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KEEP RELIGION ON RADIO & T.V.

RELIGION A MUST FOR THE MEDIA

This was the title of the programme in the Central Methodist Mission's Lyceum service, on Sept. 28, and referred to the proposed cutting of the statutory time on radio and TV for Religious broadcasting.

Rev. Alan Walker of the Central Methodist Mission, said, "This was quite a remarkable meeting. It was called only ten days ago, so there was no time for the printing of handbills or advertising amongst the churches. An half page advertisement was placed in a Sydney newspaper, Saturday morning, but this was the only advertising attempted, apart from phone calls to various ministers. The attendance of 1100 to 1200 people provided one of the best ever church services held here in the Lyceum, for a Sunday afternoon.

Bishop A. J. Dain (Church of England) said "I hope all who are here in this service, as well as those hearing it broadcast (direct by 2CH) will recognise the holy, united platform. Also that the Government will notice the representation of such a massive number of people who are concerned over these matters."

Statutory time at present is one hour a week on radio, and 1% on TV. "What is that compared to the number of hours used for violence, sex and other things seen and heard in the media," said Bishop Dain.

Rev. Graham Hardy, representing the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, claimed that "We are victims of a sneer campaign from high places. It's time for the Christian message to be heard."

Bishop Edward Clancy (Roman Catholic) spoke on the principles involved in a democratic society and the responsibilities of a democratic government. The

danger being that politicians were directed by the small vocal minority, rather than the desires of the larger silent majority. If religious time is cancelled, "Democracy will suffer. Radio and TV will become even more commercialised. Radio and TV will be all the more in the hands of the humanists — who are out to destroy our society."

Rev. Alan Walker, read a telegram from Professor Downing of the ABC, stating that the Commission does not intend to disband or discontinue religious programmes. Rev. Walker asked for a similar assurance from Dr Moss Cass of the Department of the Media, that the Religious Department will not be disbanded.

"For its own sake — for people's sake — for God's sake, we urge the Government that the Christian voice on media will not be silenced. In England, peak viewing time is given to religion, in the evenings. In United States of America, prime time in the morning on Sundays. Australia needs the values and the power of the Christian Faith through the mass media," said Mr Walker. "Religious broadcasting time must not be reduced, but rather, should be increased."

— Ramon Williams.

● ON TV

CHURCH FOR THE JET SET

On A.B.C. Television on Nov. 9, the A.B.C. Religious Dept. takes a close look at a particular congregation to find out "What makes it tick."

The church is Christ Church in Melbourne's jet set suburb of Sth. Yarra. It was chosen because of its colourful contrasts, its interesting history, the wide diversity of its population, and its reputation as a "fashionable" church. The programme is called, "They know there's something wrong, but they don't know what to do about it."

Those interviewed in the documentary include the Vicar, the Rev. Evan Wetherell, members of the congregation, the Rev. Peter Hollingworth, the late Dame Mabel Brookes, Sir Edmund Herrington, Lady Clarke, as well as non-churchgoing members of the community.

CHURCH FACES DESTRUCTION

Wesley's Chapel in London faces complete destruction, says a report in World Methodist Conference 'World Parish'. The report says attempts to raise funds to restore the Chapel have failed so completely that the British Conference may have no option but to demolish it. The chapel was built to Wesley's own design and opened by him on November 1, 1778. Wesley served as its pastor until his death in 1791. Most of the \$600,000 in hand has come from British and American Methodists.

SALVATION ARMY OFFICER

NEW A.C.C. SECRETARY

A Salvation Army officer, Major Gerben Stelstra, has been named as the Executive Secretary to the New South Wales State Council of the Australian Council of Churches from January 1, 1976.

His appointment is for a period of three years, during which time he will be released from his normal Salvation Army duties.

Major Stelstra was born in Leeuwarden, Holland in 1922. He grew up in a lawyer's family and apart from his secondary schooling, received six years pre-training for the Dutch Reformed Ministry.

Since becoming a Salvation Army officer in 1947, Major Stelstra has served as Relief, Corps and Finance Officer in Germany, Belgium, Holland, Great Britain, South Africa and Australia, and is at present Divisional Chancellor for the Sydney Central Division.

INNER SPRINGS

So many walk



In our affluent society most of us have more than one pair of shoes. I have several. Admittedly some ought to have been thrown out long ago, but to quote a much used phrase "they come in handy". They are old but comfortable and they fit my particular shaped feet. Once, long ago, I was forced through circumstances, to wear the shoes of another. I found them ill-fitting, unbecoming, and by day's end unbearable. They did little for my feet but much for my understanding! I learned in the realest way that we cannot know how another walks until we have stood in their shoes.

An old wise Indian proverb says it even more clearly. "Let me never judge another until I have walked in his moccasins for one week". Perhaps one day would be sufficient to make us more tolerant, more patient, and more like the One who never allowed Himself to hurt the spirit of another, but whose heart was ever ready to extend love and understanding.

So many walk with breaking hearts,
And no one understands;
They find the roadway rough and steep
Across the barren lands.
God, help me lighten weary eyes,
And strengthen nerveless hands.

God help me brighten dreary eyes,
And let my own grief be
A sure reminder of the grief
Of those who walk with me.
When words fail, hands fail, let me go
In silent sympathy.

PRAYER:

Dear Lord of Life, who trod this earthly way, bless those whose walk is difficult and painful, and joyless. Give us hearts and hands that reach out in love and tenderness, remembering our own need of these things. Amen.

Matthew 7:1-5.

FLORENCE ROSIER

THE PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND

APPEALS FOR \$210,000

The Preachers' Provident Fund is set up as a Division of the Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia. It is administered by eight members of a Board of Management who are elected every two years by Federal Conference from members of the affiliated churches resident in Sydney. According to the constitution at least one of the members of the board must be a minister to represent the ministers of the brotherhood. The other seven members are selected because of particular expertise or abilities in fields of business administration, finance, insurance or investment.

The fund was inaugurated in 1909 with very humble beginnings and a capital sum of \$390.

It is in the area of "PROVISION FOR THE FUTURE" that the Preachers' Provident Fund operates. Its constitution commences, "The Board shall be entrusted with the establishment, management and control of PROVIDENT, SUPERANNUATION, LONG SERVICE LEAVE and other like Funds for the benefit of preachers of Churches of Christ and their dependents." Succeeding boards of management have endeavoured to keep pace with changing attitudes towards social benefits and also with the everchanging monetary values.

Federal Conference in Perth 1972 charged the Preachers' Provident Fund board with the responsibility of providing superannuation and death benefits more in keeping with today's money values. A new scheme was introduced on March 1, 1975. This new scheme will make it possible for a young man joining the fund now to retire at 65, say in 35 or 40 years time, with 3 times the annual salary being paid to him then.

This is all very good for a young man but what of the older man who is now 42 or more years old? Even with the higher contribution rate and even with churches now contributing to the superannuation — these men will not have anything like a reasonable retirement allowance. Up till now, the churches or the members of the

churches have not contributed anything to the Superannuation of the ministers. As mentioned earlier, community conscience, commercial and industrial provisions and even government legislation have all altered our thinking on providing for employees in the matter of social justice. Superannuation and Long Service Leave are becoming to be the normal expectation. This is the reason for the Preachers' Provident Fund Board making a Special Appeal to the brotherhood for \$210,000. We recognise the injustice in not providing reasonable retirement allowances for our ministers now.

If you (or husband or wife) are to retire in one year or perhaps five years' time — what can you look forward to? If you are fortunate enough to participate in a lump sum payment or in a regular periodic type of superannuation payment, it is most probably that you will be comfortably provided for. Just stop and think of the minister who will reach retirement at the same time as you do. Unless he has some hidden private investment or income which is most unlikely, this man can look forward to not more than a lump sum payment of \$3,000 if he is fortunate, from the P.P.F. This is why we are aiming to increase the retirement benefit by about \$3,000 for those ministers who are now 42 years of age and older. We have calculated that we can do this if we can have \$210,000 now. Wise investment will make up the difference between this figure and the \$400,000 that the scheme will cost.

You should have already received one of

the brochures with special appeal envelopes. You will see that in order to show how easily this figure of \$210,000 could be achieved, we have pointed out that if every one who is an active member of our churches throughout the whole of Australia would give only \$7 we could reach our objective and this is not a large amount — it is possible for every one to make a sacrificial ONCE ONLY gift of \$7. We have been criticised for limiting your objective to the figure of \$7 per person, but we know that many will be able and want to give more. This is an opportunity to show your appreciation and gratitude for the many times that you have been helped, encouraged, or perhaps comforted in time of stress or bereavement by one or may be by various ministers who have touched your life over the years. We often feel so thankful at the time but are unable to find a fitting way to express our gratitude without embarrassment or offence.

Now you have the opportunity to do something about it. Why not make a really worthwhile gift to this appeal in the sure knowledge that you will be helping — those ministers now aged between 42 and 65. This bracket will surely include the minister for whom you have a "soft spot".

Could not you out of your abundance make a larger than normal contribution to this very worthy appeal.

Freely ye have received — freely give and be blessed.

If the P.P.F. does not receive the full amount of its appeal it will mean that some of our ministers will have to rely solely on a government social service pension. Remember that a minister does not usually have the opportunity to own a home of his own and this means that when he retires he may be homeless. Is it fair, is it just, is it honest that the church should pat a retiring minister on the back with a "Well done good and faithful servant" — the Government Social Service will look after you. We leave it to your conscience.

A PRAYER

*When I turn off the 11 o'clock news
I glance at my watch and yawn, and it's off to bed.
Nothing wrong with that.
But what of those babies crying motherless
outside some Asian village?
The vacant stare of the Appalachian coal miner
with only memories of a job.
The men and women in the sweatshops of Hong Kong,
the prison camps of Siberia,
The resettlement areas of South Africa,
The prisons of Brazil — they are all part
of my family.
How will they sleep tonight?
Let me use what little voice
and power I have
to speak and act on their behalf.
For we have but one world, Lord,
or none at all. Amen.*

From "Twelve Prayers for Today"

PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND OF THE
CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AUSTRALIA

**SPECIAL
APPEAL FOR
\$210,000**

● THEIR OWN CHURCH

THE CHURCH OF WOMEN

Will women create their own church? Ms Dorothy McMahon, Christian feminist, put forward the proposition seriously at the Women and Politics Conference session on the Church today.

"Maybe we can't really change the situation radically enough," said Ms McMahon. "Soon, I believe it will become incompatible to be a feminist and remain in the church as it is."

She suggested that some liberated men might be encouraged to join the new institution. Her new church would have its own theology; one at present being written by women all over the world, she said.

"Women must throw aside the theology of the church. We must rewrite our own liberation theology."

Radical as her ideas must have sounded to many of the Christian women who attended the session, it provoked no discussion. Instead, non-Catholics criticised the Catholic women for their church's stand on contraception, provoking the only disagreement of the session.

Various Catholic women had been outlining their Church's attempts in some quarters to consider women as altar-servers. Women were even being asked their opinion of the ordination of women

to the priesthood; the session was told.

But the non-Catholics were more interested in when the Church was likely to change its stand on contraception, and were not interested in attempts to justify it.

"Don't make us the scapegoats of our Church's beliefs," said one woman.

Ms McMahon, a leading lay Methodist and a member of the Status of Women Commission of the Australian Council of Churches NSW State Council, said that women in the church everywhere were beginning to stir in righteous anger at their traditional role.

"Our office can't cope with all the letters we are receiving," she said.

The commission had found that although many denominations claimed that their power-structure was open to women, the statistics revealed that in practice women held very few of the major positions.

"The church, in parts, must be the last major institution to rule unashamedly against women in these positions."

She claimed that the churches were not anxious to liberate women in their denomination because they believed in

the "Eve Image" — that women are more susceptible to evil than men. If you really push the Church of England in the Diocese of Sydney and ask them why they won't let a woman preach from the pulpit, they'll tell you it's because women are 'unclean'."

OUT OF THE WOODS

The dissident Baptist group in Kiev, U.S.S.R., has been registered unconditionally. It can now hold services without any restrictions formerly imposed by the State, according to the Centre for the study of Religion and Communism at Keston College.

500 members have been meeting in the woods but they can now move into a church building which they are renovating themselves.

The group separated in 1965 from the All Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptist on the issue of state supervision of religious activities.

—E.P.S.

FUN, FELLOWSHIP, STUDY

(Boronia, E. L. Williams, D. Brown). Fun, fellowship, and study were enjoyed by over 50 at Family Camp held at C. of C. Boys' Society camp site at Frankston . . . David Brown member of C.O.B. team to W.A. . . . Members helped in Freedom from Hunger Doorknock appeal . . . Trash and Treasure Day raised \$656 for Building Fund, which now stands at \$65,654. Steel work is up and bricklaying has commenced . . . Jean Plymin and Val Emmett have been, and Allison Eldridge and Wayne Henry are, in hospital.

DON STEWART'S

PILGRIMAGE

MOUNT OF OLIVES (LOWER SLOPES)

Situated to the east of the walled city of Jerusalem, overlooked by the mound on which Herod's temple once stood, is the Kidron valley and beyond there rises the Mount of Olives. The lower slopes of the mountain are rich in significance for the week of events that led up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

It was after the Last Supper that Jesus retired with his disciples across the Kidron valley into an olive orchard called Gethsemane which it is believed stood on the lower slopes of the Mount of Olives. (John 18: 1). On the traditional site of the Garden now stands the Church of All Nations. It was completed in 1924 and was built over ruins from the 4th Century. To the left of the Church shown in the photograph is an enclosure containing some very old olive trees.

Still further left can be seen a rough winding stone track leading up through a slight hollow to the top of



the mountain and beyond that down to the village of el-'Azariyeh (Bethany) on the other side of the mount. This track marks the traditional route down which it is believed that Jesus came riding upon a donkey on the first "Palm Sunday". Then the cheering crowds about Jesus spread their garments and branches from nearby trees before the donkey's feet. (Matthew 21: 1-11; Mark 11: 1-11; Luke 19: 28-40; John 12: 12-19);

For a Pilgrim as he wanders along this rough stone path it almost seems that he can see and hear that ancient milling crowd proclaiming Jesus as his Messiah and his King.

Don E. Stewart

MA MA CREEK CHURCH

CELEBRATES 90th ANNIVERSARY

The Chapel and Church Complex of Manse and Hall with spacious grounds and rose gardens in the village of Ma Ma Creek in one of the most scenic and picturesque surroundings in Queensland, if not in Australia. It nestles in the foremost and highest valley in the Lockyer district bounded by the Great Dividing Range, which bounds the area in a semi-circular position half way between Toowoomba and Warwick.

It is primarily an agricultural area with rich alluvial soil, but in the latter years owing to "diminishing" prices for primary produce, "small crop" cultivation forms a large part of the farmer's activities. With Government weirs built on the creek and by plentiful underground supplies, irrigation is readily available for all farming requirements.

The church celebrated 90 years of witness with services from September 9-14. The State H.M. Director, Bruce Roberts was guest preacher.

A 40-page Souvenir Booklet was edited for the occasion by the minister, V. G. Boettcher, giving the history of the church since 1885. The history of the church is somewhat the history of the district.

Musical groups included the "Joytones" from Toowoomba, "Direction" from Chinchilla, Salvation Army officers from Gatton, and our own youth and S.S. children.

The anniversary tea, prepared by the church ladies for 250, climaxed the week-night meetings. Two of the oldest ladies in membership, Mrs Martha Evans and Mrs E. F. Cole, cut the anniversary cake which



was decorated by Mrs Gwen Reisenleiter. Greetings were brought by the Federal Conference President, E. T. Hart, and

Delroy Brown of Gatton. There were 160 present at the Home-Coming and Anniversary service on September 14.

ON BAPTISM

Four of the nine US denominations considering eventual union have approved mutual recognition of baptism. Latest to take the step was the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). After a half-hour debate the 3,000 delegates to the General Assembly meeting here agreed with very few dissenting votes. Dr Paul Crow Jr., president of the Council on Christian Unity of the Disciples, explained that the four denominations have now said that "one is a member of all . . . without having to be made 'legitimate'," that is, resubmitting oneself for baptism when joining another denomination. The Disciples practise immersion.

EPS

VISITORS ENTERTAINED

(Maylands, N. S. Moore). New friendships were formed when Maylands entertained young people from Goolwa Sept. 14 . . . Miss Ros. Marsh has received her appointment as Social Worker to Whyalla . . . Four Friday Family nights featured meal, fellowship and study groups . . . Leprosy Mission Boxes for 6 months contained \$103 and \$130 has been received towards ministry of Dr. Sheth who gives sight to those blinded by cataracts in India . . . Brian and Eleanor Matthews left for New Hebrides on Oct. 19 for another term of voluntary service. \$230 raised by church to help with expenses . . . Church saddened by the death of Mrs. Pat Brook.

WORD TALK NO. 126 THEMES IN JOHN

IN THE STUDY

In Middle Eastern countries washing was frequent and necessary. The Bible is full of examples of washing. All the Middle Eastern countries had strict rules about washing both for hygiene and for religious purposes. The Hebrews were required to wash their feet whenever they stopped at a house (Gen. 18:4; 19:2; 24:32 etc). If the Hebrew became dirty he bathed both the body and clothes. Strict levitical rules covered bathing and washing prior to worship (Levit. 14:8; 15:5; 17:15). The priests were required to wash hands and feet before entering the sanctuary; the High Priest bathed before each act and the ordinary Jews washed their hands before eating or when coming from market. By the time of Christ the Greek and Roman civilisations introduced public baths to Jewish communities.

When a guest entered a home the servant of a host or his wife was responsible for washing the guests' feet while the guests were reclining at a table (Luke 7:44; Mk 1:7). Jesus fulfilled this function at the Last Supper (John 13:1-17) as an example of humble service.

The service of footwashing soon became a requirement for appointment as a member of the Order of Widows in the early church (1 Tim. 5:10). The early church carried on a ceremonial footwashing from the 4th C. Today on Maundy Thursday Archbishops and the Pope usually wash well scrubbed feet.

IN THE PULPIT.

Thomas A' Kempis wrote "The Imitation of Christ" and nowhere does Jesus give to his followers a finer example than the washing of the feet of the Disciples. He used this occasion to illustrate to the early Disciples the need of humble service.

The Disciples needed to learn the lesson of humility because they were arguing on the way to the Upper Room about who would be greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven (Luke 22:24). In a band where there were no servants each was expected to wait upon the other, but following the argument concerning greatness no-one wished to lower himself to serve another. Judas was at this time plotting to betray Christ. He needed also the example of

FOOTWASHING

humility as our Lord stooped to cleanse his feet. Peter was always there stubborn and then willing. Peter's response has been interpreted by the church to mean that it is only through the washing of baptism that one joins the body of Christ.

Today many service clubs (e.g. Rotary) take a motto "Service above self" but this should be the motto of every Christian. For Jesus is the living example for us to follow (Jn. 13:15). He gave us an example that each Christian was to follow. He is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith (Heb. 12:2). He is the ideal, the example, the leader, who going on ahead gives us the example to follow. Looking unto Jesus every Christian is able to say "Here is what I ought to be".

The Christian person needs a guide and an example. "Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won" (Hymn 343).

AMONG THE PEOPLE.

Cleanliness is next to godliness. At least so said the primers of half a century ago. I think this is a motto that needs to be resurrected in an age of bare feet and long hair. A neighbour of mine well-known for fitness and body odour was converted not long ago in a pentecostal church. The transformation in the person's spiritual and emotional outlook was almost unbelievable. Our new charismatic Christian now bubbled over constantly with the testimony of the Lord's cleansing power. However, cynics noted that the Lord's cleansing power apparently didn't go skin deep. Only a quiet word from a very embarrassed Minister neighbour resulted in a bar of soap and a toothbrush eventually bringing the conviction into the testimony.

Personal habits must be kept checked for offensiveness. Bad breath in a well-meaning counsellor or Minister has been a tool against commitment of a young disciple much used by the Devil.

In an age where running water is available in every home we could well practise the early Jewish and Christian instructions concerning the cleanliness of the body as well as the purity of the soul.

Ceremonial and ritual footwashing is out of place in a contemporary church. But personal cleanliness is still a requirement.

GORDON MOYES

AMERICAN CHURCHMEN VISIT AUSTRALIA



— DR RAY STEDMAN

NEW SOUTH WALES

Saturday, November 1
Church of Christ, Epping
31 Bridge St.

2 p.m. "Body Life"
5.30 p.m. Basket Tea
7.00 p.m. "Pattern of Leadership in the Church."

Sunday, November 2

9.15 a.m. Christ Church, St. Ives, Ray Stedman.
10.15 a.m. Carlingford Baptist — Ray Stedman
11.00 a.m. Church of Christ, Burwood — Dick Hillis
7.00 p.m. Church of Christ, Epping — Ray Stedman
7.15 p.m. Christ Church, St. Ives — Dick Hillis.

Monday, November 3

10.00 a.m. Ministers' Meeting, Baptist Theological College — "Evangelism through Church Renewal."
7.00 p.m. Church of Christ, Hamilton — "Body Life."

Tuesday, November 4

7.00 p.m. Church of Christ, Greenacre — "Body Life."

MEET RAY STEDMAN

Dr Ray Stedman is Pastor of the Peninsula Bible Church, Palo Alto, California, and author of "Body Life" and "Authentic Christianity."

AND DICK HILLIS

Dr Dick Hillis from Santa Clara, California, is Founder and Director of Overseas Crusades.

Dr Ray Stedman is a stimulating and forceful speaker and writer. He is in wide demand as a speaker and lecturer at conferences and seminars throughout the United States. His concern is to seek out the dynamic quality of early Christianity so that the impact and spirit of New Testament life may be felt in the church today. Dr Stedman's concern is for a church equipped for mission with individual members sharing in its body life and reaching out to share that quality of life with others. His church at Palo Alto, California has been described by Dr Billy Graham as the most dynamic company of believers on the West Coast. In the meetings in Australia he will share the basic concepts of his ministry. His ministry will be a helpful stimulus following the recent Church Growth Seminars.

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— DR DICK HILLIS

VICTORIA-TASMANIA

Wednesday, November 5

2.00 p.m. Church of Christ, Malvern — Ministers' Meeting — "Evangelism through Church Renewal."
8.00 p.m. Church of Christ, Swanston St. — "Authentic Christianity."

Thursday, November 6

8.00 p.m. Church of Christ, Hobart — "Body Life."

Friday, November 7

8.00 p.m. Church of Christ, Doncaster — "Body Life."

Saturday, November 8

7.00 a.m. Church of Christ, Essendon — Men's Breakfast — Ray Stedman.
8.00 p.m. Church of Christ, Doncaster — "Pattern of Leadership in the Church."

Sunday, November 9

9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m. Church of Christ, Cheltenham — Ray Stedman.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Saturday, November 8

7.45 p.m. Edwardstown Baptist Church, Christian Men's Convention — "This is Life" Rally — Dick Hillis.

Sunday, November 9

11.00 a.m. Unley Baptist Church — Dick Hillis.
7.00 p.m. Southern Christian Fellowship — Dick Hillis.
7.00 p.m. Church of Christ, Grote St. — Ray Stedman.

Monday, November 10

10.30 a.m. Church of Christ, Grote St. — Ministers and Wives.
7.30 p.m. Church of Christ, Grote St. — "Body Life" Seminar No. 1.

Tuesday, November 11

7.30 p.m. Church of Christ, Grote St. — "Body Life" Seminar No. 1 (contd.).

Wednesday, November 12

7.30 p.m. Unley Park Baptist Church — "Body Life" Seminar No. 2.

Thursday, November 13

11.00 a.m. Bible College of South Australia.
7.30 p.m. Unley Park Baptist Church — "Body Life" Seminar No. 2 (contd.).

SEMINAR FOR NAIROBI DELEGATES

Over 100 Victorian churchmen will meet on October 26 with delegates to the World Council of Churches' Assembly. The meetings are planned by the Vic. Council of Churches in cooperation with the Kew Inter Church Council. They mark an attempt to brief the delegates on Victorian thinking about the key world issues facing the Assembly.

The Sunday afternoon meetings will include six seminars on topics to be considered at the Assembly. Special visitor on the occasion will be a church leader from

the host country, Bishop Okullu, of Kenya.

An evening public meeting at the Kew Presbyterian Church on October 26 at 7 p.m. will conclude the functions, where delegates will express their hopes for the Nairobi Assembly.

43 Australians including 20 church delegates plan to attend the African gathering, which will be the fifth of its kind in the history of the World Council. It will bring together 747 delegates from 271 member churches.

BOYS' SUNDAY (Chelsea, D. Althorpe). Boys' Sunday Tea attended by 70 men and boys. Film "Planning for a Century" screened at night. A senior Explorer made his decision . . . On Oct. 19 a film was shown of a soldier's conversion . . . Cassette recordings of church services available for those unable to attend.

POKER MACHINES FOR CANBERRA

The Australian Capital Territory is expected to have poker machines early next year — the first outside New South Wales.

The Opposition agreed not to oppose in the Senate the necessary legislation to legalise poker machines.

80,000 RESETTLED

THANKSGIVING SERVICE PLANNED

The Resettlement Dept. of the A.C.C. has helped to resettle 80,000 people in Australia from all parts of the world.

The Department is planning a Thanksgiving Service to celebrate the First Quarter of a Century of such service.

The service will be held in **St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Sunday, November 9, 7 p.m.** The Primate of the Church of England in Australia, Dr Frank Woods, will be the preacher.

This is an ecumenical occasion and an invitation is given to all who are interested. Many who have been helped and those who have served on the Department will be present.

Further information may be obtained at the Department's office at 125 Leicester St., Fitzroy, Vic. 3065. Phone 41 5877 (Melb.)

• C.O.B.

FACULTY & GRADUATION CHANGES

STUDY LEAVE — The College is pleased to report that Mr Bill Tabbernee has gained the approval of the Melbourne University to transfer from an M.A. to a Ph.D. research programme in Early Church History. Mr Tabbernee will begin full-time study leave on 1st November 1975 and will continue until College resumes in February 1977, when it is anticipated that the thesis will be completed. Fortunately, the scholarship he has gained allows him to teach for a few hours each week. Principal Emeritus E. L. Williams has kindly agreed to teach Theology again in 1976, and others are being approached to assist in various subjects.

GRADUATION 1975 — In recent years the Lygon Street chapel has not been able easily to accommodate all who have come to Graduation. So this year, Graduation will be held in Blackman Hall at the Hawthorn State College of Victoria, which is not far from the College property. The Hall can seat 1000 people, and a large crowd is expected as people show their support for those who enter ministry. All ten exits have accepted calls to work in churches or on the mission field. (See Page)

ATTENTION: MINISTERS & CHURCH SECRETARIES!

ADVICE BY THE PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND

Because of inflation increasing salaries, the Board of the Preachers' Provident Fund wishes to advise all ministers that it is expected that their contribution to the Fund next year is expected to be \$230 to \$250.

This will be payable early in MARCH 1976 and provision must be made now in personal budgeting, if this is not already being done, to ensure that the money will be available when required.

Similarly, church secretaries and treasurers are reminded that churches must make provision for a 35% increase in contribution to the P.P.F. to provide superannuation and Long Service Leave benefits for their ministers.

GIRL BANNED FROM CHURCH TEAM

Elizabeth Daff is 11 and has been practising cricket with the Blackburn Church of Christ under 12 team for a year.

Her father, Graham Daff, is the coach of the team, but Elizabeth won a place in the team on merit and form. Picked to play in the first match of the season, she was told the day before that the Box Hill Reporter District Cricket Association had ruled that girls could not play.

According to the Melbourne "Sun", women cricketers have offered her a place in women's cricket but Elizabeth says that she will play with her church team or not at all.

She may just make it. Women have overcome discrimination in law, medicine, politics, and are gradually getting justice in the churches. We don't see how cricket can hold out.

MILLIE DIENERT IN MELBOURNE

Internationally known Christian leader and spokeswoman, Millie Dienert, will address a Women's Rally in the Dallas Brooks Hall, Melb., on Nov. 7 at 8 p.m.

She speaks to Christian women's groups throughout the world and last year travelled about 72,000 miles to address more than 38,000 people. Her son Ted, is married to Billy Graham's daughter. She often speaks on behalf of Billy Graham Crusades. (See page 14).



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OPEN FORUM

ASIAN RAINBOW

To the Editor,

R. N. Hawkins (letter A.C. Sept. 20th) jumps to a conclusion and lands on the wrong foot. Nowhere in the report "Asia is a Rainbow" (A.C. 23.8.75) is the ACC so much as mentioned. Why then does he introduce the Council into his letter? I am not the ACC. A fact for which the ACC and myself are mutually grateful. I attended the Singapore meeting in the same capacity in which I attended the Leuven, Belgium, meeting of the World Conference on Religion and Peace — as Neil Gilmore, Christian, from Australia.

There's nothing subtle about the WCRP — it is a group of religious people with a commitment to peace. One wonders why there persists this desire to see some hidden subtlety in gatherings of such people. WCRP has a quite specific agenda — peace! The topics discussed remind one of the United Nations agenda and one sometimes feels a lack of the depth of the Christian concept of peace.

My report attempted to make clear the atmosphere of respect and acceptance within the Conference and it is my conviction that in such an atmosphere He who is the Light, the Life, the Love and the Hope has great opportunity to make Himself manifest. More so than when we came with an attitude of condescension from a position of 'the only truth'. It is that position which people of other religions find so offensive and which blocks their ears and hearts to the movement of the Spirit.

There is much bondage in other religions but there is also an immense heritage of faith and morality which at points comes close to the Christian faith and morality. If one puts on the spectacles of judgement, one sees only the bad; if one is prepared to appreciate what is worthwhile, then the rainbow colours stand out.

Jesus is the Light of the world . . . it is my prayer that that Light shall penetrate to the innermost being of us all.

Neil Gilmore, A.C.T.

PNG INDEPENDENCE

To The Editor,

I was dismayed to hear on the A.B.C. news a report of Miss Josephine Abaijah's comments on Independence celebrations in Papua New Guinea. I trust that hers were not the only comments about this occasion in Press and Radio reports of the event.

While there are many pros and cons for the independence of this country at this particular stage of its history we face an indisputable fact — Papua New Guinea is an independent and free nation, taking its place among the other free nations of this world.

I commend the authorities (both local and national) for their hard work in planning and preparing for this great occasion. Publicity was excellent and every effort made to encourage unity of purpose and to draw together the peoples of this land — no mean task at any time. Liquor sales were stopped one week before Independence Day and for two days after and within Papua New Guinea there has not, to my knowledge, been any report of trouble.

Independence celebrations in Port Moresby and elsewhere were carried out with great dignity and ceremony which made me feel privileged to have been present in the country to share them.

The dignity with which Australia's flag was

lowered for the last time on Sept. 15, before a large hushed crowd, conveyed without words, the feeling of friendship, love and appreciation for services given which exists on Papua New Guineans' part towards Australia.

Sir John Guise's reading of the Declaration of Independence was listened to on the radio throughout the length and breadth of the country, mostly by the flickering light of bonfires. Later in the day the Papua New Guinea flag was raised to flutter on its own in the breeze and various activities were undertaken to commemorate the day.

The leaders of the National Parliament under Prime Minister Michael Somare urge the people to stand firm, finding their strength in unity and hard work. The celebrations began on Sept. 14 with church services, at which God's blessing on the country and its leaders was asked, along with prayers for strength, guidance and wisdom.

We are now resident in a foreign country — an exciting country with great opportunities before it. I have every confidence that the present leaders have the ability and unity of purpose needed to solve the problems peculiar to this land. The road ahead is not easy. I would ask you to join with Christians all over Papua New Guinea in committing this young nation with its problems and its future to the Lord. They need your prayers and mine.

Rosalie Rofe, P.N.G.

C. R. BURDEU MEMORIAL ARCHIVES.

To the Editor, — We are sure that readers of the "A.C." will be delighted to hear that the C. R. Burdeu Memorial Archives are now completed and will be officially opened on Satur-

day afternoon December 6th, 1975 at Kenmore Christian College.

For some time it appeared that escalating building costs would place the project beyond our resources. In the midst of the recent recession in the building industry the committee determined to make one last effort. It's an ill wind that blows no good and a number of quotes well below former levels were submitted and taken advantage of as quickly as possible. The Archives building consists overall of a 34' x 22' area with a carpeted floor, steel shelving, work benches etc., and incorporates two offices one of which will be a general office for the College. Once all the material is catalogued and filed the Historical Committee hopes to offer an unequalled access to the very important treasures of Churches of Christ history which we hold because of C. R. Burdeu's diligence in the past.

This letter serves as an invitation to all our friends to join with us on the grand occasion of the opening. There will be an historical pageant depicting in verse, music, costume and movement the history of our Churches in Queensland, as well as entertainment and a great deal of merriment and thanksgiving. At this moment we require just over \$2,000 to liquidate the debt completely and a thank offering will be taken on the day, but any who wish to contribute and have not yet had the opportunity to do so can forward donations to the Treasurer, Kenmore Christian College, Brookfield Road, Kenmore, 4069, Brisbane.

K. W. Wiltshire
Chairman, Archives Appeal Committee.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

A SWITCH OF TACTICS

To the Editor,

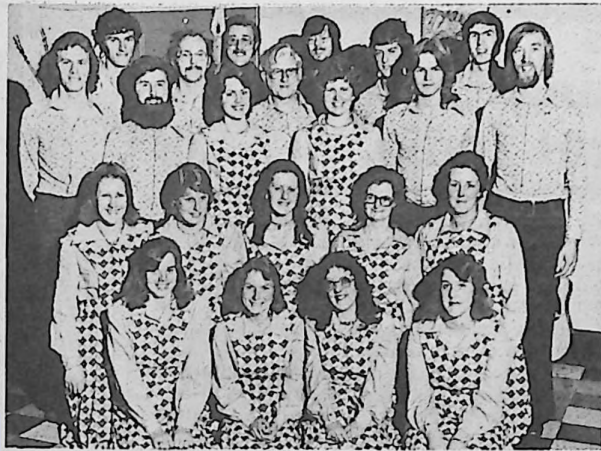
Our minister comes out with some outrageous things, fortunately not in public, but to some of us with whom he feels that he can let off steam. His latest wild statement was with a small group of us who occasionally have coffee at the manse on Sunday nights. He must have had a fairly stressful day.

"Do you know what?" he said. Well we didn't, but we listened just the same. He went on. "For the seventy eight years of the history of this church it has been understood that pastoral work is with church people and that evangelism is for outsiders." We all nodded, agreement. He continued, "I believe that for the next twelve months we should reverse the strategy and see what happens." We sat in bewildered silence. It must have been a hard day! "We would have twelve months of strenuous evangelism with the 'insiders', re-awakening them to the gospel that Jesus Christ changes lives profoundly. We would give invitations at night and morning services for Christians to come forward as and when they felt ready to take this seriously, and accept Christ fully into their lives, with all the risks that go with change." We felt embarrassed. I couldn't see myself making a fool of myself "going forward" like we expect "outsiders" to do. But wound up, our minister went on. "During the twelve months we would also pursue a vigorous pastoral programme amongst neighbours, contacts and any others we could reach. We would love them, listen to them and care about them, without any conditions attached. And as I couldn't do it all, we would use the 'insiders' who had responded to the gospel during the period. And if something of the gospel didn't rub off on those being cared for, I'd be surprised." I marked off another reason why I wouldn't "go forward" — Mercifully, coffee being brought in shut him up.

Did you ever hear such a crazy notion? Converting the church and pastoralising outsiders! The only trouble is that he is probably right.

Hoping you are the same,
TERTIUS.

Milestone for the changing moods. (VIC.)



Many popular songs today have music and messages which can be used to present the Christian viewpoint. The use of these songs, together with many of the new Christian songs of our time, has reached a milestone within our Victorian churches. The 100th performance of *The Changing Moods* took place this month at Box Hill Church of Christ, culminating almost six years of gospel presentation by the group.

The *Changing Moods* are a group of young adults who use music, speech and movement to present the gospel in a bright manner, and in so doing find enjoyment and fellowship. Some are trained singers, but new members who can sing in tune soon find that with regular practice their voices improve together with their movements and general confidence. Over the past 5½ years, quite a number of personalities have come and gone, but the membership has always been between 20

and 30. Each member, whether they are part of the group now or not, has played a significant part in forming the group into what it is now. As a group, the members are all very close, and each puts both time and effort into making *The Changing Moods* a success without forgetting their home-church commitments. The present membership is 24, and special skills are provided by Cheryl Harman (piano and musical arranging), Bronwyn Booth (choreography), Phil Davey (guitar), Trevor Booth (drums), Kevin White (lighting), Lyn Leach (musical arranging) and Christine Stewart (voice production).

When asked about the professional look and sound of the group, conductor Harold Plummer points to youthful enthusiasm, regular practices, group loyalty and blending of skills.

The one purpose of the group is to present the Word of God in a way that is understandable and enjoyable, using music as it is heard today. Looking forward to our next 100 performances, we invite any young people interested in joining *The Changing Moods* to contact any member, the secretary Alan Byrne (870 5790 Melb.) or the conductor (848 1093).

— Peter Strack, president.

A.B.C. RELIGIOUS PROGRAMMES

On behalf of its twelve member churches, the Australian Council of Churches has expressed support for "an arrangement within the Australian Broadcasting Commission structure whereby there is a department or specialist group responsible for the planning of religious programmes."

In explaining this position, the Executive Committee of the A.C.C. stated: "Just as there are within Australia sections of the viewing and listening population who desire programmes on sport, theatre, music, talks etc., there is a considerable section that desire specifically religious programmes.

"Our understanding of 'religious programmes' is that they deal directly or indirectly with beliefs, practices and experiences relating to God and the world of the transcendent.

"We believe in genuinely free and public discussion and exploration of the whole of human experience, and further believe that in a pluralist society, the churches cannot and do not have any monopoly in such discussion and exploration.

"We recognise that there are sections of the community, who desire to give particular expression to views on moral and ethical issues as seen from a humanist or other ideological standpoint. We claim however that this does not detract from the validity of religious programmes."

WAY TO UNION OPEN

(Sydney). The NSW Court of Appeal on Oct. 8 rejected a challenge to the authority of the Presbyterian Church to enter into Union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches.

The action was brought by two members of the large number of Presbyterians who voted in 1973 to refuse to join in the proposed union. They sought a judgement that the Presbyterian Church had acted illegally in its decision in 1974 to enter into union.

The three most senior judges in NSW were unanimous in the decision and costs, awarded against the plaintiffs, are estimated to exceed \$30,000.

An appeal can be made against the decision but it is thought that, instead, those opposed to union will establish a continuing Presbyterian Church.

The uniting churches announced recently that the official union of the three churches would be deferred until June, 1977.

VANDALS IN CHURCH

(Dapto, N.S.W.) Vandals caused approximately \$4,000 worth of damage to the church hall.

A whole brick wall had to be replaced and the floor resurfaced and sanded. Members joined together to clean up the Hall as much as possible.

Two baptisms have been held — one a grandmother recently out from England, and the other, a husband which united a family in Christ.

Filmstrips are being extensively used in the homes of contacts. N.S.W. Conference President, K. Baker, spoke on Oct. 5. All members are being invited to small groups to pray and plan for church growth. The Men's Fellowship began with a successful Dinner.

RADIO SERVICES

(Vic.) The Church of Christ at LaTrobe Terrace, Geelong, will have broadcast services over Station 3GL, at 11 a.m. on the following Sundays: Nov. 9, 1975; Jan. 18, April 25, Aug. 15, 1976.

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• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Communicating the Gospel in Rural India

On a warm, sunny, day last July I left Baramati with Brother and Sister Waghmode and other Conference workers to visit Sansar, Bori, Indapur and Walchundnagar. These places, located in a rural area within a radius of 35 miles from Baramati. In all these centres there are small groups of dedicated christians who have an earnest desire to minister to the large non-christian communities.

We visited Sansar on our outward journey and Walchundnagar on our return. At both centres the people gathered together in private homes for fellowship and prayer. There are large

By R.S.A. McLean

sugar factories in this area and this provides an opportunity to communicate the gospel to thousands of people who move to the locality at harvest time to sell their sugar cane. During this season hundreds of bullock carts laden with cane may be seen near the sugar factories. The owners may have to wait for days before it is their turn to sell their produce. Commenting on this, Mr Waghmode said "During this time these bullock cart drivers have nothing to do but sit and wait and we should use this as an occasion to move among them and as we have opportunity tell them about the Lord. We should also establish a teaching programme for the children of itinerant sugar factory workers. They are here for several months each year during the busy period and we should not neglect them.

Arriving at Bori, the home village of Mr Waghmode we first went to his farm, which is a very fine property, and then

NAMIBIAN CHURCH LEADER SEEKS PRISONERS' RELEASE

Shortly before South African-sponsored talks on the future of Namibia (South-West Africa) opened on Sept. 1, critics of the meeting were arrested and placed in solitary confinement. In the group were five prominent members of two black Lutheran churches.

Dr Lukas de Bries, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in South-West Africa, has pleaded with the government to stop the wave of arrests and to bring to trial those already held so their guilt or innocence can be established.

Four Lutherans were arrested at a public meeting August 24 in Katutura and held under the Terrorism Act.

Tanzania's government-owned newspaper, *Daily Nes*, has called the constitutional conference on Namibia a farce and predicted that a war of liberation was imminent there. It said the Windhoek conference was aimed at maintaining white supremacy and did not represent the true aspirations of the Namibian people.

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moved on to the High School where we were welcomed by staff and students and the village people. The Bori High School is a self-help project conducted by the Conference and considerable time was spent discussing with village leaders the future of this venture.

From Bori, we went on to Indapur, a large rural town on the outskirts of our Conference area. The church at Indapur has a membership of 33 and meets for worship at the Friendship Centre located in the centre of the town. The person in charge of the Friendship Centre is Pastor D.N. Dongre, a man full of zeal and enthusiasm to preach the gospel. The Friendship Centre is a popular place for the town people. They go there to read magazines, borrow books, play table tennis and be involved in other activities.

Through this contact, bridges of friendship are established and the people come to Mr Dongre with their problems and to ask questions about the Christian faith. Pastor Dongre is eager to do more outreach work from the Friendship Centre. He feels if he had a public address system then he could broadcast the gospel to the people in the streets. Mr Dongre is concerned about the villages in the area surrounding Indapur where no christian witness is made. He said, "There is a great need for some kind of conveyance. There are 86 villages in the Indapur District. It is only possible for us to visit about thirty of these villages throughout the year. There is no mission or church in this extensive area. At present we can go on our bicycles to about fifteen villages which are within twelve miles from Indapur. If we are not preaching the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ then who is going to preach to these people? The Lord has given us the opportunity and freedom to preach. Is it not our duty to accept this opportunity?" Please continue in prayer for the ministry of these small groups of dedicated brethren in rural India.

WHY NUNS LEAVE

In a study titled "Women Who Have Left Religious Communities," John P. Koval of De Paul University, Chicago, and Sister Margaret Mary Modde, O.S.F., of Catholic University of America, state that the major cause of departure of Roman Catholic nuns from their communities is the "marked stress" on the role of women religious brought about by radical changes in the total church. The lack of "personal autonomy", coupled with loneliness and lack of support from other sisters in work and community, was given as the principal reason why nuns seek other life styles, chiefly marriage. The study indicated that there has been 21 per cent loss of women religious since 1966; the total number of Catholic women entering the religious life has decreased by 81.2 per cent.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S JUMBLES

I HAM JEER. That is his mixed up name. He was also an O.T. prophet. He was very unpopular. He spoke very strongly for God against the king and there was a plot to put him to death. He was saved by some nobles who knew he was doing what God wanted him to do. (See page 18).

THIS IS A SHOCKER!

There is a big fish, big and slow and clumsy. Sometimes weighs up to 200 pounds. His head is flattened. It looks as though an elephant stood on it. It hasn't got a tough hide, like other fish, has a very small mouth, and its teeth are not much good.

But it does have one thing going for it. Near the head, around the edge of its big circular body, it has many prism shaped compartments of muscular fibre. By a very complicated process, these compartments can generate electricity. The top of the fish serves as one electric pole and the bottom as the other. All he has to do is touch any other fish — an attacker or a meal — and the other fish gets a shock that stuns him.

The fish is called a torpedo fish, and he's a shocker!

College Student: "Say, what's the idea of wearing my raincoat?"

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"That text about the leaves and fishes got me to thinking about your refrigerator . . ."



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8 p.m. CHURCH OF CHRIST, DONCASTER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7 a.m. CHURCH OF CHRIST, ESSENDON, MEN'S BREAKFAST
8 p.m. CHURCH OF CHRIST, DONCASTER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9.30 & 11 a.m. CHURCH OF CHRIST, CHELTENHAM

A FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN PASSES

About 300 people gathered together for the funeral of our loved sister Mary Jane Williams on September 24, which was conducted at Carnarvon. Friends and relatives came from Onslow, Mullewa, Meekatharra, Geraldton and Perth. The service in the Christian Centre was shared by Graham Butler and Roy Aitken with Sister Heather Butler singing Mrs Williams' favourite hymn, "What a friend we have in Jesus".

Mr Aitken paid a fine tribute to her life and witness and presented a challenge to the folk gathered. Over 50 cars were in the cortege which went to the cemetery. Mr Butler led the graveside service after which most of the crowd proceeded to Bob's place just to share together and be with him. The Onslow folk came down in a bus and stayed overnight at the Aged Persons' Home at Ingada Village.

DEATH OF TRIBAL LEADER AND CHRISTIAN ELDER

The funeral of Roy Nine was conducted at the Norseman Christian Centre. Many gathered from centres as far apart as Kalgoorlie and Esperance to pay their respects to a fine man who was held in high regard by both Wongai and white alike, quite a number of the white community at Norseman also attended the service at the cemetery. Sonny Graham led the service and a special tribute was presented by Alan Pallett. Two hymns were sung at the service, the whole service being one of witness, testimony and triumph.

A crowd of 250 proceeded to the cemetery where Sonny was assisted by Peter Jamieson. Here again it was a thrill to behold the quiet confidence and assurance of the Wongai Christians.

Roy Nine was to Norseman what our Bob Williams is to Carnarvon. He will be missed.

N.S.W. MINISTERS' SALARIES

Following the recent Wage Indexation decision of a salary increase of 3.5%, the following are the recommended minimum salaries for Churches of Christ ministers in N.S.W. (the old scale is shown in brackets):

1st year after graduation from college \$103.50 (\$100.00); 2nd Year \$105.57 (\$102); 3rd Year \$107.64 (\$104); 4th Year \$109.71 (\$106); 5th Year or more \$111.78 (\$108). To apply from the first full pay period in October.

Recommendations for allowances remain unaltered: Free manse or a house allowance minimum of \$25 per week; Car allowance of \$18 per week or 9.5c per kilometre; Holiday Leave, four weeks per year.

COLLEGE GRADUATIONS

The N.S.W. Bible College will hold its Graduation Service at Enmore Church, on Friday, Nov. 21, at 7.30 p.m.

The College of the Bible of Churches of Christ in Australia will hold its Graduation and Ordination Service at the Blackman Hall of the Hawthorn State College, 442 Auburn Rd., Hawthorn, on Friday, Nov. 21 at 7.45 p.m.

ANN STREET CELEBRATES

(L. G. Armstrong). The church decided that the best way to celebrate its 92nd anniversary was to gather together present and past members and friends and hold a "Mini-Mission" with C. G. Flood, a former minister as guest preacher.

The "Mini-Mission" was held on three weekday evenings and on Sunday with a welcome home tea. The inspirational and challenging addresses given by Mr Flood were based on the statement by Jesus, "I

am come that you may really live!"

The choir gave special items and the music was presented by Miss Hilary Polglaze and Graham Watson.

At the home-coming tea there was standing room only, and there was a time of reminiscence for past members and church leaders. The celebration was climaxed by the news from New Guinea that Pastor Bill Buli had baptized a further fifty-one disciples.

METHODISTS ON SOCIAL ISSUES

Victorian Methodists are still strongly opposed to gambling and drinking, a major church survey has found.

The study shows that 77 per cent of Methodists are either total abstainers or drink "very infrequently", and a clear majority are opposed to most forms of legalised gambling.

But while the traditional Methodist conservatism on lotteries and liquor remains, a majority of church members support equality for women and are sympathetic on the issue of divorce and homosexuality.

The survey — covering almost 4000 active Methodists in Victoria — is one of the most comprehensive ever undertaken by an Australian church denomination.

Two-thirds of those surveyed in Victoria said the church should encourage all

its members to become teetotalers.

At least half said they disapproved of all forms of legalised gambling, with the exception of raffles for charity.

The survey, which covered about 10 per cent of church-going Methodists in Victoria, and a similar sample in Tasmania, was conducted by the church's department of Christian citizenship, based in Melbourne.

Seventy-eight per cent said women should have equal or greater representation than men in church affairs, 70 per cent agreed divorce was acceptable in some circumstances, and only 33 per cent disagreed firmly with allowing homosexuals to "practise their sexuality in private".

"THE AGE"

BOOKSHOP MANAGER RETURNS TO LOCAL MINISTRY

Keith Milne will become full-time minister for the Regional Board churches (Brunswick, Coburg, Pascoe Vale) in 1976. Mr Milne studied at the College of the Bible (1954 - 1956) and then worked as the manager of a retail store in Colac before returning to Glen Waverley church where he is an elder. Both Keith and his wife, Laurel, have been actively engaged in the work at Glen Waverley.

In Melbourne, Mr Milne has been manager of the Scripture Union Bookshop and now is manager of the Baptist Book Store in Russell Street. He has been a valuable asset to many of our churches and to ministers and students while he

has been working with the Baptists.

Mr and Mrs Milne and their three children will move to their new appointment early in 1976. Mr Milne will have the responsibility of leading the churches at Brunswick, Pascoe Vale and Coburg with the assistance of L. G. Crisp (part-time) and student help from the College of the Bible.

The Regional Board would be pleased to hear of any Christian families moving into the area who could assist with migrant work, school work or youth ministries. Contact could be made with Keith Milne (560 9675) or Barry Jenkins (662 2377).

THE MASTER'S WORKSHOP (Richmond, Vic.)

Scripture Union's training program has been a valuable help to COCIAC workers. Several from Churches of Christ have become involved in the Christian Volunteer Service training day, Thursdays each week. Here volunteers spend one day in Bible study, learning counselling and communication techniques, preparing for Christian service. At present we have Sue Sinclair, Derek Snibson, David Nichol, Alison McDonald, Margaret Clark, who come from Swanston Street, East Kew, Thornbury, Collingwood and Glen Waverley churches. Sue, Derek and David are helping with ministry at North Fitzroy this year.

Enquiries about the Christian Volunteers Scheme could be directed to Barry Jenkins (662 2377) or to John U'Ren at Scripture Union (42 4934).

ADVISORY DEPT. CHANGE

(VIC.) Eric F Patterson, has been transferred from Melbourne to Benalla and has been obliged to resign from his position as Secretary of the Vic.-Tas. Advisory Dept.

The new Secretary, who has already taken up his responsibilities, is Russell Williams. Churches and Church secretaries and ministers should note Mr Williams' address, which is found on page 19 of this issue.

HEAVY BALLET (Ascot Park, R. J. Clymer). Concert presented by C.W.F. held on Sept 26. Most of the items were hilarious, especially a ballet presented by group of men whose average weight was 13 stone. . . The ladies took a concert party to the Christian Rest Home, St. Georges.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Neale Proellocks

Neale Proellocks, final year student at Woolwich Bible College, serving as assistant student-minister at Burwood, has accepted a call to Georgetown, N.S.W. to take up the work early in 1976.

Engadine Mission — Student Participation

During September 21-28 evangelist J. K. Bond at Engadine, N.S.W., was enthusiastically supported and re-informed by IIIrd and IVth year Woolwich College students. They were largely involved in district visitation, house-to-house calls and counselling prospective converts. At the beginning of the Mission 12 folk had signified their desire to make decisions, and by the last Sunday 26 more commitments had been registered, a total of 38, with the possibility of more.

Woolwich Students — Active in Missionary Month

In the special "Missionary Month" of Outreach at Burwood, N.S.W., specific participation by Woolwich Bible College

CALL TO DR ELLIOTT

Dr. Allen G. Elliott concludes his work as Principal of the N.S.W. Bible College at Woolwich at the end of the year and has accepted the invitation of the church at Kingsford, where he ministered some years ago. This arrangement will commence in Feb. 1976.

FRANK HUNTING'S FINAL BALLARAT SERMON

Frank C. Hunting will preach his farewell sermon to the church at Dawson St., Ballarat, Vic., on Dec. 14 at 11 a.m.

Mr Hunting has ministered at Dawson St. for 27 years and is to move to an associate ministry at Grote St., Adelaide, in the new year.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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students took place on Oct. 1, and Oct. 12. Rodney Feldhahn told of the development of the work in the more recently established New Guinea fields, and Bob Slack presented slides on Modern Israel.

Yoon-Kak Uh, in National Korean dress, brought some striking slides of the ministry of the Christian Seminary and the Orphanage in Seoul, and Andrew Wijesinghe presented a challenging testimony concerning Christian outreach among the people of Sri Lanka.

Visitors at Woolwich

Visiting speakers who have recently addressed the students at Woolwich have been John Marion, American evangelist temporarily located in N.Z. and representing the South Pacific Evangelical Fellowship; Keith Williams, N.S.W., Secretary of the Bible Society; John Main, graduate of Woolwich, who, with his family, is on furlough from missionary service in India; and Don Richardson, pioneer worker with the Regions Beyond Missionary Union in Irian Jaya and author of the newly-published book, "Peace Child."

COMMUNITY WELFARE (Blackburn, E. C. Keating). Explorers took part in a service after which Rev. John Edwards of the Community Welfare Foundation told of and showed slides of Foundation's work . . . \$400 raised by Freedom From Hunger Campaign walkers . . . Bible Society Morning Coffee hosted by Blackburn ladies . . . Church Fete raised \$1,580 for Poverty Relief and Overseas Missions in Project '75 . . . Terry Lane and Ed. Ots, were recent speakers. . . Lloyd Owen, Supt. of Winlaton Girls' Home interviewed by Noel Mitaxa. The Kist Trio from Blackburn H.S. sang several numbers.

DR. LEE IN W.A.

Dr. Allan W. Lee, General Secretary of World Convention of Churches of Christ, will speak at a public meeting in the Christian Centre, Perth on Thursday, Nov. 6th, 7.45 p.m.

Dr. Lee's subject will be "Give your Church a Lift."

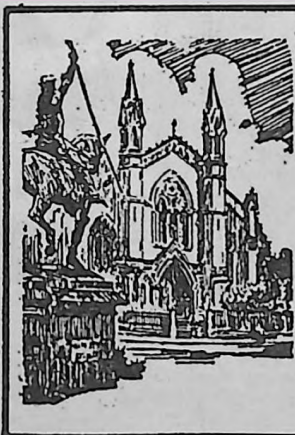
WE WERE WRONG

Attention is called to the following errors in the "A.C.", Sept. 20: (cover)

The photo at the right in the second top row is not that of Dick Francis, but of Richard Hayman, a first year student who entered the N.S.W. Bible College from the rank of Captain in the Army and has a Diploma in Engineering.

On page 6 of the same issue, Ross Burton is shown as going to Bundaberg. Ross, who is student president at Woolwich, will minister next year at Hervey Bay.

C.W.E.F. BIRTHDAY (Footscray, F. B. Alcorn). At C.W.E.F. Birthday, Mrs Dorothy Smith showed slides of New Hebrides. Ladies conducted Devonshire Tea when the "Tirrike Trio" presented the program . . . V. Newham spoke of the work of Gideons . . . A president and readers are helping at Sunshine Church first Sunday in month . . . Geelong Youth for Christ took evening service, led by Barry Greenwood . . . Following Church Growth Seminar there were two decisions and three rededications . . . B.B. Focus on Oct. 5 featured "Stepping Stones" ably presented by Kinders to Youth 3 . . . October Missionary Month speakers have been Lloyd Lanyon, A.I.M., T. Broderick, Leprosy Mission, F. Richards, O/seas Mission Dept.



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FIFTH MISSIONARY CONVENTION (VIC.)

Castlemaine Church of Christ conducted its fifth Missionary Convention, Sept. 12 — 14. Missionaries who attended were Mr and Mrs Jock Hunting, Jewish Evangelical Witness, and Miss Jan. Hunting from Churches of Christ Overseas Mission. Colour slides and a movie film were shown. At Bible School Miss Hunting told about a typical day in the life of a New Guinea child, and Mr and Mrs Alan Glanville from Aspendale Church led the singing. Mr Hunting spoke to the Young Adult Bible Study Group. After Sunday fellowship tea, all missionaries participated in the service, when the Faith Promise Offerings were taken. Quite a number of people pledged for the next 12 months. The freewill offering taken during the weekend was equally divided between the societies represented, and the faith promise offerings from the past 12 months were sent to the societies who participated in last year's convention.



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OBITUARY

COWARD, Mrs. Margaret.

The church was saddened by the death of Mrs Margaret Coward who died on September 15, 1975, in her ninety-third year. She was born in Carnforth, Lancashire, England, and married Richard Kellert Coward in 1905 who predeceased her in 1959. She was baptised at the Church of Christ, Kirby-in-Furness, in 1904. She and her husband were in fellowship of the church in Wigan and at Liverpool before migrating to Australia in 1924. They were in membership at Charters Towers, East Ipswich, and at Ann St., Brisbane. The last twenty-four years of her life were spent in Burdeu House. This was indeed her home, one which she loved and where she made many friends. Les Armstrong, who conducted the service at Mount Thompson Crematorium, mentioned that Mrs Coward did not go to Burdeu House to die but to live. She loved her Lord and was ever ready to witness for Him. In earlier years, at Burdeu House, she was active in the domestic side of the home, helping in the kitchen and dining room and was widely known for her skill in crochet work which was highly valued by all who saw it and who were able to purchase it for the benefit of the Home. She leaves a son and daughter-in-law, a granddaughter, and three great-grandchildren. Mrs Coward had been selected as Ann St.'s Grandmother in the Social Service Committee's Great Grandmother Competition.—W. S. Hoens

PITMAN, Florence (nee Turner).

Mrs Pitman was the 6th in a family of 13 children. She was born in 1892. Her parents, the late Mr & Mrs W. M. Turner of Toowoomba, migrated from England. She and other members of the family began attending the Church of Christ in Russell St. during the ministry of the late J. W. Parslow. She made her confession of faith and was baptised by W. E. Reeve. On September 25, 1916, Florence Turner was married to L. R. (Roy) Pitman at her parent's home. The Pitmans took a very active part in the life of the church at Roma where Roy had a shoe store. Their large home was given to much hospitality for missionaries and ministers, and the entertainment of church auxiliaries. Always of a quiet and gentle disposition Mrs Pitman endeared herself to all. Because of a heart condition the extremely hot climate at Roma made it necessary, some 25 years ago, to return to Toowoomba. Although becoming members of the church in Margaret St. where Roy became choir conductor, they continued also to assist financially the church at Roma. Mrs Pitman died on March 5 at the age of 83. She is survived by her husband and daughters Marjorie, Valerie, Alison and Dawn. Two daughters, Dorothy and Lyndall, predeceased her.

V. G. Boettcher

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SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY (Inverell, R. Powell). 70th Church Anniversary featured a Men's Dinner & Rally on Sept. 13 and special services and Fellowship Tea on Sunday. Ken Baker, Conf. Pres., and Lyall Wylie were guest speakers. A 24-hour Prayer Chain preceded the Anniversary . . . C.W.F. held a meeting and hot luncheon for annual visit of State Pres., Mrs. Bess Wylie . . . R. Powell, Allan Mackie and W. Boland shared with men of Tamworth and Armidale churches. Armidale church growth encouraging with several decisions for future expansion made . . . Y.P. went to Apsley Falls, also had Indian Dinner at Manse . . . Virginia Robertson was baptised and gave testimony August 31 . . . Allan Mackie constructed new hymn book cupboards in church entrance in memory of his mother, Mrs L. E. Mackie, a member of Inverell church for 50 years.

PLANNING FOR 1976 (Wyoming, E. K. Morrison) Members are filling questionnaires in preparation for planning for 1976 . . . Special services in co-operation with the B.S. continue to build valuable contacts . . . There have been two decisions and one reconsecration.

PRESIDENT VISITS (Hornsby Dist. D. A. Oldfield). K. Baker, N.S.W. Conf. Pres. was speaker on Sept. 28. At night the Thornleigh-Normanhurst churches combined for Annual Service attended in our chapel by members of Church of England, Methodist and Presbyterian churches which closed their services for the occasion. 160 were present . . . A church barbecue held at the home of Mr and Mrs Bartholomew on Oct. 6 . . . Our young people attended weekend D.C.E. Camp at Stanwell Tops.

LET'S GROW (Epping, K. Farmer). 80 members attended a 3-night seminar on "Let's Grow at Epping." A steering committee has been appointed to plan and implement strategies for growth in 1976 . . . The Annual Meeting, held as family dinner reviewed past year's progress.

MUSICAL (Thornbury, G. J. Crossman). Young People assisted Northcote B.S. anniversary with the Musical "It's Cool In The Furnace" . . . YPCE conducted "Paddle Push" over 16 kms of the Yarra River. \$150 was raised by sponsorship for CE Appeal for Outboard Motor for New Guinea Mission Craft. Another \$50 was given from their funds . . . Explorer Clubs led by Les Stewart celebrated Boys' Sunday with Tea. Their evening service was unusual, but an effective presentation of explorer activities.

BAPTISM (Tootgarook, Paul Cameron). Mr and Mrs Round were baptised on Oct. 12 . . . At 24th Anniversary and Temple Day on October 19, W. Tabbernee was guest speaker. Features were P.S.A., and a Fellowship Tea. Mrs Betty Dow was evening soloiste . . . Mrs W. Paton attending services after surgery . . . Mrs Trezise was farewelled on Oct. 5 on leaving the district, Mrs Mansfield is also leaving Tootgarook.

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WELDEN (Barnett) To Margaret and Jeff, a daughter, Cheryl Anne, born October 7 at Toowoomba, Qld. Sister for Leanne & Kerri. (M/S 181 Pittsworth, Qld. 4356)

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DEATHS

GRANT. On 30th September, Hazel May Grant, late of Cleland Avenue, Dulwich, South Australia. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." 2 Tim. 4:7.

WATKINS Harold Neville, of The Grove, Camberwell, Vic. on October 4th at Mount Royal Hospital, aged 79 years. Dearly loved husband of Mary, loved father of Harold, Lorna, Jean, Dorothy, and Gordon; father-in-law of Betty, Ray, Bill, Barry and Margaret. Loved grandpa of 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. "Gone to be with the Lord".

WEBB Winifred Anne. On October 5 at the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh, Vic. Beloved wife of James E. Loved mother of Doreen, Joyce and Mollie.

IN MEMORIAM

GHYS, Lawrence. In loving memory of a wonderful husband and father who was called home suddenly on October 25th, 1970. "In heavenly love abiding" — Ida, Lyn, Rosemary and Peter.

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COFFEE HOUR (Mackay, H. D. Francis). Saturday night Coffee Hour, in co-operation with other churches is now held weekly. Up to 300 attend . . . At annual meeting Mr. Schneider was elected secretary, and Mr. Cornwell is on Board . . . Adult Bible Study held at the Manse. . . North Eton Y.P. group started by Presbyterians re-organised by N.E. church members, assisted by Mackay B.S. Supt. and others. Up to 30 Y.P. attend.



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BETHANY WORK (Nubeena, David Bailey). Norm Carter, with slides and news of Bethany Children's Home visited for Social Service week. Special Brownie and Guides parade at evening service . . . 60 attended parent's and children's Film Night Sept. 6 . . . Adventure Time now held monthly with games, activities and devotions for 3-6th grades . . . Women's Camp held at Coningham. Three ladies from Nubeena attended . . . Boys Brigade Sports Day held at Copping.

PRESENTATION (Invermay). A presentation was made to C.R. Edmunds in recognition of more than 30 years of service in the church. He served in many different capacities, both in the S.S. and on the officers board. After years as church secretary he retired in March this year. He is still a member of the officers board . . . Building extensions, a new utility room and toilet block are almost completed. Most of the work done by voluntary effort under direction of G. Hays . . . New hymn books in use . . . There has been a baptism.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NEW HALL (Albany, Ken Verge) Many members, children, club members and parents attended opening of new hall on September 27. Mr Verge thanked all those who had helped in the building, especially Norm Greenway, builder. Bruce Clapp gave a brief resume of the work and witness of the church in Albany. The occasion concluded with supper . . . A young girl made her decision on September 29.

SURVEY SEVENTEEN (North Perth, F. H. Griffiths) Survey Seventeen was the theme when Barry Jenkins of COCIAC, Melbourne, visited North Perth and other inner-suburban churches to discuss development and growth in inner areas. House meetings in two homes were held . . . North Perth and Dianella considering a joint ministry of outreach. Plans in hand to call a third minister to assist in this work . . . C.W.F. actively encouraging cottage meetings in members' homes.

BOY RESPONDS (Subiaco). A boy of 12 made his decision after two years of ministering. This is the first fruit of faithful service. Nine boys attend the club, from all walks of life, but most have one thing in common: no father! The boy already mentioned, was deserted by both parents and lives with his grandmother. Robert Hunter is leader. The aim of the Club is to be "Big Brother" image, stable and faithful so that these boys can see and ask for Christ in and through our ministry. Seven attended a weekend camp for this purpose. The activities programme catered for their physical, spiritual and social needs. The boys had been working on a truck for six months and it was taken to the camp. A new bond of friendship was established between Youth Leaders and boys . . . The B.S. Primary Class Walkathon raised \$49 for "Wanslea Children's Home". Presentation of gifts to the Home was made on Sept. 21, including large scooter, a basket ball and 12 tennis balls.

ASSOCIATE MINISTRY (South Perth, D. G. Nelson). Leo Cox has accepted invitation to associate ministry at South Perth and Thornlie, to commence in January. The Cox family will occupy the second manse at 44 David Street . . . Two communion services now held each Sunday morning . . . Recently completed faith-promise missionary year raised \$10,866 . . . Senior Y.P. conducted rally at Victoria Park Town Hall as part of Outreach program. Y.P. went out into highway to invite people to the meeting . . . Encounter literature has been distributed to 500 homes . . . Interstate netball teams were guests at a recent evening service . . . The full board attended Church Growth seminars . . . Dr. Arn was guest speaker at the church . . . 28th Church anniversary featured an Aborigines Mission Convention, Oct. 17-19.

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B.S. AT BEACH (Kadina, M. D. Williams) Recent B.S. Anniversary included a parent/child dedication; a drama presentation, items by the kindergarten, and communion. After lunch, children and adults shared in biblical instruction through sand graphics at Wallaroo beach . . . Local division of St. John Ambulance held church parade. A guided tour of the brigade's headquarters followed the service . . . Salvation Army Corps shared meeting on September 28 when L. Baxter, president of Nthn. Dist. Churches Conf. visited . . . Successful country scramble and western night was arranged by D.C.E. to foster city/country inter-activity . . . Mr. Williams extending ministry to January 1977.

MARANATHA SINGERS (Hawthorn, Brian White). 359 heard local contemporary gospel singing group, "Maranatha". There were five decisions, making 29 in six weeks . . . Young Marrieds visited Kadina young marrieds to encourage sharing in this small group . . . Course being conducted for women, young married, and y.p. on Witnessing, Counselling, and Nurturing Young Christians . . . Ray Ewers and Norm Kingstone were recent speakers.

MINISTRY TO CONCLUDE (Lenswood, A. E. Cremin). Mr Cremin concludes his ministry at end of year. D. Sessle commences in Jan. . . . Bert Coleman, Pres. of Sthn. Dist. Conf. visited here Oct. 5 . . . Three families will shortly move away from district . . . The church continues support of an Indian orphan boy and has taken on support of two Aboriginal boys.

VISITORS ENTERTAINED (Maylands, N. S. Moore). New friendships were formed when Maylands entertained young people from Goolwa Sept. 14 . . . Miss Ros. Marsh has received her appointment as Social Worker to Whyalla. . . Four Friday Family nights featured meal, fellowship and study groups . . . Leprosy Mission Boxes for 6 months contained \$103 and \$130 has been received towards ministry of Dr. Sheth who gives sight to those blinded by cataracts in India . . . Brian and Eleanor Matthews left for New Hebrides on Oct. 19 for another term of voluntary service. \$230 raised by church to help with their expenses . . . The church saddened by the death of Mrs. Pat Brook.

9 WEEKS TO 90 YEARS. (Blackwood, L. Cooke). 120 members of the Church family aged from 9 weeks to 90 years shared in Weekend Camp. At culminating Communion Service participants, including small children, presented contributions, based on the Communion theme, in creative art, drama, woodwork and writing. A bushwalk studying wild flowers was led by Peter McEntee . . . Drama on the life of Christ presented recently by 40 members of Sunday night Coffee Shop Y.P. A full hour of mime, dance and song enthralled the large audience which was seated in the round.



VICTORIA

INDUCTION (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes). Associate minister induction service for the Benson family held on Sept. 21. There were two packed services, with Don Smith as the occasional preacher. The official party included Don Chipp, M.H.R., and the Mayor of Moorabbin... C.Y.F. raised over \$40 in car wash for World Vision... Gordon Moyes preached at A Great Youth Happening at the Moorabbin Town Hall assisted by Geoff Benson and the "New Perspective" singers... Julie Acqueroff visited the church on her return from the mission field... George and Shirley Daff celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

LOOKING FORWARD (Hamilton) The board is getting things ready at the manse for the coming of Ron White next year. Many speakers have been filling the pulpit... Y.P. held a social evening recently... About 20 members visited Geelong to meet the Maori team from N.Z. at the Manifold Heights Church... C.W.F. ladies continue to support an Indian boy.

HOUSE CHURCH (Hartwell, M. J. Savage) Two sessions were held in members' homes in August... C.W.F. afternoon group celebrated 54th year of service. Julie Reid (C.O.B.) spoke of her work with migrant families in high-rise flats in Melbourne and of holiday activities for children. The ladies give gifts of groceries and clothing for this work... Junior Girls' Netball team won final. The team held evening church parade.

CRICKET (Essendon, C. S. Badcock). Evening service conducted by N. Cheal with members of the Cricket Club taking part. Miss Margaret Murphy assisted at the piano... Recent guest speaker was Dr. K. R. Bowes, Principal, C.O.B... Members assisted in Freedom from Hunger doorknock organised by Stewart Strack and Graham Badcock. \$330 was raised... Mr. & Mrs. Stan Hainsworth have celebrated their Golden Wedding

Anniversary... Good Companions raised \$132 at Fancy Dress Novelty Night. Mrs. Ferrari and Mrs. Shields are in hospital for operations. Mrs. Bone and Mrs. Buttress are ill. Mrs. Jean Hainsworth and Mrs. Grant recovered from illnesses... Rita Collins attended C.W.F. week-end camp at Monbulk

GROWTH FOCUS (Belmont, W. Harford). On Sep. 21 members who attended Church Growth Seminar focussed the church's attention on growth. At night The Changing Moods presented the gospel in song... Dr. Cliff Warmbrunn has again accepted the position of chairman of the board... A planned giving program, led by Trevor Giles, is underway... John Eley is progressing well in hospital... Eight ladies attended C.W.F. camp at Monbulk.

DIAMOND WEDDING (Nth. Essendon, R. Allison). Mr & Mrs Harold Reardon celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary, receiving telegrams from Her Majesty, the Queen and many parliamentarians... C.W.E.F. raised and earned \$700 in five days by packing show bags. Members and friends of all ages helped... Recent speakers were F. B. Alcorn, Footscray, and F. Levett, Bible Soc. Aust.

GOALS SET (Swanston St. A. L. Webb). Seventy members participated in Church Growth Seminar. Progressive faith goals were formulated including a membership growth from 210-330 in one year; the establishment of 25 cell groups and full support of every Swanston St. missionary. Eight new members have been added to our fellowship... E. M. Price and Harold Parsons were set apart and inducted as elders — the first such appointment in 110 years... Mrs Carol Connell has been added to the church staff as part-time secretary to the ministers. The church is praying for and seeking an Associate Minister whose specific responsibility will be to recruit, train and equip lay leaders from within the congregation to exercise the work of the ministry. Prayers are sought for this strategic appointment. There have been real Holy Spirit stirrings among our Asian students and over recent weeks many decisions have been made. A strategic ministry is taking place on campus at Latrobe University.

NEW PROGRAM (Reservoir, K. H. Pitt). At House Discussion Groups Sept. 15-19 the minister introduced "New Missionary Support Program" to commence in November... Recent speakers have been Peter Cuss, North Williamstown, and K. Wookey, former treasurer of church, from Croydon... After Church Singalong on Sept. 21 in home of Mrs Wild... The film "Reach Out and Grow" has been shown... C.W.F. held "Family Life Social" on Sept. 26. All auxiliaries supplied items. Money raised from stalls was \$241. C.W.F. Street Stall on Oct. 3 raised \$79... S.S. anniversary singing by scholars on Oct. 5 led by R. McKenzie, S.S. Supt. Speakers were Rosebud C.S.S.M. team led by P. Holiday and K. Pitt... Mr and Mrs P. Hince have moved to W.A.

VISIT TO BRIGHTON (Maryborough, S. Warwick). 10 members shared Fellowship of the Brighton Church during weekend in Sept... Interest in prayer is growing. Prayer Workshop held this month... Jenny Douglass spoke at both services for B.S. anniversary. "Let's talk about Jesus" was the theme... Church saddened by death of Fred Robertson of Dunolly... The Young Mums come together for a sharing group on Friday afternoons. Steve Warwick does the baby sitting. Six babies have joined us in the past 5 months... Annual Fair raised \$350. The W.E.F. donated five fans for cooling church in summer.

DECISION (Tootgarook, Paul Cameron). A young girl made her decision on Sept. 28 when guest speakers were Mr & Mrs Church, Directors of "Narcotics Anonymous"... Mrs W. Paton recovering after hospitalisation... Mrs Les Baker is back at the organ after illness.

NEW MANSE OPENED (Norlane, Ian Adams). Don Smith and Alan Emmett represented the brotherhood at the official opening of the new manse on Sept. 28... Dick Tattersall has left to spend some time at Canaan College. He has been made an Elder Emeritus at Norlane... C.W.F. birthday featured a series of plays depicting Christ's influence on the lives of women... Boys' Explorers conducted evening service on Sept. 28.

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Is there any wrong in taking a raffle ticket towards a charitable cause?

Some of my best friends buy raffle tickets for charities. I don't.

I would not be happy in saying it is "wrong" to do so. I regard it as undesirable, but many Christians regard the practice as trivial and whether one buys tickets or not, anything like a major sin is not involved.

If pressed, I would probably say it would be wrong for me, in the sense that anything is wrong that is contrary to an established set of personal values.

Raffles are so much an established form of fund raising that even some churches unhesitatingly make use of them. Christians are confronted by ticket sellers at the door, at school, and in the community and they don't wish to appear indifferent to the cause behind the raffle and make a gift to that cause. Sometimes, many of us say that we are happy to give and do not require the ticket.

The smallness of the event is often held as a reason for scoffing at folk who find something distasteful in raffles. There is certainly no motivation for greed in the act. To buy a 10c ticket for an office Christmas turkey is hardly the evidence of an uncontrolled avarice. But to seek to win half a million dollars in a lottery (which also helps charity) surely is evidence of greed. At which point the harmless raffle ticket becomes part of a dangerous social evil is a subject for quibblers to debate.

A small outlay on raffles and guessing competitions is probably no more harmful than a small glass of alcoholic beverage. Some of my good Christian friends do both. But both of these small social conventions are related to great and terrible evils in our society.

Some folk can become as dangerously addicted to gambling as others are to alcohol and nicotine, and in the U.S.A. some psychiatrists consider gambling as the nation's most widespread unrecognized illness. "His eyes don't bear the tell-tale glaze of the junkie, nor are there needle marks on his arms. His breath won't give him away as an alcoholic, because he seldom drinks. But he is still an addict. In the U.S. there are reckoned to be about six million compulsive gamblers. Many of them bet too much and too often, borrow heavily from their friends and relatives, employers and finance companies and loan sharks. They live a secret life of lying, conniving, and stealing to feed the compulsion."

The dreadful toll on human personality led to the formation of Gamblers Anonymous. It is not concerned with the morality of gambling, but sets up clinics to treat compulsive gamblers. GA has been operating in Australia for six or seven years, at least in N.S.W., Vic. and S.A. They, like alcoholics with drinking, remind themselves that they are only one bet from disaster. One of the doctors at a clinic said, "The one thing they should never do is to make any kind of bet, no matter how small. It's the same as an alcoholic taking that first drink."

I guess that I shall be charged with being all kinds of a blue-stocking and spoil sport. But I'm not making a moral judgement on folk who see no harm in raffles, lottery tickets, or small betting. What I am saying is that at its best it is undesirable and at its worst it is dangerous, that is, for me.

In the Next Issue: What place should exorcism have in our churches?

THE LAST WORD...

Protestant parties are all founded upon Protestant peculiarities. . . They build on what is peculiar, and then, in effect, under-value that which is common to them all. . . Now, it appears to use, the things which are most commonly believed are most valuable, certainly much more valuable than any one of the partisan peculiarities.
— ALEXANDER CAMPBELL

"We Would See Jesus"

O Christian friend, this be our task:
Help blind, blind eyes to see
The Carpenter of Nazareth—
The Christ of Galilee!

—E. C. Baird.



Some don't put off until tomorrow what they should do today—they put it off for good.



Kids have it tough. They used to walk to school and keep warm by running part of the way; now they stand and shiver waiting for the bus.



Bored Member

How bored I get,
Sitting on Boards!
This mental state
Does not emanate
From the hard wood of the chairs,
But rather from observing
The wooden quality
Of men's minds.
As they congregate
To cogitate
Over their problems.

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