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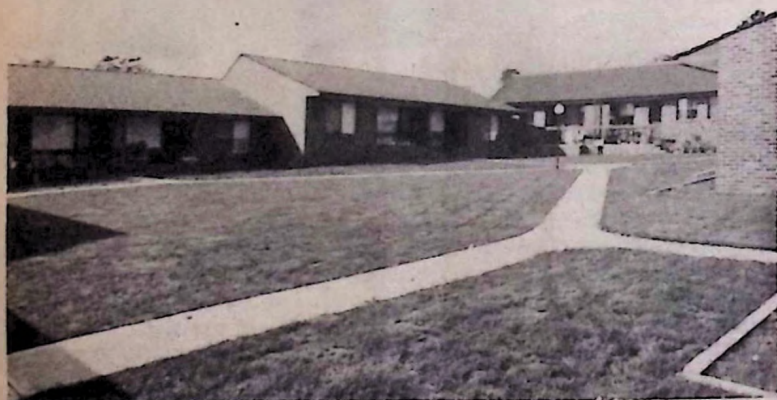
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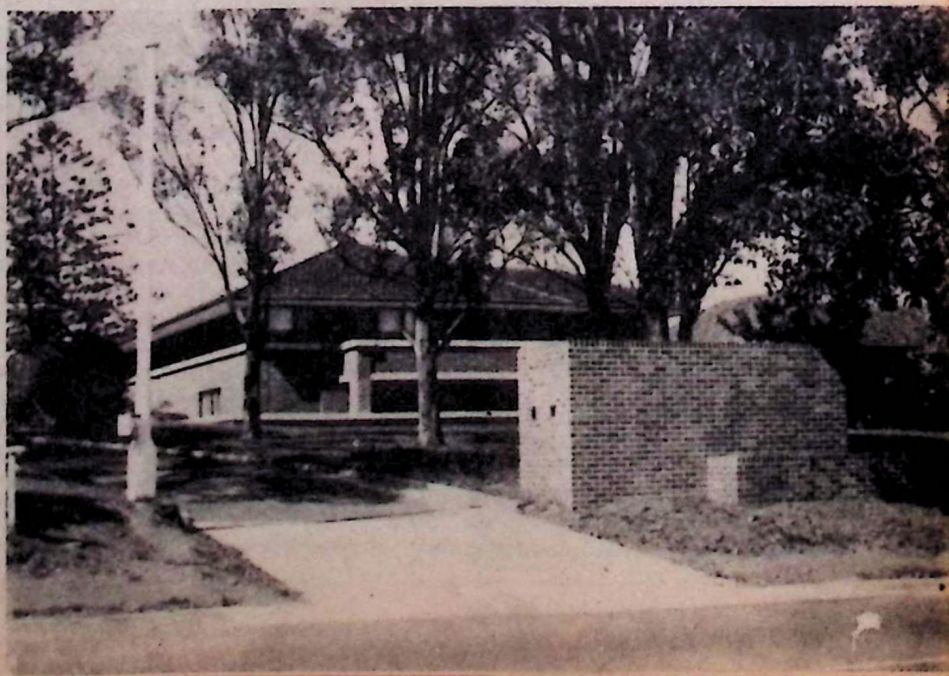
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NEW NURSING
HOME
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● SOCIAL SERVICE

THE INCOMPARABLE CHRIST

BY CHARLES COLE
Director, N.S.W.

The incomparable Christ is revealed, not so much in a comparison of philosophies and ethics, but in the words and actions of Jesus Himself.

Jesus came preaching the "Kingdom" and that idea raised profound issues. He proclaimed a gospel of brotherhood and gathered his first followers into a social unit with a real communal life.

The Sermon on the Mount is full of social teaching. His healing miracles expressed his passionate desire to help men physically as well as spiritually. The problems of the poor were always a concern to Jesus. He declared that "man shall not live by bread alone", but neither shall man live without bread at all and Jesus always remembered that.

Jesus claimed the whole of life as His province. His religion was to invade every corner of men's experience, every department of public and private life, every nook and cranny of the world. No man is able to draw a line and say, "Here Christ's authority stops. The rest is beyond your sway!" Dual control of that kind, Jesus insisted, would imply a radical insincerity. There cannot be two kinds of truth — there is only one. The only alternatives are to apply His religion to every relationship of life or else drop that religion altogether. There is no third option.

Jesus headed no social revolution and He legislated for no current social problems; but He brought and imparted a spirit that was bound to set men crusading against injustice everywhere. The Spirit of Christ touched the infamy of the gladiatorial shows and shrivelled that barbarism out of existence. He touched the institution of slavery and that gigantic evil came crashing down. He touched the appalling factory conditions of the 19th Century and put something better and more decent in their place. He touched the tragedy of unrelieved distress and pain and hospitals and homes of healing sprang into existence.

Jesus regarded the family as a miniature of the Kingdom of God and He deepened the sanctity of the family by what He did for womanhood and childhood. He refused to be drawn into political debate and to legislate on particular points of contemporary

politics. However, His words, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's" imply that privilege always carries obligation with it.

Jesus regarded sin as an evil thing which would devastate and have dire consequence for man's whole existence in this world and beyond. He offers release

at a cost to Himself. Jesus claimed that "if the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed".

The Church, then, is not only true to its own origins and closest to its own gospel, it is also strongest for good when it concentrates on its God-appointed task and holds up the "Incomparable Christ".

● OUTREACH IN 1975

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

GEORGE
SMITH,
Director,
Christian
Welfare
Centre,
Perth.



The Churches of Christ, Christian Welfare Centre in Perth is a multi-service Crisis-oriented agency, the only one of its particular type in W.A.

The Agency has two qualified Social Workers, who are both also qualified Marriage Counsellors, (the Director is also an ordained Minister), two experienced Welfare Officers, Secretary, part time Transport Officer, and a team of voluntary workers, (some of whom are ex-clients). All problems of social, emotional, spiritual and physical needs can be met. The Agency provides help around the clock (after hours phone numbers are available in a crisis).

The Centre's reach-out service centred around a therapeutic workroom, toy workshop and budget shops. Interpersonal relationship at a basic informal level, combined with contact with Social Workers, has produced a therapeutic workroom atmosphere. As migrant ex-client turned volunteer said, "No one will know what this place has done for me. When I came here I was depressed, had a low opinion of myself and would cry at anything." She claimed that in this atmosphere of acceptance of herself as a person, she found the reality of faith.

She said, "It wasn't because people talked about it all the time, but it was in the acts and deeds done. Now I feel I can talk to God as a friend. I am so thankful for what I have, and not envious of what I have not. I can see now that I am of some worth."

A young English woman recently arrived in Australia, having deserted her husband and child. After several days involvement in our workroom and Social work contact she was reconciled to her family.

We have examined closely what we have operating and plans are under way to structure a programme so that more people in need of such support can benefit.

Plans are to extend the use of the therapeutic concept, to co-ordinate this into a more efficient service in conjunction with the opening of a new Shop Front Reception Centre. This is due to open early in July '75 and will operate as an off-street information and Counselling area.

The Centre has always acted as a catalyst in the setting up of Community Welfare Services — e.g. Task Force, Recovery, Post Release Hostel for ex-prisoners and is now reaching out in the area of Half-way Houses. At present the Director is involved in setting up one such — Richmond Fellowship Half-way House for emotionally distressed women.

Merva McMorro, Social Worker.

● SOCIAL SERVICE

**THE
INSPIRATIONAL
PAST
BEGINNINGS**

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

1939 — W.A. Social Service Income £9,666, Expenditure £5,000.

Quote from 1940 Jubilee Conference Handbook:

"Cinderella had a fairy godmother whose job it was to transform mice into horses, and rags into finery, but alas and alack no such fairy godmother can transform the department's 3d in the £ allowance into an income sufficient for a real job of work. The Department must perforce gather its rags about it and crouch close to the small and fitful embers of the wintry kitchen fire".

1954 — MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH with purchase of the old Perth Bible Institute for £12,325.00 for the first Christian Guest Home on an Annual Income of £2,444.00 . . . **1975** — Capital Investment in Homes \$2,750,000.00. Numbers housed: Units 249, Hostels 20, Lodges 111; Total 380.

1960 — MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH with modest beginning of the Christian Welfare Centre on an Annual Income of £877.00 . . . **1975** — Six full time staff members and 120 volunteers deal with 8,000 clients annually (one every 12 minutes of a work day) on an Annual Budget of \$50,000.00.

In a little over two decades men and women have turned dreams into destinations by establishing two specialised areas of Social Welfare which are highly respected in W.A. The opportunities open in the next decade are beyond imagination for those willing to be involved in the "stream of human suffering".

TASMANIA

In 1947 Mr. and Mrs. Harper Knight inspired by their concern for children in need of care in a home environment donated their property at Dover for a home for boys. This was re-located at Lindisfarne in 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. Hindman were the first Superintendent and Matron of Bethany Boy's Home and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Morffew gave the longest service of twenty years to what is now Bethany Children's Home. During Bethany's 28 years, 50 children have been provided with a stable home life in a Christian atmosphere.

VICTORIA

The beginnings of Social Service of Churches of Christ in Victoria were largely concerned with Temperance. In 1923 the character of the work was broadened and became known as the Social Service Committee. This marked the beginning of a new era.

A number of projects were undertaken at different times when specific needs arose. These included A League of Friendship to provide employment for a number of men, Food for Britain, clothing for Interchurch Aid to refugees. The Christian Guest Home was established in 1938, to be followed later by the Will H. Clay Nursing Home and Emmaus Rest Home. C.F.A. was launched in 1935.

Some of the men associated with these ventures have become legends in their own life times. Such men include C. R. Burdeu, Will H. Clay, C. Young and W. T. Atkin.



**MATRON D. AVARD
CHRISTIAN GUEST HOME, VIC.**

From the inspiration of the past the present is built and now under the directorship of F. M. Combridge a fourth home is planned for Northcote. This new eighty bed home will be the first home in Victoria to be completely designed and built on a vacant site.

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OUTREACH '75.

**SOUTH
AUSTRALIA**

Today the Church is working in wide and varied areas of human need. Through the Social Service office and the office of the Hospital Chaplain material help is given and counsel and advice is offered.

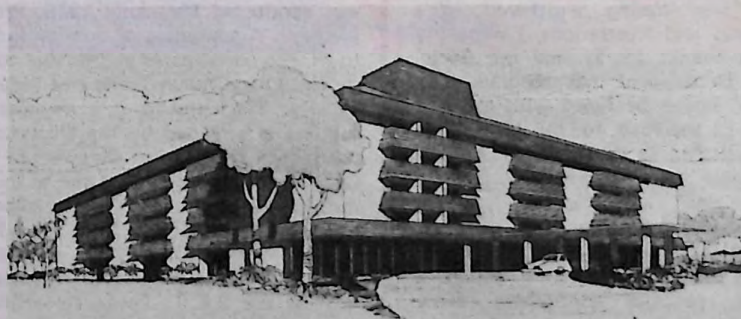
In these affluent days one may expect a decrease in social problems and needs—but the opposite is so often true. Deprived families often need relief but counselling is a need experienced by all. Assistance is often sought on pensions, family difficulties, housing, employment, accommodation, legal advice, marriage problems, financial needs and material assistance in the form of food, clothing, shoes, blankets, furniture etc.

The Girls' Hostel is much in demand and each year many girls are turned away. The churches, especially those in the country, have reason to value its ministry. The Christian influence of the home assists the girls in finding and maintaining a vital Christian faith.

Aged care makes very great demands on the churches welfare program. It is an increasing need as more people are living longer and although we are providing 60 nursing beds, 86 hostel beds, and 27 cottages (4 under construction) we still have a long hopeless waiting list.

We are planning a five storey complex for Joslin. This Home will offer 30 nursing beds and 62 hostel rooms and day care facilities for local residents living alone at home.

In the area of family care we would like to plan a supportive program to assist inadequate families but lack of funds hinders this program. Work with families in their homes is the only way of saving some of the families and educating them in better ways of living.



PROPOSED CHRISTIAN REST HOME : JOSLIN, S.A.

THE INCALCULABLE GIFT

NOW RECEIVING

"For some years I had served to help guests at "Mylo House" as President of the ladies committee. Now, as a guest at 'Mylo' I am learning what it means to be served.

"In good health and in illness, I have found attention, indeed loving care, from Matron, Sisters, Nurses and the domestic staff, as well as my old friends on the Ladies Committee.

"Enjoyment is found in so much. A lovely room, happy Church services and hymn singing sessions with the Chaplain. These, combined with morning get togethers with the other guests with the Activities Officer, all add up to real happiness.

"Mylo is to me a 'Home away from Home'."

(Mrs.) E. Skerman, Qld.

THE HIGHLIGHT

"We lived in a seaside town facing the sea and when the house became too much moved to the Bunbury Church Homes — what a difference! — No more loneliness, delightful bush walks, a world of our own — and the fellowship — wonderful!

"I was baptised in the Bunbury Church amongst friends. Then for my husband's benefit we moved to Carinya Village in Perth and soon I faced sorrow and loneliness but this was softened by kindness and sincere friendship — so different to a cold suburban home.

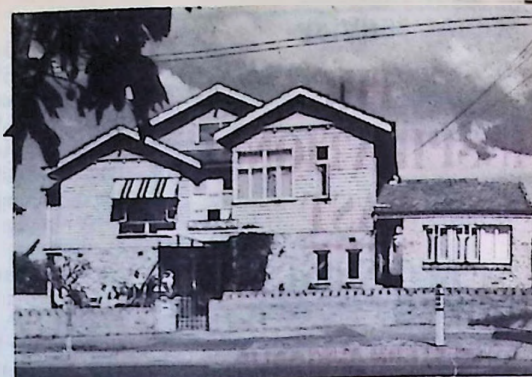
"Here growing old is so very rewarding, we all lap it up — entertainment, fellowship services, staff help, handcraft and classes, but for me the highlight, — I found Jesus Christ."

Resident Carinya Village, W.A.

NO ANXIETY

"As one having weathered life's vicissitudes and frustrations, I write my heartfelt thanks for all that our Social Service Department has accomplished. Nobody should be faced with anxiety, the end of the road, for this Committee has supplied some very splendid Homes.

"I came with trepidation, first to 'Bingley Hall', and then to 'Croydon Guest Home', and my one regret now, is the small percentage of Church of Christ members here. However, I found a desirable, peaceful atmosphere, every reasonable comfort, plus a freedom not usual in Guest Homes, and a helpful fellowship throughout.



BURDEU
HOUSE
QUEENSLAND

"The Units here, the many cosy rooms for Guests and Staff, the lovely surrounding lawns and gardens, are indeed a credit to the Church."

—Marjorie A. Cox, N.S.W.

THANKFULNESS

"Mrs. Webb and I after 55 years of happy ministry with eleven of our churches in Adelaide and Melbourne came to reside in the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh, Vic., in June 1973.

Having enjoyed two years in this delightful Home I gladly express, on behalf of Mrs. Webb and myself our grateful thanks to our Victorian

brotherhood for making this lovely home possible.

"Concern for the 'guests' is ably guided by our wise Director and one devoted popular Matron.

"We are served by an excellent staff and the residents are a happy united grateful company of people.

"We receive such loving care that we have many reasons every day to thank God for what our churches have already done and what we believe they will continue to do for our Home and our Kindred Homes.

Jas. E. Webb, Vic.

OUTREACH '75.

VICTORIA

This year a feature of Outreach of Social Service work in Victoria centres around Chaplaincy Service.

Don Stewart (Hobart) served as full voyage chaplain from Great Britain to Australia on the "Australis". This could be the last appointment of this type due to the decrease in migrants entering Australia by ship.

The Department has become more involved with Hospital Chaplaincy Services through the Victorian Hospital and Charities Commission Chaplaincy Advisory Committee and the recently formed Inter-Church Chaplaincy Committee. The following churches are co-operating and developing an Inter-Church Ministry, viz. Anglican, Baptist, Churches of Christ, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

The Anglican Church gave a lead in Pastoral Care Training at the Austin Hospital, but in 1975 the responsibility for this work came under the direction of the Inter-Church Chaplaincy Committee. Some students from our college of the Bible have the opportunity for short term training, and John Paver, formerly minister at Hampton, completed full time training and became an Assistant Supervisor until June 1975. He is now full time Chaplain to the Cancer Institute (Peter McCallum).

We also have eight ministers conducting part time chaplaincy duties in city hospitals.

A Training Course in Hospital Visitation and Pastoral Care for lay members was conducted May-June 1975. Professional lectures and group leaders were involved. A consensus of opinion indicated that the course would be beneficial to all who participated and further courses should be conducted.

The Inter Church Trade and Industry Mission is another area of department activity. The Director is a member of the Board of Management. Financial support is provided by the Department and Churches in Victoria toward the conduct of the Mission. Churches of Christ have seven ministers involved as local Chaplains to Industry and one to local police. These men have received training through the Mission for this specialised ministry.

Since February 1975, W. B. Burn has been full-time Regional Chaplain for the Latrobe Valley. One of the exciting aspects of I.T.I.M. is the requests from Industry for the services of chaplains. The Mission is serving in organisations such as the S.E.C., Police Department and Victorian Railways together with private companies and large industrial enterprises. Chaplaincies open up to the church new areas of Outreach, surely this is the church in action.

THE INDISPENSIBLE YOU



JOHN B. BAKER
Hospital Chaplain, S.A.

The local church and member are two very important aspects of departmental life. Without them departments could not really survive. In other words we depend upon you for our life.

The frontier work carried out by the Social Service Department cannot move forward or survive without you. The many people we contact, with some physical, social or spiritual breakdown, need you. This department is the spearhead into the community welfare around the Commonwealth and the value of this is — it is done in the name of Christ. To retain this approach, in what we must consider is a secular age, depends upon you, the church member, and the local church.

YOUR CONCERN FOR OTHERS.

The department, being in a central position means we do not always know what is going on, on the local scene — we need you to keep us informed. This involves us all keeping ourselves alert to social and personal need in any and every form. We can then supplement what you do or even supply in your name the full assistance to make or create a happy and secure situation.

Our best service must be given when we know what you want for your neighbour. This becomes possible as we have a real love for people and the desire to serve them in their hour of crisis. A love that overlooks their strange ways when under stress, ways that we may be intolerant about, ways that would turn us off from wanting to help them. If we love our neighbours as ourselves we will serve them.

YOUR ENQUIRING MIND.

Because we are a social service department does not mean we have an active social conscience in all things at a particular time, nor see things as a relevant issue to take action on. That's where you come in. The wider the scope of enquiring minds we have in social issues, the wider is our service for them. The department is not an island to itself, it needs you. Your expressed concern on certain trends — needed action to be taken — information and study material on current social issues are all welcome requests followed up. That assists us both, in working towards a better and more secure community life. It is a good thing if you come and ask what is being done at various levels of social concern.

The answer may be 'nothing', but your questions will spark off ideas and actions. We need your insights to work from time to time.

YOUR GUIDANCE.

Your contribution to social services means you are assisting in the organization rather than Social Services organising you. After all it is your department and you have every right to voice your concern. This will make Social Services more a part of your life and service and you will know what is going on.

Local churches could conduct seminars or workshops with the departments assistance. In this way you will be giving added life to your department and see it working along side of you. There is no better way of being informed than working in and with social service.

YOUR SUPPORT.

Your support begins with the conviction that social services is a media of communication for the Christian Gospel. If you believe that, you will be helping us to open ways for a very definite ministry of being brought into a situation at the most important time where both assistance and communication join to save. Then again you will promote new life for the service because you believe in what it has to offer and let nothing stand in the way of social services doing a service for Christ and the Church.

Your involvement with this service to the community is your best means of being informed and increasingly challenged to an expanding life for your social service department and the incentive towards the second mile support on Aug. 17, 1975.

OUTREACH '75

NEW SOUTH WALES

The N.S.W. Social Service Department prepared this outreach programme for 1975.

WE REACH OUT TO THE HOMELESS —

In the inner-Sydney area there are approximately 9000 homeless persons. Dirty, undernourished, alcoholics, brain-damaged, unemployable — here is a world full of potential for the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Currently this Department is assessing areas of greatest need and the feasibility of providing a Day and/or Food Centre, with Chaplaincy and Counselling services.

WE REACH OUT TO THE SICK AGED —

Our new Nursing Home, opened in March '75 and catering for 61 elderly patients, ministers to physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

WE REACH OUT TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS —

In addition to an expanding programme of accommodation for the aged, an intensive programme is in operation in the form of Chapel facilities at Pendle Hill, recreational and occupational therapy.

WE REACH OUT TO THE SICK —

Joe Shaw, Chaplain, provides a ministry to two Sydney hospitals, and co-ordinates voluntary hospital chaplains activities.

WE REACH OUT TO INDUSTRY —

Mr. Shaw and several of our ministers serve as Chaplains to industry.

WE REACH OUT TO THOSE IN CRISIS —

A Social Worker is involved in case-work and counselling people in crisis situations.

WE REACH OUT TO CHURCHES AND COMMUNITY —

Educational Courses are available to local churches. These include: "Those Magic Years" (the Pre-schooler); "Your Adolescent"; "Family and Marriage Enrichment"; "Preparation for Retirement".

"Marriage is for Living" and "Operation Sam" are series to be conducted by the Department later this year.

It is only as the Church reaches out that it is able to draw men to Christ.

Dorothy Aldred B.A., Dip. Soc. Stud. N.S.W.

DREAMS CAN COME TRUE!!

He was 95 years old, and as he turned the key, the doors swung gently open — and a dream became a reality!

It was the dream of W. C. Roffey in the 1950's when he was instrumental in the construction of the first Aged Person's Units at Pendle Hill; it was the dream of Miss Ashwood who brought into being a Home for the care of elderly ladies; it was the dream of Charles Cole in

the 1960's when he first put the proposition of a Nursing Home to Conference; and it has been the dream for many years of the elderly residents of our Homes and cottages, who have wondered and worried about their future when they may be unable to care for themselves.

The final act in making this dream come true was a few weeks ago, when the beautiful Nursing Home in the Pendle Hill Retirement Settlement was officially opened. Dr. R. E. Klugman performed the Opening Ceremony, assisted by George Mobbs, the oldest resident in our Units, who turned the key. J. V. Ellerby, Chairman of the Social Service Department, told of the conference decision to recognise Mr. and Mrs. Charles

Cole's work in the development of the Nursing Home as they headed up to 6000 member Brotherhood team, and that the Hospital is to be known as "Cole House". Miss Bettye Marcus and Arthur Glover presented musical items.

The hospital, together with the Ashwood House Wing for ambulant female patients, will provide care for 61 patients.

Together we have given \$60,000 in gifts and endowments to make this dream come true. A cheque for \$2,000 was the immediate response from M. E. C. Wade when the Nursing Home was first proposed — and from there the enthusiasm has known no bounds: from an embroidered coat-hanger knitted by an 84-year-old lady, to choccos sold by the hundreds, to lamington drives, to a Grand Musicale at Greenacre and on and on.

Together we've done it — "We've made a dream come true for the glory of God, and the care of his people."

(See cover photos).

C.F.A. What it is!

What it does!

The Christian Fellowship Association (C.F.A.) operates in all States and had its roots in the dedicated service of twenty women who, during the depression, set aside one shilling per week to help others.

C.F.A. was launched in the Melbourne Town Hall in 1935 as a type of insurance. Originally, assistance from C.F.A. meant an interest-free loan or a relief payment to members of C.F.A. only, and in those difficult times of mass unemployment it gave many people a feeling of security. Contributions were then as low as one penny per week but there has never been a maximum high. The value of assistance given bore no relationship to the amount of the pledged membership — need was the governing factor. The average amount of assistance given in individual payments has steadily risen from \$20 or \$30 to \$300 or \$400. There were and are many members who contribute for the benefit of others. This is part of the scriptural basis of C.F.A. "My neighbour as myself" and Gal. 6:2 "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ" is another part.

A few years ago in Victoria the policy was changed to provide assistance for anyone having some association with the church. This covered the general church membership, families of bible school scholars and others. C.F.A. funds have been used to help in times of unemployment, ill health or accident with home rental, doctor's and hospital bills, general living expenses, light and gas accounts, arrears of hire purchase, property rates, school books and uniforms and funeral expenses. C.F.A. funds may not be used as home loans and associated finance.

The original aim "Every church member a member of C.F.A." is still relevant. Enquiries will be welcomed by your local church agent or the Social Service Director in your State. C.F.A. may operate in slightly different ways outside Victoria.

—M. Holloway.

TASMANIA NEED

The Bethany Committee of management is aware of the need to provide a residential home for young men and women as an extension of Bethany Children's Home. The latter is ideally set up to provide care for young children although when Bethany children have commenced work they can still live in as long as they wish.

However a separate residence for working young people, with Christian

oversight provided by a mature married couple would fill a great need. Young people come to Hobart from the country and other areas and require board. This project would need to be self-supporting financially and would be possible if a debt free house is available to commence the enterprise.

There is sufficient land on the Bethany property to build a suitable home. Sources of finance and other investigations are now being considered and it is hoped some form of progress will be made in 1975.

OUTREACH '75.

QUEENSLAND

There seems to be no limit to the opportunities for expansion of our work in Queensland. The Social Service Committee receives requests from churches as well as from country communities for help in establishment of retirement villages or Family Group Homes for the young.

There is also expansion work associated with our established homes, not only in material assets and buildings, but in Christian service.

Over 600 people are cared for in our Homes and Hostels involving 181 full-time or part-time staff. To minister to the needs of these people is a big task and we rely on our Chaplains to bring pastoral care to all concerned.

Recently, a 30-bed Hostel was opened at Bribie Island along with six further cottages. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Edwards from Belmont, Vic., are giving needed oversight to the Village as it establishes itself under the spiritual care of the Redcliffe church.

Hillcrest Nursing Home is being rebuilt to accommodate 82 patients at a cost of over \$700,000 and the former patients from there have moved to our recently opened Home, "Brig-O-Doon", in Yeronga.

At Fassifern Retirement Village at Boonah the Nursing Home is being extended to 30 beds and plans are well under way for further units at Golden Age Retirement Village.

Sir Bruce Small has asked our Committee to sponsor a large Village at the South Coast to honour his wife. This complex will be known as "Lady Small Haven" and will eventually provide accommodation for over 250 people.

Along with these activities, are various calls for individual personal help from day to day.

It is obvious that the Committee must give keen attention to its work under the leadership of the Director, Eric Hart, who has recently been joined by an Associate, Colin Dredge.

The privilege of conducting these activities on behalf of the Churches and in the name of Christ is counted a real joy.—C. G. Dredge.

NEW BOOK ON GROWTH

It was a first for both Gordon Moyes and the Federal Literature Dept. on July 9, at Cheltenham Church of Christ Stewardship Dinner, when the paperback "How to Grow an Australian Church" was launched.

K. J. Clinton, chairman of the Department congratulated Gordon Moyes for this significant contribution to an important aspect of Australian church life.

Mr. Moyes brings together the insights and experience of 15 years of developing ministry in this book. He has earned the right to speak to all concerned for the future of the local church.

It represents some significant leadership in church life in Australia by one of our ministers. It is doubly valuable as a further step to the Church Growth seminars conducted by Dr. Win Arn in helping relate to the task of the local church.

This book was written at the suggestion of Kevin Crawford and with the encouragement of the Home Mission Directors. Gordon Moyes is well known for his series of practical devotional booklets and his evangelistic work, beyond his local church.

This paperback is the first of a series of paperbacks which the Federal Literature Dept. are planning under the publication name of "Vital Publications".

"Letters of Tertius" a selection of letters that have appeared in the Australian Christian is currently in process of publication and should be available in September.



JOHN WILLIAMS

The Australian & South Pacific Temperance Council, a National body for the Temperance movement in Australia, New Zealand and New Guinea, has appointed its first full time officer. He is John Williams who comes to this position with a background in business, politics and Christian Service.

Mr. Williams had his own retail shoe store for 14 years, during which he served on the local Council for 12 years. He was Mayor of Essendon, Victoria, for 2 years,

OCTO- GENARIANS



(MORWELL, VIC.)

These three octogenarian Ladies of the Morwell church are pictured at our church picnic.

They are from left, Mrs. Parr, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Haines. They are in their

80's and have behind them many years of service in our churches throughout the State.

They send their warm Christian greetings to their many friends.

HELP FOR NEW NATIONS

(Geneva) A \$1.5 million material aid programme to four newly independent African nations and for liberation movements in another two countries was approved by the Commission on Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service (CICARWS) of the World Council of Churches.

CICARWS had previously supported material aid projects to liberation movements in the former Portuguese colonies of Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde, Mozambique and Angola. Because of events in Portugal of April, 1974, and the subsequent de-colonization process, assistance to these countries will be channelled through newly formed governments and transitional governments and churches as these establish cooperative and service structures.

The programmes, which include agricultural, medical and educational assistance, amount to \$200,000 in Guinea-Bissau; \$200,000 for Cape Verde.

Mozambique assistance will amount to \$456,000 and \$400,000 in Angola. This includes support of church structures in those countries. The African National Council in Zimbabwe will receive \$150,000 toward its \$1.5 million social welfare programme and SWAPO \$80,000 for general welfare, health care and primary education in Zambia.

Two senior church people with field experience and knowledge of Portuguese will be appointed by the Commission to serve as liaison with Mozambique and Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde. They will be the representatives of CICARWS and the church agencies committed to assist these areas. The consultants will relate to the governments and churches in those countries.

—E.P.S.

TEMPERANCE APPOINTMENT

the youngest person to occupy that position. While Mayor he held Australia's first Mayoral Prayer Breakfast.

Prior to taking the position, Mr. Williams had been in North Queensland for the Bible Society and Associate Secretary for Victorian of World Christian Action.

The position is being funded by Ansvr Australian Insurance Limited. The work involves assessing the present situation of the temperance work, developing new ideas and policies, using the existing resources, together with those available from the Government, the community and industry.

Mr. Williams may be contacted at 18 Collins Street, Melbourne, 'phone 63 9711 for assistance in temperance matters.

REGISTERED NURSE

to act as

Assistant Teacher

TELOPEA CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHILD CARE CENTRE

For further information contact —
Mr. J. R. Bacik, Telopea Christian
Centre, Shortland Street, Telopea,
N.S.W. 2117, or ring 638 7647.

PLANNING YOUR CHRISTMAS VACATION???

The Department of Christian Education is planning a camp for family groups and young adults (18 years and over) at Banksia Camp site (Vic).

January 3 to 9, 1976

ELECTIVE ACTIVITIES (Yachting, Hiking, Native Flora and Fauna, Floral Art etc). Bring your own camping equipment (some tents available). Do your own catering, or have it provided.

For further information, contact Churches of Christ in Vic. & Tas., D.C.E. 52 La Trobe Street, MELBOURNE, 3000. Phone: 662 2377.

AID FOR AFRICA DROUGHT

(Geneva) — The Commission of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service agreed to a two-year \$3.6 million rehabilitation programme in the Sahel countries of Africa which are just emerging from a five-year drought. The Commission acknowledged the need for this follow-up to a massive emergency assistance effort which since 1973 has made available material and financial aid of some \$20,412,338 from WCC-related churches and agencies to Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, Upper Volta, Niger and Chad.

The programme will hopefully undergird the efforts of the people of the Sahelian countries to overcome chronic problems of underdevelopment and international economic injustice. The drought merely revealed this situation to the international community, he said.

EXPELLED FROM NAMIBIA

The Rt. Rev. Richard J. Wood, 54, head of the Anglican Church in Namibia, was ordered to leave the territory together with his wife, Cathleen, by June 23. A similar deportation order was served on Rolf Friede, the West German director of the Christian Centre here.

Learning of the expulsion order, the WCC's Commission of the Churches on International Affairs (CCIA) last week condemned the South African government's repeated harsh treatment of Christian leaders who seek to protect human rights. Last February Bishop Wood together with Lutheran Bishop Leonard Auala won a legal battle to end the practice of "flogging" prisoners on tribal court orders. The CCIA also called upon South Africa to accept the will of the UN Security Council and "cooperate in making plans for the immediate independence of Namibia".—EPS

CANADIAN WOMEN IN MINISTRY

The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada voted to allow the ordination of women to the priesthood, but bishops who oppose the right can refuse to perform such a ceremony. The lay vote was 88 for, 18 against; 75 priests voted for, 30 against; 26 bishops were for and 8 against.

A prediction that the first women priests in the Canadian Church will be ordained by Easter of 1976 came from Bishop David Somerville of New Westminster, B.C. He told newsmen he has two female deacons awaiting ordination as priests. Other bishops also have candidates.

This year's action, confirming the principle accepted by the 1973 General Synod at Regina, Sask., was necessary to translate the matter into canon law.—EPS

The efforts of the World Council community are an attempt at solidarity with people who are struggling to build their own future and a sign of Christian commitment to dialogue with people of other faiths.

The drought lasted from 1969-73. In 1974 the Sahel rains were "more or less" normal but livestock resources, basis of the economy in all six countries, will take many years to be replaced and the situation for most people remains precarious. Livestock losses varied between 30 to 80 per cent, in some cases 100 per cent. The number of cattle available for export, main source of income to pay for cereal purchases abroad, is nil.

THIEF TAKER

When a 24-year-old robber grabbed a bag filled with \$2,400 in cash and fled from an office in a Chicago South Side parochial school, Sister Ann Rubly took off after him. Outside, the thief turned, pointed at her with hand in pocket, and threatened, "If you follow me, I'll blow your brains out." He hit her and ran again.

Undeterred, the 30-year-old Sister Ann — all 135 pounds of her — tackled him, and he fell to the sidewalk. Passersby helped to hold him until two policewomen happened on the scene and took him into custody.

"I couldn't see him get away with that money," commented Sister Ann. She said she didn't realize until the last minute that the thief, an ex-con who had attempted to murder a Chicago policeman in 1971, had no gun.

VIC/TAS. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE COURSE FOR HOSPITAL VISITORS

Over five Wednesday nights in May and June at the Brotherhood Centre a training course in Pastoral Care was conducted by the department to help people to become better equipped and more effective in the role of visitation of the sick in hospitals, in homes and in private homes.

The program took the form of lectures and group discussions where verbatims were studied. An average of thirty persons from our earnest discussions and an excellent spirit of co-operation and fellowship existed throughout the whole period of the course.

The lecturers included Rev. G. Gibbons, Director of Pastoral Care and Education, Austin Hospital, Melbourne;

John Paver, Assistant Chaplain Supervisor, Austin Hospital and now Chaplain to Cancer Institute, Melbourne; Rev. Charles Bailey, Anglican Chaplain to H. M. Prisons; Rev. Dr. Stephen Ames, Assistant Chaplain Supervisor, Austin Hospital; and Rev. Carl Hammond, Director, Chaplaincy Department of the Anglican Church in Victoria.

Subjects discussed included hospitalisation, grief, death and geriatrics.

An evaluation was made which indicated the course to be beneficial to all who participated. It is hoped that this series will stimulate interest for the conduct of further courses.

—F.M.C.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

WHAT HAPPENED TO GOOD OLD SELFISHNESS?

To the Editor,

We don't seem to hear about selfishness any more! They've made it respectable. We hear about "finding self-expression", or "creating an identity for oneself." A friend of mine tells me he has "contracted out of non-fulfilling social obligations." His wife is on a course aimed at "building up her self-awareness". And these days everybody's doing his own thing. Selfishness is having a sort of "with-it" face lift. It is becoming sociologically and psychologically respectable.

It's all a bit confusing to an ordinary person. In the good old days when selfishness was selfishness you could do three things with it. You could ignore it and have a ball, until all hell broke loose around you. You could accept it as a fact of life and live in splendid isolation from the people who have learned of your nasty little habit of using them up. Or by the grace of God you could do something about it, and become a more normal and healthy person the hard way. But with all of these new-fangled descriptions of selfishness it's hard to tell if you are ignoring it, accepting it, or doing something about it.

I've often been going to ask you . . . about all of these letters I send in . . . what's in it for me?

TERTIUS

• SOCIAL SERVICE

THE INSPIRATIONAL PAST

(Continued from Page 3)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

1950 was a very significant year for Churches of Christ in South Australia. It marked the beginning of our welfare services in this State with the appointment of a Social Worker/Director and it marked the beginning of our work in aged care with the purchase of the St. Georges property.

Entry into chaplaincy services in hospitals in 1956 with the appointment of J. E. Shipway and prisons 1957 with A. R. Jones were also important events.

Welfare shops commenced in 1960 to give support to our welfare work with much needed finance. 1960 also marked the beginning of courses in preparation for marriage, an effort on the part of the church to stem the rising tide of divorce. Many young people benefit each year from this program.

Accommodation for country students concerned us, so in 1962 the Medindie Hostel was opened offering a Christian home to 31 country students.

For twenty five years these services have continued, extended, showing very clearly the involvement of the church in human need as a very real part of the churches charter.

NEW SOUTH WALES

In the early days this Department was known as the Temperance and Social Questions Committee. Such well-known names as Verco, Hall, Ethelbert Davis, Stitt, Dale, Acland, Crossman appear in the records in executive positions. Later Roy Greenhalgh, A. C. McLean, W. C.

Roffey, J. W. Boswell made similar contributions.

The Committee was largely involved with Social Questions and Temperance amongst all age groups, and Benevolence and Relief, particularly in the 1930s. In one year 1100 needy cases were assisted involving the distribution of 15,165 articles of clothing, £60 of new garments, £75 of groceries, 120 meal tickets and 50 bed tickets to destitute people. Free hot breakfasts were served to 3400 during the cold months of the year.

Employment was found for many people. Prison and Police Court Visitation was carried out. A Children's Home was maintained. The Brotherhood was represented on the Inter-Church Migration Committee of N.S.W., Temperance Alliance, Band of Hope, Youth Temperance Education Committee.

In those early days great personalities were involved in a fruitful work from which our present Department has grown.

QUEENSLAND

Social Service work in Queensland has come a long way from humble beginnings in the earlier part of this century. Names like H. W. Hermann, H. G. Payne, S. Chalmers, C. R. Burdeu, and many others come to mind as those who have provided the inspiration for the present committee.

Depression day work in Social Welfare (clothing distribution, funeral help and counselling) were early activities of the Temperance and Social Questions Committee. Indeed, the Federal Social Services Office in Brisbane was seen by some as the Churches of Christ Office since C. R. Burdeu, as Committee Secretary was acting Director of that Department.

The return of C. R. Burdeu in the late fifties brought a new inspiration in work for our senior citizens with the establishment in faith and determination of what we now know as "Burdeu House".

In this heritage, some further 11 homes and hostels have been established and further work will be done.

GEO. PATTERSON ON RADIO Geo. Patterson, Director of Asian Studies, Keston College, England, talks about "The Christian Revolution in Asia," on Radio 2, ABC, (2FC, 2NA, 2CY, 3AR, 4QG, 5CL, 6WN, 7ZL, on Friday, Aug. 15, at 10.15 p.m.

SECOND CHILD (Essendon, C. S. Badcock) A second child has been adopted through World Vision . . . A. E. White closed a brief interim ministry on June 29. Mr. and Mrs. Badcock return on August 3 . . . Recent speakers have included Douglas Anderson, Field Leader of the Lebanon Evangelistic Mission, who preached on July 6; Robert Bust, Howard Weedon, and Frank J. Funston . . . Mrs. L. Kemp is in hospital following accident at home. S. Hainsworth is recovering after serious illness.

the year of the HUNGRY

In Victoria this week-end, thousands of well nourished Australians will go hungry — deliberately! They will be joining in a "40-Hour Famine" planned by World Vision.

The hungry Australians will home-many sponsors and the accumulated gifts will be a contribution to a tragic need.

It is hard for Australians, planning their next steak or hamburger, to conceive how one third of the world's people suffer from continual hunger or nutritional deprivation.

Along a hunger belt roughly based on the equator live two and a half billion people, nearly all of them under-fed, and at least 20% are starving.

The hunger belt includes Ethiopia, where a World Vision film crew earlier this year brought to the world's attention a famine more widespread and more devastating in the southern regions than the terrible famine of 1973 in the north of Ethiopia.

In fact, all the African countries on the edge of the Sabel, the name given to the southward reach of the Sahara Desert, are facing imminent famine. This includes Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Upper Volta.

In other parts of the equatorial belt, Bolivia, Syria, Yemen and Nigeria face near famine. Parts of India, Bangla Desh, Somalia, Guinea and Zaire face extensive famine if the next crops fail for some reason.

There has been a splendid response by our own churches, particularly by the young people, and there will be a special feature in our next issue to highlight the progress of "The Year of the Hungry".

SPECIAL EFFORTS (Ann Street, Brisbane, L. G. Armstrong) Special services in June included an open pulpit, panel discussion, and a film. Musical items were given by the choir . . . A number of special speakers will fill the pulpit in July . . . C.W.F. raised \$100 with a Lamington Drive for Bill Buli Mission Fund. Bill, at Gokto, N.G., tells of difficulty in fulfilling many requests from neighboring villages. His wife Janet has been restored to good health . . . Church has contributed financially to C. of C. in Korea, after a request from Dr. Yoon Kwon Chee . . . Douglas Smith, recently appointed Queensland Dir. of Leprosy Mission, spoke at mid-week prayer and bible class . . . Church has entered great-grandmother quest to raise money for a children's home in Mackay.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"If I fall behind, promise you won't sell this pledge to some loan shark?"

• PAPUA NEW GUINEA

A HUNDRED FOR BAPTISM

NEWSLETTER FROM JOYCE AND JOHN BOLTON

As time rushes by one wonders if we are using that time to the best advantage. Do we have our priorities right, are we wasting time on the unimportant things? With every day that passes, we can be sure of one thing, the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ is that much closer.

Early this year we left Bunam and moved to Buten, a village on the edge of the "Grass Country". Here we have a little house right in the middle of the village. Our little verandah has become the general meeting place, and we very seldom have that "alone" feeling.

John has been patrolling to this area for 4-5 years and now there are several folk wanting baptism.

We are here at Buten to give further instruction to prepare these people for this great step. We are also having classes at Munyiten, a village nearby—35 minutes walk, and at Kekten, an hour away by boat. Altogether there are 102 people preparing for baptism, so our time here will be well worth while. We are expecting to see these folk baptised in June. Please pray for them.

More and more all missionaries are finding themselves spending time training local Christians to take over various aspects of the work. Slowly but surely we are able to see men and women with the necessary willingness, maturity, knowledge and education becoming available. Naturally it is easier to "localise" in some areas than others and in some spheres of work than others, but

the programme is slowly taking shape. We all feel the need of wisdom and guidance when it comes to encouraging certain people to take on certain jobs. Also one has to be careful not to go too slow or too fast in the process of training and handing over.

There are ever widening opportunities as a church and mission to reach out and expand our activities. However, we are still short of trained folk to take full advantage of these opportunities. Just as it looks as if we can really move into the Grass Country, another area over on the Yuat River is begging for assistance. We have been able to put cassette players into this area and we try to change tapes to give regular, systematic teaching. Also the Mui and Bunam Churches have sent evangelistic teams on patrol into the area and they were met with a very keen response and eagerness to hear God's Word.

Bill Buli, in the Gokto area, has had Mountain people from further and further away coming to him and asking him to go to their villages with the gospel. Bill, like so many of us, is finding it hard to keep up with the work he has already committed himself to, without taking on more. How do you say to searching souls "I'm sorry I can't come and there is no-one else to send". Why should we have to say this? Is there really no-one else who could go? Please pray for more workers, both from Australian Churches and our local churches here.

50 YEARS AGO

Hindmarsh, S.A.

The 70th anniversary of the church has just been celebrated. E. J. Patterson is minister. The speaker for the special occasion was an "old Boy" from Hindmarsh, now minister at Lygon St. Carlton, Vic., A. G. Saunders.

Writers for One Issue

Editorial, by A. R. Main "A Keen Eye for Molehills and None at all for Mountains." "Service" by Richard Verco, "Two Conflicting Laws" by W. L. Ewers, "Farewell Counsel" by A. W. Connor, "Foreign Missions" by G. T. Walden, "The Home Circle" by J. C. F. Pittman, "Our Young People" by Leslie C. McCallum.

Here and There

Among those receiving the degree of Bachelor of Divinity was L. C. McCallum, organising secretary of Vic. B.S. and P.Y.P. Dept.

Baker-Clay Mission at Mosman, N.S.W. reports 56 decisions.

The Vic. Conf. and H.M. office is now

at McEwan House, 343-349 Lt. Collins St., Melb.

Ormond Church reports 20 new subscribers for the "Australian Christian."

Queenstown, S.A., announces a tent mission with W. C. Brooker in the new tent purchased by the Port Line churches.

From the Adelaide "News", July 1, 1925: "Without ostentation, a band of men and women, sometimes 30, from the Mile End Church of Christ, for years has paid fortnightly and, latterly, weekly visits to the Adelaide Hosp. to brighten the lives of the patients with song. The leader, in his 78th year, is William Matthews."

MONEY TROUBLES

The fifty-year old Cincinnati Bible Seminary, affiliated with the Christian Churches and Churches of Christ (instrumental), has had to borrow to meet payrolls and pay bills this year. To help get past the crisis, faculty members, administrators, trustees, and many of the 800 students in the school's graduate and undergraduate divisions pledged \$90,000 at a special rally.

"Christianity Today"

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S JUMBLES (Persons and Places)

Mixed up words: CHIM SHAM At this place (one word) King Saul gave the Philistines a hiding. Of course, he had a lot of help. One who helped him was NO HAT JAN (one word). The story is in 1 Samuel 13 and 14. The answer is on page 18.

WHO PLANTED THAT IDEA?

There is a little acacia plant in Central America with soft leaves and white or yellow flowers that are a tempting morsel for hungry leaf-cutting ants. They could strip such a plant very quickly. So the acacia "hires" a set of guards!

At its base the plant provides a home for different ants, not leaf-eaters, but fierce flesh-eaters who swarm out and fight against any leaf-eaters that show up.

It is remarkable how the Creator provides defences for his creatures.

Wrong Diet-Reaction

You shouldn't really call me fat—
It really isn't so.

I'm wider than tall but the reason is
that

My frame took the wrong way to
grow.

Neal C. Neltzel

ADMIRATION

A tramp approached a fat lady on the street and whined, "Ma'am, I haven't had anything to eat for five days."

"My", was the reply as the lady hurried on, "I wish I had your will power."



You know I can't count....
So how can I count sheep?

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MASSIVE SUPPORT FOR AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES

The Bible Society is making available to churches throughout Australia half a million gospels and 50,000 New Testaments to use as the essential tools for Evangelism. These scriptures are especially designed for the great evangelical outreaches planned through to 1976.

Two for the price of one

The Bible Society has commissioned a special printing of Good News for Modern Man, the Today's English Version New Testament with a new dynamic title GOOD NEWS FOR YOU. This will be made available to the churches at a special rate of 2 copies for the price of one on minimum orders of 25 copies.

For \$23.75 churches will be able to receive 50 copies of this New Testament provided they are used in outreach evangelism. (An additional \$2.25 payable if freighted).

The Bible Society has also commissioned the printing of a special edition of the gospel of Luke entitled THE FACTS. One hundred and thirty thousand (130,000) of these will be included in the current 2 for 1 offer which now includes the gospels of Mark (THE EVIDENCE) and John (THE ANSWER).

Churches ordering a minimum of 100 of any of these gospels will receive a further 100 free for the full cost of \$15 per 100 freight extra.

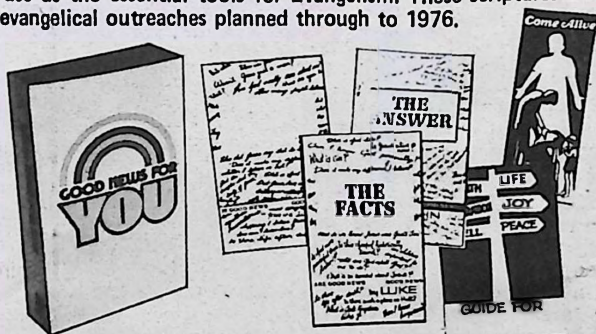
Special Requests

At the special request of the N.S.W. Encounter '75 committee the Bible Society has published 200,000 copies of THE FACTS with their emblem and four Bible investigations especially designed by the committee. The multi-denominational Encounter 75 plan provides for outreach in specific areas such as holiday resorts, work situations and among children. The Bible Society is preparing special selections for these and other areas.

The Baptist Union of Churches in its "Tell Australia" campaign is already using the selection "Guide for Life" published by the Bible Society. Special display packs for the 2 for 1 gospels have also been prepared.

Contact '74 Crusade of the Salvation Army is using the Bible Society selection "Come Alive" for door to door outreach.

The Bible Society is keen to be an active partner with all churches in their evangelistic outreach campaigns.



NEW FORMATS FOR GOOD NEWS

The Churches in many cities and districts in Australia have distributed special full colour selections picturing items of local interest and containing challenging scripture passages.

Good News for Oakleigh, Bendigo, Ballarat and Geelong in Victoria; Cairns, Townsville, Mt. Isa and Sunshine Coast in Queensland are just some of the many already produced.

The Bible Society believes that Scripture portions set in a format which highlights local attractions are readily received by residents and visitors alike. The Society is therefore broadening the range of selections which can be printed for Ministers, Fraternals and Councils of Churches.

Simple, inexpensive newspaper formats will be prepared for distribution in smaller communities.

These selections will include local black and white photos.

A two colour broadsheet format is available carrying simple line drawings of local attractions, for the same purpose.

For city areas with high concentrations of people speaking languages other than English, the Society is experimenting with multi-lingual selections.

Has your Church caught the vision yet of using these attractive and effective communications to tell people in your area of the Good News of Jesus Christ? If not, why not contact your nearest Bible House (address on page 3) to request samples and discuss details. We will be glad to help. That's our job!



The Bible Society in Australia believes that the distribution of Scripture is vital to the evangelistic programmes of the Church in Australia. There is no other adequate basis for outreach.

The appointment of a staff member specifically to be responsible for the Distribution of Scripture in this country was made in

1971. The present incumbent of the task of Scripture Distribution Consultant is Mr. R. Arvidson.

It is his role to encourage the effective distribution of the Bible, or portions of it, by promoting special campaigns, assisting the design of new selections and advising Church leaders.

Mr. Arvidson is also available to aid in the training of clergy and laymen in the techniques of literature evangelism.

In providing the services of specialist staff the Bible Society offers practical assistance in the Churches' programmes of outreach to the Community.

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The number of people migrating to Australia from Spanish speaking Latin American countries appears to be growing quite rapidly. To assist Christian work among Argentinians, Chilean, Peruvians, and other new arrivals, the Bible Society has recently imported 3,000 selections of Scripture in South American Spanish from Chile.

A Baptist Chaplain to a large city prison finds a ready acceptance by many of the prisoners of the pocket edition of the "Good News". They carry it everywhere and you can see them sitting in the Exercise Yard reading the Word.

During the National Elections of last year, a thoughtful Christian bought many copies of "Revolutionary Thoughts" to give away outside the local polling booth. "Revolutionary Thoughts" is an attractive presentation of The Sermon on the Mount. Many find that the versatile Bible Society selections can speak to many people in differing situations.

An attendant at the Bible Society stall at Sydney's Royal Easter Show was asked for an Icelandic Bible. The enquirer wanted to take part in a postal Bible Study course being conducted from the chilly North. The Bible Society tries to meet every need for Scriptures, whether for study or for outreach.

An elderly Christian gentleman in a nice suburb of Sydney, came from another country 25 years ago. He feels a conviction to reach his countrymen with the Word but cannot afford to purchase or post material on his pension. So he collects bottles to pay for his outreach. The Bible Society is now providing him with selections without charge for his personal ministry.

Sociologists are analysing the housewife syndrome . . . the frustration of young wives tied to small children. The Bible Society has a selection to reach them called "Relax". Women will be glad to pass this attractive item on, particularly in the shopping areas.

tools for the job

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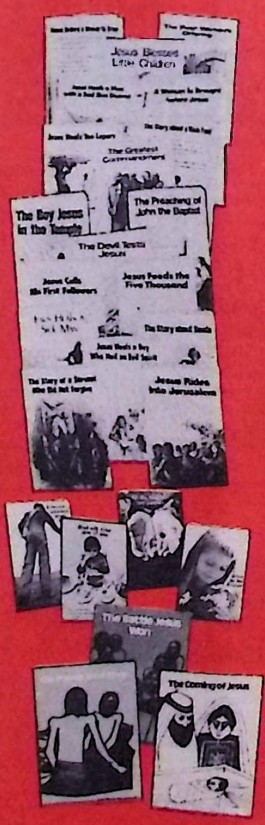
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HONOLULU.

If San Francisco is the Golden Gate to the West Coast of North America, then Honolulu is the welcoming envoy who has come more than half way across the Pacific to greet those visitors who venture across that vast expanse of ocean. Honolulu is a charming city, at one and the same time simple yet sophisticated. It is surrounded by lavishly gay tropical splendour.

This was our second visit to Honolulu. We literally zoomed in "out of the blue" and within minutes were standing in queues presenting ourselves before immigration officials because, more than 2,000 miles from the West Coast of America, we were entering the United States. Hawaii is the only maritime State of the fifty States of the Union. The queues this day in Honolulu were extra long because within one hour, four jets had arrived at the airport — from Australia, Canada, Korea and Japan. Hawaii stands at the junction of the great air-lanes of the Pacific.

Our stay in Honolulu was, for us, enriched by the remembrance of our earlier visit when we were guests of George Jacobs, then minister of the Christian Church (Disciples). Although George Jacobs is no longer host in Honolulu we are sure that the warm friendship and lavish hospitality will be showered upon all who attend the Tenth World Convention of Churches of Christ to be held in Honolulu in 1980.

As our giant jet soared above the brilliant splendour of the tropical isle of Oahu, a sombre sight filled us with unutterable sadness. We recognised that the deeply indented bay below was Pearl Harbour. There, beneath its tranquil waters, entombed in the ships they once proudly served lie the victims of that fateful attack which eventually brought the United States into World War II. It would be thoroughly irresponsible and utterly ignoble for any tourist in Honolulu to luxuriate in its surpassing splendour and to forget that here is the venue of one of the most dramatic and shameful enactments of man's inhumanity to man.

SAN FRANCISCO — ON THE TRAMS.

Leaving Honolulu, with thoughts both of gloom and gladness, we resumed our flight soaring into the blue above the golden sands of Waikiki. A meal, a sleep and perchance a dream and we were in San Francisco. We had deliberately planned a two-day rest stop here. Previously we had arrived here by boat from Vancouver and subsequently by bus from Los Angeles and now it was by jet, only seventeen flying hours from Melbourne's winter. Who could possibly rest in San Francisco on a clear and sunny Summer's Day? So we went to all the places we had visited before and did all the things we had done before — strolling along Fisherman's Wharf, viewing Alcatraz, from outside! Golden Gate Bridge, Sausalito, sight-seeing in Chinatown and — of course — taking an hilarious ride down Powell Street in a cable-tram.

WINGS AND WAGON WHEELS.

Came Tuesday morning and we were aloft again on wings of silver crossing the great North American continent travelling in the reverse direction of its original explorers. As I sat in pensive mood gazing at the snow-capped Rockies, the Western

Plains and the mighty Mississippi, my mind recalled scenes from that engrossing film: "How the West was Won".

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WHATS NEW IN NEW YORK.

This reverie of history ended abruptly as we prepared to descend at Kennedy Airport. We had to take our turn in a spiral of planes banked up over Manhattan waiting to take their turn to land. I have seen more of New York from the air than any other city because each plane I've been in has invariably had to circle a number of times over the city before receiving a landing time-allocation. New York from the air is wonderful but actually to be in it is an experience of sheer delight. I grant that, like London, it is a city one either loves or hates intensely. We happen to love both cities. For us, each has an indefinable magnetism. I never argue with those who disagree on this subject. I accept their views, I have to, because I can't understand them.

We stayed in an apartment on Manhattan at 85 East. Note the word "East", It marks a difference similar to that between Toorak and Prahran or Pott's Point and Paddington. The apartment was 36 storeys high and was occupied by four hundred tenants who owned between them four hundred dogs ranging from Great Danes to Pekinese!

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THE JOY OF RECOGNITION.

When the people of Perth would ask Professor Walter Murdoch why, when travelling overseas, he would invariably go first to Naples, he would reply "For the joy of recognition". Some tourists are inveterate Athenians, always wanting to see some new thing. But there is a peculiar delight in a sentimental journey designed to enable one to re-visit familiar places and meet again those whom we call our friends.

For this reason, we spent a week with our former congregations at Troy and Poestenkilie which are virtually in the charming New England country of North America. The present minister, a young bachelor, made it easy for us to enjoy this invaluable experience. He not only encouraged us to make this visit but made himself available as our chauffeur, guide, philosopher and friend. Our delights made him happy too. Our hosts, night after night invited him to these suppers and soirees. He too had a wonderful round of entertainment and festivities. On the final night he sighed wistfully: "To think of it! To-morrow night I go back to hot dogs".

Not everyone has the ability to "rejoice with those that do rejoice" as Richard Elwell has. Richard who is over six foot tall has a surname meaning "little elf". Why aren't people, at twenty-one, allowed to choose their own names? Marriage, far from resolving problems of nomenclature, sometimes complicates the matter further. The Melbourne "Age" (9.1.74) reported that a British couple Miss Duck and Mr. Shooter had just announced their engagement in Bahrain! Forgive these tendencies of mind to violence. Really, I am at heart a man of peace.

And now, Europe beckons us. There is the main focus of this sentimental journey. At Dusseldorf Airport a daughter, a son-in-law and a grand-daughter are waiting.

So, we must away, and to you we say "Mizpah".



NEW SOUTH WALES

HARVEST FESTIVAL (Hornsby District, D. A. Oldfield). Annual Harvest Festival under the auspices of the B.S. held July 6. The staff and Boys of Dunmore House at Pendle Hill were guests. At night the B.S. Supt., H. Bishop, presented all the goods to the manager of the home, Tal Smith . . . The ladies conducted a Cabaret Type Dinner on July 12. The compere was John Bishop . . . On July 13 Mr. and Mrs. D. Bishop and family were farewelled prior to their leaving for Magnetic Island. Guest speaker was Bruce Roberts the Queensland H. M. Director. At night a young lady was baptised by Bro. Oldfield.

PRE-SCHOOLERS (Engadine, D. Krause). "Meet the Pre-School Mothers" morning teas held by the CWF were well attended by mothers of the children at week-day Pre-School Kindergarten . . . S.S. attendances have reached 100 children . . . Ten-pin bowling nights and other social activities, are held, along with visitation, and half nights of prayer, to lead up to the Mission in September . . . Graeme Bagley and Alf Bourne are elders, John Foskett is Secretary and Doug Broady is Treasurer . . . A 5 week course entitled "Making the Most of Your Marriage" was sponsored by the Family Life Movement.



QUEENSLAND

NEW MINISTER VISITS (Avenell Heights, Bundaberg) Brian and Barbara Francis from Sydney, with their daughter, Ruth, will commence a ministry early next year. Recently the Francis family spent a weekend here . . . Recent speakers for combined services were A. C. Male, Youth and C.E. Dept., and Fred Davis for Overseas Missions . . . Mrs. Broom and Julie in membership after Julie's baptism . . . Selwyn and Hazel Dickfos farewelled on transfer to Brisbane . . . Mr. and Mrs. Nigel Merrick of Maryborough Church were guests for fifth Anniversary Services . . . Barolin St. church combined for Smorgasbord Tea and Service . . . Featured were.

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Presiding. G. K. Scambler (Conference President).

Note: Saturday Evening Session will close at 8.15 p.m. to allow day visitors good travelling time, to return for Sunday if necessary.



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

WARRNAMBOOL CHURCH CENTENARY YEAR SERVICES

11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

GUEST PREACHER: GRAEME CHAPMAN

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STATE NEWS

"GOD OF CREATION" (Hampton, G. Fewster). Mr. and Mrs. Ridley from South Perth, shared in both services on July 13. At night the film "God of Creation" was shown. There was one decision . . . Ministers' Fraternal organised a Seminar at the High School in June in which John Smith and his "God Squad" was featured. At Youth Rally in the Community Hall at night a number of young people made decisions . . . Good Companions and Explorers continue to grow. On July 15 the Good Companions was in Indoor Sports Zone Championship. Youth group being

formed to meet Sunday evenings after service.

"TRAINING FOR SERVICE" (Thornbury, G. J. Crossman). Six weeks "TRAINING FOR SERVICE" series conducted with guest lecturers . . . Recent C.W.F. speakers have come from Gospel Recordings and C.W.F. Hospital Committee . . . Good Companions shared in Indoor Sports for Northern Zone; Junior and Senior Explorers have been visited by other clubs . . . YPCE members took part in Austcare and Red Shield Doorknocks . . . World Vision "40 Hour Famine" is supported by participants and sponsors.

30 YEARS AS SECRETARY (Bruce Rock/Merredin, D. Good). At Bruce

Rock secretary Jack Lewis was re-elected. He has served in this capacity continuously for 30 years . . . Merredin foundation member Mrs. G. Bray (affectionately known as Grandma Bray) has celebrated her 99th birthday . . . Merredin church has purchased a Yamaha Electronic Organ . . . The State Christian Union Dept. visited both churches . . . Members attended Wheatbelt Fifth Sunday Services at Narembeen. Harold Jones, Kelmscott was speaker. Delegates at meeting to plan for Eastern Wheatbelt Family Camp . . . Minister has accepted invitation for another two year term.

EXTRA SEATING (Epping, K. Farmer). Extra seating installed for increased attendances at Sunday morning services, but chapel still crowded. From Sept. 21 second morning service at 8.45 will be held concurrent with S.S. in addition to 10 a.m. service . . . A play group is being commenced on Wednesday mornings for pre-school children, who will attend with their mothers . . . Sunday evening service has been recorded for broadcast over 2CH on Aug. 10.

MILDURA PLANNED GIVING (Trevor Lawrie). Planned Giving Programme conducted by Trevor Giles resulted in increased weekly offerings from \$260 to \$380. This increase of 47% enables church to increase contributions to brotherhood departments from \$20 weekly to \$46 . . . Sympathy is extended to Ian Nankivell, Chairman of the Board of Officers, in the sudden death of his father, W. F. Nankivell . . . Young people participated in appeals for Austcare and Chaplaincy work . . . A Theatre Group has been formed led by Philip Renfree . . . Mildura Church played a large part in the Sunraysia Conference held on Queen's Birthday weekend with Lowanna singers and Gordon Moyes . . . The Church Board has consulted with Architect Ray Drayton concerning more adequate buildings for church activities.

YOUTH RALLY (Nubeena, David Bailey). Young people from many Tasmanian centres attended State Youth Rally at Nubeena during June long weekend . . . A "Golden Oldies" service was held on June 29, senior church members participated. The older folk were also invited to morning tea and programme on June 12 . . . Board members met with David Bailey at Seven Mile Beach, July 4 and 5, for short retreat . . . Don Stewart and family of Collins Street, Hobart, shared Sunday July 6 with church. He gave messages and showed slides of Israel.

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OBITUARY

COOKE Miss Janet Peace

Miss Cooke died very suddenly in April at Launceston. Janet was the daughter of the late Frank and Claudia Cooke of Mole Creek, and grand-daughter of the late Clement and Susan Byard of "Moss Vale" Caveside. She was in her 68th year, and at an early age gave her life to the Lord. The Caveside-Mole Creek church is the poorer for her passing. She had been a capable and faithful organist for many years at the Services at both places. In the district she is very much missed, having until recently, conducted in conjunction with her brother Gilbert, the bakery business at Mole Creek. Her ministry of gentle, loving service was always to be counted on, as was also her generous interest in all brotherhood work. The funeral service was conducted at Caveside by Dean Hamilton of Launceston. Interment took place at the Mole Creek cemetery. The crowded building gave evidence of the esteem in which our sister was held in this district. To her remaining brothers and sisters, Alan, Oscar, Auda, Shiela, Lloyd, Gilbert and Frances, and niece Lissel, we offer our sincere sympathies.

V.E.H.

LAWSON, Gwenneth Hilda

Gwen was born in 1922 at Bordertown, S.A., the youngest daughter of Mrs. G. E. Smith and the late W. J. Smith. She attended school at Bordertown and later worked as a clerk at Farmers Union. She was actively engaged in sport, her particular interests being tennis and basketball. In 1943 Gwen entered the Australian Army Medical Women's Service, serving for three years at Daws Road and Northfield Hospitals. During this period she met James Lawson. They were married at Bordertown by the late Pastor Russell. Gwen was actively engaged in community affairs and always offered friendship and concern to those who had needs. She was an active member of the Adelaide Children's Hospital Auxiliary, School Auxiliaries, Bible Society, Women's Christian Temperance Union, and Little White Ribboners. In the church, Gwen was in C.W.F., and supported the work of the Sth. East Dist. Women's Conf., and served a term as President. For years she served Cradle roll Superintendent and was always interested in the work of young people. Throughout her severe illness Gwen held on to her faith in the Lord. She died on June 5. To her husband, James, and her three children, Robert, Janet and David, her mother, Mrs. W. J. Smith, her brother Ray, and her sisters, Lil and Jean, we extend our love and sympathy.

-R.C.

SMITH, Martha V.

Martha Smith (known as Dollie) was born at Surry Hills in Sydney. She would always comfort the troubled and sacrifice her own material comfort and physical energy for the

benefit of other people. She supported her husband in any work or interest he undertook. As a child she attended the first services conducted at Kingsford church when the building was merely a tin humpy. As a young woman she conducted the Cradle Roll. On a Sunday afternoon she could be seen coming to S.S. gathering her little band of pupils on her way. Later, involved closely with the work of the Boys' Home, she would, when required, gather her family together and move to the Home to take care of the boys. At conference time numerous apple pies were made to contribute to the luncheons served at Enmore Tabernacle. For some time she was the organiste of the Church at Kingsford. When her husband was away during World War II and was held as a prisoner by the Japanese, she displayed remarkable courage in caring for her family. Mrs. Smith was a person with a pure mind, a noble nature and one who cared about others before herself. Her family and many others, are conscious of a great enrichment in their lives from the deep devotion of such a gentle lady.

-K.W.F.

WITHERS, John Blackmore

John died suddenly on June 28 at Lower Plenty. His friends and friends of the Withers' family gathered at the Ivanhoe Church to share in the expression of sorrow and to strengthen their faith and hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. John was born at Kaniva in 1937, and with the family shared in churches at Brighton, West Preston and Northcote. John confessed Christ and was baptized at West Preston. After his marriage to Jill Vines in 1963, John shared in the fellowship of churches at Briar Hill and Ivanhoe. As a teacher John made many continuing friendships with parents, fellow-teachers and students. Representatives from several schools were present to demonstrate that friendship. Though shy by nature, to those who came to know him more intimately, John revealed a keen mind and a subtle humour. As a father he gave his three daughters—Rachael, Rebecca and Jane, all the love of which he was capable. He considered that no sacrifice was too great for their happiness and it was a joy to him to know that his love was returned. As a friend, John became one of our family and helped me to trust God in a way I had never dared to do before. With so many others, I thank God for the friendship of John and the memories that remain.

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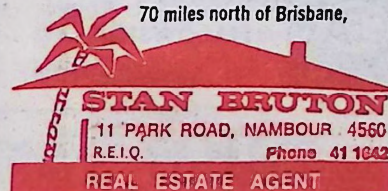
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MISSION (Cheltenham, R. W. Saunders)
 A Mission is planned August 17-31 with Doug Willis of Brisbane as speaker. Bill Bowden will be song leader . . . R. W. Saunders will conclude nine years as minister at the end of 1975. Hospital Chaplain J. Baker will address Sunday Services during 1976 . . . Mr. Greenwood continues as Field Officer . . . Mrs. Natalie Padget concludes her captaincy of Girls' Brigade next month.

AUSTCARE (Maylands, N. S. Moore)
 Church members helped in Austcare collection. Record \$527 received . . . Mr. and Mrs. Brian Matthews will spend long-service leave at Duindui Hospital in October. Brian is a senior laboratory technician at the Children's Hospital and his wife is a nurse . . . A Scripture distribution campaign planned from July 27 to August 17 in co-operation with other churches in the district . . . Women's Christian Fellowship held Square Dance. \$165 was raised to be sent to the C.O.B.

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BAPTISM (Tootgarook, Paul Cameron).
 Paul Cameron conducted the baptismal service of Wendy Truman, who joined the S.S. staff this year . . . Good Companions raised \$25.50 at a "Bake-a-thon" for equipment for Hall's Gap Camp . . . Mrs. Glad Cooksley is visiting her daughter Dianne in New Hebrides . . . Church saddened by sudden death of Reg. Bullen . . . Mrs. Doig welcomed back after many months attending to her sick husband.

IN GIPPSLAND (Toora). Church continues to meet in the United Church Chapel on 1st & 3rd Sundays and enjoys fellowship with a number of United members . . . On the "Off-Sunday", fellowship is in members' homes. Children attend United S.S., comprising Church of Christ, Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian. Local inter-church co-operation is a characteristic of Toora. Members participated in week of Prayer for Christian Unity in United Church. Recent speakers have been David Marr (Bairnsdale) and Warren Hamilton (Traralgon). Jennifer Payne was married in Port Hedland recently. Church will celebrate its tenth anniversary in November.



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ABORIGINAL PREACHER (Ivanhoe, A.B. Withers) Pastor Ossie Kruse gave the message on National Aboriginal Sunday. He is a member of Aborigines' Evangelical Fellowship. Mrs. Kruse also attended. . . . Lloyd and Margaret Butler have moved to Heatherdale. We welcomed into fellowship Miss Gwen McCarthy and Mrs. Lorraine Long. . . . Mark Andrews went forward to make the Great Confession.

50th ANNIVERSARY (Ormond, C. P. Clayden) Total of 585 people were at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. services. Lunch and afternoon tea was provided. Past ministers and members participated including D. W. Mansell (preaching), R. C. McKenzie (president), L. F. Barker, J. R. Martin, W. J. Thomson, G. J. Andrews, L. C. Crisp and N. W. Bradley (organist). . . . Church is preparing for church's 50th Annual Meeting. . . . At missionary weekend the film "The Harvester" was screened. . . . 10 are enrolled for C.O.B. Winter School. . . . 9 will be attending Growth Seminar with Dr. Win Arn. . . . C.M.F. toured Lysaght's at Hastings. . . . Margaret Alabaster is recovering from appendicitis and Wal Bruce returned from hospital following a stroke. . . . C.Y.F. held a 24-hour Starvation for the "Sharing Venture" in N.G.

BIBLE OFFERING (Kyneton, J. Caporn) Offering for Bible Society was \$144, although many absentees. . . . J. Caporn recently visited S.A. churches with C.O.B. students. . . . V. Symes from "Gideons - International" was recent speaker. . . . On June 29, 26 young people from Bendigo Church took the service. . . . D. Smith gave message and showed slides on July 6. . . . Mrs. Cecily MacDonald back from Melbourne after successful surgery.

FIFTY HIKE (Swan Hill) Thirty boys and 20 adults took part in Explorer Club Hike and Barbecue. . . . Don Smith (Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism) was speaker on July 6. Following the service, 85 gathered for Family Lunch. . . . Local men and visitors continue to occupy the pulpit. . . . Jack Leach is now in Swan Hill Hospital after 15 months at Fairfield. . . . New pineboard floor has been installed in hall.

BRING, BUY, A GIFT (North Fitzroy) Mrs. June St. Aubyn spoke and showed slides of recent trip to Mexico at C.W.F. afternoon. "Bring and Buy" for Aboriginal Missions raised \$120. . . . Youth Fellowship meets fortnightly on Sundays for lunch in shop leased by church in St. Georges Rd., where four young men are in residence. Shop is open one night a week as recreation centre. . . . Bible Society representative recently screened the film "Power over the Pacific" which showed translation work in the New Hebrides.

YOUTH SERVICES (Footscray, F. B. Alcorn) Youth Fellowship conducted evening service and Assistant minister, Cheryl Johnston, addressed church. . . .

On June 8 the B.S. from Kindergarten to Youth, told the story of the Life of Christ. . . . Evening Fellowship visited Mount Royal and supplied tea for 2 wards. . . . Footscray and Maidstone ladies combined when Mrs. Vera Morrison showed slides of C.W.F. work. . . . Mr. Maguiness (Pa) has celebrated his 90th birthday. He read Psalm 103 at evening service. George Jones had his 80th birthday. . . . Jeanette and Ian Watson are Area Co-ordinators for World Vision "Year of the Hungry".

SECOND BUS (Box Hill, K. R. Bond) Increased attendance at S.S. as a result of bus ministry. A second bus is contemplated. . . . Eric Dickson spoke at Y.P.S.C.E. on the work with prisoners at French Island. . . . Mrs. George Steele demonstrated "Flower Power" at C.W.E.F. . . . Explorers have purchased trampoline. . . . \$50 collected in copper coins by I.C.E. for N.G. missionary project of an outboard motor. . . . Anne Clarke is ill, Sandra Lobbe undergoing surgery, Peter Retchford in intensive care following a heart attack. G. Grainger and Bob Sandells making slow progress.

FAMILY SERVICE (Blackburn, E. C. Keating) Family service on June 29 preceded by Basket Tea and Children's Hobbies. A.W.F. entertained Senior Citizens in a Singalong conducted by Iris Page. The ladies entertained the Deaf and Dumb with afternoon tea and films. Church members assisted with transport. . . . North Blackburn Baptist Youth Choir took part in July 9 service. Frank Langford has been elected Elder. . . . Mrs. J. Wiese has entered Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh. . . . Maori Evangelical Fellowship singing group contributed on July 13. At night the Basketball, Tennis and Football Clubs participated in Sports Parade. The Warmbrunn-Wakefield

quartet sang gospel songs. . . . Gwenda Steple attained honours in producing and acting at the Blackburn High School. . . . Donations of \$50 and \$100 were received from the Catering Committee and C.Y.F. for the special Project '75.

COLD CAMP (West Preston, B. F. Golsteen) B.S. Teachers and Youth Leaders spent cold but profitable weekend in camp. . . . Joan Ross is interrupting her studies in London for three months missionary work in India. . . . B.S. Mission Project has progressed to \$229. . . . The first of two Sunday "chatting parties" held at the Manse.

GIVING AND GROWTH (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes) The King's Company from the Bible Society presented a TV drama entitled "The Davidson Affair". . . . Church is engaged in its fifth three-year planned giving program, led by Trevor Giles. Previous target of \$71,000 was exceeded by \$20,000, and \$150,000 is expected this triennium, including outreach to missions etc. . . . In past three years there have been 107 decisions for Christ. A second manse has been purchased for the new associate minister, Geoffrey Benson. A new book written by Gordon Moyes entitled How to Grow an Australian Church, was officially launched at a church family dinner attended by over 200 members and friends.

FAMINE (Warragul, R. Pritchard) Jackie Sherwood and Olwyn Pritchard have joined others in the 40 Hour Famine to help provide funds for the "Hungry World" through World Vision. . . . Three Sharing Groups have commenced, following the Renewal Program. Interest is also growing in the gospel services. On July 13 the minister interviewed Senior Elder, T. Daff, on his 50 years as a Christian. . . . Mrs. Joyce Young is in Warragul Hospital following an accident.

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Our Sunday School is reduced to almost none at all and now some of our members are meeting in small house groups because they find a "deeper level of worship than is found at church". When I expressed my concern, one member said that the church survived for 1700 years without the Sunday School and that the house church is a New Testament example which should be followed. Suddenly, the church doesn't seem to be needed!

I think the church is needed, as much as ever! The New Testament did not provide for the church to go out of business at any time and I am fairly sure that your fellow church members did not mean that the role of the church was ending, but that it is changing.

Not much can be done in a short answer or, let's be honest, in any kind of answer that I can make that presumes to tell everyone what to do and how to do it. The sickness of deflation in the church is at least as hard to cure as inflation in society.

But I am disturbed that so many of us acquiesce in the dying of the Sunday School and also seem ready to abandon the congregational activities of the church.

Some Sunday Schools in some areas are full. Many such schools are successful for reasons which cannot help the many schools that are in the doldrums numerically and inspirationally. But there are some experiments which are taking place successfully, and they should be made and known and considered as

possible answers to general needs.

Our last Federal Conference Handbook showed a loss of 4541 S.S. scholars in a two year period. There is a corresponding decline in boy and girl club numbers. (The decline in church membership for the same period was 827). Such a S.S. loss is disastrous.

Since we used to look primarily to the S.S. as the church's replacement force, we are faced with grave alternatives. We must reconcile ourselves to seeing the S.S. continue to decline or (a) restore the S.S. as an effective teaching and evangelising agent of the church; (b) find an effective alternative to the S.S. in meeting the needs of the church's children and young people; or (c) rely on the home to fulfil the teaching and nurturing role once provided in the church's educational programme. (Of course, we have always argued for the primary place of the home).

There is not much hope in (c). There are not that many families within the church able and willing to take over the goals of the Bible School. Even if there were, the vast numbers of non-church children which were once reached by the S.S. are not even considered in this response. Further, the children being catered for at home are cut off from their peer groups.

In looking at (a) and (b) we know very well that the type of S.S. programme and the kind of S.S. lesson that belonged to the boom days of the S.S. are no longer viable. Therefore, if we talk about restoring the S.S. we are certainly not thinking of turning back the clock. We are thinking rather of a Christian education programme that meets children and young people where they are, that guides, equips, and challenges them to meet life with a faith that makes sense to them in their world.

This is the task for today and the difference between success and failure here is the difference between life and death for the church.

(More about this in the next issue.)

THE LAST WORD...

TAKING A STAND

Those who straddle a fence never get their feet on the ground. What this world needs today are those who really believe in something and take a stand.
Dr. C. R. Flint

HOLD FAST

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