sources had indicated in advance that Ford's visit would have three characteristics:

- (1) a strong re-affirmation of security commitments in defense in South Korea;
- (2) no public statement in support of Park; and
- (3) an appeal to Park to ease up on repression.

The first occurred as expected, and has become a ritual necessity in U.S.—Korean communiques. This year's communique was stronger than usual, however, probably to make up for imminent aid cuts proposed by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Another explanation is that the U.S. wanted to make the strongest possible statement leading up to the current United Nations debate on Korean defense.

The third element may have been dealt with in the summit conference, but there is no visible evidence in Seoul. The second element provided the real surprise, however. Instead of avoiding identification with Park, Ford seemingly went out of his way to praise the "progress and economic development" of South Korea, implying that he now better understood the rationale for Park's policies.

This last point has caused ripples of discouragement and even despair among Korea's intellectuals and forbodes a strong wave of anti-American sentiment. Students in particular are expressing deep bitterness over Ford's unnecessary display of enthusiasm for Park. They see it as a signal that U.S. policymakers care little or nothing about internal freedoms in South Korea so long as South Korea remains a source of cheap labour and remains divided from the North.

—C.C.A. News

THE GHETTO PEOPLE

BY GORDON STIRLING

Once upon a time there were some people who belonged to a certain Kingdom, but they were living in a foreign city. They were born in the city, as were their parents, and their parents' parents before them. But they did not really belong to the city nor did they intend to become integrated with its people. One of their common sayings was, "We have here no abiding city, but seek one to come." So they largely kept themselves in in a sort of Ghetto.

The Ghetto had walls, intangible ones, that the people had built around themselves. Mainly they only made friends with their own people. They tended to marry, play, entertain, and live out their lives in the Ghetto. They had their own religious celebrations, in their own buildings, for their own people, in their own traditional style. Their unwritten religious traditions and customs were clearly defined and seldom departed from. They even searched their sacred writings for sayings to support their religious folk ways.

SECRET FORMULA

Their King had intended them to take to all people, everywhere, a Secret Formula. This Secret Formula was said to change ordinary people into super-people, and it was supposed to enable them to live for ever. In deference to their King's wish, all their religious buildings bore a message inviting city dwellers to come inside to hear about the Secret Formula.

Their sacred writings clearly commissioned every one belonging to the Kingdom to pass on the Secret Formula by word of mouth in the streets and market places and homes of the city, person to person. But the Ghetto people found easier ways. One was to entice into their religious buildings, children and young people from the city. They instructed them in the tribal ways and morals of the Ghetto, entertained them and told them that there was a Secret Formula, and that when they were old enough they would be able to take it. . . if they attended an evening religious ceremony that was conducted on their sacred day. Not many city children stayed around long enough for this, as the Ghetto folk had neglected to tell the parents about the Secret Formula. The parents had the idea that the children went to the Ghetto to learn how to behave themselves, and not to discover some Secret Formula that would make them into super-people and cause them to live for ever.

MISSION TO THE CITY

From time to time, in public hall or tent, the Ghetto dwellers conducted a sort of cultural mission to the city to let city dwellers see what happens in Ghetto religious services. The Secret Formula was widely and openly talked about in these missions, albeit in Ghetto language. Some city folk in some mysterious way received insight into the Secret Formula and began taking it, and joined the Ghetto. Some were so renewed that they stayed. Some found that Ghetto religious ceremonies were so different from the mission that they fell away. Others were disillusioned that having taken the Secret Formula themselves, so few Ghetto folk seemed to be doing likewise. Ghetto people kept their rules and followed their traditions and dogmas . . . but the super-life implied in the Secret Formula seemed to have passed many of them by.

Ghetto dwellers did everything short of telling city people, person to person, about the Secret Formula. They invited them to the Ghetto celebrations, they dropped in their letterboxes tracts and leaflets advertising their religious rites, they used radio and T.V. and the press. They protested with great indignation when city dwellers thumbed their noses at Ghetto morals. They advertised the Secret Formula on car stickers, they wrote books about it, and they listened to discourses about it twice a week. And the cityfolk wondered how it was that the Ghetto people mounted such high pressure campaigns for a Secret Formula that so many of them did not seem to take themselves. Was there something wrong with it? Other city people wondered why, if the Ghetto dwellers were so anxious to give away the Secret Formula, that the only way to get it was by attending one of their religious ceremonies at a most inconvenient time of the week. It seemed that the Ghetto people would do everything but share the Secret Formula with people one by one, in city language and in places that city people frequent.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THEY TOOK IT?

However, a few Ghetto folk became curious about the Secret Formula. They wondered what would happen if they really took it instead of just talking about it. They wondered what the super-life would be like. And what would other Ghetto people think? After all, you followed the Ghetto traditions and religious folk ways and talked about the

Secret Formula . . . but whoever heard of any one taking it and keeping on taking it! Well, these venturesome souls took it and kept on taking it. They began to grow into super-people. As they grew they saw life differently, their family life was transformed and they found themselves filled with an overwhelming compassion for people. More than anything else they wanted to let everybody know about the Secret Formula. Indeed their city acquaintances were already asking about it.

"How did you get that way?"

"It's the Secret Formula; let me tell you about it."

"Isn't that the stuff the Ghetto's always on about? You've got to be joking!"

"It's for real. It's free. You can have it. It works. But you've really got to start taking it and keep on taking it."

"You just want me to give up my friends and my city ways, and take up Ghetto traditions and morals and start going to your religious ceremonies, and keep all your funny rules and regulations."

"Our King gives us no authority to ask you to do any of those things. He told us simply to let everybody know about the Secret Formula that makes people into super-people and enables them to live forever."

"But you do a lot of the Ghetto things!"

"Sure. After taking the Secret Formula you lose your taste for some city ways and you see some Ghetto things a bit differently. But that is up to you after you start taking the Secret Formula."

WHAT IS THE GHETTO FOR?

And there came a time when more and more Ghetto people, young and old, began to ask themselves and one another: "What is the Ghetto for?" The Spirit of their King began to move in many of them. At first a little timidly, and not without some apprehension, more and more of them began to take the Secret Formula and to share it with each other and with some of the city folk. And the invisible Ghetto walls began to break down and the Ghetto folk began to see the city people through new eyes of love and compassion instead of through the eyes of judgement and fear. And they began to follow their King's desire—to let every one know about the Secret Formula. And suddenly they knew what the Ghetto was for.

DIAGNOSIS & PRESCRIPTION

To the Editor,

I wish to commend the recent articles by G. Chapman, published in the "A.C." with regard to the position of Churches of Christ and the need for diagnosis and prescription.

To attribute "sleeping sickness" to 'unity programs' as A. C. Caldicott does (Open Forum Nov. 30) is all very well, but short-sighted and doctrinaire enthusiasm with exaggerated longings for the good old days, especially when it commends itself in the condemnation of the efforts of others, could also be a reason why churches, if built on this basis, eventually experience a loss of membership.

However, there is a danger in lack of identification and motivation and the desire for Christian unity is but one side of the coin; Positive evangelism, based on realistic convictions is the other. But we cannot hope to exist on the convictions of our forebears entirely and if our view of scripture is static, we are surely lost. Unfortunately we are not now people of the Book and unless some return to the scriptures, seen as containing a living, flexible entity, can be accomplished by the churches, all the persuasive preaching in the world will hardly suffice.

Should we not encourage scholarly, thoughtful and devoted men to guide our thinking? For if we are to continue with congregational government then at least

OPEN FORUM

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some deeper Biblically based theological insight among laymen and women is needed, if unity programs and evangelistic programs are to "get off the ground".

That a more thoroughgoing Christian education program should be examined by conference committees and church boards, based directly on the study of the Bible itself, is a proposition to be treated urgently.

—Darrell K. Thoday S.A.

there is no need for sniffing out possible N.T. identification with Presbyterians and Congregationalists since Campbell settled that long ago. We are an embodiment of all these partisan groups, viz, we have congregational government of the Congregationalists, eldership of the Presbyterians, immersion akin to Baptists, method of the Methodists, salvation of the Salvationists etc. Let's get on with the job, the Bible way, and toss out the Nicene Creed with all other Creeds.

Arnold C. Caldicott, Qld.

BAPTISM

To the Editor,

If Gordon Stirling had quoted me correctly, he would have said, "baptism for the remission of sins, preceded by repentance" which is the substance of Acts 2:38. The forum restricts correspondents to 250 words, and one cannot write at length. However, it was refreshing to have his endorsement of the plan of salvation to which I say a hearty Amen. To which many who are doctrinally "Baptist" in our midst can well take note. Further to the real issue

"BAPTISM FOR REMISSION"

To the Editor,

With reference to Gordon Stirling's letter, "A.C." 16.12.74, I ask the question: Did Peter make a mistake on the day of Pentecost when the people asked "What shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). Peter's reply, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38), surely conveys the thought that repentance and baptism in the name of Jesus is for this purpose (remission of sins).

Although I would not preach baptismal regeneration I would quote Paul's account of his encounter with Ananias (Acts 22). Paul quotes Ananias "And now, why tarriest thou? arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

Did not our Lord say, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." (Mark 16).

I was sorry to see the "birth notice" (?) on the cover of "AC", 16.12.74. "Joseph, and Mary, Bethlehem, a son, Jesus." Such a notice could give the impression that Joseph was the actual, factual father of our Lord.

J. W. Smail, Vic.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

WHAT IF HE CAME!

To the Editor,

I was taking my turn as doorkeeper on Sunday morning. The P.A. system had failed and I was left silent in the foyer with my thoughts. We had just greeted a visitor. I fell to wondering what would happen if Jesus visited our church, in the flesh.

We'd do the right thing by him. Three smiles, three handshakes, and a hymn book in quick succession, as he came in. We wouldn't stare at his beard and long hair as we would have done five years ago. "Will you please sign the visitor's book?" A handy way to make sure visitors get a welcome from the platform, and for the minister to pick up newcomers. You don't ask him his name. You read it as he writes it. "Mr. Godson! G-O-D-S-O-N . . . that's how you spell it? Yes it is an unusual name? Your address? No fixed address at the moment! Through this door please. Glad to have you with us." If he were a little late we'd find the hymn for him. If we were seated we'd pull our knees back and let him pass our favorite seat. We'd even give him the option of the sole use of three or four rows up the front. The president would make it clear that he is welcome to his own table. We don't "fence" it against the unknown as we used to. After the service he'd rate at least a dozen faint smiles and as many handshakes, and a few comments on the weather. We're a friendly church! The minister would give his usual expansive smile and glad welcome, secure in the knowledge that he could check his address in the visitor's book if living locally.

I wondered if we would find out who he really was before he steered a course through the broad-backed islands of mutual interest in the foyer and church yard and went on his way.

Then I realised that he does visit us every Sunday, in the person of every visitor and every newcomer. Except that in this form he is too polite to say as he once said to Zaccheus, "Make haste and come down, for today I must abide at thy house."

TERTIUS

THE CROSS

To the Editor,

M. F. Laube ("A.C." 16-12-74), almost accuses us of repudiating Jesus, and following some other blokes! But I'm 'with him' on a couple of things. The Bible doesn't say that the Cross saved us. Neither do we. He was taught that Jesus died to save us from our sins. So were we.

We also know that Jesus didn't just die—anybody can do that. The crucial fact is that Jesus died—on the Cross—and the Cross is for us the perpetual reminder of his cruel agony and sacrificial death.

The Cross is not an idol, and we neither worship it nor admire it. It is not a decoration. On the evil thing he hung, and suffered, and died—for us. To see it, and picture the dreadful ordeal that was enacted on it, should inspire us to stay with him.

It should never be out of our sight.

David McCrone, Vic.

CYCLONE TRACY from Page 3

accommodation at Batchelor, 62 miles away.

Eventually 46 children and 8 workers were flown to Sydney where they received excellent treatment from Government agencies. The "Black Power" movement had threatened to take over the children, but the A.I.M. has been able to continue caring for these children.

A. Collins of the A.I.M. has said, "It was wonderful that so many of the children had been out of Darwin, visiting families and friends for Christmas, otherwise the cottages would have been full. Injuries would have surely resulted, but as it is we have no injuries to report."

Nearby is the headquarters of the Church Missionary Society. The numerous trees on the property protected the buildings from the flying debris. Most of the buildings escaped damage, but the trees are strewn from one end of the complex to the other.

A water pump soon provided the staff with running water, while a generator, flown in from Oenpelli, provided power. The radio was soon back on the air and provided a vital link with the outside "world".

Rev. Alan Hoskin of the Bush Church Aid came out Christmas morning to find a church that couldn't be used and a manse that couldn't be lived in! St. Peter's Church of England at Nightcliffe has ceased to exist.

Likewise the United Church, and the Baptist Church in nearby Casuarina. What of the workers? They moved elsewhere, to carry on the work.

Rev. G. Bence of the United Church became the Padre for the Red Cross work. Leaders voiced their appreciation of the service and assistance of "such a gracious man". Everything lost, yet serving others.

The Red Cross workers toiled endlessly to care for others through their medical evacuation work. Going into devastated suburbs, searching for injured or elderly or anyone in need, sometimes even finding it hard to recognise streets, let alone house numbers. There was also the task of registering names as people left by road for Southern States. 24 hours a day, volunteers were to be found at the check-out points.

Any person calling at the Red Cross Headquarters was assured of personal, caring service. Clothing was provided for those wearing the only clothing they possessed. Food was distributed to needy families as well as husbands left behind when the women and children were evacuated.

The Red Cross Tracing Dept., working from a central office, endeavoured to find missing people for relations not only within Australia, but also from around the world. Couriers were sent out to ask and enquire. Injured and death lists were constantly checked and updated. When telephone services were restored, the phones were in constant use. Everything possible was done to alleviate the worries of others.

Likewise the Salvation Army services



One of Darwins worst hit areas—CASUARINA

at the airport. As people waited to board aircraft, cool drinks and sandwiches were served by men who hadn't taken the time to rest for many exhausting hours in the tropical heat.

Lady volunteers endlessly made sandwiches and provided food for all around, evacuees, police, airport personnel, babies and nursing staff.

Anyone involved with the assistance given following the attack by Cyclone Tracy showed complete disregard for their own welfare and comfort. RAAF crews worked day and night to provide stores, relief supplies and as soon as their

aircraft was unloaded, they transported people to the various capital cities. Their cheerfulness encouraged those placed in their care and nothing was too much trouble in order to comfort their passengers.

A city was devastated and turned into a giant rubble pile one long night. Many prayed "as they had never prayed before" . . . and lived to tell others. Darwin people will not quickly forget. When the plans have become clear, for the future of the churches in Darwin, may they find that others have not forgotten either.

—WORLDWIDE AUDIO—VISUALS & PHOTOS

OPEN FORUM

PYRAMID HILL WANTS YOU

To the Editor,

The Pyramid Hill Church (Vic.) wants to hear from all folk who have been associated with the church here. Our Golden Jubilee will be held on April 20 and there were no replies to our advertisements.

We do not wish to overlook anyone but we are a small church and early information will help us to make you welcome. There are caravan parks in both Pyramid Hill and Boort.

Boort has a 47 caravan park near lakes and is only 47 km by bitumen road from Pyramid Hill. The latter has a smaller park, but is an interesting flat irrigation district with a pyramid shaped mound 100 metres high.

The people are even more important than the geography and your old church is waiting to welcome you home. Write to Mrs. D. M. Farrar, Box 46, Pyramid Hill, Vic. 3575.

C. G. Henderson, Minister,
Pyramid Hill & Boort.

THE CROSS

To the Editor,

It was refreshing indeed to read the letter from M. V. Laube who has had the courage to openly express doubt in the orthodox teaching of salvation by Calvary. Calvary is an historic fact. If then our salvation was accomplished

thereat is it not also in the same category and how is it that Paul found it possible to become a castaway (1 Cor. 9:27).

Again, if Jesus brought about salvation by the cross, where is the need to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling? And what is the meaning of our Lord's statement that "ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."

Let us remember that the rich young ruler asked "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

L. R. Reeves
Vic.

W. T. STACEY

To the Editor,

My father, William Thomas Stacey, who died last Sept., aged 85, was baptised into the Church of Christ when 19 years. He took "The Australian Christian" from that time and was a subscriber throughout his life.

Although he must have met with many temptations at times, he never once departed from his Christian principles. He held fast to the end. He was a teetotaler. He was an example to us all and has left wonderful memories for us to cherish.

As there is no Church of Christ in this area and as my mother belonged to the Methodist Church, he worked in that church for many years as S.S. teacher and was Supt. for a number of years.

My mother and father celebrated their Diamond Wedding last March, having had 60 years of happiness together.

Audrey Stacey, (Miss)
Sea Lake, Vic.

SHRIGONDA HEALTH PROGRAMME (INDIA)

By Dorothy Holstein

It seems that the rains didn't forsake us after all. We have had real downpours here now for a number of weeks. This has curtailed some of our village trips and last week we were held up for four hours on the Dhorja road. The rain was so heavy that we just couldn't see to drive through it, and then at one place we had to wait for the water to subside. It was wonderful to see so much water, and our village people are a good deal happier in spite of some drenched dwellings.

We now have medical work going on in six villages, namely Dhorja, Bhangaon, Belwandi Kothar, Chandgaon, Hiradgaon, Ghodegaon. We have started a programme in the school at Chandgaon. Polio drops were given to the whole school, and the

Sister Dorothy Holstein established S.H.E.P.—a rural medico-evangelistic programme in poverty stricken villages in the Shrigonda area.

classes examined so far have been immunized against typhoid. Village co-operation and participation is better in Chandgaon than anywhere else. They have a good active group of teachers who take part in anything that we try to do there. The survey in Chandgaon has not yet been completed. The three villages on the Dhorja side have been surveyed except for one small settlement near Bhangaon. There was a murder there, and we're waiting for things to quieten down a little. Bhangaon clinic had some excitement this week. A lady almost due for delivery presented herself in the midst of all the other patients. Fortunately we were able to get her into the Landrover and to her home just in time. We didn't really want a confinement on the verandah of Bhangaon Post Office which is where we hold our clinic. The little mother had been in distress for four days, so the relatives wouldn't be convinced that the delivery could have taken place apart from us.

The leprosy and T.B. work is hard going. Once some of the patients start to feel better, 'wild horses' couldn't move them to continue with treatment. It takes good progress in the wrong direction to bring them back for medicine. We endeavour to treat all 'contacts' of T.B. and leprosy. Sometimes it's difficult to find out who the actual contacts are. It means really getting involved in the home situation—how many people are involved in interchange of bedding, vessels etc.? This means spending more time in the homes than we're doing at present. So far we are not protecting these families as we should. Their response is something to be

taken into consideration as well. In spite of the problems we do see progress with some. One man walked in from Belwandi during the Conference because we didn't go to his village that week and he didn't want to miss out on medicine. Another leprosy patient reported that he has feeling in his hands again. This is a thrill for us as well as him. We have numerous opportunities to share Christ with these patients.

At present we are doing three clinics on Thursday and three on Friday. On Tuesday we try to do something special like School health, household survey or immunization of the under 5 group. Once a month we do immunization for 'under 5's' here in Shrigonda at the Library, and we hope soon to start a weekly clinic just for 'under 5's' in the Library. When we get the vehicle from Chond we hope to split up our clinics more—rather than having them all bunched together, and also spend more time in 'follow-up'.

In November, Dr. Stuart Mossman and his fiancée, Phyllis Ayrton, from New Zealand, are planning to come here for 2-3 months. Stuart is a final year Medical student, and Phyllis is a teacher.

Members of the team are: Miss Ruth Shinde—who is a staff nurse. She examines patients, prescribes medicines, does follow-up work amongst expectant mothers, gives treatments and injections in village clinics and is called occasionally to delivery cases in town.

Mr. Kisan Ransingh—who works part-time with SHEP as a social worker. He is responsible for arranging household surveys, school health programmes.

Mr. Raghunath Shinde—who serves as a clerk, cum-compounder, cum-driver.

Miss Tara Pawar—who serves as a 'Village level worker'. She is valuable in Health Education and follow-up work. She learns health talks by heart and people listen to her more readily than to us.

Namdev Ransing—is not paid by SHEP but attends to accounts, banking, typing of correspondence for SHEP as well as the other Departments.

I am responsible for examination and treatment of patients and referrals to Dh... checking and ordering of medicines and supplies, follow-up of 'under fives' and special cases from School Health Programmes. In addition I am responsible for organization of 'field work' checking patients registers, and statistics, and immunization records, and the training of the staff and supervision of the work. Then there are the night calls which are mainly for scorpion bites, burns and deliveries.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

Who said it? "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation (or to every creature)." See Page 18.

Visitor: "You don't mean to tell me that you have lived in this out-of-the-way place for over thirty years?"

Inhabitant: "I have."

Visitor: "But really, I can't see what you find to keep you busy."

Inhabitant: "Neither can I—that's why I live here."

Instruction Sheet

By frequently referring to it,
The diagram shows how to do it
It also shows, halfway along,
That what I've done so far is wrong.
BETTY ISLER

Viewpoint

An elderly lady was visiting a modern art exhibit and trying her best to make something of it.

Pausing before one particularly far-out painting; she asked a man nearby, "What in the world is that supposed to be?"

"That, my dear woman," answered the man, who happened to be the artist, "is supposed to be a mother with her child."

"Well," snapped the lady, "why isn't it?"



"And just what am I supposed to do when Junior comes back from summer camp?"

BOOKS TO READ

EVANGELISM: Planning Together

A Resource Book (Council of Churches in Victoria) \$1.00

Many of the churches in Australia are planning evangelistic crusades in 1975 and this resource book indicates plans of some of them. It begins with a brief "Guidelines" introduction with suggested questions to probe the meaning of evangelism for today. There follows a statement by each of the churches, including Churches of Christ, about current plans and programmes. A chapter on "Working Together" is taken from a British booklet which declares that the nature of evangelism and the crisis of our times no longer permits us the luxury of going it alone. It is urged that we need to proclaim the gospel together. The most valuable section of the book deals with actual programmes; projects that are working. There is no one way of evangelisation for every church in every situation and this book provides a variety of means and methods that will stimulate interest and help local churches to determine what is best for their own area. Helpful books are suggested and there is a list of agencies which may be used to supplement the help which will readily be given by the Dept. of Home Missions and Evang., and the Dept. of Christian Educ.

THE LIVING GOD (Readings in Christian Theology)

Millard J. Erickson, Editor (Baker)

Erickson has gathered together an imposing list of theologians to assist in opening up the major issues of the Christian faith and to look at a variety of responses to these issues. The authors used range from 'liberals' like Rudolf Bultmann, 'stirrers' like John A. T. Robinson, to 'conservatives' like Carl F. Henry. Other big names are St. Augustine, C. H. Dodd, Thomas Aquinas, Karl Barth, James Orr and Paul Tillich. There are three sections: What Theology Is, How God is Known, and What God is Like. The second section deals with revelation and inspiration, and the third with the nature of God. There is a very helpful introductory essay by the Editor at the beginning of each section. There are 29 significant authors. Although all of the chapters in this 513 page paperback do not make easy reading, they do make a useful reference volume and churches would do well to include it in their libraries to encourage serious thinking about the central factors of our faith.

TALKS ON THE MIRACLES OF THE BIBLE

by Robert G. Lee (Baker Book House).

This is a reprint of a book first published almost fifty years ago, now in paper back. It tells of thirty miracles—fifteen from the Old Testament, and fifteen from the New. The book is well illustrated, though these could now be updated. The author has been the pastor of some of the biggest of the Baptist churches in the U.S.A. The sermons are easy to read and are by a man who believes what the Bible says. The original title of this book was "I Believe." Dr. Lee is a past president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

—R.V.A.

OUTLINES FOR FUNERAL SERMONS AND OTHER HELPS

by Otto Mees (Baker Book House) \$2.95

Another of the Ministers' Handbook Series, which again claims no originality. The author is writing out of many years as a pastor, and believes that one of the most important, as well as one of the most difficult, times, is when the minister is called to give comfort, especially in the time of bereavement. He says that one of the best mission opportunities is found in the conducting of funerals. The volume, as will be seen, does not offer material for the body of the sermon, but suggests the leading thought, upon which we can build. Otto Mees feels that "the greatest service which can be rendered to human society is the proclamation of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

—R.V.A.

CLERGYMAN'S PSYCHOLOGICAL HANDBOOK (Clinical Information for Pastoral Counselling)

by Clinton W. McLemore (Wm. B. Eerdman's)

Most theological students today get an introduction to psychology as part of their preparation for pastoral counselling. But ministers know, or they should know, that the little work they have done in this field does not qualify them to act as poor man's psychiatrists. The advantages they have over earlier generations of ministers is tremendous, the limitations of the manse counselling room could be frightening if not recognised.

Yet the minister is uniquely placed to help people grow to maturity and a recognition of his limitations should not blind him to his great opportunities. "In fact, it is becoming clearer all the time that clergymen, together with family physicians, carry the bulk of the nation's psychological services burden." That is a quote from the introduction to this book. And the book is a most helpful refresher course for ministers who have forgotten much of what they learned, or a useful introduction for those who haven't seriously considered their role as guardians of the people. There are four sections:

1. Modes of Dysfunction, which is descriptive of organic and functional disorders. It is the functional or personality disorders that most concern ministers. This chapter helps in diagnosis which is where all help starts.
2. The Dimensions of Counselling, including the relationship of counselling to psycho-therapy. There is reprinted the author's orientation sheet which he gives to his clients, setting out the aim of psychotherapy. In part he says, "Growth starts with what really is, not with wishful thinking. Your greatest resource and ally is yourself, not the self or selves you wish to become. I will try to help you discover how you prevent the growth of yourself.
3. Counselling Procedures, including a note on referral and the use of consultants.
4. Special Techniques and Problems.

The book is a common-sense approach to a minister's unavoidable responsibility. It is less than 150 pages in length and accordingly is not a full course in counselling. It is an overview of the field, but for all that, a good view. There are helpful recommendations for further reading in each section.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Did you ever hear of anyone else whose faith was tied to the ups and downs of the stock market?"



YOUTH FOR CHRIST SPECTRUM SINGERS

These are the Youth For Christ Life Spectrum Singers who come from all across Australia, including Queensland, NSW, Vic. and SA and are being organised by Brisbane Youth For Christ to tour Singapore, Rome, France, Switzerland, England and Northern Ireland. Included in the group are many Church of Christ young people.

These include Kaye Smith of Gympie, Lynette and Heather Barnett of Hamilton, Julie Boyd of Collingwood and Lorraine Bertram of West Preston.

The singers went to Brisbane for two weeks for rehearsals under the direction of Maurice Smith at the new Queensland Baptist college at Brookfield.

The Singers left Brisbane on Jan. 15 for Singapore and will return on March 19.

Eric Leach, the Brisbane Youth for Christ Executive Director will be the speaker on tour. The concert programmes conclude each night with an Evangelistic message and an invitation for people to receive Christ into their life.

HONOUR FOR W. W. SAUNDERS, O.B.E.

In the New Year Honours, it was announced that W. W. Saunders was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

"Dick" Saunders is a graduate of the Churches of Christ College of the Bible at Glen Iris, and has conducted distinguished pastoral ministries in Victoria and South Australia. He served churches at Northcote, Hindmarsh, Dawson St., Ballarat, and Bambra Rd., Caulfield.

In brotherhood service he was President of the Victorian Conference 1952-53; Secretary of the Vic.-Tas. Conference 1961-1970, Associate Secretary of the Social Service Dept. in Victoria for five years and for four years has been Asst. Secretary of the Federal Conference Executive.

The honour was awarded in connection with "social service" and Mr. Saunders has a long and significant record in many areas. In addition to brotherhood involvement in this field, in Ballarat he served the prison and mental hospital, was Secretary of the Victorian Temperance Alliance for six years, and is currently Chairman of the United Services Chaplaincy Board.

Typically, Dick Saunders regards the honour as a recognition of the departments and groups with which he served, but those who have worked with him know of his dedication to Christ and the Church and of the energy and efficiency with which he has ministered to people in every sphere. It is a well merited honour.

Mr. Saunders is presently ministering to the church at Balwyn, Victoria, and with his wife, Kath., resides at 9 Cherry Road, Balwyn, 3103.

SIX BAPTISMS (York St., Ballarat; D. J. Gurney) Six young people have been recently baptized . . . York St. was again host for combined Christmas Day service. The Christmas Bowl offering amounted to \$426 . . . Church is saddened at the deaths of Frank Schenk and Mrs Sherriff . . . 30 young people regularly attend after-church teens and twenties group "Salt Company." . . . 100 attended outdoor carol singing on Christmas Sunday, in garden of one of church families . . . E. W. F. were hosts to senior ladies for final 1974 meeting . . . S. S. anniversary was held on Dec. 1.

ESSENDON CHURCH OF CHRIST DIAMOND JUBILEE 2nd March, 1975

Past members and friends are invited to attend Services and Luncheon on the above date. It would be appreciated (for catering purposes) if folk wishing to attend the Luncheon would please contact (not later than 22nd February)
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WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

NO RANSOM FOR MISSIONARIES

Kidnapping is big business in this world of violence and huge sums have been paid to secure the release of statesmen, business colleagues, and members of families.

It is easy to see the logic of refusal to pay. So long as there is profit in kidnapping, so long will it continue. But it is difficult to give room for logic when love cries out for the safety of the victim.

But love becomes the ally of logic when refusal to pay is seen as protecting the persons and lives of others.

The Overseas Missionary Fellowship, through its overseas director, the Rev. Denis J. Lane, has announced that a ransom will not be paid for two leprosy nurses kidnapped by guerillas in the mountainous jungle region of South Thailand. The nurses Minka Hanskamp from New Zealand and Margaret Morgan from England, were taken from their clinic in April, 1974, and only occasional news has since been heard of them.

Mr. Lane said that the demand for a ransom of \$500,000US will not be met "because of the danger in which this would place all other missionaries, and because money donated for Christian service cannot be handed over for the pursuit of violent ends."

There is great difficulty in communicating with the guerillas but attempts are continuing. The OMF are grateful for continued worldwide interest in the welfare of the two ladies.

GOOD GRIEF There was this man in Arizona who did the right thing with his old suit. He dropped it in the Salvation Army aid box. Then he remembered that he'd left \$3,600 in cash in the trousers pocket! "He was wringing his hands when I showed up," said Major David Riley, the Salvation Army centre director, who sent a worker to search the box after the frantic donor called in. "The man nearly fainted when we told him we found the money. He told us he would have lost his business if the money had not been recovered.

VIC. D.C.E. JOTTINGS

On Dec. 2, a section of the Northern Zone of Melbourne's girls' Good Companions Clubs met at Briar Hill for their Thanksgiving Party. 87 girls and 15 leaders from three clubs were present. Toys made by the girls were handed to Mrs. Edna Coughlin of the C.W.F. Hospital Visitation Committee. Visitors from Good Companions Executive were Miss Rita Roberts (Chief Good Companion), Mrs. Elva Livett and Miss Dulcie Gray (Zone Leaders).

Two informal evenings involved a large

number of young adults from Melbourne and some country churches. The "KUI" group exists under the over-sight of the D.C.E. Plans are in hand for a series of monthly programmes during 1975.

Two hundred and fifty Explorer boys and their leaders held their Annual Film, Fun and Presentation Night at Camberwell. Top Club for 1975 was Chelsea. Top Explorer award was presented to Russell Barker of Box Hill Club and special mention to Michael Henshaw of Glen Waverley.

TAMWORTH ADDITIONS

Special evening feature which attracted many new people to church included Road Safety; the film "Gospel Road" with Johnny Cash which drew 500 and there were three decisions; The Tamworth Country and Western Assoc. provided items when the Girls' Brigade received their awards . . . At both morning and evening services, the church breaks into small groups for prayer. Prayer cell groups continue during the week . . . There have been 12 baptisms in Tamworth and 12 in Armidale in past year . . . Geoffrey Rowcott, Woolwich College student, is ministering in Armidale during vacation.

YUGOSLAV BAPTISMS (Rockdale, L. E. Wylie). We rejoiced in witnessing the baptism of three Yugoslav baptisms. Mr. M. Smindoravac, who has been worshipping with us for the past two years, felt a burden for his fellow-countrymen. He began Bible Study groups in homes and these three were the first fruits of his labours. Our people provided afternoon tea for the Yugoslav folk . . . Christmas Sunday featured a "Contributed Service". Families and individuals shared in singing, scripture readings and memorable Christmas experiences. Distribution of the church Mail Box was followed by supper.

EDWARDS FAREWELL (Norlane). Members and friends farewelled Jack and Barbara Edwards and their family after a significant ministry. Presentations were made and they leave behind their loving memories and many friends . . . Close contact is kept with Mal and Beth Humphries in New Hebrides and a box of groceries was sent at Christmas . . . 45 gathered at home of Les and Doris Baldwin for fellowship and welcome in New Year.

L. G. Crisp, J. P.

Les. G. Crisp has been advised that he has been created a Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Crisp, whose most recent pastorate was at Thornbury where, after eight years' significant ministry, he was forced to resign through ill health.

He has had a long and distinguished service as Chaplain in the forces, for 8 years in the R.A.A.F., and 17 years in the Army. His overseas service took him to Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Colombo. He holds the rank of Senior Chaplain (Lt. Col.).

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February 23

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DUNOLLY & BET BET (Maryborough, I. Adams) Following the closing of the Dunolly and Bet Bet chapels, the congregations have been sharing with us in worship . . . The Adams family was farewelled on Dec. 22. Tribute was paid to their pastoral work and community service. Presentations were made by church, Ladies' Aid, and "Christian Community College" . . . Mission Band has sent two large cartons of gifts to Kew Cottages . . . Elder Frank Drake has returned to his home after surgery. Mrs. Mary Witnish is in hosp. . . . Young Worshippers League donated \$20 to World Vision and \$5 to Darwin Appeal . . . Steven Warwick is to commence a ministry.

CHILD SPONSORED (Essendon, C. L. Badcock). First payment has been made to World Vision to sponsor an overseas orphan . . . Those sick include Jim Dunlop in hospital, Mrs. Kemp, Mrs. Tryde, and Mr. Jenner. Mrs. Lottie Holmes welcomed back . . . Recent speaker was Harry Short, Mission to Lepers . . . Family S.S. tea was followed by Candle Light Carol Service.

SYMPATHY EXPRESSED (Bentleigh, R. W. Marshall). The church extends sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall in the death of their daughter, Judy, and to her husband, Peter Owen . . . C.W.F. picnic was held at Emerald home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Carter . . . The Churches of Christ Choral Society, led by Val Woff, gave items at gospel service and also sang Mr. Woff's cantata, "The Prodigal Son". . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Waters are in Sydney for S.I.L. advanced course in preparation for Bible translation and literacy work.

BURWOOD EXTENSION (K. J. Clinton). Opening of new extension was incorporated with a.m. service on Dec. 8. On Dec. 22 Mr. and Mrs. Ian Allsop were farewelled and appreciation expressed for four years' ministry. Representatives from Allambie Reception Centre, Day Kindergarten, S.S. Young People, and Women's Fellowship, all spoke for their organizations. E. Patterson, elder, on behalf of church, presented Mr. Allsop with wallet, cheque, and books. C.W.F. President, Mrs. Barnwell, presented Mrs. Allsop with flowers . . . C.W.F. break-up progressive dinner was in fancy dress with Father Christmas calling.

BOYS' DISPLAY (Box Hill, K. R. Bond). Boys' Explorers gave an excellent display. Russell Barker is top Explorer. Explorer Officers: Chief, John Jeffrey; Sec., Frank Jones; Treas., Norm Broussard . . . Mr. and Mrs. Neil Thomas were farewelled on leaving for Canberra . . . Mrs. Ron Webster hospitalised and Lexie Maddern is ill. Improving are Mrs. Marj. Mitchell, Doug Mudie, Stan Goodman.

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OBITUARY

CONNELL Dr. Cyril John

Cyril Connell passed to be with the Lord on October 25, suddenly, at the age of seventy-five. Dr. Connell joined the church at Albion in 1939, and from that time gave unstinted service for the Lord Jesus as deacon, treasurer and Bible School Supt., and in every way he could. Upon moving to Kenmore, similar service was rendered in the new Kenmore Church associated with the College. He was a diligent deacon and adviser, and to the day of his passing was church treasurer with great efficiency. At the commencement of Kenmore Christian College he became a member of the Board of Management, and held the position of Treasurer again for several years. He was a great strength to the work with his quiet wisdom, and the College owes much to his counsel. Dr. Connell played an important part in the field of education in Queensland. He was a teacher of commerce in several towns, served as officer-in-charge of the Juvenile Employment Bureau, became secretary of the Government Printing Office, and established the Technical Correspondence School. He was the first Under-Secretary of the State Education Department. Between 1949 and 1954 he served as Principal of the State Commercial High School. After lecturing in commercial subjects at the University of Queensland, he became Registrar and saw the University grow to the extent of 1000 students a year for his nine years of office. For his public service he was awarded the C.B.E. in 1965, and for his service to the University he was admitted to an honorary doctorate in 1969. Cyril Connell was well known in Rugby League Football as a state and international footballer. For all this Dr. Connell was of a quiet and gentle character, who rarely spoke but was always effective. He had a deep and sincere faith, and kept up his Christian service and attendance at all church services to his last Sunday. He leaves his wife, Cora, and family, Cyril, Shirley (Mrs. Ryan), Marlene (Mrs. Gilligan), Cecily (Mrs. Soby) and Howard. To these we express our Christian sympathy and rejoice in certainty of Christian hope.

—F.L.E.

DAVIS Ruby Lillian Ann

Ruby Davis died on Nov. 28, as she prepared to play the piano for the meeting of the Burwood C.W.F. Her 80 years were filled with dedicated service and it was significant that she went to her Lord from the very place where so much of her dedication found expression. She was baptized at the Ashfield Church of Christ on May 1, 1949, and after the closure of that work transferred to Burwood. A strong missionary interest was reflected in her active association with the Sudan Interior Mission as well as helping regularly with the distribution of "Soon", an outreach broadsheet of the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade. She was also a member of the local church missionary committee. Everyone loved Ruby Davis. She was one of the Lord's precious gems reflecting her Lord in a lovely way.

JENKINS Herbert

Herbert and Dorothy Jenkins were baptized by J. E. Searle over 25 years ago in the Preston Church. Over the years they and the twins David and Janice were faithfully involved in the life of the church. As an after effect of surgery, Herbert lost his sight about 26 years ago. He was undismayed by this affliction and with the help of his family he established and worked a joinery establishment on his property. He prepared package kits enabling other groups of blind people to assemble tables, stools, etc. His service was dependable and prompt. He was a perfectionist and expected reliability in others. Herbert loved to share his faith with others. He died suddenly after a full day in the presence of

his wife Dorothy and Janice. Relatives and friends from far and near paid tribute to him and showed their love for Dorothy, Janice and David and his wife Jean at a service on Nov. 4.

—Jack Manallack

JONES Susie

A long period of failing physical strength preceded the death of Mrs. Susie Jones, on Nov. 10, aged 84. Her long Christian life was divided between the churches at Marrickville, Enmore and Burwood, N.S.W. The longest period of time was spent at Enmore where she was a S.S. teacher for 40 years. She was a much-loved member of the Burwood church family for the past 13 years and was actively involved in the C.W.F. She maintained a regular attendance at the Lord's Table and for some considerable time while she lived with her son, Bob, an active member of the Clempton Park Baptist Church, she was specially brought by him every second Sunday until she was admitted to a convalescent hospital. She was a delighted and proud mother when Bob was awarded the M.B.E., for various community services. Bob read the 23rd Psalm as a special tribute to his mother at her funeral service. The whole church was saddened further to learn, just two days later, that Bob also had passed to be with his Lord at the age of 58 years. We praise God for these two lives given so fully to him and remind Mrs. Jones' daughter, Kath, and Bob's wife Mel., and their families that to be "absent from the body" is "to be present with the Lord."

MARSHALL Thomas Pascoe

Tom Marshall, well loved and respected member of South Perth Church, died on Nov. 29 at the age of eighty-seven. He came to Australia from his native England in 1912 and soon commenced his long career as a schoolteacher and headmaster, serving a total of 40 years in different parts of W.A., including the Goldfields, Bengel, Dwellingup, Quairading and Herne Hill. Many hundreds of children came under the influence of this wise and kindly man. Among his greater attributes were tolerance and the ability always to see the best in the other person. Vigorous and strong in physique he is reputed never to have missed a day's work. He was in hospital only once in his lifetime, the last three days of his rich and exemplary life. In retirement he lived at Swan and in later years at Victoria Park closer to the church which meant so much to him and Mrs. Marshall. He was an active member at Lake Street, a foundation member at Bassendean and also attended at Harvey. He was secretary of the church at Midland for 10 years where he was also elder. Tom Marshall was a Christian gentleman of grace, forthrightness and a lively sense of humour. He drove his car to church and shared in the worship on the Sunday five days prior to his death. At the communion service on the following Sunday his friend Roy Raymond paid a tribute in words of poetic sincerity befitting the life which was honoured. A private funeral service was conducted at Midland by D. G. Nelson. The Church extends sympathy and prayers for Mrs. Marshall, daughters Violet, Enid and Grace, and sons, Tom and John, and their families.

We pay tribute to his loyalty, his friendliness and his faithfulness.

—J. C. Swift

OUTLAW Edith S.

Born Edith Atkins on 23.12.1897; baptised at Norwood during the Scoville Mission; married to George St. John Outlaw in 1918; Mrs. Outlaw always had a love for the work of Christ which she expressed so effectively through her service to the Church. For many years Mrs. Outlaw served the brotherhood on the Women's Conference Home Mission Committee. She was President of Women's Conference, 1956-57, and served as Superintendent of Women's Conference Young Women's Group, 1957-58. Mrs. Outlaw was very much involved in local Church women's activities and served as Guild President at

Fullarton and Ascot Park. Her failing health limited her service but not her keen mind or her love for Christ. She was in her place at worship the Sunday before she was called home. Mrs. Outlaw died suddenly on December 3rd, 1974, and leaves behind a husband, George; a daughter, Jennifer and two grandchildren.

—R.C.

SHEEHAN, Vera and Maude.

The death of Maude Sheehan at the age of 87 years was followed just one week later by that of her sister, Vera, aged 90 years. These spinster sisters had jointly given one hundred life years to the Gardiner Church, having become members in 1924. Prior to this they had been, along with their parents, pioneers of Churches of Christ in the Wimmera district. Their father (whose mother was of an early generation of the Ewers family) was a foundation member of the Murtoa Church which was later relocated in the Horsham district. The family moved to Glen Iris in 1923. Music played a large part in the life of Vera, who was a widely known piano and organ teacher in the Glen Iris—Gardiner area. She was organiste of the Gardiner Church for 38 years and pianiste for the C.W.F. up till the last year of her life. Many have commented that "rain, hail or shine" Vera was never late for a service. A number of organistes and pianistes serving our churches received their tuition from Vera Sheehan. Maude was a violinist and used this talent in the life of the church. In the 1920s and for many years following, Vera and Maude daily provided morning tea in their home for students of the College of the Bible. In earlier life, Maude gave years of service in the SS and as a leader of the basket ball team. These sisters were not only honoured within the church for their Christian commitment but were respected in the community for their quality of life. Vera and Maude enjoyed good health for most of their long lives and were able to maintain their own home up till a few months prior to their death. We are thankful that they spent these last few months in the comfort and care of the Churches of Christ Nursing Home at Murrumbidgee. The Gardiner Church rejoices in the love and loyalty to Christ demonstrated by the Sheehan sisters. Our sympathies were expressed to their sister, Mrs. Webster, and brother, Roy, and their nieces and nephews.

—Leslie S. Dewberry.

WAKELEY Grace Lillian

Grace Wakeley displayed a beauty of personality that was born of the grace of God. Her death on Nov. 29, came after about four months of deteriorating health during which time she suffered considerable pain and discomfort. The early part of her 73 years was spent in the Tamworth district, actively involved in the Baptist church as a youth worker. She lived in South Africa with her parents for a short period and later, returning to Australia, was baptized at the Latrobe Terrace Church of Christ, Geelong, in 1915. When she married Richard Wakeley, God set his seal on a partnership of more than 50 years. Grace was a member of the Burwood church family for 44 years and served as President and Treasurer of the C.W.F. Her beautiful voice was used to the glory of God in the Burwood and State Conference Choirs. She was President of the C.W.F. in N.S.W., 1956-57, and a member of the Ashwood House Committee for about 15 years, being president of the committee for much of that time. She also helped in preparing the "Soon" broadsheet of Worldwide Evangelization Crusade for distribution. A packed service in the Burwood chapel on Dec. 3, included a wide brotherhood representation. With her husband, Richard, sons Keith and Ron, daughters-in-law Beryl and Betty and their families we rejoice in the glorious hope of the resurrection.

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TERM EXTENDED (Broken Hill). T. Meares has accepted a further three year term as minister . . . The church has been offered 3 to 4 hours a month free radio time which it is using to spread the gospel in the "Silver City" . . . The S.A. brotherhood has made a considerable grant to enable us to purchase a new manse . . . Since April the congregation has been at work with \$2 each in a Talent Drive to pay off church building debt of \$500. So far \$1045 has been received! . . . The church mourns the deaths of Mrs. Alma Ball and Maurie Johns.

CHRISTMAS C.O.C.O.A. (Kensington Pk., R. L. Oke). At 9 a.m. Christmas service \$320 was received for C.O.C.O.A. . . . A church social for departments was held on Dec. 13 . . . At recent Family Service, S.S. scholars received prizes and Mr. Wehr's class took part . . . E. Thompson has been assisting at recent services.

NEWSPAPER TREASURE (Maylands, N. S. Moore). Mr. and Mrs. Jack Matthews sent 79 parcels of gifts for children's birthdays at Norseman. The gifts were purchased with money received from sale of old newspapers collected by the Matthews . . . After C.W.F. luncheon, the ladies went in twos and threes to take Christmas cheer to shut-ins and those in Guest Homes . . . Youth 2 Group organised an Arts and Crafts Festival led by Mr. Moore in support of Project Force 10. \$173 was raised . . . Church youth provided special Christmas music on Dec. 22 and at night the Payneham Senior Citizens' Choir gave items . . . The Christmas Day service was combined with Methodist and Congregational churches. Mr. Moore was speaker.

50 YEARS OF MINISTRY (Mt. Gambier) On Dec. 29 S. Neighbour celebrated completion of 50 years of ministry, begun in Kingaroy Circuit, Qld. Greetings from four States were read. Open House luncheon provided occasion for happy fellowship. His ministry here will conclude Jan. 26 when he will move to Henley Beach . . . Twins, Elizabeth and Jennifer Fimmell were baptized and an elderly man made reconsecration on Dec. 22 . . . Jeff Rowe and Colleen McKinlay move to Adelaide for work and the Thiele family also return to Adelaide.

MY NEIGHBOR (Kadina, M. Williams) Led by Mrs. Moyle the primary pupils presented the Nativity Scene and the older scholars portrayed "Who is my neighbour?" on Christmas Sunday . . . We combined with Salvation Army recently. Choir members and Army band gave Christmas and other items.

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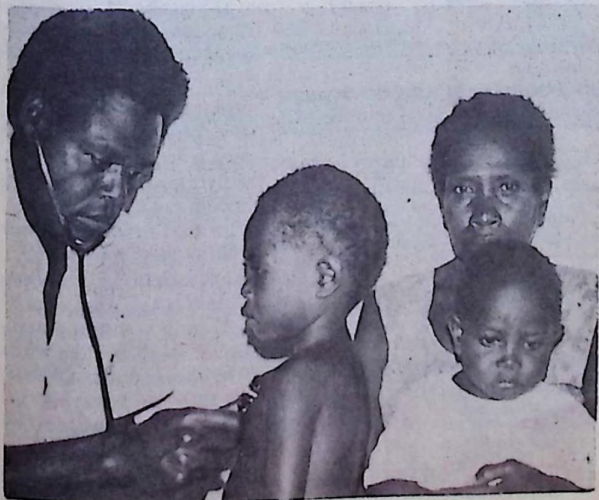
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NICHOLLS (Hovey) Barb. and Allan of C. of C. Footscray, announce the arrival of Veronica Jane on December 24, 1974. Ring and congratulate the proud father, 379-8111.

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SONSEE (nee Coventry) To Jill and Don, a son, Matthew John. Born Dec. 5th, 1974. Both Mother and Baby well. Mandurah, W.A.

ENGAGEMENTS

DIX-HANKIN Mr. & Mrs. M. Dix, 18 St. Columbas Ave., Wembley, W.A., together with Mr. & Mrs. R. Hankin, 178 Kew St., Kewdale, W.A., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of Barbara and Bruce.

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BARBER John Irwin to Maggie Eveline. December 19, 1914 at Church of Christ, High Street, Northcote. This notice was delayed owing to the illness of Mrs. Barber in December but she has now recovered. Present address—78 Brewer Road, Bentleigh Vic. 3204.

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DEATHS

FLETT Nora Agnes, of 86A Mary Street, Toowoomba, formerly of Dandenong and Numurkah, on 6th December, loved wife of James (dec.), loving mother of Laurence (dec.), Berris, Margaret (Mrs. Dunphey), and Ronald; mother-in-law of Gwen, (Mrs. Faulkner), and Jack; grandmother of Barbara, Olwyn, John and Helen.

HAMMOND On January 14th, Elsie Gladys, dearly loved Auntie of Rita and Ern., loved and loving Grandma to Ron, Lois, Jan, Sue, Gavin, Glenys and Philip. With the Lord. "In my Father's House are many mansions". John 14:2.

HOLMES Lesley Nola, on Dec. 23 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne. Greatly loved wife and co-labourer in Christ of Trevor, devoted mother of Belinda, Christopher and Lisa; daughter of Mait and Enid, sister of Ian and Kim, daughter-in-law of Jean, sister-in-law of Doris. Aged 30 years. Whole in Jesus.

JORDAN On Dec. 22nd, Linda Millicent, of 291 Dorset Road, Boronia, Vic., loving daughter of the late John and Clara Jordan, loved sister of Percy, loved sister-in-law of Katie (dec.), fond aunt of Beverley (dec.), Norman, Philip and Jillanne. "Forever with the Lord"

OWEN Judith Helen (nee Marshall). On Dec. 24, Judith Helen, loved and loving wife of Peter; loved daughter of Kathleen and Bill Marshall; daughter-in-law of Wilfred and May Owen. "Sweet Peace".

PADEY (nee Hall) Verna. On 3rd December at her home 14 Milton St., Bentleigh, Beloved wife of Percy; dearly loved mother of Reg and Colin; mother-in-law of Thea and Norrene; grandmother of Susan, Warwick, Victoria, Alexandra, Elizabeth, Leanne and Stephen. "Resting in the Everlasting Arms"

REED Jenny, aged 5, in Los Angeles on Jan 6. Very dearly loved daughter of Robyn and Ken, sister of Michael. Loved granddaughter of May and Arthur. A patient little sufferer at rest, in His care. Sincere thanks to those who remembered Robyn, Ken and family in thought and prayer.

TRENWITH Samuel Richard At the home of his eldest daughter, 13 Frances Terrace, Kadina, on November 21, 1974. Dearly loved husband of Alice, loved father of Allan, Ruth, Lois and Glenda, loved father-in-law of Mabel (deceased), E. Keith Russack and Colvil L. Smith, loved grandfather of 9 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Aged 83 years. In God's care.

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OBITUARY

JENKINS Brinley Hugh.

The Mildura church was saddened at the sudden death by heart attack of Brin Jenkins on Dec. 10 at the age of 71 years. Our love, concern, and prayers are with his wife, Florence, his daughters, Margaret and Alison, and son-in-law, Allan. Brin devoted all his life to God. He was a member of the Baptist Church in Wales, came to Australia in 1927 and soon joined the Church of Christ in Mildura—singing in the choir—for music was his great love. Brin was choir master for many years. He served on the Board of Officers as deacon and was, at the time of his death, a respected elder. He sought no prominent place, but received the highest place in our hearts. He made no fuss about what he was to do—for what was needed for other people was done. He was well-known in community involvement. His love of music—the Welsh hymns and Welsh songs flowed as a joy from his lips. To sing and to be a part of the Philharmonic Society, to join in the resounding anthem of the Messiah's Hallelujah Chorus was to express his Welsh love of song. We give thanks to God for a life well lived.

—T. Lawrie.

OWEN Judith Helen Owen (nee Marshall).

On Christmas Eve last in a Melbourne hospital, there passed to the realms of peace and endless joy a patient and courageous sufferer. A "daughter of the Manse" Judy was born in Dandenong (Vic.) and at the age of twelve years she was baptised by her father at Mile End (S.A.). She entered into the fellowship and activities of the Churches at Inglewood (W.A.) and at Ararat (Vic.). In this

latter town she married Peter Owen. Judith and Peter subsequently held membership in the churches at Blackburn and Surrey Hills. Their active involvement in the life of each of these churches was somewhat restricted because of Judith's serious illness which ultimately rendered her immobile and blind. For the last two years of her seven years illness Judith was unable to attend services. Her husband cared for her with unremitting devotion and loving concern. Her parents, Bill and Kath Marshall, rendered sustained and self-less solicitude throughout the years. Judith was an inspiration to all who knew her. Even in great weakness her concern was for others; her conversation still sparkled with wit and a surprising sense of humor. Her fortitude belied her frailty. Her courage was admired by visitors, nurses and doctors alike. As the years of suffering extended, her faith shone more brightly. On December 27, the writer conducted a private Service of Thanksgiving for her life so bravely lived, and thereafter, her weary body was laid to rest in the assurance that Judith is with Christ her Saviour and Lord. The sincere sympathy and prayers of a wide circle of friends throughout the Brotherhood will sustain her husband and parents in their bereavement.

—Stanton H. Wilson.

TRENWITH, S.R.

When Mr. Trenwith died recently the church at Kadina, S.A., lost a disciple whose lifelong involvement with the church included service as elder, teacher, trustee, preacher, friend, and helper to all. In later years, when blindness came, he learned braille and still continued to do all in his power to carry his cross nobly for our Lord. The funeral services were conducted by M. T. Lawrie, a former minister, and M. Williams, present minister. Crowds assembled at the church and graveside to pay their respect to a valiant Christian, aged 83 years.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PING-PONG-A-THON (Christies Beach, B. Beck) A 24 hour Ping-Pong-A-Thon raised \$100 for Kate and Ron Roberts, missionaries in W.A. . . . For six weeks over Christmas—New Year, "Church in the Park" has been held on the beach front in cooperation with other churches . . . Christmas morning service was combined at the Baptist church . . . The church manned a Darwin Cyclone Relief Centre to receive goods. A special offering is to be received to help Murray and Bev. Bawden and family whose property in Darwin was damaged. They were spending Christmas in Adelaide at the time.

BOWL APPEAL (Hampstead Gdns., G. T. Lawrie) Christmas Bowl appeal realized \$303 . . . Women's Fellowships gave Christmas luncheon and entertainment for 30 patients from Strathmont Hospital . . . Ladies distributed gifts donated by members to geriatric patients at Northfield Hospital . . . B. S. and church members sang carols to Northfield patients.

MINISTER'S ILLNESS (Prospect). The Minister, R. H. Sercombe, has been confined to bed with glandular fever and a virus. The church is grateful to those

who have assisted in the pulpit . . . A Combined Christmas Celebration was held in the Prospect Memorial Gardens on Dec. 22 . . . A highlight of a night of carols at the Middleton home was the playing of Jack Coombe on the new organ . . . The Baptist minister, Mr Hoogenraad preached at our usual combined Christmas Day service . . . Young people attended camp at Longwood Dec. 26-Jan 1 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Brittain have celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary . . . Don, Carolyn, and Timothy Hemer have returned to the New Hebrides mission field.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SOUTH PERTH CELEBRATES (Des Nelson) Roy Raymond was guest preacher for 27th anniversary. Now 84, he preached at first anniversary. Darryl Thorpe was evening speaker. After church Mr. Nelson screened an audio-visual of his visit to Lausanne and England . . . At a youth rally John Bond was compere and Geoff. Rowcroft was preacher. Both are Woolwich students. There were four confessions . . . Four more young people will commence Bible college training in 1975. Heather Keown and Geoff. Charles to Kenmore, Melva Taylor to P.B.I. and Peter Clark to W.E.C. . . . A Vacation Bible School was held in summer holidays . . . Tom Marshall has passed away . . . David Swift has passed his finals in medicine. David Bailey has graduated from Woolwich and will minister in Tas.

NEW HALL CONTRACT (Albany, K. Ewers-Verge) The contract for the new hall has been signed . . . Dr. Geoff. Hall was speaker at Men's Tea on Dec. 14 . . . S.S. pupils took part in a nativity play at family service in the Ambulance Hall . . . Brian Burton led a recent youth service . . . A P.S.A. for Senior Citizens had a varied musical programme arranged by Miss Beth Clapp . . . New members have been welcomed by transfer.

LOSS TO MANDURAH (D. J. Sonsee). Mr. and Mrs. Doney have left to reside at Busselton . . . Mrs. McLennan has used the aboriginal kitchen for sewing lessons. The church ladies were entertained at afternoon tea by way of saying "Thank you" . . . At final C.W.F. meeting at Mrs. Dawes', 50c parcels were distributed and \$8.50 made for Welfare work. Alice Weeks is pres.; Lyn Dawe and Bett Jensen, pres.-elect.; and Jess Kennedy is treas . . . The C.E. planted shrubs along the fence . . . Many parcels were packed for Welfare Centre.



QUEENSLAND

MURGON CHANGE G. E. Wegner concluded his ministry at end of 1974 and moves to Lismore. Cyril Stade of Kenmore is 1975 minister . . . Methodist church combined with us for a baptismal service for one of their members . . . The film "Signposts Aloft" was screened at a youth service.

BUILDING PROGRAM (Avenell Hgts., R. Acland) Under the direction of church secretary, Russell Cobine, the first stage of the building program is almost complete with the chapel resited on our larger allotment. \$300 was received at a special Thanksgiving Service . . . Rex Ellis of Kenmore College conducted seminars on Personal Evangelism during weekend visit . . . The church appreciates the interim ministry of Mr. & Mrs. R. Acland and Miss Oakes. A Mini Crusade is being planned for late January

to climax the Acland's ministry . . . \$200 has been channelled through the Social Services Department for Darwin Relief Appeal . . . Darelle Coleman and Glenda Pohle presently in New Zealand for the National Youth Convention.



TASMANIA

YADNUS (Ulverstone, Paul B. Burnham). At S.S. Anniversary the Junior/Senior school presented a fantasy musical called "Yadnus" written by the minister . . . Boys' Brigade held a camp at Boat Harbour and 25 girls attended Brigade camp at Turners Beach . . . 49 were at C.W.F. break-up dinner. Mrs. D. Andrews was president . . . 19 first year achievement badges were presented to members of the Boys' Brigade.

MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS TRIP (Hobart, Tas. Don Stewart) The minister, Don Stewart, is to serve as voyage chaplain to Migrants on the ship "Australis" leaving Southampton Feb. 5 and due in Sydney March 6. On his way to Southampton he plans to visit Israel, Greece and Italy to look at areas of biblical interest. Cec Neville has been appointed to a part time position to assist the minister with areas of organisational work within the church . . . A new approach to Christian Education is to be carried out in 1975. SS will be conducted to age 10 and the next two years will be a course led by the minister in the content of the Christian faith. There will also be a series of "Saturday seminars" devoted to in depth presentation and discussion of the Christian faith . . . Young People recently held a "learn to square dance" evening in Rushton's Barn at Margate.



VICTORIA

WORLD CONVENTION SHARED (Red Cliffs, C. R. Perkins) C.W.F. held Picture Night when H. J. Cook showed slides of World Convention in Mexico, and tour through America and Canada . . . \$21.70 has been raised to educate two New Guinea children . . . 65 ladies from local and district Guilds heard Mrs. Appleby speak at Evening Group end of year dinner. Afternoon C.W.F. held Christmas Party at home of Mr. and Mrs. Cook . . . Mr. Perkins has accepted a further two years' ministry.

GIFT ORGAN (St. Arnaud). The church received the gift of an organ from the Bet Bet church which closed recently. It was used for a baptismal service on Dec. 22 our third baptism for the year . . . Ian Adams, our minister, with his wife and family, were farewelled and a presentation made . . . Janice and Kerry Hutton have returned home from the Cararvon Mission . . . Gifts were presented to the S.S. children at a family barbecue and evening . . . A presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Evans for their services to S.S. and church . . .



NEW SOUTH WALES

SIX ADULTS WELCOMED (Burwood, M.H.A. Pieper). Six baptized adults were welcomed into fellowship. Two, a young married couple, came as a result of last church broadcast . . . At Missionary Convention Ian Borham was commissioned for service. He is now en route to Spain as a missionary with Worldwide Evangelization Crusade. Faith promises for missionary offering over the next year total more than \$6,000. Nine members are now actively engaged in missionary service. Six have gone out in the last two years . . . Trevor Kallmier assisted in ministry during 1974. A highlight was the establishment of cell groups among young people for prayer and Bible study . . . Elaine De Rusett of W.E.C. told of her experiences as a missionary nurse in Zaire and of her captivity during the Simba rebellion in 1964.

MULTIVISION (Bexley North, P.A. Pitts). David Nixon presented the Multivision spectacular "Alleluia" at Christmas service . . . B.S. anniversary filled church for three sessions under Stan Craven, Supt. . . . Elders organized half-night of Prayer-Praise-Pledge for Evangelism in 1975 . . . Church held Family Fancy Dress Social . . . Visitors trained by Lay Institute for Evangelism continue regular visitation . . . A number attended training sessions for readers and leaders at Hurstville. Mr. Pitts led the session on "How to Pray" . . . Graham Bagley and young people were thanked for help given to Engadine church during their commencement.

STUDENT FAREWELLED (Warrawong). Men of the church have been taking morning services while Bob Slack, college students led gospel meetings. After Christmas morning service a presentation was made to Mr. Slack and appreciation expressed by R. Williams for year's service . . . Ray and Sylvia Aitken have been visiting here from Carnarvon . . . The church held a luncheon on Sunday prior to Christmas.

VISITATION RESULTS (Asquith, M. J. Conry). A visitation program was conducted over a ten week period. With between three to six people working full time. Every home in Mt. Colah and 50% of the homes in Asquith were visited. 60 to 70 children have shown an interest in S.S. There have been 9 baptisms . . . The change to morning 'All age Christian Education' program sees many parents coming with their children . . . Margaret and Terry Holland were kept safe during the cyclone in Darwin. Margaret told of their experiences on her return . . . The Faith Missionary offering for 1974 reached \$2,200. The church is thankful to Geoff Rowcroft for his help at Berowra, and Julie and John Bond for their work at Asquith . . . The Film 'Israel my Son' was screened.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MINISTRY CHANGE (Henley Beach) The ministry of G. O. Setsman concluded on Nov. 10. I. J. Chivell is conducting an interim ministry until S. Neighbour commences in Feb. 1975 . . . 80 attended Family Night at Men's Fellowship Dinner . . . Danla Strudwick represented the Girls' Brigade at the G.B. Fonomaree at Rabaul, New Britain in Jan. . . Mrs. Audrey Sleader is home after being hospitalised.

END OF YEAR (Victor Harbor, J. Luff) End of year functions included S.S. barbecue and social . . . The new C.W.F. Pres. is Mrs. D. Schultz.

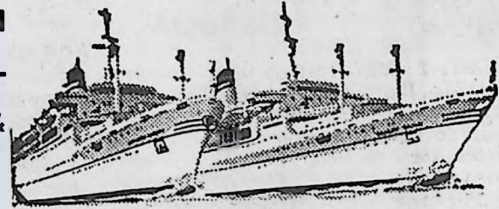
BAPTISMS (Barmera, K. Fechner). Three young people baptized. Nailsworth youth shared in baptismal service at Lake Bonney. They then shared in a Bar-B-Q tea and presented a musical evening and the play "Gifts" . . . The church sang carols at home for the aged in Barmera and Barmera Hosp. . . Cheryl Baker has moved to Adelaide to work . . . B.S. is recruiting and training new teachers for new scholar drive. Church board donated \$150 for new B.S. equipment.

ELDERS & DEACONS PLAN (Forestville, M. Munyard). The elders and deacons held a planning session for 1975 . . . Recent speakers have been E. W. Roffey, Conf. Sec., and R.S.A. McLean, Conf. Pres. . . The film "To Russia with Love" was screened . . . Three visitors from America gave testimonies . . . Mr. Munyard was Commandant at the C.E. camp at Mt. Barker

PLANNING (Nailsworth, P. De Wildt). Elders and deacons held a week-end planning session for 1975 . . . A church family camp was held at Cudlee Creek . . . Young people organised gospel concerts at Gawler, Barmera, Hillcrest, at Prospect Memorial Gardens, and in our own church . . . An outdoor baptismal service was held at Lake Bonney for one of the Hostel girls . . . A Gospel Road concert was held at Enfield Shopping Centre. The young people combined with B. and F. B. Society . . . Four of our young people have been accepted for the S.A. Bible College . . . Mr. and Mrs. Searle were farewellled on retiring from the Girls' Hostel.

VISITORS (Berri, K. Fechner). Henley Beach members conducted services in all Riverland churches recently . . . Five young people were baptized . . . Sprung Club from Adelaide visited and helped with baptismal service . . . Keith Hammond is in Daws Rd. Hosp. . . B.S. brought gifts for Retarded Children's Home . . . Church considering experimental worship because of young people attending evening services . . . \$110 given to Christmas Bowl Appeal . . . Church sang carols at home for aged . . . Church will share in Interdenominational Bible distribution covering whole Riverland area and has donated \$30 for expenses . . . Manse bedroom has been redecorated and carpeted after fire.

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MINISTRY CONCLUDES (Mt. Evelyn) Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Kernick concluded their ministry on Dec. 1 and will take the S.I.L. course at Sydney University to prepare for Missionary Education and Promotion with Wycliffe Bible Translators . . . Michael Chadwick conducted an interim ministry in Dec. and Jan. . . . Lud Kohleppel recently showed slides of his recent trip to Israel . . . Hume Beach Mission team, led by John Tudor and Jeannie McCrohan led recent service.

SUNDAY OUTING (Ivanhoe, K. J. Clinton) Family outing and barbecue at Monbulk was followed by evening worship in the Chapel . . . Good Companions donated toys and visited hospital. C.W.F. raised \$280 in "Time and Talent" project to be shared by Heidelberg and Box Hill High Schools where Jack McCormick and Geoff Barnett are serving as Chaplains . . . Open House was held at McCormicks for Roy and Bronwyn Arnold on way to N.Z. . . . Gwenda McCarthy appointed Principal at Kingsbury State School . . . Presentation made to Kim Wood who will be replaced by C.O.B. student Peter Galliford.

WELCOME GIFT (Hampton, Ernest Gray) A recent gift from an anonymous donor paid existing debt on buildings. The church is out of debt for the first time in 50 years . . . C.W.F. raised \$600 last year . . . Hospital visitors helped with Christmas cheer in three hospitals . . . Mr. Gray will complete his ministry and return to England at end of January . . . Boys' Explorer Club growing.

101ST ANNIVERSARY (Croydon, A.B. Clark) Speakers at our 101st anniversary were E. C. Keating and D. Smith . . . Young people meet in various homes on Sundays . . . The church year concluded with "Thanksgiving Day" which raised \$950 toward Project 600 . . . The new

secretary is Mrs. I. Rackeman; K. Wookey is Treas. . . . C.W.E.F. Pres. B. Hickin, J. Wookey Sec. C.W.F. Pres. is D. Larter, J. Wookey, Sec.

BORONIA RE-BUILDING (E. L. Williams, D. Stevens) All auxiliaries are co-operating to raise money for re-building plans. A recent Building Participation Sunday saw nearly \$10,000 promised over the next year, and council approval is expected shortly . . . Family camp was held at Anglesea . . . 13 members spent a weekend at Kaniva where they conducted the morning service . . . Mr. Williams will continue ministry in 1975, assisted by C.O.B. student David Brown. Dare Stevens graduated and moves to Wangaratta . . . Explorers paid tribute to leader Henry Chandler who leaves after 21 years with the club. David Allen is the new leader . . . Church saddened by the death of this year's C.W.F. president, Mrs. L. Woolan . . . Miss Jordan and Mrs. Sercombe recovering after surgery; Ern Brooke in hospital; and Miss Nan Shields, confined to bed . . . Presentation made to Mr. and Mrs. Shields who are leaving after 29 years of service to the church.

TABLEAU (Box Hill, K. R. Bond) Good Companions presented a Christmas Tableau at Gospel service . . . H. Weedon (D.C.E.) made presentation to Russell Barker (Top Explorer). Explorers are raising money for a trampoline . . . A committee is viewing possible appointment of part-time Youth Director . . . Combined Christmas Day service with Baptist friends had Dr. G. Garrett, Box Hill Baptist minister, as speaker . . . Mrs. Ron Webster is improving after hospitalisation and Mrs. Marj. Mitchell after illness.

INDUCTION (Warragul) D. A. V. Thomas, minister at Morwell, inducted our new pastor, R. E. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard, who came from Swan Hill, have been warmly welcomed . . . The church was splendidly served by R. Hillbrich in an interim ministry for 11 months. Mr. Hillbrich, new minister at Parkdale, did tremendous work in

connection with church renovation scheme. Presentations were made to them at their farewell . . . Our church building, on which some \$14,000 was spent, is now most presentable.

INFORMAL SERVICES (Gardiner, L. S. Dewberry) For Sunday evening "Informal Services", seats are rearranged and people participate . . . The Taylor sisters have returned from abroad . . . The Church Fair raised \$2,200. 70% of this was distributed to "others" . . . E. Buckmaster gives a monthly missionary focus . . . A Children's Library has been commenced with Mrs G. Watkins as librarian . . . Alon Fergeus Memorial awards were presented to S.S. children successful in Scripture exam . . . 100 people, including Mayor and Mayoress of Malvern attended close of year dinner for Elderly Citizens Fellowship . . . Ron Thomas, moving to Ringwood, has resigned from Boys' Club after 18 years as leader and 26 years of involvement . . . Mr. and Mrs. K. Jones have returned from N.Z. where their son, Bruce, was recently married.

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Frightened driver: "I don't have one, officer."

Officer: "Don't you know you can't drive without a licence?"

Lady: "Oh, that explains it. I thought it was because I was nervous and nearsighted that I hit two cars and a fire plug."

