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● F.O.L.

DOMAIN DONNYBROOK



For F.O.L. Festival of Light Sunday on Sept. 7, in Sydney, seven centres were advertised as F.O.L. Sunday Inspirational Family Rallies. One was at Sydney Domain, an open grassed area which attracts crowds on Sunday afternoons to hear speakers on every conceivable subject.

As supporters arrived they had difficulty in finding the F.O.L. group. Only two large groups were obvious. At one the speaker was not a known F.O.L. speaker, while at the other no speaker could be seen but the obscene shouting turned away those who had come for the Family Rally. This however, was the F.O.L. group which had attracted the attention of many organizations opposed to the F.O.L. principles.

Maoist Communists, lesbian groups, homosexuals, anti-Catholics, women's liberationists — all were obvious by their insignias and catch-cries. Questions were shouted, but before an answer was possible, another question was fired. The scene at times was one of complete uproar. The only cool, calm and collected people seemed to be the very Rev. Lance Shilton and F.O.L. Director, Rev. Fred Nile.

As the Rev. Fred Nile opened their rally, a group of over 100 converged on the meeting. Literature was thrown in the air,

THAI CHURCH IN ACTION

Thai church workers are aiding more than 4,000 refugees from Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos who entered the northeast part of the kingdom recently. There are an estimated 22,000 such refugees in Thailand at present.

Led by the Rev. Somchart Cha-umthong, vice-moderator of the Church of Christ in Thailand (CCT), church teams are distributing 120 sacks of rice each week to the refugees. In addition, the church is providing materials for refugees to construct their own shelters, making medical care available and counselling individuals.

Cost of the programme to date is \$20,000, which has been provided by churches around the world through the WCC's Commission on Interchurch Aid, Refugee and World Service, in addition to locally raised money and supplies.

The refugees' fate is uncertain. No clear word has come about offers of placement around the world.

The consequence, according to Mr. Cha-umthong, is a "feeling of shock". "They don't know how to begin to make plans or organize themselves", he said, "despite the fact that most of them are professional people."

—E.P.S.

and the F.O.L. group completely surrounded. For the next hour a crowd of over 300 heard shouts of accusations and obscenities hurled at the main speaker, Dean Lance Shilton.

Gay Libbers asked, "Why is the Church persecuting us?" The Dean replied, "we are not persecuting you. You are persecuting yourselves, because you won't recognise you have a problem. Admit it — ask for God's help and you will overcome your problem."

A Women's Liberation member asked, "Why doesn't the Church do something about women's liberation?" The Dean answered, "If it were not for the Church's efforts over the years, you wouldn't be thinking the way you are, to ask such a question. The Church has always stood for women's rights. If you were the wife of a Moslem, you would be one of four, and in some places treated not much better than cattle."

"What right have you got to impose your views on me, and ram your religion down my throat?" asked another. "No more than you have to ram your views

down mine!" replied the Dean, "As you are trying to do now!"

Rev. Fred Nile remarked, "It was worthwhile to endeavour to make a stand. How much got across we don't really know. Perhaps later that night some might think again what it's all about."

MISSIONARIES ON DEPUTATION

Overseas Missionaries available for deputation service are as follows:— Mr. & Mrs. J. Bolton — West Aust. Feb. 15-April 25; Sister M. Horne — Queensland. Feb. 15-March 14; N.S.W. April 4-April 25; Vic.-Tas. May 2-May 23; M. Humphries — South Aust. Feb. 8-Feb. 22; Vic.-Tas. Feb. 29-April 4; J. Main — Vic.-Tas. Feb. 15-March 28; South Aust. May 30-June 27.

Due to the holiday period arrangements for February and March meetings will need to be made with Churches prior to Christmas. Contact should be made with State Overseas Mission Secretaries.

INNER SPRINGS

He giveth His beloved sleep



Do you sleep well? Some people don't. For them going to bed, instead of being a gentle benediction on their day becomes a passing parade of all their insoluble problems. Precious hours are wasted wrestling in vain to find answers with a mind and body too tired for the task. Some time of complete withdrawal from the affairs of life is necessary, and surely it is pure presumption on our part to think that the universe will come to a halt unless we keep our eyes open twenty-four hours out of twenty-four.

The little wild creatures know better than we the value of rest. In the book "The Roadmender", Michael Fairless writes delightfully of one. "A bee with laden honey bag hummed and buzzed in the hedge as I prepared for work, importuning the flowers for that which he could not carry, and finally, giving up the attempt in despair, fell asleep on a buttercup, the best place for his weary little velvet body. In five minutes — they may have been five hours to him — he woke a new bee sensible and clear sighted and flew blithely away to the hive and his sufficiency, an example this weary world would be wise to follow."

This is the purpose of sleep. To enable us to do more efficiently those tasks that are ours, and it helps us to meet the day with laughter in our hearts. No problem is insurmountable when we can do this.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding, and when thou liest down thou shalt not be afraid: yea thou shalt be down and thy sleep shall be sweet."

Proverbs 3: Verses 5 and 24

PRAYER:

"I thank Thee, O Father, for the sweet refreshment of sleep, that restores both mind and body. I pray for those who through physical distress or spiritual distress find no such rest. Comfort and enter into their hearts. Amen."

FLORENCE ROSIER

• N.S.W. BIBLE COLLEGE

P. H. MORTON PAYS TRIBUTE TO

DR. A. G. ELLIOTT
Retiring Principal



Woolwich College has been fortunate in engaging a series of Principals who have been sound in Theology as well as being devoted leaders and trainers of young men and women for the ministry of Churches of Christ throughout Australia, and particularly for service as Church leaders in N.S.W. and on numerous Mission Fields.

Dr. Allen Elliott came to N.S.W. in 1951 as Senior Lecturer at Woolwich College. He was invited to become Vice Principal in 1956, and to the leading position of Principal in 1967. He has filled these positions with scholarly distinction. His qualifications at the time of coming to N.S.W. were M.A., B.Sc. and Dip.Ed. During a two year leave of absence, 1955-1957, he went to England and gained his Ph.D. (Doctor of Philosophy) at the University of London. He was appointed as College Principal in succession to A. R. Main, M.A., H. J. Patterson, M.A., and A. W. Stephenson, M.A.

Both he and Mrs. Elliott have been very actively involved in Brotherhood work whilst in N.S.W. Dr. Elliott served a term as Conference President in 1960-1961, whilst Mrs. Elliott acted as President of the State C.W.F. for that same year. She has also given invaluable service at the College including the duties of housekeep-

ing and cooking in times of need.

Whilst serving the College as Senior Lecturer, Dr. Elliott conducted a ministry at Kingsford until 1955, and whilst serving as Vice principal he ministered to the Burwood, N.S.W., Church, from 1955-1964. His two sons are also in the ministry. Franklyn is a leader of the work of Navigators and George is in full time training for Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Dr. Elliott's retirement as Principal, due partly to indifferent health, is deeply regretted by many in the Brotherhood of N.S.W.

I personally, having served on the College Board, would like to pay tribute to Dr. Elliott's leadership of the College and his influence on the young men and women who have trained under him and now occupy posts as Preachers, Missionaries, Church and Brotherhood leaders and in many interdenominational activities. The College has had a very wide influence upon the Religious World.

Although he has given himself unstintingly in the work of the College over a period of a quarter of a century, he is still very active in Brotherhood work and as a regular member of the Burwood church. It is our hope and prayer that he will be spared for many more years of active service for his Lord.

HAGGAI BANQUET IN BRISBANE

A record 280 guests attended the second Annual Banquet of the Haggai Institute, on Sept. 6 in Brisbane, Qld.

"It took 10 years in Atlanta, Georgia, before we had a banquet the size of this, and it took 12 years before we had one to run as smoothly as this," said Dr. John Haggai in opening his address to the guests. "The work in Australia has grown with a speed which I had never dreamed possible," he continued. "We have the potential, right here, to meet the challenge of Asia right now."

Special guests were Bishop and Mrs. Chandu Ray from Singapore, General John Huwae of the Indonesian Police

Force and Dean of the Haggai Institute Training Course, Dr. E. H. Watson.

General Huwae is Commissioner of Police in Djakarta, head of telecommunications for Interpol in Indonesia, Vice Chairman of the Gideons in Indonesia and lecturer at the Bethel Seminary. Coming from a nominal Christian background, he realised his need of a personal Savior following the attempted Communist Coup of 1965. Contact with Dr. Haggai was made when the latter held a crusade in Djakarta, in 1968. In 1970 General Huwae attended the Haggai leadership training course in Switzerland. Since then General Huwae has trained

"Over 1,500 young men — well equipped with the Gospel of Love. They are spread out all over the country — teaching the Gospel. Thousands have come to know the Lord Jesus Christ, as a personal Saviour."

All three men who spoke at the banquet, had a heavy schedule of preaching appointments in Queensland. A crowd of over 500 attended one meeting, at Toowoomba, 15 of whom made first time decisions at the close.

In Sydney on Sept. 13 a similar banquet was held for 170. In contrast to Brisbane, "everything possible went wrong". A small spotlight, being adjusted, fell down narrowly missing guests. Flowers for table decorations did not arrive in time. The microphones gave constant trouble. A blackboard provided could not be used as it had whitened up from use. Yet, in spite of these things the speakers gave most challenging messages, while those in attendance were deeply challenged by the Haggai programme.

Present were leaders from varying denominations. Colonel Higgins represented the Salvation Army, Kevin Crawford — Churches of Christ, Rev. Frank McInnes — Congregational Union, President-elect Baptist Union, Rev. K. Watson; Rev. Graham Hardy, only recently returned from an overseas trip, of St. Stephens Presbyterian Church was specially welcomed.

SINGERS AND MUSICIANS FOR WORLD TOUR

Plans are well in hand and excitement is high amongst those young people who have registered with Brisbane Youth for Christ for the 1976 Life Spectrum Singers tour.

The two tours which had been proposed have been combined into one exciting around the world tour during February, March and April of 1976.

The tour will travel to Honolulu, Los Angeles, Denver, Chicago, Toronto, New York, London, Paris, Rome, Jerusalem, Singapore, then return to Brisbane after 10 weeks. The cost will only be \$1650 and each person in the group is required to raise their own fare.

Singers and musicians who can play trumpet, trombone, drums, guitar, organ or piano are required. Applicants from all across Australia are invited to write to Youth for Christ, 321 Milton Road, Auchenflower Q., 4066 or phone 36 4059 for further information and application forms.

KOREAN'S APPEAL DENIED

The Supreme Court of Korea has upheld the conviction of Roman Catholic Bishop Daniel Tji of Wonju Diocese. The bishop has appealed against the verdict of the military court which led to a 15 year prison term.

Meanwhile the judge hearing the case of four Protestant pastors has asked the prosecution to produce more witnesses. The four are accused of embezzling funds sent from Germany. The German sending agency has denied that there was any malpractice.

—E.P.S.



QLD. MEN AT "CAMP CAL"



"Lets Liberate the Men" was the theme for men when the 16th annual Men's Camp was held at Camp Cal, Sept. 5-7.

118 men attended from 27 churches as far apart as Southport and Chinchilla. This was the largest attendance ever.

A. E. White, Editor of "The Australian Christian" and Federal Conference Secretary, was study leader.

A highlight was the Saturday evening dinner. Local ministers attended and also Sir Francis Nicklin. Sir Francis, a long-time friend of Camp Cal was Queensland's longest serving Premier.

Mr White spoke at the dinner and also presided at the communion service in the lovely open-air chapel on Sunday morning.



V.I.P.'s — Harold Scholl, Camp Leader, (Harlaxton); Wal Wissman, Secretary (Acacia Ridge); Sam Kemp, Song Leader, (Boondall); Fred Stockton, (Sunnybank) Allan Male, (Director, Christian Educ.); Kevin Wissman, (Chairman); Ron Weatherburn (Moorooka); Graham Key (Acacia Ridge).



Men at work!



Five of the instrumentalists who formed the instant orchestra.



Sir Francis Nicklin and Allan Male

Camp Cal

CHANGES

A new Terrace has been built overlooking Dickey Beach, underneath is a large activity area. A new Ablution block has been built as well as a second block for "Shady Rest", (66 beds), the second

camp on the site which is now self contained and allows simultaneous camps on the one site to be conducted.

The old hall will soon be removed. It was formerly a public hall at Bald Knob. A recent quest at Mens Camp was Sir Francis Nicklin, former Premier of the State for 10 years. He recalled that he had held a political meeting in the old structure in 1932, when it was situated at Bald Knob.

Excavation below the hall will provide a theatrette for 150, under-cover access to the toilet block, several activity rooms, offices and a stage for dramatic presentation.

A further accommodation block of six units containing five beds in each, will also include individual en-suites and "Camelia Court" — the No. 1 camping area — and will mean this area comprises 102 beds.



GREENACRE PLANS CHURCH GROWTH



DENNIS NUTT

BRUCE ARMSTRONG

The Greenacre Church complex was the venue for the Win Arn Church growth Seminar in Sydney. The Church of Christ (N.S.W.) half-yearly conference, with the Church growth theme, "How to grow an Australian Church" with Gordon Moyes, was held at Greenacre. Not surprisingly, a little has rubbed off onto the Greenacre membership.

A special Greenacre church growth seminar was held over a four hour period recently. Detailed graphs of past performances were examined. Comparative figures of Church and Electoral rolls were considered. Dozens of ideas for growth were put forward. Over 50% of the church's active membership were present to set the goal of 30% nett increase in membership. This sets the 1980 figure at 293 and the 1985 figure at 1014. Positive steps of action were taken from the seminar.

1. Three working parties have been established to make practical plans for implementing new concepts in programme and ministry.

2. The leadership has been stabilized.
(a) Elders are to be elected to serve for a four year period rather than a 12 months term.

(b) Dennis Nutt has been elected to eldership to serve for a period of 10 years as Director of Christian Education.

(c) Bruce Armstrong has been elected to the eldership to serve for a period of 10 years as Director of Evangelism and Senior Minister.

Plans have been approved by Council for the development of a 24 child preschool kindergarten. The Church has decided to build a double storey and incorporate an Education Centre with Administrative Offices.

Adjoining properties are being contacted with a view to purchase to provide surplus parking for the growth programme.

The door is open and we seek the prayerful support of the Brotherhood in the God honouring project.

FROM ETHIOPIA (Blackburn, E.C. Keating). Mr Keating interviewed Miss Wendy Hollensted, recently returned from Ethiopia. Adele Gore was guest soloiste. Meredith Hosking made her decision A Mini Church Growth Seminar was shared by Board members and Auxiliary representatives Mrs Florence Baxter, Youth Officer at Winlton Girls' Home, has been appointed a J.P. . . . Frank Langford addressed C.M.F. at Special Tea. Lindsay Irvine showed films on World Vision E.W.F. raised \$50 for Austin Hospital at Soup and Sandwich Luncheon Board Chairman, Bob. Woodward, presented Clive Ward with a cheque for \$1,000 for inner suburbs church work Dr Keith Bowes and J. Dunn took part in a debate "Christianity and Humanism."

CHOSEN FOR P.N.G. (Bayswater, Alan Fletcher). Heather Davis is one of a team of 15 talented and skilled young people chosen to undertake a training program to New Guinea next year Dennis & Marge Darlow have formed a young singing group — which shared a program with 150 other people at Healesville. Daniel Hills & Marge contributed to the program Explorer lads & Dads shared a canoeing venture John Davis is recovering from an appendectomy and Mary Vello after surgery Family basked luncheon followed a film and discussion on Church Growth.

**READY SOON
"LETTERS FROM TERTIUS"**

THEMES IN JOHN WORLD TALK NO. 125 IN THE STUDY.

The Passover was the greatest of the three major Jewish festivals. Its origin lay before the time of Moses in the spring festivals of both the pastoral and agricultural economies. Moses continued these early festivals (Exo.5:1; 10:9).

The Feast of Unleaved Bread and of Bitter Herbs combined with the nomadic custom of the Feast of the First-Born of the Flock, to celebrate the coming of new life in spring.

The purpose of the Passover instituted in this fashion after the exodus was to remind Israel of the Lord's deliverance from their bondage in Egypt. Each year a child would ask at the time of Passover "Why is this night different from all other nights?" This allowed the father to re-tell the story of the Jewish Faith (Exo.13:11-15).

The Passover was celebrated in the century prior to the Christian era in Jerusalem with vast crowds in attendance. After the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D. the sacrifices were discontinued but the commemoration of God's redemption has continued to this day.

In the N.T. the first three gospels present the Lord's Supper as taking place during the Passover meal with Jesus giving fresh significance to the slain lamb and to the bread and wine. However, John (18:28; 19:14) indicated that the Lord's Supper was eaten before the Passover as a Kiddush, a meal between a Rabbi and his disciples. While the time of the last Passover is completely uncertain the relationship of ideas is not. Deliverance by Christ from sin is central. Christ becomes our Passover bringing a new covenant of grace sealed in his blood, which was to be recalled weekly with thanksgiving fellowship and renewed loyalty.

Paul and John both point to the similarities between Jesus and the first Passover (1 Cor.5:6-8; 15:20-23). Jesus was the lamb of God slain to save us from sin (John 1:29; 1 John 1:7; Rev. 5:9). The significance of the resurrection is also seen in Passover terms, (1 Cor. 15:20-22).

FROM THE PULPIT.

Religious festivals gather a great deal of commercial business about them. The commercialisation of Christmas and of Easter goes back far earlier than the Christian era. Even the Jewish Passover was commercialised. The annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem of about 100,000 pilgrims was a great time for business.

The pilgrims had to procure a room (Mark 14:15); purchase a sheep among the special sheep selected for sacrifice; purchase wine and spices for the meals; and to purchase their temple offerings. On the other hand the visitors brought with them foreign goods from their homelands for sale, farmers brought in their produce, wine merchants set up their stalls and business boomed. Meanwhile, in the temple the great issues of God's grace, deliverance, redemption and sacrifice went on. Religion and business went

hand in hand.

Religion played a vital part in the rise of capitalism as Professor Tawney has reminded us. It was precisely this role of religion in capitalism that made significant impact in the development of Communism.

What is the relationship between faith and business? Possibly the only thing worse than the commercialisation of religion is the utter divorce between commerce and religion. How does a Christian be a Christian in business without allowing his business to ruin his Christianity?

This is a delicate and constant tension. Some renounce one for the other. Some leave their money-changers' tables for their nets completely when they follow Christ. Some who have followed Christ go away sad because the price is too high. Pray for the committed Christian business person. It is hard for them to survive. It is even easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle. Yet few people are in a better position to help develop the Kingdom of God than the truly successful and committed Christian business person.

AMONG THE PEOPLE.

In recent months the T.V. has discovered World War II. The central point of viewing has been in recent days from the point of view of Jews. The series "World at War" and the Film Q8.VII presented World War II from a Jewish perspective, which at least is a change from that of John Wayne and the Marines. The vivid and bloody reminder of sacrifices in human life in our century contrasted with the faithfulness and the degradation of the Jews in keeping their knowledge of redemption safe regardless of cost.

We were seated at dinner recently with two of our close Jewish friends. They had observed the Jewish customs of preparation and cleansing when gentiles were present. I had given the family some books in English and Hebrew concerning the Messiah and of Israel's future. We discussed Isaiah's suffering servant.

My friends said "Are you trying to convert us? We don't try to convert you to Judaism, why do you try to convert us to Christianity?"

I replied "Because at your recent Passover you remembered God's deliverance from Egypt. In the synagogue you kept an empty chair for the Messiah who would come. I believe that the Messiah has come and that Jesus offers the fulfilment of your hopes and prayers. He is the deliverance from the bondage of sin and death and the fulfilment of your scriptures and hope".

My Jewish friends understood but retreated from further discussion. They are devout children of my Heavenly Father, yet they know not his Son for whom they pray. We continue to pray for those who at each Passover time thank God for deliverance and who are still looking for the coming of the Saviour.

GORDON MOYES.

PASSOVER



**AUDIO VISUAL PRESENTATION
MAVIS ELBOURNE, VISUAL EQUIPMENT.
JOHN ALABASTER, SOUND AND RECORDING.**

For a moment all is dark!
Then the projector flashes on, and the tape starts rolling!
In split-second synchronization and fast moving action, the screen sparkles with brilliant colour, and the speakers tremble with magnificent sound.
Every eye, ear and mind is attentive.
The pictures are simple and to the point.
The story line is short and straight.
The sound and the effect is dramatic.
This is the ideal in audio-visual presentation; but it is not easy to achieve, either in production or in presentation.
It may be unusual for a lady to specialize in the necessary technical procedures, but to me it is enjoyable, stimulating and challenging. I have an inner vision of a vast new realm, practically untouched by camera and tape. It is rich in possibilities for Christian service for the creative mind and hand.
Quite apart from religious strip films, and movie films, and the usual documentary presentation of reports and departmental work, there is an area of ministry that has captured my personal attention and imagination.
Inspired by response and demand the production and presentation of evangelistic and devotional audio-visuals promises to become an important aspect of ministry.
This ministry is shared directly and indirectly by many people! Through the generosity and influence of my parents in childhood, cameras and tape recorders became part of my being.
Will Frazer of Newcastle, through the generous loan of his equipment, introduced me to colour photography.
Charles Hope of Sydney, by his fantastic skill with a camera, showed me a standard which I always try to emulate.
Colin Saxby of Lane Cove, spent hours making photographic gadgets which are indispensable to my work.
Several anonymous people of Lane Cove church provided items of equipment. But John and Dot Alabaster of Glen Waverley made the vision materialise.
It is only by the combination of talents, the contribution of John's technical skill, and the availability of his superb

**AUDIO
VISUAL
PRODUCTION**



**MAVIS
ELBOURNE
COLLATING
PHOTOGRAPHIC
MATERIAL**

SLIDE ON! SLIDE OFF!

by **MAVIS ELBOURNE**

recording equipment that this type of audio-visual production is possible.
Producing an audio-visual is like devising, creating, and assembling an intricate mechanism.
It is an exciting and wonderfully creative activity to assemble thousands of little bits and pieces of sounds, words, and pictures, into a coherent and dramatic presentation.
Little pieces of scripture, a few lines of a poem, some song segments, some humour, questions and answers, thoughts of devotion or challenge. Words on which to build the narration. Supporting sounds, and sounds to shock or startle. Music to accompany, and music to accentuate the narrative. Joyous music, sad music, evil music and sacred music, all have their place.
Pop songs, and country songs, and hymns — it doesn't matter — as long as they fit the part.
Pictures of anything on the face of the earth can be used to illustrate ideas. There is a use for every type of photography — abstract, macro, scenic, nature, portraits, expressions, Pictures of all sorts — of everything!
Pictures that do not exist can be created in the imagination, then assembled into visible form and photographed.
Others may be selected from files carefully collected over the years.
The selection of the sounds, words and pictures actually includes three fields of artistic ability and appreciation; music, script writing and photography.
A producer who is fortunate enough to have some gifts in each of the three areas, has a definite advantage in audio-visual production, and enjoys a pleasant variety in creative expression.
But there can be no short cuts in preparation or production — not if quality is desired!
The things of the Spirit belong to God, and spiritual work, including the area of audio-visuals, requires His inspiration and blessing to prosper.
There can be no "I did it myself!" attitude.
Script writing, photography planning and sound selection, must be carefully combined, utilizing every resource available in each of the three areas.
There can be no latitude in diligent research!
Sound programming requires patient audition of a great variety of music, sound effects, and vocal items. Timing must be to the highest possible precision — to a fraction of a second in every instance.

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**AUDIO
VISUAL
PRODUCTION**



**JOHN
ALABASTER
RECORDING
SOUND
TRACK**

PRAYER

Lord, the blossom's out in my backyard and it fills my heart with the joy of the coming of spring. Each year its beauty bursts upon my sight, with its glad promise of new life. My heart gives thanks. Once again I am reminded of the fact that You have touched our lives and made them bloom for You. In Jesus name.

Amen
Loris Joyce.

WOMEN IN MINISTRY

EDITED BY LESLEY STIRLING

INTRODUCING



**PRESIDENT
AUSTRALIAN
C.W.F.
DOROTHY
ARMSTRONG**

Bereft of both parents in the year of her birth, Dorothy spent her childhood in Williamstown, where with two sisters she grew up in the care of an aunt and uncle. It was here that she attended the Church of Christ, and at the age of 14 years, committed her life to God. She taught in the Sunday School, was leader of Christian Endeavour, and a State Committee member of C.E. and Good Companions.

In the years since her marriage to Les Armstrong of the Coburg Church, Dorothy has shared in his ministries in Victoria, S.A., and currently in Queensland, where she is giving able and dedicated leadership. Dorothy has one daughter, three sons, and one grandson.

Dorothy has made a contribution at State level in Qld. as a member of the Aborigines Mission Committee, "Woman to Woman" evangelism committee, as secretary of the Minister's Wives Association, and as Secretary and President of Qld. C.W.F. Her awareness of the aims and purposes of C.W.F. has made a valuable contribution to her service.

Probably one of the most challenging and enriching experiences of life has been the joint ministry which Dorothy has shared with her husband on a migrant ship travelling from England to Australia in 1973.

She acknowledges the spiritual help and encouragement received from all kinds of people.



**SECRETARY
AUSTRALIAN
C.W.F.
LAUREL
HENDERSON**

A great grand-daughter of T. H. Brooker, Laurel (nee Glastonbury) was born at Pennington in South Australia. Her family is numbered among foundation members of the Church of Christ at Cheltenham, S.A., where she was baptised.

During the years of World War II, Laurel served with the Australian Medical Corps as a Nursing Orderly. In 1946, she came to live in Queensland with her husband and has been a member of the Church in Ann St., Brisbane since 1961.

Laurel is mother of two sons, a daughter and has one grandchild. Her home interests and responsibilities have revolved around the raising of a Christian family.

Always a shy person, Laurel found that active involvement in the Christians Women's Fellowship at Ann St., opened up avenues to practical service and fellowship. She was Secretary of the C.W.F. for eight years, and President for two years. Laurel moved into State Executive responsibility as Secretary of Queensland C.W.F. which office she filled for three years, relinquishing it in April, '75. She is currently a Vice-President of Q.C.W.F.

Laurel finds expression of her artistic abilities in china-painting, dress-making, and crochet work, and these in turn help to bring colour and variety to an absorbing Christian life.

C.W.F. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS: Mesdames W. Cobine (Treas.), I. Woodward (Asst. Sec.), C. Connell (Editress), W. S. Hoens (Vice.Pres.), G. Giezendanner, M. Chapman.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Queensland

Special focus for month was Social Service, with emphasis on "Great Grandmothers Quest". Fellowships sponsor Grandmothers from the different Homes, and proceeds go towards cost of Children's Home at Mackay.

South Australia

Do you want Freedom? What is Freedom? - As Society sees it? As a Christian sees it? These are some of the is-

sues to be discussed at Women's Study Day in October, at Longwood. Pity we can't all go!

West Australia

Wendy Hewitt, who is active in Christian Welfare, says, "Involvement with people is always a delicate thing. It requires real maturity to become involved and not get all messed up." Please pray for our therapeutic toy workshop, Mrs. Pitt the teacher, and the people we work with.

CRADLE ROLL MINISTRY

Mrs. Ros. Henderson looks after the Cradle Roll at Epping N.S.W. She arranges a monthly morning tea for all Cradle Roll mothers that in a friendly atmosphere they might get to know one another and discuss common interests.

Ministry for Blind

A Christian woman provides transport for a blind neighbour when she needs it. She also spends one day a week writing letters for her.

GOD SPEAKS

A soft answer turns away anger, but a sharp word makes tempers hot. - Prov. 15:1 (N.E.B.)

COCIAC REPORTS

Richmond church has commenced a rebuilding program. The original chapel has been demolished and a new chapel will be built within the existing halls.

Robert Ferguson, who has been ministering with South Melbourne and Swanston Street churches, will be full-time at South Melbourne from 1976. He will continue contact with Asian students connected with the city church.

Malvern church, has welcomed the youth ministry of "God's House" into its manse and church buildings. Peter Nelson, the minister at Malvern-South Yarra, has moved into a flat. "God's House" young people are led by Rev. David Wilson and concentrate on ministry to young people not normally reached by the church.

The Collingwood church has combined its Sunday School with the Rumanian Baptist church.

The Prahran church is continuing to search for increased accommodation in the area to house people in need of a Christian home. Graeme Bradley has accepted an appointment with Canaan College at Bright (Vic.)

At the September COCIAC Rally guest speakers were Doug Anderson, missionary on furlough from Lebanon and Pastor Jamil Shalash, minister of the Evangelical Arabic Church which meets in our Brunswick chapel. The evening meeting also provided an opportunity to

farewell Miss Rose Filardo who has been working with Italians in Melbourne and who has now been accepted as a missionary candidate for Italy by the European Christian Mission.

On Sept. 16 two upstairs rooms were burnt out in the basketball hall at North Fitzroy church. The greatest damage has been the loss of the song books belonging to the Slavic congregation. A new outreach from the North Fitzroy church has begun in a shop front at 175 St Georges Road. At present four young men are living there and using the activities in the shop to meet local young people and speak to them about Jesus Christ. A few have shown some real interest in becoming Christians.

Any readers who are interested in learning more of the work of Melbourne's Inner Suburban churches or any volunteers who are interested in part-time ministry in COCIAC churches could contact Barry Jenkins, Inner Areas Minister, Dept. of Home Missions & Evangelism, 52 La Trobe Street, Melbourne. Telephone 662-2377.

FILM FESTIVAL AT COBURG

On Sundays, Oct. 12 and 19, a film festival will be held at the Coburg Church of Christ. On Oct. 12 the programme will feature "Solo", the award winning film used at the Church Growth Seminars, and "Devil at the Wheel". On Oct. 19 the feature film is "The Sunseekers". The programme begins at 7.30 each evening but the main feature film will be shown at 8.30 after an intermission for coffee. This film festival is being run in co-operation with the Coburg Inter-Church Council and Mission 75.

LIFT FOR SHARING VENTURE (Berwick, Barry McMurtrie). C.W.F. donated \$50 to Sharing Venture ... C.Y.F. Exercise-A-Thon raised over \$150 for Sharing Venture ... C.Y.F. recently purchased Breakmate coffee making machine ... The Church is to be professionally cleaned once a month ... Berwick Red Cross is to meet in our complex once a month ... New bookcase bought for Church Library ... Comfortable chairs have been purchased for church lounge ... Young People's sharing group meets after church each Sunday night ... Recent Gospel Service featured six members presenting their favorite Gospel records.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

—DOWN WITH SERMONS!

To the Editor,

A vocal minority in our church wanted a moratorium on preaching. The Board met them by arranging for discussion to replace the sermon one Sunday night a month. I was all for it, for a while. In fact it hasn't turned out to be any better than preaching.

The V.M. (vocal minority) said that they were tired of the platitudes and cliches of preaching. So we have changed to worse platitudes and cliches in discussion groups, and more of them.

The V.M. said that preaching was a monologue and that there should be dialogue. Now we have a group of monologues, with every one sitting like TV sets in a circle, all transmitting and no one receiving. The V.M. said that people don't want to listen any more in church. They don't want to in discussion groups either.

The V.M. said that according to modern teaching methods, someone up front teaching is out. No one learns from this method. I'm discovering that no one is learning very much from the pooled ignorance of our discussion groups either, except perhaps a little tolerance!

Preaching bores us, said the V.M. Now they bore the rest of us with their "much speaking" in discussion groups. Preaching goes over and over the same old things, said the V.M. Now discussion goes round the same old things ... pollution, pornography, drugs, sex, abortion, race, the discriminations, and so on. We've been round the circle twice and still nothing has happened.

But I must say that the discussions were very popular at first. Then people began feeling that if they wanted information on all of these things they could get easy access to experts in the media, without having to endure so much on a Sunday night to find a morsel of truth. Then "outsiders" stopped coming on discussion nights. Apparently if they come to church they want to come to church. Now our minister has to work twice as hard getting people back for the other three Sunday nights of the month.

I'm not against discussion that has goals and helps people to grow. But apparently that's not the sort our V.M. wants. It appears that they are not so much against preaching. It's just that they want to do it AD NAUSEM (Latin for "it stinks").

Hoping you are the same,
TERTIUS.

OPEN FORUM

IMMORTALITY

To the Editor,

Some letters published on this subject seem to follow the teaching of the Christadelphians, that eternal life is for those who come to Christ and receive it. Those outside of Christ simply go to the grave, or oblivion, which is what most of the references in the Old Testament mean by the word Hell.

I take the opposite view completely. I find that Daniel 12:2 certainly teaches that there is an immortal life, in one direction or another, and that Jesus Himself believed this teaching for He gives a very solemn word of warning in Matthew 25:46 that can in no way be explained away as not meaning what it says very plainly.

The two words used have exactly the same Greek derivation meaning "Aeon" or "age abiding", that is one age after another, or eternal as we would say. And that speaks to me of immortality of the soul ... straight from the scripture that your correspondents proclaim does not teach it. The solemnity of the words at the close of the great prophecy of judgement tends obviously to the conclusion that Jesus meant His disciples to dwell upon the division that was involved in the very idea of judgement, as one that was not to be changed. Men must reap as they have sown, and the consequences of evil deeds, or the failure to perform good deeds, must in the nature of the case, work out their retribution, so far as we can see from these very words of the Lord, with no definable limit.

If man was only to be saved from eternal oblivion, why did God have to sacrifice His own Son? The high cost speaks to us of a dire consequence to be avoided. Let us accept scripture, and be prepared!

Peter A. Pitts, N.S.W.

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● OVERSEAS MISSIONS

CHURCH GROWTH IN AND FROM INDIA

During my recent visit to India, I had the opportunity to speak to the Conference of Churches of Christ concerning Church Growth and the movement of the Holy Spirit among Third World Churches and how these churches are accepting greater responsibilities in World evangelism. I advised Conference that we need to regard the mission of the church today as a partnership.

We should no longer think of the Australian Churches as the sending churches and the Indian Churches as the receiving churches, but the Australian Churches must learn the importance of receiving, as there is much we could receive from the Indian churches and the Indian churches need to share in sending. I encouraged Conference to earnestly consider the possibility of sharing with the Australian Churches in the work in Papua New Guinea, by sending Indian missionaries.

By R. S. A. McLean,

This could be a stimulus to the growth and development of the Indian Churches. Church Growth in the State of Maharashtra in India where we are working is slow, but this does not mean we should abandon Maharashtra and move to more responsive areas. We are at present clearing the fields of the stones rather than reaping the harvest. But the stones must be cleared, and in due course, in the time of the Lord's appointment, there will be a bountiful harvest.

Our missionaries and their co-workers are praying for a turning to the Lord in our Conference area, and we need to stand behind them in every effort they are mak-

ing to this end. As Dr Paul Sudakar from India stated during his recent visit to Australia, "We dare not neglect the unfinished task, i.e. winning the unresponsive people to Christ."

Barriers to the growth of the Church in Western India are being overcome as bridges of friendship are built between Christian and non-Christian, through the various outreach programmes of the Church. Relief projects have enabled us to make many new contacts with non-Christians and there is a greater appreciation by them of the work and witness of the Church.

I had the opportunity of meeting and conversing personally with more Hindus on this tour of India than on any previous visit. Many of these were men who held positions of responsibility and leadership in the towns and villages.

The way barriers to Church growth are being overcome is illustrated by a statement made by young men from Baramati who went on the evangelistic cycle tour. They said that they were well received by the people who lived in villages now receiving benefit from the percolation tank relief aid project. Previously these same people had not listened to their message. Contacts and bridges of friendship are not only being made by relief aid projects, but through other ministries such as medical outreach, literature distribution, radioevangelism, libraries and friendship centres.

Please continue in prayer for our brethren in India as they contact large numbers for Christ. Pray that there will be a responsiveness to the gospel and the Church will grow as a result of these contacts.

● VIC.-TAS. D.C.E.

NEW "STAFF" MEMBER

Cindy the Donkey has joined the Monbulk Fellowship Centre and is making a contribution to the amenities available to groups using the property.

Two camps for young people were held at Monbulk during the August-September school holidays. Mrs Jenny Brookes, Lindsay Smith and Bill Green directed these events.

Hall's Gap was the venue for three camps over the same period. Directors there were: Mrs Elva Livett, Len Webster, Mrs Margaret Goddard and Les Stewart.

In total there were approximately 220 young people attending the camping programmes and oversight was provided by 45 leaders.

The challenge to Christian Commitment was the main theme of the camping



Patricia Michelle (Hartwell)
on "Cindy" at Monbulk

programmes. Based on the obvious enthusiasm of each group, leaders were able to convince the young people that Christian living meant life with a capital "L".

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S JUMBLES

SIA HIA This fellow was an Old Testament prophet. He was around for a long time and four different kings reigned during his work. His book is a long one, and parts of it are mentioned in the New Testament 21 times, more times than all of the other prophets together. (See page 18).

WHY

Great men often had hard lives. For instance, Vasco Balboa. He sailed to America, 9 years after Columbus went there. By 1510 he owed so much money to so many men that he hid in a barrel being shipped to Panama. There he became governor of a small province. He heard about a big lake and in 1513 he went west to find it. It turned out to be the Pacific Ocean! He claimed it for the King of Spain and the grateful king made him governor of all Panama. But a rival of his had him arrested and publicly executed. The prizes men look for may not last long, but those who seek God will enjoy him forever.

Minister (talking to school children): In Africa there are millions of square miles where there are no schools. So what should we save up our money to do?

Children (in chorus): Go to Africa!

Self-Diagnosis

A nervous woman called her physician late one night. "I know exactly what's wrong with me," she exclaimed. "I've got hypoglycemia."

"Yes, yes, I know," replied Doc, calmly. "I saw the same television show."



"I can sell you a five, if you insist, but I think an eight would be kinder to your delicate little footsie."

BOOKS TO READ

YOUR CHURCH HAS REAL POSSIBILITIES

by Robert H. Schuller (Regal Books) \$3.25

In 1928, Robt. Schuller went to Southern California to start a church. He had \$500 and his wife was the only other member. In 1975, their planned new sanctuary will seat over 4000. The membership is over 6000! This book outlines the church growth principles which Schuller believed in and which he has proved will work. It is based on lectures given by Dr Schuller at his Institute for Successful Church Leadership, a programme that has attracted church leaders from many overseas countries as well as the U.S. A church won't grow unless churchmen have vision. Schuller calls this vision "possibility thinking", which is another name for old-fashioned faith. But faith needs to get off its coat and get to work and one of the dangers for the church is to think that, if you read a few books on church growth, things will start to happen. They will, but only if there is faith, dedication, and hard work, plus the application of tested principles for growth. Schuller gives his version of those principles: the church has to get rid of its negative thinkers, at least get them out of the leadership; leadership is the key to growth; goal setting is essential, you must have targets; short ministries are often fatal to sustained growth; and the keys to success are inspiring preaching; exciting programmes, and enthusiastic publicity. If you've got your coat off, and ready for work, this book will help you get started.

CRISIS IN THE PULPIT

by Chevis F Horne (Baker Book House)

Dr Horne says that the crisis in the pulpit (unquestionably there is a crisis!) is the consequence of other converging crises: faith, the institutional church, authority, and communication. In each of these areas there has been revolution and the first chapter surveys them. Faith in God has been lost to a human, ethical and social concern; the organised church has been charged, even by those in it, as antiquated and over-formalised; the widespread rebellion in society against all forms of authority has also weakened the once strong authoritative voice from the pulpit; and the spoken word has competition it has never known before, now that communication is more and more through visual images in television, newspapers, and journals. Against the sensational pictures from the advertising world, the verbal communication from the pulpit seems dull. Horne's outline of the problems is more impressive than his answers, but he is not to be blamed for that. No-one expects the cures to be easy. He is positive in his recall to faith and in his efforts to make the voice in the pulpit a strong call to a living, contemporary gospel. Useful guidance is given for the presentation of the message, but the means are never permitted to outglow the message itself. He quotes with endorsement Geo. E. Sweazey, "The great times of the church have always been times of great preaching, and the reverse is true. There has never been a widespread upsurge of vigour in the church that was not accompanied by new life in the pulpit. Although every new way of communication should be explored eagerly, the 25 minutes of uninterrupted access to the ears of a roomful of people is still the minister's great opportunity." Churches will grow with good preaching and this book will promote better preaching.

THE MILLENNIUM

by R Bradley Jones (Baker Book House)

Millenarianism or Chiliasm is a doctrine related to the Second Coming of Christ, and it is very easy to get confused. It is the belief that for 1,000 years there will be world peace, order, and harmony. The basis for the belief is a literal interpretation of Revelation 20:1-10. Pre-Millennialists generally assert that at the return of Christ, the dead will be raised and the believing Christians (still alive on the earth) will be "caught up" to meet Christ in the air. These Christians will then reign on earth with Christ for 1000 years after which Satan will be ac-

tive again and the judgment will follow. Post-Millennialists see the return of Christ as taking place after 1000 years of peace and harmony on earth. There is a third view, held by this author and probably by the vast majority of Christian scholars. That is the A-Millennial position. (No millennium). It argues that there is no literal millennium, but that the period referred to in Rev. 20 relates to this present age — between the ministry of Jesus on earth and the Second Coming of Christ. Jones says that for the millennial view to prevail it would be necessary for Christ to defeat Satan twice, promote two gospels, sponsor two peoples — Christians and Jews — endure two apostasies, fight and conquer two special enemies, and oversee two resurrections and judgments. The author relies on scriptural quotations for his conclusion that it is utterly impossible to reconcile dispensational millennialism with the Word of God. In reaching this position he is often critical of the Schofield Bible.

SPURGEON'S DEVOTIONAL BIBLE

by C. H. Spurgeon (Baker Book House)

The reprint is of the famous Baptist preacher's devotional readings. There are scripture readings for every morning and evening for a whole year, along with devotional and interpretative comments. We suspect that Christians were of a hardier mould in the last century when these readings were first published. To work through the old Testament morning and evening from Jan. 1 to Aug. 12 requires a discipline that may be lacking in many moderns. Perhaps what we lack most is the motivation to practise family devotions which in Spurgeon's day was the rule rather than the exception. The publisher's declared intention is to encourage the return to daily personal and family devotions (and there are many modern devotional aids from the same book house) and they offer Spurgeon for this purpose. The hard-cover, well-bound volume has 784 pages and includes an index of the scriptures used.

Unless otherwise stated, books reviewed on this page may be obtained from: The Baptist Book Store, 162 Russell St., Melb. 3000; N.S.W. Churches of Christ Book Shop, 69 Campbell St., Surry Hills, 2010; United Church Bookroom, 15 Mathers Lane, Hobart, 7000.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Hate to scare you, but the man working up our budget prediction for next year used to be a weather forecaster!"

CHURCH WINS PRIZE AT SHOW!!!

The Victorian churches had a stand at the Royal Melbourne Show and won third prize for its communicative value in the Community Services Section.

The combined effort of all the churches provided a tremendous opportunity for the Christian message to find its way into the homes of thousands of Show visitors. The Consultative Committee on Evangelism represents all Churches working together to present Christ to a needy world. It was through this Committee that the Stand was erected in the Hall of Manufactures for Melbourne's Show Week.

The Commercial Bank took the first prize in the section with the Blind Institute second.

A very attractive leaflet, entitled "Son-light . . . shines in the dark" was especially printed for distribution along with copies of John's Gospel (Today's English Version). Thousands of these leaflets were safely tucked away in pocket, purse or show bag for reading later.

When I was asked by our Dept. of Home Missions & Evangelism to act as convenor for Churches of Christ, I was more than a little sceptical about its value among all the gimmicky of the show. But having been at the stand on two occasions and had people come and talk about the things of the Christian faith, I was more than satisfied that it was a valuable way of communicating with people concerning Jesus Christ. The stand was staffed by two representatives from two of the participating churches from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day, on a roster system. The minister and one assistant from Ascot Vale, Essendon, Nth. Essendon and Ivanhoe churches provided staff for Churches of Christ.

— C. S. Badcock

Southern Baptists Grow

The 1974 Southern Baptist Convention statistical report shows a membership total of 12.5 million — a gain of 1.8 per cent over 1973. There were 410,482 baptisms in 1974, down from 413,990 in 1973 and the peak of 445,725 in 1972. Receipts rose by almost \$138 million in 1974 to reach \$1.3 billion. Sunday School enrollment rose by 8,279 to reach 7.2 million.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

HOSPITAL SUNDAY

Dear Sir, The year has seen increasing demands on the finances of these institutions which are assisted by the Hospitals' Sunday Charities Appeal.

Despite the increasing level of Government assistance to welfare programmes, there is still a very great need for private individuals and the churches to contribute generously, so I commend the Hospitals' Sunday and Charities Appeal to all Melbourne churches.

The Churches of Christ have a fine record over the years in this field. Your continued support is essential.

Gordon Scumbler,
Conference President, Vic. - Tas.



COMBINED CHURCH STAND AT SHOW Mrs D. Murphy (behind counter) of Essendon Church of Christ talks to Show visitors, while C.S. Badcock, minister, counsels a young man.

QUEENSLAND

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS GROWING UP

A Christian Growth Seminar is planned for November 7th - 8th to evaluate a questionnaire from the Department of Youth and Christian Education. It is expected that Board Members, Church School Staffs, Decision makers and Motivators will be present.

The Department has agreed to give 20% reduction on the newly revised Christian Life Curriculum materials to 10 schools for 12 months use and evaluation.

Queensland Youth and Christian Education Department.

"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.

3. The story may be hand-written or typed. If typed, please double space.

4. First Prize: \$75.00, Second Prize: \$50.00, Third Prize: \$25, to be awarded by a well-known Australian author.

5. HOW TO ENTER: The name of the author must not appear on the manuscript. The author will write his or her name and address on a slip of paper and place it in an envelope which will then be sealed. The author shall then write on the front of the envelope the title of the story. The envelope and the manuscript are then to be placed together in a large envelope and addressed to "The Australian Christian Short Story", P.O. Box 101, Essendon North, Vic. 3041.

6. "The Australian Christian" reserves the right to publish the winning entries.

7. No correspondence can be entered into regarding the competition or the judges' decisions.

EDITH TURTMANN DIES (Preston/East Preston, J. Manallack). Church saddened to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Edith Turtmann in Germany . . . Mr and Mrs. Tregurtha celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary . . . Joan Humphries improving after surgery . . . Jack Manallack attended seminar conducted by Canon Bryan Green . . . Several members also attended a workshop he conducted . . . Eight ladies attended C.W.F. camp at Monbulk.

BENDIGO HELP (Swan Hill). Speakers from Bendigo church have assisted during period without minister. Six men from that church are on our preaching plan . . . Jump Mats have been purchased by Boys Explorers . . . Combined evening service held with Salvation Army. Preston Walker (B. & F.B.S.) was speaker.

58TH YEAR (Ivanhoe, A.B. Withers). At fifty eighth church anniversary guest preacher was E. L. Williams. Mr Withers gave evening address and the soloiste was Lorraine Travill . . . Good Companions are making golliwogs for hospitals . . . Harry and Lal Earl are moving to Rye. Walter Brown was visitor from Perth . . . Six C.W.F. ladies attended week-end camp at Monbulk. C.W.F. held a Dutch Auction at home of Mrs Barbara Andrews.

SATURDAY'S CHILDREN (Hurstbridge, V. Quayle). 36 children attended Children's Happy Hour Saturday Afternoon Programme conducted by Mr Quayle, assisted by Mr & Mrs Don Mynott . . . Three young people shared with Box Hill C.E. Society in weekend camp at Parkdale . . . At "Guest Service" members brought a friend. Mrs J. Goldsworthy of Essendon was soloiste . . . Church families took part in special Family Church Service . . . "At Home" evening held at Mr & Mrs Don Mynott's residence . . . "Creche" at church supervised by Alan Yorke, Miss Marilyn Pietzsch and Colyn Pietzsch . . . An average of 42 have attended two "Over 60" Community Singing afternoons.

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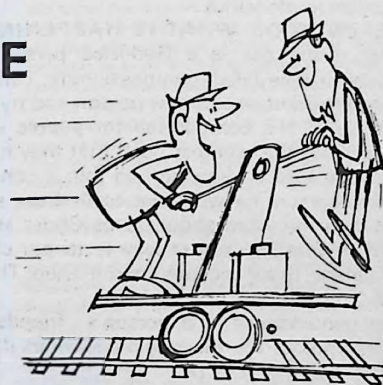
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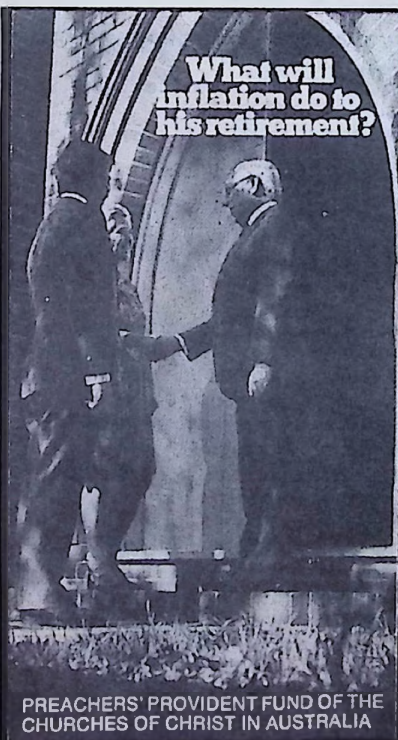
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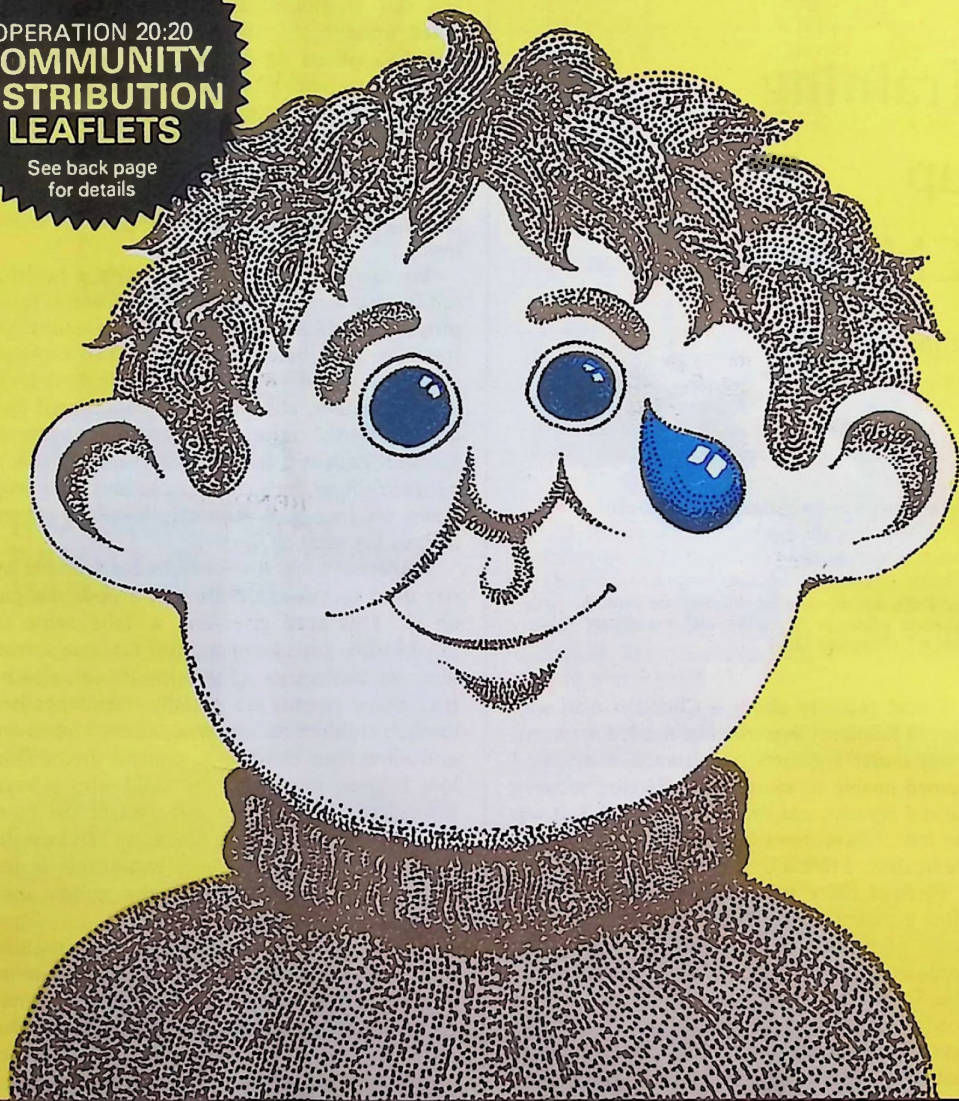
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Encounter

Training up Children

by Richard W. Innes

"Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

I read recently about a Christian man who said, "I failed my son when he needed me most. I was under a great strain from a workload I seemed unable to escape. A gulf came between me and my son, and when I recognised it, it was too late. I have never been able to regain communication. I failed God as well as my son."

Perhaps there is nothing more tragic than when a parent means so well but without being aware of it, fails to meet his child's emotional needs as well as his physical and spiritual needs. The Scriptural injunction, "But if any provide not for his own . . ." (I Timothy 5:8), goes far beyond merely meeting a child's needs of food, clothing, shelter and education. It involves meeting his much deeper spiritual and emotional needs as well. Meeting these needs requires much understanding, time and attention. And "train up a child in the way he should go" means to train him to become a mature, self-secure and responsible individual.

We are all products of our upbringing. This

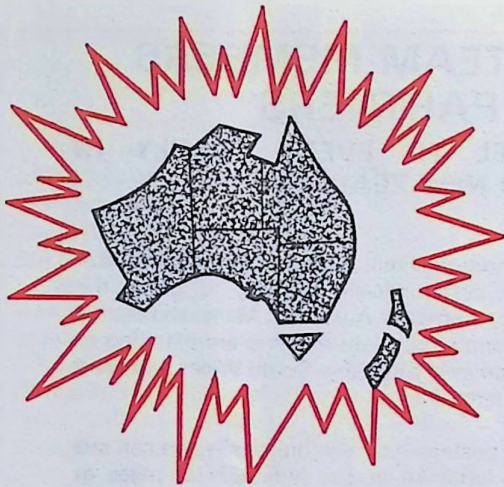
makes the family the most important unit in society. Much of our behaviour, if not all of it, and our relationships with other people are based on our self-image. That is, we act and relate to others on the basis of how we feel about ourselves. This in turn vitally affects our relationship with God. There just isn't any substitute for a healthy self-image which comes or fails to come from our family. This, too, is a very essential and critical part of training up a child and providing for his every need.

To mature emotionally and gain a healthy self-image, a child needs unconditional love, proper discipline and the right amount of freedom. Love based on "if" is not true love at all. I love you if you are nice, well-behaved, do well in school, etc., is highly conditional and is a powerful means of controlling others. Control destroys self-discipline and creates a poor self-image, for a child knows and feels deep down whether he is genuinely loved for whom he is or for what he does.

Sometimes our love, too, is conditioned by our need to keep our children over-dependent on us. This need gives one a false sense of importance and compensates for one's own sense of inadequacy. The opposite can also be true. Some parents are actually over-dependent on their children for approval, advice and so on, and allow their children to control them. Thus love is given mostly to the child who is over-dependent (the one we can control the most easily) or to the child on whom we can lean the most. Giving love on these conditions is immature and does not meet the child's own spiritual and emotional needs.

God's will for every child is not that he stays dependent (the childhood stage), or independent (the teenage stage), but that he moves on to inter-dependence (the adult stage). Our dependence is to be on God alone. With other people we are to be inter-dependent. Over-control, over-protection and dominance of the child by the parent keeps the child over-dependent on the parent and then on other people and can stop him becoming totally dependent on God alone.

Over-control with its conditional love thus damages both spiritual and emotional maturity.



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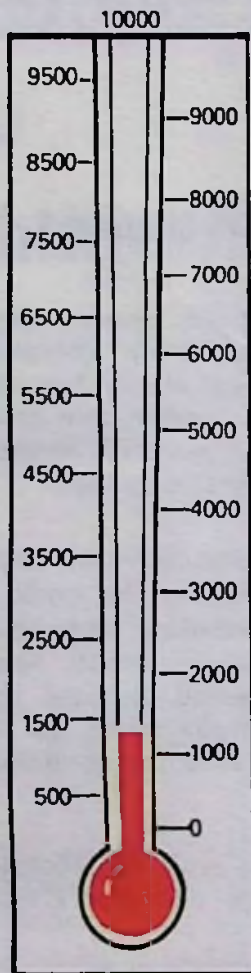
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Does this mean we approve of all our children's actions? Not at all. One cannot have genuine love without discipline. God says, "Discipline your son while there is hope" (Proverbs 19:18). Discipline, however, involves much more than chastisement for misdeeds. Discipline is the complete "training up" of a child in every area of life so that as an adult he becomes fully mature physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Of all people, Christian parents need to know and understand the principles of effective child raising, training and discipline. We tend to think of chastisement as discipline, but this is only a small part of total discipline. Dr. Bruce Narramore in his excellent book, *Help, I'm a Parent*, lists seven types of discipline,¹ all of which are very effective when used in the relevant situation. They are as follows:

"*Communication*" is an essential part of all good discipline. Unless children know what the guidelines are, they cannot be expected to know what is expected of them. And when discipline is necessary, it is important that the child understands clearly why he is being disciplined and why his behaviour is not acceptable. Sometimes a good talk is the only discipline needed. If a child doesn't know why he is being disciplined, he will be resentful because he feels the parent is being unreasonable. Communicating clearly with our children treats them as real persons. Doing something or not doing something simply because I say so treats another person as somebody less than myself.

"*Reinforcement and Extinction.*" By rewarding either positive or negative behaviour we reinforce that behaviour and help it to continue. Our goal is to reinforce only desired behaviour and seek to extinguish or eliminate negative behaviour. Positive behaviour can be rewarded by giving compliments such as, "You

did very well, Johnnie, and I'm really pleased with the way you cleaned your room." Or rewards can be special treats from time to time.

Unwittingly we often reinforce negative behaviour by giving the child the exact reward he is after. If a child's goal is to get attention or to get you upset and the only way he can achieve this is through negative behaviour, he will act negatively for as long as he gets the results he is after. On the other hand, if a child doesn't get the desired results and his behaviour isn't rewarded, he will soon drop that particular behaviour. Failing to "reward" negative behaviour is discipline through extinction.

It is wise to realise that negative attention is better than no attention, so when a child is misbehaving, there is usually a good reason for it. We need to ask, "What is my child trying to tell me?" and seek the real cause behind his actions.

In discipline it is important to reward or where necessary attack the deed rather than the person. "I love you but what you did makes me angry," is much better than saying, "You are such a bad boy." If I repeatedly tell Johnnie that he is such a good boy or a bad boy for what he does, he will grow up to feel his worth as a person is dependent on his performance and may feel that he is only loved when he is "good"; that is, well behaved or doesn't make a nuisance of himself. And if I constantly tell him he is a nuisance or a bad boy, he will grow up to feel he is not a very worthwhile person and then his feelings about himself will very definitely affect everything he does for the rest of his life.

Discipline by "Natural Consequences." Nature has an effective way of disciplining all of us. If I don't get enough sleep, I'll be tired. If I don't eat, I'll get hungry. It is of little value to any of the family to try and force Johnnie to eat everything that is put in front of him. If he doesn't eat, nature will ensure that he gets hunger pains. But if we give in to him when he cries at bed time because he is hungry, and give him something to eat, we are ruining nature's own discipline. We can say kindly but firmly, "You know there's no eating between meals when you don't eat your dinner. I guess you'll just have to wait till breakfast time."

"Natural consequences" is often the method of discipline that God uses on His children and certainly a most effective form of discipline we can use with our children. This teaches personal responsibility and self-discipline, which is the goal of all true discipline.

Discipline by "Logical Consequences." When it is not possible or appropriate to use natural consequences, very often logical consequences can be used as an effective method of discipline. Logical consequences need to be reasonable and related to the situation. In our home, for example, if we only pick at the main course, there's no fuss, but there's no dessert either.

If junior is constantly late and we feel sorry for him and drive him to school or wherever he is going when he is late, we are actually training him to be irresponsible. If junior knows that the rule is to walk or stay at home when he misses the bus, he will learn responsibility and self-discipline. We are responsible to supply his needs and even an alarm clock to help him get up on time, but we are not responsible for him to be ready on time when he is old enough to be able to do these things for himself. Doing those things for a child that he can and should do for himself keeps him over-dependent on us.

Discipline by "Spanking." The Scriptural injunction, "He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him" (Proverbs 13:24), assures us that there are times when physical spanking may be necessary. (See also Proverbs 22:15 and 23:13,14.) However, this doesn't say that physical spanking is the only method of discipline or necessarily the best. The Bible also says, "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger" (Ephesians 6:4). When I lash out in anger at my child, I teach him to do the same to others when he is angry. And when I do this, it is not discipline, but punishment and revenge. I say, "I am only doing this for your good"

when in actual fact I am really doing it for my own good. It helps me to ventilate my negative feelings, but it can breed fear and resentment in the child and can provoke him to anger. Nevertheless, spanking is sometimes necessary especially for younger children who cannot understand other forms of discipline.

As Bruce Narramore points out, God never punishes the Christian because Jesus Christ took the punishment for all our sin on the cross; however, He does discipline and chastise us in love for our growth and perfection (Hebrews 12:6), and to teach us self-discipline. Our discipline should be and do the same.

Discipline by "Imitation." The most effective and lasting discipline is the example of my own life. Children are masters at imitation. They copy what they see. They read us not by our words but by our actions, our attitudes, and our feelings. If they live with kindness and love, they will learn to be loving and kind. If they live with fear and resentment, they will learn to be fearful and resentful and so on.

A child, too, learns his image of God the Heavenly Father through the example of his earthly parents and especially his father. If as a child he has a close, loving relationship with his own father, it is very easy for him to feel God is a close and loving Heavenly Father. But if a child is afraid of his father and hostile towards him, he will tend to feel the same towards God. The example of my life and my own maturity can and will affect the spiritual welfare of my family for generations to come.

The most important heritage, therefore, I can give to my child is the example of my own spiritual and emotional maturity. This I believe is God's highest will for each one of us, for as someone has wisely said, "We raise not the children we want, but the children that we the parents are."

1. Narramore, Bruce. *Help! I'm A Parent*, p. 107, 108. Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Copyright 1972. Used by permission.

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4. IS FRIENDSHIP MAKING FOR EVANGELISM LEGITIMATE?

If our motive is "to keep the old church from dying", to fill the empty pews because a great forest of desolate timber looks bad, or to share the jobs round amongst more people, or to get extra names on the budget, then friendship making for evangelism is deceitful.

IT DEPENDS ON WHAT IS HAPPENING TO US

When some one is a God-filled person, he is increasingly becoming a love-filled, compassionate, caring person. He will go to any need he sees in any person and try to meet it with "no strings tied." His compassion for people will also make him want to meet the greatest need that they have.

Because God is growing him into a compassionate, caring sensitive person, he will want to find the surest way of communicating the word about Jesus Christ and the new life. He will know that the surest way is to get close enough to the other person to be accepted and trusted. That is to make him a friend.

The genuineness of a person's "friendship evangelism" is seen in whether the friendship continues if the friend says no!

A GIFT IS INVOLVED

We live in a world, where people practise "bogus friendship" to get something out of us. A card in my possession reminds me that I have a "Friendly T.V. Repair Man" who strains the friendship when he hands me his bill, to be paid on the spot, and leaves me yet another card reminding me of his friendship and willingness to fix my ailing set. We are uncertain about the obvious graduate of the "How to Win Friends and influence People" course, who comes all smiling into our lounge to sell us what we are not sure we need. So one can understand those who wonder about the motivation of friendship evangelism. The difference of course between friendship making for evangelism and the abuse of friendship, is that Christians are not making friends to get something. They are making friends to give people the greatest gift they could ever receive, God's gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

WHAT CAN WE SAY TO OUR NEW FRIENDS IN ORDER TO WIN THEM TO CHRIST?

The short answer to this question is that if we have accepted our friends and been accepted by them, and if Jesus Christ is making a difference to our lives, and if we are content to "tell it like it is," we will know what to say. We need to remember that the Great Commission does not send us to get people "to church to hear the gospel". It sends us to where people are to tell them the good news. Many people may have needed to

hear what God is doing in us and we could have put them off by inviting them to church.

HOW THEY DID IT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Some people think that in leading people to Christ they need to talk to them and quote texts to them about the doctrines of sin and salvation, of the atonement, of the blood of Christ, of justification, redemption, and substitution. This is not the way they did it in the New Testament. A careful reading of the New Testament shows that the initial approach was a simple presentation of the fact that Jesus Christ is alive. This will be seen in the Book of Acts. After the converts had become Christian they learned the doctrines. The doctrines are found in the Epistles, and the Epistles were written to Christians.

The Great Commission as written in Matthew 28:19,20, is interesting in the order in which the steps come. First we are commissioned to "make disciples". The Authorised version says "teach". The Greek word is "the disciple". Having made disciples we are to baptise them and then to teach them. The word for "teach" in this case (V20) is the one often used for the teaching-learning process.

THE MESSAGE

The message in Acts goes something like this—

- i the deliverer you have longed for has come,
- ii although they killed him he rose again and is alive and powerful,
- iii he has ushered in the new age of the spirit,
- iv he will come again at the climax of history,
- v therefore repent and turn to God.

In talking to a contemporary friend the message goes something like this —

- i what you have really been looking for, deep down all your life, is possible
- ii Jesus Christ is alive, here, and now, and able to give you life,
- iii his Spirit can fill you and keep you growing with others in the fellowship of the church,
- iv the life he gives is eternal for he will come again victorious over death and suffering and grief,
- v therefore turn from things as they are now, to God who gives this new life.

BUT EVIDENCE WILL BE NEEDED

Naturally our newly made friends will want to be sure of the truth of all this. Usually sufficient evidence is that they can see it all happening in our lives. Saints can be soul winners if they want to be!

POST SCRIPT

I can remember when there were decisions in our churches nearly every Sunday night, and when most ministers ran missions in one another's churches and had up to thirty decisions. I also remember that those who made decisions at missions and gospel services were almost always those who had been befriended by the saints.

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But why go to all that effort when there is a wide variety of material already available?

There is the factor of individuality, and uniqueness that God has seen fit to grant each person. Gifts were not given to be neglected, simply because someone else has used theirs in a similar, or in a more spectacular way. I believe this applies to every Christian in whatever aspect of ministry he may be engaged.

Only God can know the end from the beginning, and the purpose of it all for each individual. But if we are prepared to develop latent abilities, it is fascinating to discover that new ones are coming into bud as well. New talents, new abilities, new discoveries, new ministry, leading to new people, new places, new influence.

It's all so fulfilling and exciting for anyone who is prepared to be led by God and also to do a little hard work.

OBITUARY

BIDDLE, Archie C.

Mr. Biddle grew up in Goodwood, S.A., where he was active in the Baptist Church and came under the influence of a well-known S.A. Baptist minister, Rev. (later Dr.) A. C. Hill. At work, however, he was influenced even more by a young lady from the Mile End Church of Christ, where they were married in 1926, during the ministry of B.W. Manning. This young couple were amongst the first workers at Cowandilla, when Mile End commenced the work there, but for most of their married lives, they were members at Maylands, S.A. Arch worked for Motor Traders Ltd. for 37 years. In retirement he quickly adjusted and became busy in helping others. He was an office-bearer of the Senior Citizens Club at the Maylands church. He was greatly loved for his grace and friendliness. Regularly he used his car to transport the sick or elderly to their appointments or to church or club. He was a practical Christian. On his last Sunday with us he served at the Lord's Table. He died suddenly on September 1. He was 73, and this month he and Mrs. Biddle would have celebrated their Golden Wedding. S.E. Riches, a cousin of Mrs. Biddle, assisted the writer at the funeral.

—N.S.M.

BULLEN Reginald S.

Reg. Bullen was a lifelong and faithful member of the church. He first committed his life to Christ during the ministry of J. G. Shain with the newly commenced work at East Doncaster. He was one of a large family actively connected with the life and work of the young church. A wider experience of Christian faith came through association of youth groups at Blackburn and a deeper involvement through his sharing in the beginnings of the Sunday School at Mitcham. His work in the Sunday School continued over many years. When the meetings at East Doncaster ceased and the building was removed to North Balwyn, Reg. and his wife (nee Dorothy Whitford. They were married at the Hawthorn church in 1940), transferred to Mitcham. Later, after some years at Wonga Park, church membership was transferred to Croydon. Almost four years ago, they came to live at Rosebud and became a valued part of the church family at Tootgarook. In spite of the poor health from which he suffered, Reg. took his part for as long as possible in the service and the services of the church. He was a quiet, friendly man. The funeral services at the Croydon Church and the Lilydale Lawn Cemetery were conducted by the writer and the minister of the Croydon church, A.B. Clark. We commend his wife and daughter and son, his brother and two sisters to the source of all comfort and grace.

—R. C. Bolduan

CROSS, Arthur.

August 5, Arthur Cross died in the Camden Hospital at the age of 79 yrs. He was born in 1898 in the Goulburn Valley, Vic. He married Katherine (Katie) McGill in Melbourne 80 yrs. ago, and their daughter Kathleen was born. Arthur and Katie spent some years farming at Mirrool, NSW, then moved to Albury where they became members of the church of Christ. Arthur became an elder. About 1956 they moved to Glenfield, and entered into a long and happy association with the church of Christ at Austral. Arthur again became an elder, and put in a tremendous amount of manual labour, helping to build the chapel, and later spending 18 months building the Hall, without charge to the church. Fittingly, at the official opening of the Hall, it was his hand that turned the key. About 12 years ago, he and a party of men went to Mudgee, dismantled the churches of Christ chapel there and brought it back to Campbelltown, where it was re-erected as a meeting-place for the new church. The Crosses later moved to Campbelltown, and have been associated with the church there. For many years Arthur Cross also gave untiring service to the Social Services Dept. of the NSW churches. We remember our brother Arthur Cross with inspiration.

—Bery Benz.

HAMLIN, Mrs. Ida L.

Here we break yet another link with the pioneering days of our S.A. Churches. In A..B. Maston's Jubilee History of Churches of Christ in Australasia (1903), Mrs. Hamlyn's father, A. Belcher, is pictured as an officer of the North Adelaide church. It was in the Prospect district and the North Adelaide church that Ida Belcher grew into the grace of knowledge of Christ. Married to William Hamlyn, they moved to Trinity Gardens and transferred to Maylands church. Her husband died in 1963, but Mrs. Hamlyn lived on until she was only one week short of 91 years. She was blessed with good health, except for some infirmity over the past two or three years which followed from a fall. We remember her as an active little lady, alert of mind, and faithful to Christ. She died in the Christian Rest Home on Sept. 3. With her daughters, Regina and Evelyn (Mrs. W. N. Heath), we give thanks for her remarkable life.

—N.S.M.

SIMPSON: Florence May.

Florrie Simpson came from England 47 years ago to join her husband, Gerald, who had preceded her. She was baptized at St. Morris, in 1928 and became totally involved in the life of the church. Though their marriage was not blessed with children there were many 'adopted' children who came under her influence in the Cradle Roll and Kindergarten Depts. of the S.S. For over 40 years Florrie Simpson served on the S.S. She was active in the C.W.F. and she was recognised on the floor of Conference. To have known Florrie Simpson was to have been loved by her. The love of Jesus Christ, the Saviour who loved her and whom she loved, flowed out and was felt by those who had contact with her. W. N. Bartlett and the writer conducted services at the church and at Centennial Park Crematorium. We commend our husband, Gerald, to God.

— R. L. Oke

VISIT FROM DARETON (Ormond, C.P. Clayden) Young people hosted 27 young people from Dareton led by Mr & Mrs Peter Ritcher . . . For four days a 5 p.m. service was held and a basket tea followed. The New Life Singers led the service . . . Ian Mullen was recent speaker . . . Members attended a Regional Prayer Rally at East Bentleigh for the Dept. of Home Missions & Evangelism . . . A Review Planned Evangelism Program has been completed . . . Young People have tea and Bible Study on Wednesday night . . . Ladies visited Nursing Home and provided afternoon tea . . . Mrs File has celebrated her 99th birthday . . . Men & boys had catered tea on Sept. 28 sponsored by the Explorer Club & Viewed film "To Catch a Rhino"

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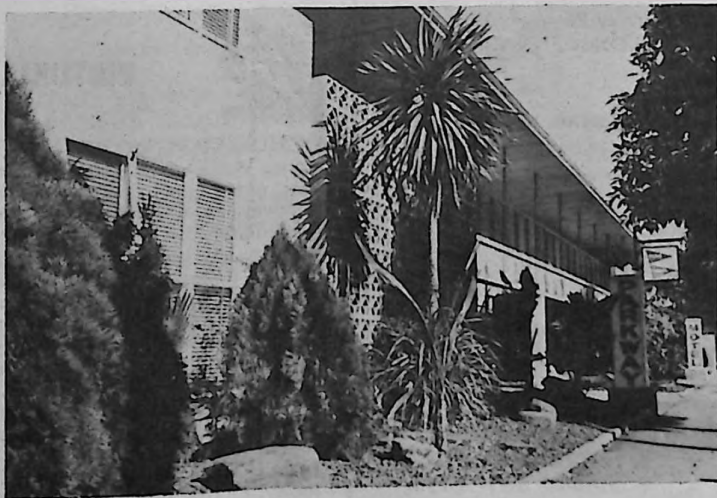
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NEW SOUTH WALES

GROWTH (Epping, K. Farmer). A Church Growth Seminar held during three consecutive week nights in September. Entitled "Let's Grow at Epping," it was modelled along lines of series conducted by Dr. Win Arn. Evidence of growth in the congregation. Eight adults have been welcomed into membership in past month.

BARBECUE (Hornsby Dist. D. A. Oldfield) Church shared in Barbecue Lunch on Sept. 7 in the grounds of Ormond School, Thornleigh. At evening service a young girl was baptised. Y.P. conducted gospel service on Sept. 14. R. Kallmier, D.C.E. Director, was guest speaker. A young man was baptised.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PRAYER (Pt. Lincoln, Brian Hill). Women's share, prayer and study group meets on Tuesday morning Continuous prayers are said throughout Wednesday for one another, the Church and its outreach Bible study and prayer meetings continue each Thursday night in members' homes.

APPOINTMENT (Mile End). Since Mr Martin's resignation as minister, the Church has been very grateful for brotherhood assistance particularly A. G. Matheson (mornings), A. R. Jones (evenings) and N. Gavros (Prayer Meetings). Church is delighted that Mr Gavros has been appointed full time from January 1976 "Faith Promise" offering (for Overseas Missions) and assistance to local Greek Evangelistic Fellowship will continue into new year, beginning in November. These two funds raised \$2211 and \$1423 last year, in addition to all other Brotherhood and local funds.



VICTORIA

DEMOLITION COMPLETED (Richmond, W. Gibney). Demolition of the 87 year old Chapel has been completed. Renovations of existing Hall commence immediately An after school fellowship led by Alan Niven and Miss Ngaire Robinson has 20 children attending. A family night to promote this Adventure fellowship attended by 70 Young Adult Fellowship is led by W. Gibney. Sept. 21 Sunday evening completely conducted by Y.A.F. One presided, three gave addresses and others gave musical items, etc. . . . Recent speakers have been Mr Giles, F. & F. B.S., G.K. Scambler, Con. Pres., Mr Holloway, and D. Prout The church was saddened by the death of Miss Ivy Davison.

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WEDDINGS

- Jenny Spencer to John Fox, Elizabeth McCafrey to Robert Holmkvist, Epping, N.S.W.
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B.S. PRIZE (Avenell Heights, Bundaberg, R. W. Cobine). B.S. won Qld. O/Seas Mission Competition for the N.G. Fuel Fund. Prize included four complimentary camps at Camp Cal., a \$20 open order, and engraved Shield ... Mrs Pam Biden took five girls to Junior Camp in August ... Party from Kenmore Flying Squad led by Norm Flett took the services one weekend ... Jim Deutchmann from Maryborough was guest speaker at service led by Y.P. On Father's Day CWF led Father's Day service. Mrs. Taylor brought a message ... Contracts being signed for new manse opposite the church to be ready for the Francis family at Christmas.

ELDER APPOINTED (Bundaberg, B. M. Nowitzke). E. C. Long, church sec., appointed to Barolin St., Board of Elders ... C.W.F. held successful Street Stall. Proceeds for bus trip to Maryborough for combined C.W.F. meeting with Gympie, Maryborough and Bundaberg ... Father's Day Tea held and ladies choir sang at evening service ... C.W.F. purchased cutlery and crockery for use at Church functions ... Cottage meeting of C.W.F. held at Pioneer Aged Persons Home ... W. G. Deoberitz took recent services.

TARGET REACHED (Baddow-Hervey Bay, Nigel Merrick). F.L. Ewers will be speaker at Annual Missionary Convention, Oct 10-12. The Church Missionary Target of \$2700 has been exceeded by more than \$350 with still a month to go ... Young people from Rockhampton and Toowoomba visited here recently ... One new member was received into fellowship in Maryborough ... Usually the "slack" period at the holiday resort of Hervey Bay, good average attendances have maintained. There has been one baptism and two received into fellowship.

YOUTH CAMP (Camp Hill, B. Cutchie). Barfield family is creating Youth Camp near Toogoolawah. Many people, especially young set, helping with construction ... One-hundred attended Family Camp at West Burleigh. Study leader was Colin Dredge. Study became mini Church Growth Seminar ... Ex first-grade footballer, Ron Becene, conducting keep-fit classes for all age groups, seeking new outreach ... C.W.F. held barbecue night, with films.

CHURCH NEWS

BOYS DECIDE (Hampton, G. Fewster). Youth for Christ team conducted evening service and two boys made decisions . . . Church celebrated 64th Anniversary Sept. 13 & 14. Progressive Dinner held on Saturday. S. H. Wilson spoke on Sunday morning and film at night "Where the Waters Run". Mr Lacey, C.O.B. spoke on Father's Day . . . At Church luncheon on Sept. 21, Church Growth was discussed. At night joined with other churches in Youth Happening at Moorabbin Town Hall . . . Ladies raised \$158 at Jumble Sale.

DISCIPLINE & DISCOVERY (Warragul, R. Pritchard) A selected group of leaders is undertaking a five week training period to prepare for Discipline and Discovery programme. The minister conducts sessions with the aid of tapes supplied by the Institute of Church Renewal . . . There are now two house groups meeting weekly. They discuss some aspect of Christian growth and development . . . C. Hogben from Osborne Park, W.A. has been visiting us. He was baptized in Warragul Church of Christ in 1915.

BAPTISMS (Horsham, R. T. Roberts) Three young ladies were baptised on Sept. 21 . . . Alan Webb from Swanston St., spoke at Y.P. rally on Sept. 20, at both services on Sept 21 and continued a teaching ministry during the week . . . N.W. District C.W.F. Conf. held in Horsham. 60 ladies from Ararat to Kaniva heard Mrs Joyce, State C.W.F. President speak. Mrs Mavis Elbourne showed an audio-visual "Connections" . . . Miss Jan Hunting returned from N.G., spoke at two midweek meetings and showed slides . . . Mr & Mrs H. Butler are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

MINISTRY (Coburg, W. Condron) The Regional Board announces that Keith Milne has accepted an invitation to minister from 1976. Mr Milne is presently Manager of the Baptist Bookroom . . . C.W.F. recently led morning service, Mrs L. Salter presiding . . . COCIAC Rally at Brunswick church followed by Fellowship Tea and Bi-lingual Service with Arabic Church . . . The Opportunity Shop conducted on behalf of the Dept. of Social Service has raised over \$10,000 so far this year . . . Mr & Mrs R. Lydiard have celebrated their Golden Wedding . . . God Squad recently completed successful visit to the area.

TO CONTINUE (The Patch, A.V. Page) The present ministry of Mr Page is to continue for further 12 months after end of this year . . . At basket lunch on Sept. 14, aspects of our services and their conduct were discussed . . . At "Fellowship Hour" evening group, Mr & Mrs Ron Liff from Eildon showed color movies and told of experiences during 3 weeks in India . . . Keith Horne (Doncaster) spoke at 10 a.m. "Group Life" Session, and morning worship . . . Youth Club held Mini Camp at Monbulk . . . New electric stove — a gift from C.W.F. — installed in church kitchen . . . Mrs Eva Bramley now resident of "Taingeil".

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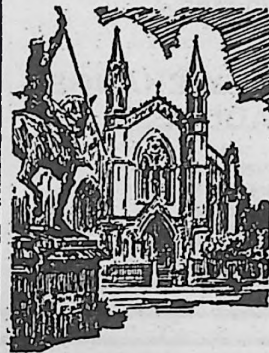
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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

"HIS REFLECTION" (Subiaco) The music group "His Reflection" sang at gospel service ... The film "The Enemy" has been screened. Miss Shirley Caddy was soloiste with Mrs Shirley Smyth at the organ ... After K. J. Clinton, Senior Lecturer, C.O.B., spoke on Aug. 24, young adults had lunch with Mr Clinton and shared in question time ... Bible Study group attended C.O.B. Rally at Brotherhood Centre ... C. W. F. has produced "1975 Women's Special" booklet as "talent" effort.

FAREWELL (Applecross) Kelvin Parry was farewell recently and thanked for his 6 months interim ministry ... Speakers, now drawn from many avenues, have included Conf. Pres. Alan Anderson, and an interview with an elderly Christian with 50 years' experience who is still preaching ... Netball premierships won by Junior A and Senior B reserve teams. Senior B reserve is mainly a "mums" team ... Church concert featured the "Applecross Follies" and a humorous yet challenging presentation of the play — "Here Today."



VICTORIA

FILMS (Stawell, Pam Bowers) Series of 12 Billy Graham films being screened each Sunday evening ... John Williams made his decision, Aug. 17 ... Four attended Church Growth Seminar ... Newly formed Sat. evening monthly fellowship provides opportunity for new contact and growth ... For four weeks group discussion followed morning ser-

vice. Monthly Study Session is using C.O.B. Winter School notes ... Rod Tonkin was a lead singer in Ararat musical production of "Show Boat" ... Christian Youth Films and featurettes shown monthly at Technical school by Len Martin.

MOVE (Norlane, Ian Adams). Julie and Ian Adams and family have moved into the manse. Official opening soon ... On Aug. 31 the Officers conducted the evening service, each taking an active part ... At after-church sing-a-long, at home of Doris and Les Balwinson a new singing group was introduced. Sept. 7 saw a platform exchange and fellowship was enjoyed with Neil Hodgekiss and others from Latrobe Terrace and Thompson.

TO AND FRO (Wattle Park, Jeff May & David Murray). On Sept. 7 a combined service was held with Surrey Hills led by the C.Y.F. and included a play of the prodigal son ... Jeff May returned wearily from W.A. C.O.B. promotion trip ... Bible Study, Prayer Group and Friendship Sunday evening tea service programs with representatives from neighbouring churches are designed to get to know each other better.

MARRIAGE DEDICATION (Essendon, C. S. Badcock) All those who were married in the Church were invited to a special service and again took the vows of marriage. A "cuppa" and biscuit followed in the Family Centre where slides and photos of weddings were shown ... Guest speakers have been Terry Cox of Frankston Salvation Army and Gordon Scambler, Vic./Tas. Conf. Pres ... Good Companions held Fancy Dress Novelty Night organised by Auntie Betty ... Miss Gwen Rogers back at worship after operation and hospitalisation ... Mrs. Jean Hainsworth absent through ill health and Mrs. Kemp still in hospital.

TABLE TENNIS EVENINGS (Montrose, Alan Horne). Men's table tennis

evenings held with Croydon and Bayswater churches ... Six-week Church Growth Seminar commenced Sept. 14 with 35 members registered. Don Smith was morning speaker ... New ablation block completed by men ... Youth Club had snow trip in holidays. Bev. Hogden joins leadership team ... Drop-in centre commenced in church hall. 25 local members are on roster. David White, Family Worker with S.U., has shared in team training.

TO W.A. ON DEPUTATION (Ascot Vale, Ian Corlett). Mr Corlett went with other students and college lecturers to Perth to represent the College of the Bible ... Four young school teachers were responsible for Adventure Time during recent school holidays ... One of the Adventure Time classes presented a short play at church and gave items accompanied by Miss McLean on the guitar ... C.W.F. held a street stall on Sept. 26 ... Ken Masterton was a recent speaker and Alan Matheson, a former minister, was interviewed.

"WALKATHON" (Caulfield, K. Christensen) Pat Jones and Judy Lunn raised \$100 in "Walkathon". ... Recent speakers have been A. W. C. Candy, Justin Parma of Irian Jaya, and Mr Price for Far East Broadcasting who presented audio visual of work in the Seychelles ... A.W.F. were entertained by Carnegie Senior Citizens Choir ... Mrs Jowett after surgery is progressing at home ... R. Goodman is convalescent.

SECOND BUS (Box Hill, K. Bond). Second Bus commenced for B.S. on Sept. 21 after further visitation in area by members ... Some ladies were in Camp at Monbulk Sept. 12-21 ... "Axios Group" guest artists recently ... Explorer Boys assisted in morning service on 21st ... Y.P.C.E. held Camp at Parkdale Sept. 13-14 ... Ladies Groups combined for Thanksgiving night "Japanese" style, \$235 given.

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QUESTING

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A. E. WHITE



How long should a new church member wait before he is elected to the church board or to other responsible positions in the church, and before he is asked to take part in the church plan as reader, etc.

The deciding factor is not how long a person has been a member, but whether or not he (or she) is qualified for the task.

There are some tasks a new member could accept almost immediately, assisting at the Lord's Table is one of them. Many new members are competent to read the Bible in church almost as soon as they join. There is no point in having them sit out some arbitrary qualifying period just for the sake of holding them back.

If a person is able to make the most important decision he will ever make in his life, there is no reason why he should not express that decision very soon in the worship services of the church.

The member must be qualified, however. An illiterate person would not be asked to read, or an incompetent person asked to preside.

Perfection should not be asked but reasonable competence is expected.

Just as some persons would bring organizational skills and administrative

ability that would qualify them for early election to the Board of Officers, so some would be ready to take part in worship services as soon as they are baptized.

The aim is not to rush people into jobs for which they are not ready, but to use the abilities they already have and to develop other capacities through training.

There should always be new people coming into church positions. The church loses by having the same persons fill the same jobs year after year. New people usually mean new ideas and new enthusiasms.

There is no fixed time limit for any leader to serve and ministers, board chairmen, church secretaries, church treasurers, B.S. Superintendents, and organists have been known to give long and increasingly effective service. To fix arbitrary limits to such service could be as wasteful of talent as too early forced retirement in the commercial work-force is wasteful of resources. Too early pressures to drop out could rob the church of some of its best minds and hands.

It is desirable, however, for some tasks to be shared. Probably, a board chairman should serve for no more than two years. One year is too short, three years could be too long. After five years, board members should stand down for one or two years, after which they would be eligible for another term. Such persons could accept other tasks in the church during the time they are off the board.

No church member should have more than one important position of leadership. This principle, together with wise and appropriate limits to years of service, will ensure that new members have opportunity to serve and they will also grow.

Next Issue: "Is there any wrong in taking a raffle ticket towards a charitable cause?"

THE LAST WORD ...

"If you do not see the sufferings of the people who surround you, you are more blind than I."
— Helen Keller

SORROW

God is in the cold and storm
As he is in fair days and warm.
Life is not spent with happiness,
Growth and strength must come through stress.
And though I run from sorrow's face,
It comes to meet me bringing grace.

by Annie Kendall Wilson



One girl to another as they watched a bride and groom leave the church: "She's the one who advised me to play hard-to-get with him."



Game Try

When I am losing, when I'm stuck,
I blame my troubles on bad luck,
But when I win, you bet I will
Give all the credit to my skill.

—Donna Evleth



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