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The word from

HOME MISSIONS

is

**LET'S
GROW**





● SOUTH AUSTRALIA
CENTENARY EVANGELISM

OUTREACH 75

THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.

NEW SUBSIDIES 1975-76

Already the Department has made allocation for new subsidies this year. We believe in the Broken Hill Church and a \$6.60 weekly subsidy goes to assist the vital and generous Christians who are members there. This amount will cover the amount required to furnish the loan required to buy a better class of home for the minister's residence. The church with 27 members, already giving \$145 weekly, will meet the additional \$5 weekly required, as well as the costs of renovating the sanctuary. We believe in co-operative work in West Lakes and a \$11.50 weekly subsidy for 1976 goes to assist the establishment of a Joint Parish with the Uniting Churches in this coastal development.

Continuing Subsidies are paid to support full time ministries at Whyalla, Port Pirie and Mount Gambier.



NEW LIFE MISSIONS

Miss Robin Haskell and Dean Sander, Secretary and Chairman of the New Life Missions Committee, discuss plans to follow on the successful launching of New Life Missions in South Australia during July, 1975, when six American Missioners conducted the preaching part of the missions preparation, proclamation and penetration phases. Australian New Life Missioners are available to lead missions in your church. Enquiries to New Life Missions, Churches of Christ Centre, 104 Grote Street, Adelaide. 5000.

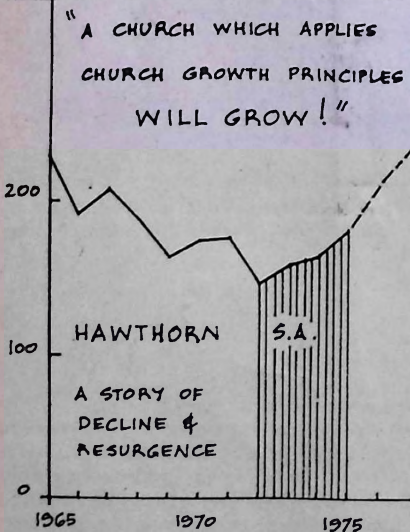


Some Members of the Home Mission Committee which is planning for the increased activity that the virile Church Growth Movement is stirring within the South Australian churches. L. to R. (seated) Ron Saunders, Neville Moore, Harold Long and Ted Heard, (standing) Graham Lovell, Bill Tregloan, Ed Wilson, Bert Coleman and K.W. Allison.

**LET'S
GROW**

A
NEW
SURGE

A new surge of activity after 100 years of activity with the churches. The Home Mission Department becomes a partner in a progressive new organization which has already captured the imagination of many thousands of people in our churches. The Institute of Australian Church growth. The Institute has already acted to ensure that Dr. Win Arn, the Director of the Institute of American Church Growth, will be in Australia and available to conduct Basic and Advanced Church Growth Seminars in Adelaide and other capital cities in the month of June, 1976.



Recently purchased Manse, Broken Hill.

NEW PUBLICATION

A publication CHURCH GROWTH — AUSTRALIA has been launched and the first issue will be widely welcomed at the end of November this year.

A programme of research is being arranged to seek for clues about growing churches of the Brotherhood and where the action is.

NEW LIFE MISSIONS

Dr. Fallon came to South Australia in July to lead New Life Missions at Port Pirie and Prospect. In both of these places, Churches of Christ were involved in the mission to the community. The mission continues in its third phase of penetration into the community, after the missionary has left, using DO and TELL Seminar to promote total evangelism.

SPECIAL SUBSIDY

A SPECIAL SUBSIDY was paid to the Christies Beach Church to fund a Youth Survey during 1975, so that the insights of the Youth Speaks study could be applied to a local area and the Church Board obtain guidance in planning for youth outreach in this rapid growth area.



Lindsay Holmes
Youth Assistance
Plan Worker
who met
Christies Beach Youth

Dr George A.
Fallon
American
New Life
Missioner



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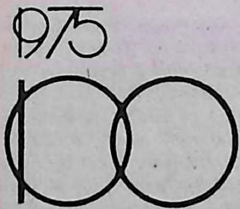


WEST LAKES MANSE OPENED

In fine weather and bright fellowship, the President of Conference, Brian Pittman, on Sunday Sept. 21, shared with other leading churchmen to inaugurate the West Lakes United Parish in the midst of that thriving new housing development on the Adelaide coast dunes. The land, which was once regarded as "too thin to farm and too thick to fish," had been imaginatively changed to become a prime suburban residential area. The church is there and opened a \$43,000 manse almost debt free, inducted an energetic minister of the Congregational Church to serve the parishioners, who will be drawn from the Churches of Christ and the three Uniting Churches, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian.



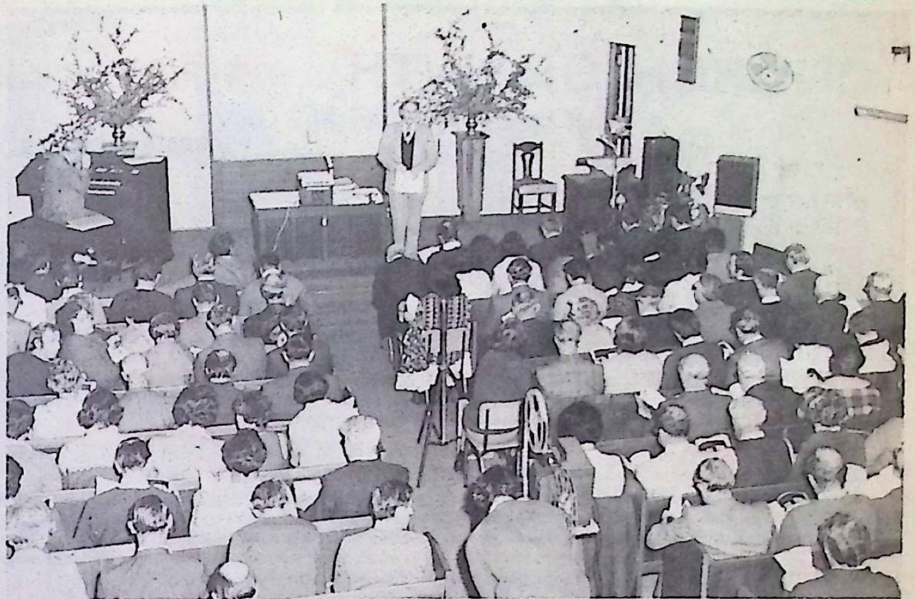
West Lakes Manse opened. The Chairman of the Home Mission Dept. Ken Allison, in discussion with the Secretary of the Advisory Board, John Brooker.



CENTENARY YEAR

The Home Mission Department invited the churches to celebrate its centenary by planning and mounting outreach projects. An enthusiastic response from most churches meant that a year's planning in '74 resulted in a wide variety of local programmes being pursued. As elsewhere the year's programme received fresh drive from the visit of Dr. Win Arn and the motivation and challenge he provided in the Church Growth seminars.

"LET'S TALK ABOUT CHURCH GROWTH"



Win Arn in Adelaide at Hawthorn Church



YOUNG PEOPLE SHARE FAITH

Even before the programme began the Festival was a success in the way it had been deepening the commitment to Christ of those involved in preparation. Over three days at Longwood camp Christian young people made a significant witness to their faith.



Ian Heard, Chairman of the "DO . . TELL" festival and Brian Pittman, Conference President, at the opening.



Rev. Norm Hayward, Director of Mission '75 with C.H.J. Wright, Minister of the Glenelg Church.

VISITATION EVANGELISM

Mr. Hayward conducted Visitation Evangelism programmes in 7 Churches of Christ this year, including Glenelg. Mr. Wright said, "It is important that it is the whole church that is involved. It does as much for the people who participate as for those who are brought into fellowship." Mr. Hayward commented, "It often does more — a real fringe benefit." This was particularly true of programmes which were run on an inter-church basis where the training of visitors in a town or suburb was shared by a Methodist church and a Church of Christ.

VICTORIA-TASMANIA HOME MISSIONS

CHURCH GROWTH

"AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME"

— DONALD MCGAVRAN

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR,
DON SMITH, WRITES —

Ideas and concepts shape the destiny of organizations. Donald McGavran's vision is of a growing church on every continent. Following the Church Growth Seminars, churches all over Victoria-Tasmania have grasped this idea and are re-evaluating their aims.

REPORTS

Reports of mini seminars, conferences and new plans are reaching us every few days. Berwick had 90 members share in a mini seminar. Churches like Swanston Street, Dandenong, and Glen Waverley are typical of larger churches taking the growth message to the congregation.

GROWTH

Department-assisted churches are to the fore. Portland with a 1975-76 growth goal of 25% will achieve a 28% growth by this December. Chadstone church has seen a steady intake of new members by baptism, with numerous additional enquiries from house group meetings in October. Wangaratta members set a growth goal of 20 for one year and a congregation of 300 in five years time. Hobart church is in the midst of major expansion on the Eastern Shore. Church growth is an idea whose time has come.



D. H. SMITH



CHADSTONE



WANGARATTA



HOBART



PORTLAND

ACTION IN INNER AREAS

Barry Jenkins commenced as Inner Areas Minister in 1973. Three years later some significant gains can be marked up. The ministry team has been greatly strengthened. New moves in 1976 include Ian Corlett commencing full time work at Ascot Vale. He will also help with the COCIAC project. At South Melbourne — Middle Park, Robert Ferguson commences a full time ministry. A continuing stream of youth volunteers adds to the team's strength. Rallies, social activities and a news sheet have helped establish a regional identity and the new Richmond church plant is being entirely renovated and will be reopened in February 1976.



VICTORIA-TASMANIA ALBURY-WODONGA

The Australian, New South Wales and Victorian Governments have designated Albury-Wodonga as a major growth centre. The present regional population of 50,000 should double by 1985 and may reach 300,000 by the end of the century. Next year site works begin for the new city of Baranduda, some six kilometres south east of Wodonga.

Home Missions Departments in New South Wales and Victoria-Tasmania have joined forces to serve the area. Robert Aldred commences full time ministry in November as the first joint strategy move. D. H. Smith represents the two Departments on the Albury-Wodonga Joint Commission for Church Development.

CHURCH GROWTH in NEW SOUTH WALES

"I will build my church". (Matt. 16:18).

The highlight of 1975 has been the strong emphasis on Church Growth which has manifested itself in several ways.

1. REGIONAL MISSIONS — G. K. MOYES

G. K. Moyes conducted three Regional Missions at Newcastle, Wollongong and Sydney resulting in real growth in each area. Over 8,000 people attended and there were 63 decisions in the two week period. G. K. Moyes has been invited to conduct another Regional Mission in the Sydney area during the period 5th-11th April 1976.

2. J. K. BOND — EVANGELISTIC MISSIONS

These were conducted at Penrith and Engadine to mark the culmination of a period of evangelistic preparation. Decisions including those made immediately prior to the mission were Penrith 26, Engadine 33. Woolwich Bible College students assisted in the missions and gained practical experience in evangelistic visiting and personal work.

3. NEW MINISTRIES

The following new ministries have been established on a full time basis during the year.

- a) Tweed Heads — Daryl Krause will commence a ministry in November sponsored by Murwillumbah, Christian Churches in Arizona and Home Missions.
- b) Nowra — G. Deuble will commence ministry here in February 1976 sponsored by Wollongong and Home Missions.

4. DEVELOPING CHURCHES

- a) Mount Druitt saw the opening of their Child Care Centre.
- b) Telopea also saw the opening of Child Care Centre and completion of their new building project.

5. NEW MEETINGS COMMENCED

Meetings have been commenced at Castle Hill where approximately 12 members are meeting in the home of Mr. & Mrs. D. Smallbone.

Stanwell Tops. Here evening services are held for approximately 15 members. Bible School and Youth Club have been commenced.



Gordon Moyes speaking at "RIGHT NOW" Mission

6. CHURCH GROWTH SEMINARS

A pilot Seminar was conducted by K. Crawford and R. Smith in February as a prelude to the main Seminars conducted by Dr. Win Arn in July. Dr. Win Arn's Seminars were followed by a special one-day Seminar on "How To Grow An Australian Church" by G. K. Moyes.

These Seminars have had an important and significant effect on the thinking of our churches and it is exciting to sense development in local churches as they pray and plan for Church Growth and begin to apply Church Growth principles. The real significance of these Seminars will begin to reflect themselves in our brotherhood statistics for 1976. Following the major Seminars many local churches have conducted mini-Seminars. For example at Epping those attending Dr. Win Arn's Seminars have conducted a local Seminar of which 82 of the membership attended. These set the following goals for the church at Epping which has a present membership of 220. One year goal 250, five year goal 530. Epping church has now appointed a Church Growth Steering Committee with the following charter —

- a. Formulate specific church-growth goals for one and five years and other goals with particular reference to ministry and new church development.
- b. To programme church growth activities for 1976.
- c. To report on church growth activities to Elders.
- d. Accept responsibility for implementation of programme in 1976.

EXPECT GREAT THINGS OF GOD —

ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD

... NEW SOUTH WALES ... GROWTH CENTRE

MINISTRY

Bob Aldred will leave his present position as Director of Community Services with the Central Methodist Mission, Sydney, to pioneer the ministry to the new growth centre on the Victoria-New South Wales border.

He worked with the Dept. of Government Transport and in 1968 entered the N.S.W. Bible College, graduating in 1971. Post-Graduate Courses have included Business Management, Psychiatric Chaplaincy, and Industrial Chaplaincy.

Mr Aldred has served as Assistant Director of the N.S.W. Dept. of Christian Educ.; as minister of the Ponder Hill Church of Christ, as Chaplain with the Churches of Christ Social Service Dept. in N.S.W., as an Industrial Chaplain; and more recently with the Central Methodist Mission.

His wife, Dorothy, is a qualified Social Worker and has had 10 years experience in Psychiatric and General Social Work. The Aldreds, with their children, Bradley (3) and Rosemarie (2), will move into Albury-Wodonga this month.



ROBERT KEITH ALDRED

7. GROWTH THROUGH FIELD OFFICER'S SERVICES

In addition to the normal activities carried out by Field Officer in the area of evangelism and stewardship programmes, R. Smith will be concentrating on applying church growth principles at a local church level. Churches will be encouraged in the following six steps for growth.

- a. Diagnosing the health of the local church. This will include isolating and describing any growth inhibiting factors and identifying responsive areas in community.
- b. Guiding church in setting faith goals for one and five years.
- c. Helping churches to know themselves. This will involve knowing priorities of local church ministry, locating homogeneous groups in area and identifying spiritual gifts of members.
- d. Mobilising membership for growth.
- e. Analysing the local community.
- f. Experimenting with methods that God blesses with disciples.



GREAT EXPECTATIONS IN A GREAT STATE

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



J. W. Somerville
DIANELLA-MORLEY

with three ministers, Miss R. Caudwell (1975 College of the Bible graduate), F. Griffiths and J. Somerville.
★ "We hope that all we have and do shall bring glory to Christ". (Phil 1:20).

EXPECTATIONS 1976:

- ★ A continuing and growing openness among adults.
- ★ Sharing in the Biblical message of the "New Beginnings" course.
- ★ Our new fellowship Centre in use in worship, witness and fellowship.
- ★ Continue Boys and Girls Brigades in association with Dianella United Parish.
- ★ Church school providing Christian education for 150 people.
- ★ Developing friendships through youth sporting groups.
- ★ Reach out in East Morley area — a team ministry with North Perth

WHAT I EXPECT IN 1976:

- ★ Worship which challenges sustains and supports action.
- ★ All members studying both biblical and extra biblical areas.
- ★ Release of some leaders for necessary class two action.
- ★ Probing of community for deeper understanding, areas of responsiveness and for speaking the gospel.
- ★ Deepening involvement in community service to help make Victoria Park a great place to live.
- ★ A structure whereby members effectively care for, support, encourage, challenge and admonish each other.
- ★ Increase in active membership from 34 to 45.
- ★ A "cared-for" church property.



W. F. Thornton
MID SOUTHERN SUBURBS

PROSPECTS FOR 1976:

- ★ Mandurah growing younger every day — once the retirement village of the west coast — with influx of young families attracted by employment in nearby heavy industry and building trades.
- ★ Monthly growth meetings for prayer and going out on friendship visitation.
- ★ Records of all contact families adequately made and prayed over.
- ★ Reassessing family and youth and aged persons' needs.
- ★ Organising to meet apparent needs.
- ★ Lift in financial commitment of members.



D. J. Sensee
MANDURAH

- ★ Increase in active membership from 55 to 70.
- ★ Formation of some house churches.

A VISION OF NEXT YEAR:

- ★ From Win Arn seminar we set a growth goal of 10 more members in one year, this almost achieved already, therefore goal needs lifting.
- ★ Further analysis and goalsetting required.
- ★ Studying and implementing church growth principles indicated by Win Arn and emphasised by Gordon Moyes.
- ★ Using our new hall making it a sign of a church interested in people.
- ★ Appreciating visions of early members and Home Missions, and hoping to have future problems from membership growth to 200 in 10 years — not enough room, parking, hymn books, etc.
- ★ A church asking God for determination to realise today's visions tomorrow.



K. R. Ewers-Verge
ALBANY and FOREST HILL

EXPECTATIONS 1976:

- ★ The adjacent suburbs, Karawara, is about to experience a "population explosion", 200 homes to be tenanted immediately, members plan to visit, welcome and befriend in the name of Christ and the Church.
- ★ Continue visitation in the Manning area.
- ★ Use the growing opportunities among growing numbers of children attending our midweek activities.
- ★ Lift their — and our members' — basic understanding of the message of the Bible.
- ★ Anticipate increase above "quarter of membership" presently attending midweek meetings.
- ★ Active membership to grow from 55 to 66.



E. J. Sewell
MANNING

SOME EXPECTATIONS FOR 1976:

- ★ G. Powell to join team ministry Northern Suburbs giving special attention to growing a church in Whitfords — in early months assisting Scarborough with outreach design and action.
- ★ Grow a church in East Morley in co-operation with Dianella and North Perth.
- ★ Constant encouragement of all churches in acting upon church growth principles.
- ★ Win Arn Basic and Advanced Seminars May-June.
- ★ Intensive search for prospective ministers for Pilbara and Mid-Southern Suburbs for commencing 1977.
- ★ Suitable sites purchased by Properties Committee Lynwood/Ferndale, Bull Creek/Willetton, Whitfords.
- ★ Albany, Warwick and Dianella self-supporting.



K. J. Patterson
Home Missions Secretary and State Organiser

HOME MISSION EXPECTATIONS BECOME ACTUALITIES



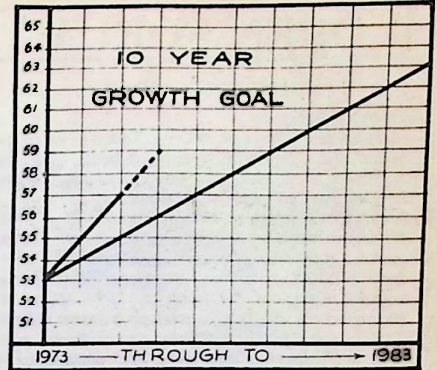
Bruce Roberts
Qld. Home Missions Director

QUEENSLAND

... how it is going
... and growing

The past year has been an exciting one with new churches established, a growing membership, Church Growth Seminars, and 1976 promises to be another great year with more Growth Seminars, Federal Conference and we trust further growth.

We praise the Lord for the Growth — for there is no evangelism and no Church Growth apart from him.



Jesus said "I will build my Church ..."

☆ GROWTH IN NEW CHURCH PLANTING

The results have been thrilling since planning in October 1973 when a faith goal of 10 new churches in 10 years was established (53 churches to 63 by year 1983). Five new fellowships have commenced, plus three others affiliated with Conference. (Two small churches closely located to our other churches have closed).

New Churches

- Springwood February 3rd 1974
- Caloundra December 8th 1974
- Pine Rivers February 8th 1975
- Bribie Island June 1st 1975
- Burleigh Heads October 5th 1975

Plus Cairns, Mareeba and Hervey Bay affiliating during this time — but having their beginning a few years earlier.

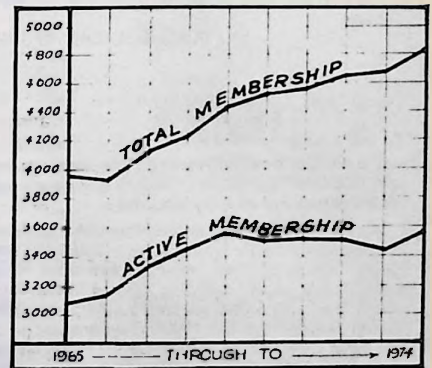
☆ GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP

Since 1969 we have plateaued, just up and down a little but no progress, but last year saw a small but significant overall growth in active membership.

Several of our churches have shown a continuing growth for a number of years.

Springwood — which began in February 1974 has now doubled its membership and is self supporting.

Southport — Queensland's fastest growing church over the past 10 years — 64 members to 240 (see graph). Other illustrations could be drawn from Annerley and Camp Hill.



"And the Lord added to the Church ..."

☆ GROWTH PRINCIPLES

The visit to Dr Win Arn to lead us in Church Growth Seminars was certainly of God's timing. We have been instructed, we have evaluated our position and we are enthused as never before

- to see the possibilities
- to place emphasis on conversion growth
- to equip class 2 leaders
- to avoid non-production work
- to believe it is God's will His Church grows and His lost children are found
- to evangelise — to proclaim Jesus Christ as God and Saviour, persuading men to become His disciples and responsible members of His Church.

☆ CONTINUING GROWTH REQUIRES

1. **Prayer Support** — The New Testament Church growth was exciting and their prayer support dynamic. Without the Lord we can do nothing — regularly unhold the work of Home Missions, the Committee and Director in prayer.

2. **Financial Support** — With the goals set for growth, and the continuing inflation, an increased budget is needed and necessary. Support the Annual Home Missions offering — give joyously and be part of the exciting work. North Queensland is an area to which Home Missions is committed. Steve Rogers moves to Mareeba in February 1976. Cairns are seeking a minister and both these ministries will receive subsidy. Federal Home Evangelism will also give support to Cairns when an effective ministry begins.

Queensland Home Missions also subsidises the ministry of Ray Hawkins in the industrial city of Gladstone and Jim Cunningham in the new northern suburbs church at Pine Rivers.

3. **Your personal involvement** — There is a relationship between the amount of time and effort and the number of people involved in

direct evangelism and the growth of the Church'.

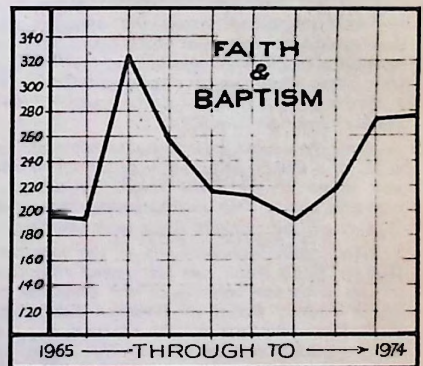
There is a need for more labourers in the northern and smaller churches. You may be a teacher, bank employee, or in some similar type of occupation and if you feel the call of the Lord to help in one of these centres, then we would love to hear from you.

Keeping the balance

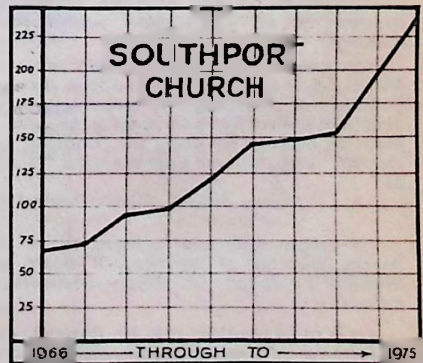
Which is more important, internal growth or expansion growth? They are both important, but not one without the other. Acts 16:5 'The Church grew daily in faith and number'.

One may say — 'we are not ready for expansion growth, we must have internal growth first' — perhaps part of that internal growth of LOVE, JOY, CONCERN, etc. is discovered as we reach out to others.

Donald McGavran says "If the Church is preaching the good news of God's power to needy people, if it is concerned about church growth, if it is thinking about church growth, if it is praying about church growth, if it enlists people in the growth of the Church, there is no reason why it shouldn't grow. You see, God wants His lost children found."



"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them ..."



SOUTHPORT — Queensland's fastest growing Church over the past 10 years. "... God giveth the increase".

OPEN FORUM

DISCUSSION GROUPS

To the Editor,

I agree with our friend Tertius when he found the Discussion Group no better than the Sermon! (A.C. Oct. 4). How could anything be better than a good — or even not so good — preacher opening up for us the Word of Life? Between the age of sixteen and seventy-seven years I have heard about 6,000 sermons and I have gleaned help from all. Many stand out as shining lights as far back as 1918. Many in recent years, I count as treasured assets. Would I be in the Church of Christ today, had I gone into the Enmore Tabernacle, and instead of H. G. Harward's foursquare Gospel message, there had been one of these modern Discussion Groups? Let our discussion be at the front door as we thank our Preacher for his helpful message.

Marjorie A. Cox., N.S.W.

WILLIAM NEIL

To the Editor,

I have just finished reading "The Importance of the Bible" by William Neil, a savage attack on the reliability of Holy Scripture.

As we have come to expect from this author, he takes a blatantly liberal view — telling us the Bible writers had faulty memories and occasionally made mistakes (pps 17, 18, 20). Adam and Eve never existed (p.29), Jonah is "pure fiction" (p.13), "All religions worship the same God" (p.5). The story of Noah's Ark is simply the "Hebrew version of a Babylonian myth" (p.31), "it doesn't matter whether we have a correct record of what Abraham or Elijah said and did" (p.17), and so it goes.

"Any schoolboy knows that serpents and donkeys do not talk, that Moses could not have waved his magic wand and divided the Red Sea, that Elijah could not have gone up to heaven in a chariot of fire, and that Elisha could not have made an axe-head float" (p.12).

And that most objectionable anecdote on p.22, of a Bishop in an army prison camp who was asked if the Bible might be used for cigarette paper. "His understanding reply was, 'Yes, it will be all right. Begin with Leviticus.'

What really concerns me is the fact that William Neil's book has just rolled from the presses with the blessing of the Churches of Christ Federal Board of Christian Education, and the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational denominations. This pernicious volume is published by the Joint Board of Christian Education as one of the resources in the Christian Life Curriculum.

As a relative newcomer to the Churches of Christ ministry, I call upon my ministerial brethren to lift their voices against such apostacy.

You may think I'm white-anting our own Christian Life Curriculum . . . so be it. If those in favour of publishing and recommending a book like William Neil's are running the show, I make no apology for doing so! "Contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints." (Jude 3).

Donald Prout, Vic.

The above letter was referred to Ian E. Allsop, Director of the Federal Board of Christian Education. Mr. Allsop comments as follows:-

"It is to be regretted that Mr. Prout has not examined closely or commented on the students' and teachers' material of the Revised Christian Life Curriculum which will be available from 1976. The revised material is thoroughly and explicitly biblical.

"The New Beginnings course for Children D (formerly Intermediate) through the Youth grades to Adult grades, is an exciting overview of the Biblical Drama. It elaborates the action of God throughout history and encourages us to correspond with the giving of ourselves to join with God through a faith in Jesus Christ, and to participate in his ongoing purpose. The theme for 1976 is "God gives new beginnings and we learn to live a new life". All other grades likewise have biblical stories as the basis for each lesson.

"William Neil's book 'The Importance of the Bible' is only a suggested additional reading resource for teachers. However his position would be acceptable to the vast majority of our Churches including many who would hold conservative views. The book has been published because it is an excellent brief introduction to Biblical meaning and scholarship. Mr. Prout has taken a few statements out of the total context and made them sound negative. Rather, Neil's book is basically positive. He asserts that God is actively revealing himself through the meaning and significance of the events described by the biblical writers (p. 18-19), 'The real authority of the Bible for us today, as it always has been, is that it is the book that tells us about Jesus' (p.21).

For this fact of the Resurrection was what launched Christianity as a world faith (p.42).

If Christianity had simply been based upon the moral teaching of Jesus, it would certainly not have become a life changing movement which swept through the Roman Empire (p.42).

The Bible invites us to believe

The Bible offers us an anchor, in the belief that the whole world and our own lives are in the hands of a God who cares for us and wants us to be his sons and daughters, (p.47).

"I am confident that all who use the Revised Christian Life Curriculum will be thrilled by its emphasis on conveying the importance and necessity for the Biblical message."

RENT FREE

It seems that Churches of Christ (in S.A. at least), are now recognising that the so-called 'rent free' manse is in fact not rent free.

In their letter of 7/10/75, the S.A. Conference Executive "recommends that the average minister's salary should be equated to the average male earnings in the community and proposes to continue this policy". \$30 is then deducted for manse rent, to arrive at a scale for minister's salaries.

In the light of this formula, would it be reasonable to request churches to refrain from referring to their manses as "rent free"?

Name and address supplied.

TAX DEDUCTIONS

To the Editor, — This letter is to explain to your readers the present situation concerning tax-deductible giving.

All tax-payers will be able to claim deductions up to \$1350 without declaring such deductions. Claims for allowable deductions over that amount will be met at 40c in the dollar.

Exceptions to all of this are giving to the Building and Building Maintenance Funds of our theological colleges and giving to the welfare work of our Social Service Departments. These deductions may be claimed in full, in addition to all other claims.

Some people wanting to make generous gifts will be pleased that such deductions make large contributions possible.

G.R. Stirling (College of the Bible)

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

JENNY

To the Editor,

Jenny, our teenage daughter calmly announced the other Sunday that she wasn't going to church. I brushed her mother aside and took over the situation with fatherly logic. I told her that the church was a force for good in the community. That our family had always gone to church like any other decent family in the town. That the Bible tells us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. That even if some things at church are boring, dead and dreary, it was good character building discipline to have to put up with some of the unpleasant things in life. And that she had been baptised so she ought to go to church.

After some minutes of such eloquence I expected her meekly to get dressed for church. She said, "I'm just not going!" I said, "You are going!" She said, "You can't make me!" I sized up the situation. I think that I still could make her, but it would look kind of crazy for a strong man to be carrying a screaming, kicking teenager into church . . . not only once, but every Sunday! So Jenny didn't go.

Later that day her mother took over. I overheard them as I appeared to be sleeping off Sunday's dinner. Her mother didn't even mention church. She just said, "Jenny, you still love God don't you?" Jenny did. "And you'll still talk things over with him?" Jenny would. "And you still want Jesus Christ in your life to help you to be the sort of woman that you really want to be?" Jenny agreed, and added. "I still expect to read 'Good News For Modern Man' every night before I go to sleep." After about ten minutes her mother said, "Jenny, sometimes they have family things at the church, as you know, we'll feel kind of lonely without you." Jenny wouldn't let us down.

Jenny's been at church nearly every Sunday since. She seems to like it a lot better now that she can decide for herself to go.

Yours paternally,

TERTIUS.



MISSIONARY MEETING SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Jan Hunting, returned from New Guinea after 16 years, was guest speaker at a Missionary meeting. Sixty women enjoyed her down to earth description of many aspects of medical and evangelistic work in Papua New Guinea. She reported many baptisms, and outreach work by local Christians.

"The Woman who kneels down to God can stand up to anything."

MISS HAZEL GRANT

We were saddened to hear at the October C.W.F. meeting (S.A.) of the death of Miss Hazel Grant. She had been vitally interested in Women's Conference over many years and succeeding presidents remember her questions and comments from the floor of Conference on many aspects of the work and her letters of encouragement and appreciation at the beginning and end of their terms of office. She was Secretary of Conference 1931-1932 and President in 1940. She was a representative on the Rest Home Board for many years and a Life member of Women's World Day of Prayer.

WOMEN IN MINISTRY

WOMEN'S CAMPS

SPEAKING OF WOMEN'S CAMPS . . .

I was musing at Monbulk on the Feature for this issue, and thought, "Why don't I write about Women camping?" So I did.

At "Camp Cal" Queensland, 90 women enjoyed a prayer workshop, studies, devotions, and singing. A special feature was a presentation of how Christ had spoken to each one in "bits-n-pieces" they had collected along the beach.

Further down the coast, in the bushland hills, is "Stanwell Tops", N.S.W., where 100 women came from city and country. Mrs Lil Main led studies, on, "Above all else we must listen to what the Lord says," based on Matthew 5, and illustrated with slides on the Holy Land. Other features of the camp were, a talk on "Taking Bibles into Russia"; A panel of women answering questions on day to day problems; and a talk on setting up and running small groups, i.e. Study, Prayer, and Sharing groups.

I know how June St. Aubyn hates Airplanes, never theless she went to Hobart for the Tassie camp. She led the studies which were based on "Women in the Bible" in the worshipping community, in the light of aims and ideals of International Women's Year. She also showed slides of her World Convention trip. Numbered among the 64 campers were seven mothers and daughters, and two grandmothers and granddaughters.

Hundred and forty of us attended Monbulk, Vic., over two weekends. A pleasing feature of the camp was the large number of young women. Studies were based on the Theme "My Encounters in Life". John Williams presented, through film and commentary, facts on "Drug Dependence". We faced many of our own weaknesses and strengths in the study "Peter's encounter with Christ." To impress the third study, "What I Know About Myself", on our minds, we created symbols of ourselves with clay, materials, and pictures. Mrs Cooksley showed slides and talked about work in the New Hebrides.

THEMES:

The Themes chosen by the States were, Qld., "We Would See Jesus"; N.S.W., "Above All Else"; VIC., "My Encounters in Life"; and TAS., "Emmanuel God with Us".

COMMUNION:

What an inspiration it must have been to worship at the Lord's Table with the background of the sunrise in the misty dawn over the great waves of the Pacific Ocean, breaking on the sandy shore of Caloundra, Qld., or the placid, sparkling water of the Derwent, Tas., the peaceful quiet of the bush at Stanwell Tops, N.S.W. or the green grasslands and gumtrees of Monbulk, Vic.

The Presence of God was very real at all these camps.



CANBERRA

'COMING OF AGE' AT AINSLIE.

One hundred people attended the 21st Birthday of the Ainslie C.W.F. Ruth Smalley baked and iced a Birthday cake for the celebration. Mrs. MacFarlane, an original member, and who attended the first Birthday, cut the cake. Mrs. Upton, Girls' Supervisor at Belconnen High School spoke on "Shield of Love." It was a personal testimony of God's power in her life. Scottish dancing by two sisters, Myra and Lorna Morris, and a vocal by Robert Stevens 'I go with God' were greatly enjoyed.

LYONS, CANBERRA.

Lyons C.W.F. celebrated their 8th Birthday, with musical items by visiting Lutheran women, and Mrs Howard, and a talk by Mrs Dowthwaite from Africa Evangelical Fellowship Mission.



GOD SPEAKS:

"Set your troubled minds at rest; trust in Me always". John 14:1 (N.E.B.)

FELLOW-WORKERS IN INDONESIA

Flying with Lufthansa, I arrived in Jakarta from Bombay at about 9 p.m. on August 6 and was met by representatives of the Indonesian Scripture Union and taken to the Guest House of the Indonesian Council of Churches.

The next day was spent meeting the staff of the Scripture Union. It was exciting to hear of the effectiveness of the Scripture Union programme in Indonesia. In the evening I met the Scripture Union Council at the home of the secretary Mrs

By R. S. A. McLEAN

Simauw. The Council expressed deep appreciation for the assistance given by the Australian Churches of Christ in sponsoring workshops to train Indonesians to become effective Bible Reading Note Writers and Bible Reading Instructors and promoters. They now have over 20,000 people throughout Indonesia receiving the notes and believe that at least four people could be using the notes in any one house. They estimate that from 80,000 — 100,000 people could be using the Scripture Union Notes every day.

The following day Mr Maitimoe, Chairman of the Scripture Union and Director of Leadership Training programmes for the I.C.C., took me to Sukabumi to the Ecumenical Centre where a lay leaders' training course was in progress. Sukabumi is about 170 km from Jakarta. On the way Mr Maitimoe stressed the importance of Indonesians being trained in Christian leadership. He said that trained Indonesians reaching out to their own people with the gospel was the most effective means of evangelism.

At Sukabumi I met leaders of the lay leaders' course. (Australian Churches of Christ had contributed \$500 toward this course). The course was to last for six weeks. Most of those attending were pastors who would go back to their churches and give special training to lay workers. The idea is that people be encouraged to win people of their own class and profession to Christ. The lawyer to the lawyer, carpenter to the carpenter, etc. A full time worker has been set apart to follow up this work and encourage the pastors in their training programmes.

On August 8 I went with Mr Maitimoe to Cikembar, about 17 km from Sukabumi, to the Motivators' Training Centre. I was quite impressed with this project. About twenty young people, mostly school teachers, had resigned from their work to spend about 8 months at the Motivators' Training Centre. They are all dedicated young people and spend this time learning about agriculture, how to build houses, small bridges, roads, etc., as well as Bible studies, so that they can later go to isolated villages and help the people in practical ways and through this contact witness for Christ. They may

serve in these villages as teachers or in other professions. At the Training Centre the young people produce their own food crops and live in small cottages which they have constructed themselves.

A similar training programme as that conducted at Cikembar, would, I am sure, appeal to many young people in Australia.

On returning I discovered that Mr & Mrs Truscott, our Associated Workers, serving with the American Independent Churches of Christ, had travelled to Sukabumi by public transport to meet me and take me to Jambudida near Bandung. It was a two hour drive, and not too comfortable travel in the crowded minibus, and I greatly appreciated the willingness of the Truscotts to assist in this way.

I enjoyed fellowship with John and Shirley Truscott over the weekend, and they very kindly accompanied me back to Jakarta by train on August 10, and made sure I reached the airport safely in time for the Lufthansa flight to Sydney that night.

John and Shirley Truscott are at present living in the home of Mr & Mrs C. Winegarner, American Missionaries now home on furlough. Mr Truscott is hoping to get the recording room for the production of cassettes functioning as soon as possible. He said he had not been able to make much progress with this because of other commitments since they arrived about five months ago.

The Truscotts introduced me to leaders of the Bethel Church in Bandung where they are worshipping. They are continuing to learn the language and already can converse quite well with the people. They mentioned the possibility of an expansion of the medical work by Mrs Nance Winegarner who is a qualified nursing sister, and this is one area where we could assist through C.O.C.O.A.

Through our assistance programmes we are conducting a most worthwhile ministry, and this is giving us as Australian Churches of Christ acceptance among the Indonesian Churches. It was good to be able to visit Indonesia and on this occasion instead of making enquiries concerning how we could work, contact those with whom we already have a working relationship.

From this small but effective beginning I trust our involvement in the work and witness in Indonesia will increase. The pattern of our involvement might be quite different from our older fields, but our main concern should be that we are being used effectively in the work of the Lord in Indonesia, and I am sure this is the case.

This small beginning in Indonesia could be the foundation for a more extensive work in the future, but already we are effectively sharing in the ongoing work of God in Indonesia.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S JUMBLES

Y DIAL. You certainly couldn't dial her phone number. Although a business woman she lived long before telephones were thought of. She was Paul's first convert in Europe and her home became a church. (Answer on page 22).

THE MAILS

We may have to pay a lot for them, but once upon a time they cost a lot more and ordinary people couldn't use them.

In Paul's day, the Romans had a regular courier service but it carried only government correspondence. If Paul wanted to send letters, to the Corinthians for example, there was no postal service. They had to be delivered by hand.

In Virginia, 1657, a law was made for a "pass it on" service. Every planter had to pass on to the next plantation any despatches he received.

More and Mower

We push the grass to make it grow,
And yet I'm very sure we know
That when it does we'll not be through;
We'll have to push the mower, too.

FLORENCE JANSSEN

LOSING GROUND

An American Army officer, stationed in Australia, decided to go on a kangaroo hunt.

Driving to the plains they soon sighted a 'roo, and gave chase in their jeep. When they failed to gain ground on the speeding animal the driver slowed down and said, "There ain't no use to chase that thing, sir."

"Why not," asked the officer.

"Well," said the driver, "We're losin' ground at 65 miles per hour and that crittur ain't even put his front feet down yet!"



"Well, he looks like a dentist and he's got a dentist's chair!"

WORDS & MUSIC

THE SECRET OF STAYING IN LOVE

By John Powell \$1.95

The greatest gift we can give to another is to share ourselves — our real feelings. This can mean hurt and rejection — it is a risk — but a risk that can lead to a deepening of any relationship based on love. To be able to do this necessitates that we know and accept ourselves, that we accept ourselves as we are, including faults, that we see ourselves as "of worth" — to be able to say, and to mean it — "I'm glad I'm me". We need this feeling to be able to develop trust in others — to be able to recognise the "otherness" of another being — to accept others as they are — both trust in others and acceptance of others being pre-requisites for honest communication. John Powell in "The Secret of Staying in Love" explores human communication — the difference between sharing of feelings with another, as opposed to sharing of intellectual "thoughts about . . .". Feelings are telling something about ourselves — "exposing" our "self" "thoughts about . . ." need not necessarily do so. Because we are afraid to express and share feelings as part of our "self" most of us live and experience only a fraction of that which is possible to us.

The author quietly explores the conditions necessary for and the difficulties and blocks that many of us have which prevent us from developing the ability to really meet and know another person in this way.

He concludes with several exercises to help us begin to know ourselves, to be aware of what our feelings are — and to begin to take the risk to share those feelings with a chosen person — his problem being that those who do the exercises won't need to, and those who need to won't do them! Those who found John Powell's "Why Am I Afraid to Tell You Who I Am?" of value will find that his latest book, is well worth reading.

— Fran Withers

Available from Federal Board of Christian Education, 52 La Trobe Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000.

DAYS TO REMEMBER

by R. Earl Allen (Baker Book House)

This collection of Sermons for Special Occasions has some helpful treatments for the big days of the church year that come around with accelerating speed but which find us hard put to greet them with something fresh, relevant, and significant. Earl Allen gives a helping hand. I think next Christmas I shall borrow the one on "Missing the Messiah". It deals with people of Bethlehem who didn't want Jesus. Also included are Judgment in January (New Year); Silent Saturday (Good Friday); Realities of the Resurrection (Easter); Pause for Perspective (Graduation); The Lengthening Shadows (Senior Citizens); etc. Even if they do not use the sermons ministers will probably appreciate the quotations and the illustrations. You will notice that Allen is adept at alliteration.

GOD, THE DISTURBER

by Alan Walker (Hodder & Stoughton) \$2.15.

Dr. Alan Walker is superintendent of the Central Methodist Mission in Sydney. He believes that God is constantly disturbing us, stirring up our lives as the eagle stirs his nest up when it's time for the young birds to fly. This book, his 23rd, is probably the most mature presentation of his lifelong convictions about the nature of God, about society and life-style. A collection of down to earth sermons, one of which "Why I am a Christian Pacifist" has been selected to appear in an anthology of Australian speeches. He feels that one basic problem is that lots of people see religion in totally personal terms (Jesus is my Saviour) and lots of people see Christianity in terms of social justice and freedom, an end to war (God is love). Alan Walker

brings these two doctrines together through his understanding of the Christian faith. In 1955 he received the O.B.E. for his leadership of the Australian Mission to the Nation. In 1971 he was awarded the Upper Room Citation — the American churchman of the year award.

RECORD REVIEW

"TAKE ME BACK" — Andre Crouch (LIGHT)

When I interviewed Andre Crouch for Radio Station 2CH during his recent tour I asked him what makes the music of Andre Crouch so popular around the world? Andre thought for a while and then replied, "Well, I guess we try to do something for everyone." That's how I'd describe his latest L.P. "Take Me Back" — something for everyone. This is a beautifully produced album, both in the quality of sound, the reproduction and even the album cover and record sleeve (with words of all the songs), it has a touch of class. Andre and the Disciples are often mistakenly thought to appeal to young people only — and when they "rock it along" with heavy percussion, electric guitars and synthesiser the teens really move with such songs as "Just Like He said He would", "You Can Depend on Me", "They Shall be Mine". Andre proves that when it comes to the heavy stuff he can mix it with the best of them. But for those of us who prefer our Gospel music with a "gentle touch", such songs as "I'll still love You", "All I can say" (a beautiful, haunting melody beautifully sung by Perry Morgan and Danniebelle), "Praises, Praises" will provide plenty of velvet moments. The Title Track "Take Me Back", which features the Christ Memorial Radio Choir, really takes you into the intimacies of a negro church. My favourite tracks on the album are "It ain't no new thing" and "Tell Them". The first is a "dixieland-speakasy" type sound which is superb in its reliance on the honky-tonk piano, slide trombone and muted trumpet — even the fact that the lyrics are unashamedly charismatic ought not to deter the most conservative! "Tell Them" is one of the most moving tracks in both lyric and music that you will ever hear — a mixture of rich string accompaniment plus a unique "greek guitar" sound that really digs into your heart — Danniebelle's exposition of the lyric has frequently brought a tear to the eye of this hardened critic. The musical genius of Crouch and the Disciples are beautifully captured on this L.P. — there is no doubting the musical ability of Andre on piano, Sandra on percussion and Fletch Wiley's artistry on trumpet. For some, Andre's lyrics are a bit repetitive and simplistic — but that's because he thinks some good things need repeating and maybe the Gospel isn't so complicated after all. This is an outstanding album in every respect. — Jay Bacik.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"The idea of you squandering all that money at the barbershop every week when we need so many things!"

● TWO COLLEGES COOPERATE

DEGREE TO BE TAUGHT AT COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

Beginning next year, students at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic., who have "matriculated" will be able to undertake the B. Theol. degree offered by the Melbourne College of Divinity, of which Churches of Christ are a constituent member. This is a statutory degree (like University degrees) and so has wide acceptance. The degree cannot be taken by correspondence: students must attend an accredited teaching institution and study for at least four years.

This exciting move is made possible because the College of the Bible and the Baptist Theological College of Victoria (Whitley College) have formed an association for the purpose of teaching for this degree. This association has been accredited by the M.C.D.

The two Colleges will remain autonomous so that decisions about training for our students will continue to be under the control of the Board of Management of C.O.B. which is responsible to Federal Conference. The cooperation with Whitley will be in the teaching of specific courses that are part of the B.Theol. degree. A coordinating Committee, with

equal representation from both Colleges, will determine details. Agreement from both Colleges will be needed in such matters. Arrangements for 1976 have been finalised without difficulty.

When the Principal, Dr K. R. Bowes, announced this move to the students, he stated that this move did not represent a change in approach to theological education. The four-year Theological Course for Ministry will continue to combine careful study of biblical and theological areas with consideration of practical aspects of ministry, a combination that is gaining increasing recognition for its worth. What is being offered now is the opportunity to study at a degree level and to gain recognition for this.

One advantage is that the details of the courses will be decided by the cooperating Colleges and not an outside body. A further advantage is that assessments for the courses may vary and will include written assignments as well as examinations.

In 1976 four of the Whitley faculty and three of our faculty will share in teaching the B. Theol. courses of Biblical Studies

1, Church History 1 and 2, Systematic Theology 1 and Greek. Principal Mervyn Himbury, Dr Basil Brown, Dr Athol Gill and Dr Terry Falla will soon be well known to some of our students as will Dr Bowes, Mr Clinton and Mr Tabbernee to some of the students at Whitley College. The cooperation will require travelling by faculty and some students. At this stage it is anticipated that for 1976 there will be six students from the College of the Bible and about the same number from Whitley College who will commence work on the degree.

Further details of the new degree course are available from Dr Bowes.

LUNCH MEETING (Mildura, T. Lawrie) After morning service, lunch was followed by annual meeting. W. I. Nankivell is chairman of Board . . . 25 children attended Junior Camp in holidays . . . A. McWilliams, pres. of Sunraysia Conf., conducted a "Night for Others," resulting in \$170 for COCOA . . . Prayer group meets Sundays at 10.40 a.m. . . . Three ladies attended C.W.F. Camp at Monbulk . . . Dr K. R. Bowes conducted week-end for Workshop and meetings on Worship and Witness . . . A Care Group contacts and cares for elderly and shut-ins . . . C.W.F. annual "at home" realised \$86 for Social Service Homes . . . 20 church families travelled to Broken Hill to share with week-end of fellowship.

WORD TALK NO. 127

THEMES IN JOHN

IN THE STUDY

Comforter is a characteristic word in John's Gospel (14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7; 1 Jn 2:1). In various translations it is found as "comforter", "helper", "advocate", "counsellor", "friend", "someone else to stand by you".

Originally comforter meant "one who gives courage and strength". The earlier translations used it in translating of God's inner strength (Eph. 6:10 and 1 Tim. 1:12).

The Holy Spirit was given that we might have inner power to enable us to cope with life.

The word "comforter" when used in the classical Greek described an ally called in to aid a person. Hence some translations used the term "helper". It was also used in the sense of consoling a person needing help and hence the word "comforter". It was also used in a legal sense as one who argued your case hence the term "advocate". The concept was that the risen Christ comes with strength to our aid.

In the ~~OT~~ Greek translation of this same word gave the concept of the aid given to Israel to restore her to her new life (Isa. 40:1, 51:3,12).

The task of the Holy Spirit was to comfort, champion, and correct the Church as Jesus had the Disciples. To the rest of the world, the Holy Spirit is the Judge who convicts, convinces and converts. With the Father the Holy Spirit intercedes on behalf of Christians who commit sin.

The world cannot know or understand the Holy Spirit because it will not receive Him. The Christian witnesses to his presence by a life of effective living. The power of the Holy Spirit enables a person to stand, coping with the pressures of life.

FROM THE PULPIT

We all live under pressure — atmospheric pressure, the pressure that takes water to your tap, brake fluid to your car wheels, and provides a soft ride in your car tyres, the pressure of advertising, of examinations, of mortgage repayments, of marital quarrels, of rising inflation and so on. Many people cannot cope under these pressures. Some try to escape from them. Some try to conform, others

COMFORTER

to drop out, others to cope by drugging themselves.

Jesus coped under pressure. Note the constant demands of people (Mk 6:30-31, 45, 53-56). Note how he turned from the crowds to rest, to silence and solitude, to mental health and inner strength. He knew the secret of finding inner peace.

Today people need to learn how to cope under pressure. The need of a contemporary world is to 1. Stop, to slow down, to simplify life styles. 2. Keep a Sabbath's rest, for true worship leads to re-creation of spirit. 3. Pray, so that we might come within the presence of God's resources and peace. 4. Be unafraid of solitude, for in the stillness we can know God. 5. Learn to ignore tomorrow's problems, for the pressures of today are enough. 6. Tap the power of the Strengthener who comes alongside to aid us.

AMONG THE PEOPLE

"My spirit's weak, my flesh is weaker still, my body plays the traitor to my will, and fails me at my need, as though some fate decreed, that I should never be the man I long to be." (Studdert-Kennedy).

Many people find weakness overrules their life. They need someone to come to their aid. Recently I saw an R.A.C.V. Road Patrol pull alongside a car with a flat battery. The roadside aid gave new power and new life.

The pastor called in upon a woman who was unable to continue under the pressures of life. Only the night before a pressure cooker had malfunctioned reducing her tea to tenderised fibres. The same thing happens with many people who cannot cope with the pressures of life.

The Christian has a strengthener to aid them so that they might cope with their daily life. Time and time again the Bible speaks of God's power within. Paul reminds us "your strength must come from the Lord's mighty power within you" (Eph. 6:10 L.V.).

The promise of the Holy Spirit is that God comes alongside us, to give us aid, to assure us of the resources that are available, to calm the anxious spirit and to strengthen the failing nerve. He alone can aid us to cope.

GORDON MOYES

QUEENSLAND

QLD. GOVT. SUPPORTS D.Y.C.E.

The highest grant in this fiscal year's allocation for building, \$54,000.00, to Youth Organisations has been to the Churches of Christ Youth Camp and Conference Centre affectionately known as "Camp Cal" at Dickey Beach, Caloundra one hundred (100) kilometres north of Brisbane.

Phase one (1) is nearly completed comprising a terrace, hall and ablution block and work began on Phase two (2) on July 1st, this year and is steadily progressing. This phase will provide a theatre, activity rooms, offices, new kitchen and enlarged main activities hall.

CALL FOR NEW DIRECTOR

The Department of Youth and Christian Education have advertised on page 19 the position of Christian Education Director. He is to work alongside the present Youth and Christian Education Director A. C. Male who has been the incumbent since November 1965. He will

continue as Youth Director, vigorously pursuing a programme of youth involvement both inside and outside the Church.

The Christian Education Director will specialise in this field and will not necessarily be involved in youth camping, office routine or other activities, except when that person wishes to participate.

It is envisaged that the person will work closely with churches and do intensive work to improve the effectiveness of the Church's witness, internally and in the community.

EDUCATION DEPT. FINDS "CAMP CAL"

The State Education Department has negotiated with the Department of Youth and Christian Education to use "Camp Cal" complex for thirteen (13) Physical Education camps for primary school students. The camps will be ten (10) days in length and provide \$100.00 a day in hire charges.

All the usual Church camps have already been allocated their week-ends and there will be no curtailment of the Youth and Christian Department wide ranging camping programmes.

WOMEN THROUGH THE AGES: AND TOMORROW?

On Sept. 13 the Social Questions Committee of W.A. conducted a Seminar in the Perth Christian Centre on "Women in the Church" — past, present — and of course, this led to the question "What of the Future?"

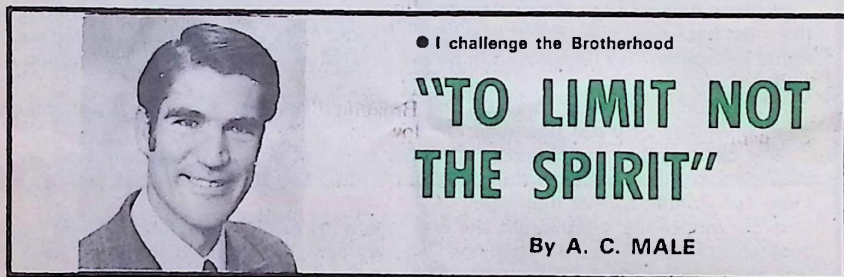
The meeting was chaired by Mrs Jan Phillips. Mrs Irene Ladner spoke on "Women in the Bible", both Old and New Testament figures. She also spoke of the attitudes to women generally in Christ's day, and of Christ's attitude in particular.

Those present were then divided into small groups for discussion. Mrs Jean Vincent spoke on the role of "Women in the Church through the Ages". Mrs Wendy Hewitt spoke on the role of "Women in Our Churches today", including some figures from surveys of our churches.

There was further discussion before questions were asked of the speakers.

Miss Sandi Wright sang, accompanied by her guitar.

— K. D.



An attitude that is prevalent within Australian Churches of Christ is that a church, department or college must not advertise their vacancy for a minister, director or lecturer.

It is the constitutional and unalienable right of each church, department or college to issue their own calls. In some States the filling of executive positions are subject to the approval of Conference or Conference Executives.

In the present situation it is generally considered that such appointments are blessed by God. Some mental tension occurs when an appointing body seeks God's will, and after much prayer (and searching Conference handbooks for names of ministers) settles on a candidate that is "God's own choosing," and the candidate does not share the sentiments of the group extending God's call.

To react and say, "It was not God's will for that man if he does not respond," is to be treating theology as naive and irresponsible.

Often a church approaches a man on knowledge of a man's possibility gained in some roundabout way. Advisory Boards in States are consulted in most cases and prominent personalities are called upon for confidential information of a man's potentiality for a certain situation. I know of one case where a man was approached because his name had appeared in brackets behind the name of a particular church in the "Christian" for several years. It was then thought that as he had

been there for quite a while, he could be considering a change. They were desperate. Time proved it was not "God's will" in many ways.

Sometimes an advertisement appears in the "Aust. Christian" from a department asking for enquiries from interested persons to enable the committees concerned to hear from people that would otherwise be unknown to them. This sounds commonsense to me. Too often the "call" is extended to acquaintances known to the committee and this, I claim, is limiting the Spirit.

I am not advocating the advertising of the individual minister's availability which is the practice in America. But I do believe that churches, departments and colleges should call for enquiries for vacancies whilst not necessarily restricting appointments to such applicants.

A young man may enter college with one aim, to train for a specific ministry. His whole stance, library and total interest is centred on one avenue of brotherhood activity. Most times, his overwhelming desire to serve in a particular capacity becomes known in certain circles and eventually a vacancy occurs and he is approached to fill it. So often it depends upon his initiative and enterprise whether his name and desire is known where it matters.

Through calling for applicants an awareness of interested persons is considerably enlarged. From these applicants

a far more selective process can be made. When the final selection is made the Spirit of God is still working through the selection body. This is what happened, I guess, when "the lot fell on Matthias." Nothing more is heard of him of course and it has been suggested that Paul considered he was the 13th disciple.

We have been conditioned by our tradition against advertising positions. My argument is that a news item in the "Christian" that, "our minister has indicated that he will not continue beyond his present term," is placing that man on the "open market." A letter in "Open Forum" from an overseas minister expressing a wish to serve somehow in the Australian brotherhood is sometimes little more than a sophisticated announcement. Let's not become squeamish about "advertising" because it is not as discreet as the present arrangement.

I suggest that each year, selected personnel could be invited to attend as "observers" at the Directors' Federal Conferences. When the occasion arises that a Home Missions, Social Service or Christian Education directorship is vacant, these could be considered potential incumbents. Such men would not come "cold" into the position, and in any case, such Federal experience would be invaluable. Some claim if such men did not receive a "call" they would be disappointed. Selection to attend such Conferences could raise hopes that may never be realised. After ten years of Director's life and twelve years of attending Federal Board meetings, I can only say that if they are too disappointed, they'd not last long as leader of any department.

We lose, as a brotherhood, by taking a man from a local church and thrusting him into a departmental task, without this preparation.

This is my challenge to the brotherhood. What do you think? "Open Forum" is available for your reaction — See you there!

● **BOOK NOW READY**
LETTERS FROM
TERTIUS

The second paperback published by VITAL PUBLICATIONS (Federal Literature Dept.) is now ready: a selection of "Letters from Tertius" which have appeared in "The Australian Christian".

They now appear in a more permanent form with the opportunity of wider circulation.

The many readers who have enjoyed Tertius over the years will welcome this book, and it will make an ideal gift for Christmas or any other time.

The price is \$2.00 and the books are thread bound and strong.

Readers may order their copy through the local church "Australian Christian" representative or their church secretary. If orders are made in groups there will be a saving in packing and mailing costs. See page 8 for details.

N.B. We have not asked the church "A.C." representatives if they will help in this way, but they have been so helpful and willing we have taken it for granted!!

W.C.C.
FIFTH ASSEMBLY

More than 2000 will meet in Nairobi, Kenya for the Fifth Assembly of World Council of Churches, Nov. 23 — Dec. 8. The 267 member churches will meet in assembly to review the activities of the council. They will also be sharing, evaluating and translating into the life and worship of the churches many of the new ideas and experiments which have been evident in the church in recent years. And they will be grappling with issues which affect the church from outside the church; issues where the church should be able to exercise an influence on the world. Delegates will work in six workshop sections.

There will be 18 delegates from Australian churches. Churches of Christ in Australia will be represented by Miss Pam Bowers, minister of the Stawell Church of Christ and Field worker for the Vic. Council of Christian Educ. in Schools.

She was chosen by the W.C.C. as an extra delegate representing younger people and women (Earlier councils have been dominated by middle aged men!); and Neil Gilmore minister of Ainslie Church of Christ, Canberra. He was a delegate at the Uppsala Assembly in 1968 and since then has been a member of the Central Committee of the W.C.C. He is currently President of the Australian Council of Churches.

We can all be involved in Nairobi 1975 by joining in the Assembly studies, "Jesus Christ Frees and Unites". Study booklets are available from the Australian Council of Churches, P.O. Box J111, Brickfield Hill, N.S.W. 2000. Cost \$1.00 plus postage.

(ABC Radio reports on the WCC ASS Assembly in Kenya will be presented as follows: Wed. Nov. 26 Radio 2 & 3, 10.20 a.m.; Fri. Nov. 28, Radio 2, 10.15 p.m.; Sat. Nov. 27, Radio 2, 9.45 a.m.)

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PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

NEXT YEAR WE COST MORE

It is with great reluctance that we announce that we are forced to increase the subscription rate for the "Australian Christian" in 1976 from \$5.00 to \$6.00.

The church journals have suffered all of the general price increases, but the greatest burden we have is the increased mail charges. Not long ago, 23c paid for the postage for a whole year for each subscriber. Next year, out of the \$6.00 subscription, no less than \$1.38 will go in postage! We are doing our best to maintain our service to the churches and to keep our charges low, but we do need your continuing support.

We need you to continue as a subscriber. If we lose subscribers, it means that the higher charges will have to be met by fewer people. We need more, not fewer, readers.

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THE NEW EVE

The recent Women and Politics Conference did not get a very good press and if all were told its reception might have been even worse.

But it did make the headlines and, as the churches have not exactly been in the forefront of the women's liberation movement, it was inevitable that some hard things would be said about the attitude of the churches to women.

It never occurred to us, however, that Churches of Christ would be pointed out as the most backward church and the worst offender in its stand against granting equal rights to women. Yet this proved to be the case. Ms McMahon, a leading Methodist, said:

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

She claimed that the churches of Christ 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.

In our innocence, we thought she was ignorantly using "Churches of Christ" as a general term for "Christian churches" and we actually amended the news item to read that way (see p.4, "A.C." Oct. 25) so that she would say what we thought she meant. But she was referring to us, all right, and she was quoting from a comment made by our own people.

Ms McMahon based her attack on our churches with the use of a statement by "the elders of a church of Christ," made for a survey conducted by the Macquarie University in N.S.W. on the status of women. One section of that statement reads, "Morally, woman is more susceptible than man. She can rise to greater heights of refinement and purity, and sink to lower depths of depravity and wickedness . . . In matters of authority and Government, woman is to be in subjection to men. This does not imply inferiority of nature, but it is necessary to order and good government."

No wonder the women's liberation movement took a dim view of our churches!

A NIGHT FOR OTHERS

A night of entertainment and variety was held by the Sunraysia Dist. Conf. of Churches of Christ and the Sunraysia Women's Conf.

Called "A Night for Others", the proceeds are to assist the work of C.O.C.O.A. Proceedings commenced with a casserole tea, was followed by a variety programme featuring some of Mildura's top artists and groups.

Another feature was a parade of aprons made by the ladies, at the conclusion of which all aprons were auctioned, the proceeds also going to C.O.C.O.A. A door charge was made, and this brought the total to over \$170.

Half yearly conference rally will be held at Dareton Nov. 16. Visiting speaker will be G. K. Scambler, Vic-Tas Conf. Pres.

LLOYD READ RETURNS

L. G. Read, M.A., was inducted as Director of Counselling Services for Gold Coast Life Line at the Southport Church of Christ, Qld., on Oct. 12.

Noel Newton was the presiding minister as 12 new telephone counsellors were also inducted.

Mr Read trained for the ministry at the Churches of Christ in Australia College of the Bible and had ministries in N.S.W., Vic., Qld., and Tasmania. He also did undergraduate studies at Melbourne and Sydney Universities.

Three years ago he went to a Christian Theological Seminar in Indianapolis and graduated Master of Arts in Pastoral Counselling. His practical training in counselling was undertaken at the Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, and in the Indiana Counselling Centre.

WHITE PAPERS CONTD.

Scripture was, of course, the basis for the N.S.W. statement and it was claimed, "This teaching . . . will continue in force until the end of time." Paul instructed Timothy "not to permit women to teach."

The words are there in the Bible, but one cannot help reflecting what would have been the consequences for the church if Paul's instruction had been fully observed "until the end of time." The modern Sunday School movement may not have got off the ground. Robert Raikes' first four teachers in his "ragged schools" were women. The majority of teachers in our Sunday Schools today are women. Overseas missionary enterprise would also have been greatly diminished — our women missionaries have had most successful ministries in teaching the way of Christ in a range of mission fields.

The W.A. Churches of Christ Social Questions Committee, in co-operation with the Federal Board of Christian Education conducted a recent survey on the role of women in our churches and the result showed that the N.S.W. statement referred to by Ms McMahon certainly does not represent a unanimous view.

We have women ministers. Secretaries and treasurers in some of our churches are women. Women also serve as Sunday School Superintendents which, one would think, would be in conflict with Paul's word in Timothy if the latter were taken literally and forever. Some women are church board members, some preside at the Lord's Table, read the scriptures, lead in public prayer, are increasingly finding places in our Federal and State Departments, and are even serving as elders and deacons.

Indeed, although it could not be claimed that women have equal service opportunity with men in all of our churches, a good case could be made that, taken all in all, our churches are more advanced than most others.

The Bible passages quoted against a place for women in the leadership of the church are strong, but there are other Bible passages, such as Gal. 3:28. "We are no longer Jews or Greeks or slaves or free men or even merely men and women, but we are all the same — we are Christians; we are one in Christ Jesus." (Living Bible).

To meet the problem posed by these passages many scholars argue that the restrictions of Paul reflect the prevailing social view of women rather than an eternal decree of God.

It could similarly be argued that the position of slaves would not have changed if some scripture passages were taken literally and forever. Whenever Christianity took hold, the ultimate result was the end of slavery and the slave trade. But it is also true that Christians for a long time upheld the slave trade, and defended it and justified it with Old and New Testament texts, such as Eph. 6:5. "Slaves, obey your masters; be eager to give them your very best. Serve them as you would Christ." Such texts were used in much the same way as an inferior place for women is defended and justified.

There are as many laws and rules acknowledging and regulating slavery as there are passages acknowledging and regulating the lower place for women.

Women were once held to be inferior to men. God could, if he wished, have enjoined an eternal inferiority. But this would be against reason and justice and God is neither unreasonable nor unjust.

Ms McMahon can support her judgment against Churches of Christ by quoting one authority, but it is a pity that she did not do a little more homework before placing us at the bottom of the list.

"RIGHT NOW" IN W.A.

Gordon Moyes came to Western Australia for his third Crusade visit. A week of meetings in Perth, including both Sunday nights, was followed by three days at Albany and three days at Bunbury.

The maximum use was made of Mr Moyes' time and he spoke at schools and Rotary, and on TV and radio. There were 120 at the Dianella ladies outreach meeting and 200 men at the Saturday men's breakfast.

He also spoke to a special minister's seminar and led a Church Growth seminar for 120 church leaders.

Over 4000 attended the Christian Centre meetings and in the two weeks there were thirty decisions.

The committee which organised the meetings comprised Messrs Carslake, Morris and Berston.

NEW MANSE AT BRIGHTON

(Brighton, S.A., C. E. Curtis, K. J. Harvey). Church sub-contracting to build. Members contributed \$14,000 through Brotherhood Mutual Fund; \$7,000 in local Investment Loan Scheme to be repaid over 6 years and \$1500 in gifts. Many skills within congregation used as project near completion . . . 8 camps held during Spring season. 41 family units at Hahndorf Holiday Village . . . Coffee Shop programme for community youth enters 6th year with average attendance still around 180/200 each Friday . . . 17 teams entered in summer tennis competition. Scott Davie and Dean Whitford to play in Venture for Victory basketball tour of the Philippines . . . Spring Art Exhibition displayed skills and talents of congregation . . . Young people from Owen, Long Plains and Balaklava billeted in homes for weekend.

HOBART DEVELOPMENTS

The East Side Christian Fellowship and the Hobart Church of Christ has entered into discussions with a view to amalgamating the two works on the Eastern Shore as a Churches of Christ congregation. The East Side Christian Fellowship have a Sunday School of about 50 children which is called "Sunday Seekers". They also have a group of about 40 young people. They began out of the work of three young families, those of Dirk Petrusma, Ian Searle and Rodney Foster, who commenced holding church services after the collapse of the bridge. All their work is centred in Howrah. Currently they hold a Communion service on Sunday Morning and a service on Sunday Evening. The leaders felt that they had grown to the point where they needed a strong church backing for their developing work. Don E. Stewart

HOBART ON A.B.C.

"Come Together", a musical worship experience of love, had Meri Stevens, Merran Hartam, Brenda Heier and Malcolm Gray from the Hobart Church of Christ participating in the inter-church group which led the service in eight Hobart churches. The A.B.C. videotaped the service at Wesley Methodist Church for replay in Eastern States on Nov. 16 at 10 a.m. (Qld. 9 a.m.) "Come Together" is recommended for use in all churches and in S.S. Anniversaries.

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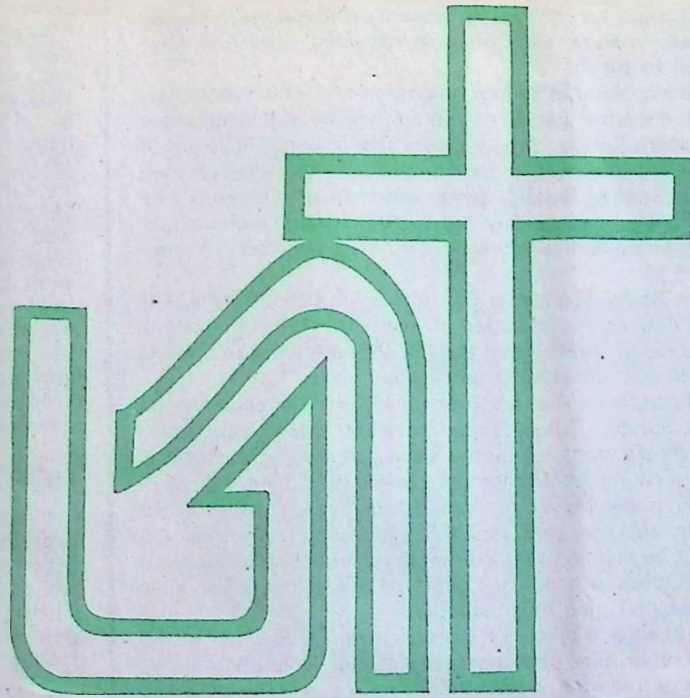


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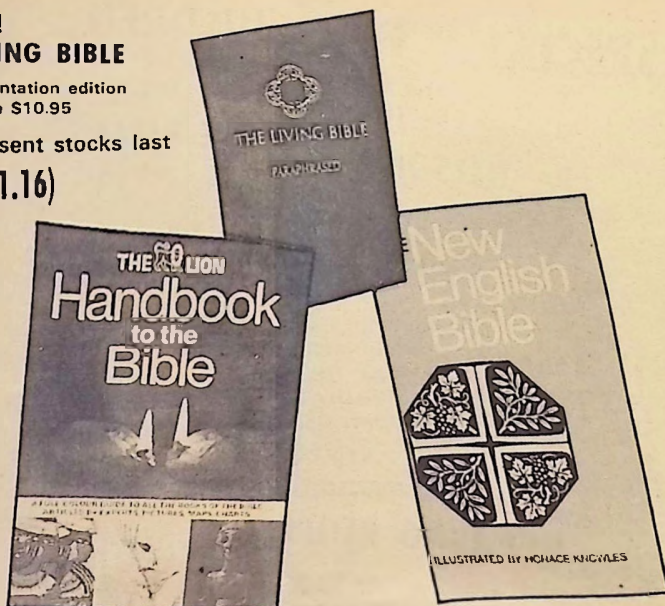
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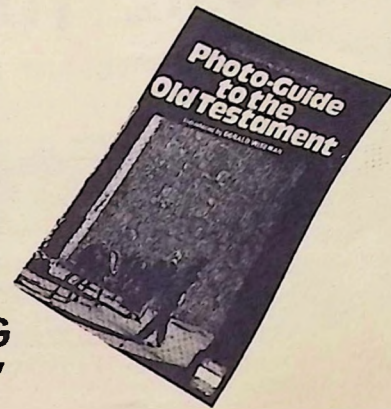
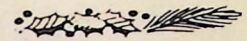
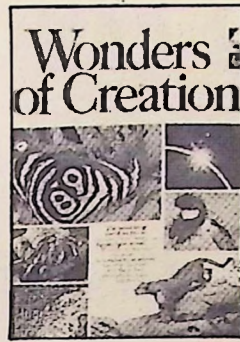
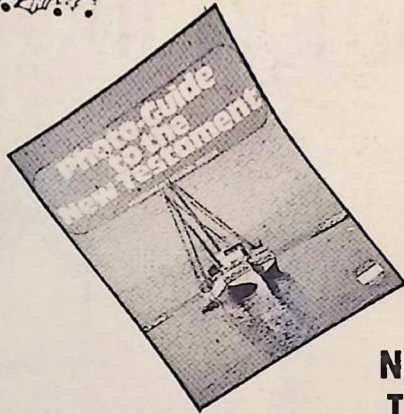
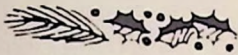
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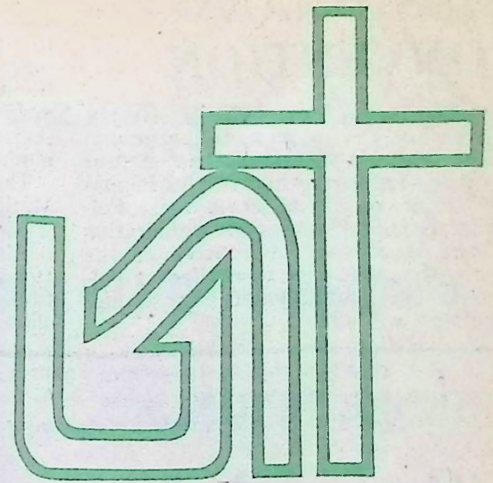
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Short term help by skilled workers with suitable abilities are of much assistance to the fulltime missionaries. The three men of the team expect to erect the frames of a home for a married couple, a nurse's residence and a school room, and they will carry out electrical wiring and plumbing for these buildings.

The fourth member of the team, Miss Marilyn Marvin, will be occupied with mission field clerical duties.

Marilyn, Mark Marshall and Robert Holmes are all from the Cheltenham Church of Christ, while Ian Halsall, an older man, is from Albany, W.A.



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Mr. Ian Halsall is being farewelled by Mr Douglas Hughes, Convener of the Cheltenham Church of Christ Missionary Convention, together with other members of the Cheltenham Church of Christ Work Party as they leave for New Guinea. The other members of the party are Robert Holmes, Marilyn Marvin and Mark Marshall.

LOSS AT CAULFIELD (K. Christensen). Church is saddened by the death of Mrs. Ida Ghys following illness. Mrs. Morris injured in car accident . . . Miss Heiden is convalescing at home following hospitalisation for heart attack. Mrs. McDonald is much improved after illness. Mr. Radnell is seriously ill in Peter MacCallum clinic.

YOUR CHILD AND YOU (Berwick, B. McMurtrie). "Your Child and You" course ran for 4 weeks one night a week . . . Youth Camp planned the future of Youth Work . . . Basketball Team finished third on "B" grade ladder. Two teams are in Summer Competition . . . 60 attended B.S. 3rd Birthday Party . . . Youth club held a Crazy Hike all over the district . . . John Bishop was recent speaker . . . An all musical gospel service was held . . . At one gospel service everyone shared their faith in small groups.

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Luke 8: 43-48

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NEW CAUSE (Southport, N. Newton) Southport and Tweed Heads churches commenced new work at Burleigh Heads on Oct. 5. 92 attended first worship service, including Qld. Conf. Pres. and his wife, Mr and Mrs C. Tucker. Student minister from Tweed Heads, Don Quinn, presided. First sermon preached by N. Newton, Southport. 67 attended first night gospel service ... On Oct. 19, Mrs Amy Thomas, who is 94, was baptised with her two married daughters and two of her great grandchildren. 7 others were baptised in October ... C.W.F. have sent over 300 articles of clothing to Overseas Missions ... The church has launched a \$2000 plus project for the next 12 months for Overseas Missions.

CELEBRATIONS AT ESSENDON (C. Badcock). Mrs M. Nicholson and Mrs V. Wallis have celebrated their 80th birthdays. ... C.W.A.F. entertained elderly citizens for Monbulk outing ... Dr John Stanhope, N.Z., son-in-law of Mr and Mrs John Ferguson, was guest speaker. Mr and Mrs Ferguson, first couple married in present chapel, celebrated Golden Wedding ... Mrs Kemp home from hospital. Mrs Beryl Shiels is ill ... Guest speaker at C.W.A.F. was Mrs Dulcie Anderson, missionary from Lebanon.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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NEW MINISTRY (Wampony, R. Combridge) Mr and Mrs Steve Kitto will share in circuit ministry from early next year . . . Wampony ladies actively supported S.E.D.W. Conference . . . At project afternoon in Bordertown on Oct. 24 \$371 was raised for Aborigines Missions . . . Mrs Audrey Hunt is progressing well after surgery in Hindmarsh Community Hospital.

BALAKLAVA (J. Dow) Brian Pittman, State Conf. Pres. was guest speaker at church anniversary . . . About 17 church families held family camp on holiday long weekend . . . C.W.F. invited all women to hear speaker from Bedford Industries . . . Members attended Seminar held at Kadina to discuss conference and church work . . . On Oct. 19, Scouts and Cubs attended Morning Service.

WEEKENDS (Christies Beach, B. Beck) Board members spent weekend at Aldinga discussing 1976 programme, and at Labour Day Weekend about 15 families camped at Wilmington in the Lower Flinders Ranges. The Sunday service in a tent was also attended by six visitors from camping ground. A ride on the famous Pichi Richi steam rail train was highlight . . . Dick Innes of A.C.T.S. International spoke at church anniversary Nov. 2, followed by barbecue lunch on beach front.

GROWTH SEMINAR (Col. Light Gdsn., R. V. Holmes) Sunday morning church growth seminar followed by Saturday training session for Class 2 leaders . . . House Group has commenced at Panorama . . . Y.P. involved in "Do Tell" Festival . . . Juniors and Inters held weekend camp at Norton Summit . . . Conf. Pres. Brian Pittman recent speaker . . . Present manse sold to Trevor and Judy Ellis, Port Pirie . . . C.W.F. held exchange meeting at Goolwa . . . Church shared in forming local Interchurch Council . . . Herb Finger convened garden stall at Girls' Hostel Open Day.



NEW SOUTH WALES

MORNING PROGRAM (Bexley North, P. A. Pitts) Participation in the Church Growth Seminars has inspired a reconstruction, for a trial period, of the morning program into a complete Christian Education Program. Morning Worship at 8.45 a.m. All-age B.S. at 9.45 a.m. and Communion at 11 a.m. . . . A young married lady was baptised at a special Tuesday Service following Ladies Bible Study . . . Temple Day Offering of \$1,528 and interest free loans of \$1,250 were given to lower the church overdraft . . . Regular visitation of district has resulted in B.S. numbers over 100 for the first time in 5 years.

ANNIVERSARIES (Hornsby District, D. A. Oldfield) B.S. Anniversary and 69th Church Anniversary were held October 19. (Guest speakers were R. Hewitt, R. Kallmier, and T. Kallmier. After the P.M. Service there was a Combined Coffee Shop . . . A young married couple and a teenage girl were baptised by Mr Oldfield on October 12. K. Stelzer was the soloist. . . A Leyland Brothers Film Evening was held on October 17.

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OBITUARY

BULL, Carl Newell

Carl Newell Bull, known as Noel, was born in Castlemaine, Vic. in 1901, the eldest of three children. He left school at 14 and worked in a nursery, learning the art of pruning fruit trees. He bought a fruit farm in Bendigo, but later moved to Melbourne. When 18, students from the College of the Bible visited the family to express concern over an accident to Noel's mother. This led to Noel and his brother William making their decisions at an E. C. Hinrichsen mission and they were baptized at Rochester, Vic. During a visit to Qld., Noel was attracted by the richness of the soil around Nambour and he bought a farm on the Maroochydore Rd. In 1928 he moved from Melbourne to farm pineapples and bananas. In 1939 he married Evlyn Miles of Woombye. There were seven children later joined by two younger members. In 1945 he shared with the Kingstons, the Vos's, Cardinals and James Boume in setting up the Lord's Table in homes. Later they used halls in Nambour. This was the beginning of the Church of Christ in Nambour to which Noel stayed faithful until he died aged 74 years. He served as secretary for the first five years of the church. To his beloved wife, Evlyn, and to his children Robert, Norman, James, Gwen, Betty, Noela, David, and the younger family Patricia and John we extend loving and heartfelt sympathy.

— A. G. Leane.

BUTTON, Fred

The sympathy of the church is extended to Mrs Joan Button and family in the death of Mr Button from cancer. He was an active church member, church organist for over 20 years, and very active in Gideons International. After retiring from the Commonwealth Public Works Dept., he was honorary architect for various churches. He designed the Wagga church. At the funeral service, instead of flowers the Gideon Memorial Plan was used and money for 130 Bibles was donated in his memory together with \$38 for cancer research. — E.P.

FISHER, Ernest A.

Ernest (Ern) Fisher died on Sept. 9, 1975, at Craigville Convalescent Hospital, Melville, W.A. He was 90 years of age and had led a very full and active life. His main work was in the development of W.A.'s pastoral industry, and the significance of his involvement is testified by the esteem with which he is even now regarded in the Westralian Farmers' Co-operative. Ern Fisher had a great love and passion for Jesus Christ and his Church. This was first expressed in his early years at the Grote St. Church of Christ, Adelaide, and then in his services at Subiaco, W.A., where he was choirmaster and sometimes preached. He transferred to Lake St., Perth, where his brother, the late Arthur Fisher, was ministering. His work commitments saw him moving between Albany and Geraldton, where he was responsible for much of the development of the farming industry. He was also active in bringing isolated families together for worship and the breaking of bread. It is not known how many of our country churches can trace their origins back to the zeal and enthusiasm of this one man. Yet he was quick to emphasise that all that he did was for the glory of God. We rejoice in the victory of Ern Fisher's life. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. — D. J. Ryle.

NORMAN, Kenneth Owen

Mr. Norman died on Oct. 22 at Blairgowrie, Vic., and the funeral service was at Wattle Park. He was born in Edmonton, East Tottenham, Eng., and came to Australia aged 2½. He grew up at Healesville. As a young man he showed a remarkable interest in writing and drawing and he graduated in Commercial and Lithographical Art at the Prahran Technical School. He worked with Simplex Transfers at Mentone for about 20 years and was a very skilled workman in his trade. Many Testaments I gave at the church were inscribed by him. He was married in the old Blackburn Church in 1948 and set up his home in

Surrey Hills. One of his sons was killed on the Maroondah Highway in 1966 when he was sixteen. Mr. Norman loved outdoor life and eventually gave up his trade for the open country. He loved shooting and fishing and moving around the wide open spaces, camping in the open air. He first went to Lilydale and then to Monbulk, and of later years he built a beautiful home at Blairgowrie. His garden was kept in immaculate condition. He was only 54 when he died. He loved the sacred lovely little church at Wattle Park. The church folk as well as many business people came to offer their sympathy to his wife Betty and his son Bryan in this sad hour of loss, for most graciously we think of him and the way his life has touched us all by its kindness.

— L. G. Crisp

McGLYNN, Winifred.

The church was saddened by the sudden death of Mrs Win McGlynn (nee Wardle) on Aug. 25, 1975. She had been a member of the Fremantle church for over sixty years, and will be greatly missed. We uphold her sister, Mrs Kath Saunders, her daughter, Mrs Aylmore, and the rest of her family and friends in prayer. May they know God's strength and peace. — D. J. Ryle.

WEBB, Mrs. J. E.

The death, after a short illness, of Mrs. James E. Webb at the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh, Vic., removed from the Australian brotherhood one, who together with her husband, had given close on sixty years of devoted and faithful ministry to churches in Victoria and South Australia. Born in Melbourne, Winifred Anne Smith was early associated with the church at South Yarra where she accepted Christ at the age of fourteen years. She met James E. Webb, a student at the College of the Bible from Balaklava, S.A. and after his graduation married to join him in their first ministry at Collingwood, Vic. Over the years following, they served at Unley, Moreland, Brighton, Prahran, Hartwell, Mile End, Flinders Park, Blackwood, Henley Beach and Clovelly Park. In retirement Mr. and Mrs. Webb were associated with several interim charges and in more recent years were in active membership with the church at Brooklyn Park, S.A. Two years ago they moved to the Christian

Guest Home and linked with the Oakleigh church, Vic. Mrs. Webb was always most active in women's work at both the local and State church level and during earlier years particularly took a prominent part in girls' club activities. Her support of her husband's work over so long a period was undoubtedly a contributing feature to the high esteem and the grateful appreciation in which the ministries of the Webbs have been held by the brotherhood. To Mr. Webb who survives her, to their three daughters, and to other relatives, sympathy and Christian love is expressed by their many friends and fellow church members. Services at the Hartwell church were shared by Dr. C. J. MacKenzie and M. J. Savage, the latter officiating at the graveside. — M.J.S.

VEAL, Mrs Doris May.

The late Mrs Veal was born some 75 years ago at Port Melbourne. In 1919 she was married in Richmond and finally came to live in 124 Mansfield Street, Thornbury, where her husband died following a heart attack. She came to the Church of Christ in Thornbury and was baptised by Wallace Jackel over 40 years ago. She was devoted to the Women's Mission Band of which she was Treasurer for some years. Mrs Veal was in hospital for nearly a year before she died. She was loved by every member of the Thornbury Church and all valued her godly character. She had a high reputation for her beautiful crochet work. Our sympathy and love are offered to her children Glen and Betty and to her seven grandchildren. — L. G. Crisp.

VISIT TO ORANGE (Gilgandra, R. Bassett). Seven church members travelled to Orange on Oct. 20 to share with our church, Baptist church and Salvation Army in Grow a Church Seminar, conducted by Kevin Crawford and Bob Smith of NSW H.M. Dept. . . . On Oct. 21 Mr Crawford spoke at Gilgandra, and then guided us on how to apply Church Growth principles to local church and district . . . Guest speaker at S.S. anniversary on Oct. 28, 29 was W. Flett.

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C.W.F. BIRTHDAY (Bayswater, A. Fletcher). The "Carinya Singers" entertained at C.W.F. Birthday. Mrs Val Davis presented the devotions . . . Ruth Peglar made her decision to follow Christ.

THE POTTER (Belmont, W. Harfoed). At service emphasising the work of The Master Potter, David Flitton gave demonstration with clay and wheel . . . At special mid-week service Laurie Barker baptized his mother . . . The musical group "Rock" led by L. Small gave first performance at St. Stephen's church . . . Conf. Pres. Gordon Scambler preached recently . . . Girls Sunday highlighted with girls and leaders taking part in service . . . Mrs Harford has returned after a holiday with her family in N.Z.

GROWTH CONCEPTS (Shepparton, F. L. Van Laar) At morning service on Sept. 14, Church Growth Concepts learnt at the Seminar, were presented . . . Youth 111 Bible class commended for fine evening worship service presented . . . Junior camp held at Caniambo . . . One Day's Pay for C.O.C.O.A. amassed \$160 . . . 70% of members involved in monthly meetings of Care-N-Share groups . . . Large number went to Thoona for Barnarama featuring Geelong Youth For Christ.

CONCERT FOR MINUS CHILDREN (Cheltenham) The Lowanna singers, under Jennifer Sheppard, and other artists, raised over \$900 with a concert for the Minus Children . . . A Y.A.F. progressive dinner raised \$200 towards expenses . . . Y.A.F. also had a gentlemen's cook night. Senior Explorers are trying their culinary talents with a hamburger-making night. . . . Jack Sinclair accompanied Gordon Moyes on the W.A. mission trip as secretarial assistant.

RENEWAL AND WITNESS (Henley Beach, S. Neighbour). Henley Beach experienced a weekend of Church Renewal and Lay Witness, Oct. 24-26, with team led by Brian Cutts, from Forestville Church. Church dinner — share groups — coffee hour in the homes — coke hour for the young people — Saturday lunch — a moving communion service — B.B.Q. luncheon at the Whitman home — an inspiring gospel service as a result, three young men made decisions.

GUIDES (Blackburn, E. C. Keating) Parkmore Girl Guides held annual church parade. J. Beggs, Secretary of the Waterside Workers' Federation, spoke at evening service of his changed life in Christ . . . Evangelism Dinners were a tremendous success. 300 people attended. Gordon Stirling was the speaker. Many expressed interest in church affiliation and visitation groups are busy in a follow-up program . . . The Charakarna Ballet Group presented the gospel in dance at evening service.

NEW FORM (West Preston, B. Golds-teen). B.S. Anniversary had 4.30 p.m. program for younger school, family tea at 5.30 p.m., and Youth Service at 7 p.m. . . . Church friends helped Mr and Mrs C. W. Hart celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary . . . Blind Fellowship continues to grow. A tea and special evening service for the blind was held Oct. 26 . . . Mini-mart raised over \$440 . . . Members gathered for Sunday lunch and discussion to launch Church Growth. Potential for growth program is being evaluated.

DISCIPLINE & DISCOVERY (Warragul, R. Pritchard) Discipline &

Discovery weekend conducted by minister. Seven leaders trained over five-week period to handle groups. On Oct. 26, 32 members enrolled for 30-day experiment in Discipline & Discovery . . . Church fete on Oct. 16, organised by combined C.W.A.F. and C.W.E.F., raised \$530.



TASMANIA

MISSIONARY MONTH (Devonport, G. Risson). Church is having a "Missionary Month" . . . A W.E.C. students held a three-week effort including house-to-house visitation, adventure time for children and other missionary activities . . . Church held an "Austerity Tea" after which film "Don't Let The Children Die" was screened . . . Mrs J. Howard has entered a nursing Home in Ulverstone . . . Ladies attended the C.W. Convention at Baptist Church . . . Sympathy of church extended to Mrs. Franks and Mrs. G. Richards in the death of their sister . . . Young lad baptized.

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NEW MANSE (Kedron, Colin Dredge) A new manse has been purchased . . . Ten church members attended recent "Christians One" barbecue at which Neil Gilmore was guest speaker . . . Highlights of the church picnic were the Broom Throwing and Kite flying competitions . . . Ladies combined with Albion C.W.F. for a prayer day led by Dorothy Potter, and also held a money-raising fashion parade at which Kedron's models excelled themselves . . . Young Adults/Young Marrieds Group continues to grow.

REDCLIFFE ANNIVERSARY (D. Hammer) Alan Leane from Nambour was guest speaker for anniversary. Thank offering was \$1027. Mrs Thel. Smith and Geoff Hopson gave items . . . Betty and Graham Sonsie showed audio-visual on Indonesia to prayer meeting . . . Church was represented at College when Dr Jauncey and party visited . . . C.W.F. held coffee morning with 40 women attending. Mrs Hammer, president, gave welcome. Mrs Lois Beel and party from Kenmore gave programme . . . On Exchange weekend, Oct. 18-19, 13 young folk from Nambour were visitors and held a barbecue at Bunya Park. The film "Peace Child" was screened at night. The author, Don Richards, was present. Three of the young men visitors led the communion service with Geoff Hopson giving the message . . . Mr Steele celebrated 83rd birthday.

BRIGADES SPECIAL (Camp Hill, B. Cutchie) At combined B.B. and G.B. display, Cadets stole the show! . . . S.S. Project Day had good posters and speeches. . . B.S. held wet picnic at Wynnum . . . Church hosted Southside Mission with Delroy Brown as speaker . . . Bill Newman, Ambassadors for Christ, was recent speaker . . . Mr Cutchie helped at Leichhardt Mini Mission.

BAPTISMS (Nth. Balwyn, A. R. Pigdon). Twins, Michelle and Robyn Witt, were baptised by their grandfather, A. B. Withers . . . Trevor D'Ambrosio, member of C.Y.F., has been selected as one of the Sharing Venture Team to visit N.G. mission field . . . Bernard Pigdon has returned home after 18 months overseas . . . For B.S. anniversary Youth 111 planned and led morning service with I. Allsop as speaker. Kindergarten and Primary were featured and Senior School presented "Pageant of Christians" . . . Evening features have been led by Youth for Christ, Wycliff Bible Translators and Balwyn Church of Christ who wrote and presented a Musical Drama, "But Once."

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BIBLE QUIZ (Maryborough-Baddow, N. Merrick) Bible Schools held combined anniversary featuring Junior and Senior Bible quizzes. Jim Kraak was speaker. His junior choir sang . . . Church missionary convention held Oct. 10-12 with representative speakers.

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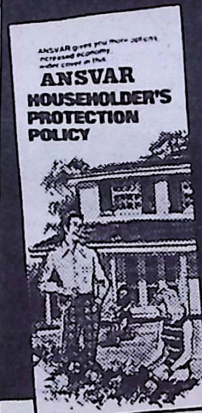
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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

"JONAH" (Fremantle, D. J. Ryle). Y.P. recently presented play "Jonah" as part of Ministry Week. They also travelled to Mandurah for a repeat performance . . . Noel Mitaxa (C.O.B.) visiting speaker recently. Young man stepped out for Christ . . . Church saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Win McGlynn . . . Church Board has decided to establish functional Committee for growth, worship, education, and pastoral care.

MISSION (Albany, Ken Ewers Verge). Three-day mission conducted by Gordon Moyes. A church tea was held on Oct 6. The mission was held in the new hall on Oct 7, 8 & 9. The youth choir took part. Mr. Moyes addressed the ladies at a coffee hour on Wednesday. Decisions were made by several married couples and a young man. The adult choir sang at each service. Mr. Moyes spoke on the local radio each day.

THREE LOADS FULL (Scarborough, K. J. Duffy) Church supported Gordon Moyes crusade with three full busloads . . . Core group meets to discuss specific future growth possibilities. One expression of growth potential was purchase of duplex next door to the church for accommodation for country students and workers . . . Scarborough joined other northern suburbs churches for family picnic recently . . . The gospel singing group "Phoenix Sunshine" shared in a morning service.

YOUTH PARADE AT ROYAL SHOW (Nollamara, A. J. Anderson) Boys' and Girls' Brigades took part in youth parade at Perth Royal Show . . . Film "The World of Illusion" was screened . . . Alterations are being made to small hall . . . Members shared in setting church goals for growth of 30 in 12 months . . . Officers undertaking a shepherding program . . . George Dabb of Norseman Mission is being supported by S.S. and C.W.F. . . . Northern suburbs churches had picnic and sports at Yancheop on Queen's Birthday . . . Members attended Gordon Moyes Crusade at the Christian Centre . . . There was one baptism and one reconsecration this month.

CRUSADE (Bunbury, B. K. Ryall) At recent Gordon Moyes crusade held during the long weekend there were 4 decisions and 1 rededication. Over 900 attended the meetings which included a ladies' coffee hour and youth coffee shop. Many came from Harvey, Collie, Busselton, and Manjimup. L. Fitch was song leader . . . Elanor Wilson assisting with organ . . . Minister now in new manse.

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PROJECTED (Wagga). The morning messages on “The Beatitudes” were illustrated with the overhead projector . . . Class 2 leadership groups are held as an outcome of the Growth Seminar. One group made several visits to Kapooka Army Camp . . . Mrs Bassil spoke to C.W.F. on the Wagga “Women’s Refuge Home” . . . Mrs Taylor and Mrs Kruck are leading women’s Bible studies . . . Mr & Mrs Trevor Kallmier, missionaries-elect with W.E.C. in Java, spoke on Oct. 12. . . A tennis & basketball court next to the church is nearing completion . . . Sympathy is extended to the families of Fred Button and the mother of Mrs Ern Blyth.

FROM CONGREGATION (Rockdale, L.E. Wylie) At recent morning services a member of the congregation has read one of the Parables of Jesus and led the congregation in participation and discussion . . . Services are held in chapel every Sunday afternoon by a Yugoslav congregation of Christians . . . At B.S. Anniversary the Kindergarten title was “Something Special”. At night Mr & Mrs R. Carter prepared the programme “Joy is in the Message”. R. Hewitt was guest speaker . . . Our church anniversary offering this year will be given to our three projects throughout this year: Mr & Mrs R. Hawkins, Gladstone, Qld; Mr & Mrs G. Elliott, Wycliffe; and the N.S.W. Dept. of Men’s Work.

NEW ANNUAL MEETING (Telopea) New concept in church annual meeting focused on fellowship and interaction rather than business. There was record attendance. There was a barbecue and movie of church’s opening. The business session took 45 mins., including an “ideas” segment. Membership has grown by 20, attendances now average 95 (a.m.), 92 (p.m.) . . . “Child Care Week” educational program had a tremendous response . . . 160 children and 60 adults saw Bill Steamshovel on A.B.C. TV . . . Church is seeking a full-time evangelist . . . “Spring Thing” evening services have been featured.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY (Hamilton, W. Philipps) A Missionary Convention was held in the church’s 52nd anniversary weekend, Sept. 26-28. Speaker at the first evening service was Dick McLellan, just returned from Ethiopia, who showed films and spoke of his experiences with the head hunting savage Bodi tribe. Speakers were Mr. and Mrs. Alex Shaw who work with Gospel Recordings. John Main, for many years a missionary in India, spoke at Sunday services. A basket tea and after-church convention rally were held and photographs of missionary work were on display . . . Letter box drop comprised third phase of church’s outreach campaign, to be followed by door knock.

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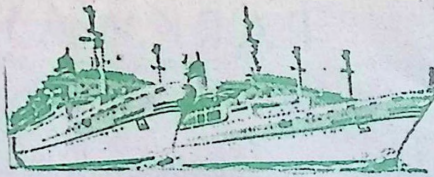
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

GROWING (Stirling, B. V. Coventry) Following Church Growth Seminar in July there is a new spirit of enthusiasm. The membership, between 40 and 45 for the past 15 years, has grown to 55 during the past 12 months. The target for the next 5 years is 120. Family Service on Oct. 5 combined with Temple Day. An offering of \$825 was received or promised . . . A Men's Fellowship has been formed and the first speaker was the retiring president of the Arbitration Court of S.A. Judge Bleby.

MANSE (Blackwood, L. Cooke) New manse purchased in preparation for the coming of Reg Brand as second minister . . . Robert Leane appointed C.E. Convener . . . Craig Webber will work half time for Church in a voluntary capacity and is also new Key Youth Worker . . . C.W.F. had an enjoyable day of fellowship with ladies at Lenswood . . . Group of Y.P. spent holiday weekend in the Flinders; Young Marrieds went to Port Pirie; and a number spent holiday at Goolwa B.S. Picnic.

BOOK SHOP (Murray Bridge, Des Kuhl) A dwelling has been acquired for use as a book shop and Christian Centre. After a working bee it will be in business before Christmas . . . June Kuhl elected C.W.F. Pres., and Phyl Harker, Sec. . . . Bert Coleman, spent holidays helping with working bee at Broken Hill church . . . Choir being formed . . . Church extends sympathy to W. Buckley in loss of brother and to the Linquist family in loss of husband and father . . . W. Hutchinson is recovering from surgery in Adelaide; Mrs Grundy has lost the sight of one eye; Wayne Jarvis is recovering after football injury, and Mrs. Page is having kidney treatment . . . Mr. and Mrs. Rue have celebrated 40th wedding anniversary.

BORDERTOWN (R. Combridge) Church awaiting replacement for minister who leaves end of year . . . 52 attended Holiday weekend Family Camp at Kingston Beach . . . Minister conducted dedicatory service for local Fire Brigade members . . . Garden Party for Aborigines' Mission (C.W.F. 1975 project) realised over \$300 . . . Vic Baldock receiving treatment in Adelaide. Mr Gare seriously ill. Ray and Ev. Smith welcomed home after three months' voluntary work at Norseman.

PICNIC (Victor Harbour, J. A. Luff). S.S. picnic held in September . . . 46 attended Junior and Teen C.Y.F. camp . . . Tony Luff in hospital following accident and F. A. Halleday having surgery in R.A.H. . . . C.W.F. service Oct. 27 . . . Church is supporting two pastors in Korea . . . Group from Church planning to attend C.O.B. graduation. Kerry Haythorpe is first member to go into full-time service.

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VICTORIA

COLLEGE (Warragul, R. Pritchard). Charles Wilson, C.O.B. guest speaker on Oct. 5. The minister interviewed him concerning College and call to ministry . . . C.W.E.F. have arranged a food parcel for the College . . . At night, Conf. Pres., Gordon Scambler, was guest speaker . . . C.W.E.F. and C.W.A.F. held combined meeting at home of Roger and Helen Holland for a program of cake decorating . . . Jeanine Fox has gained her A.Mus. A. . . . W. Elder is a patient in the Warragul and Dist. Hosp.

FATHER-SON CAMP (Box Hill, K. Bond). Father and Son Camp held at Warburton . . . Explorer Club took evening service Sept. 28. L. Gibb was speaker . . . The Football Banquet held on Oct. 4 . . . B.S. Anniversary speakers on Oct. 5 and 12 were K. Bond, Paul Muller, Bill Foster and a puppet show for juniors . . . Mrs Webster, P. Retchford, Jan Mitchell back after illness. Minister Study Leader for Weekend Camp at Geelong.

GOOD RESULT (Carnegie, D. Stowe) C.W.F. Afternoon Group celebrated 60th Birthday. Jumble Sale and Spring Fair raised \$1210 . . . Jo-anne Stowe and Kent Sutton are both in hospital for surgery . . . Andrew Stelling of the Bible Society was speaker at S.S. Anniversary . . . Members saddened at sudden death of Mrs. Irene Manning, also to hear of death of Cliff Meadows in S.A. . . . Y.P.F. visited Blackburn Y.P.F. and held Progressive Supper.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING (Bentleigh, R. W. Marshall). Church growth was discussed at half-yearly business meeting.

Six members who attended seminar nominated to do follow-up work . . . Average offering in half year \$273 . . . New scholars and contacts gained from children's mission with White and Colman. Teachers and members assisted with visitation. Recent services were taken by Mrs F. Clarke and L. Warren . . . Mrs Davey is home from hospital; Margaret Mathieson in Geelong hospital after car accident.

FAREWELL, INDUCTION (Peel St., Ballarat, J. W. Smail). Presentation was made to Mr. & Mrs. Mills at a farewell tea on leaving for Yarrowonga . . . An induction service was held to welcome interim minister J. Smail and his wife . . . Recent speakers have been Don Prout and Conf. Pres. Gordon Scambler . . . Nina and Richard, who are deaf, gave their witness for Christ . . . Family camp held with Daryl McLeod at Adekate . . . Constable Bennett demonstrated the Breathalyser at a recent C.M.F. meeting . . . Sing - N - Tell No. 4 featured Jubilation, Keith Davies, Eamon and Peel St. Players and David Gurney as speaker . . . Lads and Dads Tea was held with the Boys Explorers taking part in the service with a quiz against the Girls Club (The girls won).

BAPTISMS (Dandenong, W.J. Edwards). Three Y.P. baptised and welcomed into fellowship . . . Basket tea preceded annual meeting . . . Film and discussion on church growth faith goal for next 12 months, Oct. 5. . . 20 men participated in worship training session at Berwick. . . . David Searle, field worker, Aust. Institute of Archaeology, was recent speaker . . . Platform exchange of Dandenong and Noble Park preachers, presidents and readers . . . Speakers on Sept. 14, Howard Weedon, D.C.E.; and Ian Allsop, director, F.B.C.E. . . 83rd Church Anniversary held Sept. 28.

RETURN (Preston/East Preston, J. Manalack) Preston celebrated 73rd anniversary on Oct. 5 . . . Good Companions at E.P. made \$179 at Dutch Auction and Devonshire Tea . . . Col. Johnson again elected Chairman of Citizens Advisory Bureau . . . John Towers on moving to Bendigo has resigned from Preston board . . . C.W.F. visited Mt. Royal taking tea to a ward . . . Eight ladies attended camp at Monbulk.

WELCOME! (Tootgarook, Paul Cameron) The church's 24th anniversary had as guest speaker, W. Tabbernee. Mr. and Mrs Russell Baker, the "Yamala Singers" and Betty Dow, soloist were also present . . . The church is grateful to an anonymous donor for regular gifts to Youth Clubs, S.S. and also Sister Cooksley at Duindui Hospital, New Hebrides . . . Annual Mini-Mart was held Nov. 7 . . . Collections received on Hospital Sunday to be forwarded to the local Peninsula Hospital . . . C.W.F. attended Annual Community Day at Presbyterian Church . . . G. Clayton making good progress after successful surgery.

GO FLY A KITE! (Briar Hill, R. Baxter) Kite-flying afternoon held at Bundoora Park on Boys' Sunday . . . Girls shared in worship on Girls' Sunday . . . Ray Fitzgerald is chairman of board . . . Publicity committee formed as part of church growth program . . . Explorers ran film night . . . Intermediate S.S. class held camp at church . . . Activities for recent weekend visit by Warragul folk included a square dance, morning service, and barbecue lunch . . . Teachers' training course held for Y.P.

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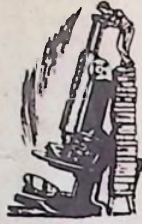
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What place should exorcism have in our churches?

To exorcize is to expel an evil spirit from a person or place by the use of a holy name. It is or has been common to many religions and especially among primitive peoples.

Before we look at the question of exorcism we need to satisfy ourselves that evil spirits are there to be expelled.

In 1951, Leslie Weatherhead said (in "Psychology, Religion, and Healing") that the idea that the human personality can be possessed by demons is widely rejected by the educated westerner as an outworn superstition. Yet in a recent Anglican Commission of Enquiry in Sydney High Schools, nearly half of those questioned expressed belief in Satan and more than half believed in spirits. (They were not asked specifically if they believed in demon possession.) It would be interesting to have had a "before and after" survey to measure what influence such major films as "Rosemary's Baby" and "The Exorcist" have had upon popular beliefs.

There is no doubt that there is a great and growing interest in the supernatural and not all of it is good. An Anglican minister in Britain, the Rev. Trevor Dearing, has resigned as vicar in order to go on tour full-time with services in healing and exorcism in much the same way as our ministers go on crusades of evangelism.

Many in his own church disapprove. Canon John Pearce Higgins says, "I don't think, however, it's devils he's casting out

so much as convincing people he's casting them out." Another, Dom Petit-Pierre, says, "I dislike the mass production aspects of this, I also fear that it will encourage people to think that they have little devils when what they need is self-control." The Bishop of London thinks Mr Dearing will encourage people to think they are possessed by demons when in fact they are oppressed by evil.

But Mr Dearing is convinced that he is doing the right thing and is going ahead. Working with him will be three doctors and a consultant psychiatrist, and it is good to know that there will be at least that safeguard.

If we do not accept the fact of demons we have to explain away a lot of the Bible. There is the Gadarene demoniac, for a start, made all the more complicated because of textual differences between Matthew 8 and Mark 5.

There is the fact that Jesus accepted the reality of demon possession and instructed his disciples in methods of dealing with the problems. The failure of the disciples to handle one case provoked him to one of his rare expressions of displeasure.

We accept the fact of demon possession because it is in the Bible. I doubt if we would accept it if it were not in Scripture, despite the fact that belief in demons has had almost universal religious acceptance, especially among primitive peoples.

It is the Bible that affirms the reality of the Devil and demons and the Bible references cannot all be explained away by arguing that Jesus and the disciples were merely accommodating themselves to the false beliefs of the people they treated.

Nevertheless, there are many dangers associated with the practice of exorcism, and it would certainly be a bad thing if the directions of the major concerns of the churches are to be changed at the whim of entertainment commercial entertainment interests.

(There will be more on the subject of Exorcism in the next issue).

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War involves compulsory enmity, diabolical outrage against human personality, and a wanton distortion of the truth. War is a particular demonstration of the power of sin in our world and a defiance of the righteousness of God as revealed in Jesus Christ. No justification of war must be allowed to conceal or minimize this fact.
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Naught can come without Thy leave,
So all that comes is right,
What now mysterious seems to be
Will some day all be light.



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Not even based on diet,
Is astro-mindedly believed—
And yet my scales deny it.



—FLORENCE PEDIGO JANSSON

A person goes on a diet because he is thick and tired of it.

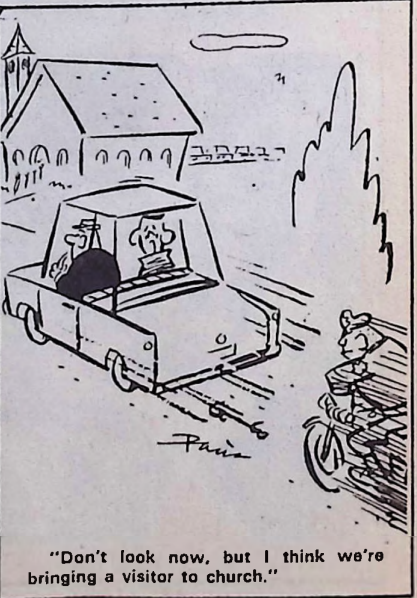


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