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"A.C." SHORT STORY COMPETITION

1. The story may be on any theme so long as it has some Christian content, and to be from 1,500 to 2,500 words in length.
2. The closing date is March 30, 1976.
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BANNED IN UGANDA

Controversial Uganda president Idi Amin, a Muslim, last month banned fourteen Christian groups, declaring them "dangerous to peace and order." Among those outlawed: Campus Crusade for Christ, the Navigators, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Uganda Bible Society, Elim Fellowship, Pentecostal Assemblies of God, Uganda Church of Christ, and a Quaker group.

This leaves the Anglican, Catholic, and Orthodox churches as the only three recognized Christian bodies in Uganda.

Word of Amin's displeasure with the groups was first spread a year ago, and last month's action merely makes official and final a de facto ban of some months. Curiously, Amin has told missionaries they are welcome to stay, but most have already left for reassignment elsewhere.

—"Christianity Today"

TASMANIA CONFERENCE FOR CHURCH MEN AND WOMEN

A Statewide Conference will be held in Hobart by the Tasmanian Council of Churches Feb. 20-22, 1976. 300 Church people will discuss the theme, "Jesus Christ Frees and Unites" at the University of Tasmania.

The goals of this Conference, as defined by the Tasmanian Council of Churches, are to bring together a large number of Tasmanian Christians from the ten member churches of the Council to share, study and worship in relation to contemporary issues, and to encourage a greater awareness of the ecumenical movement through local inter-church dialogue and action.

The guest speaker at the conference will be Dr. Kosuke Koyama, a prominent Japanese theologian who has visited Australia on two previous occasions.

All persons interested in participating in the Conference are eligible to enrol. Information is available from the Tasmanian Council of Churches, 29 Bathurst Street, Hobart, 7000: Phone: (002) 34 2543.

YOUTHERAMA AT COLLEGE

TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY

Two hundred and seventy young people and their leaders and drivers converged on the College of the Bible on August 1st. Cars lined the streets in the vicinity. The first Youtherama was under way a few minutes after eight in the evening.

WHY YOUTHERAMA

The purpose of the Youtherama was to introduce the young people of Victorian churches to the College, its students and the Faculty. The College Board and the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Christian Education sponsored the night, believing in the importance of young people of the churches becoming aware of what ministry training is all about. They hoped that the event might awaken in some of them the consciousness that God might be calling them to ministry. They felt that this might be even more likely if they could meet and get to know students right in the College setting.

SIMULTANEOUS PROGRAMMES

Half of the young people were in the Chapel and half in the large assembly room enjoying similar programmes, but with timetables arranged to enable each group to have separate use of the dining room for supper and the chapel for worship. The programme included singing led by students, audio-visuals entitled "What? Me a Minister!" and "What does the College Teach?", and guided tours of the College conducted by students.

"THIS IS WHAT I BELIEVE"

In each of the two large groups several students testified to their faith. Other students formed panels answering such questions as, "Why did you come to College?", "What is it like at College?", "How much does it cost?", "Any fun at College?", and "Why should young adults consider coming to College?" Probably the liveliest feature of the evening was when everybody broke into small groups, each with one or two students in it, and in which young people talked face to face with students about College, training for ministry, and the Christian faith and life.

The prepared programme came to its climax in worship and in a challenge by a student. Mrs. Lawrance the College Housekeeper, and Mrs. Seath the Convener of the C.W.F. College Committee, led a team of women in the supper shuttle service.

SUMMER SCHOOL

The young people at the Youtherama were introduced to the Summer School to be held at the College from Jan. 5-12, 1976. Sponsored jointly by the Overseas Missions Board and the Board of Management of the College of the Bible, the Summer School is for all who are interested in extending their knowledge of the Christian Faith, Christian Missions and Christian Living.

—G. R. Stirling

INNER SPRINGS

THE TOUCH OF SPRING



O, God, do you know when you gave
beauty free
You put a strange cry into the heart of me,

And may I be dead at the newling of
Spring
If I fail to respond to each beautiful thing.

And surely we are dead already if we fail to respond to every joyous and lovely thing. For this is the essence of wonder and the very heart of the Christian gospel. With no awareness of earth's loveliness, we can never know the greater loveliness of God. At no other time in the year are we more alive to the wonder of the world than in Springtime. It is a time of beginnings, promises of countless fragrances, and a time when nature surprises us anew. Beauty breaks forth from the barren earth. Flowers are borne on once bare branches. Bursting buds open tiny green fingers and, "low the winter is over and gone . . . the time of the singing of birds is come!"

As it is for earth, so it is for the soul that finds its way to the Lord of all Life. Wherever Jesus went among the common people, hearts were stirred into new awakening and new Life. "Wilt thou be made whole?" He asked. His question might well have been, "Would you be made aware?" And every fibre of our being ought to answer, "Yes, Lord."

His touch in the soul of man is like Springtime breaking on the world.

In every trembling bud and bloom
That cleaves the earth, a flowery sword,
I see Thee come from out the tomb,
Thou risen Lord.

Thou art not dead! Thou art the whole
Of Life that quickens in the sod;
Green Springtime is Thy very soul,
Thou great Lord God!

PRAYER:

O God, Our Father, You have placed us in a world full of loveliness. Touch our eyes into new awareness that we might see Thee everywhere, and seeing Thee open our hearts to Thy Love.

Amen.

FLORENCE ROSIER.

John 5:1-9

MAORI TEAM

The Maori Evangelical Fellowship team returned to New Zealand on August 21 after another successful visit of five weeks.

They began at Mitcham Church of Christ and children and parents alike gave them an enthusiastic reception. Schools presented a great opportunity. St. John's Roman Catholic primary school gathered the whole of their 600 children into two sessions and the Maoris led them in action songs. At Blackburn High School 1300 young people were in two groups and the singing and Christian challenge were beautifully presented to staff and students alike.



Ted Raharaha preparing the hangi at Mitcham.



L. TO R. Bill Williams and Mrs Ruth Williams; Fred Waaka and Mrs Eva Waaka; the Tepania sisters - Eliza, Nalle, and Hilda.

Ted Raharaha was speaker when the team led Scots Church lunchtime service for over 300. The Mitcham church ladies catered for a men's breakfast, and the Maoris themselves provided a "hangi", a meal cooked in the ground on hot stones. Young and old were attracted and the Nunawading Council was represented. These last two functions were in Methodist venues and involved folk from all churches.

On July 20, services at Mountview Joint Parish and Mitcham Baptist were packed. After lunch the East Burwood Church of Christ was treated to a special cultural programme. The final Melbourne session was at the Mitcham High School Assembly Hall. On the day, the Team had "shared Christ" with over 1500 people and there were two decisions.

In their Geelong visit, the Team first met the six host ministers from Geelong churches. The seven night programmes averaged 250 and there were visits to schools and coffee hours. 85 were at the men's breakfast. The Team went to Colac on July 27. At night in the Matthew

Flinders hall 500 Geelong folk were present for the climax.

In Mildura the Maoris gave a concert from their own culture and the Riverland audience was entranced. The schools again welcomed the team with enthusiasm and the children especially loved seeing their own teachers dressed in pui-pui (skirts) attempting the Maori dances. Eight decisions were made in Mildura.

From Gerard Mission, S.A., Aboriginal pastors took the team to Reserves. They visited Murray Bridge, Point McLeay, Port Augusta, and Adelaide. Services in Adelaide included our churches at Colonel Light Gardens and Nailsworth.

There were three more days in Melbourne before the team left, very grateful to Ross McLean and the Mitcham Church of Christ for sponsoring and arranging the visit which was so productive of goodwill and opportunities for singing the gospel and witnessing to their faith.

YOUTH BELIEF AND PRACTICE

A recent national survey of high school student leaders showed that 88 per cent believe "there is a God or supreme being" and 82 per cent "feel religion is relevant in today's society." Protestants led in belief in God with 94 per cent, Catholics registered 92 per cent, Jews 48 per cent, and "others" 45 per cent. Racially, blacks led with 93 per cent.

The survey, conducted by Who's Who Among American High School Students, also revealed:

- Less than half participate "regularly" in church or religious activities.
- Two-fifths approve of premarital sex (29 per cent have engaged in it).
- Less than 8 per cent have ever used hard drugs, and 72 per cent have never used marijuana.
- A fourth never drank beer, and 34 per cent never drank hard liquor.

The poll was based on 23,000 responses, half from Protestants.

—"Christianity Today".

TO MEET ON NAIROBI THEME Rally of "Christians One" Members.

Plans were announced for Victorian meetings in preparation for the World Council of Churches Assembly. The Assembly, to be held in Nairobi Nov. 23-Dec. 10 will be attended by thirteen Victorians including four church delegates. Of particular relevance for Australians were matters related to Australia's affluence in the Asian scene, and its present policies on aboriginal affairs.

Briefing will include the holding of six seminars in Melbourne on the six separate sections of the Nairobi Assembly on Oct. 26th. These seminars, each of 50-100 people plan to examine and comment on material prepared for the Assembly.

The programme arranged by the Victorian Council of Churches, is Sunday October 26, 2-4 pm, Seminars on Nairobi sections. Sunday, October 26, 7 pm "Nairobi Assembly", an Open Meeting for Victorian Christians at Presbyterian Church, Kew. Delegates in attendance.

WESLEY P.S.A. ALCOHOL PROBLEMS

At the P.S.A. at Wesley Church, Melb., the speaker on Sept. 21 will be H. C. Pratt, District Director, Victoria District, Independent Order of Rechabites, a Director of the Victorian Foundation on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, and a foundation member of its Alcohol Research Advisory Group, and President, Victorian Temperance Alliance.

Mr Pratt recently retired from the position of Head, Department of External Studies, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

KOREAN CHURCH LEADERS

The four leading South Korean church leaders charged with embezzling funds sent from Germany (The German Relief Agency which sent the money said there was no misuse of funds) were convicted and sentenced was to be passed on Aug. 16. The State demanded prison sentences for from three to five years.

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

PART 4

STANTON WILSON
WRITING FROM
OVERSEAS

Here we tell how we made a bee-line for Leicester. went roamin' in the gloamin', took an historic flag to an important conference, had a breath of heather and come "home" wondering why Australia has so many left-handed cricketers.

A BEE-LINE FOR LEICESTER.

"Come on deck quickly. You can see the White Cliffs of Dover already." This happy heraldry announced that the cross-channel ferry had almost reached the shores of England. Besides our two selves, it had brought our daughter, our granddaughter and their car to explore the wonders of Britain. We landed in Kent, the Garden of England, the home of my forbears. Where better to begin a sentimental journey through Britain? We drove that day to Cambridge (crossing London Bridge en route!) and the next day we made a course direct to Leicester to occupy for three weeks the furnished manse of the Evington Road Church. The previous despatch (No. 3) in this series qualifies for the old title: "Lines from Leicester". I actually wrote it from my former study desk. I preached at this church on one of the Sundays in the interval between ministries. We were accorded an after-church Public Welcome in which neighbouring churches combined. Ah! the fellowship of kindred minds.

"ROAMIN' IN THE GLOAMIN'."

This year, all Europe has had a splendid Summer. Some said it was too hot too long. However we did not enter into the debate but simply revelled in the sunshine. From Leicester we made frequent and familiar excursions out into the rolling countryside often through fields of golden grain and along green hedgerows drowsy with the drone of pollen-laden bees. England's Summer Days are only surpassed by her Autumn afternoons — and both baffle description. Often we would enjoy all over again the mysterious delight of driving through the villages in the twilight or just "roamin' in the gloamin'," as the Scots say in a happy turn of phrase.

AN HISTORIC FLAG

Our visit to England was contrived to co-incide with the 129th Conference of our British Churches held at the Selly Oak Colleges in Birmingham. It was my pleasure and privilege to have been appointed Australia's Fraternal Delegate to the Conference. For this purpose I had brought with me from Australia a large national flag (6' x 4'). No other flag would do because this one had been presented before the first-ever Assembly of the World Convention which was held in Washington D.C. in 1930. With our warmest fraternal greetings I presented this symbol to the Conference President, my friend Bernard Waterton, who had it ceremoniously displayed before the assembly during its sessions. It was on my departure two days later officially folded and publicly returned to me with the reciprocal greetings of our British Churches. It was good to have the presence of Mr and Mrs Gillespie of the Oakleigh (Vic.) church throughout the Conference.

A SIGNIFICANT CONFERENCE

I am not competent to report adequately on the business side of the Conference for two reasons. Firstly, as a Fraternal Delegate (and not a Conference Secretary) I was able to give myself fully to the fellowship of the Conference. Secondly, because of a pre-arranged visit to Scotland I had to leave halfway through Conference. I did, however, note some facts from the written reports and make some random observations.

In view of rising costs it had been found necessary to reduce the duration of this "live-in" Conference by one day. It is conceivable that even so its current cost would put the experience of Conference beyond the financial reach of many interested and committed Church members. This is something we must carefully and continually watch in Australia.

A good deal was written and said about Inter-Church Relations. Our English Churches have continued negotiations with the United Reformed Church which is an accomplished union of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches. An Interim Report from the Joint Negotiating Committee between our people in England and Wales, and the United Reformed Church was presented to Conference this year having in mind the fact that the 1974 Conference had given no mandate to proceed immediately to a scheme of union.

Conference, this year, recognised "that several issues require to be further resolved before a decision to unite can be taken" and indicated "a clear will to proceed towards such a union and a present will to seek closer relationships."

I gathered from hearing discussions that while there is a more cautious approach to union than previously, the desire to seek unity is undiminished.

In addition to the foregoing negotiations our English churches are also represented on the Churches' Unity Commission. The Commission is comprised of the Baptist Union, Churches of Christ, the Church of England, the Methodist Church, the Congregational Federation, the Moravian Church, the Roman Catholic Church and the United Reformed Church.

Conference welcomed the report of the Commission, reaffirmed its support for its objectives, confirmed in office its two representatives and encouraged them and other Commissioners to continue with their work.

The Home Mission Committee reported that 19 ministers have co-operated with the Committee in full-time service with 3 others serving in general (departmental) church work. The Division of Overseas Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) U.S.A. had enabled three ministers to work with British Churches.

James Garner was congratulated on completing 50 years in the full-time ministry of our Churches — 30 years of which have been with the Melbourne Road (Leicester) Church. Lyle Burdett on concluding his 5 year ministry at Evington Road, Leicester, retires after nearly 40 years service, more than half of which was spent on the British Churches' mission field in India. Dr. James A. Cox of First Christian Church, Warren, Ohio as a fraternal minister from the Christian Church (Disciples) U.S.A. will serve the Evington Road Church from later this year.

The Missionary Committee, with the prospect of the completion of the term of its last two missionary couples, announced its approach to "the end of an era in Churches of Christ Missionary work". The Committee had been mainly concerned "to take as far as possible the process of handing over all our church property (in India) to the Church of North India." The British Churches have "continued to support the work of the churches in Malawi and India by block grants" — 1,200 per annum to each area.

Overdale College occupied considerable time and occasioned the concern of Conference. Problems have arisen because of changes effected in the group of Selly Oak Colleges of which Overdale has been a constituent member. The College Committee indicated "that Manchester Congregational College can provide the training required for our ministry better than we can ourselves... and they are willing to accept our future candidates". In view of this, John Francis has voluntarily resigned as Principal and was warmly thanked by Conference for his many splendid services to the College. He has accepted the College Council's invitation to be Ministerial Training Supervisor while serving a Birmingham suburban congregation.

The fact was regretted by Conference that Overdale College had no ministerial students in training. Robert Parker had received his Overdale Diploma in 1974 and was ordained at this year's Conference. The 1974-75 Overdale Correspondence Course was completed by 3 people.

Conference considered a number of proposals for the disposal of or alternative use of the valuable property which has been the centre of ministerial training for our British Churches for successive decades.

The Report Book for Conference 1975 disclosed a total of 82 churches, of which number I noted that 55 have less than 50 members; of the other 27 churches, 8 have a membership exceeding 100, Evington Road being the largest with 170 members. The total membership of churches is 4,028 with a weekly average attendance at Communion of 1,791 or 44%. The net loss for the year was 74, accounted for by: gains by Baptism 63, other 82, and losses by death 91, other 128. To me

the remarkable feature of our British Churches is that so much is achieved for so many by so few!

A BREATH OF HEATHER

The heather is out on Ben-y-vrakie! Pitlochry, which is, without doubt, our favourite town in the heart of the Scottish Highlands, nestles neatly at the base of Ben-y-vrakie. As previously, once in Scotland, Pitlochry became our "home". From here we visited in turn Crieff, Dunkeld, Ballater, Balmoral, Loch Tummel, Loch Rannock, Dundee and Aberdeen and a score of other places the name of which fills every Scot with pride and deep longings. We loved Scotland and the Scots even more, if that were possible. There is a delightful land and they are a delightful people, thrifty and hospitable, generous and genuine. They have their values right and their energy and enterprise mixed with good humour are an example and inspiration to all who are willing to learn.

ARE YOU LEFT-HANDED?

One distinct advantage of being in Britain again was our access to English television and English newspapers. (Happily our daughter in Germany receives each issue of "The

Australian Christian" by Air Mail. It is such good value, you know!) I found surprisingly little about Australia in the British press. One item, however, while not of great import, I found interesting. As it is an intriguing subject I will share it with you and leave it there for now.

One Jeremy Raynor of Queens College, Cambridge, writing in the "London Times" of 31.7.1975 says: "In suggesting that Australia's position below the Equator influences the occurrence of left-handedness among the inhabitants Peter MacKarell might have reached the heart of the problem.

"In the Southern Hemisphere the 'Coriolis' forces generated by the Earth's rotation act in the opposite sense from that we experience in the Northern Hemisphere; as a result both ocean tides and cyclonic winds travel in the opposite direction. There is a well-known hypothesis that water flowing out of a bath swirls in the opposite direction due to Coriolis effects. Might this not be extended to include the handedness of cricketers?"

Perhaps some reader expert in dynamics or proficient in oceanography or informed in cricket would care to comment to the instruction and edification of the rest of us. Meantime — Mizpah.

SAINTS & SOULWINNERS

BY GORDON R. STIRLING

2. SAINTS CAN MAKE FRIENDS IN THE WORLD IF THEY WANT TO.

Friendship making depends on total acceptance of people.

Many of us are conditioned only to accept people who think and feel and act like we do. Indeed a lot of us were taught as children to "avoid bad company." We have been brought up with the feeling that non-attenders at church are the "baddies" and the rest of us are the "goodies". Many of us are disgusted with people who drink, smoke, gamble and swear, and we do not seek their company. Yet Jesus was criticised by the ancient "saints" for mixing with such people!

WHAT DOES TOTAL ACCEPTANCE MEAN?

Total acceptance of another means that I fully accept him as a person and give myself in warm friendship to him. It means that I am interested in him. I accept his right to hold the convictions that he has and to live the life that he does, even if they differ completely from mine. I respect him as a person. If I can contribute in any way to his growth and well being I will do it. I am as interested in listening to his ideas about life and issues and belief as I want him to be interested in mind.

Total acceptance does not mean that I condone his standards or behaviour or that I accept them, only that I accept his right to believe and live that way. I will not sit in judgement upon him, but rather seek to discover ways acceptable to him that enable him to grow as a person. (Ultimately of course this is growth in Christ).

FRIENDSHIP MAKING IS SOCIALISING.

When Mr. and Mrs. Saint have grown in the Spirit sufficiently to be able to accept people totally, their next step is to look for opportunities to socialise with their acquaintances in the usually accepted ways . . . 1. Dinner parties, 2 Outings together, 3. Informal coffee and chat, 4. Interest sharing (sport, gem stones, gardens, cars.), 5. Socialising with the parents of the friends of your children (a very easy one), 6. Deepening the casual relationships with neighbours.

The saints usually have large numbers of acquaintances at work, in the neighbourhood, at the school committee, in the lodge, or service club, in leisure activities, or at sport. Deliberate attempts at increasing social contacts with these people will create friendships and thus opportunities to share faith.

MORE ABOUT SOCIALISING

Sometimes when socialising as suggested, the dinner or coffee parties could include some others from the church, thus

increasing the friendship possibilities. Sometimes the minister and his wife could be invited to enable them to do some friendship making. (Did you ever realise how hard it is for a minister to do a little socialising on his own account?)

THE GOALS OF SOCIALISING

Unashamedly the goal of friendship making is to be able to share faith with our new-found friends and if possible, lead them to Christ. (Later we will comment on those who question the motivation for this!) If new converts can lead their "worldly" friends to Christ, the saints should be able to, once they have made some friends "in the world."

TOO BUSY

No doubt all of the saints would agree with everything written so far. But of course they are too busy. Where does one get the time to socialise at dinners and outings and suppers? It takes a long time to make close friends. Perhaps the time has come for the saints, busy with church work, to ask themselves seriously how productive their work is, in terms of leading people to Jesus Christ! This is a simple enough exercise if one simply asks how many people have been won to Christ by the sort of activity, or meeting or auxiliary, or church job in the past one, two, or five years. So perhaps it won't hurt to take a little time off from some activity, or to arrange a substitute or to send an apology, in order to have that dinner party!

YOU DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO START FROM SCRATCH

As friendships build up, the saints may well be surprised to find that their new friends are not unbelievers. Sixty-four per cent of non-attenders at church still have some religious belief. It just so happens that they have not been convinced of the relevance to life and eternity of what happens at eleven and seven on Sundays. So naturally as friendship deepens, starting where they are, and sharing faith with them, we may be able to help many of them to grow into the "fullness of the stature of Christ," and perhaps along the way (not too soon) get them to church!

"MARRIAGE DEDICATION SERVICE"

14th September, 1975 at 7 p.m.

A special invitation is extended to all couples who were married in the church over the years to attend this special service, and to the Fellowship Hour to follow in the Family Centre when photos and slides will be shown.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

52 Buckley St., Essendon.



A programme organised by young people of the Churches of Christ in South Australia, sponsored by their Department of Christian Education, with emphasis being placed upon getting young people doing the gospel and telling the gospel in one consistent style of living for Christ. A programme of training for evangelism is being conducted in our churches at the present time culminating in a "DO TELL" Festival.

AIMS

- 1) To bring together young people and enable them to witness their faith in their own way.
- 2) To provide a focus for the "DO TELL" programme, the theme of which is: Bringing together young people to work out how the gospel fits into their lives, through Sharing, Relating, Loving, Listening, Helping, Caring, so

that Saying the Gospel and Doing the Gospel happens together, and we as young people can grow.

What is the Training Programme?

A group visits the local church and the film "Don't be Afraid" is screened. The local church youth group then embarks upon a programme consisting of a series of five pre-recorded cassette tapes. The tapes help the youth group to grow in relationship to God and to one another and ultimately to prepare some form of witness for their local church and the "DO-TELL" Festival.

What is the Festival?

The general format of the Festival will be very informal with emphasis being placed on a community atmosphere. There will be a programme of music and guest speakers (such as Ted Keating and Bill Tabernee), work-shops in which creative witness through words, music, and other media will be looked at, plus opportunity for the local youth groups to present some form of witness. The Work-shops at the Festival will be Drama, Craft, Music, Creative Witness and there will be one on the person of Jesus Christ. The numerous marquees that will be dotted about the camp-site will house the local youth group presentations, workshops and coffee shops where open, informal gatherings will occur. Soap boxes will abound for those who feel that they have something in particular to say.

Where and When?

The Festival will be held at the Church of Christ campsite, "up Longwood" on October 3rd-5th (beginning Friday night and finishing early Sunday morning with a communion service). People will sleep in the dormitories or in their tents, or come up for the day if they wish.

Finance

Fashionable "DO-TELL" t-shirts, featuring the "DO-TELL" symbol, are being sold to anyone and everyone. As well as this, local youth groups are being asked to raise funds or to give a donation.

If you or your church youth group are interested in coming to the "DO-TELL" FESTIVAL Contact — The Director, D.C.E., Church of Christ Centre, 104 Grote St., Adelaide, S.A. 5000.

WORD TALK NO. 123 THEMES IN JOHN

IN THE STUDY

Today is the Jewish New Year. There is nothing more Jewish than the concept of the people of God being like a flock while God has the responsibilities of a shepherd. There are over 500 references to sheep in the Bible. The pastoral economy of Palestine gave a beautiful example of God's loving care for his people.

As early as Gen. 4 we see sheep being domesticated.

Sheep provided a major means of wealth and livelihood for the people of Palestine. Sheep provided milk and meat for food, wool for clothing and tents, and a means of bartering, exchange, sacrifice, and offering.

In the O.T. some of the choicest lines concerned God's relationship to his people as a shepherd for his sheep (Ps.23, Ezek.37, Jere.23).

In the N.T. the picture takes its deepest meaning with Christ being the Good Shepherd of his sheep. This was dealt with in detail in Word Talk 93.

Hebrews refers to Jesus being the great shepherd of the sheep (Heb.13:20). Jesus saw people being as sheep needing a shepherd (Mk. 6:34).

John 10 presents the longest allegory concerning the sheep and the shephard. This catches up the theme that Ezekiel used in Chapter 34 of his prophecy.

In John 10 there are many insights into the role of Jesus in both saving, caring and leading his people.

In the N.T. there is also use made of pastoral oversight to describe the ministry. (1 Pet.5:4). The Ministers and Elders were to tend the flock. Peter was reminded to care for the lambs. Office-holders in the Church were called to a pastoral responsibility. The Church symbolised the role of the Bishop in caring for the flock by giving him a staff that was a crook. Paul gave the Elders at Ephesus the task of caring for the flock as shepherds (Acts 20:28).

FROM THE PULPIT

In sermons the role of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is frequently outlined. What is not so frequently mentioned is the role of the congregation as sheep.

In John 10 the congregation is open to many dangers both from within and without the fold. There is pictured the attack from those outside the fold described as wolves, thieves, and robbers (Vs. 1, 8, 10, 12). It is easy to identify those who attack the Church from outside its walls. It is easy to

SHEEP

identify them in other centuries and other countries than our own, but who are the wolves, thieves and robbers in Australia in the latter part of the 20th C.?

The second area of attack that faces the Church is the greater danger. It comes from within the Church.

It concerns the poor leadership of a pastor who does not care for the flock (Vs. 12-13).

The Church is probably more in danger from poor leadership within than attack from without. The nature of sheep is that they follow any leader. Even poor leaders can get a following of misguided sheep. That danger is far greater than the obvious attack from outside.

Then comes the double danger: When there has been poor leadership by a hireling shepherd inside, the flock is weakened and cannot withstand the attack from outside.

How must a Church guard its flock and check its shepherd?

Our democratically governed, independent congregations are those most liable for attack both from within and without.

AMONG THE PEOPLE

The nature of sheep is such that they are described as defenceless, constantly needing care and attention, innocent, affectionate, and always requiring supervision.

How true is this New Testament picture of a congregation to the congregations of our day and age?

In my ministry I have certainly met some straying lambs, some skittish ewes, and certainly some stubborn old rams!

(Here, Dear Reader, the author pauses — too many of his flock read this little column — if he ventures any further in describing them he may become a shorn shepherd!)

Pastoral care (the very word is Latin for shepherd) is a growing science within the ministry. Within the modern technological society the individual person is often hurt and desperately needing care.

No minister alone can ever care for the pastoral needs of his flock. His task is to equip under-shepherds — Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses, people of compassionate heart and tactful wisdom who can visit the membership, to care, discipline, teach, and guide the flock.

In our day and age the shepherds can still be busy here and there, but that is no excuse for members of the flock not caring for each other.

—Gordon Moyes

Appreciation

Gladys Mackenzie is a gracious Christian lady. She has not only created an interesting and helpful communication through the Women's page in the "A.C." but has injected some of her Christian spirit into it also.

The C.W.F. throughout Australia is grateful to Gladys for all that she has done.

Heather Mudie did the drawing for the page, and we thank her for the work she put in.

WOMEN IN MINISTRY

EDITED BY LESLEY STIRLING



WHAT IS MEANT BY "WOMEN IN MINISTRY"?

It does not mean Professional women ministers. It means women, in their everyday lives moving into needy situations. Women who console other women in trouble, listen to women with problems, opening their homes to lonely women, sharing with women what Christ has done for them. Christian women are already doing a lot of this. The intention of the Women's page is to help Christian Women to realise and to accept the fact that what they are already doing is ministry. It is also EVANGELISM. It is important that women accept this fact and that they increase their ministry.

W.A. WOMEN MAKE NEWS

After the National Committee meeting met in Adelaide from August 19th to 22nd, 1975, for the next two years the Working Committee is based in Perth, Western Australia. It is hoped that the next National Committee meeting will be held in Perth in 1977.

This is the first time that West Australian Church Women have had the responsibility of selecting a Working Committee to manage the ongoing activities of Australian Church Women. The new President is the Rev. Dorothy Wacker, one of Perth's leading Church women. The Secretary, the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convener, and one other Working Committee member, are members of Churches of Christ. They are hoping for full co-operation of all West Australian C.W.F.'s, as they, together with sisters in Christ from other Denominations plan the work of Australian Church Women during 1976-1977.

—Mrs Jean Vincent.

THE MINISTER'S WORKING WIFE

The following is a summary of a recent discussion of Victorian Ministers' wives:

A minister's wife makes the choice to work mainly because of financial necessity. This often means the husband can remain in the ministry and the church can retain a full-time minister. Some positive conclusions arising out of the discussion were:

- ★ Increase of her own perspective. A minister-husband's comment was "You're a much more interesting person to live with now."
- ★ It gave her an opportunity to meet people outside church circles.
- ★ Better educational opportunities are available for children.
- ★ It provided means towards retirement.
- ★ A higher standard of living can be maintained.

It was concluded that various factors needed to be considered prior to working:

- ★ She needed to consider the integrity of her motives.
- ★ Ability to maintain priorities in relation to husband and family.
- ★ Capacity to cope with the church activities she chooses to be involved in, and with possible reactions from people. (One wife recently conducted a survey in a large church and the reactions were encouragingly positive.)
- ★ Possibility of guilt feelings.
- ★ Ways of improving efficiency in the home, e.g. Help paid from salary.

A Minister's wife who has thought carefully through the facts about going out to work, and her motives for doing so, can be confident that she is not neglecting her Christian calling and can find fulfilment in the work she does. — Marion Clark.

GOD SPEAKS

"Let your conversation be always gracious; study how best to talk with each person you meet." Col. 4:6.

NEWS IN BRIEF

West Australia

Western women participated in the Dr Win Arn Church Growth Seminar. Some women "sat at his feet", and others provided the necessary refreshment ... 1,-170 cups of tea. Both acts of service! "Women liberated and fulfilled" was the meditation depicted by fashions every 10 years from 1905.

At the August evening Conference meeting, 207 ladies enjoyed a historical "Flashback" presented by Mrs Helen Morrow. From minutes of the first meeting of August 1889, when 27 were present, a financial balance of 1-5-6 was reported!!

Guest speaker, Judy Heidenreich, a Christian artist, displayed some of her paintings through which she preaches the gospel.

Victoria

"What women do in the churches," "Dorcas" syndrome, the "Occupational" dilemma, and the "Priorities" question, were included in the talk given by the

Migrant Ministry.

A migrant woman could speak no English, but her daughter could. She sent her daughter next door to seek help in a time of sickness. The neighbour, who was a Christian helped. She continued to help, made friends, communicating through the daughter. Thus filled a lonely spot, and was a continual help to the migrant woman.

"In as much as you do it unto one of these, you do it to Me."

THIS IS MINISTRY.

General Conference President, Gordon Scambler, at the August Council meeting.

Mrs Eunice Reidy has been appointed as Secretary to the Women's World Day of Prayer Committee. A.C.T.

Mrs Buffinton, who was the first secretary of the C.W.F. in Canberra died recently. She was a very remarkable woman. She made and sold ties to raise money for the first church building in Canberra. She was a real artist and only recently painted a picture of the College of the Bible and presented it to my husband and me. This we treasure greatly.

Queensland

Rockhampton is to be invaded! A C.W.F. camp will be held there next month. Babysitters are to be arranged to enable young mothers to attend. What a very good idea!

OPEN FORUM

IMMORTALITY

To the Editor.

Eric Buckmaster is to be congratulated ("A.C." 9.8.75) for having the courage to question unscriptural orthodox theology, particularly the question of the immortality of the soul with all its ramifications.

He rightly points to the question arising from the idea of wicked "immortal souls" one which only R.C.'s will attempt to answer. The answer of scripture is, of course, that man has no such part inherent within himself. God breathed in Adam the breath of life and Man himself became a living soul. Why should it be read into that record that Man received an immortal soul? Paul preached the mortality of man (Rom. 8: 11) and that immortality, possessed only by our God himself, is something to be sought after (Rom. 2: 7).

And what of the various ramifications of this fallacy? If the soul is immortal and consequently goes to heaven at death what is the point of the resurrection — preached emphatically not only by Paul but by Jesus himself, and if the body is resurrected, as was that of our Lord, from what teaching does heaven-going at death, stem?

The prophet Isaiah and also the "Preacher" taught that the dead know not anything in strong contrast to the popular fallacy that "death is the gate to endless joy".

L. R. Reeves. Vic.

To the Editor.

Several churches have placed notices in the "A.C." protesting the resolution passed at the last Vic.-Tas Conf. approving an application by the R.C. Church to join the Vic. Council of churches, if such an application is made.

There's a story about the property man who refused an invitation to a party because he'd just bought a field, and a man who couldn't come because by the time he buried his father the party would be over, and the fellow who declined for the excellent reason that he preferred to stay home with his new wife. When the big day comes for us, I wonder if some churches will have instructed their delegates to heaven with their RSVP at the ready. "Attention God! We don't want to come if you intend inviting Roman Catholics as well."

Seriously, though, it would help my ailing capacity to understand, if the people who opposed the idea of "one great fellowship of love" etc. would state the reasons which compel them to embrace such respect for persons (ref. James) I'd dearly love to study how people who oppose the inclusion of the Roman Catholic Church in the V.C.C. trace their feelings about Catholics back to and equate them with Jesus's own teaching and God's will.

M. Johnson. Vic.

MORNING PRAYER (Nailsworth, P.P. De Wildt). Y.P. meet in the Minister's Study for prayer each morning at 7.30... Gospel concert and the drama "Gifts" presented in June when 35 Y.P. journeyed to Naracoorte... Hawthorn folk gave a gospel concert at Nailsworth and four decisions were made... Four girls from Nailsworth have been selected to play in the State Netball team to visit Perth... Royal Adelaide Hospital Chaplain, Mr Baker preached recently... Choir and artists gave a musical evening at Everard Park Rest Home... Officers attended Church Growth Seminar... Hospital visitation is carried out every Monday at the Northern District Hospital. A group is training for work with Lavender Ladies at Royal Adelaide Hosp.



NEW SOUTH WALES

GROWTH (Port Macquarie, J. Sedman) Girls' club, 37, and boys' club, 28, growing faster than leaders can be found... Progressive dinner arranged by Michael Bartholomew raised \$35 for club equipment. We have no equipment and if any have some to spare we would like to hear from you... Recent offerings: \$36 for Living Link, \$12 for O/Seas Missions, \$30 from Women's Bible Study group for S.S. table. Further \$70 received from church at North Haven... Men's Fellowship held "Hot Dog" night... L. Riggall had heart attack and still away from work.

FRIENDLY CHURCH The church at Earlwood is known as "The Friendly Church on the Hill". Built on a disused quarry it has a solid rock foundation. L.C. Yelds, now of Bexley Nth., was a foundation member. P. J. Pond gave service and Campbell Edwards gave generous financial help. Others involved in the early days were N. Matthews and W. Thomson. There is encouragement today in growing interest. Student minister is J. Bond. Belmore, Bexley Nth, and Hurstville churches have given needed assistance.

TEEN CHALLENGE (Tamworth) Harold Dewberry from Teen Challenge spoke at gospel service... "The Cross and the Switchblades" film shown... A Senior Citizens' afternoon was held... During June a Missionary Emphasis was given. Speakers were Bruce Downs, formerly from Vietnam; Richard and Jan Powell, formerly from India; Richard Saxby and Mr Salisbury, Snr, from Africa; and Rodney Feldham from N.G... A party of about 15 members went to Brisbane for the "Let's Grow Seminar".

MISSIONARY PARADE (Inverell, R. Powell) C.W.F. and S.S. combined for Missionary Afternoon and Mannequin Parade when girls modelled clothing for

Aboriginal girls at Norseman Mission, W.A. Children also sent contents of their money box, \$24... Recent visitors have been Miss Margaret Parkinson on deputation for B.M.M.F., and Jim Erkela of A.P.C.M., (one of our May Convention speakers)... Inverell Family Cinema screened film "Survival"... Nine attended Growth Seminar in Brisbane and sum-morning service seven gave 90 minute summary of each of seven modules studied.

MINI-SEMINAR (Lismore, C. E. Wegner) Board members attended Church Growth Seminar in Brisbane. A mini-growth seminar will be held with members.



QUEENSLAND

MISSIONARY CAMP, CONVENTION (Redcliffe, David Hammer) Five families attended Missionary Camp at Camp Cal... Missionary Convention speakers in July were David Eagling from Murwillumbah, Harry Mitten and Gerard B. Aigen. Film "Power in the Pacific" was screened... S.S. held picnic at Sandgate... C.W.F. handicraft display raised \$31 for Living Link. C.W.F. displayed clothing for child Mission Station... At S.S. anniversary Kindergarten scholars presented program. Basket Tea preceded film "Hidden Island". Afterwards, Mr Free from Pocket Testament was speaker. Prizes were distributed. Special prize for David Hilford... At C.W.F. Mrs Holden was honoured on her 94th Birthday... Several members attended Church Growth Seminar... Garry Towle, Coffs Harbour, was recent speaker.

OUT SOON!

IN BOOK FORM
"LETTERS FROM TERTIUS"

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

—CHURCH GROWTH AGAIN—

To the Editor.

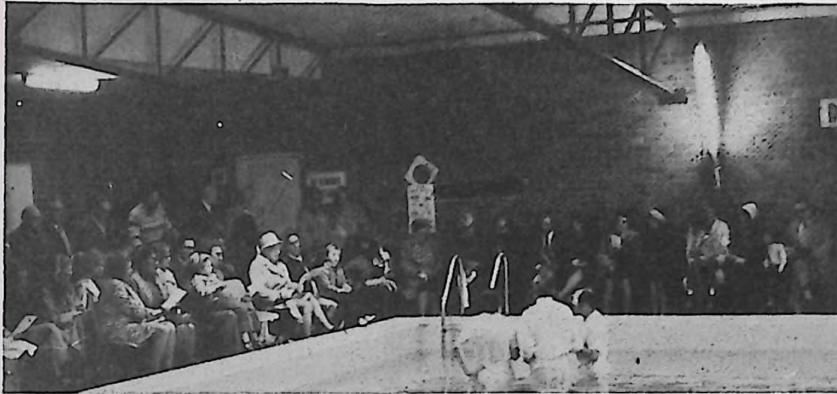
Our minister is still on about church growth. It's like some sort of disease with him. But it's not very infectious round the church. But you can't say he isn't a trier. He's had us reading all the church growth books.

My impression is that McGavran and Arn and Moyes and all that lot are obsessed with big churches and their success stories and their multiple ministries and their great plants. It seems almost indecent! I said as much to our minister. He said, "But Tertius, where else would you go for information about how to grow churches except to growing churches?" Well, he had a point there and left me groping for a neat answer. It didn't come. So he went on, "For the last fifteen years we've been getting our ideas about the mission of the church from bright theoreticians whose churches have been diminishing all round them until there's hardly any one left in them to be involved in mission!"

The only trouble with our minister is that he's usually right.

Hoping you are the same,
TERTIUS

BAPTISMS AT THE PATCH



At The Patch, Vic., we have recently shared a time of high excitement. A number of families have moved into our area this year and have joined us in worship and fellowship. Average attendance jumped from 35 to over 50.

On Aug. 3, our morning service was in two parts in two different settings. First, at the Monbulk indoor swimming pool we celebrated the sacrament of baptism. John Boland, who took his stand with Jesus at a God-squad meeting six years ago, and Barry Rowe, who has responded at the Graham Crusade sixteen years ago, identified themselves with Christ. These men with their respective wives, Jenny and Betty, have since that time had fellowship with their local churches and have studied and lived the christian way of life.

At the communion service in the chapel John and Barry were given the opportunity to witness to the significance of baptism.

CHURCH NEWS

\$2000 DONATION (Horsham, R. T. Roberts) A donation of \$2000 has been given to be paid off church debt.....Three young ladies were baptized on August 10..... Roly Eldridge of Bendigo spoke at a rally on August 16, supported by quartette.....Young people attended W.E.C. youth convention at Mt. Barker, in Adelaide... E. Butler and G. Mackley are recording the morning service to be taken to shut-in members.

NEW MANSE (Col. Light Gdns., R. V. Holmes). Contract for new manse has been signed.....8 attended Win Arn seminar and have formed Task Force to spearhead Church Growth programme....Maori Evangelical Fellowship group shared in morning service.....Church Tea had Det. Sgt. Barry Cocks as speaker.....Christian Union service included representatives from local Methodist, Congregational and Catholic churches speaking on "What being a Christian means to me". Also a dramatic presentation "One in Christ" by students trained by Bob Sidler.....a married woman has been baptised....Under 12 team won premiership in Boys' Basketball.

TEAM CHANGE (Greenacre) During July the church accepted with regret the resignation of David Surtees. On August 12 the half-yearly business meeting accepted the re-allocation of ministry with B. Armstrong as evangelist and D. Nutt as teaching minister. Both have committed themselves to serve a minimum of ten years. . . . The half-yearly N.S.W. Conference was held at Greenacre.

ASCOT PARK DECISION (R. J. Clymer) Kim Thoday made her decision on August 17.....Men's basketball team were B grade premiers. In netball F grade we were equal first and in D & E grades were runners-up.....Mrs J. Curtis of Brighton Gardens assisted recently at the organ.....Paul Magarey is in hospital.

WALKERS (Preston/E. Preston, J. Manallack) 50 walkers from our churches shared in Tri-A-Walk.....Jan and Miriam Holloway spoke at both churches for Social Service Dept.....Jumble Sale raised \$53.....Preston C.W.F. took tea and church paper to Ward 7 at Mt. Royal.....15 ladies attended Bayswater missionary rally.....Morning Coffee group surprised Jean Manallack with birthday treat.....Roy Weir family won 1st prize at car rally.

20 DECISIONS (Hawthorn, B. H. White) Twenty decisions, including a whole family, were made on week-end involving gospel groups "The Endeavours" and "Maranatha" . . . Two Winter Christian Marriage Enrichment Courses were conducted, involving almost 50 people. . . .S.E.M. Riches continues to minister to elderly and shut-ins. . . .Great stimulus resulted from Church Growth Seminars.

TO CARNARVON (Devonport, G. Risson) A dedication reading and prayer were given for Ellis McCulloch on leaving for Carnarvon with Leo Smith. The two young men will help with youth work and a building programme...At combined G.B. and B.B. parade awards were presented. A large shed, built by the boys, was inspected. It houses the B.B. bus and equipment....Sympathy was extended to Harman family in the death of husband and father. Mr Harman was the church groundsman....Two young girls have been baptized.

FAMILY CAMP (Dandenong, W.J. Edwards) Family Camp held. . . .Eleven at Church Growth seminar are convinced D'nong has growth possibilities. Mini-church growth seminars will be held in homes. . .Y.P. shared in World Vision "famine". . . .Explorers did well in Indoor Sports final. . . .C.W.E.F. birthday was followed by Family Variety Concert. C.W.F. raised \$100 with 146 dozen lamingtons. . . .Recent speakers were Mr Randall and E. W. Stockton of Bible Society.

VISITORS TO BLACKBURN (E. C. Keating) Matron Phyl. Davis and Sandra Tabernee were guests at A.W.F. Morning Coffee....E.W.F. Birthday featured the

Carinya Players....An evening Cabaret service of favourite hymns and musical items was climaxed by two decisions.

"ADOPT-A-CHURCH" (Thornbury, G.J. Crossman) Four young people visited Northern Wimmera Circuit as part of "Adopt-a-Church" programme. They conducted services in three churches, prior to giving group leadership at Hall's Gap D.C.E. co-ed camp. . . \$864 raised by 22 participants in 40-hour World Vision famine. Mrs R.W. Killmier was Area Co-ordinator . . . Junior Explorers won Indoor Sports Nthn. Zone final, equal fourth in Grand Final . . . Six boys taking part in Mountain Adventure Camp with L. Stewart and M. Lee as leaders . . . 130 at C.W.A.F. Birthday. "Carinya Players" provided programme . . . There has been one decision.

15 GIRLS SHORT

15 more girls are still required to make up the number for Girls' Tour to Newcastle, Port Macquarie, Grafton, Brisbane, Surfers Paradise, Coffs Harbour, Katoomba, Jenolan Caves, Sydney.

For girls 10 years and over from Jan. 6 to Jan. 31, 1976. (Cost \$77.50, air, bus, and train fares. Plus \$56.00 for meals, accommodation, etc.)

If interested write to Rev. H. G. Brice, 17 Warwick Rd., Greensborough, Vic. 3088. Phone 435 4741 (Melb.).

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● OVERSEAS MISSIONS

SEEING THE POSSIBILITIES IN BOMBAY

By R.S.A. McLean

As I was overseas when Win Arn visited Australia, I was unable to attend the Church Growth Seminars. I have however studied his book, "How to Grow a Church" and was challenged by his comments about seeing the possibilities, "The possibilities are all around us if we but look, see, and determine to do something about them."

In some situations it is easier to see the possibilities for Church Growth than in others. Recently I visited our Conference area in Western India. The first place I visited was Bombay and I can say without hesitation the possibilities for Church Growth in Bombay are fantastic.

On July 16 with John Main, I went to the flat where Pastor B. C. Bhonsle lives and where our Bombay brethren meet for worship services. Mr Bhonsle took us to the site where the new Bombay Christian Centre will be constructed. This is only

about 1½ miles from the premises which we now own. It is in a new residential area and a large number of blocks of flats and private homes have been constructed. It is not far from the new road which will link old Bombay with the new twin City. This site of our new Christian Centre was covered with water several feet deep and water buffaloes were wallowing in it in one area, and small boys were fishing in another. I was assured that the site is quite suitable for constructing a three storey building, and was typical of other sites where blocks of flats are now standing.

As soon as plans are approved and the contract signed with the architects, the site will be drained and filled in and foundations prepared for the new building. Our brethren in Bombay eagerly look forward to the completion of the new building as they are at present meeting in extremely overcrowded circumstances.

About fifty people met that night in the small flat and a time of rich fellowship was experienced. It was encouraging to see the joyous way our Bombay brethren entered into worship. Every member depends on public transport to bring them to the meeting, and some had travelled up to two hours in order to be present.

I believe that Bombay presents one of the greatest challenges and opportunities in our Overseas work. We have a keen band of brethren who live among thousands of non-Christian people. As far as I know there are no other groups of Christians worshipping in this area, and many people being disrupted from the traditions of their village life by moving to Bombay are receptive to the Gospel. If we can think of a small band of joyous Christians, prepared to venture out and witness among thousands of non-Christians, we have some idea of the work and witness in Bombay.

Balu Bhonsle, the pastor, and his wife, Kumindini, are giving strong and able leadership. Other members of the Bombay fellowship are brethren with responsible positions with various firms in Bombay. The Treasurer of the Conference of Churches of Christ in Western India, Mr. Sam Mantode and his wife Flora, a fine young couple with excellent academic qualifications are members of the Bombay church and they are typical of others.

We praise God for the faith of our Bombay brethren and their willingness to witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. They can indeed see the possibilities for growth and have an earnest desire to reach the untouched multitudes with the glad tidings of salvation.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S JUMBLES

THE GES NAME: The name of a place in Jerusalem, one word. You don't have to guess if you know the story of Jesus because it was the place where Jesus was arrested, just before the Cross. If you don't remember, the answer is on page 22.

BRITISH SHIPS

Britain is in a lot of trouble these days and we may forget some of the great things she did long ago. Britain has always had good sailors and good ships.

Way back in 1588 Spain sent a huge "Armada" to attack England. There were 132 ships they sailed in a great half circle that measured seven miles across.

The Spanish ships reached Calais to take on an army of men to cross the English Channel. Then the English seamen struck. They set fire to old, useless vessels, and sent them sailing in amongst the Spanish ships at anchor. As the Spaniards scattered in panic the English ships attacked. The Great Fleet started to retreat and a fierce storm came. Only half the ships got back to Spain and Spanish seapower never recovered.

Sometimes, the opposition seems very strong, but none of us should give up trying to do the right thing.

Patting yourself on the back doesn't push you ahead.

Did you hear about the poor little shoe that is crying because its mother is a sneaker and its father is a loafer?



J.P. McCollie

"WHITE SUN HAS SET"

— The Rev. John Thorne, president of the South African Council of Churches, told the national conference that the period of the black man's subservience to the whites in South Africa was over. "It has been the white man's day, in which the black man was cast in the role of a servant," he said, "but at last the black man has realised that what matters is the worth he accords himself." And Mr. Thorne added: "The black man will take command and control of his own destiny, refusing to accept a place delegated to him by others, but taking his own place of dignity and worth."

EPS

VALEDICTORY (Camp Hill, B. McCutchie) Valedictory prayers were offered as Margaret Parkinson prepared to leave for third term in India. She travels via England . . . Covenant Players performed in service. One member, Janelle Barwick, from associate church at Murarrie, has joined the Players . . . Assistant minister Mal Chandler has been with Kenmore Flying Squad to Bundaberg and Rockhampton.

BROWN TEA (Oakleigh, Dr. C. J. McKenzie) Sixty men heard J. J. Brown, former Secretary, Vic. Branch, Aust. Railways Union, now member of Vic. Railways Board, speak at men's tea on "What's Best for Australia." Keith Marchall, Industrial Registrar, Arbitration Court, was speaker at night . . . 13 young people raised \$200 in Walk-A-Thon for Papua New Guinea sharing venture. Hugh Walpole raised \$150 in 40-hour "famine" for World Vision . . . Boys' club commenced led by Roy Johnson and David Fraser.

BOOKS & MUSIC

THIS HOUSE RUNS ON SUNSHINE

recorded by FAMILY on M7 records (45 r.p.m.)

FAMILY came together as a trio in November 1972 and since that time the three Queensland boys have enjoyed rapid success and are now regarded as one of the top gospel groups in the country with several best-selling L.P.'s to their credit. This latest record has been released to coincide with their current tour of Australia and early indications are that it could be one of the few Australian-recorded gospel songs to make the Top 40 chart. The catchy lyrics and bright rhythm of the song seek to capture the joy and vitality of the Christian "house"; this latter term being used in a broad sense to describe the house or family of God — that is, Christians everywhere. We are told that the house "... runs on sunshine, peace and love ... with the help from God above." The flip side is also a very appealing number entitled "Front Seat, Back Seat" and speaks about the Christian's constant struggle between Self and God. FAMILY fans will certainly want to add this record to their collection. Those who aren't familiar with the talent of this group should see this as an opportunity to sample their wares, without having to pay out big money for an L.P. — Graham Agnew.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

By John V. Taylor (S.C.M.)

The development debate as it has come to be called has been reaching out with its tentacles into many areas of modern society. It began with a concern for the inequalities and injustices being done to the peoples of developing countries by greedy industrialised nations. Then came the realisation that it was also concerned with pollution because of industry designed for obsolescence. Then came the awareness of the population explosion, and that much of what had been called development and progress is in fact destructive. Against this background John V. Taylor sets out the Christian position. He says, "Excess is the subject of this book and the enemy which I shall try to invite you to fight year in and year out. It confronts us in our rich countries whichever aspect of our situation we look at — our consumption of food and our accumulation of goods, our wage claims and price rises, our waste and pollution, the concentration and congestion of our cities, our destruction of living creatures, and our plunder of fuels and minerals, our expenditure on armaments and the wanton disproportion of the way we use them — excess is the word that comes continually to mind: ruthless, unbridled, unthinking excess. We are being made to expect too much. We are taking too much. We are scraping too much. We are paying, and compelling others to pay, far too high a price."

Taylor is mainly concerned to work out a theology of "Enough". He gives us some well thought out analysis of the situation even though at times he does wander off on to side tracks. The fact is that the Church has to be involved if it is at all serious about its following of Jesus Christ. Taylor writes with a fairly clear logical style in developing his theme. However, I must confess that his final chapter is quite pathetic as an answer to the enormity of the problems he has outlined. It is an area in which I would like every church member to have done some serious reading. "Enough is Enough" would make a good starting point.

—Don E. Stewart

WHO WAS WHO IN CHURCH HISTORY

By Elgin S. Moyer (Keats) \$2.75

Just the book many a teacher, speaker and pastor has waited for! How much more authoritative are quotations when we can say the originator was a Presbyterian, a Baptist, an Anglican, an octogenarian or a missionary to Chinal This 452

page reference book contains over 1700 brief biographies of people who have, by life or literature, left some mark on the Christian Church. The list is most comprehensive with the exception of anyone alive circa 1964 or whose life and background could fairly be expected to be found within the pages of a reputable Bible Dictionary. Who better to compile it than the librarian of the Moody Bible Institute? The only known publications covering similar ground are ponderous and, in the main, extremely costly. At less than 20 cents per 100 biographies, who could pass it by? In today's world of costly reference books, this is value most excellent. —B.F.G.

SLINGSHOT by Stuart Jackman (Faber & Faber) \$8.60

All the ingredients of a thriller in the nineteen seventies are here — commando groups, rocket launchers, walkie talkies, 84 MM high explosive projectiles, submachine guns, secret police, modern refinements of torture, armoured cars, grenades, television newscasts, jet plants and all the trimmings as well as Jesus Barabbas the leader of the commando task force. The code name, "Slingshot" is chosen for the operation designed to free Jesus Davidson in allusion to David's sling and the five "Pebble" commando groups allude to the five smooth stones David took from the brook in the valley of Elah to kill Goliath. Though written subsequently, this book is virtually a prelude to "The Davidson Affair" by the same author — the story of the resurrection aftermath as told by twentieth century T.V. newsreels. The setting is the week leading up to The Passover and the narrative at tension point proceeds as perhaps it would in 1975. All the New Testament echoes of the disappointed and frustrated disciples are there too, as are the arraignments and judgments of those last hours, with the exception that a twentieth century hanging is substituted for the crucifixion. In summary — a great work of fiction, largely based on facts, about the most momentous week in history — and very readable. —B.F.G.

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NEW APPROACH TO MISSIONS

DR. JOHN HAGGAI (right) with PETER DANIELS



"Fifty per cent of the world's people are shut off from traditional Western missionary effort," says Dr. John Edmund Haggai, "and yet the explicit command of Jesus was to go into all the world."

Dr Haggai, an ordained minister, trains Christian leaders for ministries in Asia and other locations through Evangelism International seminars in Singapore. He is reaching Third World leaders in their own environment.

These dedicated men from many national backgrounds, India, Korea, Peru, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, and Australia, come to the Haggai Institute in Singapore, the centre of a 3000 mile radius in which more than half of the world's population lives.

They attend a concentrated five-week training programme in their own part of the world and are immediately ready to go to work.

"When a business is suffering a set-

back, as the airlines did in 1970-71, it doesn't quit; the board comes up with a new method of operation," said Dr. Haggai.

This is what Evangelism International does; it finds the right way to teach Christianity on different terms.

"Many of the people in the Third World are not so much anti-Jesus," he said, "as they are anti-Western. They have their own identities and they feel a resentment to Big Daddyness, whether it be real or imaginary."

Dr. Haggai is a "natural" for the programme because although he is an American, in Asia a person's nationality is decided by the country of his father's birth and his father was born in Syria. For this reason, he is readily accepted in the Arab-Moslem world.

Dr. Haggai addressed a well-attended meeting in Adelaide on Aug. 29. The

event, video taped in colour for world release, was attended by Christian leaders of every denomination, as well as professional and business men and women from every level of the community.

This preliminary meeting introduced a two-week Adelaide Crusade for April 1976, when he will present an evangelistic thrust into every area of society on a scale and plan never before attempted in S.A.

Instead of a central meeting place, Dr. Haggai will separately penetrate ethnic groups, sectional interests and professions on their own ground.

H. M. Long, Minister of Grote Street Church of Christ, Adelaide, has made his church's City premises available for choir practices and prayer meetings in connection with the 1976 Crusade, and ushering is in the hands of Brian H. White, Minister of Hawthorn Church of Christ.

Chairman of the Adelaide John Haggai Crusade is well-known Festival of Light personality and Christian layman, Peter Daniels.

The office address for the S.A. Haggai Crusade is 152 Hutt Street, Adelaide. Telephone 51 4153.

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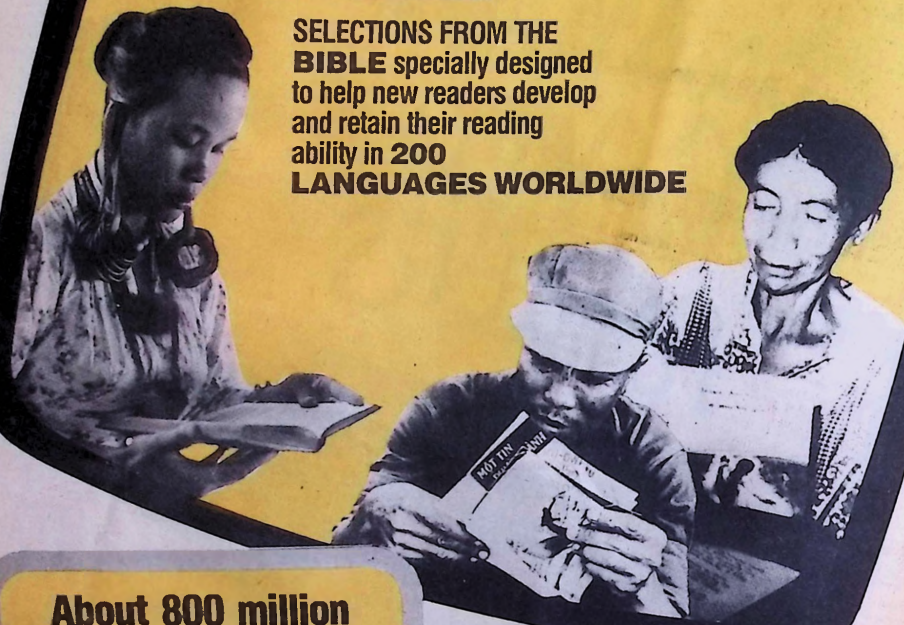
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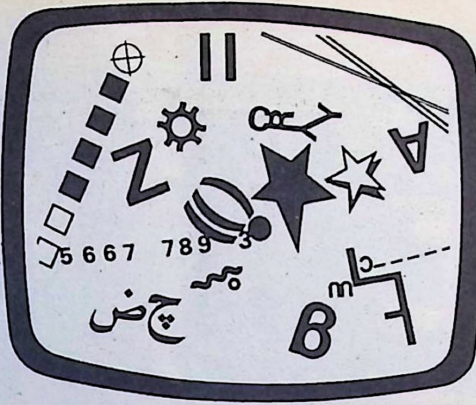


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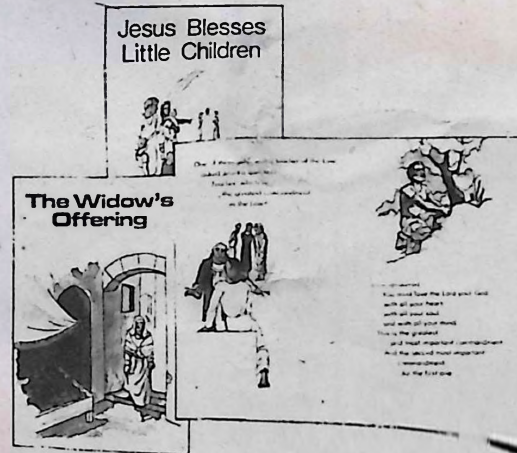
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OBITUARY

CARMICHAEL F. T.

F. T. Carmichael, well-known businessman of Leicester, England, died on August 10. Mr. Carmichael was known in Canada, the U.S.A., and other parts of the world for his hard work and his integrity. In his own city, he and his brothers were known, with great respect, in the yarn industry. To many people it will be as a leading Christian layman that F. T. Carmichael will be best remembered. Long time a deacon in the Church of Christ, Evington Road, Leicester, he was active in the national and the international life of Churches of Christ. He encouraged christian friendship among all denominations and across the world, and his widespread and thoughtful generosity in private and personal ways exceeded even his open liberality. This was a man of many parts: churchman, family-man, citizen, merchant, and friend to countless men and women. Mr. Carmichael leaves a widow, Gladys, and one daughter, Mrs. Barbara Baker of Edinburgh.

OSWALD, Jessie Mildred

During the Hinrichsen - Morris Mission at Georgetown, N.S.W., to establish the Church of Christ in that town, Mrs. Jessie (Ted) Oswald, was one of the earliest converts. Her witness and membership continued with Churches of Christ. She found many ways of cheerfully serving the Master in the local Church and community and

was a regular attender at State and Federal Conferences.

Over recent years the family membership was at Auburn Church, and it was while there, she was hospitalised knowing that her condition was terminal. Her courage and testimony in her time of illness and hospitalisation has been a very real inspiration and challenge to all who ministered to her, doctors, hospital staff, ministers, visitors and the members of her family all came from her, being richly ministered to in the name of Christ. It could be said "she taught us the triumph of a life with a confident faith in Christ."

The service in the Auburn Church, with family, friends and brotherhood representatives, was conducted by the minister, A. Franzen, while Lyall Wylie, who had ministered at Georgetown, when the family came in to the fellowship of Churches of Christ, and a life-long friend of the family, paid the tribute.

To her husband Ted, the members of their family, Betty, Elvia and Margaret their husbands and families we extend our prayers and Christian love. The lives of all who knew Jessie Oswald have been enriched by her radiant, personal and triumphant faith.

— L.E.W.

STEVENSON, MRS. Vera Constance.

Vera Stevenson was born at Unley in 1889, and at a young age became a Christian with her membership at Unley Church of Christ, S.A. After her marriage to Harold John Stevenson, they were actively associated with the Church of Christ at Broken Hill N.S.W. Several years later with a young family they returned to Kingswood, S.A. and transferred their membership to Cottonville, now Hawthorn, and were actively associated with church and S.S. work.

After the death of her husband in 1942, the

family continued in active membership at Hawthorn.

In 1973 Mrs. Stevenson entered the Christian Rest Home at St. Georges. Her two sisters, Miss Alice Jones and Mrs. D. Inverarity were also in the Rest home during her residence there.

She died on July 20 after a short illness. Brian White of Hawthorn and M. Lawrie of Fullarton conducted the Cremation Service at the Centennial Park Cemetery.

Loved by her family, and remembered by many as a devoted, gracious Christian lady.

— B.W.

WALLACE, Herbert Edward.

Herbert Edward Wallace died on Aug. 2 at Macleod (Vic.). Formerly he and Mrs Wallace lived in Northcote, but at the time of his death they were at the Strathalan Homes. Known as Bert, Mr Wallace had been an entertainer with the Tivoli Theatre in Melbourne. Due to the ministry of the church when a daughter died, Mr and Mrs Wallace became believers in Christ and were the first baptisms in the ministry of W. T. Atkin in Northcote. Because of his new associations Bert turned from the theatre to other employment, but retaining his genial nature and good humour, found the deeper causes of joy in Christ. He never forsook the assembling together of the church. He took interest in the Leprosy Mission, being its agent at Northcote. His son Len is well-known in the churches for his musical abilities. In the funeral service T. Weir of Northcote assisted. Northcote and Ivanhoe churches share the living hope of the Wallaces, but in this time of sadness for Mrs Wallace, her son and the grandchildren, commit them to the comfort and consolation of our heavenly Father, and give thanks for the memory of Bert Wallace.

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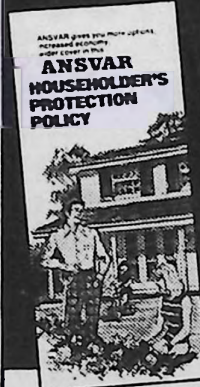
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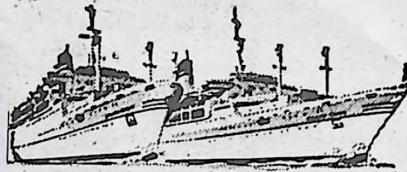
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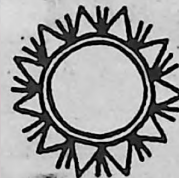
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PATTERSON (Chatfield). Bronwyn and John happily announce the arrival of Fleur Michelle on 30th July, Warwick W.A.

STRACK. (Pentland). To Kathy and George a son (Robert William) at Essendon Hosp. on August 22. Both well.

STRACK (Veitch) Sandra and David welcome with love their first son, Graham David, born 27th August, at Essendon and Dist. Hosp.

THEOBALD (Hill). Alan and Marlene thank God for the safe arrival of their darling daughter, Shannon Louise on 11-8-75 at the William Angliss Hospital, Upper Ferntree Gully. Home Address, 41 Edina Road, Ferntree Gully, Vic. 3156.

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"NEW LIFE" (Clovelly Park, A. G. Mathieson). Church shared with six other churches in "New Life" mission at Ascot Park Methodist. Speaker was Rev. Sydney Cassels (Qld.) ... Elder and Gideon, Don Hunt, is recovering after major heart surgery ... 13 board members involved in Win Arn seminars ... 21st B.S. anniversary held on Aug. 10 with informal afternoon programme (and birthday cake!) — Brian Ricketts was speaker. V.P. presented drama "Born free — but not for long" ... Bruce Whyatt (Blackwood) spoke at A.C.E. on Conf. resolution of development of simpler living ... Y.P.C.E. led service on "Armour of God" with six giving talks.

VOLUNTARY MEMBERS (Bordertown, R. C. Combridge) Mr & Mrs Ray Smith and Mr & Mrs Merv. Dungey are voluntary workers at Norseman, W.A. ... Recent speakers were Mr Hovey (Naracoorte), Jim Beggs, Pres. Vic. Waterside Workers' Union, and Alan Neal, S.I.M.)

CALL ACCEPTED (Balaklava, J. Dow) Jeff May of the College of the Bible has accepted a call to minister here in February 1976. ... Dorcas and C.W.F. combined for sewing day and displayed results. A boy from Carnarvon has been clothed this year ... Homer Stewart of West Virginia, U.S.A. was missionary for New Life mission combined with Methodists. ... Miss Ettie Shepherd, member for over 70 years, died at age of 91. ... Nth. Dist. Women's conf. held at long Plains.

SHARING(Unley, W. J. Philp) We share in worship with Fullarton church with monthly exchange of minister and president. Combined monthly evening service has begun. ... Five attended Church Growth Seminar. ... Musical Program given for the folk at St. George's rest home.

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COUNTDOWN CALENDAR (Grote St. H. M. Long) Preparation for "Countdown Calendar", October week of evangelism with J. K. Bond has involved auxiliaries and stimulated winter services. Highlights include; — Talent quest by Young Marrieds; Mothers & Daughters Tea with fathers & sons waiting tables; Family Study Camp for 100; Adventure Bible Club — Tuesday B.S. in home of Mr & Mrs Gary Lear; Sunday Worship (11 a.m.) Lunch/Discussion-Group Programme once per month on "Church Growth" studies ... Roger Beard is new B.S. Supt. with Andrew Mount as understudy. Geoff Thompson leads youth programming ... Recent speakers were Mrs Gwenda Steward; Nick Gavros; Lin Fitzgerald; Norm Kingston ... Morning service broadcast nationally over A.B.C.

RETURN VISIT (Kensington Pk., R. L. Oke) For return visit of Aldgate Valley folk on August 10, H. G. Norris was speaker a.m. speaker. Miss E. Hammond was soloiste. P.S.A. followed lunch. Musical items were by Darryl Green and Misses Robyn & Andrea White. Mrs A. Fander of F.O.L. spoke. At night Mr & Mrs Norman McNair showed slides and spoke of work in India. ... Six board members attended Win Arn seminar.

FURTHER SERVICE (Murray Bridge) The minister, D. Kuhl, has been invited to stay another term. ... H. Long was elected as president; M. Thomson, sect.; I. Roberts, treas.; A. Klingbeil, S.S. Supt. Reference made to Gabe Bywaters who retired after 24 years faithful service to the board ... C.W.F. celebrated 62nd birthday. Trading table realized \$142. Cartons of clothing packed for Missions, also outfit for aborigine boy. Jonathan Greer home from Children's Hospital after severe arm injury from bike accident. Also Pam Cornish & Dorothy Buckley are home after treatment in R.A. Hosp. ... Bert Brooker, Stan Phillips, Gabe Bywaters & Gilbert Howell have retired from their respective places of employment ... Mr Mitchell celebrated 85th birthday in hospital.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

U.S. MISSIONER (Merredin/Bruce Rock, D. Good) Merredin members supported Methodist Mission '75 with Rev. Ed Pellett, Ohio, U.S.A. ... In Bible Society Week, audio-visual screened at Merredin S.S. and Bruce Rock church. Many bibles were sold and offerings received ... Bruce Rock held its first Child Thanksgiving and Parent Dedication service for Teasdales' first child ... College of the Bible team led by Dr. K. R. Bowes visited churches. A combined tea and service held at Merredin.

SURVEY 17 (East Victoria Pk., W. Thornton) Over 17 days the church shared in "Survey 17" with Barry Jenkins of Melbourne as guest speaker ... The church extends deepest sympathy to family of Mrs Jess Foord who died on Aug. 16, and with the Denn family in the death of Mrs. Denn's sister, Mrs. Guy Tonkin, Kalgoolie ... The youth group has painted and renovated the hall and kitchen. The manse debt has been reduced greatly and should be finalised by beginning of 1976.

YOUTH SERVICE (Subiaco) Dr Colin Smyth leads singing at youth service each first Sunday, with B. B. in attendance. Film "World of Illusion" was screened on August 3. ... Several young people have made decisions recently. Followup counselling being undertaken by volunteers. ... All age groups are catered for in Intermediate Youth Club, Girls' Club, Boys Club, older young people, Young Marrieds, Girls' Club, Peanuts Club, pre-school children, and B.S.



QUEENSLAND

CHRISTIANS ONE (Kedron, C. Dredge) Ray Bush, Sec. of Qld. Committee of A.C.C. spoke at Family Tea on "Christians One". ... Eight board members attended Win Arn Seminar and will spearhead local church growth campaign. ... Youth "Car Fun Run" raised money for Mackay Children's Home. ... Men's Fellowship visited Shaftsbury Citizenship Centre where A.C. Male told of children recommended there by the courts. Neil Lowin, a youth group member, is helping in this work.

FORWARD MOVES (Maryborough-Hervey Bay) Under the temporary leadership of Stan Scott, the church at Hervey Bay has seen increased attendances. At Maryborough church there have been two confessions of faith, four baptisms, and five new members welcomed ... Plans are in hand to extend the hospital at Fair Haven to accommodate an additional 30 guests. A manse at Hervey Bay, for a resident pastor, also in planning stage.

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WAKE & BAKE (Essendon, C. S. Badcock) Good Companions, led by Aunt Betty held a Wake-A-Thon-Bake-A-Thon. More than 120 dozen cakes were baked ... Senior Netball team won the Grand Final defeating Footscray 38-29 ... Mrs. Heather Finger in hospital recovering after operation ... Mrs. Loris Joyce, Vic.-Tas. C.W.F. President was guest speaker at C.W.A.F. C.W.E.F. held Open Night when Salvation Army Brigadier Wishart, Pentridge Chaplain, was speaker ... Recent Sunday speakers were Verdun Newham, Gideons International, Peter Summer, Christian Foundation for the Blind accompanied by his wife, Pearl, and Ian Westerland.

PLANNED GIVING (Ormond, C.P. Clayden). Church is conducting Review Planned Giving program ... Social Service Sunday focus had coffee served prior to morning service. Don Saltmarsh, Manager of Social Development, City of Caulfield, was speaker ... Scripture Union held tea to celebrate one year's activity with young people in our church. Their leaders are Mr and Mrs Manson. They assisted in evening service ... Brian & Helen Knee returned from overseas tour. They participated in "Eurofest" in Brussels where 8000 young Christians gathered from all Europe, A Billy Graham Crusade was conducted simultaneously.

CHURCH POETS (Berwick, Barry McMurtrie). All poetry now printed in our Church paper is by our members ... Fellowship teas held fortnightly after 5 p.m. service ... Church tennis team finished 3rd on ladder ... Gordon Stirling was speaker at recent Youth Service ... "The Stranger" shown in recent discussion service ... 20 members took part in morning service seminar with Gordon Stirling a guest ... B.S. had "Fun Night" to mark end of special competition ... "Who's Who" booklet being produced by Youth Club for church ... new church library is operating.

MEN AT EMMAUS (Footscray, F. B. Alcorn). Men's Fellowship inspected the Olex Factory and also conducted services at Emmaus during July ... 40 participated in World Vision "40-hour Famine." Total amount was \$1230.85 ... \$34 has been sent to C.O.C.O.A. for Wheat for India consignment ... 7 participated in Church Growth Seminar ... Lewis Norton and Anne Carter are leading in new cause at Melton ... Ladies have sent 41 baby signlets to Judith Williams for use in her work in New Guinea.

COFFEE MORNINGS (Bayswater, A. Fletcher) At Coffee mornings younger marrieds can bring the children. Mother's Club shared morning coffee with them at a "Korbond" Demonstration ... Explorers went ice skating at Ringwood ... Good Companions came third at indoor sports at North Fitzroy ... The Yukana Singers have been singing at Greensborough Methodist-Presbyterian Church. Marge Barlow was guesh soloist ... A fun night was held at the home of Doreen and Alan West, prior to their trip to Singapore and Bangkok.

VISITS TO HOMES (Caulfield, K. Christenson) E.W.F. distributed powder and soap at "Elanora" Home for Blind. 14 from A.W.F. entertained residents at "Emmaus" ... G.B. held cookery demonstration ... Further \$100 raised for Ethiopian appeal ... Bible Society held morning coffee at home of Mrs P. Thomas ... W.C.T.U. held bayside conference. Mrs. Ryall was speaker ... R. Goodman is in Bethlehem Hosp. ... Mrs A. Carnie Sr. celebrated 91st birthday.

SHEPPARTON VISITS (West Preston, B. Goldsteen) 33 people from Shepparton Church were guests for August 2-3 ... Joan Ross is in India doing post-London Bible College work ... Church School's \$40 project realised \$280 for missionaries Ian & Patsy Cook in Thailand ... \$1720 was raised for World Vision 40 hour Famine ... Attendance at Church Growth Seminar stimulated church into growth program. "Practical" Membership and "Outreach" Committees have been formed. 'Growth Ideas'

suggestion box placed in foyer ... Regular Youth Home Happenings under way ... Blind deacon Ron Hooper presided for first time August 17. He has commenced Blind Fellowship Group in his home.

MINI-MISSION (W'beal, Brim, Dimboola, S. Hince) Miss Pam Bowers of Stawell church shared in mini-mission with ladies ... Mr Hince and Mrs W. Harmer attended Church Growth seminar. This being followed with mini-growth seminars conducted by Mr Hince ... Mrs Nola Wardle is back after very serious illness ... Alf Werner of Dimboola died suddenly. He had just been elected elder.

NOBLE PARK'S 21st (G. Agnew) The church celebrated its 21st birthday on Aug. 3, with Gordon Moyes as guest speaker. 160 attended birthday tea. Birthday social held on Sat. evening ... C.W.F. raised \$100 at street stall for soft furnishings for manse ... The church is looking towards a full time ministry ... Mr Agnew has been in W.A. with the C.O.B. team. Recent speakers have been Ken Masterton, Albert Lamach, and Miss Robyn Caudwell ... The Y.P. took evening service on Aug. 17 ... Tennis team won premiership.

NEW ORGAN (Nth. Williamstown, R. Brown) A new "Yamaha" organ has been installed, the cost almost covered by donations ... Youth for Christ conducted recent service ... W.A.F. at birthday luncheon had demonstration by Golden Poultry. Mrs L. Joyce led in audio-visual devotions.

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QUESTING

WITH

A. E. WHITE



How should a church go about calling a minister?, and who should do the calling?

A church has no decision more important than that of calling a new minister. Next to his commitment to Christ, there can surely be no more important "yes" or "no" for a minister than answering a call to a new church.

Who should call a minister on behalf of the church? The elders? the board? the full church? or a special committee?

A special committee seems to be the best answer.

The elders are not always adequate because they are regarded in some of our churches as holding offices separate from the general active leadership of the church. The board is usually too large a body and is too busy with many other things. The church, because it is larger still, and because it becomes a public meeting when it is in session, is not well placed to discuss the plus and minus of potential ministers.

Therefore, the special committee is the answer. It should be representative, possibly about seven in number — men and women, veterans and more youthful members, and not dominated by folk from some areas of the church's life to the exclusion of others.

This ministry committee should be given authority to search out and negotiate with potential ministers, up to the stage of making a unanimous, or near unanimous, recommendation to the full board of officers.

If you ask why the membership of the church should not be asked to ratify the final decision, the answer is that it is pointless to make a recommendation to the full church unless the membership is competent to evaluate the wisdom or otherwise of the choice that has been made.

Within the confidence of the full board, however, the ministry committee can frankly state the reasons for their choice, and also the reasons why other ministers were not recommended.

The church has its say when it appoints the elders and deacons who will receive the recommendation of the ministry committee and act upon it. The ministry committee can have and should have in its number, at least one or two or three board members. The church should exercise the utmost care when it selects its officers and its ministry committee, but that is as far as it should go.

For the church to endorse the name presented by the ministry committee through the board is simply to rubber stamp a decision. To refuse to endorse the call is to express no confidence in the board and the ministry committee which the church chose.

Because the decision rests with the ministry committee and the board, both of these groups should have near unanimity. If they don't have this, they can hardly proceed with confidence that they have found God's will and God's man.

The ministry committee should consult with the State Advisory Board or Department. But they need not confine their attention to ministers suggested by the Advisory Board. The Board will seldom present the name of a minister to a church unless that minister has indicated to the Board his intention to move. Again, a minister may move several times without his name being referred to his Advisory Board. Similarly, some churches, usually the stronger ones, seldom refer their ministerial needs to the Advisory Board.

(More on this question, next issue.)

THE LAST WORD...

Christian obedience implies that clothing of the naked and feeding of the hungry must be accompanied by the need to walk the second mile to analyse the nature of the society which produces nakedness and hunger and to seek to renew that society.

— Kyaw Than in "Asia Focus"



"This is a lovely time—when nature poises on tiptoe between the end of the bills for heating, and the start of the bills for air conditioning!"

"I didn't come to be told that I'm burning the candle at both ends," complained the patient to his physician. "I came for more wax."

MAYNERD BRADFORD

★
Parking ticket: Tarrying charge.

★
Confession
I'm fairly Christian during days—
But backslide oft at nights.
When the other driver will not dim,
I cuss him with my lights!

ROY FIELDS, SR.

★
As Young As You Fael
My frail, 78-year-old mother has always been noted for her nimble wit and cheerful optimism. Recently, I spotted her digging in the backyard with a large shovel.

Hurrying out, I asked, "Mother, what on earth are you doing?"

Leaning on her shovel, she smiled and replied, "What in earth would be more accurate. I'm planting a peach seed. Our old peach tree died and you know how I like peach cobbler!"

WILLIAM McLEOD

★
Despair
They have thought as young men think
of love, fame and glory.
They have found as old men find,
life's tales stale and hoary.
They had hoped as children hope,
to pick life's pleasant gains;
And now they walk with bowed heads,
like drenched men from the rains.

Raphael Armattoe,
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