

Have you forgotten someone?



Will you remember all your family at Christmas? With God as our Father, we belong to a pretty wide family. But you can remember them all — through the Christmas Bowl. It's your opportunity to bring the whole family into your Christmas celebrations.

Remember, too, to use your Christmas Bowl material to full advantage. You've already

received stocks of leaflet-envelopes, posters, a record and so on. But they won't get results sitting in the back of the church. Plan to give them out and use them in ways that make the most impact. The Christmas Bowl helps you remember the wider family. And while you're at it, don't forget the lonely and needy in your own neighbourhood. Because when you remember everyone, you remember Christ. And that's a good way to celebrate Christmas.

**Give to the
Christmas
Bowl**



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Australian Council of Churches



NEW SHOP

Murray Bridge's first 'Christian Literature and Music Shop' was dedicated by Des on Nov. 3rd.

Situated at 30 Adelaide Road, the shop caters for all Christian denominations, and is run by Murray Bridge's Church of Christ where Mr Kuhl is minister.

The shop is staffed without pay by G. Bywaters and a team of assistants, and is open five days a week.

Browsing through some of the books in the shop after the opening are (from left) Ross Britton and Mrs Rae Thompson, members of the shop's management committee, Des Kuhl, and shop manager G. Bywaters.

GIVE "THE CHRISTIAN" AS A GIFT

R.C. Decline in France

All is not well with the Catholic Church in France. While 90 per cent of the French are baptized Catholics, polls show only 20 per cent or so attend mass weekly (50 per cent of American Catholics do so). The number of priests has declined from 41,000 in 1965 to 37,000 this year, and it is expected to slump below 32,000 next year.

"Christianity Today"

"A.C."

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

1. The story may be on any theme so long as it has some Christian content, and to be from 1,500 to 2,500 words in length.
2. The closing date is March 30, 1976.
3. The story may be hand-written or typed. If typed, please double space.
4. First Prize: \$75.00, Second Prize: \$50.00, Third Prize: \$25, to be awarded by a well-known Australian author.
5. HOW TO ENTER: The name of the author must not appear on the manuscript. The author will write his or her name and address on a slip of paper and place it in an envelope which will then be sealed. The author shall then write on the front of the envelope the title of the story. The envelope and the manuscript are then to be placed together in a large envelope and addressed to "The Australian Christian Short Story", P.O. Box 101, Essendon North, Vic. 3041.
6. "The Australian Christian" reserves the right to publish the winning entries.
7. No correspondence can be entered into regarding the competition or the judges' decisions.

EMERGENCY AID FOR

TIMOR REFUGEES

A public appeal for at least \$250,000 for emergency food and shelter for the people of Timor has been launched throughout Australia.

It is proposed to transport supplies by barge from Darwin to Dili for refugees in East Timor and through voluntary agencies in Jakarta for refugees in Indonesian Timor.

The chairman of the Timor Relief Appeal, Wm. C. Byrne, said in Sydney that funds contributed by the Australian people would be at work among the Timorese people within a fortnight.

Australian overseas aid agencies combining in the emergency operation are Australian Catholic Relief, Australian

Council of Churches, Austcare, Community Aid Abroad, Freedom from Hunger Campaign, St Vincent de Paul Society, UNICEF Australia and World Vision.

Mr Byrne said these agencies had already provided \$200,000 for medical and food supplies for the Timorese people, using emergency reserve funds. These were now depleted and additional public support was essential if the relief operation was to continue.

Contributions to the appeal can be made through any of the participating agencies or by mailing donations to Timor Relief Appeal, G.P.O. Box 9820, in all capital cities.

CELL GROUPS IN THEOLOGY, 1976

An exciting new concept in theological education for church members will be launched next year. The College of the Bible, the Federal Board of Christian Education and the various State Departments of Christian Education are co-operating with representatives of the Victorian Anglican and United D.C.E.'s in the organisation of a "Cell Groups in Theology" programme.

This programme offers a systematic approach to contemporary issues in Theology, Biblical Studies, Ethics, Christian Belief and Worship at an adult level. Ten different subjects will be offered, each taking one semester (approximately 12 weeks) to complete. Passes in six subjects qualifies a person for the As-

sociate in Theology (Th.A.), a diploma for lay people awarded by the Australian College of Theology. Anyone, however, is welcome to share in a Cell Group without being examined for the Th.A.

People may participate in the programme either by joining one of the Cell Groups convened by a D.C.E., or by arranging a Cell in their own local church. All one needs to do to start a Cell Group is to find six or more people who are prepared to meet together to engage in serious study under the guidance of a specialist tutor. Interested persons should contact their State D.C.E. The D.C.E. will give further information, provide a tutor, and make all necessary arrangements.

INNER SPRINGS

A guest for Christmas



To be a guest, to share the joys and hospitality of a happy home is surely one of the special delights of this lovely season. If one has also the assurance of a warm and loving welcome, then little else is required. For it can transform the humblest fare, the poorest surroundings, into a banquet in a mansion.

Setting aside those occasions when circumstances dictate otherwise, a guest's response is dependent upon an invitation. The one without the other may be little more than an unwelcome intrusion which we tolerate without much enjoyment. Perhaps it would be presumptuous to ask who is on your guest list. But might one ask, "Is there One whom you have forgotten?" Cumbered about with many cares, have you unconsciously overlooked the most Gracious Guest of all?

As with any thoughtful friend, His tender courtesy forbids Him to enter where He is not wanted. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear My voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with Me".

No matter who you are, or what you are, or where you are —

He sits at table with the tired and poor,
He shares the fireplace with the spent and old,
He keeps with suffering a vigil sure,
And plays with childhood in the summer's gold.

His feet refuse no threshold, want and care,
Do not repulse Him, no, not even sin,
Wherever need is waiting, He is there,
Where love invites, He enters in.

Where love invites! Surely it is unthinkable that He should be the uninvited Guest at His own celebration? Whether you have one guest or many, His Presence will be an added delight. If you have none, then you need Him — and He is waiting

PRAYER:

Loving Father, thank you for the gift of your Son. Save us from being so full of ourselves that we forget Him. Let the door of our hearts be always open to welcome Him.

Amen.

FLORENCE ROSIER

100 FOR PORT PIRIE

The Church of Christ at Port Pirie celebrated its centenary, Oct. 30-Nov. 2, opening event with a dinner for 125 presented by the ladies of the church. Congratulations and greetings were extended by the Acting Mayor, W. G. Jones, State Conf. Sec., Ed Roffey and representatives of local churches.

G. R. Stirling was guest speaker for the whole programme and conveyed greetings from Federal Conference.

On the Friday 45 women joined in a morning coffee hour and heard Mr Stirling deal with the topic "Future Shock and the Family".

At night, at tea the young people asked questions to be answered by Mr Stirling. This was followed by a fellowship hour and the address, "Jesus, the Now Man".

Saturday's programme opened with a men's breakfast for 40.

The afternoon was a reunion and featured a display of old photographs and newspaper clippings. A commemorative plaque was unveiled by Mr Stirling. In the evening past and present members shared experiences of former days and some slides depicting past events were shown. Items were contributed by past members and a highlight was a combined choir of past and present members.

Overflow seating was necessary for the services on Sunday. Items were presented by former members and the ladies choir made a fine contribution. Mr Stirling addressed the packed church on the subjects "A Faith for the Family" and "A Nutty Sort of a Question".



Pt. Pirie Church



Centenary celebration

● QUEENSLAND

YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

QLD. TASMANIACS

42 Young People met at the regular Younger Set meeting with the theme: Tasmanian Youth Convention, 1977.

Films were shown and the Application forms from the Federal Board of Christian Education were distributed. Posters decorated the room and the sweets were baked apple, which were appropriate for "The Apple Isle" evening.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH SEMINAR

To continue the stimulation received from Win Arn's recent visit and the Church Growth Seminar, the Youth and Christian Education Department held a support Seminar at Ann St. city church. 85 attended.

Special guest was G. R. Stirling, Vice-Principal, College of the Bible. The Rev. Trevor Harris of the Salisbury Baptist

Church outlined his church's planning for their 500 strong S.S. Christian Education sub-committee members are L. G. Armstrong (Ann St.), C.A.R. Smith (Albion), Barry Cutchie (Camp Hill) and Nolan Head (Margaret St., Toowoomba).

The programme consisted of group discussion and sharing an address by G. R. Stirling on "Purpose and Principles of Christian Education" — Brief addresses on (a) All Age S.S. (b) Youth Activities and (c) Adult Christian Educ. Church groups discussed their particular local difficulties. The final address by G. R. Stirling was on "How do we achieve our goals?"

CAMPS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

MIDGETS 7-9 years — Dec. 14-19, 1975; SENIOR 15½+ years — Dec. 25-Jan. 1, 1976; TWEENAGERS 13-15½ years — Jan. 5-12, 1976; JUNIOR 10-12 years — Jan. 18-23, 1976.

Any young people travelling interstate would be welcome to share in the camping programme if they register with 428 Ann St., Brisbane. Phone (07) 221 2166.

AUSTCARE APPEAL FOR THAILAND

Austcare (Australians Care for Refugees) announced that it will accept donations from the Australian public to aid the plight of thousands of refugees in Thailand.

Contributions will be put to immediate use to purchase vitamins, antibiotics and other medical supplies for those displaced Indo Chinese persons now in Thailand.

It has been reported by the ABC on their AM program, that present conditions in Thailand refugee camps were appalling and that the most urgent need was for anti-biotics to treat severe stomach disorders, from which a large number of refugees were suffering.

Austcare is a national, non-governmental Australian organisation of voluntary aid agencies who work together to care for millions of refugees scattered throughout the world.

Donations can be sent to Austcare, Box 9820, G.P.O. Melbourne or to other State Austcare offices.

● BIBLE SOCIETY

NEEDS OUTPACE RESOURCES

The United Bible Societies can only finance three-quarters of their proposed worldwide Bible translation, production and distribution program this year. Increasing costs around the world have cut into funds the Societies have available for this important work.

The demand for Bibles is growing rapidly in many parts of the world and in many countries Scriptures have to be sold below cost price. New translations ready to go to the printers, are held back by lack of funds. Money asked for by the four Regions of the UBS had already been reduced because of the financial situation.

At the UBS Executive meeting, UBS Treasurer, Dr C. W. Baas, singled out the Bible Society in Australia for special praise. He said Australia had steadily increased its World Service Budget contribution in recent years and had undertaken, in faith, to build support to more than \$A500,000 by 1980.

Commonwealth Secretary of the Bible Society in Australia, the Reverend James R. Payne, said a solid core of Christians across the country had been responsible for the greatly improved performance by the Society. He said, "If we are to maintain this significant upward trend many more Christians will need to be made aware of the vital missionary role of the Bible Society movement as it serves the churches through translation, production and distribution programs throughout the world."

"OPEN DOOR" (Preston, E. Preston, J. Manallack). On Oct. 21 "Open Door" at the Preston Chapel was officially opened by the Mayor of Preston. Ladies from the church attend 4 days a week, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., to welcome anyone who comes... Temple Day offering at East Preston was \$753, to be made available to "Open Door"... 60 attended Youth Tea Singing and Films on Girls' Sunday.

GIFTS (Caulfield, K. Christensen) Christmas gifts for elderly folk being prepared by A.W.F. ... C.W.F. had speaker from Aborigines Evangelistic Fellowship ... Good response to Mission Outreach scheme ... Mrs Buckingham now aged 91 ... Bible Society attractive scripture pamphlets placed in district letter boxes.

TO NORTH BALWYN, W. N. Gaunson, now of Northam, W.A., has accepted a call to minister at Nth. Balwyn, Vic. from the beginning of 1977.

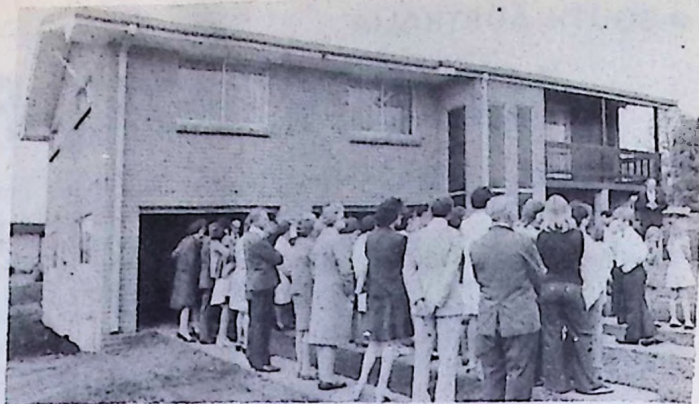
● QUEENSLAND

NEW MANSE FOR TOOWOOMBA

(Qld.) The 93rd church anniversary services at Margaret St. church included the opening of the new manse at 13 Marcia St., replacing the old manse in Lindsay St.

In 1975 the annual meeting directed the Board to improve property holdings. The building committee of Warren Savill (Board Chairman), Ray Greenwood, Sec., Ian Williamson and Neil Hass, recommended the purchase of the Marcia St. property at \$37,500.

The new building was ready for the anniversary and Mrs Arnold Caldicott turned the key and invited general inspection. Dr & Mrs Caldicott are in their ninth year of ministry at Toowoomba.



Warren Savill chaired proceedings and Ray Greenwood summarised events. Colin Dredge, guest preacher for the anniversary, spoke, and the ministers, Nolan Head and Dr Caldicott offered dedicatory prayers.

● COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

CELEBRATING THE GOSPEL

CLARA BROWN

Miss Clara Brown was for many years a devoted member of the Camberwell church, and remembered her church in her will. In turn the church sought to find a way to perpetuate her memory. They agreed to sponsor a new feature of the programme of the College of the Bible, "Celebrating the Gospel".

THE SECOND YEAR

"Celebrating the Gospel" commenced in 1974 in the College Chapel. Its purpose is to bring a great preacher to the College, and in the setting of joyous and meaningful worship, have him preach to the students and their families. The preaching centres on the great Biblical facts at the heart of the gospel. The "Celebration" this year took place on Sept. 30.

PRINCIPAL MERVYN HIMBURY

The first Clara Brown Memorial Preacher, but the second in the series, was Principal Mervyn Himbury of Whitley College, the Baptist Theological College, and a distinguished preacher. In the morning he used the story of the woman who touched the hem of Christ's garment to emphasize the availability of Jesus Christ and the meaning and relevance of faith in him. At night, using the story of the man at the Beautiful Gate he stressed the need for the church to be clear about what it does have to give a crippled and broken down world, and to concentrate on giving that, rather than trying to give in the areas where we have neither adequate resources nor expertise.

One feature of Principal Himbury's preaching was his constant reference to student life and ministry, thus earthing the gospel facts and the evangelistic mission in student experience.

INFORMAL CONCLUSION

After the evening session the guest preacher spent 30 minutes in the main class room answering questions about preaching and ministry. Supper followed with students still gathered round him for further discussion. Members of the Camberwell Church attended both sessions. At night one of the guests was Cliff Brown, a stalwart eighty year old, and a brother of the late Clara Brown. The

programme for "Celebration of the Gospel" carried this tribute — "Clara Brown was a life-long friend of the College. It was her constant desire that the gospel of Christ be proclaimed with conviction and that the church be strong for carrying out her great mission."

G. R. Stirling.

FROM ITALY (Warragul, C. W. Jackel)

A married couple from Italy have been received into membership and have brought their four children into the S.S. The school has gained 10 new scholars . . . Ladies' Street Stall realised \$124 to be donated equally to Underground Evangelism and Christian Missions . . . Gideon from Mt. Evelyn explained their work . . . Almost all church members are being trained in Visitation Evangelism, 2-hour sessions weekly . . . \$82 has been donated to the J.E.W.

THE UNITY WE SEEK

The Rev. Dr Richard Campbell, Lecturer in Philosophy at the Australian National University, was speaker at the recent meeting of the Australian Council of Churches' Executive Committee in Sydney. Dr Campbell challenged those present to ask themselves — "What does it mean to confess Christ and to serve the world in this place?"

Dr Campbell attended the 1974 meeting of the World Council of Churches' Commission on Faith and Order in Accra, Ghana, and had been invited to lead a discussion on "The Nature of the Unity we Seek" at the A.C.C. Executive Meeting.

Dr Campbell outlined two reasons why he felt the ecumenical movement had gone dead. "The attack on the institutional church of a few years ago has now yielded to a bypassing of institutionalism to find ecumenical experiences outside of the local church. Students and young people especially are caught in a double movement of reacting against their ecclesiastical background and yet also experiencing a fascination in religion, but without churchmanship responsibilities.

"Secondly, the drawn out process of formation of the Uniting Church in Australia has tended to hang up the ecumenical debate. This has resulted in a feeling of 'if that's what Unity is all about, then we're not interested'."

Dr Campbell went on to outline his

views on unity. "Stemming from the Bible, we have come to see ourselves as historical in character. But it is too easy just to leave this understanding in the abstract. If it is true, then the Gospel will have a different meaning for different people because their history is different. In this connection, I must express my growing sense of dismay at how far the Australian churches in general are from being able to address the contextual peculiarities of our situation. We can recognise the distinctive character that is a product of our history and our situation, but as a people we have not yet succeeded in articulating what it is. Contextual theology in Australia is thus doubly difficult; we need first to uncover those basic concepts in terms of which Australians understand themselves, and then we need to develop theological models which genuinely speak to people in this situation. That task we have hardly begun."

Dr Campbell suggested that the aim of the ecumenical movement is not the creation of a monolithic organisation because that "would be a denial of freedom and diversity," but to seek a conciliar fellowship in which diversity is taken up and inter-related, not squashed.

"Our model for unity, must surely be that outlined in Acts Chapter 15. We must seek to understand how differences can be recognised in a way that still manifests our underlying and unshakeable unity."



Ted Keating with Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Stirling

EVANGELISM FOR DINNER



One of the youth tables.

(Blackburn, Vic.) As a part of the church's evangelistic outreach, Blackburn arranged two dinners to which they invited folk with whom the church is in contact.

Members could attend only if they brought non-members with them. At the first dinner there were 117 contacts and 52 members, and at the second there were 88 contacts and 44 members.

Guest speaker at the dinners was Gordon Stirling, Vice-Principal of the College of the Bible. Others involved included the Catering Committee, baby-sitters, transport organisers, parking attendants, hostesses, follow-up visitors, hall painters, etc.

The minister, E. C. Keating, said "Every minister dreams of a chance to explain Christianity to a large audience that rarely goes to church. We had a total audience of 300, and 200 of them do not have an active association with a church.

"We had to be tough. The only way a church member could attend these excellent functions was to bring a non-attender with them. Consequently, only 100 of our members were qualified to come.

"As a result of these functions, more than 25 indicated an interest in learning more about the Christian faith.

"Next year, we shall have to have three or four such functions to be able to cope."

AUSTRALIAN AND SOUTH PACIFIC TEMPERANCE COUNCIL

The Australian and South Pacific Temperance Council recently held its 1975 Annual Conference at Mount Martha, Vic. All States and New Zealand were represented.

Earlier this year, the first full-time officer (Executive Officer — Division of Research and Development) — John Williams — was appointed. Finance to make this appointment possible is being provided by Ansvar Australia Insurance Limited.

The attention of the Australian Government is to be drawn to the special and adverse situation relating to the control and distribution of alcoholic liquor in the Northern Territory, especially in Alice Springs and other areas where widespread degradation, crime and misery are reported. Stern measures are urged against persons detected in the illegal sale or distribution of alcoholic liquor.

Further the attention of the Australian and the State Governments should be drawn to the extreme pressure exerted on young people to drink alcoholic beverages.

Tributes were paid to the life and work of the late Clifford Hughes. As a minister of Churches of Christ, Mr Hughes served in four Australian States. As a temperance leader he gave secretarial leadership to the South Australian Temperance Alliance for many years. At the national (and international) level, Mr Hughes spent 23 years as Secretary of the Australian and South Pacific Temperance Council (formerly Australian Temperance Council). He maintained his dedicated, progressive work in this field until about three years ago when advancing years dictated that he call a halt. The Temperance Movement in Australia and beyond owes much to the life of Clifford Hughes.

CHURCH ON THE WAY DOWN

RICHMOND, VIC.



The Richmond church celebrated its 87th birthday recently but when past members and friends arrived they found that the old church they had loved at the corner of Coppin and Murphy Streets had disappeared.

But the old School Hall had been transformed to serve as a chapel and the "Repairs and Renovations" anniversary services fitted well into the different surroundings.

LAND PROSPECTS (The Patch, A. V. Page). Church encouraged by prospects of land available for future development . . . One Day's Pay for COCOA realised \$268 . . . Bill Tabbernee and Alan Emmett guest speakers at Church camp . . . Family service and picnic lunch held at Monbulk Fellowship Centre . . . Interior of Chapel has been redecorated.

ANNIVERSARY (Mt. Evelyn). Speakers at 28th Church anniversary were Frank Cooksey and Don Rodgers. Ron Hartley was soloist . . . At annual business meeting Mrs J. Reynolds and Alan Hardidge were elected as deacons. Mr Graham declined nomination after 47 years as deacon at Nth Richmond and later Mt Evelyn. Mr Graham intends to visit those in our Church Homes and

elderlies in district . . . C.S.S.M. Beach Team led service on Oct. 26 with John Tudor and Jean McCrohan . . . Our own ladies conducted service on Oct. 12, supported by the ladies choir from the Dutch Reformed Church. Miss Dawn Martin was speaker . . . Nov. 14-16 Noel Smith of "New Life for all" conducted special studies in this plan.

Reg Hillbrick was morning speaker and Harry Graham presided. Reg. Barlow conducted the P.S.A. and after tea, Jim Beggs, Secretary of the Waterside Workers' Union was evening speaker. There were musical items and solos.

Other Richmond happenings saw Don Smith (H.M. & Ev.) as speaker on Nov. 2; A family picnic at Hanging Rock; whole day prayer sessions on Nov. 16; and Alan Niven has been accepted for training at the College of the Bible next year.

EDUCATION DAY (Tootgarook, Paul Cameron). On Nov. 16 children took part in "Christian Education Day" and displayed work done during the year . . . Over \$600 was raised at "Mini-market" . . . Mid-week meeting shared with Baptist Church members, to hear Keith Painter, missionary printer to the Solomon Islands . . . Rye C.S.S.M. team assisted at Gospel Tea on Nov. 16.

PRAYER

What has the world to offer our children, O God? So much in life is working against them mentally and physically; strengthen our faith in Your plans for their future and the future of the world, we pray.

Amen.
Bev. Jeffrey.

WOMEN IN MINISTRY



PERSONAL PROFILE

"Getting to know you" has been the objective of the interview segment introduced to Vic.-Tas. C.W.F. Council meetings almost two years ago.

Even though women had been attending Council for many years, close contact and exchange of friendship had been limited only by the impositions that any business meeting incurs.

By interviewing individual personalities much has been revealed. Family background, C.W.F., local Church, and community involvement, hobbies, interests and future aspirations. This personal exchange has given much insight into motivation for Christian involvement and service. These interviews have not been confined to C.W.F. officials but have been extended to all women, "rank and file" who work under the umbrella of Christian Women's Fellowship.

Knowing a person leads to a feeling of acceptance and belonging.

Marjorie Bismire.

NEWS IN BRIEF:

Queensland reports that "Christian Television by arrangement with a company producing cassette video entertainment for motels, hotels, restaurants and other similar establishments, in our sixty second spots will soon be appearing on the closed-circuit systems in these places. Later on we plan to place them on the internal video screens of the large suburban shopping centres."

Sixty women had a great time at the Annual Study day at Longwood Camp.

South Australia. The topic "Can Society Free you" was an attempt to assess the relevance of International Women's Year to the average Christian woman. Mrs Joan Vandersman of the Catholic Theological College spoke on "Women and Freedom," and Mrs Marny Foreward of the Congregational Union spoke on "Women in the Church." The thought that "What Society does for women" and "What Christ did for women," was emphasised,

NEWS IN BRIEF (cont.)

in a humorous and helpful way. Discussion that followed was keen and enthusiastic. Six groups were given newspapers and magazines to construct a collage depicting women's role in society.

New South Wales women have been concerned about religious programmes so have brought the matter to their women, in C.W.F. "If you are concerned regarding the proposals to curtail religious programmes on TV and Radio, please demonstrate this concern by writing to: Broadcasting Control Board."

On the banks of the swift flowing Murrumbidgee River, A.C.T. is Sturt Is. camp where thirty women slept in, and fifteen 'day' women attended. Joy Gilmore, minister's wife of Ainslie minister, was leader. The ministers' wives from Lyons, Margaret Howard, and from Belconnen, Lesley Warren, led devotions. Studies were based on "Women of the Bible." A Woman to Woman panel answered questions on 'families in our modern society'. A Highlight was the Sunday morning Communion service in the open air chapel. An Audio Visual, 'I am Woman' generated interesting discussion. Women came to camp from the three A.C.T. churches and from Orange in N.S.W.

At the second C.W.F. Conference held in the A.C.T. new office bearers were appointed: Pat Wright President, (Lyons) Verna Bennett Secretary, (Ainslie) Jenny Moore Treasurer, (Belconnen). Mrs Margaret Howard was appointed Vice-President of the General Conference.

VICTORIA The President, Mrs. L. Joyce, welcomed 133 delegates representing 57 groups, to the November Council Meeting. Speaker was Miss Priscilla Ludbrook, who shared travelling experiences from Barcelona to Sicily — Sweden — Turkey — Persia (Iran) — and Bangkok. Mention was made of the many remarkable kindnesses shown to her — a single lady, travelling alone!

Mrs. Dulcie Henshilwood, Life Governor, Hampton Rehabilitation Hospital, was interviewed. A. E. White promoted the usage and value of "The

Australian Christian", and Miss Maureen Rule, Norseman, brought greetings and a resume of her work in the past 12 months and her enrolment at the Aborigine Advancement College for 1976. Intercessory prayer was led by Betty McKenzie.

DAWN TO DUSK SERVICE TO CHILDREN

The arm of the Subiaco Church of Christ is reaching out into the City of Subiaco offering a dawn to dusk ministry and service to the primary school children ages 6-12 years.

In February, 1975, the doors of the Church halls opened into this entirely new field of Out of School Child care, meeting the needs of children who were lonely, only children, or whose parents were at work.

The Bagot Road Children's Centre, as it is known is open week days from:
7.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. when breakfast is served.
3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. when afternoon tea is served.
7.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. during school vacation periods.

It is staffed by two regular play leaders: Harold Vawser, Bible school Supt.; and Dora Gordon; also voluntary helpers. There is a Committee of Management comprising four Church members with representation from the Shire, the School and the Parents and Citizens.

From a humble beginning of one child the enrolment has grown to over thirty. The children happily occupy themselves by doing their homework, with indoor and outdoor sports and games, painting, clay modelling, woodwork, cooking, dressing up etc. They are taken out for picnics and barbecues and the theatre to puppet shows, plays and ballet.

Of the children attending the Children's Centre, eight have commenced attending our Sunday School.

Dora Gordon.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all women.
May you be very conscious that God is with you and in you at this Christmas time.

GOD SPEAKS: "Emmanuel . . . God is with us." Matt. 1:24 N.E.B.
"On earth peace, goodwill toward men." Luke 2:14 (A.V.)

Moscow Christian

Yevgeni Barabanov, in an urgent telephone call to the West, has appealed for immediate help. He is threatened with forcible imprisonment in a psychiatric hospital. He has asked for telegrams of support from the West.

Barabanov, 32, an Orthodox Christian, has been under threat of arrest for some time. Now he has suddenly been called for a medical examination by the local military commission. These bodies, situated in every district of Moscow, are empowered to call up any man between the ages of 17 and 50 for a period of military service of from one to 12 months, or for a medical examination. The latter is the usual first step towards compulsory detention in a psychiatric hospital.

In 1973 Barabanov's flat was searched by the police and he was interrogated. He lost his job, and has been unable to find work since. The reason for this was that he was accused of, and admitted, sending documents to the West. They included issues of the *Chronicle of Current Events*, works of Russian poets, writing on the history of Russian culture and the Russian Church, and on philosophy and theology, poems and memoirs of labour camps and photographs of persecuted writers.

Barabanov has written a number of thought-provoking articles on the Church.

These include one on the future of the Russian Church, about to be published in *From under the Rubble*, a collection of articles on the future of Russia by several authors, including Alexander Solzhenitsyn.

His articles, and the testimony of personal friends, reveal Barabanov to be a highly intelligent and talented young intellectual, with deep Christian convictions, a great love of the Church, and a keen interest in the Church in the West.

90TH ANNIVERSARY

(N.S.W.) Mrs I. Winter-Little, well-known in the churches at Asquith, Hornsby and North Turramurra over many years and a keen supporter of the N.S.W. Bible College at Woolwich and the Boys' Home at Pendle Hill, celebrated her 90th birthday on Oct. 21.

Mrs Little is a daughter of the late William Winter who pioneered the church at Wedderburn, Victoria, and later, with his large family, established the work in the Moree-Inverell district of Northern N.S.W. The family, through the "Winter Trust" have greatly assisted the work of the Australian Brotherhood in the homeland and the Indian Mission field.

Mrs Little's 90th mile-stone was celebrated when friends lunched at the home of Mr and Mrs Norman Winter, at Killara.

● NEW SOUTH WALES

WOOLWICH NEWS

VISIT OF DON RICHARDSON

Don Richardson, pioneer worker with the Regions Beyond Missionary Union in Irian Jaya, formerly Dutch New Guinea, brought a film and a moving message to the College. Mr Richardson, a Canadian, and his wife have spent fourteen years among the cannibalistic, headhunting tribesmen known as the Savi people. His Book, "Peace Child," in which he shows the traditions of the Sawis closely resembles the redemptive analogy of the Scriptures.

GRAEME CHAPMAN

Students and Faculty alike have appreciated the contribution of Graeme Chapman as Senior Lecturer at Woolwich Bible College over the past five years. Our prayers will be with Graeme and Helen and their family of three girls as they take up their ministry at Dawson Street, Ballarat, Vic., early in 1976.

FINAL YEAR STUDENTS

In addition to those already placed in churches, Neale Proellocks will minister in the New Year at Georgetown, N.S.W., and Daryl McLeod will become the second minister at Berwick, Vic.

Responsibility for political comment in this issue is accepted by A. E. White, 28 St. Kinnord St., Essendon.

WORD TALK NO 128

IN THE STUDY

Prayer expressed by our Lord is an integral part of John's Gospel (11:41-42 12:27-28, 17: 19:28-30). The whole of chapter 17 is devoted to the longest prayer of Jesus we possess. How we value what our Lord revealed to John at some later time so that we today may possess his most private prayer.

This is the most profound of the prayers of Jesus, yet it is expressed in the simplest manner.

The prayer has a definite shape. Jesus prayer to "the Father" (v.1,5) "holy Father" (v11): "righteous Father" (v25). It has three widening circles of concern. The first (v1-5) is concerned with Jesus Himself. The second (6-19) concerns the future of his followers. The third is concerned (v20-26) with the future church.

The main themes are "Hour", "Glory and Glorify", "the men thou hast given", "the world", "the name", "sanctify", "one". Each of these important themes requires solid study.

Concerning the second circle of concern, (v6-19) Jesus reveals his concern for his followers. He reveals what he would do for them. What would you think our Lord would do as revealed in this prayer immediately before his trials and death? He indicates that He has (a.) trained them (v8) (b.) nurtured them (c.) given them His word (v14). This teaching was lived out in the closest personal relationship with himself and each other, and understood through their personal experience. These were the methods of a master teacher.

Jesus further indicates that he prays for them. His prayer for the disciples is illuminating. He asks for them (a) protection, for they also would face persecution and death; (v11, 15); (b) joy, for they would be tempted to despair for the Kingdom, (13); (c) oneness, with Himself and each other disciple, for they would be tempted to scatter and divide. That was our Lord's prayer for his disciples.

What can we learn here for our day and the church of our generation?

FROM THE PULPIT

We can't help but respond to the over-heard prayers of someone we love. A child's secret prayer overheard is a moving experience. To stand at Israel's wailing wall and to hear the whispered prayers

Themes in John

PRAYER

is a moving experience. What would it be like to hear the secret prayer of our Lord? John 17 is the record of the secret prayer of our Lord, the night before his death.

Jesus prays briefly for himself, but then the burden of his prayer is for his disciples, and then for all of us who come to believe on him through their word. He prays for his church, then and now. What is the essence of the prayer we over-hear?

Jesus prays that in a world of immorality that we will be holy (v11). Many, seeking to be holy, live a cloistered life cut off from the world by walls or prohibitions. But Jesus asks that in this permissive world that we be not taken from it, but be kept by God within it.

Jesus prays that in a world of division that we will be kept united (v20-21). Then, as now, the world was divided by race, class, colour and creed. He prays that his followers might be one. This was not to be a union based upon compromise or convenience but upon the conviction that God was in Christ and we may be in him.

Jesus prays that in an aimless world that his followers might be men of purpose. Too many people are aimless, defeated and withdrawn. Jesus gives us a commission that must be fulfilled. (v18,21). That task of witnessing to the truth becomes the Christians main concern.

Here was the secret prayer of our Lord, overheard. We must seek to fulfil it.

AMONG THE PEOPLE

The president at the Lord's Table was talking (at length!) issuing the Lord's invitation. However he was using it to display his self-learning by using every long word he could.

How different to our Lord who spoke so simply. His prayers were expressed in words that people could understand. A study of the four-letter words of our Lord could bring eternity to many a heart: "Life" "door" "vine" "love" "pray" "live" "lamb" "body" "word" "come" "heal" "true" "send" "evil" "dark" "Lord" ... such are the words our Lord used.

Liko Mark Twain, I am not troubled by the passages in the Bible I can't understand. The parts of the Bible that trouble me, are the simplest

OPEN FORUM

LET'S NOT LIMIT THE CHURCH

To the Editor,

C. W. Jackel expressed some interesting ideas in the "A.C.", Sept. 20. Unfortunately his thoughts are as narrow as his interpretation of scripture.

I know a God who is loving and accepting, not rejecting of a person because he or she wears a denominational tag. Roman Catholics are real people and there are many accepting and loving Christians among them.

Let's not limit the effectiveness of God's work here on earth by identifying right from wrong on the basis of worshipping the same God in a different place and perhaps in a slightly different manner.

Samuel Johnson wrote in verse "One Holy Church, one army strong, one steadfast high intent. One working band, one harvest song, One kingdom Omnipotent". Nothing has been proved more true than the words "united we stand, divided we fall".

John C. Morris, Vic.

GLADSTONE

To the Editor,

The Church at Gladstone is planning a 'Back to Gladstone' weekend, March 20-21, 1976. The congregation would love to have as many as possible return for that weekend. If any reader has had any connection with the work here, whether as a member, missionary, or manse builder please contact Mrs. Bradshaw, 24 Boles St., Gladstone.

It is hoped to have a Memory Lane session so if anyone has slides, cuttings or any useful pieces of information we would love to have a lend of them for that weekend. If you are not able to attend personally please send a greeting either by cassette or letter.

This weekend is not merely an opportunity for backward looking. It is intended to be the 'Kick Off' for our Go and Grow endeavour. Whilst rejoicing in God's graciousness in the past it will be a time for commitment for the times ahead.

We look forward to those who have had some connection with the work here to contact us again.

Ray Hawkins

CHANGE OF MEANING

To the Editor, Not being a Greek scholar, I fail to see why Mark 8: 36-37 is translated differently in the Authorised Version and Good News for Modern Man.

Surely, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" has a deeper, stronger meaning than "Does a man gain anything if he wins the whole world but loses his life? Of course not."

A man can lose his life in a worthwhile effort and it isn't wasted, but if he loses his soul through sin and greed, he surely is lost indeed.

I like the Good News translation as a whole, but this kind of difference raises grave doubts as to its accuracy. What do the Greek scholars think?

N. Crymble, Vic.

NOW 102 (Croydon, A. B. Clark) Guest speakers at Church 102nd Anniversary were Bill Tabernee and Bert Stevens. Thank Offering was \$900 . . . 1975 profits of our Opportunity Shop were \$6,378. These were distributed amongst our Social Services Dept., Aborigines Missions, Croydon High School Chaplaincy Fund, Monkami Centre for Intellectually Handicapped and others. Mrs Carter acted as Manageress during the 6 months Mrs Munro was overseas. Mrs Munro has agreed to continue in this capacity. Ladies from Eastern Suburbs Churches who can assist in the shop would be most welcome . . . Mrs Barbara Healy spoke at Girls' Sunday Service on Oct. 26.

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SAFARI

On Oct. 2, 29 people completed the second Central/Northern Australian safari sponsored by C.M.F. Vic./Tas. and conducted by Gippsland Educational Tours Pty. Ltd.

The route was through the centre of Vic. and N.S.W. reaching "Back of Bourke" for the second night, where tame emus poked their heads through tent openings. Continuing on through central Queensland meant travelling through historic outback towns before reaching Mt Isa to be met with a sudden tropical storm.

At the Ord river scheme in the Kimberley region of W.A. two days were spent in guided tours of the C.S.I.R.O. research station, irrigation areas and scenic spots including a cruise on Lake Argyle — a magnificent man-made lake holding eight times the volume of water of Sydney Harbour. The last evening meal on its shore was a barbeque of one barramundi fish large enough for the whole tour party and crew. At Darwin, another expertly guided tour showed the real devastation of cyclone Tracy, and the tremendous task of rebuilding. A launch cruise in Katherine Gorge showed the magnificent scenery of this beautiful river.

From Alice Springs, visits were made to Glen Helen Gorge, Standley Chasm, Simpson's Gap and other places of scenic and historic interest, and some had their first camel ride.

The whole tour was marked by good fellowship. Small fines imposed for minor indiscretions and amusements were placed in an ever hungry basset hound

named "Butch". At Mt Isa, this was opened and \$50 donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Continuing the same practice provided a further \$62 for C.M.F. projects. Short devotional periods were held each evening, with three inspiring communion services that will never be forgotten; first in the great open spaces by moonlight at Top Springs, and similarly at Mataranka. The third occasion was in the unique dug-out underground chapel at Coober Pedy. On the way home arrangements for lunch were made by Mrs J. Chivell and her daughters, Mrs Moore and Mrs Thomas at the Unley Church, and ladies of the Bordertown church provided morning tea on the last day.

VISITORS TO SWAN HILL B. S. Anniversary service was held on Oct. 28 . . . visitors from Noble Park Combined Pensioners Club were guests at Anniversary and Tea . . . Dale Rogers and Graeme Johnson were awarded Trophies as winner and runner-up of Explorer Club "Boy of the Year" . . . A.P.A. system installed.

NEW CHURCH The church at Berowra will commence a B.S. and morning worship service on Feb. 8 next, become constituted as a church and seek affiliation at the 1976 N.S.W. Conf. . . . "Sunday at 7" in the McArthur lounge room draws good attendances. . . . The fellowship has 20 members. The members cover 37 miles each month to distribute 2000 pamphlets into every letter box . . . Community activities involve R.I. in two schools, the Red Cross, and the local Health and Resources Community Service . . . Malcolm McArthur exercises pastoral oversight.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

LONELINESS

To the Editor,

I was sitting in the sun dreaming of the neighbourhood where I lived as a kid. Every one knew every one else and every one else's business. There was no privacy. The old ladies' gossip lines ran along the back fences and the old men hung over their front gates to swap the latest with passers by. The town knew who was going to have a baby, who was going to fall in love and who was going to marry before the persons concerned knew! And if a crisis hit your family you couldn't have it alone if you wanted to. The neighbours moved in and took over you and your family and your crisis until you came through it.

Now we live in our blocks of flats, home units, and suburban boxes, closer than ever before. But we do have the privilege of privacy. No one knows what we do, where we are, or where we go or who with. We are all minding our own business . . . and becoming neurotic in the process . . . in the lonely crowd.

Likewise the church has changed. We are no longer "sticky" about one another's business. We are not the guardians of one another's morals any more. Nor do we live in one another's pockets. We don't chase one another up any more if one of us takes a "sickie" from church. We can come and go at church without having to shake any one's hands, except in exchange for a hymn book. And we can keep the minister so busy with trivia that there's not much danger of his knocking on our doors to see what we are doing in the privacy of our homes!

Now that we in the church are minding our own business as they do in the community, I wonder if any of us feels lonely as they do in the community!

Yours apprehensively,

TERTIUS

VISITORS TO NEW HEBRIDES

The Federal Overseas Mission Board and our Missionary Committee in the New Hebrides, requests any person wishing to visit our mission work in the New Hebrides, first to contact the Overseas Mission Board to see whether it is convenient for a visit to be made. Our Missionaries feel that people just coming to look around should be discouraged, as this means extra work for the present staff, and with a shortage of accommodation, may lead to difficult situations.

It should be remembered that, as far as Missionaries are concerned, both husband and wife are actively involved in a multiplicity of tasks, and many mothers are involved in teaching their children by correspondence.

The Overseas Mission Board request that Missionaries should not be embar-

assed by people writing directly to them to see if a visit to the field could be made, but the enquiry should be made directly to the Federal Secretary, Churches of Christ Overseas Mission Board, P.O. Box 258, COWANDILLA. S. AUST. 5033.

CHRISTIAN TRAINING COLLEGE

The Rev. Neil Gough has been appointed the Principal of the Sydney Christian Training College in Leichhardt, from February 1976.

The Christian Training College offers opportunity to young men and women and older Christians to become better equipped for Christian service. It provides a three-term, year-long tuition in Biblical studies, theology, psychology, music, recreational leadership and evangelism. A special feature will be a School of Christian Music. The College is part of the

Sydney Central Methodist Mission's special field-work experiences offered through the evangelistic, group and life line activities of the Mission.

The college offers full-time and part-time courses. Special scholarship assistance is available for some students. The Christian Training College offers special help for students wishing to move on into the ordained ministry of the churches. It prepares people for youth leadership, lay church assistants and various careers in churches and the community.

Brochures and information for the 1976 College year can be obtained from Rev. Alan Walker, Wesley Centre, 210 Pitt Street, Sydney, 2000. Phone 61 8741.

PLAN TO BE IN BRISBANE
FEDERAL CONFERENCE
SEPT. 12-17, 1976

MY NEIGHBOUR'S PEN

Do something for your Sunday School

Here are some ideas worth considering if you want to do something for your Sunday school: (1) Teach the catechism. Every child should be exposed to it somewhere along the teaching route, and it would be helpful for adults as well. (2) Pay teachers. This might mean there would be fewer teachers, but it is better to sit fifty feet from a good teacher than one foot from a poor one. (3) Train teachers and have them meet in advance of the Sunday session to discuss the lesson, exchange suggestions for making the teaching count, and evaluate the previous Sunday's session. (4) Require teachers to follow up on absentees, visit pupils' homes, and in the case of children attempt to enlist the parents as Sunday-school participants. (5) Provide a good social program for all ages. (6) Consider sending buses to bring pupils to the Sunday school. (8) Integrate the work of the Sunday school with other church programs so that they complement and reinforce each other. (9) It's your turn.

— "Christianity Today"

Why I favor the ordination of Women.

I conclude that women have full title to the order of Christian ministry as God shall call them. Let those who scruple consider what it has cost the Church not to use the talents of the woman. Let anyone consult the hymnbook and see what women poets — Fanny Crosby, Charlotte Elliott, Frances Havergal, Christina Rossetti, Anne Steel — have taught the people of God to sing and then ask what it would mean if such women were allowed to move beyond the relative anonymity of the hymnal to full visibility in the Church as evangelists, preachers, and teachers. And let all who would help them attain such visibility

remember that sharing the ministry with women does not mean requiring them to think, speak, and act like men. This would be to misunderstand the meaning of our sexual complementarity. Because God made Man male and female, in the natural realm men are fathers and brothers, while women are mothers and sisters. So it must be in the spiritual realm. And when it is, then, and only then, will the Church be truly the family of God.

— Paul King Jewett in "Christianity Today."

Why I oppose the ordination of Women.

Let us be very clear that the ordination of women is not prescribed because of women's lack of spiritual qualification. The ministries of both Jesus and Paul give abundant testimony to their recognition of women's gifts and devotion. It is a question of appropriateness. The natural order established at creation has not been abrogated either by the Fall or by redemption. Jesus did not choose women for his disciples, nor were women among the Seventy sent out to preach. The Apostle Paul did not allow women to teach or to usurp authority over men — not because women were incompetent, but because the structure of Church and home, as an image of the relationship between the God of the Old Testament and his covenant people, and between Christ and his Bride, requires subordination. The Church has always seen such imagery as highly important, not random, accidental, or trivial, and therefore not to be tampered with. The distinction between the sexes is a permanent one so far as this world is concerned. (Indeed, there is no reason to believe that it will be erased in heaven — we know only what they don't do up there; we are told nothing of what they do.) Subjection of wives to husbands as the Church is subject to Christ is an important aspect of the Church's message. The Church cannot, therefore, negate this truth that it teaches by ordaining women to the office of minister of Word proclaimer.

— Elisabeth Elliott in "Christianity Today."

OBITUARY

GHYS, Ida Lillian

The Caulfield church was saddened by the death of Mrs Ida Ghys on Nov. 5 after a short illness. Widowed five years ago, she leaves three adult children — Lynne, Rosemary and Peter. Prior to her marriage she was one of the Bartrop family of five sisters and one brother. Sincere sympathy has been expressed to the bereaved. At the age of 16 she came to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and served Him faithfully from that time. Her outgoing, vibrant personality and friendliness made her well known in the district and in Church circles. She never missed an opportunity for Christian service and was a living "Good Samaritan". Many and varied were her spheres of activity. Her musical talent was forever being used in the Lord's service. She sang in the Billy Graham Crusade Choir, Churches of Christ Choral Society, led the local Church Choir, sang solos and was part of a musical trio. She actively worked for the Bible Society, Eleanor Home for the Blind, W.C.T.U., and the local evening and afternoon Women's Fellowship. She also took her turn on the Church flower roster. Her car was constantly used in Christian service. Many elderly folk missed the personal attention and service rendered to them as well as young folk entertained in her home. We give God thanks for her and praise Him for the lovely memories that are left for us. — D.G.

ROBBINS, Eleanor Lillian (Nell)

On Oct. 30 at Bethesda Hospital, Nell Robbins died at the age of 69. Nell was loved by all who knew her. Her warm nature, her vital faith and her practical outlook combined to make her a very balanced person. As a young girl she was associated with the church at Windsor and later with the churches at Prahran, Malvern, Dandenong, North Balwyn and Southport. She had a close association with the Bethesda Hospital where she was secretary to the Matron for some years. She took a more active role in our churches following her marriage to Harold Robbins but some may remember her better as Nell Ragg. For the last ten years she shared a unit with Miss Vi Callanan at Southport, Qld. Both held office in the Qld. Women's Conf. Because of this, and her active participation in the life of the Southport church and the Golden Age Retirement Village, she is probably best known in her adopted state of Queensland. Her faith shone brightest during the testing-time of her recent illness. She looked forward with perfect confidence to her future life with Christ. At the funeral service at North Balwyn, T. Ede, A. Suttees, R. Geyer and T. Turriff shared with the writer in giving God thanks for the testimony of her life and for the hope into which she has now entered. She has left her daughter Joan (Mrs Skipworth) and son-in-law Neville, and grandchildren Elaine, Peter, Andrew and Margaret and other relatives and many friends with precious memories.

— A.R.P.

GOLD COAST CAMP

300 young people expect to travel by special coaches to the Gold Coast this year for the annual Gold Coast Camp sponsored by Youth For Christ. Nearly 1000 young people will be in camp from across Australia.

The camp is open to all young people between the ages of 14-25 and the coaches will leave from Melbourne, Dec. 23, arriving on the Gold Coast early on Christmas Day and returning on Jan. 5.

Accommodation is at the National Fitness Camp near Burleigh Heads, in the centre of the Gold Coast.

Special youth speaker will be Brian Willersdorf, and included in the program will be tours around the Gold Coast and to Brisbane, New Year's Eve Hawaiian Night, films, camp concerts, Talent Contests, etc.

Full cost including return coach fare and full accommodation is only \$110.00 and further details and application forms are available from Youth For Christ, 433 Camberwell Road, Camberwell, 3124. Phone: 29 3696 (Melb.)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA AN INDEPENDENT NATION

by Miss Judy Simpson

Papua New Guinea is now an independent nation. No doubt you have been following the news, and have probably viewed on T.V. some of the celebrations that took place in major centres. Here's how Independence was celebrated in the little bush centre of Chungribu:

Prior to Independence Week

In spite of widespread teaching, many rumours were being spread, many of which were associated with cargo cultism. At midnight, September 16

- ★ brown skins would change to white
- ★ native material houses would change to European style
- ★ European type food would be freely available to all people
- ★ the dead would rise, bringing with them material goods for relatives

Thus it was with some trepidation that some of us at Chungribu prepared for Independence Week. What would happen when the people involved in these beliefs found that these things did not materialise?

Independence Week

Chungribu was chosen, by the Local Government Council, to be one of four centres in the council area where Independence celebrations were to take place. A Celebrations Committee was elected, and Adani, the Head Teacher of Chungribu Primary School, was elected Chairman of the Committee. Most of the organisation was left to him, and he did a really great job of organising the week's activities.

Celebrations commenced with a combined church service at Chungribu Village on Sept. 14. Ermot, pastor of the Chungribu area, gave the message. The Girls' Brigade presented an item, the Pidgin English version of 'Happiness is the Lord' and 'Rejoice in the Lord'. A group of teenage boys also presented an item, a song called 'Independence Day' that they had composed themselves in their own language. It brought out the need to rely on God's strength. The church service was followed by a 'kai' where there was an exchange of food between villages, to signify friendship.

Independence Day commenced with a speech by Adani followed by the flag-raising ceremony. The school children, and many of the adults, were dressed in traditional clothing. After a marching display by the school children, many of the young people gathered around the flagpole, and to the accompaniment of guitars, ukeles and swaying grass skirts, saying 'Independence Day'.

Then it was the turn of the older people, and in a very colourful ceremony two village groups performed a singsing (traditional dance) depicting a peace treaty between two tribes. The remainder of the day was taken up with sports events — athletics, archery, soccer, basketball, softball and volleyball.

On the next day there were canoe races, and a singsing competition with four villages competing. The judges found it so

difficult to decide which was the 'best' singsing that they gave a prize to each team! The final event was the 'greasy pole'. A tall, straight tree was chosen, and shed of its bark. A false branch loaded with all kinds of goodies was fastened to the top. It was hilarious to watch, as competitors managed to get about half way up, then very quickly come sliding down the oily trunk. Some managed to get a little further by taking a pocketful of ash up with them to rub on the trunk! Eventually someone managed to make it to the top, and amidst great cheering, selected the prize of his choice.

And so ended Independence celebrations. There was great enjoyment, and a wonderful time of fellowship. A feeling of unity was evident. We are not aware of any disturbances being made by those who had hopes of getting a white skin etc. The people have seen that no great change has come with Independence, and most of them have a greater understanding of the meaning of independence. Pray for them as they think and talk about the part they can play in helping P.N.G. to become a strong, Christian nation.

CRUSADE IN TAIWAN

On Nov. 2 Evangelist Billy Graham closed one of his most colourful and wettest crusades in Taipei City Stadium before a crowd of 60,000, including church, government and civic leaders. Among them was a surprise guest, the Premier of the Republic of China, Chiang Ching-Kua, son of the late President Chiang Kai-Shek.

When he concluded his message some 2,500 made commitments to Jesus Christ.

Rain fell on four of the five meetings, turning Taiwan's largest stadium into a morass, but failing to dampen the zeal of the quarter of a million people who sat under umbrellas or squatted on styrofoam squares in a sea of mud to hear the gospel.

The Republic of China Crusade broke all stadium attendance records and was the largest religious event ever held on the 300-mile-long island. Nearly 12,000 persons were reported to have walked forward onto the soccer field at the closing invitation during the five-day meeting. "Walking" is hardly the word; many of them slid, skidded, waded and leaped puddles to reach the front of the platform.

RADIO RELIGION

A Minsk, USSR, radio, was asked by a listener to broadcast church services, sermons, and religious news. "At present we are compelled to listen to anti-religious propaganda which is of no interest."

The station replied that to do this would be against Soviet legislation on separation of church and state. To broadcast the material requested "would be a gross violation of the law."

— Keston News Service.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S JUMBLES

AN AM AN. It looks like a stutter but it is really a hidden name of an army general. We read about him in the second book of Kings. Although he was wealthy and famous and successful, he had a terrible disease. A little girl helped him find a miracle cure. (Answer on page 18).

Pompeii was a popular bayside city. The Romans built villas there and enjoyed their holidays. The skies were blue and the seas were green and the mountain slopes only a mile away, added to the beauty. The volcano mountain had been quiet for 600 years. But, one morning, just 46 years after Jesus died and rose again, the mountain, Vesuvius, exploded and sent a great black cloud of cinders, pumice, and ashes rolling down on Pompeii. There was darkness for three days. When the cloud lifted, a-tenth of the people had been killed, Pompeii was buried under 9 feet of debris, and the bay was filled in until the city was two miles inland from the bay.

— Lookout

The brakes on the family car failed while the wife was driving. "What shall I do?" she asked, terrified.

Her quick-witted husband's reply was, "Hit something cheap".

Two small boys were returning from Sunday School and discussing the first lesson. "Do you believe all that stuff about the devil?" one asked the other.

"No," he replied. "It's just like Santa Claus; it's your old man!"



"You're not making any trip into outer space and coming back younger than I am!"

BELGRAVE HEIGHTS CONVENTION

The Rev. Francis W. Dixon, minister for 30 years at Lansdowne Baptist Church, Bournemouth, England, and known for his world-wide Bible Study notes will be the featured overseas speaker at the Belgrave Heights Convention to be held Dec. 27-Jan. 4.

Other speakers include Rev. Dr. J. Graham Miller, LL.B., B.D. of St. Giles, Presbyterian War Memorial Church, Hurstville, N.S.W. formerly Principal of the Melbourne Bible Institute; Rt. Rev. Ken H. Short, Bishop in Wollongong for the Diocese of Sydney; Rev. Andrew Pearce, Supt. Footscray

VIC.-TAS. D.C.E.

* Sunny Waghmode is the new State C.Y.F. President, and Miss Michelle Livett Secretary. Kerry Haythorpe and Gaye Allison have been serving in these positions.

* Friday-Sunday, Feb. 20-22, 1976, will be busy and memorable at the Monbulk Fellowship Centre. There will be a twenty-five-hour training session for youth workers/adult counsellors from Friday evening to Saturday evening. Saturday will be Good Companions Field Day, on Sunday a Welcome and Induction for Mr and Mrs Peter Burnham (Incoming Director), a Welcome to Mr and Mrs L. Marks and Mr and Mrs B. Burt (Camping Property Supervisors), and a Farewell to Mr and Mrs Ray McKenzie (Retiring Director). The official opening of the new house (for accommodation of additional staff) will also take place.

* C.Y.F. groups are at work raising money for the Papua New Guinea Sharing Venture. \$700 of the aim of \$2000 for Vic.-Tas. has been achieved to date.

* The Explorer Annual Dinner and Meeting was attended by fifty-two leaders. Catering was by the Burwood ladies. Lynsday Smith and Bill Green were re-elected Explorer Chief and Secretary respectively.

* The Department has purchased a property at 478 Scoresby Road, Knoxfield for Mr and Mrs Peter Burnham and family. Mr Burnham will commence with the Dept. in mid-December.

* At the second Marriage Enrichment Weekend, Oct. 31-Nov. 2, eleven couples experienced discussion and activities which were evaluated by participants as an outstanding experience.

* "The Earth is the Lord's" Studies. The C.W.F. Christian Education Committee and the D.C.E. Adult Committee have jointly produced a Study Kit covering three age levels — children, youth and adult. They would be ideal for a weekend camp or a series of two or three special Sunday services. Available NOW from the D.C.E. — Cost \$1.25 plus postage.

HOME GUESTS ENTERTAINED (Ascot Park, R. J. Clymer) C.W.F. entertained 100 ladies at Christian Rest Home, Everard Park. Afterwards supper was provided.

'Outreach' Methodist Mission and Graeme Smith L.Th., Organising Secretary of Campaigners for Christ in Vic.

An innovation is an electives session on Dec. 30. A number of topics of social and moral concern will be offered. Missionary Day will be on Jan. 3.

The Convention in the large open-sided Auditorium with seating capacity for almost 2000, attracts large attendances, with many staying in Youth Camps, House-parties or in Caravans. Facilities are available for children at the CSSM meetings and the 'Play Centre'. Young teenagers are catered for. Day visitors are well catered for with good facilities including Tea and Light Refreshment Service together with ample parking for 500 cars.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Convention Office.

FREE TO BE (Belmont, W. Harford) Special guests for 35th Anniversary were Gerald and Jean Rose who shared in a week of meetings on theme "Free to Be" . . . C.W.F. ladies baked cakes to stock a stall at Glastonbury Children's Home . . . The singing group "Rock" travelled to East Kew to perform . . .

FAMILY WEEKEND (Burwood, K. Clinton). Sixty people shared family weekend at Monbulk . . . Minister elect, Roger Brown, who commences ministry on Dec. 14 spent weekend meeting with board, S.S. staff and auxiliary and youth leaders . . . C.W.F. donated \$350 for payment of sink heater and curtains for meeting room . . . Ladies and girls again assisted in clothing an Aboriginal boy . . . Bill Tabbernee was recent speaker . . . Minister, president, and readers exchanged platform with Glen Waverley church . . . Explorers and Good Companions took part in evening service . . . Lowana Singers led evening service on Nov. 2.

CONFERENCE AT GERALDTON

The Northern Districts Conf. at Geraldton had representatives from Morowa, Carnarvon and Geraldton. Guest speaker was Alan Anderson of Nollamara.

The New Life Group from South Perth led by John Scotland, provided the musical background.

Living Link — \$1300 was sent from the Conference to support our Living Link, Hariba Waghmode, Indian Conference Secretary. An oats crop has been planted on Kevin Worne's property at Morowa for the Living Link next year.

Office Bearers for '75/76. Pres. Clem Johnston, Sec. Rob Lake, both from Geraldton.

Picnic. At annual Conference picnic at Dongara in March '76, Roy Aitken will be devotional speaker.

Camp. A Study-Fellowship Camp is planned for long week-end Oct. 1976, at Kalbarri. 12 cottages tentatively booked and a few caravanning.

—C. H. Johnston, Pres.

S.A. KESWICK CONVENTION

Among the main speakers at the S.A. "Keswick Convention", at Victor Harbour from Boxing Day to New Year's Day, are Dr Allen Elliott of Woolwich, and Dr Alan Cole, of Robert Menzies College, Macquarie University.

MISSIONARY MONTH AT BURWOOD

N.S.W. "Missionary Month" featured speakers from many areas of service, including Woolwich students Rodney Feldhahn (New Guinea), Bob Slack (Israel), Yoon-KaK Uh (Korea) and Andrew Wijesinghe (Sri Lanka); also Don Richardson (Regions Beyond Missionary Union, Irian Jaya), Roy Dixon (Church of All Nations, Enmore), Alex Shaw (Gospel Recordings) and Dr Dick Hillis (former C.I.M. Missionary in China, now with "Body Life" Team). The Burwood Faith Promise Offering exceeded \$8,000.

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By Richard W. Innes

In the days when kings and nobles were in vogue the story is told how the Duke of Norfolk held the King of England in very high esteem. And as an expression of his love and admiration for the King, the Duke of Norfolk sent to him a family treasure of immense worth and value as a personal gift.

This gift that had been handed down from generation to generation was a rare piece of ancient glassware made shortly before the Christian era. It was the Portland Vase. The gift was very warmly received by the King of England and greatly treasured. To share this noble gesture with his people, the King had this very valuable antique vase placed in the British Museum for all to share its beauty.

At a later date, the story goes, a tragedy occurred. It began in the Duke of Norfolk's own home. His chief servant got carried away with his own importance and began to plan how he could overthrow the Duke and make himself the highest ruler in the land. His plan failed. He was caught and subsequently dismissed from his place of service in the palace of the Duke.

Pride then turned to deep anger, resentment, jealousy, hatred and ultimately revenge. The dismissed servant vowed that someday he would find a way to get even with the Duke. As time passed, his bitter mind formed a scheme he knew would bring great distress to the Duke and his household. He remembered the treasured and precious gift the Duke had given to the King of England — the Portland Vase.

So the bitter servant packed a few necessary belongings and left for London. He went to the British Museum to find exactly where the Portland Vase was on display and to execute his plan of revenge.

Unobtrusively he awaited his opportunity. Eventually the coast was all clear. Visitors had cleared that section of the museum and the attendants were out of sight. Quickly but quietly he climbed over the barrier. At last his moment of revenge had come. His intense hatred temporarily blocked out his fears, giving him a false sense of courage. Another quick check showed that nobody was in sight. With both hands he grasped the beautiful masterpiece of ancient glassware. In a flash he raised the vase high above his head and gathering all his might sent it crashing to the hard cold floor. His evil work was done.

The crash echoing throughout the corridors of the museum quickly brought attendants to the scene of his crime. But it was too late. The vase had smashed into a thousand tiny pieces. The attendants swept up the shattered remains with a very deep sense of loss. The vase seemed to be broken beyond repair. The pieces would have to be thrown away.

But the King said, "No, don't throw away the pieces. This is my most precious and treasured gift. Save every piece. Let us search for a man who can put it together again. We will spare no cost whatever."

So the search began all over the land for a person qualified to repair this beautiful masterpiece. The search seemed to be in vain and the task impossible. But eventually, in the far north of Scotland, a man was found who was a distant relative of the craftsman who actually made the Portland Vase. He was brought to London and hour after hour, day after day, night after night, week after week, month after month, he laboured tirelessly on. Working with great skill and unending



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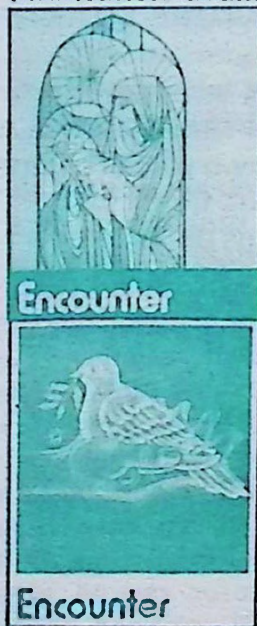
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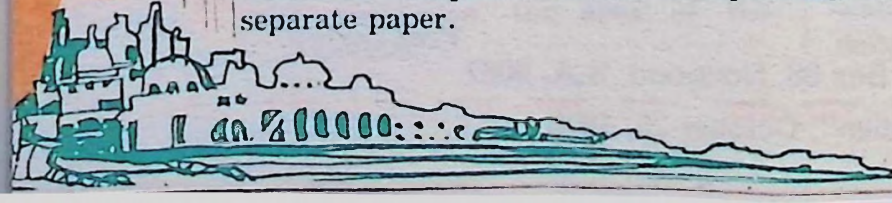
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patience, little by little he picked up each broken fragment and finding its place in the original vessel carefully and skilfully placed it back in place again. Eventually his work was completed and the vase was fully restored.

The Portland Vase can be found today in the British Museum with, I believe, very, very faint marks from its restoration. And though this story is reported to be true, I cannot vouch for the validity of the details just given. But even if only a parable, herein lies a beautiful illustration of the story of man, his fall, and God's great love in giving His Son, Jesus Christ, on that first Christmas almost two thousand years ago to rescue lost mankind from his fall.

According to the Biblical account, sometime in the distant past, perhaps many thousands of years ago, in the Kingdom and realm of Heaven there lived an angel who held the highest position under God Himself in the hierarchy of the Universe. His name was Lucifer, son of the morning. It appears that he was a brilliant, beautiful and majestic being who was also the chief musician in the Heavens.

But pride became his downfall. Here's what he said, "I will ascend into Heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds: I will be like the Most High" (Isaiah 14:13,14).

Lucifer, better known to us as Satan, thus changed from an angelic being into the devil, the father of lies and evil. He was not satisfied with what he was and all he had. He desired above all things to be God. Because of his selfish pride, he was automatically dismissed from his high position. He defeated himself. Isaiah wrote, "How are you fallen from Heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How are you cast down to the ground, which did weaken the nations . . . you shall be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit" (14:12,15).

Anger, hostility and aggression are very often a cover for fear or guilt and it was no different with Satan. Revenge and hatred possessed this fallen angel's heart. He determined to get even with God. Consequently, he turned to God's greatest and most prized possession, the apex of His creation — mankind.

So Satan designed his evil plot. If he could entice man into pride and sin, he would cause him to fall, too, from his position of glory, peace and happiness. He would therefore get revenge on God by destroying man.

God had created man not as a puppet, but as a creature with a free will who could freely choose between good and evil and either to love or not to love God. The options were open. Satan took the fullest possible advantage of this situation. He told man that if he disobeyed God, he would not die, but become like God knowing both good and evil (Genesis 3:4,5). But he did not tell them that in so doing they would be left in a confirmed state of evil with all its resulting sickness, sorrow, sadness, pain, suffering, wars and death.

With all the force of his evil and crafty manipulation, Satan deceived, tricked and cheated man. He lifted him up, as it were, high above his head and in a moment of Satanic revenge sent him crashing to the ground to be forever destroyed. Satan caused sin to enter the human race. His evil work was done. Mankind was ruined and would be forever separated from a Holy God — or so believed Satan.

And the destruction caused by the fall of man echoed throughout the corridors of Heaven. God's most priceless possession was destroyed and ruined by sin.

God could have thrown away the pieces and started again. But He didn't. His love for man was far too great. God would redeem man. So He sought for someone in all the universe who was qualified and who would come to earth and put together the broken pieces of humanity. Nobody could be found anywhere but one — and that one was God's only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. And because "God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son. . ." (John 3:16).

And so at Christmas time almost two thousand years ago Jesus Christ, the very Son of God — the One who created all things, the One who with His mighty power flung the stars, the planets and the galaxies across the heavens to the farthest ends of the universe, the One who created the tiniest atom and the largest sun, the rain, the birds, the flowers and man with his intricate mind and spirit, the One who made you and me, laid aside His robes of deity clothing Himself in a garment of human

flesh, stepped out of the Ivory Palaces of the glory of Heaven and came to earth as a man to rescue and save lost humanity.

"In the beginning was the Word," writes the Apostle John referring to Jesus Christ who is the living expression of God, "and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us . . ." (John 1:1,14). In other words, Jesus Christ is God — God the Son!

And more than that, He is also God the Creator. "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him" (John 1:3,10). "By Him were all things created . . . by Him all things consist" (Colossians 1:16,17). See also Hebrews 1:2,10.

Christ, the Son of God, the Great Creator, came to earth as a man because He loved us with an everlasting love. He came because we were hopelessly lost in sin, ruined by the fall. And every last one of us is afflicted with the disease of sin. "There is none righteous, no not one" (Romans 3:10). Christ came to gather up the broken pieces of lost humanity, to cleanse and purify them, to pick them up and place them back into the great plan of God. He came to redeem us from the curse of sin, to save and rescue us from eternal loss and damnation.

And down the hot, dusty streets of Jerusalem the Son of God trudged in search of the broken pieces. Along the pebbly shores of Galilee He sought out the broken pieces. By the well in Samaria He sought and found another precious piece. Into the hills of Judaea He climbed ever in search of broken pieces. By the pool in Bethesda. At the gates of the city. In the villages. Across the lake He rowed. By the shore He preached. On the mount He taught. To the crowds. To individuals. Always He searched. He came "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

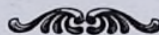
When He touched and healed blind Bartimaeus, He was lovingly picking up one of the broken pieces of His creation and gently placing him back into God's master design. When He reached down and picked up the

leper, He was reaching down and picking up another of the pieces to fit back into God's plan. And there were others: the harlot, the thief, the children, the religious people, the tax gatherer, the sick, the lame, the blind, the poor, the rich — every last one of these people was a prized possession of God. He loved every one of them. He gently picked each one up and lovingly placed them back into the family of God.

And when God found me, another piece of humanity ruined by the fall, He lovingly reached down and called me to come to Him. He gave Himself for me. He died for my sin. He picked me up, a fallen lost sinner. He forgave my sin. He wrote my name in His book of life. He gave me the gift of eternal life and a home in Heaven. He placed me back into His great plan and design. He came because I was lost and He loved me.

And still today Jesus Christ the Saviour is seeking the lost, and calling to the teeming masses of lost mankind, "Come to me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28) and "Whosoever will may come" (Revelation 22:17).

Christ is calling you, too, to come to Him today. You can do this right now wherever you are by simply acknowledging your need of Christ and praying to invite Him into your life as Lord and Saviour.



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How does a Christian discharge his obligations in the nation at such a time as this? Has the church any responsibility to give counsel to the congregation? Many of the people would no doubt like to receive advice from someone, but the minister is probably not the one to give it.

Every church member is also a citizen and, with the rest of the community, has to agonize over his vote. But the church also shepherds people of all political views or none. To ally with one side is to risk alienating the other.

The church has within its membership folk on the extreme political right and on the extreme political left. In some congregations folk worship together but they have little else in common. The church represents their shared faith and a declaration of political allegiance would harm rather than help its ministry.

This neutral stance is not always possible and from N.T. days until now, Christians have, on occasions, been unable to avoid speaking against their rulers or leaders. In some countries, today, the church is in real conflict with the government.

One of our great difficulties is that political decisions are often confused with moral judgments. Policies and actions are not just wise or unwise, they are said to be scandalous, false, ruthless, improper and disastrous. Leaders have been described as liars, cheats, deceivers. These are moral judgments.

One of the worst features of our party system is that party members all appear to react in the same way to a moral issue. Whatever an individual may think, he is obliged to support his party's decision or he will be disciplined or expelled.

What we would like to suggest is that the Christian vote for the "good" man, irrespective of party, in the hope that a sufficient number of "good" men will exert an influence upon the parties. Sadly, however, Parliamentary prestige is at such a low ebb that men of quality may well be deterred from offering themselves.

The people have shown over recent months that they feel outraged by the actions of the three main political parties and that we do not have clear cut decisions between good and bad and right and wrong. All parties have failed the people who elected them.

We have no advice to offer prospective voters, except to urge that in a time of national crisis no one has a right to vote irresponsibly. When making up your mind, listen to the leaders of the parties, but listen also to your own Christian conscience. It would be reasonable to vote for the party which will be more likely to make decisions to which you, as a Christian, could subscribe. If you are disenchanted with all of the parties, then vote for the individual who comes closest to your ideal of integrity.

Both Houses of Parliament and all of the nation's leaders need our prayers.

GOOD GRIEF!! The things they do over there to win folk to church! Grace Brethren Church in Pinellas Park celebrated the third year of its bus ministry by featuring the "uncrowned king of the top spinners," Jim Schreiber. All who came to church were given a top with the church's name on it for a contest between the adults and the teenagers. "If the adults win, pastor Sam Baer and the Rev. William Tweeddale get to smash a pie in the face of the junior and senior high men teachers. If the teenagers win, the two ministers will receive the pies. At Connelville Vanderbilt Church of Christ annual S.S. contest it was promised that if attendance goals were reached "the minister, John Barchey, will have a wrestling match with Barry Bryner, a member of the church and a wrestling champion."!!!

KOREAN SISTER CHURCH

The Ann St. church, Brisbane, has "adopted" a church in Korea. A part of the Restoration movement, the church, with Chang Sun Kong as pastor, has written to express appreciation.

The building is a rented mud-house and the members are poor. There is a dawn prayer meeting every day. But there is little money and the pastor lives by "Sung Mee" — the farmers bring materials and the ladies save one spoon of rice every time they cook and bring it to the church. "Sung Mee" means "love rice".

REGIONAL CHURCH (Berwick, B. McMurtie) We have a half hour show on 3ZZ access radio, Dec. 12, 6.30 p.m., and Dec. 13, 6.30 a.m. The program looks at the idea of a 'Regional' Church (our name is now — Berwick Regional Church of Christ); and at the community services

the Church offers. . . . Teenage discussion group took morning service . . . Youth Club presented gospel service on theme "The Future Church," featuring a drama . . . We recently delivered 5,000 "Essential Services Guides" throughout our Ministry Area.

GROWTH PROGRAMME (Launceston, M. D. Hamilton). Sunday morning addresses on Church Growth followed by a church-family luncheon and discussion led to vital decisions about future developments. A review Planned Giving led by Trevor Giles resulted in a 30% increase in giving. 82% attended church-family dinner. Ladies from the Methodist Church served the meal and cared for children. . . The Intermediate C. E. raised \$300 in a Wake-A-Thon for P.N.G. personnel training program . . . Mr and Mrs Edgar Younger celebrated their Golden Wedding.

A.B.C. NAIROBI BROADCASTS

Live circuit reports from the 5th Assembly of The World Council of Churches at Nairobi, Kenya, will be heard as follows: Nov. 30 Radio 1 8 a.m. Dec. 3 Radio 2, 3, 7.15 p.m. Dec. 5 Radio 2, 10.15 p.m. Dec. 6 Radio 2, 3, 9.45 a.m. Dec. 7 Radio 1, 8 a.m. Dec. 10 Radio 2, 3, 7.15 p.m.

NEW LOOK, NEW SOUND (Hurstbridge, V. Quayle). South Blackburn Baptist made a gift of sound equipment and installation to help older members hear more clearly . . . Members helped with Freedom from Hunger Door Knock. \$250 was collected . . . Two missionary nights were held with Chinese-born Jim Meng, Malaysian Borneo Mission; and Mr and Mrs Luke from Japanese Evangelistic Bank, who have now retired after 47 years service in Japan . . . B.S. Anniversary had Don Prout as speaker . . . Church Building painted inside and out . . . C.W.F. ladies attended

TELOPEA'S SPRING (J. Balik) Features of the series. ((Spring Thing" included Dr Neville York (G.P.) and Dr David Berecry (psychiatrist) who shared with Mr Bacik the theme Community in Crisis. A young married man made an initial commitment to Christ. 80 attended church camp at Stanwell Tops with Ron Hewitt leading studies on "communication." Dr Allan Lee spoke of the World Convention to the church . . . In our Christian Education programme Graeme Chapman gave a series of lectures on the Holy Spirit . . . A new grant has been approved by the Australian Government for a Family Day Care Programme to be established in 1976 in conjunction with our Child Care Centre.

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WORDS & MUSIC

THE TOTAL WOMAN

by Marabel Morgan (Hodder & Stoughton) (\$2.15)

For those whose marriage is less than it should be, this book may be beneficial. Hidden among the clichés and the slick solutions for age-old problems, they may find some earthy wisdom which will help their marriage to "sizzle". According to Mrs. Morgan, an inadequate marriage is always due to the wife's shortcomings, or at least it is the wife who has to accept, admire, adapt and appreciate. Until the third last chapter, it seemed that the Total Woman was childless, for the 5 p.m. daily bubblebath, the 6 p.m. black lace, and other events to follow, seemed to preclude children. However, all was made clear at the end. The Total Woman does have children, and she does have a strong faith in God, and she can quote scripture to justify her complete subservience to her husband, even if all this has the unchristian motive of making him adore her and give her the "goodies". Many of Mrs. Morgan's prescriptions for happiness are undoubtedly true, but they are presented with such saccharine sentimentality, and with so many trite examples, all bound together with Biblical authority, that many women will find the book offensive. It is short, well-organised, easy to read and will provide a good laugh in spots. The chapter on personal faith, Power Source, gives the gospel in a nutshell. The complexities of human behaviour, of man's response to God, of a man and a woman responding to each other, are presented in very simplistic terms, but there are undoubtedly many who appreciate this easy recipe for happiness as the book has been a best-seller in U.S. Other readers may be thankful that they have found happiness and fulfilment in less contrived and less self-conscious ways. — B. M. White

MUSIC "The Word Becomes Music" — FAMILY

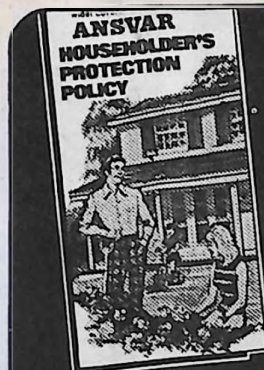
I have frequently knocked the popular "Scripture in Song" music by commenting that in most cases, while the words may be inspired by God the music is pure hell! If you share that view then please don't think that because "Family" have taken some verses from the Bible and put music to them that their new album "The Word Becomes Music" is a run of the mill Scripture in Song L.P. — it isn't! On the other hand if you enjoy Scripture in Song you'll be ecstatic about "The Word Becomes Music." "Family" is without doubt the top Gospel music group in Australia today — the fact that M7, the successful secular record company has released four of their albums shows that Record Companies are not in the charity business! The "boys from Brisbane" show considerable versatility on this L.P. with a few bouncy songs like "Standing at the Door", "Living Water", "If We Abide" — which would be easy to learn and sing in B.S. or Church. "Born Again" is an almost funny account of Jesus' interview with Nicodemus. There are a couple of "gut level" songs like Psalm 51, and "The One to Turn To" (Psalm 3) which have pathos and penetration to disturb the most blase listener. "Beautiful feet blues" will appeal to the rhythm and blues buffs. All songs but one on this album are newly written by the Truscott brothers and Ian Smallbone and are an outstanding tribute to their capacity as musicians, lyricists as well as vocalists. This is the best Australian gospel record we have yet seen and stands well against many of the U.S. imports. If you haven't become a "Family" fan, then begin with this L.P. By the way, their first Australian L.P. simply called "FAMILY" has been released in the U.S. by Pat Boone's company, "Lamb & Lion".

— Jay Bacik

GIVING ACCOUNT OF THE HOPE THAT IS WITHIN US (World Council of Churches, 1975)

This book from various writers from different backgrounds and cultures provokes a reader to think seriously. It raises the question: Has the proclaiming of the Gospel of Jesus Christ been coloured too often by the culture and practices of the communities from which the teachers have come? The Faith and Order Commission initiated this study because of the conviction that "the churches and Christians have the obligation in every new age to confess afresh, in the language of that age, their faith in Christ". There is great variety within the statements, but one thought predominates. The hope that is within us is based on Jesus Christ as Messiah, and that must be seen both in daily life now and at the end of time. The statement from Armenia gives some indication of the ideas: "Hope is a part of our existence; it is a part of our daily life. Hope is a Christian philosophy which encourages us to be optimistic in this world of quarrels, intrigues and needs. Hope is closely related with our faith in Jesus Christ and with the love which we feel and express towards God and men. . . ."

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"I wonder if he yells like that at his wife?"



VICTORIA

GIRLS' SERVICE: (Ivanhoe, A. B. Withers). On Girls' Sunday, evening service was conducted by the Good Companions, led by Mrs Isabel Darby. The girls took part and gave musical items. . . Assistant minister Peter Galliford spoke at morning service, and Peter's youth group took evening service. His wife, Pam assisted at the organ. . . An entire musical service was conducted by Doncaster Youth Choir led by Miss Jean Milne, with band accompaniment.

RECOGNITION: (La Trobe TCE., Geelong, N. Hodgekiss). At annual meeting P.A. Drayton was presented with a Bible in recognition of over 26 years of service as church treasurer. New Treasurer is R. R. Drayton. . . Church 118th Anniversary had Dr. A. G. Elliott, Principal of Woolwich Bible College as speaker. . . Preacher and members of Slavic church participated in gospel service on Oct. 19.

COMMITMENT DAY: (Ormond, C. P. Clayden). Cradle Roll, Kinder and Primary Depts. of S.S. had Oct. 19 as prize day. . . John Williams, from Aust. & Sth. Pacific Temperance Council spoke at gospel service and his wife Kaye presented messages in song. . . Oct. 19 was "Committment Day" with lunch and growth seminar. At night those present were asked to reaffirm and recommit their lives to Christ. . . Girls and mothers held tea and assisted at service on Girls' Sunday. . . Ormond Elderly Citizens entertained at tea, Nov. 2, and attended ser-

vice afterwards. Brian and Helen Knee were interviewed and showed slides of "Eurofest" in Brussels in July. . . Y.P. and members took evening services at Guest Home in Oct. . . Fete raised \$3000 . . . Successful review planned giving program held . . . Men painted garden furniture at Guest Home.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST (Essendon, C. S. Badcock). A Fellowship Breakfast was held on Nov. 8. Guest Speaker was Dr Ray Stedman from America. 90 men represented churches in the Western Region. Special guests included Gordon Scambler, Conf. Pres., Don Smith, Dept. of Home Missions and Evangelism and Dr' Dick Hillis, also of America. The catering by ladies of Essendon. Proceeds of breakfast went to Bethany Children's Home . . . S.S. picnic was held on the property of George Strack at Wandong . . . Mr and Mrs George Strack (Jun.), Mr and Mrs David Strack and Mr and Mrs Jim Nissen shared in dedication of parents service. . . Mrs L. Kemp attended worship for first time following long term of hospitalisation.

FAIR (Maryborough, S. Warwick). Church Fair held . . . Temple Day offering is \$266 . . . Workshop on Prayer well attended . . . E.W.F. have purchased 5 fans for Church . . . Young Worshipers League have donated \$56 to children's work from their own morning offerings . . . A Working Bee was held on Nov. 8 for general maintenance of hall . . . Preston Walker of the Bible Society was recent speaker . . . Ike Living is still in hospital; Mrs Burkinshaw is recuperating.

GIRLS' SUNDAY (Chelsea, D. Althorpe). Girls' Sunday celebrated Nov. 9 with tea for girls and ladies. The girls

then conducted service on the theme of "Life is Wonderful". Girls held a Wake-A-Thon and raised \$100. They are also making gifts for use by hospital visitors . . . C.W.A.F. raised \$340 from street stall for church debt . . . Two Y.P. have been baptised. Deaconesses now part of church board.



NEW SOUTH WALES

PENRITH: (D. Norling). The growth group in the Lower Blue Mountains has decided, as from next February, to meet each Sunday morning in the home of Mr & Mrs W. Bemmer. . . New Teens Group meets led by Miss B. Deppie. . . Church continues prayer and financial support for Barry and Sue Zambra in New Hebrides.

VISITORS: (Epping, K. Farmer). Epping was host to visitors for weekend of meetings with U.S. preacher and author Dr. Ray Stedman. The Sunday morning pulpit was filled by Dr. Allan Lee, World Convention Secretary. . . Thursday afternoon indoor bowls group is growing as fellowship centre for senior members and friends. . . The weekly playgroup, for mothers and pre-schoolers, is raising funds for equipment with a "Toddlerthon". Toddlers are sponsored according to number of telegraph poles toddled past on set route.

BONNY HILLS MEN (Port Macquarie, J. Sedman). 50 men from various churches attended camp at Bonny Hills. Papers were presented by R. Greenhalgh, J. Sedman and G. Towle. Six of the men stayed for the Sunday service. C. Nutt presided, L. Yelds, H. McInerny were helpers . . . S. S. anniversary theme was "Heroes for Christ." Fiona Crewe received award for top attendance and conduct. Mrs Anne Thompson was guest speaker and Mrs Mandy Bartholomew trained the children in their singing . . . Letter-box drop has been made to homes with a view to follow-up work . . . Chatswood Church made gift of \$15 towards equipment for fast growing boys and girls clubs.

MISSION (Tamworth, C. D. Crago). Christian Young people's group had camp at Northhaven with David Tittle from Teen Challenge. Mr Tittle also spoke at our mission Nov. 14-18. This was preceded by happy hour program for children Nov. 10-14 as an incentive to attend S.S. 100 children attended each day. Tom Muir from Sydney helped organize program . . . At the Nov. Women's meeting Mrs P. Thrift spoke on Praise . . . David Long from World Vision was recent speaker. . . The film, "Let's Grow" was screened . . . "Country Sound", a musical group from Sydney shared with us.

ELDER (Orange, W. Flett). At annual meeting Ern. Millar was re-elected as Elder and 7 deacons were elected . . . The church has set as church growth goal for the coming year an active membership of 60 . . . The church is meeting in a rented hall and plans to build an all-purpose hall in coming year. The church property is in the new growth area . . . The newly formed S.S. has attendance of 30.

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WHEATBELT CAMP (Merredin/Bruce Rock, D. Good). Members from both churches attended Eastern Wheatbelt family Camp held at Brian and June Spriggs' farm at Narembeen. 70 lived in and an extra 30 were "day" campers. Study leader was Bill Gaunson (Northam). Junior Children were led by Scarborough group and Senior Children by D. Good . . . At Wheatbelt Conf. at Mukinbudin, Murray Arnold (Bruce Rock) was elected President. K. Parry from Christian Educ. Dept., visited Merredin and spoke at morning service and in afternoon, when they were joined by Bruce Rock teachers, for outline of C.L.C. revision . . . Merredin S.S. supporting Force 10. Successful Picnic held by both schools.

FOUNDERS' DAY (Nollamara, A. J. Anderson). At Founders' Day Boys' and Girls' Brigades rally in Perth Entertainment Centre three of our boys received their Queen's badges, three girls received Silver Duke of Edinburgh awards and five girls Bronze Duke of Edinburgh awards. At Boys' Brigade sports Neale Fong was Open Champion and was judged as best drill boy . . . Kindergarten led by R. Anderson and Cradle Roll Dept. by S. Kerr held demonstration Oct. 26 . . . Guest speaker at church tea and anniversary was Des. Croot . . . Kate and Ron Roberts from Bamburra Hostel were farewelled on transfer to superintend work at Carnarvon. . . 1976 C.W.F. Officers are R. Anderson, Pres., L. Parker Sec., and L. Allen, Treas. . . Ladies donated \$110 for Christmas gifts for missionaries.



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CONVENTION, CRUSADE (Harlaxton, R. K. Sansome). Speakers at Missionary Convention were Jean Stewart, A.P.C.M. (P.N.G.) and Ron McLean. Church shared in "Tell Toowoomba" Crusade with John Timms, Paddington, and Song Leader Rob. Holt, Crown St. There were 17 first decisions, 21 reconsecrations, and 23 have been received into the church. We are now sharing in a Crusade follow-up program of "30 Days of Loving Fellowship" during November. New converts are sharing in a 20 lesson follow-up course each Sunday morning at the Manse . . . Members of Qld. Men's Society Executive conducted meeting of the Combined Men's Society . . . B.S. sharing in Bible Society Project to raise funds for Bible for Africa . . . Ladies conduct regular Friendship morning teas to reach and interest ladies in Christ and the Church.

ROMA ANNIVERSARY. S. S. and church anniversary, Oct. 18-19, had Eric Hart as guest speaker and the Joytones from Toowoomba provided music and singing. They also entertained on Sunday afternoon . . . Elders elected at the annual meeting were A. S. Cooke, A. Waldron & P. Clow. R. Gallas is Sec., A. Waldron, Treas., B. S. Supt. is P. Clow.

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CALL: (Magill, R. Lawton). Brian Beck has accepted a call to Magill as half-time minister of evangelism from January for a minimum period of one year. He will work towards growth of the church, including building of new Christians and training of members to share their faith . . . Miss Dorothy Norman in Memorial Hospital for several months and has undergone two operations. . . Freedom From Hunger campaign by church collected \$637 this year. (\$179 last year).

BAPTISM (Nailsworth, P. P. DeWildt). A 77 year-old lady was baptised recently. Twenty-two people have made decisions or rededications this year . . . Naracoorte Y.P. spent long weekend at Nailsworth and took the evening service. Mr Hovey, their minister, preached . . . S. S. anniversary speakers were M. Munyard, Forestville, and Mrs Siggs, Child Evangelism . . . Extensions to building could be needed to cope with large congregation . . . Film "Survival" shown . . . Elders and deacons planning church growth program for 1976.

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FASHION PARADE (Nubeena, David Bailey). Ladies organised Family Night fashion parade and concert. So well attended that it had to be transferred to the local Community hall . . . "Adventure Time", a hike and barbecue, were held . . . Mrs Laura Smith died at the age of 92. She was the wife of the late Mort Smith, one of the early founders of the Highcroft church . . . Southern Dist. Convention was well attended. Former minister Harold Street gave both messages on the Sunday.

FAREWELL TEA (Devonport, G. Risson). W.E.C. Team, who have terminated a three weeks ministry were farewelled at tea . . . Sympathy is extended to H. Woodberry and Don Atkinson, in the death of a sister and a father respectively . . . Miss Donna Langmaid is to enter W.E.C. M.T.C. in 1976 . . . B.B. held camp at Eyandale . . . On Nov. 16 leaders of auxiliaries discussed plans for 1976 . . . S.S. anniversary held Oct. 26.

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MIDWEEK (Strathmore, S. Bannon). Midweek Fellowship had 26 at first meeting. Margaret and John Beaumont, home on furlough, spoke at evening service . . . C.Y.F. raised \$30 through paper drive . . . Paul Oliver is Boys' Club leader with the help of Ray Cornish . . . Tennis Club won two premierships in winter season . . . Y.P.C.E.S. had Scripture Union study and a talk from a Christian Policeman . . . C.W.F. features included a spinning and weaving demonstration and a "Talk Back" night with Mr Bannon . . . Good Companions came fifth in Indoor Sports and conducted a service "Christmas in September" with carols. Christmas-tree in the foyer encouraged members to bring gifts for the aborigines.

JELLY BEAN LAND (Bayswater, A. Fletcher). This was what the S.S. anniversary was all about and much preparation was involved. The Blackburn Church of Christ Puppeteers were very lively guests. Peter Wing Tang, from Surrey Hills, explained Jelly Bean Land. Marg Darlow led the children in singing . . . After tea the C.S.S.M. team led the service, assisted by Heather Davis as song leaders.

GIRLS' AND BOYS' CAMP: (Ararat, Gordon Sonsie). Seventy girls, boys and leaders held combined camp, led by Jan Whitburn and Les. Gason. . . L. Smith (Chief Explorer) came from Melbourne to conduct 12-hour Creative Leadership course for 20 leaders from Ararat and surrounding churches. Theme was social, devotional, physical and educational aspects of Explorer movement. . . On Nov. 2 the two families of Les. Gason and J. Bryant participated in H.M. Chain of Prayer week by taking morning service at Portland, and afterwards shared in luncheon provided by ladies of church.

BLESSING: (Castlemaine, J. Byrnes). At Communion Service the blessing of church was conferred on leaders elected at annual meeting. C. Kuhle was elected to eldership. . . Miss Robyn Caudwell,

C.O.B. student was recent speaker . . . Weekly discovery/prayer groups held . . . Several car loads of members travelled to Melbourne to hear the author of "Body Life", Dr. Ray Stedman, speak. . . Youth service replaced annual B.S. anniversary. . . B.S. hall was venue for Inter-Church Men's Fellowship Tea. . . Church secretary, Mrs P. Revell, attended the Northern and Central Dist. Conf. at Bendigo. . . C.W.F. has policy of sharing meetings with other C.W.F. groups. Deacon Rob Corrie spoke at a seminar in Tas.

NOBLE PARK: (G. Agnew). To strengthen ties with nearby churches of Christ a combined communion service held with Springvale and a platform exchange was made with Dandenong. Three C.O.B. students were guests at recent "College Feature Night". . . About 25 attended Youth Club camp at guest house in Warburton. . . B.S. Anniversary held Oct. 26. The new film, "Fiesta" was shown. . . Commissioning service held for David and Jennifer Randall on leaving for Darwin to work among Aborigines with Uniting Church. . . On Nov. 2, Graham and Robyn Agnew held a question and answer session on the subject "Is God Cruel?"

PROFIT AND LOSS: (Box Hill, K. Bond). Audio-visual, "Profit and Loss" shown, and Bill Jay, businessman, interviewed. . . Ian Farmer welcomed into fellowship. . . Singing group "Changing Moods" recent guest artists. . . On Nov. 2, State C.E. members took part in service. Returned N.G. Missionary Miss Julie Acqueroff told of experiences. Bob Alabaster, C.E. Pres., gave message. . . S.S. Cup Day picnic held at Mill Valley Ranch. . . Steve Robinson told of Bus Ministry.

MUSICAL AFTERNOON: (Blackburn, E. C. Keating). C.W.A.F. held musical afternoon. \$24 was raised and gifts given for the hospitals. . . Radio and T.V. artists, "The Carpenter's Disciples", led service on Oct. 26. . . Project '75 target has been passed; with \$2,500 raised by auxiliaries. \$1,000 given to World Vision, \$750 to Overseas Mission Board for buildings in N.G.; cassette player and tapes purchased for C.O.B.;

wheelchair was presented to the elderly at Deaf and Dumb Home, Blackburn, and carpet bowls purchased for Senior Citizens Club which meets at the church. . . On Nov. 2, the speaker was E. Schurmann from The Gideons. Evening service conducted by Good Companions. Mr Keating interviewed some of the Y.P.

NEW LIFE FOR ALL: (Horsham, R. T. Roberts). Noel Smith of S.I.M. presented 5 sessions on "New Life for All", a concept of church growth successful in Africa and South America. . . At Christian Women's Conventions dinner meeting 150 ladies heard Mrs Pat Shepherd, a converted atheist. . . C.W.A.F. held a luncheon with Ararat ladies as guests . . . C.W.A.F. gifts to Hospital Shop totalled \$54.75. . . An organ recital was held and final selection made for a Conn Electronic organ. . . M. Carter re-elected as elder.

ANNIVERSARIES: (Dawson St., Ballarat, F. C. Hunting). Albert Graham was guest speaker at Dawson St., and Mt. Clear S.S. Anniversaries. Scholars at Dawson St. trained by Max Birch, and Mt Clear scholars by David Jones . . . Peter Burnham and Graeme Hewitt were recent speakers. . . Church Board and wives were entertained at dinner at home of Mr & Mrs Colin Hocking . . . "Covenant Players" led service on Oct. 19. . . Two bus loads of ladies journeyed to Melbourne to hear Mrs Minnie Dienert.

BUSINESS: (Ascot Vale, Ian Corlett). Church annual meeting held Oct. 12. The seven officers were re-elected, plus four additional young folk, and two deaconesses. . . On Sept. 28 a special service was held with Methodist folk. . . Manse to be painted and new floor coverings laid . . . Mr Corlett will be full-time minister in 1976.

CREDIT: (Norlane, Ian Adams). S.S. anniversary a credit to teachers and scholars. Messages given by John Fox. One lady accepted Christ as Saviour . . . Weekend of Fellowship and hospitality shared with folk at Dandenong . . . C.W.E.F. shared with Manifold Heights and Thompson ladies. . . Dorothy Frew and Joy Farrell assisting with R.I. classes at Norlane Primary School.

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What place should exorcism have in our churches? (Part 2)

My view is that the growing practice in the local church of exorcising demons has the potential for doing much more harm than good. I believe it could add another area in which congregations will divide. It could also have the effect of shifting responsibility for wrongdoing from responsible persons onto demons which may not even exist.

The New Testament itself reveals a diminishing interest in demons. As we move further into its pages there are fewer references to the expelling of demons. References are most numerous in the gospels, there are very few in the Acts, and there are hardly any at all in the epistles. Including the gospels, the word for "possessed with devils" is used 12 times.

There are additional references to "unclean" or "evil" spirits, but again these are mainly in the gospels, seldom in Acts, and almost wholly absent from the epistles. There is hardly a verse in the epistles that is comparable to the demon possession passages of the gospels. This fact is surely worth considering before we give the practice of the expelling of demons a prominent place in the life of the church.

Although the scriptures do speak of unclean spirits that cause mental disorders, deafness and dumbness, we all recognise that there are also other causes for such handicaps or illness. Those other causes are often diagnosed and cures are effected without the possibility of demons even being considered.

There must surely be great dangers in ascribing such ailments to demon possession whilst ignoring the possibility of physical and environmental causes of illness.

Diagnosis is a difficult science and if we ignore the medical profession by equating illness with demon possession, we not only put

at risk the potential healing of the sick person, we also put at risk the credibility of the gospel in its appeal to personal responsibility.

Who is to pronounce upon the presence or absence of demons? Is it the victim of an illness, or the person who practices exorcism? Does the latter derive his capacity to recognise the presence of a demon by some special gift from God? Are other causes for the illness to be explored and perhaps exhausted before we ascribe illness to the presence of a demon? The Bible recognises that mistakes can be made. John the Baptist was charged with being demon possessed (Matt. 11:18). The leaders of the Jews were convinced that even Jesus was under the influence of a devil (John 8:24-52). Once people start looking for demons they will find them everywhere!

The major emphasis in the New Testament is not upon demon possession but upon personal responsibility, and the way to wholeness is to put our trust in Christ and the gospel. It makes it clear that the best way to expel evil influences from our life is to open our lives to Christ.

A helpful booklet on the subject is "The Occult," a report by an Anglican Commission of Enquiry (80c). It emphasises the interest which has developed in the occult since the film "The Exorcist" was screened. A Sydney survey showed that no less than 48% of students had been involved in occult activity.

One writer argues that all mental and physical illness stems from the presence of evil in the world and the way to rescue men from evil is to proclaim the gospel. "To be 'demonized' (a safer and more Biblical term than 'demon possessed') is but an extreme form of the condition that affects all men, until the gospel sets them free. 'Exorcism' is the glad proclamation of the full gospel to needy men." Ideas like "possession" and "exorcism" suggest a false division from the rest of Christian experience.

The Commission said that it was quite unnecessary to appoint exorcists, but that every minister should be made aware, both in his theological training and subsequent courses, of ways of helping those who get involved with the occult.

My answer to the question at the head of this column is that I feel that the practice of exorcism of demons should have no place in our churches, but that we should place our reliance upon the gospel of Christ. When the Holy Spirit is received into a person's life, there must be less and less room for evil in all its forms.

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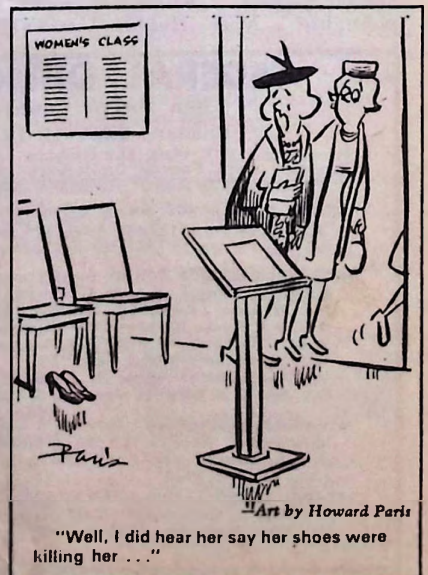


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