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Vin. Waters gives instruction in Kyak paddling at Boys' Explorer Boating Camp, Nagambie, Vic.



Outdoor Sports: Howard Weedon, Assoc. Director, D.C.E. presents ribbons to winners.



Successful students in the school for fishermen!



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR HANDICAPPED

For some time the church has felt the need for a Sunday School to cater for children suffering from physical and mental handicaps, particularly as it is difficult for them to cope with the speed of other children.

The Cheltenham Church found within its own congregation an occupational therapist, a speech therapist and a physiotherapist, all of whom had experience working with spastic children and were willing to undertake this as a part of the Lord's work.

One of the laymen has donated \$100 and the Rotary Club of Cheltenham has contributed

another \$200, for the purchase of equipment. For instance, one boy can only communicate with others by typing his words on an electric typewriter. Each child helped will have a lesson structure worked out to its capacity and level. This means at present a 1 to 1 basis of teacher and child.

Whilst their children are being taught the Scriptures and our Lord's love for them, their parents are able to worship in church service knowing their youngsters are being looked after and helped by dedicated Christian teachers.

—John Purves
Cheltenham Vic.

NEW LOOK NORSEMAN

Sonny Graham, Superintendent of the Norseman Mission, dreams dreams for God and his people, and some of his dreams are becoming realities.

Two new homes have been built recently, holiday home units completed, a workshop for training the boys has been set up and there is also a new slaughter house and piggery.

Many have given their time in voluntary labour to make this possible.

There is much more to be done. The unfulfilled dreams include the building or more new homes, renovations of existing buildings, painting of three homes, and the erection of a new poultry building.

Workers are required at all times but a number of helpers are especially wanted for August-September. In addition to the value of time and labour the fellowship of voluntary workers is a great encouragement to the missionaries.

If interested, write for further information to C. A. Jones, 9 Attridge Rd., Morphett Vale, S.A., 5162.

50 YEARS AGO

NSW 40th Conference

Officers elected: President, Godfrey Fretwell; Vice-Pres., W. H. Hall; Treas., H. M. Arrowsmith; Sec., S. J. Southgate; S. Morris; J. Stimson; G. Stimson; R. K. Whately; E. J. Hilder; H. P. Larcombe; J. Whelan; T. E. Rofe.

Foundation Stone

The foundation stone of the new church at Essendon, Vic., was laid by R. Lyall, Conf. Pres. F. J. Sivyer was minister.

Personal

W. A. Kemp, formerly of Melb., now of Edinburgh, has qualified for his medical degree at the Univ. of Edinburgh.

A.C.T.

It was reported that a committee went to the Federal Capital on April 15 to select a site for a church building in the Capital Territory.

Qld. 42nd Conference

Officers elected: Pres., H. Bassard; Vice. Pres., W. C. Wendorf; Treas., G. Colvin; Sec., A. J. Fisher; Asst. Sec. W. Marsden.

W.A. 28th Conference

Officers elected: Pres., Hy. Wright; Vice Pres., Albany Bell; Treas., Hy. Wright; Sec., W. R. Hibbert; R. W. Ewers; Thos. Hagger, D. M. Wilson; W. H. Clay; S. H. Mudge; E. R. Berry; T. Marsden; D. R. Stirling.

Adelaide Home

5,500 was raised to purchase a magnificent property on the Adelaide Hills for a Protestant Children's Home. The Home is free of debt. Ira Paternoster, A. E. Forbes, and F. Lewis are caring for the project until Conference meets.

(From "The Australian Christian" May, 1925.)

INNER SPRINGS

*Make the most of
your moments*



"I don't have time to think about God". You have heard it said and so have I. By the over-burdened housewife and mother, by the business man attempting to meet one deadline after another, by the young people immersed in various activities and by Christians committed to numerous good causes. What they usually mean is that they don't have time for hours of uninterrupted meditation, or the intellectual ability to indulge in long theological discussions. But these are not the only means by which our souls are fed or our search for God satisfied.

Reflecting these same thoughts on this over-busy twentieth century, another of our current day writers has this to say. "If the heart is truly set upon its search for God, it is surprising how many holy moments can be snatched from the hours of a crowded day. One does not have to go into a church to commune with God. At the very centre of the business life, sitting in a bus, watching for a kettle to boil, standing in a queue, waiting to be served in a shop or restaurant, one can make a stillness within and retreat for a minute or so into a quiet corner of the mind, reflecting upon a text or a prayer or some lovely thought that centres the mind upon God.

There is not always time for a meal, but if you have learnt the art of digesting a crumb as often as you can and wherever you can find it, you won't starve.

One globule of concentrated essence is enough to scent a bathful of water, and one holy thought held quietly in the mind can diffuse a fragrance and a purifying sweetness into the common business of the day".

And it may be that in some such quiet moment you will receive the word you need, the answer to some difficulty, or even the commission for your life's work. God does not shout at us, nor for the most part does He make His way known through spectacular methods, but through the "still small voice". "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth", is a relevant word for every place and any time. By making the most of our moments we enable God to make the most of us.

PRAYER:

Eternal God, we thank you for every fresh new day, for all its possibilities and opportunities. Help us to use each one thoughtfully with Thee in mind. Forgive us for our wasted hours.

Amen
1 Samuel:3

FLORENCE ROSIER.

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

GEO. PATTERSON, who recently joined the staff of the Keston College Centre (Eng.) for the Study of Religion and Communism. He is pictured at Church of Christ, North Essendon, Vic., where he gave this message.



By GEORGE M. PATTERSON

As we have shared today in this service — the hymns and the readings which told of a God of wonders and a Christ who healed — I could not help thinking how much we betray the Word of God. Because none of us really believes the hymns that we sing or the Bible that we read.

We are reminded of the Moses who carved a way through the Red Sea, of David who killed his tens of thousands, of Elijah who slew 400 prophets on Mount Carmel, of Jesus who fed 5000 people, of Peter who healed the lame man, and of the group of men who turned the world upside down.

We are encouraged by this and have a nice feeling inside of us and it never dawns on us that we ought to be doing something about it.

If he is the God of wonders, why aren't we carving a way through the Red Sea? Why aren't we overcoming our enemies? Why aren't we producing miracles in our time? Why aren't we turning our world upside down? The answer is because we have betrayed our Master.

We Have Betrayed God.

In the 20th century, we have betrayed God, and the message comes to us as it came to Hosea long ago, "I will no longer be your God. You are no longer my people."

I went to Asia 30 years ago. I spent a year in China in 1946 and went on to Tibet and spent 10 years there. At that time, the work of several thousand missionaries, two hundred years of Christian activity, and millions of dollars of investment in missions were disappearing in the face of a group of men who had a vision given to them by a man who had spent five years in an evangelical Christian college in Germany and who was disappointed in Christianity. He looked for something else and found it after years of study in the British Museum.

He wrote "Das Kapital" and started the movement which was to transform the world. This movement took hold of China and while I was in Tibet, Christianity in China disappeared into oblivion.

You read in your papers, see on TV and hear on your radio of the overwhelming triumph of communism in Vietnam, and right now you are seeing the death of the institutional Christianity we have known.

You are closer to it now than we are in Britain because we have pulled out of Asia, but you are a part of it.

What is happening now in Vietnam will spread to other countries in Asia and by the end of this century we may well be asking if the triumphant God of which we sing and speak will be able to cope with a dynamic communism.

The Church That Vanished

I went to China in 1946. All of the activities of the Roman Catholics and Protestants and all of the various divisions under that general umbrella, all of their missionary organisations were to be eliminated by dynamic communism in the next 15 years.

Effectively, all of the structures of Catholics and Protestants were removed so that there were no practising Christians, in any capacity whatever, meeting openly. Those who have been meeting together secretly, have been reading their Bibles, and finding out that there is a relevant God. A God who is not bound by buildings. There is a living God and a living Christ who could survive. That the men who had turned the world upside down in the first century could be emulated in the 20th.

Thus there was born in China the underground church. The Chinese leaders are afraid of the underground church. While I was a journalist I learned that the Chinese expect that they will fight, eventually, against Russia, and they expect to win. They are prepared to lose 300 million people and still survive and still win. But they fear the underground church as the only threat to the Party within China, the underground secret cells who have found the living Christ for today.

So there began for me in China a new hope.

A New Hope

This new hope could come also to Australia. We must beware of producing only sterility among the youth. The younger ones here this morning will, by the end of the century, have little interest in the kind of service we have been conducting. There is a hunger that will not be fed by platitudes or worn-out modes of worship.

This hunger may not yet be evident in Australia but it is in Europe and America. It is not a hunger for church attendance, or even for a Christian church, it is for something meaningful and personal, that means something to them and to their peer group and their neighbours. They are looking at their world and then at the Christ and like Peter they say, "To whom else can we go?"

I have been so encouraged in the last few years as I have worked in the toughest profession in the world, that of a journalist, believing nothing, trusting nobody. But in Asia I have seen a resurrection, a revitalising of the Christian gospel. In several countries of Asia the leaders, for the first time in 50 years, are concerned about the Christians.

That is why President Park of Korea is putting the Christians in prison. He has been arresting Christian leaders, even a Roman Catholic bishop, and in the past few months he has arrested hundreds of Christians, including seven student Christian youth leaders. He gave them sentences of death and hundreds more have been arrested, some of them being sentenced to long terms of imprisonment.

But the people will not be silent. They are tired of corruption, tired of the men who are trying to order their lives, tired of the official church which blesses the parliamentary procedures, and they are taking to the streets. They are saying, we will have righteousness, we will have justice, we will have freedom, and we'll have these things in the name of Christ.

Christians in Korea are in prison for Christ and are being put to death for Christ, but we learn from the Book of Acts that when the authorities start arresting believing Christians and putting them in prison, the God of the Christians starts taking them out of prisons.

Three months ago, the Prime Minister of Singapore held a press conference, the main point of which was to attack young Christians who were getting involved in politics. He rebuked them for speaking out on behalf of the exploited and underpaid workers. He said they should be going back to the traditional practices of Christianity which, he said, were a kind of mild leftist stance with some do-goodism. Those who wanted to could be mild leftists and moral do-gooders, but he

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had to call a press conference to tell the young people to stop loving God with all their hearts and getting involved with their neighbours' needs.

President Marcos, who took over the Philippines, has been increasingly threatened, not by the opposition which he has silenced, or by the army which he controls, but by dynamic Christians, Catholics and Protestants. He arrests more and more of them but still the opposition spreads. They do not care that he has instituted law and order, they do not care that he has stabilised the currency. What they do care about is the fact that there is far too much corruption, that there are still eight million people in the Philippines who are still living in hovels, that the peasants are still being exploited like cattle, and they care for each other. And they said, "We do not care if you put us in prison, we do not care if you put us to death."

The Departed Glory

A few months ago, a bishop in Manila publicly rebuked his president, and went against the church's official decrees. 90% of the people in the Philippines are Catholics, but many of the priests and their people are rejecting the direction of the Vatican and orders of their own leaders and are seeking to establish righteousness and justice and, above all, mercy.

God says he doesn't want sacrifice, he wants mercy! It is not enough to have pity after the event. And it is not enough to take away a few poor innocent children, the victims of the long war in Vietnam. It had to be done! The children had to be saved, fed, clothed, but the lesson we must learn is never again! Never again must the church bless the soldiers and the weapons, and this applies to Cardinal Spellman and equally to Billy Graham or whoever else went to Vietnam to bless the struggle with their presence.

The churches have to learn again what their responsibilities are, what their priorities are in this century, and if we don't get them right the church will not survive this century.

A few months ago in Britain, just before the enthronement of the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop Stockwood said that Britain will be an atheistic country before the end of this century and that before the year 2000, 6000 clergymen will have retired from office. There are fundamental crises in the churches of England and Scotland. They are finding that their missionaries are not wanted in various countries of the world. They claim that there will not be enough clergymen or church members in another 20 years to carry on the activities of the church.

God is writing Ichabod! on the churches who are failing him. "The glory of the Lord is departed." Except in Asia and in Africa. In Africa it is the Christians who are changing the country. Christian chiefs, Christian statesmen, men like Kenneth Kuanda, who are prepared to break with tradition and the bondage of the past.

Jesus healed a man on the sabbath. The rules and tradition said that a man should not carry a bed on the sabbath. But Jesus said, in effect, are you prepared to break every rule that says that you should not carry your bed on the sabbath? "Yes, Lord!" "Then walk!" And he walked. The first people he met were his fellow religionists. And they asked him, "Do you know who said to you, Rise up and walk?" The man said, "I couldn't care less, I'm walking!"

My fellow Christians, for many years I kept all of the rules. I preached in Scotland. I went abroad as a missionary. I did all of the right things. But it was a long time after that that I learned about the living God, who is as real today as ever he was. And that Jesus is as real to us as he was to the man who walked.

Unless we learn to look afresh at Jesus, to hear him speak the words that will lift us above the bondage of the life and the handicaps of man-made rules, we shall never be able to walk through the day that is given to us.

You are living so close to a spiritual revolution in Asia. It would be a tragedy if it had to pass you by.

• QUEENSLAND

MAGNETIC ISLAND OPENING

Dr. Scott-Young, M.L.A. and the Deputy Mayor, Mrs. Innes Reid, were official guests at the opening of the Churches of Christ youth camp and conference centre, "Camp Irwin", Magnetic Island, on May 17, 1975. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. Freda Tangye, formerly Freda Irwin, after whose late husband the camp site is named. Allan Weedon, minister, Townsville Church of Christ, chaired the ceremony, the Secretary of the Camp Committee, Bernie Meier, read a greeting from the Premier, J. Bjelke Petersen. A. C. Male, Youth Director, officially dedicated the buildings to the honour and glory of God and the adventure of living with and learning from young people who will use the camp in the future. "I'm Magnetized" is the "war-cry" of the campers.

Dr. Scott-Young referred to the added incentive that the Christian church brings to its welfare work because of a devotion to the task. He felt that so much "welfare work" is carried on through Government agencies where the prime objective is the salary of the welfare worker and not the person needing help.

The Deputy Mayor, Mrs. Innes Reid, congratulated the Church of Christ on retaining the natural bush setting at

"Camp Irwin" in Townsville's loveliest suburb of Magnetic Island

The Youth Director, A. C. Male, gained audience participation to prove his points that children do what we do rather than what we say; that parents do care about their children; that we need long term views of life and that deep down in the heart of every person they are basically the same.

Mrs. Tangye gave the history of the camp site from the original purchase in 1954 and spoke of humorous sidelights to the more primitive days of camping. She cut the ribbon and officially declared the camp site open.

Mr. Weedon commended the Churches of Christ congregation for their willingness to work at the camp and also the community members who have shared in making the camp site what it is. He paid tribute to the island residents who had served above and beyond their commercial interests in helping to provide a facility for youth on the island.

A youth camp concluded just prior to the official opening. One of the campers, Randall Meier, read the scripture lesson and expression work for the studies was on display in the assembly hall, where luncheon was served.

The foundations for a second dormitory block have already been laid to

provide further facilities for holidays on the island for families.

"Camp Irwin" is available to all denominations and organizations and applications should be directed to Mr. Weedon, Box 382, Hermit Park or by phoning 79 1549. Holiday makers in Queensland and from Interstate are encouraged to use these facilities also.

100 YEARS 200 SENT

The Hirosaki Church in northern Japan is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. In that period it has sent more than 200 persons into Christian vocations.

It was the first missionary to this area who introduced the apple when he gave each member of his Bible class a big red apple. One student took his apple home and gave it to his father, who planted it.

Today, apples are second only to rice in importance to the agriculture of northern Japan. The government brought two relatives of the pioneer missionary to this city last summer so that they might share in special ceremonies in honor of the arrival of the man from the United States who introduced the apple.

EXPLORER BOYS PLAY THE GAME... HARD

The "Explorer" Boys' Clubs can trace their beginnings back to 1939, when Keith Jones was Secretary of the Young Peoples' Department of the Victorian Churches of Christ. The first recorded club "Chief" was Perc. Foster from North Fitzroy. In 1942, Will Newham of Surrey Hills was invited to accept the position of "Chief" which task he fulfilled for 18 years. During this term the organisational life of the Explorer clubs developed quickly into such areas as camping, indoor and outdoor sports, service projects and club championships. These activities have continued to this present day. Lyndsay Smith from Chelsea has held the position of Explorer Chief since 1959. Under Mr. Smith's leadership, the Explorer Executive Committee have planned imaginative and challenging programmes for boys aged to 16 years. The "Explorers" have become recognised as pioneers in a number of aspects of youth work. A particular example has been the development of adventure camping which is now widely accepted in many avenues.

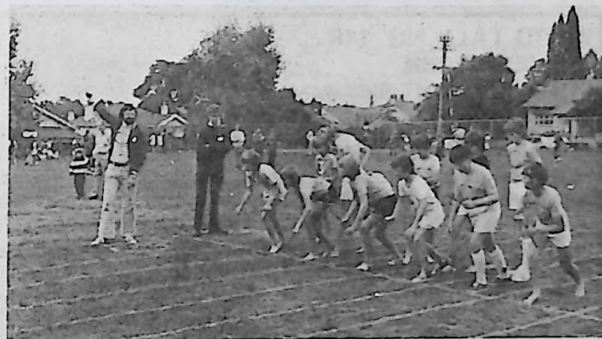


At boating camp, following period of instruction, boys launch out to sail themselves.

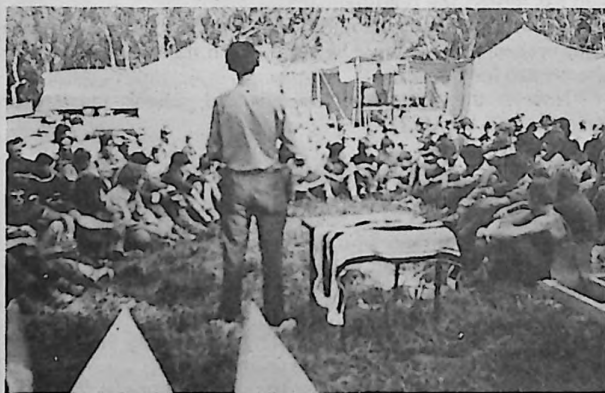


The Explorer Badge symbolises a balanced life with Jesus Christ at its centre.

SEEK TRUTH
CHERISH HEALTH
LOVE GOD
HELP OTHERS



Junior boys line up for start of relay race at Outdoor Sports.



The Explorer Movement has proven a significant force in the training of leaders for all aspects of the Church's mission. This communion service at an adventure camp is typical of the strong Christian influence present in Explorer activities.

ACTIVITIES

In their club lives, boys enjoy activities organised by their local groups and also by the Explorer Executive. An award scheme "Explorer Standards" introduced by Lyndsay Smith, provides challenging activity for boys interested in developing skills in the four aspects of the club programme—physical, spiritual, intellectual and social. Permission has recently been received for Senior boys to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award through the Explorer Organisation. As from 1976, any boy gaining this award will become a "Top Explorer". The Explorer Executive (consisting of Chief, Secretary, Zone Leaders and Activity Organisers) arranges a programme each year which consists of events such as swimming sports, boating camp, orienteering day, leadership training, dormitory camps, hike camps, worship activities, service month, indoor and outdoor sports and knowledge projects.

EXPLORER BOYS' CLUBS

are an auxiliary of the Department of Christian Education of Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania. At present there are 1209 boys in 37 clubs affiliated with the movement. The clubs are mainly located in Melbourne suburbs and Victorian country churches with some interstate and one overseas (New Guinea). If you would like further information regarding Explorer Clubs, contact the D.C.E., 52 La Trobe Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000. Phone 662 2377.

OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED!!

The Federal Aborigines Board is looking for staff from the Brotherhood to help meet the growing involvement of the Church with the aboriginal people.

Married couples are urgently required as home parents to care for eight to ten aboriginal children or young people. These appointments would be to Norseman, Carnarvon, Esperance or Perth. Our contribution in the field of aboriginal child care is held in high regard by State and Federal Government Departments and, because of this, opportunities for development are continually before the Federal Board.

Single workers: Single ladies and men can be of real assistance in the works programme of the Mission stations. There are never-ending jobs to be attended to on the practical side as well as the normal day-to-day areas of work. Single ladies in

particular are needed to help in child care in the family-type set-up as well as in other areas of service such as teaching cooking to aboriginal teenage girls, teaching in subjects like laundry, house care, mothercraft, music, art, sport etc.

State and Federal Government Departments are continually advertising for married couples to become hostel parents to aboriginal young people in hostels owned and maintained by the Government. This is an excellent opportunity for Christian couples to move into a situation which allows them to assist these young folk at such a vital stage. Christian couples so live for Christ in this way that young people respond to the gospel. The Federal Board would welcome contact from any people interested in this other avenue of Christian work.

by State and Federal Government Departments. Already there are several Christian married men engaged in this field as paid Government employees who are able to present a Christian position to aboriginal communities.

In view of so many open doors of opportunity to serve Christ, dare we ask ourselves "What would Jesus do?"

"Is my life all that it ought to be?"

"Am I busy getting instead of giving?"

"What if I denied self-interest and decided to help others?"

More information and advice can be obtained from D. P. Butler, 26 Marradong Street, Mt. Lawley, W.A. 6060, phone 24 3672, Organising Secretary. State Secretaries: W. Berlin, 2 Crawford Rd., Redcliffe, Qld. 4020; C. T. Garrett, 24 Forest Glen Cres., Belrose, N.S.W. 2085; A. Jenkins, 55 Cumberland Rd., Pascoe Vale, Vic. 3044; J. Wehr, 4 Cleo St., Firle, S.A. 5070; C. Kilworth, 66 Robinson Rd., Morley, W.A. 6062.

There is also great opportunity for Field officers and Project officers amongst aboriginal people and these positions are constantly being called for.

WORD TALK NO. 118 THEMES IN JOHN

IN THE STUDY.

In John 7:3-9 we have an interesting insight into the understanding Jesus had of the right moment for God's work. There are many words for "time" in scripture, the most common meaning a fixed season or measured duration. These words are found in John (5:6; 14:9; or in 2:4; 7:30; 8:20; 12:27; 16:2; 4:25 etc., and other associated words connected with the passing of time in 1:18; 3:4; 5:37; 21:16).

In John 7:6, 8, John uses a unique word meaning "my time". This was a word that summarised human opportunity and divine appointment.

Christ broke into time from eternity at Bethlehem. Within his life came many particular moments of opportunity. But there was only one time that stands above all others — the Cross.

The time was fulfilled (Mk 1:15) with the coming of Jesus. This was fullness of time (Eph.1:10) but his time came most completely at the Cross.

John uses the phrase "to go up to" in connection with the visits of Jesus to Jerusalem. He also used it in connection with his ascent to the Father. (3:13; 6:62; 20:17). This phrase was also used of his elevation on the Cross (3:14; 8:28; 12:32, 34).

For Jesus there was a divinely appointed moment of history. That was also mankind's most important moment.

FROM THE PULPIT.

In 1922 Henry Luce published a new weekly international news journal called "Time". The last 2750 issues have been devoted to recording the events of each passing week. Every person has exactly the same amount of time as everyone else. Some use it for greater effect than others.

"The times are a changin'", sang Bob Dylan. He recorded the fact that we are living in the most rapidly changing era of history.

Some people are reactionary to the changing events of time. They want to turn the clock back. Other people, just as foolishly, want to be ahead of the times to attract attention to themselves.

The most difficult thing is to live with change and yet be secure. Christians are called to remain secure in eternity while accepting the changes of time. Christians are also expected to

MY TIME

be people who will "ring the changes", confident of what the future holds, facing the times ahead with nothing but faith.

But for each person there is a divinely appointed moment of destiny.

"Once to every man and nation, comes a moment to decide, in the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side". That moment only comes once.

As Jesus said "my time", so each man must recognise his moment.

"Nothing is so powerful as an idea whose time has come". But it is also true that there is nothing more dead than one who has missed the right moment.

In a world where incredible swiftness of time can lose a man, everyone of us must be sensitive to the right moment or else we can lose eternity.

"Now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor.6:2).

AMONG THE PEOPLE.

Procrastination, that thief of time, has robbed many a man of eternity.

I was visiting a man who had sat on the edge of our church for several years. He had never made a commitment to Christ. We opened the scriptures together. "Would you like to accept Christ as Saviour now?" "Perhaps, but not just now". "Is there anything you don't understand or any reason why you wish to wait?" "No, I understand, but just not yet."

At that moment there seemed to be a tremendous challenge from the man's inner conscience. He sat stunned, then continued "I think I am just stalling God of the time he has to use me, because I am afraid of what he might have planned for me".

Many people afraid, rob God of time that could be used well in his service. Sometimes they wait too long. "Time like an ever-rolling stream bears all its sons away".

Mordecai summed up beautifully the fact that we are the now generation with his comment to Esther "Who knows whether you have not come into the kingdom for such a time as this? (Esther 4:14).

GORDON MOYES.

NEW SOUTH WALES

INTER-COLLEGE SEMINAR

Students of Woolwich Bible College were hosts to delegations from Queensland and Victoria for the fourth Inter-Collegiate Seminar, held during vacation, from May 12 to 17.

Kenmore Christian College group included Principal F. L. Ewers, together with Miss Pat Schumann, John Brear and John Dainty. The Glen Iris delegation was led by K. J. Clinton and consisted also of Mrs. Cheryl Johnson, Russell Allison, Brian Spencer and Phil Stevens. The Woolwich students involved were Ross Burton, Greg Deuble, Neale Proellocks, Geoff Pearman and Colin Jones.

The guest lecturer was Franklyn Elliott, of Canberra, who was assisted by Ian John in the presentation of the over-all theme of "Practical Aspects of Discipleship and Evangelism". Each morning was spent in lectures and discussion on this theme.

The Chairman of the Woolwich College Board, Maurie Pieper, brought a review of "Faith-Promise Giving" to Missions, and a group project in "The Use, Operation and Organisation of Church Buildings" was prepared by the Director of Christian Education, Ron Kallmier. Representatives of the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism (Kevin Crawford), Conference Executive (F. J. Stephenson), and the Social Service Dept. (Mrs. Aldred) highlighted aspects of their work, while devotional sessions were conducted by faculty members.

Afternoon programmes were taken up with an outing on Sydney Harbour, and visits to "The Church of All Nations" at Enmore, the Pendle Hill Nursing Home and Retirement Village and the Boys' Home, and Stanwell Tops Camp Site.

A.G.E.

WOOLWICH NEWS

Prayer & Share

Woolwich Bible College students and staff continue to be encouraged by the helpful response of numerous interested individuals and churches to the on-going Prayer and Share Partner appeal.

Penrith Mission

In connection with the J.K. Bond "Special Evangelistic Effort" at Penrith, May 25 to June 1, the First and Second Year students at Woolwich, with the co-operation of the N.S.W. Dept. of HM and Evang. have been engaged in visitation, personal counselling and follow-up ministry in the district.

College C.W.F.

A Practical "Workshop" was conducted by members of the Woolwich College CWF. The day was planned by a committee led by Mrs. Shirley Burton. The various sessions included Devotions (Rhonda Eldridge and Robyn Jones), Group Bible Studies (introduced by Mrs. Chapman and led by Jan Pearman and Julie Bond), Practical Information on the function of C.W.F. executive officers (Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Elsmore and Mrs. Elliott) and discussion based on letters received from past members now serving in churches.

General

A recent visitor to the College has been Daryl Kernick, representing Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Final-year student, Brian Francis, has accepted a call to the ministry of the church at Bundaberg, Queensland.

A photo-copier has been purchased as a result of a generous donation from Chatswood church.

—A.G.E.

BAPTIST—CHURCHES OF CHRIST TALKS IN N.S.W.

After a period of some twelve years, and at the suggestion of the Christian Unity Committee, representatives of Churches of Christ and Baptists in N.S.W. have begun another series of meetings. These are being convened in the hope that through helpful fellowship and amicable discussion around the Word of God, the two groups of churches may come closer together and perhaps be able to share in some vital Christian witness that may ultimately lead to greater unity.

KOREAN STUDENT IN NEWCASTLE

During the recent first term vacation Woolwich student from the Korean Christian Seminary spent some time in fellowship with the churches in the Newcastle districts. Yoon Kak-Uh, who was staying with the Cardiff preacher and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith, was well received and was able to make many new friends.

STANDARD MATERIAL TO CEASE

Australian Standard lesson material, which has been published in N.S.W. under licence from the Standard Publishing Company, U.S.A., will cease being printed this year.

Schools using the material will be able to obtain supplies for some time from stocks held in Australia, and from New Zealand.

VINS APPEALS

Soviet Baptist dissident Georgi Vins, 46, has appealed to the Superior Court of the Ukraine to set aside his conviction on a charge of violating the Ukrainian Criminal Code and his sentence of five years' hard labour followed by five years' exile.

An answer is expected within 60 days. If the appeal is denied, he can then go to the Supreme Court of the USSR.

THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S

The Earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof. A noble phrase expressing a fine sentiment. I wonder if we understand the full implications of it? I doubt I do.

A few thoughts spring to mind. First, I think that those who see the "spiritual realm" as "good and Godly" and the "worldly realm" as somehow "dirty" and "bad" must jettison the idea. It was God himself who looked upon the world and saw that it was good.

Yet God must see a "good" world as having certain characteristics. He must have a vision—a plan. A plan, not to be fulfilled in the hereafter—but in history. There would appear to be evidence of this in God's creation of Man (and all that involves), in the delicate balance of nature, in God's direct intervention in history e.g. The Exodus, The Incarnation, etc.

We can know what is involved in God's vision from scientific knowledge, the facts of history, the Word Made flesh as witnessed to in the Bible, from his Church, and from the experience of the Holy Spirit.

We know that God wishes us to use our free will with love. That man should recognize dependence upon nature and not destroy our God-created globe. That man should love God with all his heart and not the idols he prefers to substitute, such as possessions, respectability, the work ethic, individualism, etc. That God wants his Church to be united as one Body. That men should love their neighbours as themselves and therefore create a world of peace, freedom and justice and not the horrors of oppression, exploitation, racism and war we now experience—these are the wishes of God.

But, of course, these wishes involve tremendous changes in our thinking and way of life.

The injustices in our own society will only be put aside by a basic change in property relations and control of decision making processes.

The deprivation of the third world will not end by charity—the giving of crumbs from the rich man's table—but by massive changes in the distribution of the world's wealth and resources.

*The unity of the church will develop when we become aware of the fact that there are no divisions in the Gospel.

The end of our globe—from pollution, the energy crisis and the food crisis—largely caused by Western extravagance and greed—will not be avoided, except with drastic changes in our pattern of production and consumption, the adoption of alternative energy sources and new attitudes to the ecological system which sustains us.

The earth is the Lord's—but he's sure relying on us to fix up the mess we've made. We could begin by realizing that we, too, are seekers after truth, and not the sole superior possessor of it.

—David Brown

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.

NEW HYMN BOOK

To the Federal Secretary

On behalf of the Board and membership of the Church meeting in Wembley Downs I am writing to express our appreciation of the new hymn book. We have waited for some time for it and now all feel that the wait was most worthwhile.

The book contains a good blend of old and new with the convenient groupings as we have known in the past. A great deal of time and effort must have been expended by many persons in compiling the hymn book and we felt that you would be the one most able to pass on our thanks to those who assisted in its preparation.

We have received the suggested list of tunes applicable to the book and were wondering when a composite tune book would be available.

—J. A. Riches, W.A.

The Hymn Book Committee advises that final quotations are expected this month and that the complete tune book could be available early in 1976. —A.E.W.

RE-ARRESTED IN KOREA

To the Editor,

I refer to the item regarding the release of Christians in Korea. Several of those released at the time of your report have been re-arrested and there have been eight hangings without benefit of appeal, although that right was promised to 'Amnesty' observers at the trial.

The charge against those hanged was that they were members of the 'People's Revolutionary Party'. The government of South Korea have not yet been able to prove that such a party exists yet eight were hanged for membership in that non-existent group.

The Rev. John Brown and the Rev. Dick Wootton (both Presbyterian ministers who have served for long periods in Korea as missionaries and are well acquainted with many of those under arrest), and myself were received by the South Korean Ambassador to Australia, Mr. Lo, on May 2.

We expressed our concern at the rearrest of several people including The Rev. Park Hyong-Kyu and the poet, Kim Chi Ha. Grave fears are held for the safety of the latter and we sought specific assurance that Kim Chi Ha is, in fact, alive and well. The Ambassador spoke of the poet with great cynicism as "another Solzhenitsyn" and his vague assurance of his safety was not very convincing.

Let no one assume that the situation in Korea (South) is easing. It is reasonable to expect the situation to worsen for those Christians who dare to speak out in support of the poor, the homeless and those suffering injustice.

The government of President Park is the more threatened, not without cause,

since the fall of South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. The fear of the North, amounting almost to a paranoia, is evident in the Embassy in Canberra. Let me say again that they have good cause to be afraid and to feel threatened. Communist North Korea, under the reportedly ailing Kim Il Sung, must feel heartened by the events of Indo-China.

MORNING COFFEE (Ivanhoe, A. B. Withers) At Morning Coffee, C.W.F. conducted a "Bring and Buy Stall" and raised \$132 for Kew Cottages . . . Tuesday night Prayer and Bible Study attendance increased . . . Young Adults group has visitors now taking part . . . Paper-back library well patronised . . . Good Companions has doubled its numbers . . . Women's Afternoon Group met at Mrs. Clinton's home . . . Gordon Stirling was recent speaker.

DORCAS DAY (Essendon, C. S. Badcock). C.W.A.F. held a Dorcas Day. 175 articles of clothing were sorted and packed for Broadmeadows Care and Opportunity Shop . . . Church members met after evening service to farewell Don Ferguson prior to his departure overseas to visit with his daughter Heather . . . Organised by George Strack, members

The threat to the Christian groups is stark and real whatever happens. Increasing threat from the North makes the government in the South hyper-sensitive to anything that it deems criticism. Therefore Christians with an active social awareness must fall under heavier pressure. On the other hand, in the event of a take-over by the North there is little doubt that the institutional church and those associated with it will be wiped out. The North Korean experience of recent years indicates a harshness and ruthlessness towards the church that can hardly be matched elsewhere.

—R. Neil Gilmore, A.C.T.

took part in door-knock for Austcare . . . Harry Grant is home from hospital. Mrs. H. Grant and Mrs. Dot Murphy have recovered from recent illness. George Harrison is in N.Z. reunited with daughter and on sightseeing tour.

MINISTRY TO CONCLUDE (Hornsby Dist.). At annual meeting it was announced that D. A. Oldfield will conclude his ministry in January 1976. He will have been with the church ten years. W. Armstrong, F. Atkins and J. V. Ellerby were elected as additional elders. Mr. Ellerby was re-elected as church secretary and Mrs. E. R. Bishop treasurer . . . Guest speaker on May 25 was G. Elliott of Wycliffe Translators. Two young people were baptised by Mr. Oldfield . . . Members shared in Night of Comedy on May 31 . . . Gideons conducted a service on June 1.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

"THE LORD"

To the Editor,

I've become quite friendly with the Baptist Minister whose manse is just down the street. I asked him how his widely advertised "Youthquake" went. I didn't know I was going to turn him on. "The lead band didn't turn up", he said, "And the whole show was wrecked. When I rang them they said that "the Lord" had told them to go to 'Balaam's Coffee House' at St. Asinus Church. I asked them if 'the Lord' had mentioned to them that they might let me know of the change of plans".

I said how sorry I was. I knew that he was banking on the "Youthquake" to inject some life into his church. He went on, "It's just the same at the church. The most unreliable people seem to be the ones who talk most about 'the Lord'. I ask them about leading the C.E. Society and they tell me they'll ask 'the Lord'. Somehow he always tells them no! I'm beginning to wonder whose side he's on. When we have a 'special' and want everyone there, 'the Lord' always sends these people off to some other place hunting for blessings. When we had our last visitation programme most of them put their names down. They didn't turn up on the night. 'The Lord' told them to stay home and pray for the other visitors". He stopped to take a great gulp of air, and went on.

"They never say which person of the Trinity they mean by 'the Lord'. I'm beginning to suspect that he's not a member of the Trinity at all. The way they go on it could be 'the Lord Krishna' or 'the Lord Inertia'."

Again I said that I was sorry. "Don't worry", he said, "I've got a plan. Next time I want any of them to do something and they get that evasive look, I'm going to say, 'The Lord wants you to do it'. I'll get in first".

Praise the Lord.

Tertius.

THEY CAME FROM TEN COUNTRIES

The church at Gatton, Qld., recently gave a banquet to honour students from ten different countries who are studying at the Queensland Agricultural College, located at Gatton.

Twenty-four students were at the dinner. Professor A. F. Wilson was guest speaker. Cr. MacCormick, Shire Chairman, and others gave greetings. Mrs. Wilson presented copies of "Good News for Modern Man" to the students on behalf of the congregation.



Left to Right: Thabo Khabele (student from Lesotho), Delroy Brown (minister), Professor A. F. Wilson (Qld. University), Treva Kasaganabai (student from Malaysia).



YOUNG PEOPLE AT PORTLAND

Over the past two years a good number of young people have come in close contact with the church at Portland. It became clear to us that we needed help in leadership training and clarification of our goals in a most unique situation. A call for "Help!" went out to our D.C.E. Vic/Tas C.Y.F. Executive with a resultant meeting with our local core group on April 5, where we discussed our aims and frustrations etc.

The seven member team from Melbourne offered suggestions and took the service on the Sunday. They pledged their support to us and two positive things have happened.

At a combined "Family Camp" with our Warnambool, Hamilton and Portland churches in May at Narrawong, Sunny Waghmode, an Executive member of the

State C.Y.F., helped lead youth activities and a study group. Sunny's jovial personality made a definite contribution to the success of the camp.

During the College of the Bible vacation, Geoff Morton, a second year student and also an Executive member of the State C.Y.F., spent several days in Portland (on his 600 EMW) just moving around the Milk Bars and Skating Rink, meeting the youth and the unemployed.

He did some visiting for the minister, counselling families of boys in our clubs and just getting to know some of the kids in the town. We greatly appreciate these positive and sacrificial attempts to help us here in Portland. A youth camp is planned with members of our State C.Y.F. invited to attend. Bernie Duff is Portland's minister.

Music school

Brisbane will be the host city for the Royal School of Church Music Summer School, Jan. 1-8, 1976.

Courses, workshops and lectures on such subjects as basic organ technique, advanced organ technique, the training of junior and adult choirs, singing, improvisation, and new horizons in church music have been planned. Opportunities to hear and play such organs as the recently rebuilt St. John's Cathedral organ and the Mayne Hall organ (if completed) will be available.

The School will be held at the University of Queensland Music Department. Accommodation will be available at one of the Colleges for those who desire it. Most venues will be air-conditioned. The fee for the Residential Course will be \$85; the Non-Residential Course will cost \$35.

At the end of the Summer School, from Jan. 9-11, it is expected that an Advanced Course in the Master Class style will be conducted by a visiting English lecturer.

Any enquiries should be directed to: The Organising Secretary, R.S.C.M. Summer School, 4/43 Fernberg Road, Milton, Qld. 4064.

NO PLAYBOY FOR ISRAELIS

A plan to distribute 3,000 copies of the lurid Playboy sex magazine among Israeli troops has failed. The wife of Israeli President Ephraim Katzir had made plans to order the magazines through the U.S. Ambassador but the Chairman of Immigrant Rabbis of Western Countries cabled Mrs. Katzir to inform her that Playboy "is literature that cheapens women's dignity" and therefore should not be allowed in Israel.

—Horizons

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• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

“IVANHOE” REFITTED

The Mission launch ‘IVANHOE’ which met with a mishap when travelling between Aoba and Santo last year, has been refitted, and is sailing again.

The Overseas Mission Board is grateful for generous giving which enables finance to be available for the maintenance and provision of much needed equipment on our overseas fields.

In expressing appreciation for the refitting of the ‘IVANHOE’ and the provision of other practical needs at the Banmatmat Bible College in the New Hebrides, Graham Warne writes:

“I am thrilled to report that the ‘IVANHOE’ has been returned to the water, fully equipped with sails, lifejackets, lifebuoys, bilge pump, and drum tight blinds! We had to improvise quite a bit with the sails’ rigging, but I was determined to get them up, and we did! The boat really looks smart sporting two clean white sails. I had no trouble with the expensive gooseneck, and the boom fits beautifully. The gooseneck makes movement of the boom extremely easy. We had to take a few pulleys from various old pieces of equipment (such as the remote steering from the outboard, which has been long out of use) but managed to scrounge enough to fix three pulleys atop the mast—one for the jib, one for mainsail, and one for hoisting the boom out of the way. The jibstay was too thick for the sail, so we ran a parallel jib stay alongside using the steel cable from the outboard remote control. It’s a little bit amateur—BUT IT WORKS!

“The crew took the boat for a run to Ambrym and cut off ½ hour on the return using the sails (moderate S E wind). However, the wind was too strong for my improvised jib-stay and the second-hand outboard cable snapped! So, I’m afraid I’m going to have to purchase some new cable. We can still hoist the jib, but it won’t stand a strong wind.

“We have also fitted the radio aerial. All in all, the boat is getting ship-shape, and I thank the brotherhood sincerely for providing the necessary items. We now have a good, sturdy, safe and seaworthy boat in our hands. The Ranputor men are also quite thrilled about the additions to the boat’s fittings.

“We have also made good progress on completing our incomplete buildings, thanks due to Alan Baker who spent the best part of a month working here—really only weekending at Ranmawat! Thanks to his good work:

Boatshed is now almost complete, and only requires a few sheets of fibro to complete it.

Boys’ Dorm. has had new doors fitted, barge boards and guttering, plus 1000

gallon tank. This makes the building complete except for internal lining and painting.

Dining Room has been lined, and is complete except for louvres and painting.

New Bakehouse has been constructed which is quite complete. Only painting is required, though this is not essential for this building which will have so much smoke enveloping it.

Library needs a small amount of weatherproofing along the southern side, and the whole exterior requires painting. Interior has been finished off with the addition of blackboard, noticeboards, tables and new Namco chairs (20). It looks attractive inside, but is still rather shabby without.

Married Quarters still require a good deal of work. Money has been provided to repaint them, and paint has been purchased. However, some rotten timber needs to be replaced, and the houses weatherproofed by the addition of a coverway (over the doorways). This will reduce weathering and provide protection on the front sections. It is debatable whether guttering is required, but new guttering has been installed on one house to provide water catchment for the tank.”

FOR CAMBODIA

World Vision of Australia emphasized the agency’s readiness to send food and medical supplies into Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

“We have six tons of powdered milk and medicines on a chartered plane standing by in Bangkok,” stated Director, Bruce Ogden. “We would like to deliver it to Phnom Pehh and follow it up with at least \$50,000 in relief/medical assistance monthly during 1975.”

Mr. Ogden stressed that World Vision was non-political and that the Christian humanitarian agency was in a unique position to help.

“We have been helping the Cambodian people since early 1970 when Prince Sihanouk still ruled the country, and that assistance has continued without let-up,” he said.

He explained that before the forced evacuation of the capital, World Vision had more than 150 Cambodians on its staff in Phnom Penh. Half of them were part of the agency’s medical team, which until the new government took over, was treating 25,000 patients monthly; the remainder were involved in relief activities.

World Vision of Australia is seeking to negotiate with Cambodian authorities through Canberra—in an attempt to send medical staff back to Phnom Penh as soon as possible.

JAY’S FOR JUNIORS

THREE SOLDIERS (2)

This man was the nephew of a king and was commander in chief of David’s armies. He was brave and skillful but could be very cruel. He was utterly loyal but would disobey his king if he thought the king’s orders were unwise. He was killed by the order of King Solomon. Who was he? (see page 18).

This fellow went into the barber’s accompanied by a young kid. The man had a haircut, shampoo and shave and then the kid sat in the chair. Said the man to the barber: “Whilst you are doing the young fellow, I’ll slip across the road and get some fish and chips”. Minutes later, when the barber had finished off the boy, the man had not returned. “Son”, said the barber, “your father is taking a long time getting those fish and chips”. Said the young fellow: “He’s not my father. He met me outside and asked whether I would like a free haircut!”

Fix Tricks

I have a supremely handy man:
A real Mr. Fix-It.
To start an extremely obstinate fan,
My Mr. Fix-It kicks it.

Patient: Doctor, my husband thinks he’s a refrigerator.

Doc: Ah, he’ll get over that. Give him time.

Wife: But he sleeps with his mouth open, and the light keeps me awake all night.



STATE NEWS

ROCKDALE ADDITIONS (L. E. Wylie). Recent additions have been Susan Perriman and Mrs G. Mitchell by faith and baptism and Mrs. C. Bruce received into fellowship as a baptised believer. . . . At recent Church Family Teas, Ron Kallmier, Director of the Christian Education Dept., spoke on "Trends in Young People's Work", and Miss Judy Gordon spoke on "Trends In Our Bible Schools" . . . C.W.F. stall at Roselands made over \$500. With each purchase went a Scripture portion prepared by the Bible Society . . . Church co-operated with the Annual Civic Service in Rockdale Town Hall. Mrs. L. Wylie as State C.W.F. President read the New Testament lesson . . . Six have registered for the Growth Seminar to be led by Win Arn . . . B.S. is involved in a competition. The Kinder Department enrolled five new scholars.

BIBLE "MISTAKES" (Noble Park, G. Agnew). A provocative sermon "The Bible is Full of Mistakes" created interest on May 18 . . . A special Mothers' Day evening service was held on May 18, when some mothers of the church were interviewed . . . On June 1 the Yukana Singers sang at evening service . . . A

Boys' Club has commenced . . . C.W.F. raised over \$200 at "Trash and Treasure". **MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS** (Nollamara, A. J. Anderson) Girls' Brigade Mother and daughter evening held May 8. Film, "The Haunted Church" was shown and Mrs. A. Anderson spoke on S.S., Kinder, and Primary Depts. Invited their mothers to a program May 11 . . . H. Short, Sec., Deprosy Mission addressed midweek meeting . . . Girls' Brigade pioneers, Sue Trussell and Barbara Thompson, and Boys' Brigade seniors, Bruce Sinclair and Stephen Fong, achieved gold medal in Duke of Edinburgh awards. The girls received their medals from Princess Anne . . . Officers are encouraging auxiliary leaders to attend Dr. Winfield Arn seminars.

INTERVIEWS (Clovelly Park, A. G. Mathieson). Interviews with our own and visitors have been featured at gospel services: including Janet Page (learning Braille for translation purposes), Pastor Tor and Job Tabi (new Hebrides) . . . Mrs. D. Kruger has concluded dedicated service as deaconess after many years. Our church began in her home . . . Y.P.C.E. planned gospel service on "Christ, the Light of the World," during which the church learned chorus written by one of the young men . . . Ladies led Mothers' Day service with three speaking

on the Christian woman in business, the community and the home . . . 60 attended church picnic on Strathalbyn farm . . . Y.P. heard about the C.O.B. from Rod and Lois Brown during lunch at the manse.

C.O.B. VISIT (Balaklava, J. Dow). G. R. Stirling accompanied 12 students from Glen Iris to talk of training at the college . . . The church is planning a "New Life" mission . . . There were four baptisms recently at an a.m. service. After service members were photographed with the new disciples . . . During school holidays, Mr. Dow held special evening services in hall for young people.

CITY CHURCH PROGRESS (Swanston St., A. L. Webb). Attendances have consistently averaged in excess of 230 communicants. Ten new members have recently been added. At annual camp of our overseas students there were 14 commitments to Christ and since then another three overseas students have accepted Christ . . . A number of our older members are hospitalised . . . Cassette tape recordings are now made of every service and these are regularly sent to the 13 members of our Swanston St. missionary family serving throughout Asia. The church is also helping to support those of our Asian students who have returned to undertake full time Christian service.

BOOKS TO READ

DAKTAR

by Dr. Viggo Olsen (Hodder & Stoughton) \$2.60

Vic Olsen gave a brilliant performance as a medical student and was headed for the heights of his profession as a physician and surgeon. Then as an intelligent agnostic he responded to the religious experience which came to his wife's parents by really working on the issues of God, faith, science, and the Bible, to prove that the evidence for Christianity was too shaky to stand against an effective investigation. He started going to a Baptist church in Brooklyn with the sole intention of gaining more evidence that religion was phoney. But he was honest and when honest men make a deep study of faith they are likely to be won over to the very cause they are attacking. Vic and Joan Olsen became Christian and this is the story of their spiritual pilgrimage and of their missionary medical work in the East Pakistan that was to become Bangladesh. The horror of the war in East Pakistan and the bloody birth of the new nation is told with realism, and tenderness. Torture, looting, rape and murder, came to thousands of victims of the Pakistani soldiers and, through it all, Dr. Olsen served his Lord and the people to whom he had been sent. This is an exciting missionary story. It is a must for church libraries and would make an excellent gift for young people who are questioning faith or seeking answers to life's meaning.

THE MOST REVEALING BOOK OF THE BIBLE
(Making Sense of Revelation)

by Vernard Eller (Eerdmans)

This is an entertaining book about the Revelation of John which most scholars find more frustrating than entertaining. Eller argues that what John is revealing is Christ Himself, rather than giving an outline of future history that is to be related to various "signs" that will, or to be fitted into a time-table that will be clear once we crack the code! He warns the present time-fixers that earlier date announcers have all been proved wrong and they had the same Books to work with, were competent observers of history, and had the same

Holy Spirit to guide them. The author does not, of course, take all of the mystery out of the last book in the Bible but he does help us to see it as a book with a discernible pattern.

Unless otherwise stated, books reviewed on this page may be obtained from: The Baptist Book Store, 162 Russell St. Melb. 3000; N.S.W. Churches of Christ Book Shop, 69 Campbell St., Surry Hills, 2010.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Since they keep devaluing the dollar, I thought our church might prefer 4 quarters!"

VIC.—TAS. HOME MISSIONS

New Chairman

Dr. Cliff Warmbrunn of Belmont was elected as Department Chairman for the 1975-77 term. He succeeds Les Withers who has served for the last six years.

Dr. Warmbrunn is in general practice at Belmont and has been actively associated with Home Missions work since 1965. He has served as deputy chairman and in recent years has developed close links with various Department related churches. At Belmont he is an elder and chairman of the Board of Officers.

Clive Ward was reappointed as treasurer, a position he has held since 1959. Douglas Adam is the new deputy chairman.

TEMPERANCE MAN DIES

The Rev. J. Robertson McCue, a long-time leader of the Temperance movement in Victoria, died recently at the age of 93.

He was a Baptist minister who was deeply involved with local option and temperance activities and became a full time organiser for the Temperance cause in 1924. He took a strong lead against every attempt by the liquor interests or political leaders to extend liquor sales, until his retirement in 1960.

HALF WAY WITH GEORGE SMITH

In the ABC radio program "By the Way" on June 30, George Smith Christian Welfare Director, Churches of Christ in W.A., discusses the concept of self-help groups and explores the potential of a half way house as a workshop in human relations in the context of a caring community.

Over the past 20 years Mr. Smith has been engaged in many social experiments and in April this year was the sole Australian representative at the 1st International Conference of Half Way Houses held in London.

The radio programme will be heard at 10.20 a.m. on June 30 on ABC radio 2 and 3.

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ABC ACCEPTS CONGRESS FILM

A 30 minute documentary entitled "LET THE EARTH HEAR HIS VOICE" will be seen nationally on ABC Television commencing in June.

This film report takes a journalistic look at the Congress on World Evangelisation, Lausanne, Switzerland. "Let the Earth Hear His Voice" was produced by World Vision of Australia as a service to Christians who could not attend the Congress. The film was made in association with the Church of England Television Unit in Sydney and directed by Clifford Warne.

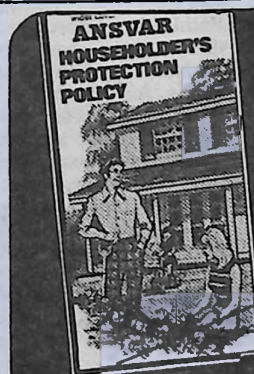
Some of the personalities in the film are Malcolm Muggeridge, Billy Graham,

Bishop Jack Dain, Rev. John Hirt and Dr. Alan Cole.

"Let the Earth Hear His Voice" will be seen on the following dates: Vic., N.S.W. and A.C.T. June 8; Queensland, Darwin June 15; Western Aust. June 22; South Aust., Tasmania July 13.

The film is already available for hire from World Vision offices in Sydney and Melbourne. The hiring fee is \$18 plus return freight.

Those interested in these films should write to: World Vision of Australia, Box 399C, G.P.O., Melbourne, Vic. 3001; or P.O. Box A770, Sydney South, N.S.W. 2000.



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WHITE PAPERS

FANTASY FELLOWSHIP

ON LIFE AND FAITH

Once upon a time, if you wanted to make a faith decision in church, you were expected to make it at our evening gospel service or at a special evangelistic mission.

In any case, decision making was likely to be in an environment quite different from that of the Sunday School scholar who seldom went to Church, and from that of the folk who, coming out of general interest or in response to a personal invitation, were strangers to church.

Things have changed a lot since then. For example, not many churches have anyone at the gospel service to whom an invitation could be given. In fact, those who go to the evening service are usually "twicers" and regarded as being the inner core of the church's life. (I know that this is not true of every church, but it is true of many).

But we still tend to provide special occasions for decision making appeals. There are house churches, house parties, family camps, crusades and fellowship evenings. They all have their place and they have all had successes as evangelistic opportunities, but they also contain elements of danger.

Gavin Reid, secretary for evangelism of the Church Pastoral Aid Society, said in London this year that some of our activities are "fantasy fellowships."

He said that the problem is that a non-Christian is in danger of being carried along with the warm, happy atmosphere that is created by the joyous singing at the Christian musical, or with the happy let-down-your-hair feeling at a church camp.

"What is created is a fantasy fellowship. Everything seems wonderful because the real continuing world of real continuing relationships has been cut out of one's consciousness. When a man decides for Christ he must be fully aware of the world in which he lives."

Reid, the author of "The Elaborate Funeral," and "The Gagging of God," acknowledges that these special programs can be beneficial, but we need to be aware of their dangers.

He offered three guidelines for sharing one's faith: be what you are ("You and I must learn to be ourselves. If taking a guitar into the local pub isn't your scene, don't do it"), sense how people feel ("People need to see Jesus before they are called to follow"), and don't push ("I don't like the term 'aggressive evangelism'; gentleness should be our lifestyle").

Some of us believe that one of the first things we need to do when planning an evangelistic program is to take a long hard, gentle, look at the church into which the new disciples are to find their place. It is very evident that even church members are not over-happy at what is offered to them, or they wouldn't stay away so much. The same lack of whatever it is could be the reason why we find it so difficult to hold those we win.

We never found it that hard to win quite a lot of folk to the "institution", it was in holding them and in building them into the fellowship that our weakness was revealed.

There is no reason why the warm rich fellowship of the special occasion could not also be the expression of the true environment of our church.

GOOD GRIEF!!! The "special" atmosphere of a revival brought some trouble to a Pentecostal church in Houston, Texas. Two policemen entered the church and asked the congregation to be quieter. The waning of the policemen went unheeded and the church's next door neighbour, Wayne Cousins, made legal charges about the singing, shouting, and instrumental music noise. A jury of six found the congregation guilty and fined them \$50. The charge was "disorderly conduct"!!!

VIC.-TAS. C.W.F.

COUNTRY COUNCIL

FRIDAY, JULY 4.
DAWSON ST. BALLARAT.
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Applications are called for the new full-time position of Dean, to be held concurrently with the statutory office of Registrar.

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RESOLUTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTIONS

Formula for Giving A new formula was adopted for giving to Brotherhood departments based on the budgets presented to Conference. The formula which was approved by Conference was previously endorsed by all of the departments concerned and represents a major advance in brotherhood co-operation. For 1975-76 the "Brotherhood Formula" is: Federal Aborigines Missions 8%; College of the Bible 12%; Overseas Missions 24%. State Christian Union 1%; Christian Education 11%; Home Mission and Evangelism 21%; Social Service 15%; Literature Dept. 1/2%; Properties Corporation 3 1/2%; Equalisation Fund 4%.

Victorian Council of Churches Conference instructed its representatives on the V.C.C. to approve admission of the R.C. Church to membership of the V.C.C. if and when an application is made. After a debate in which opposing points of view were expressed with strong conviction but in a generous spirit, there was a secret ballot which resulted in 159 in favour and 71 against.

This does not mean that the R.C. Church will necessarily be admitted to the V.C.C. A church has to apply for membership and the members will then accept or reject such an application. There is no such application by the R.C. Church before the Council. However, in view of the possibility that such an application may be made, it was thought desirable that

the matter should be discussed by Conference so that our representatives should have the mind of Conference as to their attitude if such an application is made. The President of Conference, G. R. Stirling, said, "In a free and democratic Brotherhood like ours there has to be a majority and a minority on such matters. The majority and the minority have a Christian responsibility to each other. They should act towards each other in the spirit of love, as happened in Conference. And they should continue to listen to each other."

Properties Corporation J. G. Todd, a member of the Glen Waverley Church was appointed to the Office of Trustee of the Properties Corporation.

Uranium It was resolved that the Conference urge the Australian Government to sell uranium only to nations which will contract that the uranium will be used only for peaceful purposes and that there will be the utmost responsibility exercised in disposing of radio-active waste.

Alcohol and Driving Conference urged the Victorian Government (1) to ensure that all learner-driver publications include a section on the effects of alcohol and other drugs on driving ability and that candidates for licences be also tested on this section, (2) to legislate for a driver on a charge of driving with a blood alcohol content over .05% to have his or her driving licence automatically suspended for any period during which the case may be adjourned, (3) to legislate for the driving licence of a person (convicted for the first time of the offence of driving under the influence of a drug) to be suspended for a period of at least three months.

PERSONAL

Conference expressed appreciation of the ministry of Ray McKenzie as Director of Christian Education, who will conclude his service with the Department at the end of 1975. Conference also lost the service of its treasurer, John Bailey who, because of increasing pressure, was forced to surrender one of his many Christian tasks.

1975-1976 CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

Conference Officers:

President: Gordon K. Scambler

President-Elect: D. H. Smith

Past-President: G. R. Stirling

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Overseas Mission Dept: R. L. Alabaster, A. L. Carr, A. S. Fletcher, C. W. Lewis, F. W. Minahan, R. Muller, A. V. Page, F. J. Richards, H. S. Weedon.

Nominations Committee: J. B. Alabaster, A. J. Emmett, T. H. Giles, E. C. Keating, W. W. Saunders.

ARE YOU LISTENING?

The Adult Committee of the Vic-Tas Dept. of Christian Education recently concluded six two-hour sessions on Human Relationships Sensitivity Training at the Briar Hill Church, 7-9 p.m. on Sundays. Included were sessions on: being sensitive to others in group discussions, creative listening and "values clarification". Expert input was provided by a Psychologist and a Social Worker. In summing up the effect the course had on him, one member wrote:

Listening

"He that hath ears . . ."

God, the Creator, dressed each head with a pair of rather ungainly pieces of flesh that we often call ears. As well as becoming cold and sore in winter, ears are a nuisance if they bend over in bed but, above all, they have a functional role to play in the listening process. Ears are functional only if we use them properly and, let's be honest, this requires more effort than we may at first realise.

Of course, we use more than our ears in conversation. Other senses come into play. People communicate using facial expressions, hands and even moments of silence can convey meaning. It really seems to require a total commitment on the part of the listener if inter-personal relationships are to develop to any great degree.

I am sure we would rapidly put our hands up in the air in response to the question "Do you always listen to other people?" After spending a series of evenings recently with members of the Adult Committee on a Sensitivity Course I had to confess that my response could not be a firm yes: Along with the other participants, I realised that it is not easy to listen creatively to other people. Oh, there are many reasons—preoccupation, indifference, carelessness, a conscious desire for non-involvement, business and so on—but it is more than a little disturbing when you contemplate the thought that on many occasions we have stifled appeals for help and effectively (although unconsciously) skirted vital issues. Too often the pat answer, too often in a hurry, too often insensitive, too often the rushed meal.

Think about it. Do you fit the mould?

It is difficult to finish up with a "catch all" statement. The solution really depends on your willingness to be a creative participant in the multitude of conversations that occur each day. Use your listening senses in an understanding way, be friendly and try to be perceptive. Simply put—LISTEN, and listen good.

—Ray McKenzie, Director

WOMEN AT WORK AND WORSHIP

QUEENSLAND

April monthly meeting began with prayer and Bible Study led by Mrs. L. Parry. It was reported that the Camp Offering of \$84 was donated towards H.M. Director's salary.

Kenmore College's share of the C.W.F. budget has been put towards buying a new refrigerator for Principal's residence. Shower curtains and teaspoons have been purchased for the College.

Fellowships have been requested to send money instead of goods to New Guinea.

VICTORIA

A thanksgiving service to mark the completion of Mrs. June St. Aubyn's Presidential year, was shared at April Council with 127 delegates representing 55 fellowships.

Three executive members related events worthy of praise—"A Retreat at Airey's Inlet", "Drop-in centre at Blackburn" and "It Pays to Advertise"—promoting the value of friendship and the fulfilment of Christian involvement. L. Travill sang "I asked the Lord" and "He touched Me". Mrs. J. St. Aubyn challenged the gathering to recognise the Living Lord, rely on the

promises of Christ and "Go, and serve others".

After M. Titter led in Intercessory Prayer, Mrs. G. Harford was interviewed about her experiences as a minister's wife and L. Smith reported that \$815 had been presented to the Community Welfare Foundation at the March effort.

GLADYS FRASER HONOURED

At a meeting at the home of Mrs. Gladys Fraser of "Bethany", Georgetown, the Georgetown C.W.F. presented her with an arrangement of flowers and a plaque to commemorate her faithful and selfless devotion during her 35 years with the C.W.F.

Mrs. Fraser is a foundation member of the Fellowship and had been secretary for thirty years until ill-health forced her retirement. She has been the driving force in the work of the women in the church and her unusual and diverse ideas for programmes have enlivened the meetings and provided a basis for many future programmes.

The presentation flowers were arranged by Mrs. Reeves, and the plaque was beautifully designed and inscribed by Newcastle artist, John Mudge, who

refused a fee because he had such great respect and regard for Mrs. Fraser.

Mrs. Fraser has been made a Life Member of the C.W.F. so that her knowledge and wisdom might still be available in all facets of the women's work in the church.

THREE GREAT RELIGIONS

ABC-TV is to show three programmes each of which portrays the salient features of a world-wide religion.

Film taken during a week spent in a Buddhist monastery is a highlight of "Be Ye Lamps Unto Yourselves". The programme raises among others the question whether this ancient religion can retain its detachment and selflessness in the midst of materialism and political upheaval.

"Mecca: the Forbidden City" has scenes from the intense activity which fills the city at the time of the annual pilgrimage. The programme also takes the viewer to the scene of the first revelation given to the prophet Mahommed and presents some of his teachings.

"The Many Paths to God" shows the many facets of Hinduism in India, with scenes from along the Ganges.

These three programmes about three of the world's great religions will be shown by the ABC on successive Sunday evenings at approximately 9.30 p.m., commencing in Vic., N.S.W., Qld., W.A. and A.C.T. on July 13.

OBITUARY

JACKEL, Lily May

Born 1901, Lily Jackson was the only child of John and Ann Jackson. She was a granddaughter of John Jackson, a pioneer member when the church commenced in 1864. At the age of 15 years she made her confession of faith and was baptized by Andrew Hutson. She was an active member in the B.S. and was a teacher for 20 years until her marriage to Baden Jackel in 1928. There were six children: Lois (Mrs. Lloyd Lanyon), who with her husband is in charge of the A.I.M. work at Moree, N.S.W.; Beryl (Mrs. Graeme Slatter), who with her husband had been Matron of the "Open Door" at East Ivanhoe for 4 years before returning to the farm at Boort; David and Ruth of Wedderburn and Marion who comes 14 miles to the services. Lily May was an active worker in Ladies' Guild and also in charge of Cradle Roll and Kinders. At the time of her death she had been treasurer of the church for 15 years. The funeral service at the chapel was conducted by Arch Mudford, who had married the couple 47 years earlier. Mrs. Jackel was laid to rest in Wedderburn cemetery.

—J.B.

SMITH, Mrs. Ella May

Ella May Wearne first appears on the B.S. records at Maylands, S.A., in 1911, having previously attended the Minlaton Baptist on Yorke Peninsula. In the same year she was baptized, when the church had been in operation at Maylands for only two years or so. Thus, another veteran member was lost to Maylands, when as Mrs. C. C. Smith she died unexpectedly on May 18 at 76 years of age. Through more than 50 years of marriage to

Clifford Smith, she raised her four children, cared for her husband while he conducted a plumbing service in the district, and watched her family increase to 9 grandchildren. But the church and community will remember her for the service of her latter years. Illness and a series of operations could have left her handicapped and morbid with self-pity, instead she used her experience of suffering to help others in similar circumstances. With four other people Mrs. Smith formed the S.A. Colostomy Association about 14 years ago, and she was the secretary for the first 10 years. It was her ministry to visit and counsel Colostomy patients both before and after operations. She helped hundreds to adjust to their handicaps. Doctors came to esteem her work, and on retirement she was honoured by the Association with life membership. In the end it was not the old affliction but her heart that failed, and she died peacefully at home. To her husband and family, Naida (Broken Hill), Rhonda (Pt. Lincoln), Elaine (Maylands), Graham (Kensington Park) and the grandchildren we commend the comfort of our hope in Christ.

—N.S.M.

TOMPSETT, Alfred Weir

Baptized at Norwood, Weir Tompsett was a member of the Young Men's Bible Class in the then growing district of Maylands, S.A. When a church was constituted, meeting in the Buffalo Hall, Frederick St., in 1909, Mr. Tompsett, a little over 20 years of age, was one of the foundation members. When he died on May 11 at 86 years of age, the Maylands church lost its last link with those original members. From the beginning until recent months, when infirmity prevented his attendance at services, he was a faithful worker and always a devoted disciple of Christ. We honour him for his distinguished service—as a teacher, officer and church

secretary—and for his long record of continuous membership (66 years). He watched and helped the church to grow, moving into the first chapel (now the hall) and in less than 20 years into the present chapel on Portrush Rd. All who knew him respected him as a Christian gentleman. We join with Merle and Audrey (Mrs. Disney), his daughters, in their thankfulness to God for his gracious character and constant faith.

—N.S.M.

WHITE, Miss Violet Alfreda (Vi)

Baptized at Maylands (S.A.) in May, 1915, Vi White had completed 60 years of continuous membership when she died unexpectedly on May 26 last. In what a large range of activities she engaged her life! Like Dorcas, "she was full of good works and acts of charity", and like Dorcas (Gazelle) she was alert and sprightly. Before retiring she had been in a responsible position in a large city store, where she was highly esteemed. For many years she sang in the Adelaide Harmony Choir and conducted the choir at Maylands. In her retirement she formed and conducted the choir of the Senior Citizens Club which commenced in our church hall. In the heyday of the Maylands B.S. Miss White led the Kindergarten, helping hundreds to take their first steps into faith. Every week for many years she read to the blind residents at Melrose House, where a talking-book has now been donated in her honour. For the past 12 years she helped Meals on Wheels. She was respected by all for her faith, good works, sense of humour and friendliness. Three sisters survive her, and they with so many friends remember her with gratitude and deep affection. The Maylands chapel was filled for the closing tribute and the triumphant affirmation of our faith in Christ, so evident in Vi's life.

—N.S.M.

STATE NEWS

NEW MINISTER (Dawson St., Ballarat, F. C. Kunting) The church has called Graeme Chapman as new minister for 5 years from January, 1976, on recommendation of the Board . . . May has been family month. Families took part in gospel services. Family "Chat-&-Chew" preceded services . . . Church saddened at the loss of Mrs. Elsie Jolly, a loved and faithful member . . . Many ladies attended Women's Convention in Ballarat . . . At Mothers' night given by C.W.F., slides were shown of Italy by Stan McEride . . . Good Companions entertained mothers for Mother's Day.

SOCIAL EVENING (Gilgandra, R. Bassett) On May 24 Y.P. held a social evening. Auxiliaries gave items. The evening finished with devotional message and supper . . . Fellowship has been shared with visitors passing through the town.

NEW APPOINTMENT TO BOARD (Preston and East Preston, J. Manallack) Graham Blackeby has been appointed to the East Preston Board of Officers . . . 4 Good Companions attended Monbulk Camp . . . East Preston C.W.F. held successful luncheon and \$186 was raised.

Norma Barnett was guest speaker . . . Preston Club 220 held fancy dress night . . . Preston C.W.F. were addressed by Padre Brian McCartney from the Mission to Seamen . . . Preston church farewelled Eeryl and Len Webster and Mrs. Morffew. C.W.F. had a social afternoon to say goodbye to Eeryl.

CONFERENCE (Shepparton, F. L. Van Laar) 130 from Wagga Wagga, Wangaratta, Yarrawonga and Shepparton met for successful N.E. and Kiverina Conference. Worship was led by Larry Jenkins . . . 61 attended Church Family Camp at Hume Weir on Anzac Day Weekend . . . The evening service is changed to Bible studies, with special gospel service once a month . . . Week of prayer for Christian Unity commenced with a combined evening service of Shepparton Protestant Churches, May 11 . . . Two carloads of members attended Conference Service in Melbourne Town Hall . . . Tom Eroderick from Leprosy Mission was a recent speaker . . . Working bees have been attended at Canaan College.

DEPARTURES (Ipswich, B. Rice) Arnold Baills and Ruth Handasyde were "set apart" before leaving for W.A. for marriage and full-time service with the Aborigines Mission at Carnarvon . . . Phillip and June Jackson of Bundamba church have also left for Aborigine

Mission service at Carnarvon . . . Les Gehrke who has been a deacon, S.S. Supt., Youth Counsellor and Song Leader has accepted a position with Y.M.C.A. in Sydney. Mrs. Sharenne Gehrke who has very capably filled in as organist, soloiste and S.S. teacher and Danielle will join Les in due course . . . Church is grateful to the Doncaster church in Vic. for gift of new Hymn Books . . . Y.P. held Wake-a-thon to raise money for trampoline for Carnarvon Mission. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Usher leave Aust. in July to commence a ministry with Dr. Jauncey in Texas, U.S.A.

VARIED INTERESTS (Bexley North, P. A. Pitts) Special services for May and June included speakers from Christian Women's Convention, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade, Woolwich Bible College and Gideons . . . Jim Henderson, former minister, was speaker at 44th Church Anniversary . . . C.W.E.F. Mother and Daughter Dinner drew 91 ladies from the district, paying \$1.50 each to hear Brigadier Smith of the Salvation Army . . . Mr. Pitts has been elected as State President of the C.E. Union . . . Harry Willis honoured on reaching 90th birthday . . . Church Family Picnic was conducted on Queen's Birthday holiday . . . Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Plenderleith, retired from the ministry after 63 years, have been welcomed into membership.

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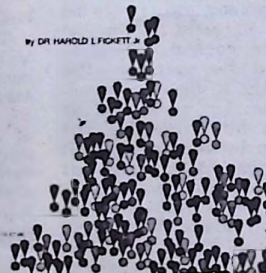
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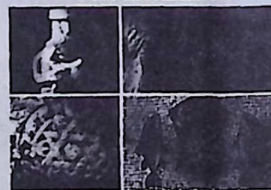


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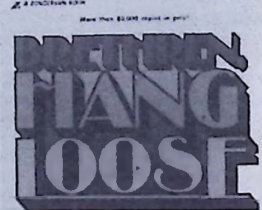
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The project is the construction of a Dining Hall and Kiichen at the Ranwadi Secondary School on Pentecost Island.

Team members are required to pay their own travel expenses to the New Hebrides. Food and accommodation will be provided. Qualified tradesmen, builders, carpenters, plumbers, as well as men with good practical ability, are invited to enquire. Serving with the work team will provide an opportunity to share in the work and witness in the New Hebrides, and gain an appreciation of the growth and development of the church in the South Pacific.

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MORFFEY (Vickers) Geoff and Lynne welcome the arrival of a son, Mark Geoffrey, on May 24th, at Hobart.

ROUT (Gillespie) Robin and John proudly announce the arrival of Colin Edward born at Dandenong Hospital, May 12. Both well. Grandson for Betty and Frank.

ENGAGEMENT

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DEATHS

MULLER Ethel Amelia, at the Templestowe Private Hospital on 25th May. Dearly loved wife of Stan (dec.), loving mother of Ronald, Gene (dec.), Joyce (Mrs. Roberts), Irene (Mrs. Henry); mother-in-law of Lillian, Hector, and Colin, grandmother of ten and great-grandmother of nine little ones. 'Resting where no shadows fall.'

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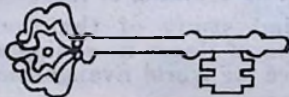
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BORDERTOWN BAPTISMS (R. Combridge) Three young people were baptized and received into membership . . . S.S. picnic was held at Stan Milne's farm. Doug. Walladge is S.S. Supt. Lynette Wiese and Yvonne Sharpe are new teachers . . . Members shared in combined service in Anglican Hall for Prayer for Christian Unity . . . C.W.F. were hosts to combined Guilds. Gordon Brown showed slides and told of months in Libya on agriculture and seed work.

S.A. SEWING (Maylands, N. S. Moore) C.W.F. held sewing day making uniforms for girls in Windee Aboriginal Hostel. Push bikes have been given to two missionaries in New Hebrides . . . Trevor Meares of Broken Hill was guest speaker on Conference Sunday . . . Boys' Club held annual demonstration . . . B.S. scholar (above junior grade) held camp at Loftia Park . . . Two students from C.O.B. conducted service on May 25 . . . The church is saddened by the deaths of A. W. Tompsett, the last surviving foundation member of Maylands church; Mrs. Cliff Smith, who had long association with the church; and Miss V. White, who was very active in various departments.

BRIAN WHITE AT KADINA. Mini-Mission held at Kadina May 4-11. "The Seasons" from Clearview, and Jack Scott with his "talking trombone" brought ministry of song and music, as did "Maranatha" singing group from Mr. White's church, Hawthorn. Three confessions of faith, three baptisms on May 18 and four received into membership . . . 65 attended ladies' luncheon addressed by Mr. and Mrs. White. Mr. White showed slides of his association with Christian Auto Sports' Assoc. in N.S.W.



TASMANIA

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS (Margaret St., L'ceston, M. D. Hamilton) C.W.E.F. entertained mothers and friends at "Say it with Flowers" evening. Each guest was presented with a growing floral gift. Slides of the world's best gardens were shown by Mrs. Walker. Cake and used clothes sale realised \$170 for project funds . . . Good Companions and leaders held week-end camp . . . Eight were baptized on May 25. Annual church meeting followed lunch in hall . . . Parent-child dedication was held for David and Carol Wright and twin daughters . . . Evening services held at 4.30 p.m.

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CAMP (Chinchilla/Hopelands) Car load of ladies went to Women's Camp at Caloundra . . . W.C.T.U. meetings being held in Chinchilla hall . . . Two young girls and one boy baptised recently . . . 200 attended combined after-church rally organised by Bible Society . . . Three of the six Aborigines Mission Team visited: Graham Butler, Maureen Rule and Joe Langan . . . C.W.F. entertained Chinchilla Sen. Citizens to lunch, afternoon program, and afternoon tea . . . A young girl has made her decision

POTENTIAL (Maryborough/Baddow/Hervey Bay, Nigel Merrick) Some statistics: Maryborough—confessions of faith 15, baptisms 11, new members 16; Hervey Bay—confessions of faith 7, baptisms 4, new members 4; Stan Scott and his wife are temporarily in charge at Hervey Bay, but the potential in this area is great, and the church is seeking a permanent pastor.

TOWNSVILLE ELECTION Townsville Pimlico church had 28 members at annual meeting. Frank Beale was elected elder. Deacons are A. Roberts, A. Sellars, and A. Lowe. Mrs. F. Tangye is deaconess . . . The children's segment of a.m. service is conducted by Ron and Melody Northey . . . Camp Irwin rebuilt after Cyclone Althea was recently reopened by Mrs. Tangye, and dedicated by A. C. Male. Alderman Joah Innes-Read congratulated the church on its efforts.

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SENIORS ENTERTAIN (Caulfield, K. Christensen) At A.W.F. birthday celebration 100 ladies were entertained by Carnegie Senior Citizens at musical programme . . . Mr. Christensen has been invited to serve as part-time minister for two years . . . E.W.F. Salamagundi Night raised \$16 for support of Aboriginal boys . . . A.W.F. held social afternoon at home of Mrs. Tidd . . . Recent speakers have been Fred Levett of Bible Society, Dave Watt, Paul Payne, and L. George . . . J. Veitch is hospitalised . . . N.Z. slide night of tour by five members arranged by Ted Terry to aid organ fund.

ELDER EMERITUS (Malvern-Caulfield, P. Nelson) James Holloway was invested with the title of Elder Emeritus on May 18. Fred Illingworth, elder, spoke of Mr Holloway's contribution to the life of the church and presented him with an illuminated address expressing appreciation of 62 years of service to the congregation and wise counsel on the Officers' Board as deacon, chairman and elder. Mr. Holloway resides at the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh . . . 24 members attended youth camp at Belgrave Heights in school holidays.

CREATION (Knoxfield, M. Pelling) 90 attended family camp at Marysville with studies centering on creation . . . Four were welcomed by transfer and two by baptism . . . Knox Community Relations Centre conducted Lenten studies on "Jesus Christ Frees and Unites" . . . "Changing Moods" led recent communion service . . . A family cluster group has commenced . . . Church

school held a picnic and participated in a parent day, leading morning service. Teachers met with Ian Allsop, Federal Director, to discuss C.L.C. curriculum . . . New hall has arrived . . . The manse is being painted.

OLD-FASHIONED GOSPEL (Berwick, M. McMurtrie) An "Old-Fashioned Gospel Hour" was a recent feature with Jenny Wake on the guitar and Roy McLeod as guest song leader . . . Two young ladies made decisions . . . The film "Godspell" was screened recently at gospel service . . . Presbyterian church joined us for Pentecost combined service . . . Counsellor Training services have commenced for young people.

GUEST HOME GAINS (Dandenong, J. Edwards). Harvest Festival goods donated to Oakleigh guest home . . . Two young people were baptized . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gawthorpe have celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary . . . On June 1, 25 members combined with other churches in door-knock to distribute Christian literature and conduct church census . . . Mr. Hamil from the Gideons was guest speaker . . . Audio visuals are being shown on dangers of alcohol, smoking, drugs.

BUILDER'S ERROR (Boronia, E. L. Williams & D. Brown). Builder notified church he had made a mistake in his tender. Revised plans accepted by church members. Vic Burden and Laurie Maguire to organise sub-contractors. Building Fund stands at \$54,000 . . . Sue Kmetco and Characana Christian Dance Group took part in evening service following church tea . . . Parent child dedication service held May 18 . . . A. B. Clark of Croydon exchanged with E. L. Williams on May 25 . . . Christian Literature Week highlighted with display of books . . . Mrs. Sercombe Sr. welcomed back

after long illness . . . Mrs. Finger and Faye Parker have been in hospital. Church extended sympathy to Henry family on passing of Mrs. Henry's mother.

FOUR BAPTISMS (Warrnambool, I. A. Tippett). Four young people have been baptized. Minister visited Hamilton to lead services . . . Church participating in South West Fellowship with Portland, Port Fairy, Hamilton and Casterton . . .

COMBINED COMMUNION (Warragul, R. Pritchard). Five churches combined at Church of Christ on May 31 for Communion breakfast. Following Communion in the church, breakfast was served in the hall. Various traditions of Communion Service were discussed . . . On May 31 Banksia Camp Re-union was held at Warragul. Young people came from Berwick, Warragul, Morwell and Traralgon for variety program . . . Regular evening services commenced on June 1 . . . Five teams are competing in the Churches Badminton Assoc. The Pennant Team is at present on top of the ladder. Our teams are on top in Grades A and B; and one is third in B.

FEDERAL WORK HIGHLIGHTED (Box Hill, K. R. Bond). L. J. Butler spoke of the work of The Federal Conf. Exec . . . Geoffrey Wigney made his confession of faith . . . Explorers held picnic at Ricketts Point . . . Nine Inter-Endeavourers attended C.E. Camp at Hall's Gap . . . Glenys Fromhold showed slides to Y.P.C.E. of her overseas trip . . . Football Club held progressive dinner and took part at gospel service . . . C.W.E.F. celebrated 25th birthday . . . Sympathy expressed to Ron Muller and family in loss of his mother . . . Improving after illness and hospitalisation are Shirley Barker, Doris Clark, Ruth Buchanan, Pauline Gibb, Lois Hall, Heather Mudie, Shirley Steele and the Mackley family.

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A. E. WHITE

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Recently we have had in our church, leading our worship, a bank manager, an accountant, a cabinet maker, a truck driver, a cleaner, and a manager.

Everybody has to be something, and all of these folk are dedicated Christians as well as being in diverse jobs.

But I gather that your objection is not to the man in your church being a trade unionist but to the fact that he was talking about relationships between workers and management and about the economic problems confronting the worker. Maybe he even defended the workers who resort to strikes!

Without trying to pass any kind of judgment on your particular church programme, there is no question that many churches use the evening services (and perhaps the morning) in ways that would have appeared strange to our pioneers. That is, in their day, many of them showed a readiness to depart from what many churches regarded as the "proper" thing and brought a new life into the old forms of church meetings. It is fair to suggest that many of them would be as willing to experiment today.

It is a good thing for people to be asked in church about their lives, their

work, their values, and their faith (if any). If such interviews help us to learn more about the world in which the church is set, or about the people for whom the church mainly exists (those outside it), then let's have more of them.

There may be particular value in listening to what trade union leaders have to say. It was out of Christian concern that much of the trade union movement came, but the churches were soon regarded as being out of touch with the blue collar worker.

We tend, naturally, to expect those interviewed at church to be Christian, whatever else may be their role in society. But there have been occasions when daring ministers have interviewed folk from other faiths and of no faith. The congregations have learned why people hold to this or that religion instead of Christianity and they have heard some men say why they reject religion completely.

The gospel of Christ is being challenged and tested as never before in its history and we are the defenders of the faith in our day. If we have a "closed shop" and refuse to listen to others we may feel comforted by the support of like minds and we may even feel informed by Christian leaders telling us about the non-Christian world. But surely there is a place for dialogue between faiths and for discussion with those who oppose Christianity.

If the gospel is true (and it is) and if we are strong in faith (and we should be) then what can there be but gain in inviting folk to talk with us. We might even win them for Christ, if we are able to show that Christianity is far more than words about love for all, it is love in action.

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