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DANGER BE MY MATE

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A quarter of a century ago Reinold von Thadden, addressing an international group of missionary leaders, said emphatically: The outstretched arms of the crucified Lord declare that henceforth there can be no fear and despair which God is not ready to meet with comfort and help, no more depths of loneliness and abandonment which his light and mercy cannot reach, no guilt—whether personal or collective—which was not embraced in the power of forgiveness, these profound perspectives of the Cross . . . condemn the Church where it wants to be more than Christ, where it wants to live more easily and less painfully than he, where it does not follow its Master into the uttermost distress.

Much earlier our Lord put it like this: . . . unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life (John 12:24,25).

To hate life does not mean to despise it; it means to risk it. To be always withholding it and protecting it is to be always losing it, always denying to it the increase that would come by spending it valiantly.

Living dangerously should never be confused with living recklessly. One is calculated, the other careless.

The security syndrome in which most of us in the Western world have been caught up—social security, financial security, national security—makes it hard for us to take seriously what Dietrich Bonhoeffer called "the cost of discipleship." Grace may be free, but we are wrong when we make it cheap.

The paradox of Christian living is that life handed over to God is ultimately secure and immediately dangerous. One can trace it out in thoughtful patterns.

For example, there is danger in caring. The person who doesn't care has about him a certain kind of strength. He is invulnerable. But his strength, far from being admirable, is hard and harsh. If he were a caring person, equipped with love's sensitivities, he would be vulnerable, open, accessible to other people and their hurts. And this is costly. It is dangerous to one's enclosed and enameled ego. "We are all continually tempted," says David Read of New York, "to protect ourselves against the pain of really caring. We would hate to be hardhearted, but just a little hardening of the heart here and there can spare us such a lot of pain."

There is danger, too, in daring. Revolutionary times, such as these that are upon us, call for steadiness, to be

sure, but they do not call for stuffiness and stagnation. Two or three times recently I have read, "The seven last words of the church: 'we never did it that way before.'"

Churches and mission boards that are conventionalized, standardized and computerized need the daring to get on their knees and ask for a spiritual shock treatment. Given half a chance, the Holy Spirit will take our inefficient efficiency and send through it galvanic waves of rescuing vitality. On the other hand, many a congregation and missionary organization would be leagues ahead if it exercised the daring to marry its orthodox piety to a modernized methodology, with goals and charts and checkpoints.

We love our velvet ruts. We have been in them so long that they are smooth and

comfortable. We shrink from the pain of breaking out into new forms and freedoms of action. Our sentiment is, Havit be my friend, when it ought to be, Danger be my mate.

Furthermore, there is danger in sharing. Have you tried sharing your empathy—that profound blend of love and imagination that enables you to put yourself in the place of another person? He is of another race, or color, or culture, or viewpoint. You have your own, and you are not called upon to deny it, but empathy summons you to have a look at the problem or need from the point of view of that other person.

It's dangerous to think like that. And even more dangerous to act on it. It puts your prejudices and preconceptions in peril. You might lose them.

INNER SPRINGS

What shall I wish thee?



As my awareness and insight into the lives of other people has deepened over the years I have become reluctant to use the words of that age old wish "Happy New Year", without first knowing something of the circumstances of those to whom I might express them.

For the calendar is no respecter of persons, and I have seen the most appalling burdens laid on the shoulders of many almost at the moment of hearing such words. And who of us will forget the unimaginable suffering and disaster inflicted on the hearts and homes of thousands through the forces of nature.

Words can mean so much that they inspire us to new heights of achievement, or so little that they become only a cruel mockery. For the days ahead for each of us we need much more than a lighthearted wish for happiness.

"Human happiness" writes another, "is not an abiding thing. There is nothing permanent or certain about the joys and satisfactions of this world for they depend upon so many things that are unpredictable. They are at the mercy of chance and change."

What we do need are words to live by. Something meaningful in place of something meaningless. Something with which to face life and drink our cup in spite of its contents, and still look up and say, "This is the day the Lord hath made. I will rejoice and be glad in it." For this I can find nothing better than a wish and some words of value given to me.

What shall I wish thee, what can be found
Bringing thee sunshine all the year round?
Where is the treasure, lasting and dear
That shall insure thee all through the year?

Faith that increaseth walking in light
Hope that aboundeth happy and bright,
Love that is perfect casting out fear
These shall insure thee a happy year.

PRAYER:

We praise Thee, Dear Lord, for the spirit of Faith, Hope and Love without which none of us could live. May they be indwelling in each one of us throughout the coming days—to cast out fear, to reflect Thy love, and to inspire us to serve Thee more fully, so that we may come before Thee without excuse or regret for things undone.

alm 118—24

Amen.
FLORENCE ROSIER

“THE EARTH IS THE LORD’S”



We had never been to Canberra for a Conference, and we have never had a Conference quite like the 35th. The general response was, Let's have more!

We began with a Lakeside Communion service on the edge of the West Basin of Lake Burley Griffin. Graham Gilmour presided and established a mood of fellowship and commitment that prevailed throughout the whole Conference.

Neil Gilmore, that minister of many roles and many titles, was there to speak as President of the A.C.T. Conference of Churches. He reminded us that the church is confronted by a savage, threatening world which we dare not ignore, and from which we cannot flee. We must confront the world in the spirit and power of the Christ whose world it is. The church cannot pretend that even far-away dangers are not our concern, or that the distant hungry and oppressed have no claim on us. During the service, where the evening sun gave its benediction of beauty to the sky, the trees, and the lake, a fleet of helicopters came out of the sun-fringed clouds and forced their presence on our imagination. For some they brought frightening memories of the helicopter gun-ships of Vietnam. To others as they passed, they looked for all the world like winged crosses above the communion scene.

When Gilmore gave way to Gilmour—there was spelling confusion for days!—we came to the bread and the cup of communion. All of the helpers came from the Canberra churches and they moved with the simple emblems among the people crowded on the grassy slope rising from the lakeside. We followed the words of President:

“The path to conquest is the path of suffering—symbolised not by sword and shield,
nor yet by bomb and gun,
but by cross,
and by bread and wine.



“I hold in my hands a loaf of bread. I look at it . . . and see many grains crushed to make one loaf . . . the fellowship of the people of God. For the eating of bread together says, of the many, We are one body. No one here is stranger or alien.

“I look at this bread . . . the many grains in one loaf . . . and see in it our common life, the labour of many hands makes it available to the one . . . for work is the gift of oneself to the whole of which one is a part.

“I look at this bread . . . I see in it the One life given for many—the life of Jesus, risen, conquering Lord, sustaining all people . . . the life and light of all. I remember a broken body, given in love to give life and hope to all.

“We are in the midst of a miracle . . .

“A loaf . . . many grains for one loaf—one Life for many sins and their forgiveness.

“A cup . . . many grapes for one cup—one Life, a new agreement between God and ourselves, for our many sins and their forgiveness.

“The loaf that we break is it not a participation in the body of Christ? The cup of Blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?”

Ray Stephens read the Scripture and the Lowanna Singers came from Cheltenham, Vic., to share their music and faith. Helen Jones sang after the cup was passed, and we thought how hard it is to find the will of God in this confused and threatening world, but how good it was to be together in the presence of our Lord, to seek that will and to do it.

LIVING IN

Over 800 (counting children, and it is time we counted them seriously) were at the Conference and the majority of them were living in the Halls of Residence at the Australian National University. Most were at Garran—Burton, some at John XXIII (where we even had a delegate named Mrs. Pope), and some at Burgmann (with familiar names such as the Campbell Edwards Room and the A. R. Main Room). We never had it so good.

Although the rooms were single and husbands and wives



LOWANNA SINGERS AT LAKESIDE . . . AND IN MELVILLE HALL

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temporarily separated, the accommodation was first class and the co-operation of the A.N.U. staff most helpful. The meals were prepared by the regular chefs and the fellowship of the communion table by the lakeside was expanded in sharing at the common table where the food was good and the talk was as good as the food.

Coffee in the common rooms and the in-between session chatter provided far more opportunities for deepening friendships than is possible in our traditional conference format.

THE BUSINESS

The business was different, too. The delegates divided into twenty groups meeting in twenty different locations and they prepared questions, made comments, and shaped amendments and motions, before going to the plenary sessions.

Sixteen pages of material came out of the Deliberative/Action Groups on the Reports and the huge pile of duplicated sheets probably qualified the Conference for a place in the Guinness Book of Records. There were nearly 250 items arising out of the Reports and that is a terrifying agenda for any Conference. But most delegates thoroughly approved the innovation and folk who have attended many Conferences without having a chance to speak were at last given an opportunity to make their contribution.

Although some refinements to the method will be necessary, at the final session the change was declared acceptable—with enthusiasm. We all owed a great debt to Graham Gilmour, who with tact, gentle firmness, pathfinder skills through mazes of amendments, and consideration for all, made the business sessions effective and friendly. Typically, when responding to a vote of thanks moved by Dr. Geoff. Hall of W.A., Mr. Gilmour said, "Your job has been harder than mine. I had only to find your will, you have had to find the will of God."

THE EVENINGS

The evenings were different, too. We had only three large rallies.

On Monday there was a Family Concert, with the Lowanna Singers providing the main section. They showed their versatility and professional talent. The Lowanna Singers paid their own way to Canberra, having given a concert in a packed Moorabbin Town Hall to gain funds. After the Monday evening concert they flew home again. It was a short visit of a little more than 36 hours, but they gave us much music and great pleasure. At the Monday concert they sang classical numbers, popular songs, and sacred items, and were enthusiastically received.

The Ainslie Repertory group presented the play "Let's Be Devils" and the young people showed the great value of church drama as they demonstrated how easily family and social relationships can be shattered. Ted Harrison was the producer.

Mrs. Helen Jones sang again on the Monday and Tuesday nights.

At the Tuesday rally, John Kerin, M.H.R., represented the Prime Minister and welcomed us to Canberra. Mr. Whitlam was understandably otherwise engaged after his overseas visits. Alan Male spoke on "The Down to Earth Jesus," and Bishop Warren of Canberra and Goulburn led in worship.

On the Thursday night, missionaries and mission workers were introduced and Robert Whan responded. Rev. Euan Fry, Translations Secretary of the Bible Society of Australia, stood in for the Rev. J. H. Payne, unexpectedly called to Nairobi for a World Bible meeting.



Just a few of the T-Shirt gang who met, carried, helped, ushered, messaged, and proved indispensable.



At business in the plenary session.



"I declare that the amendment is carried." (From left; W. W. Saunders, O.B.E., Assistant Secretary; L. J. Butler, Vic. Vice-President; R. J. Stephens, A.C.T. Vice-President; Graham Gilmour, President).

● **THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S
THE YOUNG**

There was an excellent creche operating every day so that parents of small children could attend Conference sessions and there was nothing but praise for those in charge. The kids had a lot of fun in good safe hands.

For those 6-14 there were special programmes led by Mr. and Mrs. David Allsop. There were craft activities, drama groups, creative sessions and games. David is a specialist in this field and the youngsters found the days absorbing as the photos show.

ELECTIVES

There were evening elective programmes and these were a significant addition to Conference. Folk could follow their own special interests. There was an Overseas Missions programme, a Home Mission focus on church growth, a look at the ministry with Gordon Stirling providing the telescope and microscope, a study of Drug Dependence with Geo. Smith, a workshop on family worship, methods of Bible Study, a question from the Christian Union Dept., "Should Christian Union be removed from our Plea." Aborigines' Missions highlighted their work, and some just sang. In "Singing the Faith," led by song-leader Ron C. Hewitt with Graham Butler at the piano, folk crowded the foyer of Garran-Burton and turned the wide entrance stairway into a gallery of song.

EARLY IN THE MORNING

Not everyone got to the early morning devotional sessions at 7.20. Those who did were well rewarded. Allan Webb of Melbourne led a Bible Study at Burton, Neil Gilmore had a School for Prayer at Burgmann. Keith Farmer of Epping conducted a second Bible Study at John XXIII.

The morning family worship programmes were not so well attended, but this was due to a programming error of judgment. 7.20 a.m. was too early to get whole families together and when we do it again, we shall consult with parents and leaders first.

MUSIC

It was a Conference of song. The Lowanna Singers, Mrs. Helen Jones, Mrs. Merle Alderton, Miss Shirley Alderton, Phil. Goldfinch, Hennie and Peter De Wildt, and Miss Maureen Rule, all placed us in debt.

Ron Hewitt was song leader, with a heart and voice as big and cheerful as the rest of him. He made us sing with joy.

Graham Butler was organist and pianist, and was also helped at the organ and piano by Mrs. Liz Hemer, Mrs. Judy Fergie, and Mrs. Margaret Howard. Kathy Gilmore was strumming on her guitar.

THE CLOSING

The session on Friday evening focussed our closing thoughts on our exploration of the Earth that is the Lord's.

Graham Gilmour handed over the President's gavel to Eric Hart of Brisbane and the Queensland Conference was entrusted with preparation for the 36th Conference.

The gavel had previously been presented by Neil Gilmore. It had been fashioned from the cedar tree under which Barton Warren Stone preached in the early days of the Restoration Movement at Cane Ridge, Kentucky. It will form a symbolic link with our heritage. Mr. Hart announced that his theme will be "The Vision that made a People."

But we were not done with the 35th, and Clifford G. Taylor gathered up the threads of our experience of a week together and led us in the Affirmations and Commitment of Resolution No. 10 from the churches in the A.C.T. "The Earth is The Lord." This resolution will be printed in our next issue and we shall have to do some serious thinking if it is to mean more than a moving and challenging climax to our fellowship and sharing.

It can't be left a part of the minutes of the past Conference. Rather, it is designed to help us to shape the days of all our years to come. Once we consciously acknowledge that "The Earth is the Lord's" we are committed to find the style of life that conforms to Christ's will.

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The mobile part of the creche. Storytime and Adventure time outside Garran.



David Allsop gives some personal guidance.



The real business of Conference!

• EXAM RESULTS

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

Students gained passes in about 90% of the examinations undertaken in November 1974, with the Melbourne College of Divinity. This is much higher than the average pass rate.

The following completed requirements for their Diplomas—**I. Cartmel, W. Keddie, (Dip. Theol.); R. Allison, D. Brown, D. Buller, I. Corlett, K. Haythorpe, J. May, G. Nelson, D. Stevens, R. White (L. Th.); A. Fletcher (L. Th. and Dip. R.E.); R. Lloyd, P. Nelson and D. Ryle (Dip. R.E.).** R. Street gained high marks for his three subjects for the B. Theol.

Marks from the Melbourne College of Divinity examinations constitute only part of the assessment for the subject for the College of the Bible Diploma. The end-of-the-year assessments which follow indicate those who passed with distinction.

Old Testament 1—**G. Jenks, 7 others** passed.

New Testament 1—**17** passed.

New Testament 3—**D. Brown, W. Keddie, J. May, 8 others** passed.

Intro to Greek N.T.—**G. Jenks, 4 others** passed.

Reading Greek N.T.—**Jeanette May, B. Spencer, 8 others** passed.

Church History 2—**11** passed.

Systematic Theology 1—**R. Allison, 9**

others passed.

Systematic Theology 2—**R. Allison, D. Brown, W. Keddie, J. May, 14 others** passed.

Theological German—**R. Lloyd, D. Ryle, 2 others** passed.

Missions—**R. Allison, 15 others** passed.

Churches of Christ Witness—**P. Nelson, 6 others** passed.

Christian Education 1 to 2—**R. Street, 15 others** passed.

Christian Education 3—**10** passed.

Christian Education 4—**C. Johnson, G. Nelson, P. Nelson, R. Risson, D. Stevens, 4 others** passed.

Meaning of Ministry—**G. Jenks, K. Wood, 7 others** passed.

Introduction to Preaching—**R. Brown, G. Jenks, 7 others** passed.

Worship—**W. Keddie, R. Street, 10 others** passed.

Church Administration—**W. Keddie, 7 others** passed.

Crisis Counselling—**9** passed.

Contemporary Theology—**R. Brown, P. Cameron, J. Drayton, G. Jenks, 4 others** passed.

Understanding Australian Society—**C. Johnson, P. Nelson, D. Ryle, D. Stevens, 2 others** passed.

Sermon Seminar—**D. Brown, I. Corlett, J. May, R. White, 3 others** passed.

K. R. Bowes (Principal).

R. C. WINDS OF CHANGE

More than 170 R.C. vocation directors in the U.S. have asked that a proposal be considered to reinstate married priests to the active ministry "in some official church-recognized capacity."

At the annual meeting of vocation directors, members were told that the "quantitative crisis" created by the strong decline in the number of priests and those training for the priesthood was not necessarily a "qualitative crisis". The numbers may be down but the quality is not diminished.

According to Cardinal Franjo Seper of the Vatican, R.C. laymen may now hold membership in Masonic orders where the lodges do not "plot against the church". However, the Catholic church continues "to discourage Catholic membership in the Masons and will excommunicate those who have membership in secret societies which are actively hostile to the church".

JUMBLE SUCCESS (Ascot Vale, Ian Corlet). The Jumble Sale raised \$320 which enabled the church to proceed with an expanded ministry from Nov. to Feb. . . . Diane Smith made her decision and was baptized . . . When the "Changing Moods" led our service recently, the Methodist folk and friends of our members were invited to hear the special singing . . . We have an American couple meeting with us. Ken and Sandra Brady are teachers here for two years.

WORLD TALK No. 110

IN THE STUDY.

John's baptism (John 1-3) takes on new significance when a study is made of proslyte baptisms. In N.T. times a gentile wishing to enter the Jewish faith was circumcised, immersed for cleansing, then dressed in new robes. There is no example of proslyte baptism in the N.T. although it was practised in the 1st C. Was John's baptism a claim that Jews had moved so far from God that like the non-Jew, a man had to repent of sin, be baptised for cleansing and reclothed as a child of God?

Those who seek parallels to infant sprinkling in circumcision are looking in the wrong direction. Baptism has its roots in the ceremonial washings of Lev. 15, 16; Exo 30. Cleansing required by the Law of the Rabbis, running water, or a baptistry holding at least 60 gallons. Qumran shows the enormous size of rock cut cisterns for ceremonial washings.

Baptism has been a great theological issue of the mid 20th C. Brunner's lecture 1937; Barth's broadside 1943; then replies by Cullmann and Jeremias; then subsequent books by Aland, Beasley-Murray, Gilmore and White have continued the debate.

A question to ponder: Why was Jesus himself baptising people (John 3:22); Was this John's baptism of repentance?

FROM THE PULPIT.

The dedication of Jesus in his act of baptism in the Jordan (Matt. 3:13-17) was to his task of being the lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world (Jn 1:29). His baptism lasted until the Cross.

Many centuries ago in Ireland, Saint Patrick was baptising an Irish chieftain in a wide river. Walking out into deep water,

THEMES OF JOHN

BAPTISM

Saint Patrick pushed the tall iron cross he was carrying into the river bed to signify to all the name of the One in whom this baptism was being conducted.

He baptised the man, and then as he lifted him up from the water, he saw a crimson stain come to the surface of the water, and he recognised it as blood and realised that he had stabbed the iron cross into the river bed through the man's foot!

Horrified, St. Patrick cried out, "My son, why didn't you cry out?" And the chieftain replied, "Because Father, I thought it was all part of the baptism!"

Only as we see the blood at the foot of the cross do we realise what the baptism of Jesus involved.

AMONG THE PEOPLE.

A business man sat in his over-large leather chair, his wife had made her decision for Christ and I was talking to him about his need of a Saviour and of his obedience to him as Lord. He desired to be baptised saying "I want to be baptised not because of your friendship, or the example of my wife, but because of the change I have seen in my son since you baptised him. He is an utterly new person and I want my baptism to be the sign of my change, too".

Baptism is a public witness to our belief, to our obedience to Christ, to our determination to live as a new person, and to our dedication to be God's child regardless of the cost.

GORDON MOYES.

THE RUSSELL REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

INTRODUCTION:

In making its request to the Minister for Education to initiate an enquiry into Religious Education in Victorian State Schools, the following four reasons were submitted—

1. Changes in general education were bringing into question the separation of religious teaching from other school studies;

2. Developments in religious education were enabling it to serve a wider and more educational purpose;

3. The increased professionalism in the schools was heightening the inherent difficulties of a voluntary system; and

4. The churches were experiencing practical difficulties in covering the rapidly increasing school population. During the two years of the Committee's work, the situation has become, if anything, more urgent. (Only 42.6% of children in State schools were receiving any form of religious teaching in 1974.)

We as a Sub-Committee believe these were valid reasons for seeking the enquiry.

COMMENTS:

The Sub-Committee would agree (with the Council for Christian Education in State Schools) on the following comments—

(1) We are convinced that religious education should be seen as integral to the general education of all children. This was one of the convictions that influenced it in seeking an enquiry, and the Report shows that this conviction is supported by the example of many schools in the United Kingdom, Europe and North America, by the changes being adopted in the schools of other Australian States—notably Tasmania and South Aust., and by an emerging consensus in educational literature.

(2) We are aware both of the desire of clergy and lay people to serve the children in our State schools, and of the frustration many are experiencing at their inability to cover all the schools or to meet the religious needs of many children.

(3) We support the major recommendation of the Report that religious instruction should be progressively replaced by a wide-ranging, open-ended, general religious education provided by Departmental teachers for all children in State schools.

(4) We welcome the statement in the Report that religious education in schools should complement the nurture provided in the homes, churches and other religious and community groups to which children belong. It hopes that this statement, and the clear intention of the Report that changes should be effected

progressively and that a due place should be given to the study of Christianity, will help to allay anxieties some may have at the prospect of the primary responsibility for religious education passing from the churches to the schools.

(5) We recognise the continuing responsibility of the Council for Christian Education to organise and supervise religious instruction for school children. Even on the most optimistic timetable for the acceptance and implementation of the recommendations of the Report, it will be many years before the voluntary instruction system will cease to have a contribution to make. We urge our people to continue their support of the Council and its work.

(6) We are gratified by the recognition in the Report of the value of school chaplaincy. It intends to work for the further development and expansion of this service in post-primary schools.

(7) We commend the Russell Report to our people for careful study. (A full copy of the Russell Report is available from the Conference Secretary (S. H. Wilson) or Ray McKenzie (D.C.E.).

M E T H O D O L O G I C A L CONSIDERATIONS:

We will not deal with these but commend to you Pages 8—10 of the document "Religious Education in State Schools—A summary of the Report of the Committee on Religious Education" by John Howells.

SOME ANTICIPATED CRITICISMS:

i. One fear of some of our people might be that Christian faith is not promoted. However, the other side of the coin is that because the new approach is educationally sound it is up to the churches to grasp the initiative and build upon the religious awareness which will be created in the school environment.

ii. A second fear of some could be that atheist teachers (or those unsympathetic to Christian faith) might teach the subject. While we think there would not be many such teachers offering to do so, even they would present an awakened religious consciousness using sound educational methods and following the subjects of the new course. While they cannot impart Christian experience, it must be appreciated that in the whole programme this is the role of the Church and the home. Also, of course, it would be reasonable to expect that mostly Christian teachers would seize the opportunity to teach the subject and the quality of their Christian conviction

would surely be evident (as it is now in teaching certain other subjects).

iii. It might appear to some that the Russell Report is a "fait accompli". This, of course, is not so. Even if all the recommendations are eventually adopted by the Government, it would be progressively implemented (over years) with frequent evaluations and adaptations. The Report strongly advocates scope for adaptation at the local level.

RESPONSE:

Churches of Christ in Victoria/Tasmania congratulate the "Russell Committee" on the thoroughness of this historic Report, and welcome the opportunity of commenting on it. While not all those associated with our churches will accept all the recommendations of the Report, we believe it is a sincere attempt to present a balanced educational approach to religion in Victorian State Schools.

We believe that such a programme as outlined in the Report will need to be developed gradually and Churches of Christ will continue to support the Council for Christian Education in Schools in seeking to maintain the existing programme until the new programme is possible.

To ensure success of this programme, availability of suitable materials, aids, etc., is of vital importance and therefore we believe the Advisory Committee for Religious Education must be adequately staffed and financed to this end.

We would commend the Committee particularly for the inclusion of Recommendations 6 and 4, on the understanding that some of the present religious instructors (and other Christian people in the community) who have appropriate skills will take part in some local programmes and they and/or others with experience and counsel will be invited to participate at the local level when programmes of religious education are being designed.

We would be pleased to have representatives attend any conferences of heads of churches called by the Minister and we see great value in these.

Finally, we would be grateful for any steps the Minister can take to inform people accurately (particularly teachers) about the Report's content. We, in our turn, will do all we can to see our people (in Churches of Christ) understand the Report and its implications.

I. Allsop R. McKenzie
G. K. Scambler A. E. White

OPEN FORUM

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

WILL FRASER

To the Editor,

"Mr. Fraser, I wish to thank you for making it possible for me to attend my first day in a Church of Christ Sunday School conducted in your garden."

This isn't a little girl writing, but a woman who attended with her little sister 35 years ago.

I can well remember "Uncle Will" and his niece, Mrs. Wylie, knocking on our doors, and telling us of the S.S. which was to commence that very day. After being taken faithfully to a strict unsmiling church, we readily agreed to go. We were taken to Mr. and Mrs. Fraser's gate. There were children everywhere, 62 in all.

Uncle Will taught us our first chorus, "I am H.A.P.P.Y." This was the beginning of a happy fulfilled life for many of us.

Through his unselfish devotion, dedication, and concern for the souls of young people, many have served on the mission fields, trained at Woolwich, and worked in the home field.

My sister and I have had the joy of seeing our children living for our Lord and talking of full-time service.

Thank God for that happy day, long

remembered, of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser's inspiration to commence the work of the Georgetown Church of Christ.

Jean Moran, N.S.W.

INDIAN OCEAN ISLAND

Nick and Helen Blaskow are missionaries serving with the Africa Evangelical Fellowship on the tiny Indian Ocean Island of Reunion.

Before going to Reunion in January, 1974, Nick and Helen were associated with the Church of Christ at Burwood, Sydney.

For more than a year now they have been involved in an evangelistic and church planting ministry in the various towns of this French-owned tropical island, situated near Mauritius, several hundred miles off the coast of southern Africa.

Since most of the population of the island is made up of people under the age of 25, their work has been predominantly to students and young people.

They have found good acceptance of the Gospel among the people as they have ministered in schools, churches, gaols and in open air meetings. A Christian

bookshop in the main town of St. Denis has proved very popular and is a good source of contact with the people.

After living in a rented flat for a year, during which they became the proud parents of a daughter, Kathryn, they have now moved to a large house which they plan to convert into a youth centre.

They plan to live in the rooms upstairs and build a chapel, meeting room and bookshop in the downstairs section. The land on which the house stands has plenty of room for games and barbecue.

Further information about the Blaskows and their work can be obtained from the General Secretary, Africa Evangelical Fellowship, P.O. Box 559, Queanbeyan, N.S.W. 2620.

Evangelism tests unity, Potter tells Bishops

(Rome)—For the first time in history, the general secretary of the World Council of Churches has addressed leading bishops of the Roman Catholic Church present here for the fourth International Synod of Bishops. Dr. Philip A. Potter was invited to speak on "Evangelization in the Modern World".

He told the representatives of national bishops' conferences and the Roman Curia that the conviction of the World Council of Churches has been that evangelization is the ecumenical theme par excellence. "Jesus Christ is the Gospel we proclaim. He is also himself the Evangelist. To evangelize is to participate in his life and in his ministry to the world", he stated.

To discover what the evangelistic task is today, Dr. Potter said, "we must discern the signs of the times". These include the process of secularization; the search of millions of people for ways of making life more humane; the questions scientists and technologists are raising about what they produce; the agonizing protest of youth; and the end of the Constantinian era for the churches.

These signs of the times constitute a genuine preparation for the Gospel, according to the WCC leader. "They demonstrate the ways in which human beings are, on the one hand, assuming their responsibility for their existence as made in the image of God, even if they do not know or acknowledge him, and on the other, their increasing realization that they cannot achieve an authentic existence in justice and peace on their own."

ANTI-SEMITISM

According to the national policy-making body of the American Jewish Committee, Muslim nations are engaged in exporting anti-Semitism.

Islamic tradition regards Judaism as a religion of revelation and the Bible as a holy book, said the Committee, but recently Muslim scholars have "slandered and misrepresented the Hebrew Scriptures and attributed all inner crimes to the innate depravity of the Jews and their religion.

—"Christianity Today"

LETTERS FROM TERTUS

PLAY WAY

To the Editor,

Our youngest has just graduated to pre-school. This means that the wife and I have re-enrolled in the parents' club and have listened for the third time round to the teacher's talk on the "Play Way" for education. It's quite a good talk about play getting children ready for life and all of its experiences. (I'm sure there's something in it. We saw one young future capitalist cornering the market in building blocks, and a future leader of "Women's Lib." splitting open the eyebrow of a future male chauvinist who stole her tractor.)

Secretly—for you don't say these things out loud in an education-oriented society—I have some misgivings about play way. Is it conditioning the kids to expect that life will be a game, when a lot of it isn't a game? Are today's drop-outs and dole-addicts, yesterday's play way children? Is the sex explosion the result of thinking that sex is just another game—another bit of fun—regardless of who gets hurt in the scramble for the human toys required to make the game interesting?

I wonder if we are finding it hard to hold our young people in the church because we are offering them sanctified play way, when maybe they are sick of play way in schools and universities and everywhere else. Could it be that they might find down-to-earth living a bit of a change from the usual Friday night game of "Surprise!" (Which ice-cream factory do we visit tonight?)

And while we are on the church, is the bit of "slack" that we've been going through, the result of the Play Way generation "playing around" with Christianity? And, of course, it would have been nice if our Lord had said, "I am the play way to the truth and the life." But, then, he didn't have the advantages of a modern education!

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS.

◦ RETALIATION STILL MEANS SUFFERING

LEX TALIONIS AND LOVE

By Donald W. J. Anderson

When I was a boy at home I almost always had bruises on my arms. I had two brothers similarly afflicted. Month after month, year after year, those bruises never seemed to heal!

What was this strange ailment? It was a disease known as *lex talionis*. And, was it painful! It was also highly contagious, and there didn't seem to be any lasting cure.

Lex talionis is a common disease in our society. It can be extremely painful. It can be terribly dangerous, sometimes even fatal. It is a real threat to human survival.

Lex talionis is often not recognized as an illness at all. Indeed, it is often regarded as a remedy for social sickness. This is the major reason it is so dangerous.

Even the Bible, at points, prescribes it as a corrective for social ills. *Lex talionis* was the advice Moses gave the children of Israel in the wilderness, perhaps because of their hardness of heart, or maybe as a warning against starting something they couldn't finish.

In *Leviticus 24*, again, we read: "He who kills a man shall be put to death. He who kills a beast shall make it good, life for life. When a man causes a disfigurement in his neighbor, as he has done it shall be done to him, fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth."

Now, what could be more fair? If you hit me, I'll hit you. If you take something of mine, I'll take something of yours. That's what my two brothers and I thought. If one hit me on the arm, I would hit him back. He'd claim I hit him harder, so he'd hit me again. Now he'd hit me twice, so, to get even, to be fair, I'd hit him again . . .!

Lex talionis is a Latin phrase that means the *law of retaliation*. If a car cuts in front of me on the highway, I have the right to cut in front of it. If someone cheats me, I have the right to try to cheat him. If someone breaks my window, I have the right to break his window. If one nation kills innocent civilians, the other nation has the right to retaliate in kind.

Lex talionis is the name of the game in the Middle East today. If Palestinian extremists indulge in sabotage against Israel, the Israelis feel it is only fair to retaliate against the Arabs. That's what the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution is all about. Because U.S. Navy ships were purportedly attacked there in 1964, the President was given authority to hit back, to get even.

That's the basis for the battle cry of World War II: "Remember Pearl Harbor!" and of World War I: "Remember the Lusitania!" Who recalls today that this unarmed British merchant ship, sunk by the Germans in 1915, carried 128 Americans?

Well, that's the justice of *lex talionis*. But, oh, how it hurts! This business of getting even always seems to accelerate. Bruises spread, blood flows, human flesh rots in death and civilization is brought nearer and nearer the brink of destruction.

Lex Talionis is a stimulant to inflation. Workers demand higher wages. Management raises prices. But we always ask for a little more, just to make sure we're ahead!

A child decides to share his colorbook with another. The second accidentally tears a page. To get even, the first rips one of the other's books in half. Paper flies in every direction. Finally—no colorbooks!

Lex talionis is a medicine that is really a poison. The more you take, the more crippled you become.

The Bible is a marvelous book. It reveals God and expresses the logic of this world. It is a comprehensive volume of divine love and human emotion. Its doctrine of vengeance, however, is one of the most monstrous set forth in history. It is the primary and direct cause of most of our wars, feuds and heartaches. It is here that the Bible sinks to its lowest depth.

It may be biblical, it may be fair, for me to kill your dog if you kill mine. But it is wretchedly evil. It may be fair to bomb another nation to retaliate against some wrong exercised against us, but it is still outrageously sinful.

Thank God, the Bible does not remain on that low key throughout. It also rises to the loftiest heights in the example of Jesus and his followers. Though Jesus respected the scriptures of his day, he recognized and identified evil within them when he saw it. He went far beyond and soared high above the concepts they conveyed.

Jesus said: "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist one who is evil. But if any one strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if any one would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well."

He turned the world upside down! He transformed the whole basis for human justice. He was the greatest and most thoroughgoing revolutionary who ever lived. Modern revolutionaries, who burn and destroy to get even, don't even deserve the name! They are only doing the same thing Moses commanded!

Jesus came to overcome evil, not to accelerate it. And the only way to overcome evil is to absorb it, to take it into yourself without hitting back. If we absorb wrong, it disappears. If you demand my coat, that is wrong. You have no legal right to it. But if I offer you not only my coat, but also my shirt, the evil is absorbed. It disappears, because I consider you more important than my coat, my shirt, or, for that matter, my underwear.

That's what Jesus did—he absorbed evil in goodness, without hitting back; he loved instead of retaliating. At his cross, hate and wickedness were conquered.

May God forgive our foolish ways! And may the love of Christ fill us in our relationships with one another!

—"THE DISCIPLE"

Mr. Anderson is minister of First Christian Church, Fremont, California, U.S.A.

Baptisms at Gokto —Papua New Guinea

On Sunday, Dec. 22, 1974, a new church was established at Gokto, Papua New Guinea, when 61 people were baptized. Gokto, in the foot-hills of the Schrader Ranges, was our most isolated station until an airfield was opened recently. The young New Hebridean couple, Bill and Janet Buli, went there in August 1970 to pioneer the work, and we give thanks to God for the way they have been used in the establishment of the church.

There are numerous villages in the foothills of the Schrader Ranges that are responsive to the gospel, and we may expect that many more churches will be planted in this area.

Concerning the baptisms, Mr. Buli writes, "Dec. 22 was a thrilling time here at Gokto. About 400 people gathered to watch 61 people follow their Lord through the waters of baptism. Ted and Dora Gray baptised the folk. Henry led

the service in the water and Gumne led the service in the church. Gombil spoke in the morning and Abukun at night. We have been privileged to sow the seed and nurture young believers, but it is God who gives the results.

"Looking on the situation one cannot help but see that the Holy Spirit is at work for how else could these people have reached the understanding that they have. There have been times of testing and times of disillusionment for some who had hoped for material wealth as a result of becoming Christians. Spiritually they are starting to grow. Traditional hostilities and mistrust are gradually breaking down as people realise that in Christ they are one.

"The growth has not come overnight and indeed it is a continuing thing, therefore pray that His Church will be faithful to her Lord."

SINGAPORE SEMINAR ON EVANGELISM

—BY PANDHARINATH G. BHALERAO

For the last 7 years, Dr. John Haggai and the Board of Evangelism International have been conducting seminars twice a year. They invite key leaders from all the Asian Countries, who are actively engaged in the outreach work. These include ministers as well as Lay Leaders. Also those who are potential Leaders, who would carry on the work which different Foreign Missions or Missionary Societies have begun. This vision seems to be the outcome of a growing concern that sooner or later foreign missionaries would find difficulties in entering Asian lands. If this happens, the work of the Missions and mainly the task of evangelisation should not be hampered.

At the last Session of Evangelism International, 11 different Asian countries were represented. They were: India, Iran, Bangladesh, Ceylon, Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Borneo, Singapore, Papua New Guinea and British Solomon Islands. In all, 42 participants from these countries attended the Session. Out of these 42 delegates, 17 were selected from India, of which two of us were from the State of Maharashtra, i.e. our own Conference area.

Faculty: Among the Faculty members were Dr. E. H. Watson, Dr. John Haggai, Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, Mrs. Carl Henry, Dr. D. G. James and Rev. James Wong.

Courses taught at the Institute were Theology, Literature, Christian Leader and his Discipline, Christian Message and the Messenger, Comparative Religions, Church Growth, Challenging Sermons, Use of Modern Equipment and Methods in Preaching and Reaching Young People.

Expectation of the Haggai Institute: The Evangelism International's requirement is that those who are trained at the Institute should train others. In order to achieve this, I feel that we should encourage and recommend other leaders of our Conference to attend this Institute with the view that in the years to come there might be at least 4 to 5 trained leaders who would form a nucleus to train others in our Conference and possibly from other areas of Maharashtra State.

Jesus misquoted

According to Aramaic scholar Rocco Errico, the words of Jesus have been mistranslated in numerous places in Bibles in general use. Errico contends that Jesus did not say, "Do not lead us into temptation"; what he said was "Do not let us enter into temptation." Nor did Jesus say, "Unless you hate your father, mother, brother and sister and your own life also, you cannot be my disciple"; the correct translation from the original Aramaic is: "You must set aside your father, your mother, your brother and your sister." Also, Jesus' words from the cross were, in Errico's translation, "My God, my God, for this I was spared; for this was my destiny." And Lot's wife did not turn into a pillar of salt but suffered a stroke and became paralyzed. Dr. Errico says that there are some 12,000 mistranslations in commonly used Bibles because insufficient attention has been paid to Aramaic, "the mother tongue of all Semitic languages." "Christian Century"

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

What were the occupations of these men in the Bible: Tubal-cain, Nimrod. They are mentioned in Genesis. (Answers on page 18)

Mother's Bargain

When mother buys our groceries
She takes me to the store.
We seem to be in fairyland
When we go through the door.

She pushes a big basket there
I ride upon the seat;
While she gets many things in cans
Some soap and fruit and meat.

When we get to the checker's stand
I'm quiet as can be,
But they don't add me to her bill;
She always gets me free.

GRACE R. SHEA

Farewell and Hello

"Goodbye, dear friends," I wept, "...
goodbye."

Oh, Fate, you are perverse.

Five minutes later I discovered

I have left my purse!

LOIS WILSON

TERMINAL CASE

The old gentleman waited patiently
in the physician's office. At last
everyone else had been called.

The doctor said he was sorry that
the fellow had to wait so long.

"Oh, I don't mind the waiting,"
was the reply. "But I had hoped that
you would be able to treat my disease
in its early stages."



"It's making me hungry!"

BOOKS TO READ

THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH

Ed. by Lack and Lamerton (Geoffrey Chapman)

This is the record of a conference on the care of the dying. Indicative of the interest in the subject is the fact that it was attended (in London) by 300 members of the caring professions, and another 600 were turned away. There are three papers: "The Elderly at the End of Life", "Caring for the Dying", and "A Sociologist's View of Euthanasia." They are followed by a summary of a symposium. There is a lot of good sense in the introduction by Cardinal Heenan. If you react against things Roman Catholic, don't let prejudice stop you from reading something worthwhile. In any case, the Cardinal called the Conference at the request of two non-Catholic doctors, the two who edited the volume, Dr. Sylvia Lack and Dr. Richard Lamerton. The Geriatric Professor, the Medical Director, and the Sociologist who delivered the papers are also non-Catholics. Heenan says "that in an irreligious world death is the great unmentionable. The word itself has become an obscenity. Doctors no longer use it." Patients face, not death, but the terminal stage of disease, at the end of which they "pass away." "Because old age is the antechamber to death we have abolished old age too. The old are now called senior citizens . . . Horror of death is one of the more obvious effects of the disappearance of religious belief." The two young doctors believe that when we see that sickness and death is important as well as inevitable, we shall give as much attention to the end of life as we do to its beginning. The Conference was not called to oppose euthanasia, but because of political moves in Britain to legalise euthanasia it was inevitable that "legalised killing" should be seen as the opposite of caring for the dying. This is a small book and accordingly does not have the scope to deal with any aspect of its theme in depth. Nevertheless, it is a splendid introduction and is recommended for ministers and those who have an interest in the care of the aged.

AT THE LORD'S TABLE by Ralph G. Turnbull (Baker)

These 21 communion meditations by a well-known evangelical Presbyterian minister in the U.S. are of uniform length, four pages, and they belong to the traditional pattern of our communion "talks." They are short sermons rather than brief meditations. They are homiletic in character, with an introduction and three points, usually alliterative. Example: At the Lord's Table—A Satisfaction. 1. Because of the Mystery, 2. Because of the Meaning, 3. Because of the Mysticism.

THE HEALING POWER OF THE BIBLE

by Agnes Sanford (Hodder and Stoughton) \$1.65

Agnes Sanford believes in miracles. She believes in the miracles of the Bible and she believes that the power behind the miracles is still available today. She describes miraculous incidents in the Old Testament and she writes well and with helpful insight. She closes her chapter on Elijah and Elisha with the raising of the son of the Shunammite woman, and then tells the story of a woman in childbirth during the war. The family had been unable to find a doctor. When at last he came he said that the baby was dead but he would try to save the mother. The woman's mother called Agnes Sanford to ask for prayers. The baby was delivered, dead, blue and cold. No effort was made to revive it. Two hours later, the mother awoke and asked to see the baby. They told her it was dead. She said, "Bring me the baby. I want to baptize it." She put some water on the baby's head and said, "I baptize you Caroline, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." And the baby's flesh waxed warm; and the baby opened her eyes; and the baby lived! Miracles happen, visions are experienced, and the ecstasy of the presence of God comes

sweeping in upon Miss Sanford. This may not be your experience, and it is not mine, but who can say it is not Miss Sanford's?

FULFILLING

by Dorothy Kerin (Hodder and Stoughton) \$1.50

This is also a book about healing. After years of complete invalidism, Miss Kerin was completely and instantaneously healed. Her doctor was baffled. He said there was no question that she was suffering from consumption and diabetes and that he expected her death at any moment. He had no theory about her healing. If he had read of the case instead of being involved in it, he would not have believed it. Miss Kerin is convinced that it was Christ who healed her. With her own cure she received the gift of healing, and she spent the remainder of her life (She died in 1953) in helping and healing others. There are many testimonies in this book from those who were helped through Miss Kerin's ministry. But she made no claims for herself and remained loyal to the Church of England and the spiritual centres she founded were all within the framework of that church and were blessed by her bishops. She had only one desire and that was to be used of God. And it is easy to believe her when she says "I pray that those who read this little book, may lose sight of Dorothy Kerin, who is nothing, who has nothing, who can do nothing, except offer herself to God, as a bit of pipe, through which He can our Himself."

BIBLE PUZZLES, QUIZZES AND GAMES

by Helen Pettigrew (Baker)

Word squares, cryptograms, cross words, questions and answers, pick the right answer, etc. Some of the items are suitable for group social games, others for working out with pencil and paper. There is a host of them that would be useful to while away some spare time and test your Bible knowledge.

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Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"I can't win with my husband — either it's too inclement to go to church or too nice to be cooped indoors!"



CLOSING DOWN AND MOVING OUT. The talk is of the next Conference in Queensland. Left to right: Don W. Burdett, Arrangements Committee Secretary in A.C.T.; Eric T. Hart, new Federal President; Graham H. Gilmour, Past President; and Ray J. Stephens A.C.T. Vice-President.

36th FEDERAL CONFERENCE TO QUEENSLAND

E. T. HART IS PRESIDENT



DR. WILL MOORE. U.S. Fraternal Delegate to Conference and guest lecturer at the 4th National Ministers' Seminar, speaks to ministers on "Essential Christianity" at Green Hill Conference Centre.



Miss Dianne Feeney
Secretary, Conference Arrangements
Committee, Queensland.



CRISIS IN MINISTRY. Ministers at Green Hills discuss the "Crisis in Ministry" papers prepared by Dr. K. R. Bowes, G. L. Chapman, and F. L. Ewers.



Graham Butler, of
Ainslie Church, A.C.T.
at the Rodgers Organ in
Melville Hall.



Ron C. Hewitt, N.S.W.
Leader of Song, at Canberra.

CHANGES AT THE CENTRE

Ministerial changes To South Australia we welcome George Mathieson (Brighton) to a twelve months' ministry at Clovelly Park, Rodney Lloyd (College of the Bible) to Mount Gambier and Richard Lawton (Director, Federal Board of Christian Education) to Magill. Few other changes within South Australia take place this year.

Gus Setsman has gone from Henley Beach to Germany. Dean Sander (Magill) joins a team ministry with Herb Prime at Flinders Park. Roy Arnoled resigned from Clovelly Park to take temporarily a teaching appointment.

Stan Neighbour, in spite of official retirement completed 50 years of preaching at Mt. Gambier the last Sunday in January. On the first Sunday in February he commenced ministry from the manse at Henley Beach, pending a full time appointment.

At the Brotherhood Centre some changes take effect. Ros Marsh, Secretary to Conference Secretary Ed Roffey, and Heather Atherton, Secretary to D.C.E. Director Gerald Rose, leave in February. Both have exercised in their respective departments responsibilities with efficiency and grace. Miss Marsh came to the office five years ago just before World Convention in Adelaide. She carried great responsibility in the change-over of conference secretaries while travel arrangements were being made for 190 Australians for World Convention in Mexico. Ros commences training for Community Welfare work. Mrs. Atherton came to the D.C.E. office as Heather Burford three years ago. After the first

year she married. She and Brent, schoolteacher/husband, have given generously in youth programmes far beyond the demands at the office.

Fiona Baker, daughter of Hospital Chaplain, Jack Baker, is the new office secretary for D.C.E. An experiment is being conducted this year with University student, Lindsay Holmes being employed as a part-time D.C.E. field worker. Robin Haskell came to S.A. from College of the Bible last year as a half-time Minister at Blackwood and Home Mission Field Officer. Both invited her to become full-time in 1975. She accepted the Home Mission invitation to serve as Field Officer.

Building Alterations are under way at 104 Grote Street. An additional office is being built for Home Mission Director Ted Heard opening from his old office which will serve the Field Officer and office secretary. The courteous response of the Grote Street Church will allow the present side entrance to be rebuilt as from a courtyard with the repositioning of the church gates and the removal of some of the fence. This will be the only entrance. A changeover in the allocation of Executive rooms will give an easy approach to all departments. With the alteration will be renovations including inside and outside painting.

This programme is possible without an extra appeal for finance because of a gift from the Beverley Church. Meetings closed on its 90th birthday last September. The major part of the proceeds go to the Cheltenham church in liquidating its debt of \$10,000 and the gift of the Beverley manse to assure a viable continuing ministry.

CONCERN FOR NAMIBIA

The Australian Council of Churches, on behalf of its 12 member churches, has expressed its concern and support for the churches in Namibia (South West Africa) and their leaders. This concern and support is also being conveyed to the South African Council of Churches.

This action results from a request by Amnesty International for the churches to investigate the reported floggings in Namibia and the subsequent restrictive pressure put on the churches by the South African Government. Namibia is ruled by South Africa in violation of rulings by the United Nations and the International Court of Justice.

In November 1973 the South West Africa Supreme Court granted an application made by the Anglican and Lutheran bishops together with a Namibian nationalist leader, Johannes Nangutunala, for an interdict restraining the headmen and chiefs in Ovamboland from using flogging as punishment for political offences.

Public floggings have once again become a staple of political life in Namibia. Those flogged are members of SWAPO or of the Democratic Development Co-operative Party. There is no formal trial, no recognised form of evidence, no chance of defence.

In October, Bishop Anala sought international assistance for the Namibian refugees now in Zambia. There are now an estimated 3000 Namibian refugees scattered all over Zambia. Bishop Anala pointed out that most of the refugees belonged to the "educated segment" of the Namibian nation and had fled from their homeland to escape the policy of apartheid being forced on Namibia by the government of South Africa.

—A.C.C.

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NEXT ISSUE

From the 35th Federal Conference
RESOLUTIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS

WOMEN CHAPLAINS

A United Methodist minister, Vivian McFadden of Kingstree, South Carolina, was commissioned as the first black woman chaplain in the U.S. Navy. She is a graduate of the Interdenominational seminary in Atlanta. In July, clergy-woman Alice M. Henderson of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Georgia became the first black woman chaplain when she was commissioned by the Army. Two other women are serving as chaplains, one in the Navy, the other in the Air Force.

Cyprus Churches closed

It is reported that the Turkish invaders of Cyprus have closed scores of Christian churches on Cyprus and have arrested a large number of Greek clergy.

OBITUARY

BOWMAN, George William

The church at Fairfield, Vic., was served faithfully for a period of 43 years by George Bowman. This period covered half of the history of the congregation, and included more than 30 years as a deacon and over 7 years as secretary. He was baptized in that chapel in January 1932. Record books of the church show that he was connected with almost all of the auxiliaries, often in a position of leadership. His fondness for music and singing was shown in his aptitude for song leading, and his ability to preach the gospel led him into a long association with the Melbourne City Mission. His strong faith was manifested in many ways, and his part in leading the worship of the congregation was always an inspiration to those present. His genial nature endeared him to all, as was shown by the number present at the service at the Fairfield chapel on Dec. 27, including associates from the Heidelberg City Council and Rockbear Lodge. We honour him and give Christian love and compassion to his wife, Myra, son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Lyn and grandchildren Calvin and Nadine.

CROUCH, Beth Jeanette

Life can never be measured adequately in length of years. Some people comparatively young in years by reason of the things they did; the people with whom they mixed; or the quality of their lives make for themselves in the hearts of people a place that will live on long after they have gone. Such a person was Beth Crouch who died at her home on New Year's Eve, 1974, at the age of 22 years. Beth was born of a family whose history goes back to the beginning of the Doncaster Church in 1863. She grew up in the Doncaster community on an orchard that has since become the City Gardens. She attended the local Primary School, and later at "Strathcona" Girl's School she was to become a Prefect and Deputy House Captain in her Leaving Year. From infancy the church filled an important place in her life. She made her decision for Christ in her teens. Later she served as a Kinder teacher and Girl's Club Leader. She was a member of CYF and the YAF. A girl of warm compassion and deep sensitivity about the needs of others she will be remembered by the young as a loyal friend, and by the aged as a girl of warm heart and gentle spirit. Her concern for others never diminished even in the twelve months of her illness. A trip to England made a great impression upon her, for this thoroughly modern girl had an incredible love and appreciation for the traditions and heritage of our past. An active girl who loved life, she will be remembered by others for her trips to the MCC to watch cricket, taking with her all her "bits and pieces". The last year of Beth's life was a trying experience indeed and yet her faith and courage and calm acceptance of the most distressing illness made it easy for people to visit her and seek her company. The chapel at Doncaster for her funeral was filled to capacity, and this, and the bearing of her family, Gordon and Elva (parents) and Naida, Margaret and Robyn (younger sisters) were eloquent testimony of the victory of this gentle girl, who sought, and found God.—K.D.H.

HAMMOND, Elsie Gladys

Almost invariably when people spoke of Mrs. Hammond they used the term "gracious". She was indeed a gracious lady. Born at Kilsyth, she spent her childhood, girlhood and school teacher life in that district. Her parents, the Langleys, were esteemed members of Montrose Church of Christ, and Elsie was well grounded in church life, being organist and S.S. teacher. She never lost her love for the Lord. She met Eric in 1919, the two established a close

partnership. It reached into church life, social interests, and in home and business. They would be together at youth functions, sporting activities, worship, and sick visiting. They were a team. They forged a strong link with young people, so difficult in these days. They rode over the generation gap as though it never existed. Being involved in all forms of church youth work, sporting bodies, and in the use of their homes; they became deeply loved and respected by young people. After marriage the Hammonds spent 18 months in the countryside, then came to live in Box Hill, where for over 50 years, they brought to this church a loyalty and dignity which has coloured the membership ever since. Their horticultural interests led to the establishment of a society within the church, Elsie was its first secretary. This grew to such proportion that it became a community body, the present noted Box Hill Horticultural Society. Mrs. Hammond showed a deep concern for people in need and it was in this field she found her ministry within the church as deaconess. For over 30 years she served as senior deaconess. In one recent year she was responsible for 400 visits to elderly, shut in, troubled, or sick at home or hospital. Most of these visits she made herself, rarely going empty handed. She had a sympathetic ear, and an understanding heart. In spite of developing arthritis and experiencing much pain she kept her trust with her Lord at his table. On Jan. 12, she worshipped during the morning, did sick visitation in the afternoon, and made plans for some welfare work. Going to bed early she said, "This has been a lovely day". Next morning the illness became severe, she died on Tuesday. A packed chapel shared a service at Box Hill, led by three of her privileged ministers, K. Bond, W. Wigney, and G. Grainger. Sympathy and Christian love being offered to Eric Hammond, Marj, Bob, and Len.

G.G.

JORDAN Miss Linda M.

After many years of indifferent health and an illness which meant many weeks in hospital Miss Linda Jordan died on Dec. 22, 1974. A faithful member of the Boronia Church of Christ for 42 years her life and memory were honoured in a service on Dec. 24 which would have been the 79th anniversary of her birthday. She grew up in the Hindmarsh Church of Christ, S.A., and from 1912 was active in various Melbourne churches, first attending Swanston Street Church and a little later was baptized by the late J. C. Pittman in the Moreland Church. She served as a SS teacher, was involved in the Phi Beta Pi Order, used her voice as a soloist and was a member of church choirs at Moreland, Swanston Street, Gardiner and Boronia. She was also a member of the Orpheon Choristers for about twenty years and was a member of the Boronia District Choral Society. Devotion to Christ and the church was evident in unflinching church attendance and involvement in the C.W.F. at Boronia as well as serving as President of the Women's Conference of the Eastern District Churches of Christ. In spite of limitations in her own health, suffering particularly from asthma, she forgot her own ills in her concern and service for others in need. In the wider community she was involved in the Country Women's Association and served as President of the Boronia Branch and also of the Dandenong Ranges Group. In this connection she attained distinction as a demonstrator and a teacher of demonstrators in the art of hand-made skin gloves. She was a life-long member of the Rechabite Order. She is survived by her brother, Percival, an honoured Elder of the Boronia Church of Christ.

—E.L.W.

LADBROOK Albert W.

A few days after having greeted his son, Kevin, at Capetown and half way between that port and Fremantle, Albert W. Ladbroke died

at sea in the last week of 1974. He had been travelling with Mrs. Ladbroke in order to visit his scattered family: Denis in Wisconsin, U.S.A., Kevin in Rhodesia, and Louise (Mrs. Fulford) in New Zealand. He grew up a farmer in the Southland of New Zealand. At 21, in 1925, he came to study at the College of the Bible. He graduated M.A. and Dip.Ed. from the University of Melbourne and ministered at South Yarra. In 1935 he taught classes in Logic and Christian Doctrine at the college while Principal A. R. Main was overseas. Ministries followed at Toowoomba, Qld. and Johannesburg, South Africa. In 1943 he returned to Australia as senior lecturer at the recently commenced N.S.W. Bible College, first with A. R. Main and then with H. J. Patterson as principal, and at the same time ministered at Hurstville and then Kingsford, the college in those days providing a minimum financial support. He taught Old Testament, Logic, Church History, Hermeneutics and Exegesis and Homiletics. His services were recorded in those days as "untiring", "diligent", "unremitting efforts", "men . . . overworked". In 1950 he joined our N.Z. churches' mission in Southern Rhodesia to train the indigenous teachers and evangelists of the churches there. Here in the land of the Matabele and Mashona he and his wife poured out their gifts in dedicated and loving service for over 16 years. They returned to Mrs. Ladbroke's (nee Queenie Schurmann) home state for their latter years. His hard-working and prayerful self-giving, his utter sincerity and pastoral care, his love of books and nature, sense of humour and delight in story-telling, his crisp mind and warm heart have endeared him to many in this State, particularly in the Harvey, East Victoria Park and the Midland churches, where he ministered. E. J. Sewell led the funeral services, assisted by K. J. Patterson and A. W. Morris, a former student and administrator of Eleanora Villas, where in recent months the Ladbroke's made their home and ministry.

—K. J. P.

LANEY Stanley Herbert

After a long and fruitful life in the service of Christ, Stan Laneley died on Jan. 17, 1975, at the age of 85 years.

Stan Laneley's Christian life began at Petersham, N.S.W., in Feb. 1908. Following involvement there in youth work he was actively associated with the Merewether-Hamilton fellowship (Newcastle). He later returned to Petersham and then went on to Auburn in 1913 where he became a deacon. He resided at Burwood N.S.W. in 1918, and he, along with several others, saw the need for the beginning of a new work. The church at Burwood commenced on May 1, 1920, with Stan Laneley as one of the foundation members. His membership remained here for the last 55 years.

His service at the local church level was largely in the capacity of secretary, deacon and elder. He was secretary at Burwood for 16 years and an elder for 22 years. Upon his retirement from active eldership, the church bestowed upon him the title of elder emeritus as a mark of love and respect. Perhaps he was best known throughout the churches in Sydney as a faithful and forceful preacher. He participated in the Metropolitan Speakers' Plan from 1916 to 1940. Stan Laneley also found time to be heavily involved in Conference Committee work in N.S.W. serving at various times with Overseas Missions, Home Missions, Conference Executive, Boys' Home, Advisory Board and Woolwich Bible College Board. The name of Stan Laneley will also be remembered by many ministers throughout the Australian Brotherhood because of his work as secretary of the Preachers' Provident Fund for 12 of the 16 years he served as a member of the Fund's Board of Administration. He was made a life member of this Board by Federal Conference in

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BET BET CLOSES

(Victoria) The closing service of the Bet Bet church was held on Dec. 15, 1974.

After 88 years of witness in the district, the remaining members have transferred membership to Maryborough. The rural community no longer attracts

young people and half of our members are over 80 years of age.

The church has always staunchly supported brotherhood work and many of our leading ministers began as student ministers at Bet Bet some being born here. There were 258 baptisms recorded in the roll book.

The property has been sold, and the proceeds will be held in trust and the interest used as needed for brotherhood projects. The seats and other furnishings have gone to the church at Warburton and the organ to St. Arnaud.

About 140 former members and their families and friends were present for the final service. They came from all over Victoria and one from Queensland.

Eric Patterson, son of a former minister, presided. Two former members, A. Chiswell and T. Bryant, read the scriptures. J. Hindman and A. Scantlebury gave thanks for the emblems and T. Robinson led prayers of the church. A. E. Stevens preached on "The Ongoing Church".

A bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs Jane Russell (91 years), and to Mrs Walters, organiste. Cuff-links were presented to Kerry Haythorpe, student minister for past two years, and a Bible was given to the secretary, H. Mottram.
—R. Mottram

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DEATH OF A CITY

When Quneitra, the market center for all of the Golan Heights, was handed over to the United Nations peace-keeping forces and Syrian civil authorities last June, the returning Christian and Muslim citizens of the city (population 53,000) found the Protestant church in ruins, the Orthodox church looted of its icons, paintings and bells, and the Roman Catholic church burglarized. In the Christian cemetery concrete tombs had been opened by machine-gun fire and the bodies brought out and looted. The Near East Ecumenical Bureau claims that 80 per cent of the city has been systematically destroyed by Israeli soldiers and also accuses them of robbing graves. The bureau says that during the fighting of 1967 and 1973, 20 per cent of the city was destroyed. Now that the city has been totally wiped out, its former citizens have left Quneitra and the city reportedly stands deserted.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The world's five most populous countries are China (787 million), India (550 million), Soviet Union (245 million), United States (207 million), and Indonesia (125 million).

- The most populous country in Latin America is Brazil (95 million), and in Africa it is Nigeria (57 million).

- More than half the world's people, about 2.1 billion, live in Asia. Europe (not counting the Soviet Union) has 466 million, Africa 354 million, North America 327 million, South America 195 million, and Oceania 20 million.

- The Federal Republic of Germany has the lowest birth rate in the world (12.8 per thousand) and Swaziland the highest (52.3 per thousand).

- The world's population in mid-1973 was more than 3.8 billion. If growth continues at the present rate (2% a year) the 8 billion mark will be reached in less than four decades.

- Shanghai is the most populous city in the world, with 10,820,000 in 1970, followed by Tokyo (8,841,000) and New York (7,895,000), Peking (7,570,000), London (7,379,000), Moscow (7,050,000), Bombay (5,969,000), Seoul, (5,536,000), Sao Paulo (5,187,000), and Cairo (4,961,000). In the listing of "urban agglomerations", New York leads with 11,572,000.

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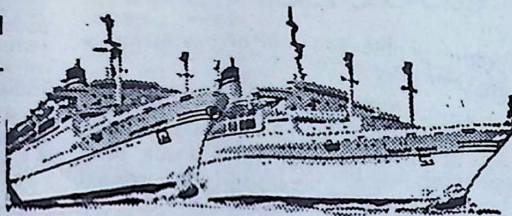
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LADBROOK, A. W. (Laddie). On December 24 at sea. Beloved past preacher of South Yarra Church. Loved by all. With the Lord.

LANEY, STANLEY HERBERT, of 7 Homebush Rd., Homebush N.S.W., 17th January, 1975 aged 85, father of Alan Laney, Mrs. Daphne Chin (Deceased), Mrs. Beryl Millar, Mrs. Lois Swan, Mrs. Thelma Deall, Gordon Laney and Mrs. Norma Oldfield.

ROBERTSON, (Malcolm George (Mack) of 80 Vassey Concourse, Ringwood East, formerly of Thornbury. On Jan. 11, dearly loved husband of Gladys, beloved father of Ian and Ruth. In God's care.

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CANDLELIGHT CAROLS (Hornsby Dist., D. A. Oldfield) On Christmas Sunday night a large number shared in Carols by Candlelight on the lawn in front of the chapel. 152 attended Christmas Day service. Misses D. Hamilton and M. Yeaman sang a duet, "My Christmas Gift to the Lord" offering of \$815 will assist the new Churches of Christ Nursing Home at Pendle Hill and Famine Relief in Bangladesh.

NO NEED FOR CANDLES (Epping, K. Farmer) "Carols by Daylight Saving" was the advertised title of our Christmas service held in a park near the church. About 200 attended to hear solos, duets, and a talk by Mr. Farmer, and to sing carols.

TAREE MINISTRY Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Howard concluded their ministry on Dec. 22. In the evening the Howard family were farewelled in the Fellowship Centre. The church secretary, A. W. Billingham, welcomed the guests, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Taree, Members of State and Federal Governments and local dignitaries. F. V. Murray spoke on behalf of the official board. Mrs. L. Handebo represented the women and made a presentation to Mrs. Howard, whilst Mrs. P. Playford made a presentation to Andrew and Michael. The chairman made an appreciated gift to Mr. Howard and K. Jenner of Wingham church presented him with a wallet of notes.

TAREE INTERIM R. J. H. Greenhalgh has accepted an interim ministry and commenced on Jan. 12. Living in retirement at North Haven he is in membership here and has been actively engaged in the church's aims and plans . . . To celebrate 50 years of activity the Women's Fellowship published a recipe book in 1974. Almost 500 copies have already been sold.

SECOND MINISTRY (Burwood—M. H. A. Pieper), Maurie Pieper has indicated that his ministry will conclude in November, completing seven years at Burwood, N.S.W. He has accepted a call to a second ministry with the church at Taree, N.S.W. where he ministered, after graduating from Woolwich Bible College, for five years, 1955 to 1959 . . . A young man was baptized on Christmas Sunday . . . At Christmas Day service a special offering taken for Churches of Christ Overseas Aid . . . Church has lost a foundation member with the death of Stan Laney on Jan. 17.

AGAINST WOMEN

The delegates to the Annual Council of the U.S. Seventh Day Adventist Church (there are 449,000 members) voted against the ordination of women to the ministry "for reasons of unity". The matter will, however, remain under review.

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1964 and continued active participation until 1968. He served as President of the N.S.W. Conference in 1954-55 and during that period visited every church in the State. His life was marked by enthusiasm, vigour, keenness of mind and dedication to his Lord which remained very much in evidence to the day of his Home Call.

In his younger days he was an athlete of no mean ability, competing in such events as the Stawell Gift. In his secular calling, he started with the Public Service as a telegram boy and then later entered the Customs Department where he rose through the ranks until he occupied the top position of Sub-Collector in N.S.W. In 1940 he was sent to America as Australian Customs Commissioner. He, his wife and part of their family had an enforced stay of some 4 years when war began with Japan and it was during that period that the family fellowshipped with a number of our churches including the Ridgewood Church, Long Island, New York, where he conducted an interim preaching ministry for nine months. He also served the church at Carramar, N.S.W. in similar fashion for 21 months. The name of Stan Laney will remain indelibly written in the earthly and eternal records of the Kingdom of Christ.

His wife, Lily, and one daughter, Daphne, predeceased him. He is survived by two sons, Alan and Gordon and four daughters, Beryl (Millar), Lois (Swan) Thelma (Deall) and Norma (Oldfield). We commend the whole family to the joyful hope of reunion in the presence of Jesus.

—MAURIE PIEPER.

MITCHELL Mrs. Alice.

Alice Mitchell was born in Essendon 65 years ago where she spent her childhood and teenage years. She was baptized and became a member of the Buckley Street (Essendon) church when she was only nine years of age. Her SS teaching career began shortly after her baptism and extended for well over 50 years. In 1943 Alice married Arthur G. Barrett, but after only 13 months together Arthur died suddenly. Alice picked up her life again and in October 1945 she married Robert H. Mitchell—a partnership which lasted for the next 22 years. In November 1967 Robert died and Alice again became a widow. For almost 20 years Alice served the Newmarket Church and was both the Treasurer and the Secretary when it combined with the Ascot Vale Church. She continued to serve at Ascot Vale wherever there was a need. Only a few weeks before she died, Alice retired from SS teaching and relinquished her duties as the Assistant Secretary to a younger person. She was President of the CWF at Ascot Vale, and was, as in all her other duties, most dedicated and enthusiastic. Because of her abilities and loyalty, because of her keen faith, her passing will leave a large gap in our Christian witness. We praise God for her life and work. To her sisters and brother we express our love and sympathy.

—I.D.C.

SHERRIFF, Mrs. Ruby.

The church at York Street Ballarat (Vic) lost a beloved senior member on Dec. 3, 1974, when Mrs. Ruby Sherriff died suddenly during a meeting of the Ladies Guild—a meeting at which only minutes before, she was still faithfully working and witnessing. Such was the pattern of her life. Born in the far western Victorian town of Neuarpuir in 1892, Ruby Nelly Rhoda Holmes was one of a family of 8 children. In 1915 she married Frederick James Sherriff, and settled at Lillimur South near Kaniva. She was baptized in the Kaniva Chapel

by the late Pastor A. R. Benn. In 1935 the Sherriff family moved to Horsham, where they lived for almost 20 years, before Mrs. Sherriff and her husband retired to Ballarat, where they celebrated their Golden Wedding in March 1965. During her life, Mrs. Sherriff actively participated in many avenues of service, amongst which were, Mission to Lepers, British and Foreign Bible Society, Temperance Union, BS Teacher and Guild. She recently underwent major surgery. Her husband pre-deceased her in 1966. D. J. Gurney led the funeral service, triumphantly testifying to the deep abiding faith, which had been Mrs. Sherriff's experience. To her family, Cliffe (Horsham) Maurice (Horsham), June (Mrs. Fraser, Ballarat), Gwenda (Mrs. Berry, Ballarat), 14 grand children and 7 great grand children, we extend sympathy in their earthly loss.



VICTORIA

CAROLS FOR ELDERLY (Stn. Yarra)

The Adult C.E. arranged a night of carol singing for 150 Elderly Citizens from Stn. Yarra and surrounding areas. A presentation was made to Irvine Goudie of Springvale, for many years our pianist and song leader. He has made a valuable contribution to our witness to the elderly folk. The Mason Family Singers gave items and Father Christmas put in an appearance with gifts for all. A. H. Moy gave a Christmas greeting . . . A presentation was made to Charles Wilson on leaving for another church . . . Roger Risson, past student minister, visited us before leaving for his first full-time church in N.S.W. . . . The church was saddened at the death of A. W. Ladbroke, a former preacher.

MISSIONARIES RETURN (Box Hill, K. R. Bond) Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wurst were welcomed home after many years of missionary work in New Guinea. Arthur Tivendale, Stan Goodman, and Ron Iliff from India, were also welcomed back . . . Robt. Hogg from Sydney was recent speaker . . . Stan Goodman was farewell prior to entering Bible College in N.S.W. . . . Sympathy is expressed to Eric Hammond in the death of his wife who served for many years as deaconess . . . Mrs. Ron Webster is home from hospital after long illness . . . A cricket picnic was held at Seaford.

FOUR FOR N.Z. (Footscray, F. B. Alcorn)

Four of our girls attended the C.Y.F. Convention in N.Z. . . . Mrs. June St. Aubyn spoke to combined district churches of World Convention highlights . . . Church continues to support a child through World Vision. Graham Butler spoke and showed slides of the work . . . Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Kaye and family in the death of Mr. Kaye . . . At Combined Christmas service, \$160 was given to Christmas Bowl appeal . . . Thanksgiving offerings amounted to \$756. In addition \$1730 was given to missionary causes through budget, \$345 for a transceiver for Chungribu . . . Chaplain Glen Brown, Mrs. Brown and David, and Janet and Dallas Leach are

reported safe after Cyclone Tracy in Darwin . . . Mrs. Cheryl Johnson, assistant minister for 1975, was welcomed with her husband Garnet.

SPECIALS (Berwick, B. E. McMurtrie) Evening service programmes have included "Cocktails after Church", a Y.P. coffee lounge and a Christian Cabaret, featuring the Marantha Sounds. John Marshall has been guest soloist for three weeks . . . Gospel services attendance has increased by 80% . . . Two film nights have netted the church over \$100 . . . The church has installed two fans . . . New member, Lyn Schenk, has been playing the organ for evening services.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

MINISTRY AT PERTH CITY All of the church families met at the home of Mr. & Mrs. C. Povey for tea, music, and chat and to express appreciation of the four years ministry of Mr. & Mrs. Roger Ryall. The setting was appropriate in that the Ryalls have stressed throughout their ministry the importance of the family . . . The annual family camp was well attended and inspiring . . . The televised communion service has been viewed in all States . . . The Girls' Brigade farewell Mrs. Ryall and has welcomed Miss Fletcher as Captain . . . The B. S. and staff held a study weekend at Waterman's Camp. Their "Post" raised a gift sum for Baramati orphans.

FAMILY BOWL (East Vic. Pk., W. Thornton) A church Family Luncheon received an offering of \$140 for the Christmas Bowl . . . The church was saddened to learn of the death of A. W. Ladbroke, a former minister of this church . . . Two of our members donated the cost of new blinds for the church . . . Barbara and Raymond Denn attended the National C.Y.F. Convention in N.Z. . . . Recent speakers have been Dr. Geoff Hall, Conf. Pres., and Roger Ryall, City Church.



TASMANIA

NUBEENA WELCOME David and Sue Bailey commenced a ministry on Jan 18 and were welcomed into fellowship on Jan 19, with Sid. Greatbatch representing the church. After many working bees the manse was ready for occupation . . . During New Year week, the church ladies assisted by some of the men, prepared and served an evening meal for more than 1000 members of Boys' Brigade. This was done in batches of 250 boys over four days. Bruce Spaulding was responsible for the breakfasts.

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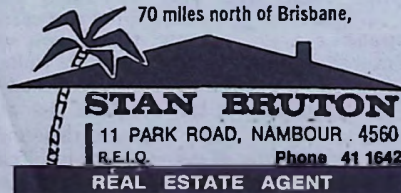
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AT TOWN HALL (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes) Moorabbin Town Hall was nearly filled for Christmas service with outside artists including Alan Rowe TV ventriloquist, and Gordon Moyes preaching . . . Over \$2000 has been sent to the Christmas Bowl Appeal and Darwin Appeal . . . Lowanna Singers chartered an aircraft to Canberra to take part in Federal Conference 1975 . . . Combined Christmas day service with Cheltenham Methodists had nearly as many worshippers outside the building as could be catered for inside.

PASTORAL CARE (Shepparton, F. L. Van Laar) A six-week Pastoral Care Study Programme was conducted . . . Trevor Giles conducted Review Planned Giving Programme . . . \$50 was raised by Good Companions at Hallowe'en Concert for 1974 project . . . One Day's Pay Appeal raised \$278 for C.O.C.O.A. A Minimarket raised \$600 for church . . . Mrs. Mary Fewchuk was guest speaker at Women's Convention Coffee and Dessert Night.

DECEMBER FAREWELL (Chelsea) Mr. and Mrs. Don Oakes were given a farewell social in Dec. Presentations were made to all members of the family . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lacey will occupy the manse in February and D. Althorpe of the College of the Bible will be our part-time preacher for 1975.

COBURG FAREWELL (W. Condron). Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Robinson were farewelled, after a two years' ministry, by members and friends from Coburg, Pascoe Vale and Brunswick Regional churches. Appreciation was expressed and presentations made as they leave for Wyoming, N.S.W. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Warren Condron have moved into the Coburg manse. Warren will minister primarily to Coburg. Barry Jenkins will work in the Region team ministry on a part-time basis . . . Church was well represented at Inauguration Service for Coburg Inter-Church Council with which it is affiliated . . . Anne and Antony Rees are on working holiday in England.

HOBBIES (Ormond, C. P. Clayden). At a hobbies' exhibition children and adults contributed a variety of items . . . Two teenage boys were baptized recently . . . Ian Mullen conducted all services during the minister's vacation . . . The church held a picnic at Mornington on Australia Day.

1975 SPECIALS (Red Hill, K. Denton). As part of 1975 Specials planned by the minister, the speaker was Robert Coleman, male lead of the musical, "Irene". He sang two hymns and gave his testimony. Also present and speaking was W. Gaunson of W.A. One young girl made her decision . . . Former member, Mavis Prossor, came home to be married before moving to live in the U.S.A. . . . Mrs. E. White is in Mornington Hosp.



VICTORIA

LOCALS STAND IN (Swan Hill) During period without a minister services are being conducted by local men, with some assistance from Bendigo and Pyramid Hill churches . . . Women and teenage girls are now assisting with scripture reading and distribution of communion. . . Richard Hartshorn and Darryl Scott are leaders of Boys' Explorer club.

SUPT. MOVES (Reservoir, K. H. Pitt) At B.S. social and prize-giving, the Supt., Ron Cook, and his wife received a presentation as they moved to Hurstbridge. R. McKenzie is the new Supt. . . C.W.F. closed year with a luncheon at which Mrs. M. Dine of Williamstown was speaker . . . Y.P. presented a tableau on Dec. 22. A young B.S. scholar made her decision . . . Christmas Day service offering of \$123 was for C.O.C.O.A. . . Church saddened at death of Mrs. A. Ziemer on Jan. 2 . . . B. O'Hearn of New Tribes Missions was recent speaker.

MANSE FUND (LaTrobe Tce., Geelong, N. Hodgekiss) A fund for a new manse has been commenced . . . Officers elected for 1975 include D. W. Drayton, Sec., and A. W. Carr, A. L. Carr, A. Jones, & J. Smail as elders, P. A. Drayton is Treas. . . Mrs. Ratcliffe is back after serious illness.

KENMORE STUDENT (Warracknabeal, S. Hince) David Harmer has been accepted for training at Kenmore College . . . C.W.F. received gifts at Christmas Social Afternoon . . . S.S. conducted morning service as their break-up and all took part in items . . . Beverley Bolwell and family, and Mr. & Mrs. Suter and family were home on holidays . . . Jim Rogers is still on sick list.

FOR C.O.B. (Bayswater, A. Fletcher) Harvey and Lynne Miller and family were farewelled. Harvey will study at the College of the Bible for four years. His work in this church has been greatly appreciated . . . Robert and Rhonda Whan and family, on furlough from New Guinea, shared with us . . . Some of our men entered the Red Cross Marathon . . . Heather Davis after serving with C.S.S.M. is holidaying in N.Z. . . Peter Bryant has returned from N.Z. after a student exchange . . . Carols were sung at manse garden and at "Moruya" hospital for the aged . . . Andrew Clinton has had a serious accident and will be in Box Hill Hosp. for several weeks.

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

(VIC.) The education section of the Marriage Guidance Council has arranged the following courses in the three school terms in 1975:— Marriage Enrichment, On Being Parents (For parents of children from 0-10 years) Couples in Relationship: Preparing for Marriage?, Parents of Teenagers and Teenagers. The first term courses begin February 11th, February 12th, April 8th and April 2nd respectively.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

CHRISTMAS GIFTS (Ascot Park, R. J. Clymer) Christmas Day offerings were \$164 to C.O.C.O.A. and \$155 for Christmas Bowl . . . Rachel Crowley was baptized on Dec. 15 . . . Special prayers were held during advent prior to A.M. service . . . Robin Frost and Mrs. Crowley contributed a duet and a recorder group played at Family Christmas service . . . There was community singing at night.

WITNESS (Fullarton, M. T. Lawrie) Miss Jan Sprigett, a radio announcer, gave a testimony and Unley Choir gave items at C.W.F. break-up . . . C.W.F. gave \$480 towards an Outboard Motor for New Guinea mission . . . The church is saddened by the death of Mrs. Kitty Suttle, a very faithful member . . . The church is combining with the Methodist church for a Visitation Evangelism programme in March.

ASSISTANT MINISTER (Grote St., H. M. Long) At the church annual meeting it was endorsed in principle that a part-time assistant ministry be sought. Mesdames H. Austin, G. Key, and J. Lindsay were added as lady deacons. Book presentations were made to Mesdames F. Burgess, H. H. Delaine, and A. R. Paterson, who did not seek re-election. Each has given approx. 30 years service. A further grant was made to Vila (New Hebrides) project from interest on the Toll legacy. Air conditioning is to be installed in the manse . . . The B.S. and the Choir each gave special Christmas emphasis over two Sundays . . . C.W.F. closed off 1974 by inviting senior congregation members to tea . . . C.W.F. gathered cartons of foodstuffs and toys for Prisoners' Aid.

BUILDING HOLIDAY (Bordertown, R. C. Combridge). Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riches have volunteered to spend their annual leave next May to assist the building project at Norseman, W.A. . . . Mr. and Mrs. S. Kitto recently showed slides and spoke of their mission work in Norseman . . . The church extends sympathy to families of the late Ian Hole and Lloyd Brown.

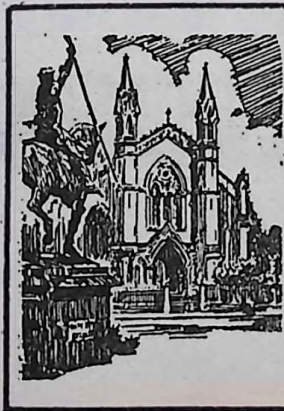


QUEENSLAND

FOR CARNARVON (Ipswich, B. Rice) Arnold Baills has left to serve at Carnarvon Mission, and June Jackson will leave shortly . . . S.S. Supts. for 1975 are Lorna Risson and Berniece Hicks at East Ipswich and Sue Wilson at Bundamba. Mr. & Mrs. John Kennedy are new youth counsellors at East Ipswich . . . Dennis Usher has commenced a part-time ministry at Bundamba church . . . C.Y.F. presented a modern tableau of Christmas story. Des. McLucas was study leader at Youth Camp at Caloundra . . . No. 2 Boys' Brigade camp at Bremer Junction was led by Garry Reeve and Barry Rice.

CHAPEL ENHANCED (Pialba-Hervey Bay, V. G. Boettcher) Interior "finishing work" by Mr. Boettcher has greatly enhanced appearance of the chapel . . . Recent visiting speakers have been Ron Sansome, Barry Nowitzke, the Barlow family (missionaries from Carnarvon), and the Whan family from New Guinea . . . There were two confessions of faith on Jan. 19. Church membership has doubled since services were held in the Chapel last June. Now 35 members . . . Mr. Boettcher will conclude his ministry on Feb. 2, and, after a world tour of four months, will commence a full-time ministry at Ma Ma Creek . . . Roy Acland will commence a part-time ministry here in March.

200 MEMBERSHIP (Southport, N. Newton) When four young people were baptized on Jan. 26 and welcomed into church, the active membership reached 200 . . . Christmas Day offering of \$479 was sent through C.O.C.O.A. to Ethiopia . . . Darwin appeal has reached \$700 . . . Graham and Warren Taber are in New Guinea helping to build two homes for missionaries with Gospel Recordings . . . Vi Callahan is recovering after major surgery . . . Jack Gray, associated with boys' clubs for 28 years, was presented with a Certificate on behalf of the Victoria and Queensland Boys' Clubs for services rendered.



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