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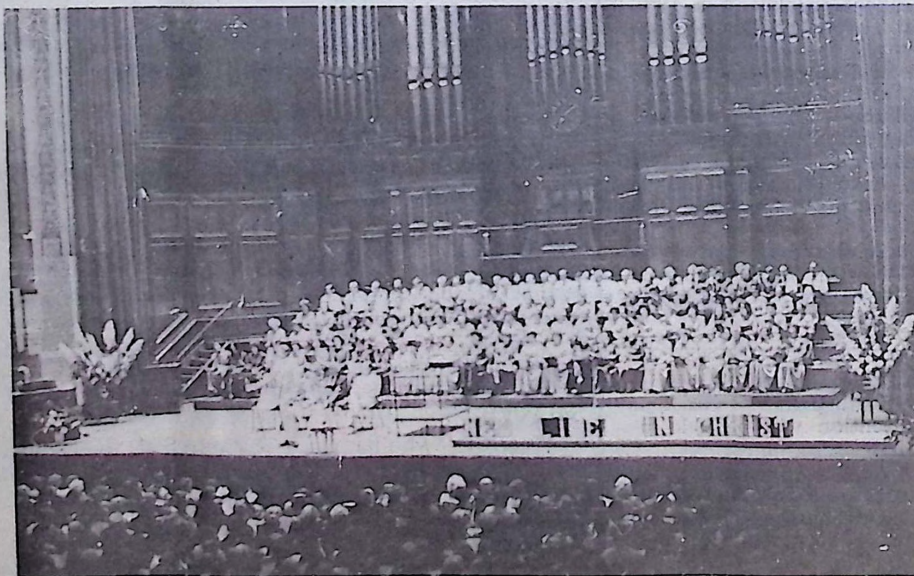


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DARWIN HOME SHOCK

Arthur Collins of the Aborigines Inland Mission has reported that plans drawn up for the rebuilding of Darwin will have a serious effect on their work.

The present location of their children's work, the Retta Dixon Home, is shown as reserved for parkland, which will mean the removal of their buildings, according to the town planners.

When the news was received in Darwin, the superintendent Mervyn Pattermore, immediately lodged a complaint with the board concerned. Mr. Pattermore stated, "Curs is only one amongst four hundred such objections. The matter has yet to be heard by the

MELBOURNE COLLEGE OF DIVINITY

The role of the Melbourne College of Divinity has so changed and expanded in the last few years that the College has decided to create the new office of Dean, in order to mark more appropriately the actual responsibilities of its chief executive officer.

The first Dean will take up the position at the beginning of 1976, on the retirement of the present Registrar, the Reverend Alfred Bird.

An advertisement will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The College hopes to attract applications from both clergy and laity, and on a widely interdenominational basis. For the first time in its history, the College now has a lay President (Dr. Robin Sharwood). Perhaps its first Dean might even be a woman!

The College itself comprises official representatives of the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, the Baptist and Congregational Unions and the Churches of Christ, together with co-optative members (who may come from other denominations).

Since its constitution by an Act of the Victorian Parliament in 1910, it has conferred some 600 degrees and 2,500 diplomas.

Its total student enrolment in 1974 (excluding B. Theol. candidates) was about 900.

The degree of Bachelor of Theology was introduced in that year, and under a system of Boards of Studies and Associated Teaching Institutions the College now engages in teaching as well as examining. By next year there will be close on 200 students being taught for the B. Theol.

With other developments under way as well, the new Dean will certainly find he (or she) has an interesting and challenging job to do.

C. E. CONVENTION

The 36th Australian Christian Endeavour Convention will be held in Brisbane, Jan. 6-13, 1976.

The theme is "Let the Son Shine" and the chairman of the local Convention City Committee is Arthur Nelson a former treasurer of National Christian Endeavour.

town planners, but we haven't been given much hope."

Meanwhile, the Pattermores and others on hand have continued cleaning up and making cottages habitable. It is hoped that one cottage will soon be operational again, with house parents and possibly eight children. The children are at present still at Batchelor, 62 miles south of Darwin.

The site of the Community Church building is to be inspected by city officials before rebuilding can be commenced. The location of the area, type of building proposed, building plans and present remains of the old buildings are matters yet to be considered and approved.

"It will be two to three weeks at least before we know the outcome of our appeal," said Mervyn Pattermore. Meanwhile? "We have started up the school scripture classes and there is the usual administration work to be done."

"If it is to be a new location," said Arthur Collins, "it will mean finding such a place, the type of building programme and what style of work. As ever, we find ourselves calling on people for their prayer support."

—Ramon Williams

CHURCHES PRAISE OIL NATIONS

The Australian Council of Churches has "expressed its pleasure that the Oil Producing and Exporting Countries (OPEC) are using increasing amounts of money earned through oil revenue for grants and loans to developing nations and to express the hope that the development of Third World countries will always be a priority concern for OPEC nations."

This statement has been forwarded to the World Council of Churches for information with the suggestion that they take any action they think appropriate.

This action follows from observations of the new dimension in the aid situation in the world resulting from the increased revenues of the OPEC countries and their willingness to use some of this in development aid.

Figures released recently by a major Western financial journal indicate that grants and loans to developing countries by OPEC countries amount to almost 5% of the net external trade surplus and 2½% of gross export revenue. These grants and loans total \$US2½ billion and seems to be well above the 1% we have encouraged nations to give from their GNP towards development aid.

INNER SPRINGS

A patch of blue



Borne by a wayward wind, it found a dwelling place in the narrow crack of a footpath. One tiny almost insignificant seed. In spite of limited space and hard unyielding surroundings, the little seed established itself, and finding an unseen source of nourishment did that for which it was intended. It grew. Day by day it responded to the warmth of sun and sweet refreshment of rain and in time bore the fruit of its growing. A cluster of vivid blue flowers. At every going out and coming in they captured my attention and rejoiced my heart. Such a little plant, undiscouraged by its position, in danger of being trodden underfoot, exposed to wind and weather, to all intents and purposes unnoticed but—spending itself gloriously!

Isaiah wrote concerning Christ: "He shall grow up as a tender plant before Him". Later Luke added to that, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man". This lovely thing called growth was His special purpose, and it is no less ours.

You and I are but little plants, often placed in difficult unyielding surroundings, trodden upon, exposed to the winds of criticism and misunderstanding as He was. But He spent Himself gloriously! With Him as our source of nourishment we can become what He would have us be. Patches of blue in the Kingdom of our God.

"To give and give, and give again
What God hath given thee;
To spend thyself nor count the cost,

To serve right gloriously,
The God who gave all worlds that are
And all that are to be."

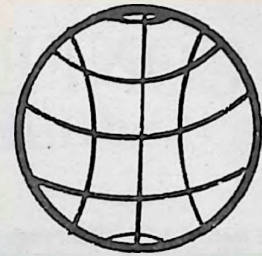
PRAYER:

Dear God, who has given Thy very Self, forgive us that we give so little. We save ourselves for some large service and forget the needs of those close at hand. Teach us to live every day for Thee wherever we are. Amen.

Isaiah 53:2
Luke 2:52

FLORENCE ROSIER.

OH NO! NOT ANOTHER MISSIONARY SPEAKER!!



David G. Hammer of Kenmore Christian College, Qld., is presently involved in advanced studies at Fuller Theological Seminary, California U.S.A.

By David G. Hammer

The church at Main Street is proudly a "missionary-minded" church. Each year it arranges about a week of special meetings, and missionaries come from near and far. They set up their displays, giving due prominence to the money boxes you can take home and fill up. In a friendly way they compete with each other for the interest of the congregation.

Each night of the missionary week, two or more missionaries speak and show transparencies, and take twice the time allotted to them. Several minutes are given, very late in the evening, to ask one or two of the right kind of questions; nothing critical, mind, or you will spoil the "spirit" of the meeting.

Fewer and fewer of the local church people attend, and the missionaries find themselves talking mostly to other missionaries awaiting their turn. The hardy souls who do continue to attend become bewildered by the variety of missions offered to them. Some missions are new. The one person who can (and does) represent the mission is its founder and director. It looks good on letterheads. You must not ask why he separated from the mission which trained him and sent him out. It may sound as if you think he had inflated ideas about his own importance. Other missions have changed their names since last heard of. What were they last time they came? What group do they really belong to? Or are we to support them just because they have the sacred word "mission" attached to them?

As well as being bewildered with variety, the staunch supporter of missions is drowned in words and dazed with pictures. He faithfully pays up the money he had already prayerfully set aside for missionary offerings, and spends the rest of the year recuperating physically and financially. And the average church member, not so convinced, just sighs and says, "Oh no! Not another missionary meeting!" He "continues steadfastly" to stop away from missionary rallies!

Is this an exaggerated description? I do not think so. I have been a missionary speaker addressing an audience which consists largely of the Missionary Committee Chairman, or Chairwoman, (I must learn to say "Chairperson" as the Americans do) and a few members of his/her (its?) Committee, together with the other missionaries awaiting their turn, and the invited soloists wishing they were somewhere else.

But Mission is vital to the life of the Church. Overseas and Aborigine Missions are a significant part of the Church in Mission. Our missionary commitments must be presented to the whole membership of the local church in the best possible way. How can it be done? My suggestions are not original, but they may be helpful. Some of them are suggested by an article I read recently, prepared in part by Charles Mellis, President of Missionary Aviation Fellowship, and at present an associate with us in the School of World Mission here at Fuller.

1. A quarterly missionary weekend. This would involve a different kind of Saturday evening meeting, and the normal Sunday services, and would be far more effective than the extended period of an annual effort, and reach more of the people who need to be contacted. Times would have to be worked out carefully, and no excuses accepted for not finishing on time.

2. Small group encounters. Too often the missionary

contact with the church is by way of a monologue, with little opportunity for anything else. It is all vitally important to the missionary. He has so many things laid on his heart, and he wants to share them. But it can be long, boring and irrelevant to the church member who is expected to support him. Why not have the Saturday evening meeting divided up in a number of homes, some meetings starting early and others later. A missionary can then spend time at several. And instead of a lecture, why not have the members ask important questions—questions a missionary should be able to answer and seldom does.

Why is the mission in this particular area or field?

What are the goals of the work, immediate and long range?

Are these goals being achieved, and how?

Could the money be spent more effectively in some other area?

What are the weaknesses and strengths of your work?

If you were a member of this church, what reasons would you give for supporting this work?

This is the kind of question which should be asked. Churches have been geared for success stories, and missionaries have been conditioned to tell them. No-one hears of mistakes and failures, and few people realise that missionaries are just as human as other members of the Church.

3. A minimum number of missionaries. In fact, just sufficient to meet the needs of the weekend. The organisers of the missionary meetings should have a clear idea of the type of mission work they are having presented, i.e. evangelistic, institutional, service etc., and its relationship to this particular church. They should explain it to the church members beforehand.

The work at Bongo Zombie or wherever it is may be important, but not relevant to that church. If their major responsibilities are with New Guinea, or India, there should be some relationship to the main emphasis of the church in the missionaries invited. An overview of the world mission in perspective, yes, but not a wide and unrelated division of interest.

4. Suitable missionaries. Aren't all faithful missionaries suitable? In the good old days you could expect that what one missionary said about his own particular work would be much the same as what would be happening elsewhere. But these are days of specialization. The missionary today who can speak only about his own work would be better back on the field doing it. A missionary on deputation work needs to have studied the whole area or field analytically, and to be able to present a balanced picture of the whole missionary team, with, of course, illustrations from his own experience.

5. Missionaries need not be "fresh from the field." This is often required, but, apart from his need for rest and recuperation, a missionary usually needs time to look back and get the work in perspective. Let him give a greeting, or share in a panel or workshop.

An equally good (or better) presentation of the whole work can perhaps be given by a missionary doing teaching, research or administrative work, or not-too-long retired. In each case they must be abreast of missionary planning and strategy on a world scale.

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CONFERENCE

1975

The theme of "Faith through Science" was introduced by the President, Dr. G. J. Hall, and provided a basis for stimulating and faith-strengthening messages from well qualified speakers.

At the opening rally Professor David Allbrook showed us the hand of God in the earth which He created. On Wednesday night Professor Allan Wilson, guest speaker from Queensland, upheld the Genesis record of creation as inspired and trustworthy.

The speaker at Women's Night, when Mrs. J. J. O'Meara presided, was K. Berston who brought a fine message which challenged the large assembly. On Youth Night Professor Wilson taught us all a lot about gems and their imitations and our need to be genuine in God's sight. And then on the Sunday he lifted the Brotherhood with a strong and positive statement on "The Faith of the New Testament Church".

Offerings were up on previous years, including a splendid offering on the Sunday of \$349.07 which is donated to the Preachers' Provident Fund.

At the business sessions two new churches, Kwinana and Forest Hill, were welcomed into our Association. This lifts us now to 51 churches. Although some roll revisions have resulted in a small decrease in the aggregate membership, there has been a slight upward trend in attendances at both the Lord's Table and at Gospel services.

Reports included the announcement of a forward move in the rapidly developing Pilbara district. Roy Aitken will commence a ministry in the Roebourne area next year. Roebourne is about 1,000 miles north of Perth.

The Training Committee will be making a new venture this year, taking courses to the churches.

A series of monthly Brotherhood Prayer and Bible Study meetings, led by the Conference President, Dr. Hall, proved to be a most successful experiment.

The gospel is being enthusiastically received in New Guinea and our missionaries are receiving pressing invitations from tribes in the Schrader Ranges and the Grass country.

There was at least one report which was received with unanimous regret. Owing to increasing trading losses it had become necessary during the year to close the Bookshop which has served our W.A. brotherhood for very many years and which, in recent years, has provided an attractive feature to the front of the Christian Centre.

A resource centre to provide the churches with brotherhood worship and

educational literature has been commenced in the Conference open space on the top floor of the Centre. It is being serviced by the Youth and Christian Education Committee.

Miss Aileen Draney brought us a lot of information about the work in New Guinea and challenged the brotherhood with the opportunities which exist in that country for the advancement of our missionary programme.

The following resolutions, introduced by the Social Questions Committee, were passed.

1. Police Training:

"Because the work of police officers is very important in our community, where rapid social change is occurring, we believe greater recognition should be given to the Police Force through the provision of more adequate training.

We ask the State Government to consider:

(a) raising the educational entry requirement to a minimum of the secondary completion of three years of secondary education,

(b) extending the initial period of training to at least 20 weeks for adult recruits, with a further period of academic training after some practical experience,

(c) providing more in-service training for officers of all ranks,

(d) reviewing the promotional system to encourage the seeking of higher qualifications."

2. Effects of Smoking on Non-Smokers:

"That due to the proven ill effects of smoking on non-smokers as well as smokers, we commend to the State Government to legislate for an extension to more areas of the ban on smoking in public places, and, in particular, all public transport and educational institutions."

APPOINTMENTS

1975-1976

Following are the full committees, including those elected at Conference.

Conference Executive:

President: A. J. Anderson
Past Pres: Dr. G. J. Hall
Pres. Elect: D. P. Butler
Secretary: G. A. Ewers
Treasurer: A. E. Chatfield
Assist. Sec: D. G. Parker
State Org: K. J. Patterson
Members: D. K. Croot, H. Heyhoe, H. Jones, D. G. Nelson, D. J. Thorpe.

Home Missionary Committee: A. J. Anderson, T. G. Banks, D. P. Butler, D. K. Croot, G. A. Ewers, G. J. Hall, H. Heyhoe, E. D. Hogben, L. H. Park, K. J.

Patterson, D. Pyne, A. L. Ripper, C. Robartson, W. Samuel, A. Shreve, B. Ryall, M. Tassicker, Mrs. V. Pollock, Mrs. J. A. Sonsee.

Advisory Committee: T. G. Banks, G. A. Ewers, H. R. Fitch, J. K. Robinson, R. Vincent, D. J. Thorpe, K. J. Patterson.

Aborigines Committee: R. Abbot, H. Folland, R. Hawker, S. Holman, Mrs. C. Kilworth, L. Komerowski, L. H. Park, Mrs. J. L. Pallot, Mrs. J. K. Robinson.

Christian Union Committee: Miss V. Dean, C. Kirby, N. Monson, D. J. Ryle, T. Streeton, Mrs. R. Vincent, J. Western, Mrs. L. Wishart.

College of the Bible Committee: A. Cant, Mrs. K. Duffy, R. Morris, W. R. Newton, K. J. Patterson, R. A. Ryall.

Properties Committee: E. L. Berry, J. J. Collingwood, J. M. Edwards, J. Fabry, G. J. Hall, G. F. Hewitt, B. J. Kidd, D. R. Moyle, K. J. Parry, J. A. Riches, W. Rock, A. W. Smyth.

Aged Persons Homes Board: T. G. Banks, R. Beard, L. Crawford, L. Jones, A. W. Maloney, A. W. Morris, I. Stewart, W. J. Yeomans, Mrs. K. Roberts.

Christian Centre Board of Management: J. S. Bridge, K. J. Patterson, Miss M. Peacock, G. R. Povey, F. Russell, Mrs. G. F. Hewitt.

Christian Welfare Centre and Counselling Centre Services Board: R. Abbott, A. Blundell, C. Bryan, Miss V. Dean, G. F. Hewitt, Mrs. G. F. Hewitt, Mrs. C. Kirby, N. Monson, R. Ruscoe, T. Streeton.

Overseas Missionary Committee: T. G. Banks, M. Chadwick, Miss R. Connolly, Mrs. J. W. Gordon, G. J. Hall, Miss A. Hardie, Mrs. J. J. O'Meara, Miss K. Taylor, W. Lake.

Training Committee: K. Berston, R. Cousins, Miss A. Hardie, W. B. Paget, L. H. Park, D. J. Thorpe, N. B. Wells.

Youth & Christian Education Committee: M. Ashworth, G. B. Carslake, G. Chapman, D. A. Cook, K. Duffy, R. Gething, Mrs. D. Hughes, Miss J. L. Jones, Mrs. B. J. Kidd, A. Leung, Mrs. K. J. Parry, J. Patterson, J. W. Somerville, D. Sonsee, G. Strack, A. van Leen, A. T. Walkington, Miss H. B. Walkington, R. Wishart, Miss S. Wright.

—G. A. Ewers

WARRNAMBOOL'S CENTENARY

(Vic.) The Church of Christ at Warrnambool is celebrating one hundred years of witness in 1975.

"Back to Warrnambool" activities will be held at the Queens Birthday Weekend, June 14-16.

The Victorian Half-Yearly Convention will also be held in Warrnambool this year, August 9-10.

See the advertisement in this issue for details.

ANDRAE CROUCH AND THE DISCIPLES



There are four good reasons why Andrae Crouch and the Disciples are one of the World's most successful and durable Jesus Music groups. These four reasons are, Andrae Crouch, Sandra Crouch, Billy Thedford, and Perry Morgan.

Rarely do you find four individually talented performers who work so well together; dedicating themselves to the ministry that each one feels as his particular calling—that of spreading the Good News through Jesus Music.

Because of their dedication; the Disciples, as a group, have been together a total of six years. Whenever they sing; in concert, on television, or while recording, one gets the very strong feeling that these people have a most unusual commitment to God. They feel He is worthy of the absolute best they can give. You will always find them striving for 100 per cent perfection; and judging from their record sales and the standing-room-only concerts around the world, that excellence is appreciated by millions.

The backgrounds of Andrae Crouch and the Disciples are varied. Andrae was reared in a Minister's home and started from very humble beginnings, working in various local ministries throughout Southern California. Even at an early age, people closely associated with Andrae knew that God had given him a unique rapport and ability to communicate with an audience. They were also aware of his tremendous song writing ability, which in a few years would make him one of the leading contemporary gospel writers in the world. Besides Andrae's gifted piano playing, his solos highlight all Andrae Crouch and the Disciples performances. His album, "Just Andrae" is a best seller.

Sandra Crouch, Andrae's twin sister, had a very successful career as the number one percussionist in Hollywood. You will find Sandra playing on most of Motown's recording sessions up until 1971. Sandra has accompanied Diana Ross on her television specials, as well as personal appearances.

Billy Thedford comes from a non-religious background. Before joining with the Disciples, he was on the road to becoming a very successful night club entertainer. Since dedicating his life to Christ and joining the Disciples, Billy is finding greater success and greater rewards than he ever dreamed possible. Billy plays bass guitar and sings.

Perry Morgan adds tremendous strength to the group's vocal. In his high school years, Perry was living his life as he saw fit; but all of this changed through Andrae's personal witness to Perry. Today, he is considered the backbone of the group. Perry can be found driving the bus, setting up equipment, or, after a concert, talking with somebody about Christ. His rich clear tenor voice really puts the sound together.

In addition to these four outstanding musicians, the group is augmented by a band, formerly of Oklahoma City, called Son Light. The addition of Son Light to the Disciples makes their performances one of the most exciting experiences in music today.

They have appeared with such personalities as Nickey Cruz, Dave Wilkerson, Pat Boone, Billy Graham, Johnny Cash, and Oral Roberts. They were featured at EXPO '72; and have appeared on Oral Roberts' specials, and the Johnny Carson Tonight Show. They

have been written up in such periodicals as Life Magazine, Time and Billboard. The cover story of Christian Life Magazine, February, is about Andrae.

To be unanimously acclaimed around the world as number one in Soul-Gospel, has opened unbelievable doors for Andrae Crouch and the Disciples to reflect the life, love, message, and Spirit of the one they love the most—JESUS! Not since the crusades of Dr. Billy Graham has Australia been blessed with such a dynamic christian personality as that of Andrae Crouch. Andrae, supported by his group "The Disciples" will bring to all a wonderful testimony of what Christ means to them through a programme of contemporary Gospel Music presented in a manner that the whole family will enjoy. This return visit to Australia by Andrae Crouch and the Disciples is again being sponsored by Christian Youth Travel who invites you to share an exciting programme of Gospel Music when Andrae comes to your city.



MISS JEAN SKUSE NAMED AS A.C.C. SECRETARY-ELECT

At the April meeting of the A.C.C., Miss Jean Skuse was named as the next General Secretary of the Australian Council of Churches, to take office on Jan. 1, 1975. She will succeed the Rev. Frank Engels.

Miss Skuse has been Executive Secretary of the N.S.W. State Council of the A.C.C. for three years. She is a member of the Methodist Church, and

one of the seven-member Executive of the Joint Constitutional Council of the Uniting Church of Australia.

Jean Enid Skuse holds the Diploma in Sociology of the Univ. of N.S.W. She spent ten years of her working life in commercial films, as a Credit Manager, an Office Manager, and in several insurance jobs. She holds a certificate in book-keeping.

Her appointment as General Secretary begins on her forty-fourth birthday.

• QUEENSLAND

INTRODUCING
CHARLES TUCKER
PRESIDENT 1975-1976

The incoming Conference President for church year 1975/76 is Charles Edward Tucker, now of Everton Park but formerly of Redcliffe.

Mr. Tucker was born at Charters Towers in 1918 of Church of Christ parents. His late grandfather, William Coward Sr., was one of the pioneer church members of North Queensland.

Mr. Tucker was baptised during the Hinrichsen and Morris Mission of the early 1930s, and has since been in active fellowship in churches at Charters Towers, Roma, Gladstone, Kingaroy, Kedron and Redcliffe. In following his occupation as hospital manager he also lived at Mundubbera and Mossman.

After relinquishing managership of the Townsville General Hospital in 1967, Mr. Tucker and family moved to Brisbane. He occupied the position Senior Inspector and later Chief Inspector of Hospitals and Institutions for a period of two years. He then managed the Industrial Factories of the Blind at Annerley for two years and for the past three years has been manager of the Eventide Home for the Aged at Sandgate.

During World War II he served for more than three years overseas with the A.I.F., rising to the rank of Warrant Officer First Class, and was mentioned in despatches for conspicuous service.

Whilst at Gladstone in 1947 before our church was established there he met and married his wife, Beryl, who was at the time youth leader and BS teacher in the Methodist church.

On moving to Roma in 1950 Mrs. Tucker joined her husband in full fellowship with the Church of Christ and has since been actively engaged in work with the various church organisations and committees. Whilst at Redcliffe she was secretary of the C.W.F. and Kindergarten teacher and pianist.

Mr. Tucker is currently Deputy Chairman of the Social Services Committee. He was, until moving back to Brisbane, the Chairman for the Redcliffe Christian Men's Fellowship. He is also State President of the Queensland Home Help Service, a voluntary organisation undertaking to provide unskilled domestic assistance to homes during times of emergency and illness.

Whilst in fellowship with the Kedron church he was chairman of the Officers' Board for four years. His wife was also active in the various aspects of the work there.

Youngest child Kerri-Anne aged 11 years, was recently welcomed into the fellowship of the Redcliffe church.

Mr. Tucker claims he has no particular qualification for the position to which he had answered God's call, other than:

A love of God and a desire to serve Him,

A love of Church and a desire to serve it.

A love of all God's people and a desire to serve them.

"Not what I hope to achieve" he stated, "but what we'll hope to achieve together with God because in all things we will give unto Him the pre-eminence".

MINISTER'S SEMINAR—CAMP CAL
As part of the State Conference activities in Qld., a minister's seminar is held at "Camp Cal" Caloundra.

Diego Romulo of the Philippines was study leader. Reports were presented on the churches by ministers. Department reports from Social Service—Colin Dredge (Associate Director)—Home Missions—Bruce Roberts (Director), Youth and Christian Education Director (Allan Male) were given.

EASTER CAMP—"CAMP CAL", CALOUNDRA

An international guest speaker, Diego Romulo, minister of Cruzada Church of Christ, Manila, and principal-elect of Manila Bible Institute, was Study-Leader at this year's Easter camp.

A sunrise service was held on the new sun-terrace that overlooks Dickey Beach. The hall below became known as "Down-Under" where nightly coffee-shops were held.

The film "Jonathan Livingstone Seagull" was a feature and aroused much discussion among the young people who identified with the life struggle of Jonathan.

"Star Power" a simulation game was presented twice and revealed to the participants the pressures and tensions of the involvement in groups.

TEEN WEEK — ARANA HILLS

Take a new church, mix in a likeable minister, add two key Youth Workers and place in a large bowl known as the Qld. Youth Dept. and you have the ingredients that make up a delightful mixture. Teen-Week '75 was at Arana Hills in co-operation with Glen Stibbe, minister, and Ronda and Jonathan Smith, key youth workers. Attendances were 82, 101, 240, 161 and 190. Diego Romulo was guest speaker and challenged youth to serve Christ as Lord.

This was the 9th Annual T.W. conducted by the Department in Queensland.

NEW MINISTER (Kedron, C. Dredge) Jim Dow from Balaklava, S.A., has accepted a call to minister from the end of this year . . . 40 members attended family tea and film night . . . Mother's Day service led by women with Mrs. Marj. Dredge as speaker.

NEW MEMBERS (Dalby, B. Thygesen) Y.P. attended Easter Camp at Leslie Dam. 3 members gained through faith and baptism . . . C.W.F. held film evening and showed slides of Mr and Mrs G. Pedler's European tour. Proceeds to church building fund . . . Margaret Parkinson, from B.M.M.F., India, held Indian night with Y.P. and also spoke on Sunday . . . Rex Ellis Conference President, a recent speaker . . . C.W.F. raised \$135 with street stall . . . Missionary rally held with Tom Cuddy, voluntary worker, Carnarvon Centre, W.A.; Lyall Morris, Supt., Eidsvold Training Centre; and Sonny Graham, Supt., Norseman Mission. S.S. aiming to contribute to fuel fund for O/S Missions.

STATE CONFERENCE

The 92nd Annual Conference was held at the historic Ann St. City Chapel. Following the Minister's Seminar, two rallies were held with Departmental foci. Diego Romulo of the Philippines was guest speaker. President was G. R. F. Ellis, Registrar of Kenmore and Principal-elect of Woolwich College.

Department and Committee reports presented a glowing picture of works completed and a future full of possibilities.

The motions were considered and aroused some emotions but not to the point where the Spirit of God was completely obliterated. Logical reasons were presented by concerned people of differing points of view. Divisions of voting by delegates illustrated the differences, but such a balance also depicts a healthy and lively outlook.

The motion to withdraw from the Queensland Committee of the Australian Council of Churches was deferred for twelve months. The motion to limit Directors' tenure to a three (3) year review by a plebiscite of the Churches was also rejected.

The concluding worship service was held at the Kelvin Grove Teachers' College Auditorium at which Diego Romulo was the guest speaker. The incoming President, Charles Tucker, presided.

**QUEENSLAND INVITES
YOU IN 1976
36th FEDERAL CONFERENCE**

IN THE STUDY.

There are nearly 400 references in the Bible to bread. In the O.T. most of the references concerned bread as a sustaining necessity of life. The Feast of Unleavened Bread" (Exo. 12:15-20) was one of three great agricultural festivals. It was a week long celebration after the barley harvest. The manna (Exo. 16:1-36) in the wilderness journeys became the symbol of God's provision and presence.

In the N.T. God is concerned with our material provisions, illustrated by his concern for our bread (Matt. 6:11). The feeding of the 5000 in each of the gospels amplifies God's concern. In John's account (Chap. 6) this is linked with Moses and the wilderness, with Jesus being the Bread of Life and with the understanding of the provision made during Communion.

The claim of Jesus to be the Bread of Life is the simplest illustration of his necessity for men. 6:35,48,51 are an obvious reference to the Lord's Supper where the elements have been referred to as "the medicines of salvation"—Ignatius.

FROM THE PULPIT.

The Disciples wrung their hands at the size of the hungry crowd. What can we do when faced by an overwhelming need?

1. We must appreciate the needs of the hungry. Every solution commences with concern. "Bread for myself is a material question. Bread for my neighbour is a spiritual question. The greatest evil in the world is not poverty but unconcern".—Archbishop Angelo Fernandes, Delhi. 2. We must use what we have in our hands. Moses and David and the boy in the crowd were asked what resources they had at hand. The boy with the loaves and fish had little resources but when offered to Jesus many were helped. 3. We must realise that because we cannot do everything there is no reason why we should not do something. 4. Start now where you are by believing. It was faith that propelled Christopher Columbus to prove the world was round; William Wilberforce to abolish

BREAD

slavery; and Neil Armstrong to walk on the moon. The hungry will be fed when we believe we can use our resources to help meet an overwhelming need (1 John 5:4-5). Jesus only fed the company by making them sit in groups for ease of distribution. Just and efficient means of distribution of the earth's ample resources are still needed to feed the hungry today.

AMONG THE PEOPLE.

I was born in a bakehouse and from my parents and my grandparents flour has coursed through my veins! I watched horses winch the flour-bags up to the loft, and helped stoke the ovens overnight with logs. I watched the old doughmakers bending over the deep troughs to punch the dough. I have seen our family bakeries grow to automatic, computerised, travelling ovens, with bulk flour deliveries and automatic slicers and wrappers. The bread-carts are no more but the busy vans choke the early morning yard.

But the men who make and sell the bread are the same. There are greetings from the early shift men, broken marriages, bright conversation, alcoholism, cheeky carters always on the run—all of them with lives sustained by bread but needing more, the Bread of Life. Years are spent in labouring for the food that perishes. "Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God". That bread alone satisfies.

On my Grandfather's wall were the words "Back of the loaf is snowy flour; and back of the flour the mill; and back of the mill are the wheat and the shower and the sun and the Father's will".

People hunger for satisfaction. The world promises everything but gives nothing that abides. Jesus alone promises a satisfaction that feeds the hunger of a man's soul both in this life and for the life to come. And even bakers need that Bread.

GORDON MOYES.

OH, NOT ANOTHER

MISSIONARY SPEAKER! (from Page 3)

6. The typical missionary weekend could be:

- Small group sharing with missionaries on the Saturday evening.
- A short and crisp missionary challenge on Sunday morning—not an hour-long message or lecture, please!
- Visits to Bible School classes with brief highlights to suit the various age groups.
- Sunday evening service: a short message with missionary illustrations, presenting Christ, and leading to decision. By this time, if the missionary illustrations are well-chosen and the messages well presented, people will gladly stop for
- After-Church Rally, with selected pictures from the field (one field for preference) for 20 minutes, followed by a cup of tea and biscuits so that people can meet the missionaries informally.

Churches taking an Annual Offering, or working on a budget, or combining the two, should be able to maintain missionary interest with this quarterly emphasis, plus of course, visits from their own living-link missionaries if they do not coincide with the quarterly meetings, and an occasional "special" deputation of general interest. Churches which successfully run a Faith Promise type of programme will need only to alter the Sunday morning format once a year.

The important thing is that the Missionary Committee must plan both the goals of missionary education in the church and the programmes on a long-term basis, and not just scratch up a number of available missionary speakers at the last minute. They should know where they are heading, and see that they get there. Missionary presentation is too important to be done haphazardly or inefficiently.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"I'm supposed to have proof you're a member. Can you recite the Apostle's Creed?"

OPEN FORUM

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

TASMANIA CONNECTION

To the Editor,

Now that the Vic-Tas Conference business sessions are held on a Friday night and Saturday, could I suggest that Conference hold those sessions in Launceston, say, in 1978.

As a further suggestion, could Ministers' Seminar follow on at Bicheno.

Delegates could fly out of Tullamarine on a charter plane at 7 p.m. and be in Conference by 8 p.m. After sharing with Tasmanian morning services, delegates could fly out on Sunday at 5 p.m. in time to make the Melbourne Town Hall Evangelistic Rally.

Those Victorian churches that could not afford to put aside two dollars a week between now and 1978, would receive the same consideration that smaller Tasmanian churches now receive.

Ministers' Association would need to book Bicheno well ahead, so an early announcement would assist.

—Malcolm Gray, Tas.

CHRISTIANS AND COMMUNISM

To the Editor,

One can only sympathise with Hazel Scambler's dilemma ("A.C." May 17) as to which story to believe re conditions of Christians under Communist rule. It is clear that there are two ways of response, open to Christians under any repressive regime. Christians may "lean with the blows" and endeavour to maintain faith and witness with discretion; they may, on the other hand, choose to defy the regime and, through valour, try to make their stand for Christ. Inevitably, when some Christians in a certain situation choose each of these paths, each group appears to the other as betraying the cause and each will offer a different account of conditions.

Our great need is for reliable assessment and information. Perhaps the best researched and documented account of the situation of Christians in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union is to be found in Trevor Beeson's "Discretion and Valour" (Fontana). An excellent country-by-country account of conditions, showing that there is very little uniformity in treatment of religious groups in Eastern Europe. For a continuous supply of reliable, well-researched up-to-date information Keston College; (Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism, Heathfield Road, Keston, Kent, BR2 6BA, England) can hardly be bettered.

With reference to the statement made at Federal Conference to the effect that Indonesia holds the record for length of imprisonment for political prisoners, Mrs Scambler omits two vital words. Those words are "without trial". Indonesia has held thousands of political prisoners for over eight years without trial and the current rate of bringing these to trial

means a further twenty or more years before all have been tried. We may well be sceptical of course, of the trial procedures in many lands, but Indonesia has not even attempted to bring many thousands to trial—they have already served longer than the maximum sentences for the offences with which they are reportedly charged.

Neil Gilmore, A.C.T.

ACTION AGAINST OBSCENE AND INDECENT PUBLICATIONS REQUIRED

Following the successful prosecution and conviction of the former Blacktown Newsagent in the District Criminal Court on May 15, 1975, firm follow-up is urgently required by the Police Commissioner and the Minister for Services, the Hon. John L. Waddy, against similar offending N.S.W. newsagents.

A survey of newsagents has indicated that the publications which were declared obscene and indecent are still being sold by a number of Sydney newsagents.

Copies are even being publicly displayed and sold on Saturday nights by the street vendors opposite Sydney Town Hall!

The Director of the Festival of Light said, "The contents of these two publications, 'Bitch' and 'Venus', have been utterly condemned by over 90% of the Australian population. The title 'Bitch' is appropriate because of its dehumanised approach to so-called sex and love, which should be more accurately described as "new animalism"."

The concerned parents of our

community are called upon to boycott newsagents who continue to sell these and similar publications. Strong financial support should be given by parents to newsagents who display community responsibility and reject these publications.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES AT UNIV. OF SYDNEY

The N.S.W. State Council of the Australian Council of Churches welcomes the announcement and advertisement of a Chair in Religious Studies at the University of Sydney.

The Council is aware that the University of Sydney has had a B.D. degree for almost 40 years, but feels the establishment of a Chair in Religious Studies will ensure the development of this field of study in the full academic sense and in ways appropriate to Sydney University's standing in the international University scene.

WORLD VISION AID

World Vision of Australia has offered to help in the resettlement and assimilation of all the Vietnamese refugees on ships in Singapore Harbour.

"We have poured millions of dollars into refugee aid in Vietnam", said World Vision director, Bruce Ogden. "Just because they are no longer on Vietnamese soil doesn't make them less worthy of our help."

World Vision is prepared to provide staff and interpreters to help settle the refugees into temporary accommodation. Using personnel specialised in Vietnam affairs we can act as a liaison between the various voluntary and church agencies to assimilate the people into the community.

Mr. Ogden said "we can call on the assistance of 25,000 people who already support World Vision. But we are confident most of the community will stand behind a government decision to accept these stateless refugees."

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

LOST TIME

To the Editor,

When our family is at its best we have great times. We enjoy peace, fun, affection, doing things together, and the lively give-and-take of talk at meal tables. And we enjoy God together in a sort of non-religious way as he comes in and out of our experience. This is living!

But in spite of this we lose precious time when we are not really living. For instance when I get snooty with the kids and a sort of coldness settles down on the house for a few hours, those hours come out of our time for living. Or when the wife and I "have words" as she chooses to understate it, each of us loses hours of living waiting for the other one to say sorry. The other day something happened at work that had me eating my heart out. As it turned out it was all a misunderstanding. But I didn't live for a few days, and the family lost those days too.

I've worked it out that outside of sleeping and working our family has about 52 hours a week of living time. Two rows, three bad moods, and one outbreak of hyper-sensitivity, and half of our living has gone for the week. You can lose half your life without realising it can't you!

Hoping you are the same,
TERTIUS

VICTORIA TASMANIA



LORIS
JOYCE
C.W.F.
PRESIDENT

The One-Hundred and Tenth Conference of Victoria-Tasmania Churches of Christ had some new features. Concentrated into a shorter period with business sessions on Friday evening and all day Saturday there was no apparent hindrance to Conference concern. There were fewer formal speeches but provision for more discussion. The discussion time was not always used and whether this indicated apathy or satisfaction is open to some question.

The devotional sessions were simply readings from God's Word. There were no sermons, expositions, or explanations. Simply the Word of God read by the President, Gordon Stirling, from the Bible presented to him when he served the S.A. brotherhood as president 22 years before.

The President's Reception set the pattern for a cutting of many of the strings of formality, and throughout the sessions the department reports or foci were presented entertainingly and informatively.

We even had the football scores presented at intervals on Saturday afternoon. For many Melbourne folk, Saturday football is like a second religion and as the President said, if we ask them to give up their football the least we can do is tell them what is happening.

HIGHLIGHTS

Among the highlights which come quickly to mind were: Russell Ritchie's insights into the ministry of the Echuca church with the Aborigines of Cummeragunja, the audio-visual on hospital chaplaincy presented by the Social Service Dept., the "Gallup" poll interview between Ted Keating and Ron Elbourne for the Literature Dept., and the singing of Valentine Woff and his son, Mac, at Nicholas Hall. This was both a significant contribution by the Woffs to the programme and a recognition of the end of a musical era in Victoria. The choir formed by Val Woff for the World Convention in Melbourne in 1952, continued as the Churches of Christ Choral Society until Dec. 1974. The Woffs, father and son, were representative of that fine choir.

Sadly, 531 names were taken off the church rolls over the past year. If there was some small comfort in noting that our losses were not so great as last year, it was very small comfort indeed.

We were also distressed to learn of the continuing consequences of the Hobart Bridge disaster. The broken bridge, which divides the city also separates families. Workers who spent maybe half an hour in travel time now spend three or even four hours going to and from work. The church is also suffering. Folk are not able to attend meetings. To meet this need a meeting was held on the Eastern side of the bridge and 42 attended. Maybe some good can come from this forced diversion from the city church. But Hobart needs our continued concern. Don Stewart, Hobart's minister, said that this social disaster could have even longer effects than the tragedy that came to Darwin.

On a brighter note for Tasmania was the announcement by Cec Neville that the Federal Government Regional Employment Development Scheme had made a grant of \$34,000 for work at the Biheno Camp Site. This money will be used by the local council and the Bicheno camp management committee to provide playing areas and undertake beautification projects that will make Bicheno one of the foremost church camps in the island.

Other Conference features were the acceptance of a new formula for brotherhood giving, the brotherliness of the debate on the sensitive issue of the Victorian Council of Churches and its relationship with the Roman Catholic Church, and the Town Hall Evangelistic Rally with the three Gordons: Gordon Stirling, outgoing President; Gordon Scambler, incoming President; and Gordon Moyes who preached on "How to Become a Brand New Person".

The offering for Conference expenses and the Preachers' Provident Fund amounted to \$1302, a record.

(Resolutions etc. in next issue).

CHURCHES AID REFUGEES

The A.C.C. has written to the Heads of its twelve member churches informing them of the work they have already participated in through the A.C.C. and reassuring them that money given for refugee relief in Vietnam is reaching those in need. The A.C.C. has already contributed \$50,000 for refugee relief.

The letter, from Miss Thelma Skiller of the A.C.C. Division of World Christian Action, explains that money given goes to the relief programme of Asian Christian Service. (A.C.S.) A.C.S. has been working with seven groups including the Social Relief Committee of the Evangelical Church of Vietnam and Catholic and Buddhist organisations. On March 31, five tons of food commodities such as dehydrated rice, instant noodles and condensed milk was airlifted and

distributed to 5,600 refugees who escaped from Ban Me Thuot, Pleiku and Kontum Provinces.

In early April, another A.C.S. group was despatched to Vung Tau to bring relief refugees who came by boat, ship and barge from Region 1 and Region 2. Bread, instant noodles, etc. were distributed to about 6,000 persons newly landed in Vung Tau or already accommodated in temporary reception camps. The report received from Asian Christian Service indicates that over \$500,000 was spent on this relief work.

The A.C.C. is continuing to seek donations towards this refugee relief work and you are invited to send your donation to Australian Council of Churches, P.O. Box J111, Brickfield Hill, N.S.W. 2000.

S.A. COUNCIL OF CHURCHES FUNDS FOR INDO-CHINA

Although the Disasters Emergency Committee's National Indo-China-Vietnam Appeal has been closed, the South Australian Council of Churches (S.A.C.C.) is still receiving funds to meet human need in Indo-China.

The Council of Churches will continue to receive money and channel it through several Church agencies which are operating in Indo-China. Funds are being forwarded to Asian Christian Service, the W.C.C.'s Fund for Reconstruction and Reconciliation in Indo-China, Vietnam National Christian Service, and the W.C.C. in Geneva.

Funds can be forwarded to the S.A.C.C., G.P.O. Box 2106, Adelaide, or left at the S.A.C.C. Office, 33 Pirie Street.

• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

RUNNING A SAWMILL IN NEW GUINEA

By JEFF WATSON

Let me tell you about the work of the sawmill and how it helps the mission. Also I would like to tell you of my work as carpenter.

I imagine that those who don't know very much about our sawmill would think it is a money making venture with very little to do with our mission outreach and development, but this isn't correct. This is how we operate.

First of all, the local councillors in the villages along the river right up to Chungribu come down and get a letter off us for a certain amount of logs of a specified length and species. Then they go back to their villages and organize the people to cut and float the logs down to us by a specified date.

On arrival at Bunapas the sawmill boys winch the logs out of the water, measure them, then run them through the two saws and cut them up into 4" x 2" and 2" x 1" or whatever we may need. Then they dock them off to size and put them through the dip diffusion process.

All this sounds very simple, but it isn't. When we look closely at the problems we find that most of the New Guineans involved, including sawmill boys, can't read or write letters or figures of any description. To overcome this problem the missionaries before me put in a great deal of time teaching these people how to read and where to cut a log so that you can get the most timber out of it.

Even now half of our running time in the sawmill is spent in teaching new methods and skills to these people. We are very fortunate in that the Forrest Department of New Guinea is also very keen on teaching these new skills to the New Guineans and they are giving us a great deal of support in providing literature and teaching aids to help us. This year is going to be the hardest as far as teaching is concerned as we have to change over to metric this year.

You are probably saying to yourself, well this is great! The mission is teaching these people some new skills but what about the work that the mission is supposed to be there for. That is, the teaching of the Gospel to the people of New Guinea.

Well, through our contact with the councillors of many villages through the sawmill many of our pastors have been invited to these villages to bring the Word of God to them. Also through the sawmill the boys that we have working for us come into close contact with other Christians and they share their views and thoughts with them, before work each

morning we have a small devotional time together in which the boys take an active part.

On Sundays we have people going out to many villages to talk about God and there isn't one Sunday when one of our workboys is not involved in this outreach work.

If the mission didn't have the sawmill the cost of each new mission house and any project that required timber would be almost double what it is now. Most of the timber processed in the sawmill is used on mission projects, very little is sold out so the sawmill isn't a money making venture but a valuable part of our mission work.

Please remember us in your prayers as we strive to serve God and help the people of New Guinea.

ANGLICANS SELL GOLD STOCK:

The Church of England has sold half of its 70,000 shares in Consolidated Gold Fields, a major mining house with a large stake in South Africa, and intends to unload the remainder as soon as the price is right. The shares sold brought a reported 100,000.

The action came almost two years after the Counter Information Services in Britain published an "anti-report" on CGF noting that gold is South Africa's largest export item and the source of more than one-half of its foreign exchange. According to the publication, profits are almost totally dependent on low production costs since the gold content of the ore is low, the price paid is controlled internationally and cannot be passed on to the consumer.

According to statistics for 1971, out of every rand of gold produced, 18c went to white labour, 9c to black labour, 33c to materials, 21c to foreign shareholders, 14c to government taxes and 5c for electricity. The report also noted that 93% of the black work force in the mines is paid a wage below the poverty datum line.

Protests about the Church of England's investment in CGF began two years ago when there was a heated debate in the General Synod. Representatives of the investment fund defended its holding at that time on the grounds that it had to seek the best return possible.

—EPS

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

THREE SOLDIERS (1)

As a young spy, this man inspected the land into which he was later to lead an army. His report made him and another so unpopular that an attempt was made to kill them. He succeeded a great law-giver. His last years were saddened when his people turned away from God. Who was he? (Answer on page 18).

"What goes 'oom, oom'?" asked Walter.

"A cow walking backward," replied David.

Two thugs jumped on a man and after much fighting managed to get his wallet which contained only sixty cents.

"Do you mean that you put up such a struggle for only sixty cents?" asked one thug.

"No, sir," said the victim, "I thought you were after the thousand dollars in my shoe".

Shown to his room in a small, out-of-the-way hotel, the well-dressed traveller said: "Why, this room reminds me of a prison cell." "Well sir," said the bell hop, "It's all a matter of what one is accustomed to."



"It's the only thing that will force him out of the water!"

WOMEN'S WRITE



Edited by Gladys Mackenzie

CHRISTIAN WOMEN IN CONFERENCE

NEW SOUTH WALES

Annual Conference Day was presided over by the President, Mrs. Shirley Mansell. Her theme had been "Life Abundant." The morning programme included time given to the congregation to present ideas and suggestions for work among women. The C.W.F. choir was conducted by Mrs. Lyn Gayford and there were solos by Miss Betty Harcus. Mrs. Bess Wylie (Incoming President) concluded the morning session with a devotional segment using her theme, "For such a time as this."

During the afternoon there was a spotlight on International Women's Year by Mrs. Glad Bent, (Incoming President, Women's Inter-Church Council). Greetings were brought by J. Shaw, General Conf. Pres., who thanked Mrs. Mansell for her year of service, and presented her with a copy of "Five Minutes with the Master."

Miss Phil Davis from Victoria was guest speaker, who challenged all with her message, "The Church alive in 75".

Incoming Officers, 1975/76:

President—Mrs. Bess Wylie. Past President—Mrs. Shirley Mansell. President Elect—Mrs. Ivy Holloway. Vice President—Mrs. Edna Morgan. Secretary—Mrs. Lyla Beckingham. Asst. Secretary—Mrs. Marjorie Elsmore. Publicity Secretary—Mrs. Jean Torode. Treasurer—Mrs. Elaine Alderman.

QUEENSLAND

Mrs. R. Haigh declared the Conference open and led in call to Worship. Thirty-six fellowships were represented amongst the 205 ladies present. The welcome included Pine Rivers C.W.F., a new fellowship, represented by Mrs. Flood. It was also reported that Springwood C.W.F. have held their first meeting.

Mrs. Mary Finger brought greetings from the New Hebridean women, and Miss Maureen Rule from "Fairhaven", W.A. who concluded her remarks with song, accompanying herself on the guitar. Offering amounted to \$177.00. Half of this supports our Indian Orphan, half to C.O.C.O.A.

Mrs. Dorothy Armstrong, Federal C.W.F. President, was introduced and reminded all that Federal Conference will be held in Brisbane, September 13-18, 1976.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

220 ladies attended the Conference led by the President, Mrs. J. J. O'Meara. Special greetings were extended to missionaries present.

The morning meditation was presented by Mrs. H. Clark, on the topic, "All Joy in the Lord." Mrs. B. Chapman was soloist.

During a "Service of Remembrance" conducted by Mrs. M. F. Wyss, twenty-four sisters were lovingly honoured as Mrs. Moignard placed a rose in the Bowl of Remembrance.

Veteran sisters (each of whom were given a small gift), and representatives from kindred churches and organisations, were entertained at lunch.

During the afternoon, Mrs. J. L. Pallot, 1975 Conf. Pres. was introduced. She gave her motto for the year—"Victory is sure, be strong and steadfast always abounding in the Lord's work,"

Miss Aileen Draney addressed Conference and spoke of women in New Guinea.

Newly elected executive officers, and representatives on Conference Committees, were introduced at evening rally. Mrs. O'Meara presented Dr. G. Hall with a cheque to be used in the Outreach Work, in the grass country of New Guinea. This gift was a special effort to mark the 70th year of Women's Conference in the State.

Kevin Berston brought the evening message.

The following officers were elected for 1975:

President—Mrs. W. Brumby. President Elect—Mrs. L. Henderson. Vice President—Mrs. M. Lockie. Secretary—Mrs. R. Haigh. Asst. Secretary—Mrs. M. Price. Treasurer—Mrs. J. Brooks. Asst. Treasurer—Mrs. M. Cobine. Organist—Mrs. C. Connell.

G.F.R. Ellis, Pres. of General Conf. led in prayer of dedication and introduced Diego Romule from the Philippines. In his response Diego Romule advised that on his return to the Philippines they would be celebrating their 75th Annual Convention of the founding of the Churches of Christ there.

Mrs. Brumby was presented with the President's Bible, and a presentation was made to Mrs. Henderson, retiring secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

"God with us" was the theme used by Mrs. Jean Middleton during her presidential year. Cn Conference Day, April 17, 300 women met at Grote Street, including delegates from all city churches and 18 country groups. Morning devotions were led by Mrs. Fimmell of Mt. Gambier. Outstanding meetings and projects were reported by representatives of city groups. These included various fellowship and study groups, arts and crafts displays, coffee mornings, weekly family teas, sharing visits with country groups, and visitation evangelism programmes. Greetings were received from our Living Links, Hazel Skuce, Edna Lincoln and Judy Williams.

Mrs. Middleton led the afternoon devotional period and had assisting her, Fiona Baker and Kathy Powell, both of whom had been pupils in her pre-school kindergarten in their early years.

"What if the Church was not," was the title of the address brought to Conference by Mrs. Kathy Sander. General Conf. Pres., R.S.A. McLean thanked Mrs. Middleton, pointing out that she had taken part in 110 special meetings, apart from routine conference and executive meetings. He then inducted the new officers: President—Mrs. Joyce Long. Secretary—Mrs. Mavis Searle. Treasurer—Mrs. Helen Morrow. Assistant Sec—Mrs. Shirley Holmes. Editress—Mrs. Alice Saunders. Mrs. Long announced her presidential theme as "The Fulfilled Woman."

VICTORIA—TASMANIA

The 89th Annual Conference at the Kew City Hall was led by the President, Mrs. J. St. Aubyn. Pianist for all sessions was Mrs. Norma Jonston, L.Mus.A.

Mrs. B. Keatch, Bendigo, led morning devotions and Mrs. Jennifer Sheppard, Cheltenham, was soloist.

Attendances were 500, 580 and 650. Visitors were welcomed from 30 country churches, 7 interstate, and Mrs. Mary Weme, Kenya.

Delegates unanimously agreed that \$3,000 of Ludbrook House monies be paid to the College of the Bible, to perpetuate the name of Ludbrook House by renovating a flat for the accommodation of ministers and missionaries in training.

After a clear explanatory outline presented by the Treasurer, Mrs. N. Russell, the motion that C.W.F. discontinue the Financial Sheet in its present form and that the C.W.F. adopt a Budget System, was also carried.

The 1975/76 Golden Bag Project be devoted to the Preacher's Provident Fund.

Representatives of other denominations and Auxiliaries were entertained at a luncheon by members of Executive.

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Andrae Crouch and the Disciples



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TEAM MINISTRY CHANGES

After five years in a team ministry with Kevin Harvey, Colin Curtis is to retire.

After serving churches in Victoria for 12 years; 8 years at Bordertown; 10 years at Glenelg; 4 years at Edwardstown; and 5 years at Brighton, Col and Vi will remain in fellowship at Brighton.

The annual meeting unanimously passed the following motion "that the church accept with regret the decision of C. E. Curtis to retire from full-time ministry in January, 1976, and in recognition of his valued services in this community and a lifetime devoted to the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ and service to Churches of Christ in S.A., we offer the manse at 63 Sturt Rd., rent free, and without any obligation or duties within this church community for a mutually agreeable period."

Col and Vi have accepted this offer and will continue in fellowship and to find fulfilment in retirement through a continuing role of caring and loving people.

The Curtis/Harvey combination has been a great blessing to ministers, church and local community over the past five years.

During the past five years, Col and Vida Curtis have pioneered an extremely valuable ministry amongst older people in the community. Their love for people has created a warmth of fellowship in which many have grown in their spiritual pilgrimage. As one elderly couple remarked, "we have been born again" since coming to the Sparetimer Club. Thanks Col and Vi for your ministry of love and grace.

As a new era begins at Brighton,



Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Curtis

Kevin Harvey is no longer seen as the 'young minister'! Moss Arnott is to be the new 'young minister' with Kevin as the aging minister. Moss and Joy with their two children Chris and Alison commence in early 1976.

Moss has ministered at Murray Bridge upon graduation from the College of the Bible in 1969. He then became Chaplain at Sale Technical School and more recently has worked in a team ministry with the Sale/Rosewood Presbyterian Churches, with a special function amongst young people.

With a very strong youth work at Brighton, Moss Arnott will move naturally into this scene.

Preaching and worship will be shared by both ministers. Kevin will assume greater pastoral responsibility.

With buildings being used up to 150 hours a week and a heavy programme of outreach and community service, the church looks forward to the arrival of the Arnotts in leading the Church in its ministry of proclamation and reconciliation.



Mr. & Mrs.
A. M. Arnot
& Family

DECISIONS IN COOPERATING CHURCHES

At Dareton among the dried fruit industry of the Sunraysia, some twelve miles from Mildura on the N.S.W. side of the Murray River, we have a co-operating Parish, Church of Christ-Methodist.

A group of our young people were invited to share in a Discipleship/Confirmation class at the manse. Eleven attended and we used the C.L.C. Membership Kit taking such areas as Jesus Christ, The Church, The Life of Faith, Baptism, The Lord's Supper etc. The audio-visuals are particularly helpful in these sessions.

Toora Station is on the Ana-branch of the Darling River some forty miles north of Wentworth. This is a very dry area suitable for sheep and beef cattle only. The station homestead is typical of homes up-country, large and roomy.

One weekend we took nine of the young people to Toora, (two unable to attend due to sickness) our aim being to study the material "My Choice" prepared

by Ted Keating. We looked at the audio-visual "Life Commitment". We discussed the implications of the film and an invitation was given to any who felt they would like to accept Christ as personal Saviour, to come back into the lounge after supper.

All of the young people returned although one expressed the desire not to make such a commitment at this time. We joined in a circle of prayer.

During the following week the two who missed out on the camp accepted Christ in their own homes.

To help them to get started in their Christian growth each was given a month of weekly studies (home work) which looked at the most basic teachings of Christ. To help them to feel a part of the church each young person chose an adult member of our congregation to go through the home work and to offer help and to pray for that young person.

Because of the unusual situation,

Church of Christ-Methodist, we found we had five young people of Church of Christ background and five of Methodist background. We invited Rev. J. C. Lavender, District Chairman of Methodist Church, Western District, to take part in the service and to preach.

At the beginning of the service each of the young people came forward and knelt and made confession of faith. Two girls were baptized by sprinkling (Meth.), this being conducted by Rev. Lavender. Six were baptized by immersion (5 Church of Christ and 1 Methodist). The other two were Confirmed as full members of the church by their confession of faith at the beginning of the service.

Although we may want to argue about the mode of baptism, and I personally realise the tremendous importance and significance of immersion, we must note that these were adult decisions by individuals to follow Christ as Lord. Having worked with these young people I have no doubt in my mind to their sincerity to live and serve Christ. In point of fact we have here a unique opportunity to share what we believe and witness to our belief.

PYRAMID HILL CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE

Pyramid Hill is a quiet little town situated in the flat irrigation country of Northern Victoria. Behind the town stands a solid pyramid shaped rock reaching upwards for over 300 feet. Fifty years ago the Churches of Christ commenced services in this town with the aid of the church at Boort and the H.M. Dept.

On April 20 the small congregation of approx. 30 increased to well over 100 for each of the three services. Pyramid Hill—Boort minister, C. G. Henderson presided at the Lord's Table. Vic. Quayle, a past minister, preached the message. Mr. Quayle commenced a ministry in 1948 embracing Wedderburn, St. Arnaud, Boort and Pyramid Hill. It was a strenuous ministry with a tremendous amount of miles to cover. In those days his means of transport was a motor bike and with roads often in need of repair it was far from easy work. The devotion he then had for His Lord was still revealed in his message, "I Love the Church".

The church ladies provided meals for the day and had a mammoth task but efficiently managed.

Ron Holmes, from Col. Light Gardens, S.A., was PSA speaker and before his message on 'Do we need the Country Churches?' he gave a message to the young (and old) using his skill as a

magician to bring out the importance of 'giving'.

Tribute was paid to Edgar Streader of Boort. An officer of the Pyramid Board, John Broad, told how Mr. Streader had, 25 years ago, built the church free of labour costs and although some voluntary effort was given by others Mr. Streader had not only given his skill in building it but also had been the architect. He then asked Mr. Streader to draw a cord which unveiled a plaque in tribute to his work.

In responding, Mr. Streader recalled riding his push-bike the 25 miles from Boort to Pyramid to work on the church. He hoped Christians would continue to worship for many years to come.

Some Historical Reflections:

1. A tent mission was held in 1925 with Hinrichsen and Pratt. Trains were chartered from Swan Hill. There were 49 decisions. Services first held in homes then moved to the Memorial Hall and later the Fire Station until the church was opened in Feb. 1926.

2. The first minister was J. Methven who travelled fortnightly by horse and gig from Boort arriving on the Friday or Saturday and staying until Monday or Tuesday. His weekly wage was £5 and later with the H.M. assistance was raised to £6.

3. In 1934 Pyramid paid Boort 5/- weekly to supply a speaker for their services. The 5/- was for the cost of "benzine".

4. In 1941 the minutes state the church was disgruntled at 'not much being done' in regard to the painting of the chapel. However, things must have started to move because they then reveal that in 1942 the church was painted and a new tank bought. It cost £25 to paint the church and £4:10 for the tank.

5. In 1951 Mr. Mudford commenced a ministry but St. Arnaud was dropped out of the circuit as it was considered that three churches were enough.

6. Echuca, Bendigo and Castlemaine together with Boort helped Pyramid in the work and in 1962 the present minister arrived from Portland to commence a part-time ministry and this part-time work later extended to Boort.

7. It is remarkable that Pyramid Hill have had three young men and one young lady go through Bible Colleges and four of the girls have married Bible College Students. At present the church has a married couple on the Aborigines Mission field in the persons of Mervyn and Laurel Broad.

Keith Lacy from Bendigo and now in the C.O.B. led the evening song service and Mrs. Ron Elbourne screened an audio visual of one of her 'MEJA' productions titled 'Worshipping God through Nature'.

Geoff Barnett a previous minister at Castlemaine and who had earlier assisted the church, preached.

—C. G. Henderson

OBITUARY

AYRES, Douglas

The church at East Preston was deeply shocked at the sudden collapse of Douglas Ayres on April 13. Within the short space of ten hours he died. He and his family have been a strong element in the life of the church. Doug has served as sec. treas. of the B.S. and was always ready to transport children to and from school and clubs. His car also brought many elderly folk to church worship. In a day demanding change Doug was alert and fruitful in suggestions and in taking action to implement change. His wife, Norma, is also very loyal to the church and involved in the women's work. Their two boys and four girls have shared in the life of the church over the years. Their son, Ken, is church secretary. More than 200 relatives and friends attended the funeral service and a large crowd supported Norma and the family at the crematorium.

—J. Manallack

BROWN, Mrs. Catherine Jane

When twins Catherine and Robina Stafford attended the Alfred Cres. school in Nth. Fitzroy, their teacher asked their mother to use different coloured ribbons in their hair so that they could be told apart. Catherine married Ernest Brown a plumber, and there were six children. When Ernest Brown died 52 years ago, Catherine bought a home, but in the absence of a pension in those days, was forced to take in boarders. Harry Swain, the first minister of the Church of Christ in St. George's Rd., Thornbury, was a frequent visitor and she joined the church the same year the building was erected. Mrs. Brown lost her home in the depression. In 1939 she was injured in the car accident in which her daughter, Beatrice, and

her daughter's husband were killed. She was hospitalised for 18 months but bravely learned to walk with steel braces and a stick. She continued in fellowship with the church and was the first guest at Lumeah when it opened in 1964. She died on April 15 and was buried in the Coburg cemetery.

—L.G.C.

KERSHAW, Elijah

The church at Wangaratta was saddened by the death of Elijah Kershaw on May 5, 1975. Mr. Kershaw was born in Wangaratta and lived most of his life there except for one period. He was baptised in 1930 by L. A. Trezise during the Hinrichsen mission. He was a most faithful member of the church and until his age prevented it, he attended meetings of the church, morning and night, and the weekly study group. He gave consistently to the church. He was a man we shall honour in our remembrance of him. A service was conducted by A. B. Withers (past minister) assisted by D. A. Stevens when relatives and friends gathered to pay tribute. Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to his daughters, Dorothy and June, sons-in-law, and grandchildren.

—D.A.S.

ROFE, Hazel Vera

The church at Chatswood, N.S.W. lost a much loved and valued member in the death on March 26 of Miss Hazel Rofe. Her health had been deteriorating for some time, but her mind remained alert to the end. After struggling for a long time to maintain their home in Willoughby, she and her sister Jennie had moved into our churches' new Nursing Home at Pendle Hill just a fortnight before her death, and the care and comfort they were given there gave her much satisfaction. Like her sister, she had a great love for the brotherhood, and had served it well over the years. The family

background is strongly Churches of Christ, with the Andrews branch going back to Taree beginnings and her own parents, Emma and Charles Rofe, setting a fine example during their years at Enmore church, in whose fellowship the family grew up. Later, both Hazel and Jennie enriched the membership of the churches at North Sydney and Chatswood. On the brotherhood level, Hazel will be best remembered for a magnificent 27 years' service as treasurer of the N.S.W. Overseas Missions Committee, together with many years as State C.W.F. treasurer, and also, for a time, as assistant secretary of State Executive. Meticulously thorough in all that she did, she did it as to the Lord she loved. She will be well remembered. The writer conducted a private cremation service on March 27.

—C. G. Taylor

WONG, Mrs. Leah

The late Mrs. Leah Wong was born at Wagunyah, near Albury, 89 years ago. She married at the Queensberry St. church, Mr. Wong, a wholesale merchant in the Victoria fruit market. Mr. Wong was a well respected relieving preacher at the Chinese church in Carlton and his prayers were a benediction to all who heard them. He became almost blind but continued to come to church with their son, Kenny. Later they had a greengrocery business in Sydney and Mr. Wong continued his preaching there. Mr. and Mrs. Wong were very generous to the church. When Mr. Wong died about 10 years ago, Mrs. Wong lived with her sisters, first Mrs. Beaton and then Mrs. Curtis. About six months ago she entered the Church of Christ Nursing Home. At Christmas time she fell and broke her arm and never fully recovered. She died on April 21 and the funeral left the Chinese church in Carlton for the Melbourne General Cemetery.

—L.G.C.

WOMEN IN CONFERENCE (From Page 11)

Gordon Stirling, Pres. General Conf., brought greetings. Cheques were presented to the following departments: College of the Bible \$737.07; Overseas Missions Department \$1,474.15; Dept. of H.M. and Evang. \$1,474.15.

Under the direction of the C.W.F. Christian Education Committee an insight into the work of the Department of Christian Education and the Federal Board of Christian Education was given by individual workers in both fields, prior to the presentation of the Golden Bag Offering, which amounted to \$3,265.39. This is to be shared by both departments.

Bowl of Remembrance was arranged by Mrs. P. Carnaby and Prayer of Remembrance was led by Mrs. D. Strack. Mrs. Dorothy Langford rendered two solos during the afternoon.

Michael Norman spoke on the subject "What is it About Growing Up?"

A spotlight on International Women's Year was made by the screening of a short provocative film entitled "Included Out", and Mrs. Mary Weme, visiting Social worker and Winifred Kiek scholar from Kenya brought a message.

Mrs. J. Boxhall spoke to the Tasmanian report, and Mrs. L. Stirling

introduced Superintendents of Committees for the coming Conference year. Recognition was made of retiring Superintendents, Mrs. J. Preston and Mrs. L. Joyce, also Ludbrook House Conveners—Mrs. V. Morrison and Mrs. A. Buckmaster, and retiring executive members—Mrs. M. Clark and Mrs. L. Stirling.

General Conf. Pres.—Elect, Gordon Scambler brought an evening greeting, and Mrs. Loris Joyce introduced her theme for the year "Joy", based on the text "The Joy of the Lord shall be your Strength".

Mrs. June St. Aubyn was thanked for her leadership and presented with a Bible and floral arrangement.

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the Rumble family from Qld . . . Mr. and Mrs. Galliford Sr. visited us on Mothers' Day and heard their son, Peter, give the address . . . Peter Galliford conducts the fortnightly young adults group . . . Mrs. Buckmaster's daughter, Wendy, gave a demonstration of toymaking at C.W.F.

NAMBOUR PLANS (A. G. Leane) In conjunction with the opening of the new chapel complex in June, an evangelistic mission is planned with Dr. Lloyd Jones . . . \$100 raised by C.W.F. street stall was donated to Aboriginal Mission for blankets . . . Two young people made decisions for Christ . . . An Inauguration Service for newly formed Girls' Brigade was held.

"TODAY" (Belmont, W. Harford) "Motherhood Today" was theme for Mothers' Day which featured Primary Dept. singing and a panel discussion at night . . . A committee is planning the 35th church anniversary . . . Prayer Workshop continued through May at 7.30 a.m. on Sundays . . . Barry Tattersall, Principal of Canaan College, was a recent speaker at church . . .

FUND FOR P.A. (Preston/E. Preston, J. Manalack) The church will purchase a public address system. A fund for this has been opened . . . Mrs. E. V. Morffew has begun a new life at Emmaus Rest Home . . . "Open Door" continues each Tuesday in Preston chapel when Lil Whitmore conducts handcrafts . . . Churches saddened by the sudden death of Doug Ayres (East Preston) and Mrs. Brown (Preston) . . . Junior Explorers led by Graham Blackaby took part in Outdoor Sports at Scotch College . . .

SECOND MANSE (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes) The church has recommended purchase of a manse to house the Benson family on their arrival from U.S.A. . . . \$1800 was raised at a Crazy Sale, towards sending our work party to Papua New Guinea this year . . . Fred Drummond is in U.S.A. on two months business trip . . . Recent speakers have been Don Smith, Barry Jenkins, Ben Wladyskiuk of our Slavic Church in Fitzroy, and Dr. K. R. Bowes.

K. D. HORNE TO STAY ON (Doncaster) The Board of Management at the church at Doncaster, Vic., have announced the re-engagement of their minister, Keith D. Horne, for a further five-year term at the expiration of his present term at the end of 1976. Keith and Gwen Horne and family have endeared themselves to the church family. The church is maintaining a team ministry. The associate minister is O. R. Clark.

BLAIKLOCK ON T-V

Professor Blaiklock visited Australia in April this year to deliver the second Olivier Beguin Memorial Lecture for the Bible Society. While here he was interviewed by Terry Lane about his life and work.

The interview will be screened in the programme "Challenge" on the A.B.C. in N.S.W., A.C.T., and Vic. at 9.30 p.m. on Sunday June 15.

STATE NEWS

HORSHAM DECISIONS (R. Roberts) Two young people made decisions on May 4 . . . Country Women's Assoc. held annual church parade in our church . . . C.W.E.F. special Mothers' Day evening had as speaker Mrs. Hazel Morrow, missionary with S.I.M. in Ethiopia . . . C.W.A.F. visited St. Arnaud. Miss Marg Manning was speaker (Wycliffe Bible Translators). She later spoke at Horsham . . . Deaconesses are starting a creche for children up to 2½ years . . . Mr. and Mrs. Berry celebrated their Golden Wedding . . . On May 11, Noel and Esme Smith spoke of their work with S.I.M. in Ethiopia . . . Neville Kellam of Campaigners for Christ was speaker at 3rd monthly evangelistic rally.

L. Th. GAINED (Maryborough, Steve Warwick) Mr. Warwick was awarded the L. Th. in Melbourne recently . . . A musical group has been formed to assist evening service . . . 21 Good Companions held progressive tea . . . Dunolly church donated \$25 towards manse carpet fund and also gave an urn and crockery to church . . . A bookstall has been opened at the manse . . . Jenny Douglas is now working at Merimbula to further the gospel . . . W.E.F. street stall raised \$138 for project for cooling the church . . . Over 60 attended Vacation School. Ray and Rhonda Eldridge came from Woolwich to help and Barry Miller from Maldon. Church members also assisted.

HENLEY BEACH 84th (S. Neighbour) The church is about to celebrate its 84th birthday . . . 105 sat down to dinner for Girls' Brigade Mother and Daughter

Banquet on Mother's Day . . . Five members visited Riverland churches and led services . . . A church camp was held at Longwood over May long weekend . . . Elders Gowan Pridham and Jim Shrubsole are recovering from hospitalisation.

STUDENT MINISTER (Ashburton) Harvey Miller is student minister. Discipleship classes are being held . . . Complete set of new hymnbooks have been donated to the church by the Elliott family in memory of the late Mrs. Violet Elliott . . . Recent speakers have been Mrs. Gladys Mackenzie, Alan Fletcher, and Paul Muller . . . The church saddened by the deaths of Mrs. Davis and Frank Butt. Robyn White (accident) and R. S. Ryall (surgery) both recovering well . . . David Broad in England is playing with the Surrey Cricket club . . . Organists from other churches giving assistance are Mrs. Walpole, R. Symons, V. Ryall, D. Mudie, and D. Purdie.

DEVONPORT BAPTISMS (Devonport) A man and a young lad were baptized on May 10 . . . Two young men of our fellowship are joining work party to Carnarvon . . . Interior of manse is being painted in readiness for new minister . . . Mr. and Mrs. Neville Chamberlain (interim minister) were farewelled on May 18. Mrs. Chamberlain was farewelled at a coffee morning and goodbyes were said to Mr. and Mrs. Saint at an after-church function. Mr. Saint is entering Woolwich Bible College to train for ministry . . . At G.L.B. parade, a film was screened.

TOURISTS HOME (Ivanhoe, A. B. Withers) Roy & Doris L'Green, and Ned & Doris Hammett have returned from New Zealand, and Mr. and Mrs. Pope and

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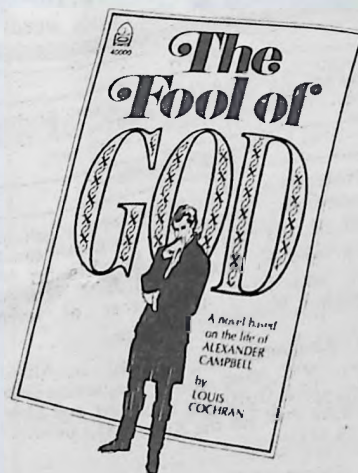
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SMITH (Lanaway) On May 9th at Alfred Hospital, Violet, loved wife of Ern, loving sister of Nellie, (Mrs. Griffiths), and Bert and Elsie. "Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty." (Isaiah 33.17).

WARD, George, of 31 High St., Dimboola, Vic. On May 6 at Dimboola Hospital, dearly loved husband of Anne, loving father and father-in-law of Pauline (Mrs. Thomson) and Bill.

IN MEMORIAM

HALL Cecil Riley. In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather, called home 2nd June, 1974. In God's care. Still with us in so many treasured memories.

BOAKE, Clarence Allan, 11th June, 1961, loved husband of Florence (dec.), and dear father of Russell (dec.), Dorothy (Mrs. Baines), and Lorna (Mrs. Coates); father-in-law of Ian and Graeme, loving grandfather of Wendy, Allan, Ken, Peter, and Lynette, "Forever with the Lord."

THANKS

MASON Gwen Mason of 37 Bulla Rd., Essendon North, Vic., wishes to thank all who shared with her in love and prayer and expressions of sympathy in the loss of her beloved husband, Frank, and she appreciates the many gifts made to the Vic.-Tas. Social Service Dept. as tokens of goodwill and Christian concern for others.

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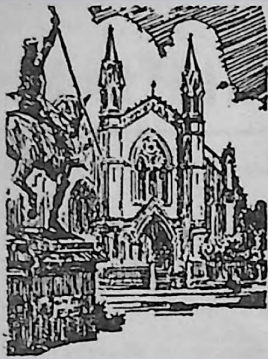
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SERVING MEN (Bundaberg, Barolin St., B. M. Nowitzke) Men of the church prepared and served tea for women of church on Mothers' Day. Special was spaghetti (Italian style) prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Finelli. Women led and took part in night service . . . C.W.F. conducted street stall with proceeds for proposed Family Group Home in Bundaberg. Combined C.W.F. meeting was held with Avenell Hgts. with Mrs. Haigh, Sec., Women's Conf., as guest speaker . . . Mrs. E. Pazzi is recovering slowly after being attacked and robbed on way to gospel service . . . Three have been received into membership on transfer.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

TEACHING PROGRAMME (Bassendean, D. J. Thorpe) A week of doctrinal teaching and spiritual evaluation was led by Pat Kavanagh of Clayton . . . There have been 8 confessions of faith with five of these being added to the church fellowship . . . 80 scholars and teachers held a weekend camp at Orange Grove . . . Project for a film projector for Bombay Indian mission field continues . . . The ministry of Mr. Thorpe has been extended to 1978.

NEW HALL (Albany, K. Ewers Verge) Our new hall is being built on to the existing building. First payment of \$4500 has been made . . . A Family Service was held on May 4 in the Ambulance Hall with different clubs taking part . . . Friendship evenings are held by C.W.F. every month . . . At annual meeting, Vince Cooney was elected secretary and E. B. Clapp treasurer.

"COME FOLLOW ME" (Bunbury, B. K. Ryall) Church participated in "Come Follow Me" programme which included family camp and celebration dinner . . . Mrs. Heather Spencer was elected as church secretary . . . Alan Morris farewelled on leaving for new ministry at Wembley Downs. He has been administrator at Elanora Villas Aged

Homes . . . Ladies led Mothers' Day gospel service with Mrs. Kath Lydon as speaker . . . Present manse and adjoining block sold and a new one purchased in another area . . . After many years of faithful services A. Chessell has resigned as S.S. Supt. K. Peterson has taken over.



NEW SOUTH WALES

TEAM VISIT (Dapto, Ed. Holt) Dapto visited by team from Illawarra Bible College at Katoomba. Led by Denis Green, Student Director, the team conducted meetings, an Adventure Time for children, home meetings for training and evangelism and visitation. The church now following up the contacts that have been made . . . Pam Jackson and Inga Sapsford were baptised and welcomed into fellowship by elder Fred Northey . . . Anne Ratter has entered Wollongong Hospital for surgery . . . A Young Marrieds group has been established . . . Seven have registered for the Church Growth Seminar with Dr. Win Arn.

TEN BAPTISMS (Telopea, Jay Bacik) Ten have been baptised in recent weeks including two senior citizens in their 70s. Others have made inquiries regarding commitment . . . A "special interest" group for Chess Players commenced. Fellowship groups commenced include one for new Christians and a "Tea Time Group" for young adults . . . Three serve on Brotherhood Committees: Ron Austin, Social Services and Christian Unity; Frank Stimson, Building Advisory; and Jay Bacik, College Board . . . Mr. Bacik continues to run half-hour Gospel music programme "Your Choice" on 2CH at 8.30 p.m. each Sunday for Council of Churches . . . New Child Care Centre functions at full capacity with full-time Christian staff of eight.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION (Inverell, R. Powell) 24 Prayer Chain preceded Missionary Convention, May 2-4. Missionaries involved were Alex and Sybil Shaw of Gospel Recordings, Jim Erkila of A.P.C.M., and Rodney Feldham of Churches of Christ O/Seas Missions. Main speaker was Roy Dixon from Enmore. Thank-offering of \$559 was divided among participating missionaries and a gift of cassette player and loud speaker to Church of All Nations . . . Joyce and Margaret Lowrey and Lyn Hamilton held annual "Day at Lyn's" for C.W.F. \$430 resulted from the stall which paid balance owing on manse lino and \$250 off land overdraft . . . Mrs. Waddell has undergone surgery in Sydney.

SINGING FELLOWSHIP (Wyoming, E. K. Morrison) The first of the monthly "After Church Singing Fellowships" featured chorusses, hymns, and Bible Quizzes, followed by supper . . . The church regrets the death of Miss Frances Emily Cooper, who was responsible for the establishment of a Welfare Fund to help those in need . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jim

Newton and family will soon depart for Norseman where Jim will help in the rebuilding programme.



VICTORIA

FOR MISSION (Box Hill, K. R. Bond) Arthur and Judy Tivendale are entering Kingsley College for missionary training with proposed building activities with O.M.S. in India . . . Karl Kramart presented slides with music at C.W.A.F. for Mothers' Day meeting . . . Mothers and children held picnic at Wattle Park . . . David Trevaor was speaker at Y.P.C.E. . . . Le Masurier quartette sang at worship service.

YOUTH MOVE (Castlemaine, J. Byrnes) Many of our young people have left owing to change in employment . . . Ministers and members attended annual conference and ladies attended women's conference . . . Sale of gifts followed Harvest Festival. Proceeds for college student fund . . . C.W.F. groups from other churches have joined women, sharing the devotionals . . . Mrs. Loris Joyce, Pres. Vic-Tas. C.W.F., was guest speaker at birthday celebration on May 21 . . . Donation Day for organ fund realized \$50 . . . Mothers took part in Mother's Day service.

VISITORS TO GARDINER (L. S. Dewberry) Preaching, interviews, a film and gospel songs were received from Kay and John Williams during special services . . . Skilful use of electronic organ and piano by Mrs. Corlett and Mrs. Gilmour plus help from S. Corlett, D. Thomas and ladies' choir, provided Sunday evening programme, "Music, Music, Music" . . . Doug Thomas and W. W. Saunders conducted special a.m. service on May 11 with "The Cross of Christ" as theme. Large floral cross was erected on platform . . . Librarian, Mrs. Anderson, uses Church paper to promote Christian literature.

ADVENTURE TIME (Nth. Balwyn, A. R. Pigdon) David White led after school Adventure Time. 70 children attended each night. Programme climaxed with family social and visitation by church members . . . Church family Camp was held at Healesville. Thanksgiving Service incorporated posters on thanks by B.S. children and original poems and hymns written by adults . . . Ladies led evening service on theme "Growing in Christ" . . . C.Y.F. assisted one weekend to form open air chapel at Monbulk . . . Mrs. Pigdon, wife of minister, is visiting their son in England . . . C.W.F. members received \$1 each as a talent to be multiplied for missionary project.

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BLACKBURN VISIT (Magill, R. W. Lawton) 35 Y.P. from Blackburn, Vic., visited Magill on Anzac Day weekend, and were billeted with members. Sunday morning service was led by Blackburn . . . Four "Christians-in-Fellowship" have been welcomed. Christians retain membership of their own communions while declaring association with the local fellowship . . . At the A.G.M. Sam Bungey was thanked for a further \$1000 for debt reduction. The money was raised in part from newspaper collecting.

OPERATION LOVE (Victor Harbour, J. A. Luff) "Operation Love" with Rev. G. Bingham climaxed on April 20. It was a time of renewal . . . Ladies have started morning Bible studies and coffee . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bert Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Carslake celebrated 50th wedding anniversaries . . . 46th Church Anniversary service held May 4. Special offering made to Norseman Mission. Conf. Pres., B. Pitman, gave the address.

RAISING FUNDS (Prospect, R. H. Sercombe) Women held successful Fete . . . N. Dist. Family Camp held at Easter at Cudlee Creek . . . Y.P. clean windows on Saturday mornings to raise funds for Youth film "Yoneko" . . . A world trip in color with Clarrie Middleton held May 10. Proceeds for Organ Replacement Fund . . . Senior School and Primary Dept. choir sang on Christian Education Sunday. Youth Singing Group led evening service. Charisse Sercombe organising Junior HI Camp for all High School students.

GOLDEN JUBILEE (Col. Light Gardens, R. V. Holmes) For Golden Jubilee on April 13, chapel, cryroom and foyer were all packed for morning service. Ladies provided 3-course luncheon for 200. Speakers were A. G. Mathieson, first full-time minister in the new building; Reg Brand, who grew up in the church; and present minister, Ron Holmes . . . Adult Class members provided role-play discussion on Church-Growth at State Conference . . . Committee is looking at feasibility of building new manse on rear street of church land . . . David Heard is coaching boys' basketball teams . . . C.W.F. prepared bandages etc., for O.S.M. . . . One young man baptised.

OPEN DAY (Blackwood, L. G. Cooke) Cradle Roll and Kinder Depts. held open day for parents on Mothers' Day. Mrs. T. Thomas presided for Mothers' Day service with women serving and reading. There was a women's choir at both services. Mrs. E. Oatley gave the address, Miss R. Haskell interviewed three women on the role of women in the home and community and four women discussed the Lord's Prayer . . . Church family picnic was held at National Park . . . G. R. Stirling spoke to church on the College of the Bible.

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VISIT TO WARRAGUL. (R. Pritchard) Swan Hill young people visited Warragul for Anzac Day week-end. Features were social evenings on Friday and Saturday, a hike to Strezleki Ranges and a youth service with youth of both churches taking part. The Swan Hill Junior Choir gave items, led by Mrs Bev. Owers . . . Average offerings for six weeks was 16% over amount pledged in Planned Giving Programme . . . Church Renewal Programme will be held in June.

ATHLETE SPEAKS (Peel St., Ballarat, W. D. Mills) Famous veteran athlete and world record holder Reg Barlow guest speaker at Men's Fellowship . . . Mrs. Jacqueline Hall, Probation Officer, spoke at Ladies' A.I.D. . . . Y.P. have commenced door knock for new S.S. scholars . . . Evangelist Les Nixon presented the gospel in message and song . . . C.W.F. arranged a glass-blowing demonstration by R. Davey from Koyal Castle. Over \$100 was raised . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. Davies have left on a world tour . . . Film "Flame in the Wind" screened by the C.Y.F. \$20 proceeds to M.A.F. . . . Sue Coates runner-up in Inter-School Tennis championships . . . Dr. Brian Hardman, Principal of the Bible College of S.A., recent speaker.

FOOTSCRAY IS 97 (F. B. Alcorn) When the church celebrated its 97th birthday, Mr. Coad of Ballarat was soloist . . . \$60 has been sent to World Vision for Ethiopia Appeal . . . E. Fellowship entertained older ladies at lunch for Mother's Day and each received a tin of biscuits . . . At Day Fellowship Birthday on May 6, 90 ladies from 19 district churches attended. Mrs. Steer gave a talk and showed colour slides. Mrs. Lorraine Travill was soloist and Daph. Ashlin led devotions . . . Recent speakers were A. Haskell and W. Keddie . . . Ladies visited Oakleigh Guest Home and shared with the guests.

EASTER LEAFLETS (Montrose, Alan Horne) Presentation made as Miss Edna Forward farewelled to N.G. with South Seas Evangelical Mission . . . 1000 "Dead Man Lives" leaflets distributed to houses at Easter . . . Alex Notman has made a full recovery . . . New youth club for forms 1-3 led by George Hogden and Alan Horne . . . Ladies Drop-in Centre team busy redecorating room and attending training sessions . . . 50 attend church school in third year of meeting after school Thursdays . . . Family service on Mother's Day led by mothers, Joy Horne . . . Ladies Drop-in Centre flowers to mothers in local rest home and sang in the service.

MOTHERS' NIGHT (Tootgarook, Paul Cameron) Good Companions held Mothers' Night—43 girls and 28 mothers . . . Inter-church Fellowship Day held May 16. Guest speaker was Mrs. Mary Weme of Kenya, winner of Winifred Kiek Scholarship. C.W.F. members took part . . . Conference Hospital Visitation Committee visited C.W.F. in May.

CAMP (Chelsea, D. Althorpe) Intermediate Explorers (20 boys, 5 leaders) camped at Yellingo on April 25-27. Study, Fishing and Canoeing were features . . . C.W.A.F. held street stall May 9 . . . C.W.E.F. led service on Mother's Day. Also held Jumble Sale for church funds . . . Sue Maddern from C.O.B. is assisting David Althorpe with youth work and visitation . . . Pre-service prayer meeting has commenced Sunday evenings.

FULL TIME? (Red Hill, K. Denton) Church meeting decided to approach Advisory Board regarding possibility of a full-time minister in 1976 . . . Church farewelled Mr. and Mrs. J. Snow and family leaving to live in Canberra . . . Mr. and Mrs. K. Jenner left for 3 months overseas holiday . . . E. Stevens was speaker on May 11; Mr. Denton was in Adelaide on Evangelistic work with other C.O.B. students . . . On Mothers' Day church ladies on platform—an innovation at this church.

CAMP WITH BELMONT (Stawell, Pam Bowers) Stawell and Ararat joined Belmont in a Family Camp at Anglesea . . . 7 hours non-stop pedalling on exercise bike by 17 members of youth group raised \$120 for Compressor for workshop at Bunapas, P.N.G. . . . Recent speakers have been P. Pyke, Hamilton; Len Martin, Stawell . . . Horsham and Ararat ladies met with Stawell to hear R. Williams, P.N.G. . . . New secretary is Graeme Edwards. Thanks to Brian Mason for his 11 years of service as sec. . . Miss P. Bowers has accepted a further 12-month term of ministry for 1976.

LUNCHEON (The Patch, A. V. Page) Luncheon was held in home of Rowe family following service on "Knowing the Brotherhood". The theme continued at afternoon session . . . Harvest Thanksgiving gifts were displayed by S. & E. Deane and donated to the C.O.B. . . . Y.P. prepared Mother's Day display posters and shared with ladies in service "Happiness Is . . ." arranged and presided over by a mother . . . C.W.F. maintaining Home and Overseas Mission activities.

MOTHER'S DAY (Essendon, C. S. Badcock) Evening service of Mother's Day was led by ladies of church. Guest soloist was Mrs. L. Clarke of Moonee Ponds Salvation Army . . . C.W.E.F. visited Mount Royal to entertain and provide afternoon tea for 45 patients. Members shared in Pentecost Service of Witness and Prayer for Christian Unity arranged by Essendon and Keilor Inter-Church Council at Essendon Technical College Hall. Speaker was Rev. Bruce Stewart . . . Harry Grant is ill in hospital . . . Mrs. Dot Murphy has been accepted as Honorary Probation Officer by the Social Welfare Dept.

VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.

The next Council meeting of the Vic.-Tas. C.W.F. will be held in the Churches of Christ Centre, on Friday, June 6 at 10.30 a.m. The speaker will be Dr. Marg Blackwood.

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