



"On Christmas, everybody loves the baby Jesus. It's no problem to love the baby Jesus. But the baby grew up, and we don't want to go with him the rest of the way, to the Upper Room, or Gethsemane, or a crucifixion on Calvary. Yet Jesus himself said it: 'If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow me.' . . . The issues will have to be faced. The church must stand for the Christ who died on a cross, not just the baby Jesus."

C. B. Burt,



# NOT THAT CUP

☆ ON THE VERY RARE occasions when I, a Presbyterian pastor, find myself in the pew as guest at another church's communion service, I do a most inhospitable thing: I smell the cup. With an elegant circular gesture, I pass the cup beneath my nostrils to "test the bouquet." Actually, I am not checking to see whether the church cares enough to serve the very best — whether the offering is Mogen David, Christian Brothers or some Brand X. I just want to find out for myself whether the wine is fermented or not.

No, I am not a liturgical purist. No, I am not a temperance buff. I am an alcoholic, by the grace of God now living in my 25th year of sobriety. And, given the concept of alcoholism as a disease —

## BILLY GRAHAM HONG KONG CRUSADE

Evangelist Billy Graham closed his five-day Hong Kong Crusade before an overflow crowd that broke all records for a single event in the city's history.

"The Chinese heart is no different from any other human heart," he told 68,500 persons who filled two stadia. "Man simply cannot live without God." Eighty-five per cent of those who night by night heard the American evangelist's message translated into Cantonese were between 16 and 21 years of age.

One local newspaper called it "the most important Christian event in Hong Kong since the Pope's visit." Pope Paul VI drew a crowd of 40,000 persons to a single meeting four years ago.

Over 20,400 persons came forward at the invitation to receive Christ between Wednesday and Sunday, and that over a half of them were men. The three thousand trained counsellors were completely overwhelmed at the close by the response to the final invitation. Teenagers literally ran to the infields of Government Stadium and South China Stadium (where the message was relayed by television) to register their commitments to Christ.

Said the Right Reverend Gilbert Baker, Anglican bishop of Hong Kong and Macao, "This has been a moving and significant week in the history of Hong Kong. It has been a tremendous demonstration of Christian solidarity and co-operation. Thousands have come forward to decide to learn more of Christ, they have enthusiasm for a new way of life. It is the task of the churches of Hong Kong, of counsellors and pastors, to show these enquirers the way to live as Christians."

**GIVE "THE CHRISTIAN"  
AS A GIFT**

thank God we don't have to argue that any more, except with random sorts — it is important to me that I do not ever again, intentionally or inadvertently, consume alcohol in any form: not martinis, not gin, not beer, not Geritol, and not even fermented communion wine. So, when the cup carries the suspicious aroma of fermentation, I pass it by or place it untasted in the rack.

I have met one authority who says that alcoholics can take fermented communion wine. He makes two points: first, the raw alcohol intake from a communion cup or chalice is so very small as to be harmless; second, in the communion service the alcohol — rather than being destructive to the alcoholic — serves a positive and even redeeming purpose. Looks good on paper, doesn't it? However, we are not dealing with paper; we are dealing with people — fragile and finite people. Anyway, the authority cited is not himself an alcoholic — and I am a bit distrustful of an authority without a vested interest. The overriding consideration is: if the alcoholic drinks the fermented communion wine, he or she gains absolutely nothing and risks losing everything.

— "Christian Century."

**BIG DECISIONS** (Tootgarook, Paul Cameron) The annual meeting decided to build a manse and to plan for a full time ministry by 1978 . . . Mrs Glad Cooksley has resigned as S.S. Supt. and Mrs Moore has accepted the position.

## "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.

**TALENT BAGS** (Bendigo, M. D. Keatch) C.W.A.F. Pres. is Mrs H. Thomas. Miss M. Ireland is Secretary. Talent bags for year realised \$200 . . . 11 boys and leaders of the Explorer Club had weekend bike hike of 110 km. to Taradale . . . C.W.E.F. breakup was mother and daughter night. Gifts were distributed to "Secret Sisters".

## INNER SPRINGS

### Unto us a child



They were all looking for a King  
To slay their foes and lift them high.

Thou cam'st a little baby thing.  
That made a woman cry.

Isn't that like a loving Father? To send a gift so appealing, so irresistible as a small helpless baby! Thus does He touch our hearts in a way we can understand. But surely He had something more in mind than an appeal to our emotions? He saw a world in need and He gave the only possible answer.

In "My Life with Martin Luther King," his wife Coretta speaks of the coming of their first child. "Yoki came at a time in Martin's life when he needed something to take his mind off the tremendous pressures that bore down upon him. When he came home from the turmoil he was suddenly plunged into, the baby was there — cuddly, trustful and loving. There is something renewing about a small child."

She is right. There is something renewing, something that fulfills a deep human need in a life newly born. But there is more. A baby calls for a response from those to whom it is given. A response of love involving a sacrifice of time, of energy and of oneself. And our response to one particular Babe spells abundant life here, and at the end the promise of life eternal.

I know not how that Bethlehem Babe  
Could in the Godhead be  
I only know the Manger Child  
Has brought God's life to me.

I know not how that Joseph's tomb  
Could solve death's mystery  
I only know a living Christ  
Our immortality.

O God, Our Father, as we rejoice in the lovely miracle of Bethlehem may we be renewed in the memory of that first Christmas. May its message stir in our hearts a response of love and thanksgiving for Thy gift. Amen

FLORENCE ROSIER



African refugee mother and child

# God with us

The Trinity in realms of lofted space,  
 All-loving and All-powerful, looked down  
 With pity on the fallen human race,  
 And Jesus said, "I'll leave my heavenly crown  
 To live with them  
 And eat with them  
 And sleep with them  
 And die with them  
 On earth."

The angels worshipping in prostrate zeal  
 And ringing round the blazing golden throne  
 Looked up in startled horror to reveal  
 Their disapproval that the Holy One  
 Should live with them  
 And eat with them  
 And sleep with them  
 And die with them  
 On earth.

"But Lord," a stricken cherubim declaimed,  
 "The ones on earth are different from us here;  
 You'll never get to know them, they're untamed;  
 Their souls dwell in a darker, lower sphere.  
 Don't live with them  
 And eat with them  
 And sleep with them  
 And die with them  
 On earth!"

"Have you considered, Master," one implored,  
 "That those on earth were made to wait on Thee?  
 The servant is not greater than his lord;  
 You would not urge complete equality  
 And live with them  
 And eat with them  
 And sleep with them  
 And die with them  
 On earth!"

A Guardian Angel, fresh returned from earth,  
 With knowing pity said, "That's not the way;  
 From Heaven here, one cannot judge their worth  
 Nor estimate the price you'd have to pay  
 To live with them  
 And eat with them  
 And sleep with them  
 And die with them  
 On earth."

"To force yourself on them would scarcely be  
 The best of taste," the seraphim declare  
 With deep compassion for humanity;  
 "They'd be uncomfortable with Thee there  
 To live with them  
 And eat with them  
 And sleep with them  
 And die with them  
 On earth."

"Do nothing rash, Lord God," St. Michael cried.  
 "Such things must hasten slowly; bide your time  
 Till things improve; Thy hand can surely guide  
 Without that Thou shouldst grovel in their grime  
 To live with them  
 And eat with them  
 And sleep with them  
 And die with them  
 On earth."

The Son of God just quietly smiled on them.  
 That night a child was born in Bethlehem  
 To live with them  
 And eat with them  
 And sleep with them  
 And die with them  
 On earth.

E. V. STONE

Lusaka, Zambia

# WOOLWICH GRADUATION

At the Graduation Service of the Woolwich Bible College at Enmore Tabernacle on Nov. 21, the newly-elected Chairman of the College Board, Colin Bowser, occupied the chair. The opening Praise Service was conducted by John Bond.

The P. E. Thomas Prizes were received by Colin Jones (Third Year), Robert Hough (Second Year), and Ian Schneider (First Year).

The Principal, Dr A. G. Elliott, presented College Diplomas and Missionary Certificates.

College Diplomats: Ross Burton, Greg Deuble, Brian Francis, Daryl McLeod, Neale Proellocks, Robert Slack.

Missionary Certificates: George Arundell, Yoon-Kah 'Uh, Mark Wallace, Andrew Wijesinghe.

The Senior Lecturer, G. L. Chapman, offered the Prayer of Dedication.

Student speakers included Greg Deuble and Neale Proellocks. Dr Lloyd Jones was guest speaker and delivered the message of the evening, presenting a splendid challenge to the graduating students on their entry into their life's ministry in devotion and service for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Musical items were rendered by the State Christian Women's Choir under the



Dr. A. G. Elliott

direction of Mrs Lyn Gayford, and also by student soloist, Ian Schneider. Dick Hutchens presided at the organ and John Saint at the piano.

A significant feature this year was that three graduate students, were from the church at Margaret St, Toowoomba, Qld. — Greg Deuble, Neale Proellocks and Robert Slack. Dr Arnold Caldicott, minister at Toowoomba, concluded the service with prayer and benediction.

A short period was set aside to recognise the work of Dr and Mrs Elliott. The President-Elect of the N.S.W. Conference, Mr Harry Davies, who had been converted and baptised into Christ

under the ministry of Dr Elliott many years ago, expressed the appreciation of the Brotherhood and made a suitable presentation. Also, Mr Bowser made a presentation to the Senior Lecturer, Mr Chapman for his services to the College, while Mrs Freckleton presented floral bouquets to Mrs Elliott and Mrs Chapman. Reference was also made to the fine contribution of the former Chairman of the College Board, Maurie Pieper, whose acceptance of the call to the church at Taree had necessitated his resignation.

The whole service was one of strengthening and spiritual uplift and was obviously appreciated by the very large gathering in attendance.

(Woolwich Honours List Next Issue)

**PLANNED GIVING** (Doncaster, Keith Horne and Owen Clark). Following the Planned Giving Review Programme average weekly offerings have exceeded \$1050 per week. The outreach programme of the church has been expanded considerably by this increase. A recent Board Conference held at Warburton set up committees to cover Outreach — Pastoral — Fellowship — Education & Building. More than 60 involved in committees. The "fellowship" programme recently involved fifty homes to which three or more other families were invited . . . The Youth Choir led by Jean Milne has sung at Ivanhoe and Burwood . . . The ministers are completing the first year in a team ministry. Group life and pastoral care and youth programme have been significantly extended over the past year . . . There have been three baptisms.

## WORD TALK NO 129

### IN THE STUDY

One of John's major themes is the active commitment of people in believing in Christ. While other words are used in other parts of the scriptures John uses the word "believe" to sum up the Christian's commitment to the way of Jesus. He uses the word "believe" 90 times in his Gospel as opposed to only 29 times in the other three Gospels. Nowhere does John use the noun. Quite deliberately John sees that belief is an active commitment of a person's heart and mind and life, not just the content of faith.

To believe as John uses it is to trust or rely upon completely. This is the highest concept of belief for the Christian.

To be a Christian is not to behave in a certain manner nor to accept certain propositions about the faith. To be a Christian is to commit a life completely in trust to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

John takes up this theme of the active commitment of a person in faith to Christ, and stresses it again and again in his Gospel.

John uses the word "believe" on average five times in every chapter of his Gospel, and concludes by indicating that what he has written has been for the purpose that those who read might believe and have life in the name of Jesus. (Jn 20:31). The struggle that Thomas had in believing (Chapter 20) is symbolic of the struggle of all people. The reaction of Mary, John and Peter and of the other disciples on the Day of the Resurrection is again typical of the struggles of all who believe in the resurrection of Jesus. A study of John's use of the word "believe" in its 90 different situations in the Gospel is a rich reward to those who struggle to actively trust in Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

### IN THE PULPIT.

Christianity isn't a hobby. It is an active commitment of a person's life to Jesus Christ. Many people are held back because of doubts, difficulties and fears.

The American theologian Paul Tillich mentions three deep fears that people possess. (a) The fear that life is meaningless. Many people go through their life without any real sense of purpose. This can be illustrated from pages in the local newspaper. (b) The fear that sin is unforgiven. Many people live their lives subject to the bondage of guilt. Guilt has its impact in the

## Themes in John

behaviour and lives of people frequently years after the actual commitment of the sin that creates the guilt. (c) The fear that death is permanent. There are many people as the Book of Hebrews declares who live all their life subject to the bondage of the fear of death.

These three fears which overwhelm so many people can be only handled by an active sense of trust in Christ who overcame each within his own life.

One cannot handle these fears and uncertainties through a mere acceptance of a way of life, or a summary of doctrines. A belief has to be far more than a way of life, a code of conduct, or a collection of creeds.

John makes it clear that to believe is to be involved in active trust in Christ. Discipleship is always an active involvement of a total person.

### AMONG THE PEOPLE

John Oxenham once said "Not what, but whom, I do believe, that in my hour of darkest need, hath comfort that no mortal creed to mortal man may give. Not what — but whom! For Christ is more than all the creeds, His full life of gentle deeds, shall all the creeds outlive. Not what I do believe, but whom Not what — but Whom!"

One of the Elders of our Church and myself were visiting a middle-aged executive who had recently retired from his position. He had retired with a large capital sum which he had invested. He now had no need to work but his life was purposeless and he and his wife were worried because they found no satisfaction in relaxation.

We talked about the significance that lay in life when it was committed to Jesus Christ. "That sense of significance is what I need," he said, "I need to feel that my life is being used significantly by God for the benefit of others."

Up to this point of time he had been using his life in a very passive manner. His conduct was correct and no doubt his ideas about Christianity were very true. But he and his wife had never actively committed themselves to Jesus as Lord and then followed him in active service. As the night wore on he discovered that to believe was to be involved in active commitment to the way of Jesus.

Suddenly this concept of active commitment to Jesus took upon itself flesh. He found satisfaction because he now believed.

—GORDON MOYES

## BELIEVE

● C.O.B. GRADUATION

## TO THREE STATES P.N.G. & N.Z.

### CHANGE OF VENUE

After 67 College of the Bible Graduation Services in the Lygon St. Chapel, the 68th was held in Blackman Hall, of the Hawthorn State College. It was with great reluctance that the College of the Bible Board of Management moved away from the historic chapel of the brotherhood. However parking and seating capacity made it necessary.

### CHANGE JUSTIFIED

That the decision was justified was seen in the large crowd of over 850 who attended, representative of city and country in Victoria, one church using a bus to transport its people. A number from interstate, including the guest preacher, E. W. Roffey, Secretary of the S.A. Conference. Others included a delegation from Victor Harbour (S.A.) and parents and relatives of Kerry Haythorpe and Jeff May, from S.A. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bond from Caringbah (N.S.W.) were welcome interstate guests.

### GRADUATING STUDENTS

The graduating students and the churches and fields that have called them are: **Russell Allison**, North Essendon (Vic.); **David Brown**, Palmerston North (N.Z.); **Ian Cartmel**, Morwell (Vic.); **Robyn Caudwell**, North Perth (W.A.); **Ian Corlett**, Ascot Vale (Vic.); **Kevin**

**Denton**, Applecross (W.A.); **Kerry Haythorpe**, New Guinea; **Bill Keddie**, New Guinea; **Jeff May**, Balaklava (S.A.); **Ron White**, Hamilton (Vic.).

Nine of the graduates received College Diplomas and one the Certificate. Two of them received the Diploma in Theology, and six the Licentiate of Theology.

### GRADUATION

The Graduation Service moved into an atmosphere of spiritual depth as Sandra Tabbernee sang a prelude. Graduates came to the platform with their wives and families, each giving his own testimony of gratitude to God, the College and the churches. Senior Lecturer, K. J. Clinton, presented the Diplomas.

### ORDINATION

With the completion of Graduation, A. E. White presided over the gathering as the representative of the Federal Conference of Churches of Christ. Dr. K. R. Bowes, Principal of the College of the Bible, presented the graduates to be ordained by the churches through the Federal Conference. The Federal Executive had chosen ordinants to lay hands on the heads of the ordinands. They were John Bailey, Mavis Elbourne, Enid Fisher, Will Marshall, Roland Pritchard, Roger Ryall, Lesley Stirling, Stanton Wilson,

and Peter Wing Tang.

The students affirmed their faith in Jesus Christ as Son of God, their call by God to the ministry and their commitment to proclaim the Word of God.

After being ordained, A. E. White welcomed them to the ministry of Churches of Christ. (David Brown will be ordained at the next New Zealand Conference).

### EXIT

As the congregation stood in silent prayer for them, the exits and their families retired to the spacious, fountain-decorated foyer to receive friends and well wishers for almost an hour. This ended an annual brotherhood occasion that is only out-numbered by the Conference Service of Evangelism.

### LOOKING FORWARD

With Graduation behind it the College looks forward to the Summer School, January, 5—12, College Opening on Feb. 17, and the Annual Inauguration and Garden Party on Feb. 21.

—G. R. Stirling

**INTEREST DEVELOPED** (Mandurah, D. Sonsee) Mr. Sonsee promoted interest by features including visiting church groups and local C.E. led by Dennis Sambell & Mrs Kennedy . . . B.S. anniversary had Bryce Wells as speaker . . . We regret that Flo Schurman has left district . . . C.W.F. business meeting held at Betty Jensen's. We thank Mrs Weeks & Mrs Jensen for their untiring partnership. New president is Jill Sonsee, sec. Norma Watson, treas. Margaret Morfitt . . . There was one confession of faith . . . Sale of goods on church grounds was for new toilet block.

## MISSION '75

## FRANKSTON

The Church of Christ was deeply involved in the whole program of Mission '75 conducted in Frankston over 12 months. 14 congregations from 9 denominations took part involving over 7000 active church members.

The program commenced in St Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church in November 1974 and concluded with the Final Rally in the same church in November 1975. Many combined services were held and two series of studies were held which involved about 35 homes and 350 to 400 people.

In a march of witness on Good Friday 1000 people marched from the main shopping area to St. Paul's Church of England.

A Pastoral Care program trained over 100 people to help them in the Churches to detect problems in homes and individuals, and enable the person to know where to refer those so affected.

Over 700 young people attended a meeting with the God Squad and 10,000 booklets entitled "Good News for Frankston" were hand delivered to 10,000 homes in the city one Sunday afternoon.

Over 250 new members were enrolled for Force Ten, and a committee for Amnesty was formed. The Bayside Shopping Centre display area was booked for a week in which hundreds of various copies of the scriptures were on display. The Churches took it in turn to man the display area. 6000 leaflets were given out during the week.

500 were involved in Home Evangelism groups in the city leading up the Final Rally.

The Methodist minister, the Rev. Wes Vial, was the man who initiated the whole program, but unfortunately had to undergo a severe heart operation within the first few months of the program and Allan Avery, minister of the Church of Christ became Acting Chairman for the rest of the program. He was also Chairman of the Evangelism Committee.

40 young people formed themselves into a very talented group and produced excerpts from the musical "Godspell". They presented the musical to over 4000 people. Many of our own young people had lead parts in the production.

During the entire program, the Churches found a new level of unity. They worshipped together, prayed together, witnessed together and encouraged each other in the faith of Jesus Christ. One of the most exciting aspects of the program is that it has created within Frankston a better climate for the presentation of the gospel.

The Final Rally was attended by 2000. The meeting was planned for outdoors, and 3000 were expected but very much rain caused 1500 to crowd into St Francis Xavier Church. About 400 were turned away.

Gordon Moyes of the Cheltenham Church of Christ was the guest preacher. At the conclusion of the message the helicopter (referred to as the "Holycopter") bringing the two Archbishops from Melbourne could be heard arriving at the Heli Pad at the local hospital. The Archbishops arrived to tumultuous applause with the whole congregation on its feet for several minutes. Both men joined in immediately with the whole spirit of the meeting clapping their hands and stamping their feet, to the music of the Godspell singers.

The Archbishops encouraged the Churches to keep at it, and both commended the Churches for their enterprise during the year. The assembly of 30 clergy left the platform to the exciting sounds of the Godspell singers leading the congregation in the singing of "Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord."

# NEWS AND NOTES

## A.C.T.S.

The ACTS Programme (A Christian Training School) conducted at Greenacre with assistance from outside lectures had a satisfactory first year with 14 students completing the courses.

The concluding evening at Greenacre on Oct 31, Graeme Chapman, of Woolwich Bible College, was guest speaker.

It is anticipated that an even larger enrolment of regular students in 1976 will help to establish this training course more firmly. There will be three terms, totalling 18 weeks, and this will include full notes of lectures supplied, together with three weekends away as a group. Sessions will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights.

## Bath Tub Derby

Ron Kallmier, Director of the N.S.W. Dept. of Christian Education organised a competitive Bath Tub Derby & Car Carnival on Nov. 22, at Penrith. The after-

noon Carnival included a Barbecue Tea followed by a Youth programme in the evening.

## Pastor Wurmbrand in Sydney

Pastor Richard Wurmbrand conducted meetings in Sydney and suburban districts Dec. 5 to 8. He has a remarkable story to tell — relating incidents from his horror experience of some fourteen years spent in Communist prisons. His main meetings were held in St. John's Anglican Cathedral, Parramatta, and Hurstville Civic Centre, & Sunday services at Hurstville, Sylvania & Engadine.

## Garden Party — Thirroul

On Dec. 6, under the auspices of the N.S.W. Social Services & Homes Dept., a "Garden Party" was held at the Aged Persons Home, at Thirroul, on the N.S.W. South Coast.

## Movements of Ministers

Maurie Pieper concludes his ministry at Burwood and will go to the church at Taree. Barry Reid moves from Seven Hills to Bordertown, S.A. Stephen Thomas comes from Cowandilla, to Engadine, and Bob Aldred begins a ministry with the churches in the Albury-Wodonga district. Daryl Krause moves from Engadine to Tweed Heads, while Neale Proellocks, of Woolwich College will minister at Georgetown, and Greg Deuble from Woolwich goes to Nowra.

## Appointment to Stanwell Tops

Graeme Osborne has been appointed new Site Manager at the Stanwell Tops "Christian Conference Centre" conducted by our churches in N.S.W. Mr. Osborne took up his work at the Centre on Nov. 29.

## Men's Camp — Northern Districts

During November a week-end "get-together" of the men of the churches from Newcastle to the North of NSW was held at Methodist Youth Camp Centre at Bonny Hills. Leader was Garry Towle of Coff's Harbour. Invitations were also personally issued by veteran Roy Greenhalgh to men of Armidale, Port Macquarie, North Haven, Coff's Harbour, Taree, Wingham, Tamworth and Inverell to share in this brief week-end fellowship.

## Missionary Book-Room

Under the leadership of Roy Dixon, the "Church for All Nations" at Enmore is planning a Book Room in rented premises in the main shopping centre — for a trial period. This Christian outreach should help to serve the needs of many migrants in this over-populated and highly-promising area, and volunteer staff for the project is urgently sought among the churches around Sydney.

## Regular Visitation at Bexley North

A Complete Christian Education programme has recently been launched at Bexley North, with the introduction of the

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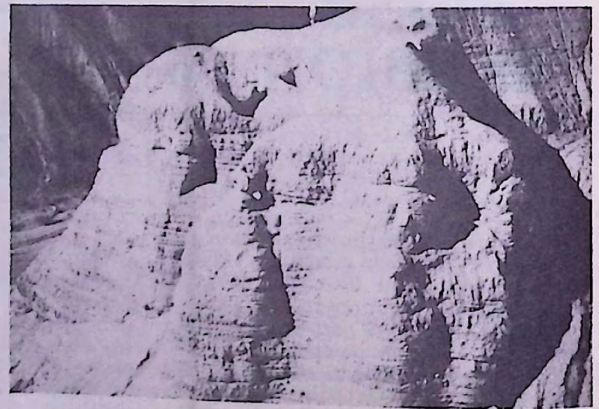
## DON STEWART'S

# PILGRIMAGE

## QUMRAN

In the wilderness to the west of the northern end of the Dead Sea there lie the ruins of an ancient monastery. In early 1947 a young Bedouin on a search for a goat, stumbled upon some old pottery jars in which were some very ancient leather scrolls wrapped up in linen cloth. These scrolls have since become very famous and are known as the Dead Sea Scrolls. Other scrolls have subsequently been found in other caves in the area. The Qumran monastery was occupied by a Jewish sect, believed to have been the Essenes, during the first century before Christ. The monastery was destroyed and burnt by the X Roman Legion on its way to Jericho in A.D. 68. It seems that in the face of the Roman onslaught the Essenes sought to preserve their precious manuscripts by placing them in jars and hiding them in the caves in the surrounding terrain.

In the Photo, taken from beside the ruins of the monastery, can be seen a promontory that protrudes out into the dry wadi Qumran. In the



furthest protrusion can be seen the entrance to cave IV from which was recovered the largest wealth of fragments containing all our Old Testament books, with the exception of Esther, as well as other writings. The importance of the Dead Sea Scrolls lies in their contribution to the textual study of the Old Testament.

It is here the pilgrim pauses to contemplate how the Scriptures have been preserved and handed on — often at great cost. He wonders if he really appreciates what he holds each time he reads his Bible.

Don E. Stewart

# CHRISTMAS BOWL

The Christmas Bowl Appeal was launched in South Australia at the Town Hall on Dec. 1 in the presence of the deputy Lord Mayor Alderman Joseph. Senator Gordon Davidson, the Chairman of World Christian Action in SA called on the people to respond personally to the appeal.

The National Secretary of World Christian Action, the Rev. John Mavor gave the address and made the following points.

"At a time when policy speeches are being presented throughout Australia, it is right for people to ask, what is the policy of the Christmas Bowl?"

"When there is need anywhere in the world we act quickly to assist," said Mr Mavor. "Almost \$75,000 of Christmas Bowl money is kept ready for these quick responses. A typhoon in Honduras,

refugee needs in Indonesian Timor, flood conditions in Bangladesh, hunger in North Africa and other emergencies are reported through the network of Churches around the world and immediate action is possible. Through this system we received help in Australia at the time of the Brisbane floods and the Darwin cyclone. You can be sure that when you read of a situation of human need anywhere in the world, the Australian Council of Churches is preparing to respond in your name."

"The Christmas Bowl poster asks the question — Have you Forgotten Someone?"

## DEATH

HALL, Norman at Castlemaine, Vic., on December 3, husband of Elida, father of Cliff, Norma and Una.

OPEN FOR PRAYER Warragul, R. Pritchard). At request of the Warragul Inter-Church Council, the church will be open for prayer for Christians for one week each lunch hour with prayers offered for the State of the Nation . . . On Nov. 30 the church shared in combined service at the Salvation Army. C.W.E.F. held break-up on Dec. 2 at home of Mr. & Mrs. R. Hollard. At the same time a surprise party was given to Mr & Mrs R. Pritchard on the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary. 80 attended. A presentation was made to Mr & Mrs Pritchard.

TESTIMONIES (Subiaco). Testimonies were given by Miss Maureen Parry, returned for a short while before going to Thailand with W.E.C., David Althorpe, home on vacation from C.O.B., and Miss Betty Montgomery who became a member this year . . . At C.W.F. D. Gordon was elected president.

## 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.

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.)

## FAMILY ACTION MOVEMENT CONTESTS SENATE ELECTIONS

Well known Festival of Light workers, Mrs Frieda Brown M.A. (Oxon), Rev. Fred J. Nile E.D., J.P., L.Th. and Kenneth B. Harrison M.P.R.I.A. were endorsed as Family Action Movement Candidates for the Senate of the Australian Parliament when the F.A.M. State Executive Committee and Interim National Committee met on March 1, 1975.

Little did those present realise that within eight months these three candidates would be facing another Senate election campaign.

## N.S.W. (From P. 6)

All-Age BS. Regular visitation of the district continues and has already resulted in BS numbers being over the hundred for the first time in 5 years! In addition the Best-Ever BS Anniversary packed the building for three sessions. The minister, Mr Pitts, recently presented the "Evening Meditation" on ABC Radio for a week.

## COMBINED CHURCHES CHRISTMAS SERVICE

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# OPEN FORUM

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## LIMIT NOT THE SPIRIT

To the Editor,

Despite obvious difficulties, our system of calling and locating men in congregational, academic, and departmental ministries has worked reasonably well. This is not to say, however, that we should not seek to improve it. Allan Mole, by suggesting the advertising of vacant positions ("AC", 15/11/75), has opened up discussion on the issue.

Advertising ministerial vacancies is not new. Prior to the publication of a list of 'full-time' evangelists in the 1896 Pioneer, and for some time thereafter, negotiations were frequently conducted through our periodicals. It was usual for both churches and committees to advertise for evangelists in the "Here and There" column of the Pioneer — though sometimes local congregations could offer little more than a sphere of service. In the 1898 Australian Christian the Lismore church actually put in a "Wanted" add for an "Evangelist for the Richmond River N.S.W. for a period of six months 2 pound per week and fare paid — applications to be made to the Conference Secretary." Sometimes Journal Editors advised that prominent men e.g. J. Colbourne were concluding ministries and would be available, while at others preachers themselves advised, like R. G. Cameron, that they would be "pleased to hear from any churches in the Australasian colonies needing an evangelist."

While I commend Allan for making such a forthright suggestion, I have two difficulties with it. First, while the advertisement will not fail to attract the success-oriented extrovert it will not appeal to some highly competent men in whom a becoming humility would not allow them to thrust themselves forward as candidates. Second, I fear that it would, if widely accepted, develop within the ministry an unfortunate competitiveness such as blighted the churches during the Depression when they encouraged men to vie with each other for positions on the basis of qualification and the lowest level of salary they were willing to accept.

It appears to me that the better plan would be to vest greater confidence and authority in Advisory Boards who in their turn would need to justify this new confidence.

— Graeme Chapman, N.S.W.

## WILLIAM NEIL

To the Editor,

I share D. Prout's concern for Neil's book 'The Bible Story' "A.C." 15/11, and one need not take statements out of context in order to form an opinion.

If, as suggested, William Neil's position is accepted by a vast majority of Churches, little wonder such churches are not making progress. A simple belief in God's inspired Word is one essential for growth, and such doctrines as Neil's will cause much doubt and confusion in the minds of young people.

By discounting the stories of Jonah, Daniel and Ruth we are creating doubt in God's ability or wisdom to perform miracles.

On page 10 Neil says that creation was a miracle of the highest order. And yet on page 106 Neil says, 'What nonsense people make of the Bible when they claim . . . that some whales have been found with gulleys big enough for a man to slip in and pop out again'. Very funny, but very inconsistent.

How can a man believe God brought everything into being and then refuse to believe that God made a whale swallow a man.

How can anyone believe (p.188) 'Christianity was founded on the belief that Jesus had risen from the dead' and yet declare it nonsense that God protected Daniel from the lions.

Let's have some good old fashioned Bible teaching which is still 'News' to so many today. The church which is prepared to discount Bible truth is the church in decay.

— L. W. Marshman, S.A.

## COULDN'T HAPPEN

To the Editor,

"How to kill a Church" (A.C. Nov. '75) amazed us! That could never happen while faithful souls uphold her in prayer — real prayer.

Through the years, one may have felt her close to death, sadly damaged by Satan's bombs — jealousy — self righteousness — hypocritical and untruthful tongues etc. But 'God is still on the throne' and numbers do not always constitute a growing church. Crowded on otherwise, his church stands as a witness as he adds seeking souls, one by one.

Surely trusted elders could not kill a church by way of advocating correct apparel at the Lord's Table? God demanded that of his officiating priests in O.T. days. Would He have changed his mind in 1970? We serve a holy and changeless God, let's be just a little dignified about it.

(Miss) M. A. Cox.

## LONELINESS

To the Editor,

Once again a letter from Tertius makes me put pen to paper! A. C. Male's article "Limit not the Holy Spirit" almost got me there, but it seems to me that his challenge is a fitting response to Tertius' letter on loneliness.

Yes, there are some "in the church" who are as lonely as anyone in the "outside" community, but it takes courage to admit it, and courage to be "sticky" enough to relieve that loneliness. Our rigid determination to mind our own business and keep a stiff upper lip through every trial is, I believe, terribly limiting to the Holy Spirit, for we deny Koinonia by this attitude.

This I believe, because some of us in our church fellowship, having resolved to risk being honest with each other as in God's presence, are learning for the first time what fellowship in the Spirit is all about, (and it hasn't meant speaking in tongues!)

Hoping you are the same!  
Rita Phillips, Vic.

## "MIGRANTS' MELBOURNE"

To The Editor,

A couple of years ago a group of inner suburban ministers considered how migrants could be helped to find a church home of their own cultural and ethnic background. We decided a Directory of all churches should be produced, but could find no group to finance the project.

The English Language Teaching Centre at R.M.I.T. has now published Migrants' Melbourne, an excellent directory of all community services available to migrants (187 pages). The second part of the book lists ethnic organizations (including churches). This guide ought to be available at every church in our city to refer migrants, who may wander into our buildings, to an appropriate place of worship of their own ethnic background.

The first edition has been disposed of, but a second edition is planned for February, 1976. Hopefully copies will be subsidised by the State Government and will be available free of charge or at a nominal price.

Information to be included in the directory and requests for further copies ought to be addressed to the editors, Mrs B. Malcolm and Miss K. Whorlow, R.M.I.T., 124 La Trobe Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000.

The editors would appreciate hearing your requests as soon as possible.

Barry Jenkins, Vic.

**FAITH GOALS** (Warwick, G. B. Carslake). At church camp, members helped set goals for coming year. These were presented by the board at church luncheon . . . For trial period two morning services are being held, 8.45 and 10 a.m. First month averages were 35 and 65 . . . The Wed. B.S. has grown to over 60. A reachout group distributed Bible Society literature and in Dec. the Gospel of Mark went to 325 homes in Warwick . . . A second minister to the Northern Suburbs, George Powell, will begin in Jan. . . . Landscaping, tree planting and the provision of a car park have enhanced our new building . . . Four playgroups are using our building during the week.

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

To the Editor,

Some people say that the last place where women will be liberated is the church. That may be true in some churches, but not in ours. Our women are liberated already.

They are free to raise as much money as they like. They can even make suggestions about the way it is spent. They are allowed to speak and vote at business meetings, and to nominate men for the Board. They don't need to be on the Board; they work through the wives whose husbands are Board members to get what they want, without having to go out in the cold and the wet.

They are allowed to have twice as many female Sunday School teachers as there are men. They get to preside and preach . . . once a year . . . at the night service of Mothers' Day. They are permitted to pray in public . . . at the prayer meeting.

Our women have absolute authority over the church kitchen. We always have a woman organist. Women dominate the flower roster, the communion preparation roster, and the cleaning roster. They outnumber men in the choir four to one. They are allowed to give a message in our church services provided it is "in song."

Our women must be happy with the freedom permitted to them because there are twice as many of them in the church as there are men.

Yours chauvinistically,  
TERTIUS

# MINISTRY IN 1976

Ministerial transfers from S.A. in 1976 will be Jim Dow to Kedron, Qld., Reg Combridge to Springvale, Vic., Bart Burt to the Hall's Gap Campsite, Vic., Roger Brown to Burwood, Vic., Jim Spiker to C.C.E.S., Vic.

Moving within the State are Ron Saunders from Cheltenham to Cowandilla, Rex Chamberlain from Gawler circuit to Croydon, Brian Beck from Christies Beach to half time study and team ministry with Richard Lawton at Magill, Reg Brand from Windsor Gardens/Tea Tree Gully to team ministry with Lloyd Cooke at Blackwood, Keith Fechner from

Berri/Barmera to Windsor Gardens/Tea Tree Gully and Nick Gavros from Enfield Heights to Mile End.

S.A. ministerial gains in 1976 will be Barry Reid from Seven Hills, N.S.W. to Bordertown, Steve Kitto from Norseman Mission to Keith, Jeff May from College of the Bible to Balaklava, Ern Stevens of Vic. to the Gawler Circuit, Harold Jones from Armadale/Kelmescott, W.A. to Edwardstown, Frank Hunting from Ballarat, Vic. to part time team ministry with Harold Long and Morrie Arnott from C.C.E.S., Vic. to team ministry with Kevin Harvey at Brighton Gardens.

## Asian Church History

A popular volume on the History of Christianity in Asia is being prepared on behalf of the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) and the regional associations of Theological Schools in Asia. Such a project would fulfil the urgent need in Asia for popular yet scholarly interpretative information on the history of Christian communities in the countries from Pakistan to Japan and New Zealand.

Each chapter will be written by a Church historian from each Asian country, working in consultation with other scholars in the country.

It is expected that this one-volume Church History project of about 350 pages will be released by April 1, 1977.

— C.C.A.

### LEIGHTON FORD

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association would like to thank all their friends who have been praying for the Leighton Ford family following news of major emergency surgery on their fifteen-year-old son, and advises that the following cable has been received from Leighton. "All tests proved surgery completely successful. Sandy will be able to resume completely normal schedule. Praise the Lord."

Due to the emergency surgery Leighton had to postpone his scheduled visit to Australia for the launching of his Melbourne Reachout, which is now planned for Feb. 14, 1976, at the Dallas Brooks Hall, Melbourne.

### NEW JOB

Ern Baxter, the new manager at the North Melbourne Day Centre of the Community Welfare Foundation.

He is quietly spoken and his accent betrays his birthplace, Cheshire, England.

Ern, like many of the men who attend the centre, served in World War 2. As a stretcher bearer with the paratroops, he landed at Normandy on D-Day, was wounded, and taken prisoner.

After the War, he was a factory foreman for five years before migrating to Australia. His most recent experience has been in the packaging industry as a packaging designer.

As an active churchman with the Churches of Christ, Ern has served for fourteen years as a member of the



Department of Home Missions and Evangelism.

He has also been a telephone counsellor with Life Line for four years.

## ALL AGES STUDY TOGETHER

(Essendon, Vic.) There was a good response from all ages when the new education program was commenced.

Ray McKenzie, from the Dept. of Christian Educ., paid two visits to help with planning.

A five-week series on "What Christians Believe" was the first of the studies, and



Getting ready for group work.

members were asked to register. The study period is on Sunday morning 9.45 - 10.40, prior to the morning service.

There will be a break of a few weeks between each series. The programmes are stimulating and demonstrate that "Christian Education" is for all ages.

### FURTHER APPOINTMENT

(Ashburton) Harvey Miller will continue with church for next two years . . . Conf. Pres., G.K. Scambler spoke at Church Anniversary and Temple Day. Offering \$819. . . S.S. Family Service featured Puppet Group from Blackburn and Voskres Singers. . . Church shared with Wangaratta in Week of Prayer — reciprocal visits made . . . Family Camp held at Phillip Island . . . C.W.F. took migrants on barbecue outing . . . Church saddened by death of Mrs. Carnaby.

TO CIRCUIT (Wampony, R. Combridge) Mr. & Mrs. Barry Reid, Seven Hills, N.S.W. have accepted a call to the circuit ministry. . . Mundalla-Wampony Women's Fellowship celebrated 21st birthday at Nov. meeting . . . At an after church meeting the members at Wampony tell that an assured future awaited us . . . Tom Hamilton has been in Bordertown Hosp.

### WORLD HARVEST FOR HUMANITY

Leap Year Day, 1976, falls on a Sunday. We have the unusual result of five Sundays in February. The Freedom from Hunger Campaign is using the day to mobilise interest in and concern for the people of the world who are deprived of the necessities of living, such as food, water, clothing, housing, medical assistance, education, employment, and social justice.

Four countries, the U.S.A., Canada The United Kingdom and Australia will combine in a television presentation of the terrible problems facing the world. It will be a two hour live telecast.

The Federation of Australian Radio Stations has offered to mobilise its 188 member stations to support the activity. One of Australia's largest movie theatre chains has offered to screen selected films in the preceding week. The "Age" newspaper has offered entire co-operation in the project.

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# BAPTISMS AT RANWADI

(NEW HEBRIDES)

During the first and second week of third term, several students came in ones and twos to ask the school pastor for baptism. As a result, he started a Discipleship class. Eight boys and five girls completed these classes and were baptised.

The baptisms were held at Waterfall where there is a sandy beach. It is about 15 minutes walk around the point from Ranwadi. Parents and friends came from churches at North and South Pentecost. It was a combined service for the churches around this area too, so there was quite a large crowd. After the baptisms, the Communion service was held at Ranwadi where about 200 people participated.

The students and staff from Banmatmat Bible College came up for the weekend. One of the students led the service on the beach. Pastor Wilson and Elder Zaccheus baptised the students. The Communion service was led by Abel

Olul, one of the teachers. The service was also a welcome service to Kevin and Pam Palmer from New Zealand who have come to join the staff at Ranwadi.

The head student from Banmatmat was speaker. The whole service went very well. God's seal of approval was evident as Joses spoke. After the service all joined in feasting and fellowship. Pastor Wilson is holding follow-up classes with the thirteen who were baptised. There are another eight to ten attending another class that he is conducting for those seeking a deeper Christian life. Pray for Pastor Wilson that he may be given great wisdom as he leads these young lives. Pray for these students that God may give them great faith as they attempt to follow Him in the school. Pray that God will draw all students closer to Himself.

Lyall Muller

## New Hebrides Elections

The 'New Hebrides News' reports that as from Nov. 10, there will be universal suffrage, or general voting for the Representative Assembly in the "Representation of the People" section. Some 40,000 men and women throughout the New Hebrides went to the polls to vote for their own representative. With 76 candidates for the 29 seats in the section, it was a week of great interest for everyone. The candidates for this first Representative Assembly represented a very wide cross-section of the whole New Hebridean community.

## Joy at Christmas

Many thanks to the C.W.F. groups throughout Australia who provide mission boxes for the people here in the New Hebrides. Particularly our North people are really excited and wear very proudly their new warm clothes. At Ranmawat a new dress every now and again is used to supplement the girl's wages, and the rest are distributed in the nearby villages by the C.W.F. according to need.

One of our most rewarding times last Christmas was distributing the Christmas gifts, all individually wrapped and labelled by the C.W.F. in Victoria. We had Christmas parties in different areas and the presents brought a lot of fun and happiness to the boys and girls, and to the parents too. Children from most Churches of Christ villages on Pentecost received the Spirit of Christmas through the care and loving work done by these ladies. Care is taken in the allocation of mission boxes so that they are given a wide circulation and reach those who really need them.

As a guide to those who continue this

helpful ministry, the items in greatest demand in our area include all types of clothing, baby clothes, nappies, old sheets, cotton wool, small bottles suitable for medicines, sewing and knitting materials and needles, teaching aids for Bible Schools and clubs.

Again many thanks for your wonderful work and may you receive as much joy in giving as the people do in receiving and using what God provides them with, through you.

— Alan Baker, New Hebrides.

## BRAZIL NEWSMAN FOUND DEAD

(Sao Paulo) — An ecumenical memorial service was held on October 31 in the Cathedral of Se for Vladimir Herzog, internationally known journalist and television personality who died in an army prison cell a few hours after voluntarily submitting to questioning about leftist activities. Brazilian army authorities claimed he had hanged himself.

Although announcement of the service was banned from newspapers and radio, more than 8000 people paid homage to the dead Jewish journalist in the huge cathedral in what was seen as a silent protest against increasing repression under the military regime of Brazil.

## ABC CHRISTMAS RADIO

"Freberg's Fables" Sunday, Dec. 21, 8 a.m. Malcolm Muggeridge reads from his new book "Jesus" Monday, Dec. 22, 10.20 a.m. "A Child is Born", Christmas hymns and carols, Dec. 25, 7 a.m.

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# JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

## JAY'S JUMBLES

**OP JAP** This is the hidden name of a place that is remembered because Peter went there. He had a dream that seemed like a nightmare, but he learned a lot from it. In olden times this town had a wall around it, and it was the nearest seaport to Jerusalem. (Answer on page 18).

Just at twilight the tourists parked their caravan after a hard, 400-mile drive.

With some hesitation, the wife said, "Honey, do you remember that flat rock we used for a doorstep when we stopped last night?"

"Sure. Why?" replied her husband.  
"Well, I hid the door key under it."

## AFRAID OF THE NEW!

Are you an inventor? You could have a hard time, like George Stephenson. He was a British engineer who was fascinated by a machine made by Richard Trevithick. Stephenson began to develop the railroad engine in the early 19th century. And were the people glad? They were not! They called Stephenson a swindler and a fool. Other engineers went to court and said the idea of a railway engine was dangerous and useless. Farmers said that railways would stop their cows from giving milk and their hens from laying. Nobles said the smoke from the engines would spoil their hunting. Citizens were told that the fire from the engines would burn their houses. Boilers would burst and the passengers would be blown up. The famous Duke of Wellington who had beaten Napoleon, confessed that he was afraid to ride in a train! People do get afraid of new things.

Mom: "Where are you going?"

Son: "Out to play."

Mom: "With those holes in your shoes?"

Son: "No, with the kids across the street."



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A TREASURY OF INSPIRATIONAL ILLUSTRATIONS

by Earl C. Willer (Baker)

There is quite a number of usable stories in this book, but the author makes an application for each one. Most of us like to be left with the stories and to make our points. The book is rather a book of devotions, with stories as starting points, instead of using texts. Every story is not likely to appeal to everyone, but there is something here than everyone will find useful.

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

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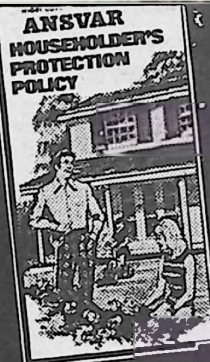
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## MINISTRY SCHOOL

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Also associated will be other guest lec-

turers and preachers who will be conducting specialist seminars.

There has been a very strong response since the advertisement appeared and already some 50 registrations have been received. Ministers who intend coming to the "Summer School for Successful Ministry" are reminded that the closing date for registration is drawing near and that they should make immediate application for registration to the Church Office, at the Cheltenham Church of Christ, Victoria.

**CONCLUDES 7 YEARS AT BURWOOD.** On Nov. 30, with Joytones as guest artists, 7 years successful ministry terminated for Maurie Pieper, during which 67 were added by faith and baptism and "faith offering" grew from \$750 to \$7000. . . The Mayor of Burwood, Dr. Phil Taylor, presented Duke of Edinburgh Award to Vivienne Jose. Trevor and Jenny Kallmier leave for Indonesia early Jan. bringing total Burwood membership in fulltime mission work to 16. . . Rex Ellis, Woolwich Principal, will provide pulpit ministry Dec. 21-Jan. 25. Mr. Pieper commences Taree in Feb.

**FOUNDERS MOVE** (Clovelly Park, A. G. Mathieson) Mr and Mrs Dave Kruger, foundation members of this church, were farewelled — now in membership at Grote St., 30 girls from Daws Road High School presented "Come Together" at recent Gospel service. . . Officers' Board held weekend retreat at Aldinga to discuss Win Arn seminar. . . John and Margaret Beaumont, with W.B.T. in N.G. spoke of their work. . . Church combined with four district churches for Christmas dramatic presentation by "Covenant Players".

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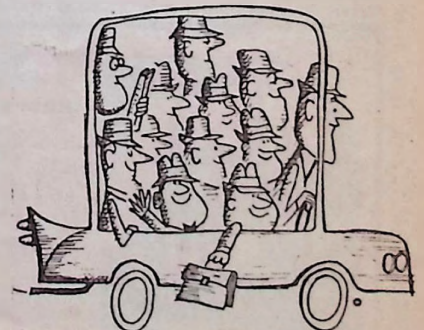


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# OBITUARY

FLETT, Edwin Calver.

The Hopelands & Chinchilla churches were shocked at the death of Mr. Flett on Nov. 8 — a few days before his 70th birthday. He became a member of the church as a lad. In 1934 he married Rachel Holt, and all six children are following the Lord: Arthur is the secretary of the Hopelands church; Iris (Mrs. Bruce Armstrong) is a preacher's wife; Norman is a student at Kenmore Christian College; Bill is the preacher at Orange, and Maureen (Mrs. Bob Clunas) is at Gloucester, and Roy is still at home. For the funeral service more than 300 crowded into the Chinchilla chapel. Bruce Roberts, a former minister, and A. A. Clarke shared in the service. Mr. Flett had served on the Shire Council; was director of the local co-operative; had been a good tennis player, but all these interests were subordinated to the Lord Jesus Christ and his church. The Bible was his creed and he never apologised for his faith in God's Word. Mr. Flett had a rich resonant voice and he loved to sing, and the congregation sang one of his favourites, "I will sing of my Redeemer". Personal love and sympathy were expressed to Mrs. Flett and the bereaved family.

—A.A.C.

FORD Miss Caroline.

An association with the church at Croydon, S.A. going back almost to the commencement of the church here, ended recently with the death of Miss Caroline Ford. She was baptised at the York (now Beverley) church 78 years ago, at the age of 15, and out of her 93 years of life, well over 50 were spent as a church organist, first at Croydon church, then at York, retiring when she reached the age of 70. Miss Ford used her God-given talent faithfully and efficiently in the service of Christ and his Church, and even up until a couple of weeks before her death, at the age of 93, she was still able to sight-read music and play her organ. When the church at Beverley closed recently, she and her niece, Miss Verna Horsell, transferred to Croydon and renewed friendships with folk whom she had known here when she was church organist. She suffered a partial stroke a couple of weeks before she died in a private nursing home. To her nieces, Miss Verna Horsell, Mrs R. J. Hyam and Mrs Thelma Sweet, and her many friends in the churches at Croydon and Beverley, we express our sincere Christian sympathy. The services at the funeral parlour and the Cheltenham cemetery were conducted by the writer, and Merv. Lawrie, who was associated with Miss Ford during his ministry at Beverley.

—F.B.B.

HOWELL, Harold George.

Mr Howell spent most of his life as a school-teacher, in which field he achieved many distinctions, and when he was forced to an early retirement several years ago through ill health, he had just taken up his appointment as headmaster of the new Morphett Vale school. Earlier, Mr Howell had taught in schools at Wilmington and Port Augusta, and later in suburban schools at Ridley Grove, Brompton, and Port Adelaide. He then

transferred to the country and spent some years in the Bordertown area; more recently at Nangwarry in the South-east; from there to the Morphett Vale school. However, he was not to enjoy for long the fruits of promotion, for soon after taking up his new appointment, he was forced to retire because of a rare blood condition, and this, together with a heart complaint, led to his untimely death at the age of 62. All his life a keen church worker, Mr Howell was well known, particularly in the Bordertown area, for his services to the churches as a local preacher. The two car loads of people who travelled from Bordertown for his funeral service is indicative of the esteem in which he was held. He was a man of great courage; he always put such a brave face on his misfortune and made light of his sickness, and was always so pleased to see visitors from the church, that none of us suspected how soon he would be gone from us. The spirit with which he faced ill-health will remain a challenge and inspiration to us all. To Mrs Howell, and their family, Jan and Graham, to his brothers and sister, we express our deep sympathy in their loss. Services in the chapel and Cheltenham were conducted by the writer.

—F.B.B.

PRICE, John L.

Suddenly on Nov. 14, whilst he was handing in the prescription to his chemist Jack Price suffered his final heart turn. Jack had three coronaries over the past seven years. He was 64 years of age. Jack came from a family greatly honored in the Dawson St. Church. His grandmother, Mrs. Eleanor Lucas, founded the firm of E. Lucas, well-known throughout Australia for high quality dresses and women's underwear. Mrs. Lucas was a most devoted servant of the Dawson St. Church and of Jesus Christ. Her son, E. H. Price, was also greatly honored both for his business integrity and his committed Christian living. Jack followed in the footsteps of his grandmother and of his father and mother. As a young man, Jack put on Christ and began his steady growth to mature Christian living. He was active in one of the earliest young men's Clubs in the church. He soon became a S.S. teacher, and continued this to the time of his death. His fine Christian qualities were early recognised by the church and he was elected a Deacon and later was appointed an Elder. He was greatly respected as an Elder, and his counsel and wisdom was constantly sought by his minister and the members of the congregation. Although Jack served his church and Lord and Master in many roles, it was as an Elder that his Christ-like spirit, his sanctified wisdom, and his devotion to his Lord and His Church found full expression. For many years he was Secretary of the Church, and then became Treasurer. In both roles his dedicated business acumen was most valuable. Over the years this humble man of God helped people in need with genuine personal involvement, the Christian application of his business abilities, and with his money. He was always responsive to the needs of others whatever that need may be. Jack was a fine Christian gentleman, honored and loved by all. Jack and his wife Lillian created a lovely Christian home as is evidenced by their three children who have fol-

lowed in their footsteps, and it was a home that was always available for the use of the Saviour. Jack grew up through the firm of E. Lucas and Company, eventually becoming a Director. In all the long years of my association with people outside of the church, never once have I heard a single derogatory word about Jack Price and his brothers from the business community. A splendid tribute to a truly Christian man. Mrs Price and Ann, Howard, Morris and their families have the continued support of the prayers and love of the Dawson St. family.

—F.C.H.

WATKINS Harold N.

Few men have had such a great influence upon such a large number and variety of people as Harold Watkins, who died recently aged 79. H. A. Proctor baptised him in 1914 and he was received into the North Richmond church. Involvement in the S.S. Mutual Improvement Society and Church Librarianship, kept him a busy young Christian. By 1919 he was School Supt. Marriage to Mary Graham took place in 1920 establishing a wonderful partnership of service to Christ and the Church which was to last for 55 years. In 1922 he was enlisted to organise the Hinrichsen Brooker mission at Ascot Vale with the help of Roy Kemp and Harold Hilbrick. After a similar mission in East Kew, the new church requested the young man with organising ability from Nth. Richmond, to form its SS and be its first Supt. In 1926 the couple moved to Camberwell, but returned each Sunday to Nth. Richmond until 1929 when they became members of the Gardiner Church. He was soon appointed Kappa Club leader and Chaplain. Due to his great organising ability and Christian zeal, four Kappa orders were formed. The training, friendship, standards of conduct and service shown these boys and young men, won many of them to Christ and formed lasting Christian character. During the war scores of these young men received regular letters from "Boss" Watkins. His outstanding services were recognised by the State Council of the Kappa movement in 1950 by a citation on a Scroll of Honour. In that same year he suffered a heart attack, but continued his leadership till 1961 when a stroke caused a leg deformity. Having to withdraw from youth work, he turned, in 1965 to the Elderly Citizens Club. Each Monday, over a period of 10 years, he gave leadership to this vital ministry of the Gardiner Church. A plaque on the wall of our main hall reads, "H. N. Watkins Memorial Hall". This is a continuing tribute to the 46 years Christian service through the church at Gardiner. This grateful church honoured his memory at a crowded memorial service on Oct. 12. We give thanks to God for his faith, courage, leadership abilities and love for Christ and the church. Our Christian fellowship has been conveyed to Mrs Mary Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Taylor and all other relatives.

—Leslie S. Dewberry

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## VICTORIA

**STREET STALLS** (Sunshine W. Keddie). Street Stalls for Church and S.S. raised \$193 & \$90.50 respectively . . . Footsray members have assisted at morning services. . . Changing Moods sang at church anniversary. Mr. Wheedon was speaker . . . Geoff Gibbs has been elected to Officers Board. . . W. Keddie graduated with Honours from the College of the Bible. He and his wife will depart for New Guinea in January. . . F.B. Alcorn will commence a ministry in February . . . Temple Day offering of \$250 for maintenance of church and manse.

**HOME COMING LUNCHEON** (Bayswater, A. Fletcher). Despite inclement weather, 200 guests were entertained at home-coming luncheon for the church's 104th anniversary. The fellowship was tremendous.

**DISCUSSION GROUPS** (Blackburn, E.C. Keating). As a result of the Evangelism Dinners, interest has been expressed in evening discussion groups . . . Deanna Thomas was guest flautist at Evening Service . . . Helen Wakefield was appointed to the N.G. Work Party. She will serve in a voluntary capacity for two months. . . Bible Society Youth Drama Group presented "Breakaway" on Nov. 16. \$100 was presented to Bible Soc.

**BAPTISM** (Essendon, C. S. Badcock). Two young people have been baptized . . . Combined prayer meeting of Western Region Churches held Nov. 19 . . . Christmas cards forwarded to children sponsored through World Vision . . . Officers of the Board and Deaconesses met to plan program for the ensuing year . . . Mrs L. Kemp at morning service after long spell in hospital.

**BODY LIFE** (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes & G. Benson). . . Dr Stedman, author of "Body Life" spoke recently . . . Advice from missionary work party, in P.N.G. is that two homes were built and a schoolroom under construction . . . CWF groups forwarded over \$500 for various Christian commitments to the Victorian Treasurer . . . T-shirts printed with "Sunday School is Great" have proved popular and stickers about our church are on many car bumpers . . . Hampton Uniting Church Youth Choir presented the Kaiser-Carmichael musical "I'm Here, God's Here, Now We Can Start." . . . Over 100 teachers from several denominations attended the C.L.C. instruction class held at Cheltenham . . . Keith and Annette Spencer celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary .

**NTH. ESSENDON INDUCTION** Following his graduation and ordination Russell Allison was inducted into the ministry on Nov. 23 by Dr. K.R. Bowes. Russell's father-in-law, F.B. Alcorn, presided at communion, his father, David Allison, read the scriptures, and Dorothy, his wife, gave the children's talk. A surprise supper party was tendered to Russell after the C.O.B. graduation, and members and friends shared luncheon after the induction. . . Bill Barratt, church secretary, is moving to Perth on business.

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**HELP APPRECIATED** (Earlwood). Church appreciates help given by Belmore, Bexley North, and Hurstville churches, and by Woolwich College student, Milton Caine . . . Sympathy extended to J. Werner, Church Elder, in the loss of his mother.

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**COMBINED** (Barolin St., Bundaberg, B. M. Nowitzke). E. T. Hart spoke for Social Service Committee at service combined with Avenell Heights . . . After-church luncheon farewelled Mr and Mrs R. Ball moving to Southport Retirement Village. Presentations were made . . . Gideons International took recent service . . . Minister is President of local branch of Bible Society.

**ADDITIONS** (Annerley, R. Bennett). There have been two baptisms, and two confessions of faith. Welcomed into fellowship were Mr and Mrs Wm. Law . . . 80 attended Annual Congregational Meeting tea followed by sharing in small prayer groups prior to the business meeting. Four elders and eight deacons were elected, and ordained at a morning service . . . The minister led a Deeper Life Mission at Marburg . . . The "G.O." youth group weekend camp had 25 attending . . . 50 were at C.W.F. break-up.

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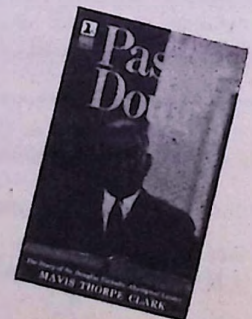
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**CAROL SINGING** (Prospect, R. H. Sercombe). At the home of Mr and Mrs C. Middleton carol singing and organ music held Dec. 6 . . . C.M.S. Project aims to provide petrol for N.G. and New Hebrides Mission fields . . . Ladies preparing small parcels for hospital patients . . . Mr and Mrs Brittain celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary, Nov. 14.

**INDUSTRIAL SUNDAY** (Maylands, N. S. Moore). On Industrial Sunday, Rev. Jim Baxter, Industrial Chaplain, was guest speaker. "One day's pay" offering of \$323 will be shared with those who suffer because of industrial under-development in other lands . . . Five young men attended Discipleship class with Mr Moore . . . Wednesday Mid-week prayer groups meet at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. . . . Church Growth Sessions commenced Nov. 14 with church dinner, information given by team who attended Dr Arn's Seminar.

**LAY WITNESS** (Owen-Long Plains, L. W. Marshman). Lay Witness campaign held with Methodists. 120 took part in Sat. night Home Groups. Combined Service held with group from Adelaide on Sunday . . . Y.P. taking part in several District Rallies and camps. They shared in weekend with Brighton Gardens church . . . Combined visit to Everard Park Rest Home led by Mr Marshman and Mrs May . . . At Owen, H.S. girl being trained as Church Organist . . . A second Elder appointed at officers' meeting . . . One baptism recently.

**PLANNING** (Hampstead Gdns., G. T. Lawrie) Church planning Programme led by Miss Robyn Haskell resulted in Steering Committee consolidating suggestions re church restructure . . . Visiting speakers were Ted Keating from Do Tell Festival and Richard Innes of Acts International . . . Youth helpers were farewelled, Terry & Lorraine Lewitzka (to Pt. Pirie) and Bill & Lyn Jackson (to Bapt. Theological College) . . . Young people produced play "The Greatest Play Ever Written" . . . Adult Discussion Group meets Sunday mornings . . . Intermediate Dept. went on short camp with teachers. Juniors and parents attended a barbecue . . . There have been two baptisms.

**COUNTRY MEETING** (Balaklava, J. Dow). When State Women's Conf. held Country Meeting at Balaklava, Mrs. Long presided over the business and "Lavender Ladies" told of their work at Royal Adelaide Hospital . . . Arranged by youth group Mr. & Mrs. C. Middleton from Prospect showed films of tours in America, Canada & Disneyland. Offering of \$60 will go to the New Guinea Sharing Venture . . . Five of our members are in Hospital .

**MINISTER RESIGNS** (Forestville, M. Munyard) Our minister has resigned as from end of 1976. He will move to Christies' Beach . . . Three hour Church Growth Program held Nov. 9 . . . "Musical Extravaganza" presented by several musicians . . . There have been several baptisms.

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**G.B. DISPLAY** (Wembley, D. K. Croot) On Saturday, November 15 the Girls' Brigade held its 3rd Annual Display led by Mrs. Nicholas and her staff . . . At 36th Church Anniversary on November 16, Mr. Croot spoke at both services. At luncheon there were 140 adults and many children. Special reference was made to seven remaining foundation members still in the congregation . . . Home-by-home visitation has commenced in the streets adjoining the church, and moving outward to neighbouring districts. A questionnaire introduction is being used . . . On Nov. 23 the State Conf. Pres., A. J. Anderson, and Eric Hart, Fed. Conf. Pres. were guest speakers . . . The S.S. Anniversary Services were held October 19 and 26.

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**ANNIVERSARIES** (Fremantle, D. J. Ryle) 83rd. church anniversary and the B. S. anniversary held in Nov. Parents present received booklet of advent devotional readings distributed to all church contacts . . . Special business meeting approved purchase of adjoining property for parking and future expansion . . . Resignation of Les Ladner as elder regretfully accepted because of indifferent health. Beverley Cornish, a graduating physiotherapist left on Dec. 5 for Katmandu (Nepal) for 10 weeks' voluntary service during her vacation. Church members helped with travel expenses.

**BUILDING CHANGES** (Cottesloe, K. W. Berston) Additions and renovations have been accomplished at the church building, including electric heaters and fans, and carpet tiles throughout the church. The pews are being padded and the kitchen in the hall has been painted and renovated. Plans have been drawn for the extension of the porch. Interior walls of church have been rendered. . . A man and his wife have been recently added to the church.

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## VICTORIA

**300 AT ANNIVERSARY** (Swanston St., A. L. Webb). In one feature of 110th Anniversary church celebrations, over 300 shared moving worship experience in the musical "Come Together" . . . The annual business meeting reported 37 additions for the year. Total giving was in excess of \$50,000 with 45% being for missionary giving. The support for Swanston St. missionaries was up 59% on the previous year. The church unanimously confirmed the extension of Mr Webb's ministry for a further 5 years. An Associate Minister, to specialise in the areas of training and equipping the membership to fulfil the work of the ministry, is still being sought. A number of overseas possibilities are under consideration.

**SUCCESS** (Bayswater, A. Fletcher). 200 attended 104th Anniversary and Homecoming. Ken Clinton was guest speaker and Mrs Marge Darlow was soloiste. A film was shown at the P.S.A. by Mr Fletcher. Guest artists were J. Williams, Mrs Alice Atkinson and the young singing group of the church led by Mr and Mrs Dennis Darlow . . . A bus carried ladies from the church and surrounding district to be a part of the 2000 women who heard Millie Dienert at Dallas Brooks Hall.

**FOOTSCRAY MINISTRY** F. B. Alcorn concludes a 9-year part-time ministry on Dec. 21. Ian Tippet commences Feb. 8 . . . Combined auxiliary fair raised \$578 for World Vision . . . G. K. Scambler, Conf. Pres., was visiting speaker . . . Mr and Mrs S. Nicholls told of work in Congo and of Child Evangelism . . . Les Keatch is Board Chairman . . . Mrs Madge Baulch

was presented with a book on leaving for Ferntree Gully . . . Explorers Boys shared in morning service and presented a cheque for \$105 for India flood relief.

**GROWTH UNDER WAY** (Wangaratta, D. A. Stevens). Church Growth program under way . . . Monthly Tea-table services guest speakers were Stanton Wilson and "Canaan College" students and parents . . . 'Trash and Treasure' raised \$800 for new Church toilet block . . . Ian Sproule from Bright spoke at SS anniversary services . . . First year of planned giving showed increase . . . "Disciples" — Men's basketball — doing well.

**HOME-COMING** (Northcote, T. V. Weir). Over 300 shared in first "Home-Coming" for many years. Three former ministers took part. Stanton Wilson (Conf. Sec.) was guest speaker. Lunch in the hall was followed by devotional session . . . B.S. conducted weekend camp at Whittlesea . . . Church combined with other churches for a picnic at Yarra Bend Park but the wet forced them into St. James C. of E. Hall . . . Church Growth plans are made in 1976.

**DECISION** (Reservoir, K. H. Pitt) The film "Thief in the Night" was screened. There was one decision . . . C.W.F. visited the observatory . . . Y.F.C. Team "South Agents" conducted service on October 19. Clive Stebbings was speaker. Four young people responded to invitation . . . At C.W.F. Thanksgiving Afternoon, Matron Phyl Davis spoke on trip to Switzerland Congress . . . Thanksgiving Services speakers were K. Pitt and N. Draper from Wycliffe Translators . . . The new "Missionary Support Program" commenced and the offering reached \$1,239 and \$1,237 was made in Faith Promises . . . C.W.F. held Coffee Morning at home of Mrs Wild, where Robyn Crossley of "Mission to Seamen" showed slides of her work.

**OAKLEIGH GROWTH** (Oakleigh, Dr C. J. Mackenzie). Church Growth Seminar led by Kevin Crawford, Nov. 8-9, considered goals and strategy for church growth . . . Temple Day offering for 59th church anniversary was \$1306. Guest speakers were B. E. McMurtrie and Rev. N. P. Anderson. Afternoon programme was presented by "The Avenue" Blackburn Methodist Choir . . . "Jewels and Junk" sale raised \$1000 for church missionary project . . . Dr Mackenzie recently passed exams to become a qualified chiropodist.

**GUEST ORGANISTE** (Blackburn, E. C. Keating). Guest organiste, Shirley Radford, played at evening service and at After Church Fellowship which featured the organ, the Salvation Army Trombone Trio, Julie Stokie, flautist, and Michael Hughes, soloist . . . A.W.F. concluded with social afternoon where Mr Keating spoke on "Love, Joy and Peace" . . . There have been three decisions . . . Fellowship barbecues were held after morning service Nov. 23.

**BOX HILL GUESTS** (K. Bond). The "Axios" Group were singing guests on Nov. 16 . . . Girls' Sunday service held Nov. 9 . . . At Annual meeting, G. Mullen was elected secretary . . . Student Minister, L. Gibb and his wife were farewelled on Nov. 23 when Mr Gibb was speaker . . . Cricket and Explorer Clubs paraded on Nov. 23 . . . Senior Explorers camped at Tanjil River . . . Mrs Street moved to Oakleigh Guest Home.

**AID FOR BETHANY** (Ormond, C. P. Claydon). C.M.F. held Beetle Night for funds for hot water service at Bethany . . . Men attended breakfast at Cheltenham . . . Arthur and Bonnie, together with permanent staff and counsellors of Mill Valley Ranch, conducted "Chapel Hour", as held on the Ranch each Sunday night, for the senior B.S. Anniversary. 166 attended. Trevor Giles of H.M. and E. spoke on Nov. 30.

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