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PRESIDENT-ELECT IS EXPERIENCED ADMINISTRATOR

Graduating from Carey Grammar School in his home-State, Victoria, Donald Hamilton Smith joined the Commonwealth Bank where he remained for six years until entering the College of the Bible in 1952. His early associations with Churches of Christ were with the church in the Melbourne suburb of Blackburn. He was active in the S.S. and youth club and was, at the age of 18, baptised by the late W. E. Quirk. The following year he was appointed a deacon.

During his ministerial training D. H. Smith was successively Student Secretary and Student President as well as student minister at the Berwick Church for two years.

In 1955 the Vic-Tas Home Missions Department appointed D. H. Smith to the Morwell Church where he became the second full-time minister to serve in its major development project. During this ministry D. H. Smith married Lois Hunter of Berwick and in 1959 they moved to Cowandilla, S.A., where besides exercising a competent pastoral ministry he was Secretary of the College of the Bible Committee for that State.

Association with the Vic-Tas Home Missions was renewed when in 1962 he was appointed Associate Director with (the late) B. J. Combridge and became Director in 1963. In the following year the new Director spent six months overseas visiting U.S.A. and Europe studying patterns of Evangelism, Church Administration and related subjects. While abroad he undertook courses in Industrial Mission and Human Relations. He also attended the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, Geneva, Switzerland.

The new President-elect is currently Secretary of the Inter-Church New Areas Commission, which position he has occupied since its inception in 1967. He is also a member of the Churches Consultative Committee on Evangelism. He has been his Department's representative on both the Advisory Department and the Conference Executive since 1963.

D. H. Smith is widely known and highly regarded by churches throughout Victoria and Tasmania and frequently visits congregations in both States.

He brings to his new office wide knowledge of our churches in this



DON H. SMITH

constituency and a familiarity with the administration of the Brotherhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of four children — Andrew, Craig, Keith and Katherine. Mrs. Smith is a member of the C.W.F. State Executive and Convener of the "March Effort" Committee. She is also Primary Superintendent of the Doncaster Sunday School and a trainee counsellor with the Doncaster Community Care and Counselling Centre.

Vic-Tas churches welcome D. H. Smith to this honoured position in the Brotherhood and assure him and his family of the place they will hold in our prayers and regard.

BILLY GRAHAM AT EUROFEST

"Personally I believe that the young people of our time are turning to Jesus Christ, who can transform them and change their whole life". This was declared by evangelist Billy Graham in a press conference at the International Press Centre, Brussels, for Eurofest '75.

The Eurofest Executive Committee explained to the journalists the major aspects of the European event to be held on the 1958 World's Fair Grounds at the Centenary Palaces and Heysel Stadium, July 24—August 2, 1975. Ten to fifteen thousand young people are expected to attend, coming from most of the countries of the European continent. Present with the journalists at the press conference were nine full-time Eurofest Co-ordinators from every major area of Europe.

Dr. Graham said that all around the world there is a growing interest among young people in studying the Bible. "The new generation rejects materialism. After having turned to drugs, Eastern religions and occultism, thousands of young people are turning to Jesus Christ". Acknowledging that this development is still slow in Europe, the evangelist expressed his hope that Eurofest will make a significant contribution to the same kind of awakening here.

INNER SPRINGS

Two pieces of wood



I once had to make a cross. It was a very simple thing. Just two pieces of wood with a nail in the centre. It was placed with true reverence on a tiny grave that marked the last flight of a small child's feathered friend. Just two pieces of wood? Even to the very young in heart it means more than that. It signifies the death of one beloved, and lost.

Unhappily many of us never get beyond that childish belief. For others, deceived and dazzled by the beauty of many crosses, it has become merely an ornamental symbol, convenient to hang one's faith on, but never reaching the inner recesses of heart and mind with its deeper truth. In the words of another perhaps we need to be reminded that "Jesus Christ was crucified, not between two candlesticks on an ornate altar, but between two thieves on a blood-soaked hill." For our sins, and our salvation!

Just two pieces of wood
O, God was that all
That hung suspended
Betwixt earth and sky?
From whence came
That anguished cry?
'Father forgive them'
For sin that smears

And stains with blood
Their human way.

Just two pieces of wood
Cross fashioned from tree
Open Thou my eyes to see
Love lifted high for me
Not death, but Life and eternity.

PRAYER:

Aimighty Father, re-awaken us to the high cost of Calvary. May its agony pierce our own hearts into a responsive love and desire to serve Thee whatever the cost.

Amen

FLORENCE ROSIER.

MIGRANTS—The sell-out

by the Church? By ALAN MATHESON

Immigration Sunday has come and gone. By and large the churches around Australia greeted the day with a shattering silence. No religious radio program mentioned it. No special divine services were televised. Few sermons were preached on the subject.

And most migrant workers prepared themselves for yet another day standing in job queues or sweating in a factory.

It was good that the churches ignored the day. For it would have been a clumsy, awkward, embarrassing gesture had they on this one day of the year sung their hymns, preached their sermons, and remembered "the migrant".

It was good that the churches ignored the message of the Minister, Clyde Cameron, for it was a message with too many overtones of paternalism:

"we should reflect on their problems ... and renew our determination to help them".

Migrant workers, their exploited wives and their dispossessed children are beginning to demand not help but justice and equality. Not welfare but the right to security of employment, to adequate care when ill, to be understood and to understand, to a home and not a 19th storey flat. Not privilege but the right to maintain their language and their heritage. Not gestures but schools that stand for equality of opportunity.

Increasingly as migrant workers struggle for their rights they find themselves alone. In fact when one looks at:

- the tens of thousands of migrant children not even being taught English.
- the devastating effect of unemployment (and migrant workers are hit the hardest).
- the frustration of non-English speaking Australians trying desperately to understand the education or legal or medical system.

Migrant workers find themselves, like the aborigines, being blatantly denied their rights.

And where are the churches?

Migrant workers can be forgiven for thinking that the churches are no longer concerned.

NOT ALWAYS THE CASE

Over many years the Australian churches have played a significant role in the pastoral care of thousands who were

sponsored by the Church, were visited by congregations, were comforted, were guided and supported in their bewildering first days in Australia.

Still that ministry continues. The one who typed these notes for me is a volunteer who spends many selfless hours in meeting the needs of people who feel lost and lonely and beaten by too many systems.

But the time has come for the churches to not only bind up the wounds of the man lying by the wayside, not only to comfort the bewildered and the hurt, not only to bind up the wounds of frustration and helplessness, but in the 1970s the Church will need to go after the bandits.

For too long the bandits have gone untouched.

For too long the churches have failed to question the morality of a system which has oppressed the migrant worker, exploited his wife and effectively denied an education to his children.

For too long the churches have concentrated on a welfare caring ministry and by doing so have failed to come to terms with the harsh political and economic realities of Australia's migration policy.

The caring ministry of the churches must continue but we will need to face up to the realities of our policy. And the reality of that policy is:

- that it is economic by nature
- that it offers no hope to the refugee — the Ugandan, Asian, the Hong Kong refugee, the Chilean exile, the Assyrian, will get little or no help from Australia.
- that it discriminates; contrast for example the treatment of Mr Stonehouse and Fijian visitors picked up in a factory raid.

HAS THE CHURCH SOLD OUT?

While active in welfare and caring the Churches have for too long been silent where migrant workers have been concerned. For too long they have squabbled over union and fought legal battles over property.

Too often they are long on theology and short on action. Action at least where the poor, the disadvantaged or the migrant worker is concerned.

It often appears as though the Churches deliberately do not want to listen. It appears too often the representatives of the Churches are more at home in Good Neighbour Councils, sitting on Government advisory committees, or drinking coffee at citizenship ceremonies than sitting with unionists, agonising with migrant

workers, or picketing clothing factories exploiting migrant women workers.

Because they do not listen they cannot identify themselves with migrant workers who usually find themselves:

- occupying the worst paid jobs with the lowest social standing
- without any voice in political policy
- victims of discrimination in schools, before courts, in hospitals, in the mass media.
- faced with difficulties in practising their religion particularly if they are non-Christian.

Because they do not listen the Churches will never understand:

● They'll never understand Federico whose face twists with anguish and his eyes are filled with tears as he hears of yet another fellow worker brutalised in Spain.

● They'll never understand George who after waiting six hours in a social security office for the 3rd day, running jumps the counter, threatens the staff and is bundled off by the Commonwealth police.

● They'll never understand Mehmet who turns up at a factory and is told unless he works from midday to midnight six days a week he won't be employed. And when he protests that he'll never see his children if he's forced to work such hours, the manager grins and says 'bad luck' and Mehmet weeps with frustration and anger.

ACTION

Solzhenitsyn wrote — "How can you expect a man who's warm to understand a man who's cold."

That's the challenge for the churches in 1975.

How does it begin to understand the injustices of migration, the inequalities of education, the systems which protect those who exercise power?

1. I believe that if the churches are to understand then they must first listen. They must first place themselves in situations where they can hear. The migration committees of the churches would do well to spend less time in committee meetings and more time in unemployment offices, hospital casualty departments, school grounds, union meetings, and court rooms.

2. The churches will need to spend more time listening to those migrant organisations who are working and struggling for equality, dignity and justice. Such organisations will be able to

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Alan Matheson is serving with the Ecumenical Migration Centre in Melbourne. He gave this address at Central Methodist Mission on March 3, 1975.



C. L. Fitzgerald

Lin Fitzgerald has succeeded Sir Philip Messent as Chairman of the Overseas Mission Board. Sir Philip was Chairman for 32 years and Mr. Fitzgerald has served as Vice Chairman for the last ten years. Dr. Thornley Thomas, former medical missionary to India, has been elected Vice Chairman.

Mr. Fitzgerald, B.A., Dip. Ed., M.A.C.E. is a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Public Administration and a J.P. He is the Regional Director of the Australian Department of Education — a position to which he was appointed in August 1959, just as he was completing his last week as President of the S.A. Conference of Churches of Christ.

NEW CHAIRMAN FOR OVERSEAS MISSION BOARD

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald have four children and are both actively involved in local church, and the work of the Conference of our S.A. Brotherhood. Mr. Fitzgerald was elected an elder at Murray Bridge at the age of 29 and is now in membership at Brighton Gardens. He has served on numerous Conference Committees and was, in 1957, a member of the Overseas Mission Survey team to Papua New Guinea with Albert Anderson and Bob Hilford. It was as a result of the recommendation of this team that Churches of Christ commenced work in the present area in Papua New Guinea.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald visited the Indian field in 1969 and he hopes, if possible, to visit all fields during the next three years.

His hobbies are golf, gardening and Committees, but of these the Committees will be curtailed because of new responsibilities as Chairman of the Overseas Mission Board.

ARTHUR CROUCH COMES HOME

Arthur Crouch, who graduated from the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, in 1929, served our churches in the U.S. He has now retired but is ministering to a small church in Allerton, Illinois.

Arthur's mother, who lives in Sea Lake, Vic., was 104 in January and his church and community collected \$3000 and presented it to Arthur and his wife, Flo, to enable them to visit Australia.

So the Crouches came home and on Feb. 15 in the United Parish hall at Sea Lake, over 100 relatives celebrated. John Chivell of S.A., who graduated with Arthur, presided.

Mrs. Arthur Crouch was Flo Schultz of St. Arnaud, Vic.

FURTHER TERM (Kaniva, B. W. Brown) Mr. Brown has been invited to continue his ministry for further two years after 1975 . . . At church annual meeting presentations were made to those leaving: Rosemary Dyer, nursing at Mt. Gambier; Margaret Jaensch, teaching at Ballarat . . . C.Y.F. arranged Harvest Display for March 2. Special offering taken for C.O.C.O.A. Goods from display were given to C.O.B. . . . Geoff Treasure, S.A., attended World Congress on Evangelisation at Lausanne, and spoke on Feb. 23 here.

ANGOLA PERSECUTION

Many Christians were imprisoned and killed in the war in Portugese colony of Angola simply because "they were Christians and different from the rest of the population." wrote missionary Donald Jeffrey in "Christian Missions in Many Lands." He added that many changes were made under the new Government installed in Lisbon last year. Christians have come out of hiding and among "the thousands of untried, unsentenced, suffering prisoners released were hundreds of Christians."

SECOND FLOOD

(Lismore) The church has experienced its second flood in twelve months.

On March 2, flood warnings were issued and by Sunday evening all valuables were placed beyond flood level.

Fortunately, the flood waters were 4 feet below the 1974 flood level and no water entered the chapel. There were several feet of water in the basement and kindergarten hall, but no damage was caused to church property.

OPENING AT HORNSBY

(NSW). The official opening and dedication service of the Hornsby District Church Complex took place on March 9.

Even though the re-location of the Hornsby church took place in October 1973 the delayed opening was due to an additional hall being built and the car park to be sealed. The hall was completed in November 1974 and the car park sealed in January 1975.

D. A. Oldfield (Minister) chaired the Service. The soloist was Mrs. H. Crump. Mr. Ellerby (Church Secretary) presented a brief resume of events leading up to the day. Greetings were brought by M. Brown on behalf of the Ministers' Fraternal and Mrs. D. Mansell, President of the C.W.F. Conference. J. G. Shaw, Conference President, brought greetings and gave a brief address.

After the service complex was inspected and the afternoon tea was prepared by the ladies.

SECOND MAN

Evangelist Billy Graham again came second in the annual Gallop poll list of men most admired by the American people. He was behind Henry Kissinger, and ahead of President Ford, Edward Kennedy, and George Wallace.

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spell out loud and clear what the churches can do, how the churches can help, where the churches are needed.

3. Instead of the representatives of the churches crowding out all the committees, advisory councils, task forces on migration, let the churches press for the full participation of migrants themselves. For too long in Australia, too many decisions affecting migrants have been made without the effective participation of migrants themselves.

4. Instead of quibbling over insignificant aspects of the Human Rights Bill and the Racial Discrimination Bill let the churches swing the whole weight of their concern behind such legislation. One of the most disturbing aspects of the history of discrimination and prejudice in our community is the way we have allowed our politicians to virtually shelve the Racial Discrimination legislation. If we are serious about combatting discrimination then one of the first steps

churches can do is to begin to demand that the legislation be passed.

5. By all means resources should be made available so that the churches can continue their caring ministry but let that not be the end. There is a desperate need for the church to be engaged in a political and economic analysis of Australia's immigration policy. It's not too soon to begin questioning an economic system which permits migrant women to be exploited. How long are the churches going to permit a policy which offers no hope to the refugee whether he be from Hong Kong, Chile, Uganda or Iraq?

Instead of taking the skilled labour of developing countries, why not encourage unskilled labour and provide them with opportunities to develop their skills and their education?

Only when the churches are able to take such steps will they be able to listen, to identify with, and, to stand by those who are oppressed and exploited for our comfort.

• N.S.W.

CHILD CARE CENTRE OPENS (SEE COVER)

Special Federal Minister of State, Mr. L. Bowen, officially opened a child care centre at Telopea.

Established by the Church of Christ, the centre was sponsored by the Australian Government under the Child Care Act, 1972.

The centre is one of the first to be sponsored under the Act.

Apart from the capital grant of \$74,000, the government will subsidise wages of teachers and a nurse employed at the centre.

About 40 children aged from two to five years have been under tuition at the centre since the beginning of the school term.

J. Bacik, Telopea's Minister, said the church had been looking at the community to see what its needs were.

The church decided to set up the child care centre and applied for a government grant.

The church also has a new chapel, and youth group and counselling rooms which were not included in the government grant.

The whole development is called the Telopea Christian Centre.

Mr. Bacik said the church management committee comprised a social worker, a speech therapist, a teacher, a bank

manager, an accountant, a medical practitioner, and an industrial shop steward.

"We are thinking of making another submission to the government for funds to start after-school clubs," Mr. Bacik said.

The Christian centre planned to conduct marriage counselling soon, Mr. Bacik said.

A session for people seeking something in Christianity but disillusioned with the churches would also operate at the centre.

BELGRAVE HEIGHTS CONVENTION

Easter this year will again see many campers and day visitors gathering for the 24th Easter Convention at Belgrave Heights. The Convention Centre, only 45 kilometres from Melbourne, has a setting of gum trees, bush, ornamental shrubs — ideal for a day's outing. Ample parking space, good picnic facilities and provision of light refreshments and tea service all on the grounds.

Upwards of 2000 visitors gather for the programme featuring Morning Bible Studies, Convention and Missionary meetings, Children's and Young Teenage programme. A fully-equipped Play Centre also operates for the young. The contemporary building where the Evangelical Alliance of Victoria has

organized a Missions display will be an attraction.

Speakers in the large open-sided Auditorium will be Professor E. M. Blaiklock, of N.Z. who will lead the Bible Studies. Rev. Geoff Fletcher from Sydney who is National Director of the Lay Institute of Evangelism, and Frank Farley from London who is at present visiting this country. Mr. Farley is a gifted evangelist and Bible teacher and holds the office of Chairman for the British Council of the Slavic Gospel Association. (See advert. on page 17).

Many youth camps are conducted in association with the Convention by the various Denominations or by inter-church groups.

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IN THE STUDY.

John uses life in both its physical sense (John 1:3-4), where Christ is seen as the agent of life in creation, and in its spiritual sense where Christ is the means of making life eternal. Life is used 33 times in John, 15 times being associated with the adjective "eternal" (1:4; 3:15-16, 36; 4:14; 5:24; 6:27, 35, 40, 47-51; 10:10, 28; 11:25; 14:6; 17:3; 20:31).

Gnostic thinkers (1st and 2nd C) taught that true life is a spiritual existence and that our physical life was in reality death. Christianity opposed this.

Augustine (4th C) was the greatest thinker on this subject in the early centuries and his influence was enormous. Talking about early martyrs he said, (1) the length of life is not important, (2) we should not be anxious about how we die, (3) freedom from the fear of death opens the possibility of really living now.

A. Schweitzer's concept of "Reverence for Life" was opposed to this. The duration of life is important as life is man's chief end. Barth and Tillich have both expounded against this view. Existentialism is the philosophy of choosing every opportunity of personal growth in life.

FROM THE PULPIT.

"The proper function of man is to live, not to exist", and the knowledge of the life of Jack London who said this indicates his philosophy. An elderly lady trapped by a recent cyclone beneath the rubble of her house for 2½ hours said in hospital "I am alright. I want to go back to my home. I want to go back to my family. I want to go back to life". What are the forces that trap people into existing rather than living? What are the qualities of life that Jesus gives beyond mere existence?

For some, like Macbeth, "life is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." But other people who give themselves in service to others find, as Albert Schweitzer

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LIFE

did, "existence becomes harder than it would be if you live for yourself, but to live for others will mean a richer more beautiful and happier life. It becomes, instead of mere living, a real experience of life".

Life cannot be appreciated apart from an understanding of death. The two are opposites. Christians believe that this life is in part a preparation for death, and death is an entry into the fullness of life. This Life is only possible through the life, death and Life of Jesus.

AMONG THE PEOPLE.

One young man I knew devoted his life to his motor-cycle. It was the object of his attention, time, polish and money. I asked him what he saw most in riding. He replied "Boy, to be screaming down the road with the wind in your face at 100 m.p.h.—boy—that's living!" That was also dying for I buried him one week later after a smash. Life must be more than the total of our experiences or than the greatest of our sensations.

In his "Letters and Papers from Prison", Dietrich Bonhoeffer tells of his experiences as a Christian under persecution. One of his friends who was there records what happened on April 8, 1945. It was a Sunday morning just before their area was due to be liberated by the Allies. He had been conducting a religious service for his fellow-captives in a Nazi concentration camp. Just as he finished his last prayer, the door opened, and two evil-looking men stepped inside. One of them barked, "Prisoner Bonhoeffer, get ready to come with us!" All knew that this could mean only one thing—the scaffold. Bonhoeffer drew one of the other prisoners aside. "This is the end," he said, "For me the beginning of life."

GORDON MOYES.

WOMEN'S WRITE



Edited by Gladys Mackenzie

SALE OF LUDBROOK HOUSE

Since 1959 Ludbrook House has been the home of many missionary families for their Victorian furloughs. The thoughtfulness and generosity of the Victorian C.W.F. in providing this charming home has been greatly appreciated by the missionaries and other folk who have rented Ludbrook House for holidays.

In recent years, however, very few Churches of Christ missionaries have used Ludbrook House, and the stewardship of retaining the property has been under review.

Following the resolution passed at Conference, May 1974, to sell Ludbrook House, the Properties Corporation as Trustees auctioned the property in November, 1974 for \$32,000.00.

The money is to be invested by the

C.W.F. Executive at 10% interest, and the income used for missionaries and missions.

Appreciation is expressed to the Executive and Committee who in 1959 planned and worked for Ludbrook House to become a home for missionaries on furlough. Mrs. Vera Morrison, Liaison Officer, and Mrs. Alison Buckmaster who has assisted her for two years, are thanked by the C.W.F. Executive and members for the time and effort they have given so willingly in maintaining Ludbrook House as a comfortable and well-kept home.

Some of the furniture has been returned to the original donors, and the remainder given to the College of the Bible to furnish the house at 5 Elm Road for women students, and a flat at the College.

AT WORK AND WORSHIP

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Enthusiasm and confidence were the keynotes of the Home Mission Rally, at the February monthly meeting. Robyn Haskell, State Home Mission Field Officer introduced speakers who brought aspects of their church's outreach plans. Kathy Sander spoke of the challenge of the dual ministry she and her husband are sharing with Mr. and Mrs. H. Prime at Flinders Park. Pam Paddick talked of a "Church in Action" (Christies Beach) where there is much concern by members to reach newcomers to this rapidly growing district. Eunice Richards of Brighton Gardens church pointed to blessings obtained from Lay Witness weekends where members are encouraged to put their faith into words. Barry Greer, director of Industrial and Commercial Development in the planned new city of Monarto, challenged with the opportunities for the church in a new community.

Mrs. Middleton reported with enthusiasm of the wonderful experiences of Federal Conference, and brought the latest news concerning International Women's Year in S.A. to the meeting. Its

aims of Equality, Development and Peace were stated, and it was suggested the emphasis on Peace, should particularly concern Christian women.

TASMANIA.

Mrs. Loris Joyce, Vic-Tas. President-Elect, attended the State Convention at Margaret St., Launceston, March 15-16. Mrs. Joyce has chosen as her theme, "JOY". The Northern Executive completed its three-year term at Conference time, and as a final gesture arranged a luncheon for all C.W.F. groups, with Mrs. Joyce as speaker.

QUEENSLAND.

The February meeting commenced with a time of Prayer and Study conducted by Mrs. Dorothy Armstrong.

Congratulations were extended by Mrs. Haigh to Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Henderson on their election as President and Secretary to C.W.F. Federal Executive.

Mrs. Bjelke-Petersen gave the address at the Women's World Day of Prayer service, held in the Ann Street Chapel, on March 7.

VICTORIA.

The President, Mrs. June St. Aubyn, welcomed 122 delegates representing 51 groups to the February Council meeting.

Dandenong C.W.F. presented devotional segment, and Mrs. L. Joyce led in prayer of Intercession.

J. Edwards of the Community Welfare Foundation, gave an account of work commenced in 1871 with Singleton Lodge—for homeless men—and Hartnett House, 1903—for "fallen women". Now a Counselling centre operates in Richmond and a day centre deals with the sustenance and work therapy of some of Melbourne's 5,000 homeless men. Estimated budget for 1975 is \$920,000.

Miss Rosalyn Williams, on furlough from New Guinea, was interviewed about her work as Administrator and Liaison Officer.

QUOTES

FROM C.W.F. NEWS SHEETS.

QUEENSLAND.

"EVE'N'US" offers special discussion thoughts for women's groups in this International Women's Year. They are set out in question form. You might like to try them out in your group.

1. What is happening in the lives of women today? How are women FEELING about these changes?
2. Need the church be concerned?
3. What does the Bible tell us about God's creation of men and women?
4. How have women in your congregation changed in the last 20 years?
5. What talents can women contribute to the total ministry of the congregation.
6. Are both men and women "stuck" in certain tasks?
7. How could we plan to help women realize their full potential at all ages?
8. Are you willing to try new ways, realising there are problems, risks and demands?

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Patience is the ability to let your light shine, after your fuse is blown.

The Centre of Queensland's Sunshine Coast
70 miles north of Brisbane,



A SPECIAL WELCOME TO INTERSTATE CHURCH MEMBERS

CHURCH GROWTH LEADER TO VISIT AUSTRALIA

Dr. Win Arn, Director of the Institute for American Church Growth, will visit Australia in July this year. His visit is being sponsored by Churches of Christ State Home Missions Departments.

Dr. Arn will conduct seminars in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Tasmania. He is an international figure in the study of church growth and is closely associated with well known Disciple missionary strategist Dr. Donald McGavran.

The research and writing of these men is being studied around the world as interest in the theme of church growth quickens. The themes of church growth and world evangelisation dominated the Lausanne Congress and are expected to be important issues at the forthcoming World Council of Churches Assembly at Nairobi.

Dr. Arn has had wide experience in the communications field, with involvement in television, film and radio productions. He is actively involved in numerous inter-church committees and has been a pastor, counsellor, and professor of religious education!

Youth and adult evangelism have been continuing concerns and in the field of

social welfare he pioneered care centres and camps for delinquent youth in Oregon. He has also been involved in Alcohol Education in Oregon. Dr. Arn served as a pilot in the United States Air Force, is a flight instructor and holds a commercial pilot licence.

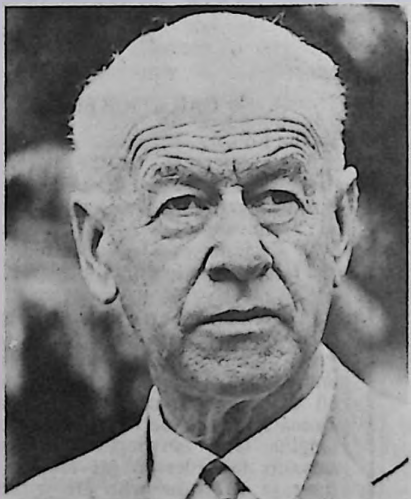
Details of his itinerary and the seminars in each State will shortly be available to churches. Ministers and church board members will be invited to participate in the seminars as a team.



DR. WINFIELD ARN

Dr. Arn has conducted Church Growth Seminars throughout North America. On the attached sheet you will find an outline of the ten hour session. His plan is The ten hour session is remarkably effective and popular. His plan is: actual seminar each participant receives a book written by McGavran and Arn together with materials for a local church survey and analysis. These are brought to the seminar and further worked on in the sessions. The actual visit commences in Sydney on 14th July. Dr. Arn attended the Lausanne Congress and was responsible for leadership in the Church Growth Seminars there.

Don't miss hearing Professor E. M. Blaiklock, Litt. D., O.B.E., eminent New Zealand Author, Lecturer, leading Christian Speaker.



Thursday, 3rd April, 8 p.m.: "Resurrection, Myth or History?"
Gardiner Church of Christ.

Friday, 4th April, 8 p.m.: Youth Rally. "Was Jesus Who He said
He was." Blackburn Church of Christ.

Saturday, 5th April, 7 a.m.: Men's Breakfast. "Purpose and Pleasure
of Travel." Doncaster Church of Christ.

8 o'clock: "What Archaeology has to say about the Writings of
John." Blackburn Church of Christ.

Sunday, 6th April, 9.30 a.m.: "Failure is not Final."
Doncaster Church of Christ.

11 a.m.: "Life is Choice, not Chance."
Swanston Street Church of Christ.

4.30 p.m.: Young Adult Fellowship Tea. "Permissiveness."
Blackburn Church of Christ. Cost \$1 per head.

7 p.m.: "Why I am still a Christian." Blackburn Church of Christ

For Ministers: Thursday, 3rd April, 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.:
"Myth, History and New Testament Criticism." College of the Bible.

For Ladies: Wednesday, 2nd April, 1.30 p.m.: Mrs E. M. Blaiklock will
speak to a Ladies' Group at Mitcham Church of Christ.

Professor Blaiklock will be Guest Speaker at the Belgrave Heights
Easter Convention, and will be delivering the Bible Society Memorial
Lecture.

OPEN FORUM

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

RURAL CHURCH CONCERN

To the Editor,

The 'Closing of Bet Bet' church, "A.C." 8/2/75, challenges me to write with concern. Another small rural church closes — not just another Church of Christ in the country, but another country church. Like Rural State schools they are becoming fewer. A difference being that the government sees to it that children are collected by buses and taken to larger schools.

In closing a church are we so sure people will go the extra miles to church or will they justify their absence?

Should ministers continue their trend towards numerically higher churches? What makes our ministers head for the more densely populated areas?

Have rural people lost a sense of stewardship, if not in their service then in their earnings? Is the government of our land so crippling the rural communities that Christians can no longer give financially to the same extent? A sad thing to realise is that all farm produce payments to farmers, excepting wheat and milk, have fallen in the last six months while overhead costs have risen steeply.

The local church . . . the brotherhood . . . you and I, have to ask ourselves if we have lost our vision of mission work. Many ministers and missionaries came from small country churches. It seems there will be fewer in the future. The present situation must be halted.

Most of our young people leave our churches in the country to go elsewhere.

Perhaps some of our country brothers and sisters who now live in the cities may see the need of some form of adoption or aid as has been shown to the Darwin Appeal, Christmas Bowl and so on. They are all worthy causes. Adoption or aid is better than death. Try challenging your minister or board of officers.

Travelling in a North Westerly direction from Melbourne to Swan Hill on the Murray River and then continuing up to Robinvale we have only three full-time ministers. This is literally taking in 1000s of people and 1000s of miles. This huge slab of Victoria will one day thrive again financially but by then the Rural Church may be sick, dying or dead. The vastness and potential of this part of Victoria is too great to neglect. For the sake of Christ's Kingdom perhaps some readers may like to pen their thoughts.

C. G. Henderson,
(Part-time minister),
Boort & Pyramid Hill, Vic.

ONE EYED RESOLUTIONS

To the Editor,

Did our Federal Conference suffer from "One Eyed Itis?" That is the impression I gained when reading the Conference Resolutions. For foremost on the list was one resolution aimed at South Africa and Rhodesia.

I deplore racism and apartheid, but I also deplore the tendencies in our community to make South Africa and Rhodesia verbal and emotional "punching bags."

LETTERS FROM TERTUS

THE BLAME GAME

To the Editor,

My Uncle Winston has a neat explanation for all of our troubles: unemployment, inflation, shortages and general moral decadence. He blames the present government. Likewise he has just as neat a solution for all of our problems. "Get this lot out and put the other lot in." When we finally got him to bed at 2 a.m. my mind was too active for sleep. I found myself wondering, "What if the other lot did get in, and still couldn't solve all of our problems, what would they do?" The answer came simply. They would blame the previous government for making such a mess of things that no respectable government could save the nation. And it occurred to me that the easiest way through life for all of us is to play the blame game.

If we are crazy, mixed up neurotics, psychiatrists tell us how to blame our parents. If we are square pegs in round holes, drop outs, born losers, or just hard to get on with, we can blame heredity or environment or the system.

Christians who are not very good at it can blame the devil. (He must get a lot of satisfaction out of being credited for millions of things he never even thought of!)

Of course the blame game goes a long way back. Adam blamed Eve (and it probably was her fault!) Eve blamed the devil. The devil could have blamed God, but he didn't and is the only one of the three who comes out of the story with any credit.

What a lot of gutless wonders we humans are, dodging our responsibility for our own actions by blaming others!

Sorry this letter is a bit late getting to you. My wife forgot to remind me to post it.

TERTIUS

Why single out these two countries? Why are we conveniently, but inconsistently, quiet towards other countries more oppressive, cruel and imperialistic?

I hope our conscience stirs us to voice opposition to racism, colonialism, abuse of justice etc., let us at least be fair. For there are such places as the Republic of Chad where Christians must undergo pagan initiation rites or die. There is Zaire where President Mobutu is being hailed as "Messiah" and where the church is facing imminent persecution.

Why was there no resolution aimed at the Soviet Union for its refusal to allow Jews to emigrate to Israel? What about its treatment of Georgi Vins who received 10 years imprisonment for preaching Christ. There are so many resolutions we could frame against the Soviet Union — but didn't. And this is why I gain the impression of a Conference with "blurred vision".

However, I look forward to the following "A.C.'s" and their reports on Federal Conference. For surely I will read of our vision and plans for Evangelism, church growth planning, Overseas and Aborigine Missions advances. This I would imagine would be our primary aim in holding Federal Conferences. I await with interest the unfolding of our strategies to plant churches in the New Testament pattern across our continent and across the seas. For will it not be the case, that in so doing we will win back the world from the Usurper and rejoice to know that "The Earth is the Lord's".

—Ray Hawkins, Qld.

FOR FREE

To the Editor,

Dear Sir,

The Surrey Hills church wishes to dispose of a Roneo Duplicator which is several years old.

Any interested organization can have same free of charge by contacting the Church Secretary on 89 5436 (Melb.)

L. J. Ramsbottom, Vic.

CAR STICKERS

To the Editor,

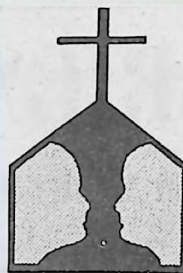
With reference to the letter about stickers on cars etc, I have stickers on my car and here's the reason why: Ezekiel 3: 11; 2 Timothy 4: 1, 2, 5. 2 Corinthians 9: 6-7.; Ecclesiastes 11: 6. Matt. 5: 14-16, and last but not least Matt. 10: 32.

There are more reasons even than these but these may be enough to make your Johnny wiser if he wishes to be enlightened. I would suggest that he reads all of the books of Ezekiel, Jonah, and Hosea and just see to what extraordinary lengths God is prepared to put His servants in order to get even a limited message to those who are without the knowledge of the truth.

E. Barton, S. A.

a christian training school

ACTS



**"THE
EARTH
IS
THE
LORD'S"**

Recently a group of concerned Christians met together to prepare a training course to develop the capacities for Christian service of those not contemplating a full-time ministry. As a result, in 1975 a training series to be known as ACTS, (A Christian Training School) will be launched. A board of directors has been formed to administer this school and includes Dr. A. G. Elliott (representing Woolwich College), R. Kallmier (representing the D.C.E.), B. Armstrong, N. Flint, D. Surtees, J. Bacik, D. Nutt, E. Thrupp, V. Bowie, K. Farmer, P. Holt, N. Bartlett.

This new training concept is to be presented as an intensive course over twenty-six (26) weeks on three (3) days a week; or as a part-time course of three nights a week for twenty weeks (20). The night course will run from 28th April to 8th October, 1975 inclusive and the full-time day course will run from 28th April to 25th October, 1975.

Subjects include Doctrine, Bible Backgrounds, The Church in Action, Counselling, Comparative Religion, Communication, Defence of the Ethics, Ims, Psychology, Personal Relationships, Leadership.

This ACTS course is being designed around a core of basic subjects and a number of electives, tailored to the needs of those participating. A balance of theoretical, practical and self-teaching sessions has been planned so that those involved will be able to deepen their spiritual lives and knowledge. As well they will be better able to minister in their local church situation.

The course will be open to all age levels and should have special interest for young people, or those working with young people.

If you are interested in finding out more details please apply to:

The Registrar,
A Christian Training School,
109 Waterloo Road,
Greenacre, N.S.W. 2195.

ETHIOPIAN LUTHERAN FREED

Ethiopian authorities have freed Emmanuel Abraham, president of the Lutheran Church in Ethiopia. The 61-year-old layman, who was Minister of Mines until political changes started early in 1974, had been in detention since last May. He serves as first vice-chairman of the LWF's Commission on World Service and earlier was on the LWF's Executive Committee.

—EPS.

THE WRONG ROBYN In the issue for Feb. 22, the name Miss Robyn Haskell was given as the assistant minister at Noble Park. This was an error. Miss Haskell is serving with the Dept. of H.M. & Evang. in S.A. It is Miss Robyn Caudwell, C.O.B. student, who is assistant minister at Noble Park. The item reported Miss Caudwell's illness. She is much improved and is now restored to her own name.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

The Vic.-Tas. Conference Executive acknowledges with thanks receipt of anonymous gift of \$35 for the general fund of the Executive.

DEPT. OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Vic./Tas)

Invites you to
**INFORMAL LUNCH-TIME
MEETINGS FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE**

Wednesdays, April 2 & May 7
12 noon - 2 p.m.

Come when you can
Leave when you must
Bring own lunch — Tea & Coffee
provided.

Reception Room, 1st Floor,
Churches of Christ Centre,
52 La Trobe St., Melbourne.

TERTIARY STUDENTS' TEA (Vic.)

There will be a tea for all Vic.-Tas.
students at Universities, Teachers'
Colleges, Institutes of Technology,
etc., at 52 La Trobe Street, Melb.,
6.15 p.m. on

Wednesday, May 7, 1975

Ring 662 2377 (Melb.) for an
invitation and/or further
information.
(Vic./Tas. D.C.E.)

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CAMP

The Vic./Tas D.C.E. invites married
couples to join in this new venture.

Dates: June 6-8, 1975.

Venue: Motel-type accommodation
at Launching Place (Vic.)

Cost: \$38.00 per couple.

Purpose: To help couples make
their meaningful marriage more
meaningful.

Contact 52 La Trobe Street, Melb.
(Phone 662 2377) for further details.

BOYS' BRIGADE

BY MALCOLM McARTHUR

The oldest voluntary uniformed organisation in the world held its 5th Pan Australian Camp at Spreyton Park, Devonport recently.

This was the culmination of 2½ years of planning by the Sydney based committee, assisted by the regional companies of the Tasmanian Group Council, who were well rewarded when well in excess of 1,000 boys and officers attended.

Trips to Port Arthur (where our Nubeena C.W.F. provided the evening meals), Stanley, Launceston, Mt. Roland (Juniors) and an overnight expedition for the seniors to Cradle Mountain, made sure that everyone was kept busy and occupied.

Newspaper coverage was remarkable, with photos and news items every day in both the local papers, as well as the Hobart "Mercury" and also on T.V. The opening was performed by the Premier of Tasmania, Honorable E.E. Reece.

A feature of the camp was its international flavour with a large contingent of 70 from New Zealand, 12 from Singapore, 9 from Papua-New Guinea, 5 from U.K. and 4 from U.S.A. Just on 100 travelled from W.A., where the next camp is programmed in 3 years time and almost the whole company from Mt. Tom Price attended. Two boys came from Darwin, one leaving before cyclone "Tracy" and the other bearing a cut on his cheek — a stark reminder of what he had been through. Our biggest disappointment was that four Aborigines who were to come from Elcho Island were unable to come because of the turmoil in Darwin.

The Friday night camp programme was cancelled and those in camp marched through Devonport to assist the Jaycees' Darwin effort, when more than \$600 was raised. At our own Sunday morning service, a sum in excess of \$1,500 was given to assist those associated with Boys' Brigade companies who had suffered during the cyclone.

The object of Boys' Brigade, founded in 1883 and introduced to Australia in 1897, is "the advancement of Christ's kingdom among boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self Respect and all that tends towards true Christian Manliness." This was never played down and indeed, the former Tasmanian Scouting Commissioner pointed out that Sir Baden Powell was an active Boys' Brigade officer when at our founders request he wrote the handbook "Aids to Scouting", for incorporation into Boys' Brigade.

All (even those with breaks, aches and pains) voted the camp the best yet and eagerly look forward to journeying to Perth in three years time. The Australian

President, Max Gray from Burwood church of Christ, together with assistant directors Reg Wood from Sutherland Baptist and Malcolm McArthur from Asquith/Berowra church of Christ, headed up a fine all voluntary team of most co-operative workers to ensure the smooth and efficient running of the camp. Churches interested in the formation of companies in their place of worship should contact our Federal Secretary, John Gowman, Boys' Brigade — Australia, Simpson House, 249-251 Pitt Street, Sydney, 2000.

Boys' Brigade is indeed the finest missionary movement to reach the "unchurched" boy and we commend it to all who seek to promote and extend Christ's Kingdom.

CHRISTIAN UNITY RESIGNATION

The Rev. Frank Engel, General Secretary of the A.C.C. has resigned from the Christian Unity Committee of the N.S.W. Presbyterian Assembly. In explaining this action Mr. Engel said, "I consider that membership of the Committee is no longer consistent with my position as General Secretary of the A.C.C. In this position I must be in as equal a relation as possible to all twelve member churches. Hence I am withdrawing in order to make it clear that the A.C.C. stands in an equal relationship to both the developing Uniting Church and the continuing Presbyterian Church". The Christian Unity Committee is charged with the task of preparing for church union with the Methodist and Congregational churches, while within the Presbyterian Church there is another committee, of which Mr. Engel is not a member, that is preparing for the continuing Presbyterian church.

This action by Mr. Engel follows the recent communique from the A.C.C. Executive Committee to its three member churches engaged in preparations for union. This message expressed the hope that the leaders and members of both the Uniting Church in Australia and the continuing Presbyterian Church will continue to share their witness in the A.C.C. through membership.

"I therefore, find myself in the unexpected situation of being personally committed to church union, but having to recognise and make clear that a council of churches, interested as it may be in Christian unity and inter-church co-operation, is composed of churches of diverse traditions and of varying attitudes and convictions in regard to organic union"—Mr. Engel said in commenting on his resignation.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

BIBLE OCCUPATIONS

What was the occupation of Paul, and also of Alexander (Paul said that Alexander did him a lot of harm?)
(see page 18)

Q. Why does a little pig eat so much?

A. He wants to make a hog of himself.

Q. What is more amazing than a talking dog?

A. A spelling bee.

POCKETS

A child should have pockets—
Suppose on the road
He runs across a beetle,
Or a lizard, or a frog?
However will he carry them?
Whatever will he do
If he hasn't got a pocket
To put them into?

Judge: "Are you the defendant?"

Man: "No, I ain't your honor.

I've got a lawyer to do my defendin'.
I'm the guy that stole the chickens."

A Greek on an Athens bus quietly asked the man standing next to him,
"Are you a military officer?"

"No," was the reply.

"Are you a policeman?"

"No."

"Are you in the government?"

"No."

"Then take your foot off my toe!"



"If I ever stop hating boys, Joey's the one I'll stop hating first."

BOOKS TO READ

"THE POSITIVE POWER OF PRAYER"

E. M. BLAIKLOCK (G/L Publications) \$1.45

This little paper-back becomes more interesting to Victorians because Dr. Blaiklock will be lecturing at the College of the Bible and in a number of our churches, April 1-6. Dr. Blaiklock says, "A man's prayers are the measure of his Christianity . . . and of his experience of God." But he has no limited view of the nature and method of prayer. For him prayer is communion with God. He recognises and discusses such problems as staleness of prayer life, the wandering mind, unanswered prayer, "praying in the name" and God apparently "leading us into temptation." His thesis is that when we want to know about prayer we go to the teaching and experience of Jesus. Blaiklock points out that the 200 words about prayer in Matthew 6 cover every imaginable situation in human life. The 57 words of the Lord's Prayer involve worship, gratitude, intercession, submission, petition, repentance and aspiration. The book is an exposition of the Lord's Prayer and Jesus' prayer parables. For Dr. Blaiklock the key to the prayer is in its first two words, "Our Father". He quotes copiously from both Old and New Testaments, and being a Professor of Classics, from the ancient Greeks and Romans. There are occasional arresting sentences that call for reflection, such as, "We can only 'pray without ceasing' if our prayer is a mental attitude of devotion with a subconscious reference to God in all things." Dr. Blaiklock does not offer an infallible formula for success in what he calls "the battle field of prayer". But after reading the book one should find it easier to pray.

—G. R. STIRLING

THE ARCHEOLOGY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT \$4.50

by E. M. Blaiklock (Zondervan)

There are some books on Biblical archeology that make rash claims. This book is not one of them. Professor Blaiklock writes in an interesting and popular manner, but with balanced and careful scholarly judgment. After a fine statement on papyri and the wealth of evidence found in ancient manuscripts, Blaiklock has successive chapters on archeology and the nativity, parables, sayings of Jesus, the resurrection, Acts, the Epistles, and the Apocalypse. In these he brings to the reader significant discoveries that enable a better understanding of the New Testament. The chapter on the Apocalypse is splendid — the evidence will help any person to discover the background of the much-misunderstood last book in the Bible. There is also an excellent chapter on the Dead Sea Scrolls. There are many helpful black and white photographs. This book will help a person who wants an intelligent faith. It is a pity that there is not a paperback edition, but the price is still reasonable for these days.

—(K.R.B.)

REMARRIAGE AFTER DIVORCE

by B. Ward Powers (Jordan Books) 90c.

This small book was written in response to a decision by the Anglican Church that confirms the longstanding view that remarriage after divorce is permissible only if the divorce in question was granted for the reason stated in the New Testament, that is adultery. But the value of the book is much wider in that it analyses scriptural passages relating to marriage and divorce, particularly Matt. 19:9 and 1 Cor. 7. Dr. Ward Powers argues that the Matthew text is not so much a command from Christ, but a statement that to act in a certain way is to commit adultery. There is no question that it is contrary to the will of God that a marriage should be broken by divorce, but it must also be against the will of God that some marriages are entered into at all. It could also be against the will of God that some marriages are allowed to continue where there is no love and no hope of a continuing meaningful

relationship. If a divorce is threatening, there is sin somewhere before the marriage, or after the marriage, but to make divorce the one sin beyond the reach of God's forgiveness is to deny even more important passages of scripture that Matt. 19:9—those passages which clearly show that a person's repentance brings a forgiveness by God that is total and complete. All ministers are troubled by the many breakdowns in marriage and the increasing call for the remarriage of divorced scriptures. It is also recommended for general reading and group study. See advertisement on page 22 of this issue.

EDUCATIONAL IDEALS IN THE ANCIENT WORLD

by William Barclay (Baker)

Formerly published in 1959 under the title "Train Up A Child", this book gives the substance of the Kerr Lectures delivered in Glasgow in 1957. Barclay looks closely at the forms and content of education among the Jews, Spartans, Athenians, and Romans, with a closing chapter on the place and education of the child in the early church. A very useful resource book.

SERMON OUTLINES & ILLUSTRATIONS.

by Hyman Appelman. (Baker Book House). \$1.95.

This reprint of an earlier hard cover edition is one of the Ministers' Handbook Series. Written by a converted Jew it should prove to very helpful. Although only outlines, the material given by Dr. Appelman is suggestive, and the outlines are full enough to give the point to what the writer is saying. Dr. Appelman does not claim originality, hence the evangelist does not hesitate to claim that these outlines are of real value. It is the aim of this book that Christians will love the Word of God more, and more earnestly strive to bring men and women to Christ.

—R.V.A.

"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.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



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"Better cancel the June wedding date since he still hasn't proposed yet!"

SARGE IS BACK



When Haydn Sargent went with Bob Baxter as Woolwich Students to the new housing development of Telopea in the Dundas Valley in 1959 to establish a church, they probably didn't envisage the effectiveness the Church would have in the succeeding years. Haydn Sargent stayed on after college to become Telopea's first fulltime minister, and the church has been capably served by full time and part time men of the calibre of Jim Henderson, Keith Farmer and Brian White.

With fine initial support from "mother" church, Epping, Telopea has developed a tremendous "serving" ministry to the neighbouring district over the succeeding years. From the Christian Centre the church has operated Boys' and Girls' Brigades and Clubs, a Senior Citizens group, a play group, all age Christian education and sporting clubs including cricket, soccer, basketball, a counselling service and now a Child Care Centre.

It seemed only fitting that we invite Haydn Sargent back to speak at the opening of our new "Child Care-Christian Centre Complex". After all it was he who first "pitched his tent" on the Shortland Street site. Haydn spoke at special meetings on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and emphasised the importance for the church today to follow the values of Jesus and not be squeezed into the mould of the world.

Many people came who had not heard the gospel before—many of us needed to be challenged by it again—none of us were disappointed—Sarge was back!

CHURCH LOSS (Burwood, K. J. Clinton) Church was saddened by the sudden death of Mrs Norma Barnwell, who occupied positions of deaconess, organiste, S.S. teacher, and C.W.F. president. Members extend sympathy to her husband, Harry . . . Heather Davis, Strong brothers, accompanied by Mrs Stewart, have rendered musical numbers . . . C.W.F. Pres. is Mrs W. Hunter; sec. is Mrs N. Beard . . . Don Didsbury and Eric Patterson have been appointed co-supts. of S.S. . . . Explorer seniors finished equal first, whilst intermediates gained second place in swim sports.

HARVEST FOR C.O.B. (Norlane, Ian Adams) Harvest Thanksgiving was held on March 2 . . . exchange of platforms with Manifold Heights. Harvest gifts were presented to College of the Bible representative . . . Allan Carr showed slides and enlightened C.W.E.F. on the work of New Guinea . . . 16 attended S.W. Dist. Conf. at Ballarat . . . Explorer Club won the 1974 Country and Interstate Banner, also Certificate of Recognition for Good Club Management . . . Don Smith and Trevor Giles of Dept. of H. M. & Evang. met with Officers' Board . . . Children's talks have been reintroduced at a.m. and p.m. services.

**THE CHANGING MOODS
RINGWOOD
7 pm SUNDAY MARCH 23rd.**

DEATH OF CLIFF HUGHES

News has been received of the passing of C. P. Hughes, Church of Christ minister, and former General Secretary of the Temperance Alliance of S.A. For 22 years he was secretary of the Australian Temperance Council (now the A. & S.P.T.C.). The funeral held in Prospect, S.A., on March 10, was attended by the immediate past president of the A. & S.P.T.C., W. W. Saunders, O.B.E., who also represented the Vic. Temperance Alliance.

SECOND FULL TIME MINISTER FOR CHELTENHAM

The Church at Cheltenham, Victoria announced recently that G. Benson has accepted their invitation to be their full time Associate Minister for three years commencing October or early November, 1975.

Mr. Benson graduated from the College of the Bible in 1971 with a Licentiate of Theology and a Diploma of Religious Education. Since then, he has been studying at the Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma, and by the time he returns to Australia will have a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Divinity.

Mr. Benson and his wife, Ruth, a trained nursing sister, are both in their mid-twenties and have a little boy, Danny.

This year marks the commencement of Mr. and Mrs. Moyes' tenth year with the Cheltenham Church. During the past nine years the church has grown with an ever increasing influence in the community. It is because of this church development that the church has been led to call Mr. Benson to minister with them, and they are looking forward with much anticipation to this team ministry.

PERILS OF PUBLISHING

Under this title "Christianity Today" points to soaring costs and lagging support for the recent failure of more religious journals.

Among the victims were:

"The Link", a 25,000 circulating monthly known to hundreds of thousands of servicemen over its 30 year history. Mounting deficits caused it to cease publication. It was published by the General Commission of Chaplains and Armed Forces.

"Christianity Applied", an evangelical monthly, began in October, 1974 and closed in Dec. the same year. It failed to attract either funding or subscriptions.

In Philadelphia "The Episcopalian", the national periodical of the Episcopal Church, has an uncertain future. Its circulation of 150,000 is up on 1972 when it was 90,000 but the denomination's subsidy of \$150,000 ended with the 1974 grant. The monthly recently switched from a magazine to a tabloid format.

Deficits by three denominational publications contributed to losses of \$526,000 suffered by the United Methodist Publishing House in the last financial year.

"Christianity Today" has had to make budgetary cutbacks which will be offset by streamlining production and reducing personnel from already hard-pressed staffs.

By contrast "Moody Monthly" reports a three-year circulation gain of 127%.

NO COMPULSION

At West Point military academy, cadets have not been compelled to attend chapel services since 1972, following a 1972 U.S. Supreme Court decision.

According to senior West Point chaplain James Ford, however, Chapel attendance ranges from 30 to 80% but at daily morning devotional services, group Bible studies, retreats and conferences, attendances are greater than ever.

WHITE PAPERS

ON LIFE AND FAITH

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR Professor E. M. Blaiklock is being welcomed next month and our churches have grasped the opportunity to hear him. He is a classical scholar and held the Chair of Classics at the Auckland University for 21 years, and for 42 years taught Latin, Greek, Ancient and Biblical History.

Although he is not a theologian his contributions to Biblical scholarship have been recognised throughout the world and he is much respected in theological discussion. In the 1960s in New Zealand there was a stormy public debate on Biblical issues, especially on the fact and meaning of the Resurrection. Professor Blaiklock was a strong spokesman for the traditional views of Christianity and he claimed, as an historian, that the trial, death, and resurrection of Jesus are better documented than most other events of ancient history.

He has written many books and their popularity is seen in their short supply at a time when his coming to Australia has stimulated a keen demand for his writings.

Churches of Christ have been successful in making full use of Blaiklock's coming. Here for the Bible Society Olivier Beguin Memorial Lecture and for the Belgrave Heights Convention, Blaiklock will also speak at Churches of Christ at Blackburn, Doncaster, Gardiner, and Swanston St. He will also lecture to ministers at the College of the Bible. Details of meetings are on page 7.

Professor Blaiklock will also deliver the Olivier Beguin Memorial Lecture at Canberra on April 8 and Brisbane on April 9.

GOOD GRIEF The newsletter of the Lewiston United Presbyterian Church (in Pennsylvania, U.S.A.) had the following note on prayer, the business of the church. "On motion of the trustees and subsequent approval of the session, the trustees have negotiated a loan for our building . . . Due to high interest rates, rather than enter into a fixed percentage agreement, our loan will vary according to the Federal Reserve Rate in effect. The trustees encourage the congregation to pray with them for the lower interest rate now being considered by the Federal Government."!!

PORT PIRIE 1875-1975

(S.A.) On March 1, E. W. Heard, Home Mission Director, spoke to the church at the commencement of the centenary celebrations.

At a P.S.A. our own ladies' choir and guest artists entertained the congregation. Afterwards group discussion was led by Ted Heard. Mr. Heard was again the speaker after tea.

Activities throughout the year will include a "Back to Pirie" week-end, Nov. 1-2.

Currently members are sharing in Lenten studies with the United Parish, preparing for Lay Witness Evangelism with the Parish led by Rev. N. Haywood. R. L. Baxter is minister.

Miss Robin Haskell, Field Officer with H. M. Dept., led a church programme

review. Two young married women have been baptized.

LET'S GROW

Dr. Win Arn is coming to Australia — July, 1975, to share his experience of a growing Church.

"It's God's will that His Church grow . . . His lost children found."—Dr D. A. McGavran.

ANSVAR GOES AUSTRALIAN
Ansvar Insurance Co. Ltd. became Ansvar Australia Insurance Ltd. this month.

Since 1961 Ansvar has been operating as a branch of Ansvar in Great Britain, and through the British company was a part of an international organisation underwriting insurance for non-drinkers.

Ansvar has had the support of temperance organisations throughout the world and in Australia there has been a very close association of the company with temperance leaders and Churches of Christ. The late Cliff Hughes, whose death has just been announced was one who early urged the company to operate in Australia. W. W. Saunders, O.B.E., is an honorary director.

Ansvar has in return given support for the temperance movement in Australia. It has given impressive financial assistance and has provided educational aids for temperance and religious purposes. The latter include the films "danger level" and "Crossroads of History." These films are available through Ansvar offices in all States.

Since 1961 the Ansvar staff has been largely Australian in composition. The name and other changes simply indicate that Ansvar in Australia has come of age.

Ansvar's insurance provisions are not necessarily cheaper than others. It gives, however, the total abstainers in the community—admittedly at lower risk than drinkers—the opportunity of pooling their insurance needs and returns, with the confidence that much of the savings effected will be used as the policy holders would wish, in promoting the ideals of the temperance movement.

The range of policies includes motor vehicle comprehensive insurance, homeowners and householders, all risks, personal liability, fire, burglary, personal accident and illness, cash in transit, and special church insurance.



GARDINER CHURCH, Vic.

Invites you to hear
Distinguished Visitors to our Pulpit.

● **THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 8 p.m.**
PROFESSOR E. M. BLAIKLOCK

Professor Blaiklock will lecture on
**"THE RESURRECTION
—MYTH OR MYSTERY"**

Hear this world renowned scholar, writer, lecturer on this vital theme.

● **SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.**
JOHN & KAY WILLIAMS

John and Kay Williams will share their faith in Christ.

John, mayor of Essendon for two terms, a successful Christian businessman and now in full-time Christian work.

Kay, former swimmer for Victoria, has been a partner with John in Christian service. Hear this couple who have shown how Christian marriage can count for the Kingdom of God.

PAUL: THE MISOGYNIST?

Paul's View of Human Relations by John J. Alderson

Too much is spoken today of Paul's partiality against women, and remembering that we should "test all things", let us examine a passage of his writings which puts his teachings in crystal-clear language.

The passage is found in Ephesians 5, beginning at verse 21, and running through to Ch. 6, v. 9. The whole passage is repeated in a shorter form with the same essentials in the 3rd and 4th Chapters of Colossians. The passage begins with "Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ (v6), and is important because it sets the tone of the entire passage. Paul is telling us to make ourselves available to aid one another, and thus, in serving each other to be completely equal. If we continually seek to please one another then none can claim superiority or feel they are dominated by another. In Christ there is neither Greek nor Barbarian, Jew nor Gentile, male nor female, but all are one in Christ.

Immediately following this verse demanding equal standing is the passage referring to wives. "Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord." Like giving a cup of water in the name of Christ, the love of a woman for her husband is given unto Christ. Christ has given himself for the church and thus the Church is subject to him. But we know his commandments are "not grievous". Indeed Christ himself explained that he came to "give us life and more abundant life". So through her husband a woman has a more abundant life.

"Husbands," continues Paul, "love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her." A beautiful passage follows this explaining the husband's relationship to his wife. It is important to realize that whenever Paul writes of human relations the more onerous duties falls on the party mentioned last, and thus it is with husband and wife. The exhortations to the husband are much longer than those to the wife. Husbands must love their wives as their own bodies. Can anyone read this passage and believe that Paul thought women inferior? A man must love his wife as himself and the wife must see that she respects her husband.

The passage and the message does not end here. "Children," says Paul, "... obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." Paul quotes the original commandments, and points out that it is the first commandment with a promise "... That it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth." Paul realizes that children will want to know why they should do things. So many moralists leave it there, explaining only the duties of the children to the

parents. Paul, as always, points out that obligations are on both parties. "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." And we know the discipline of the Lord is not a series of "Thou shalt nots". Fathers must be forbearing to children and the emphasis is not to bring up the children as the father would like them brought up, but to bring them up in "the discipline and instruction of the Lord." And we know that the discipline of the Lord is not a series of negatives, but positive principles of kindness and gentleness.

"Slaves," continues Paul, "be obedient to those who are your earthly masters ... as to Christ." Servants are not to appear merely to appear to work, they must be honest and work well, as though they were working for Christ himself. And this is what labour boils down to, one works to Christ, not to himself, and whatever good one does, the reward will come from Christ. Paul then speaks briefly to the Masters, "... do the same to them, and forbear threatenings." For,

Paul explains, there is no partiality in Christ, and Christ is actually the master of all, employer, and employee.

Human relations in the eyes of Paul, must be conducted with an exact equality for there is no partiality in Christ. In each case he puts the weaker party first, wives, children, slaves; and in each case the stronger party, husbands, fathers, masters are sternly told their duties. There is no partiality in Christ.

AID FOR PRISONERS (Ascot Pk. R. J. Clymer) Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on March 2. The display of goods was donated to the Prisoners' Aid Society ... On March 9, Mr. Clymer presided over the worship service with the theme "Let us celebrate our Baptism" and for church members it was going back to the day we were baptised ... The men of the church held a painting bee on March 8 to paint the church ... Mrs. Lindner is at worship again after surgery. Chas. McDonald is in hospital and progressing.

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STATE NEWS

ANNUAL REVIEW (Ipswich, B. Rice) The annual meeting recorded 16 decisions for 1974. The new office-bearers are W. V. McKenzie, chairman; N. Fawdrwy, secretary; R. Martin, treasurer. The elders are W. McKenzie, D. McLucas, and D. Yarrow. S.S. Supts. are Mrs. L. Risson and Mrs. B. Hicks . . . Dedication services for new leaders were held on March 9 . . . Christian Evangelizers Assoc. held "setting apart" service in East Ipswich chapel . . . John Dainty is new student minister from Kenmore. He and his family were welcomed on Feb. 23 . . . Church mourns the loss of Roy Acland, former minister.

OPEN AIR COMMUNION (Glen Waverley, R. B. Elbourne). 250 attended Open Air communion service and picnic in bush setting . . . Discipleship classes commenced for young people . . . Mr. Elbourne is again participating in course for exit students at C.O.B. . . . Junior and Inter-Explorers gained first place in swim championships.

SECOND YEAR (Gilgandra). R. Bassett has commenced his second year with the church . . . The annual business meeting of the church was held on March 14 . . . S.S. and youth work have commenced again.

ASSOCIATE MINISTRY (Blackwood, L. Cooke) Reg Brand has accepted a call to associate ministry commencing Jan. 1976 . . . A Recognition and Dedication service was held for church and auxiliary officers and 40 B.S. teachers . . . B.S. picnic and church family lunch were held at National Park . . . Introduction of new hymn book was occasion for recognising also service of flower arranging, communion table preparation, organists etc. . . . Mid-week Discussion and Prayer groups held in four homes . . . Mr. Cooke demonstrated art of bread-making to 40 women . . . Miss Rosalyn Williams shared slides and inspiration of New Guinea with C.W.F.

HARVEST FESTIVAL (Kensington Pk., R. L. Oke) Following the Harvest Festival on March 2, the fine display of goods was taken to the Christian Guest Home . . . The youth service on March 9 was followed by an after-church fellowship. The Maranatha group from Nallsworth supplied the music and Rod Denton was speaker.

PIONEER HONOURED (Wamboony, R. C. Combridge) The family of the late Mrs. Mamie Wilkinson presented the church with a beautiful flower urn to honour their mother's memory. Mrs. Wilkinson was a foundation member of the church. Her father, John Spotswood, and uncle, Thos. Spotswood, were responsible for forming the Wamboony Church of Christ . . . The Conf. Pres., R.S.A. McLean, spoke recently. . . Mrs. Gertrude Hunt, a former member, has celebrated her 81st birthday . . . Mundalla-Wamboony C.W.F. raised \$887 last year.

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OBITUARY

MILES, Ernest John

Ern. Miles died on February 20, 1975. Born at Bendigo in 1899 he grew up on a farm at Brookton, W.A. E. J. was won for Christ in 1922 and in 1926 returned to Victoria for training at College of the Bible. In January 1930 he commenced a 4½ year ministry at Gawler S.A., then back to the West for ministries at Collie and North Perth, where he married his devoted wife, Beryl. The next ministry was at Cottesloe with his wife and two baby girls. The day after the Second World War commenced E.J. enlisted and served as a chaplain in the Middle East, on the troop ship Wanganella, and then to Moresby, Tarakan and the Philippines. Following the war came ministries at Moreland, Bamba Rd., and Camberwell. His final ministry commenced at Oakleigh in 1960. This 9 year ministry will always be remembered by those of us who knew him. He always expressed himself very clearly. His strength of personality was most evident. His preaching of the Gospel was simple and powerful. He had a great capacity to share with any and all in distress and sorrow. Many lives were influenced by this servant of the Lord. During the Memorial Service Dr. Roger Briggs spoke of this aspect of his ministry. E. J. Miles officially retired from the ministry in 1969, but as Elder Emeritus of the Oakleigh church he preached on a number of occasions as his health permitted and attended some of the Official Board meetings. E.J. had a strong interest in sport and could argue with the best when it came to football. However, in writing his "Reflections on Yesteryears" in our church paper, his final statement was "I love the Church, for she is Christ alive in the world today". The later years proved to be most difficult healthwise, and we could only admire and appreciate his tremendous courage and stamina. A lesser man would have given up the struggle a long time ago. A Service of Victory and Thanksgiving was conducted by Dr. Mackenzie assisted by T. V. Weir, Dr. R. Briggs and Padre L. G. Crisp, a close friend for many years. The chapel was crowded, a fitting tribute to one who had devoted his life to the service of Jesus Christ and his church.

PORTER, Geoffrey

Geoff Porter died as the result of an accident. Geoff was born in Hamilton, but spent most of his short life in Warrnambool. At 13 he gave himself to Jesus Christ, and all through his life he did not waver from his commitment. Geoff endeared himself to all, and was ready to share his musical talent whenever asked to do so. Before taking up trucking as an occupation, Geoff worked for some time at Fletcher Jones in Warrnambool. While he was there he married Elaine Williams. They had two children, Louise and Jason. Geoff will be remembered for many years by many people, as shown by the large number of friends who attended the funeral service.

—I.A.T.

STIMSON, Miss Muriel

In the home which she shared with her loved friend, Miss May Ashwood, Miss Muriel Stimson died on Jan. 6, 1975, at the age of 91 years. She was a gentle and gracious Christian lady, with a genuine love for others which went beyond the family and friends to whom she meant so much. She was the eldest daughter of Joseph and Barbara Stimson, members of the early Sydney church which met in the old Elizabeth St. Chapel before the congregation moved to the City Temple in Campbell St. There she was baptised 75 years ago by P. A. Dickson, and remained a faithful member and supporter until the time of her death. For many years she was the loved S.S. teacher of the older

girls at City Temple. She was also a member, and for a time treasurer, of the Mission Band, and took an active part in the Phi Beta Pi club. The minister of Chatswood church, C. G. Taylor, conducted a private service in a chapel of the North Shore Crematorium of Jan. 9, 1975.

C.G.T.

SUTTLE, Kate (Kitty)

The death of Kitty Suttle, on Jan. 7, aged 64, brought sadness to the Fullarton Church, S.A. and to all who knew her. The Fullarton church began in March 1925 and Mrs Suttle was baptised at Unley by J. E. Webb in Sept. 1925 following her decision under the preaching of Dr. A. C. Garnett in the Masonic Hall, Fullarton, where the services were held. Her church work included S.S., Christian Endeavour, tennis, Ladies' Guild, C.W.F., floral

arrangements and all social activities. In a humble, dedicated and unobtrusive way Mrs. Suttle was very much a part of the active church. She was a member of the Social Service Committee of the brotherhood and an active member of the Women's Auxiliary of the St. Georges Christian Rest Home. With her sister, Molly, she manned the Social Service shop at Payneham each Wednesday. Her concern for people was shown in the service which she rendered. Mrs. Suttle's love for Christ and the church kept her attending church services and functions even though suffering much pain and weakness. We thank God for the fragrance of her life in Christ which lives on in our hearts and memory. She was a widow for over 20 years and has left behind two sons, Jim and Graham and their families, and her twin sister, Molly Johns, to mourn her passing.

—M.T.L.



VICTORIA

BASKET WELCOME (Chelsea) A basket tea was held to welcome David Althorpe the student minister. 45 attended. A programme for increased church fellowship is planned . . . Senior Explorers attended inter-club boating camp, March 7-10.

VARIETY AT BOX HILL (Box Hill, K. R. Bond) Recent speakers were Matron Pascoe of "Annesley" at C.W.A.F., M/S Tivendale and Liff at C.W.E.F. with slides of Madras; Effie Tucker at Y.P.C.E. . . . Welcome extended to Larry Gibbs, our new student minister from W.A. and Pauline . . . Church picnic held at Geelong . . . Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Cotton's sister from England, and Mrs. Scott suffered injuries. Jenny Thomas ill in hospital in Canberra; Shirley Waller improving after illness . . . Ian and Coralie Hughes entered Kingsley College for training for missionary work . . . Geoff Liff won trip to Fiji for being best engineer in Southern Region with I.B.M.

. . . Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smedley congratulated on celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary.

NO AGE GAPS (Morwell, D. A. V. Thomas) Three octogenarian members and a range of ages down to young babies attended church picnic at Mossvale Park on Feb. 16 after short morning service . . . New student minister, Ian Cartmel, and his wife, Glenice, were welcomed on Feb. 9 . . . The church teens groups are combining on a regular basis with the Baptist Church.

HARVEST FESTIVAL (Manifold Heights, A. E. Stevens) Harvest Festival Sunday was attended by 110 folk at the outdoor service on the farm property of Mr. and Mrs. Harwood Mountjoy . . . Gavin Mountjoy and Stephen Vizard spent a month of their vacation in W.A. at Rowlands Native Mission doing general farm labouring and getting to know the children . . . Ladies Aid group raised \$144 during 1974 through the sale of newspapers . . . The ladies mid-week C.1 tennis team won their grand final . . . Neville Carr has been appointed B.S. Supt.



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DEATH

BINGHAM, Craig, S. G. fell asleep at his home, 22 Donnithorne St., Kyneton, Vic., March 1, 1975, aged 76 years. Beloved husband of Isabel M., and loving father of Beth and Jock Anderson, Craig and Elizabeth, and Karleen Wharton, loved pa of Rosalie, Stephen, Dale, John and Janet, and Lynn; dear great-grandpa of Jamie and Michael Lee — "Blessed assurance, he is with Thee".

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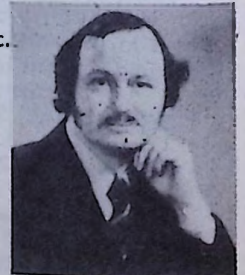
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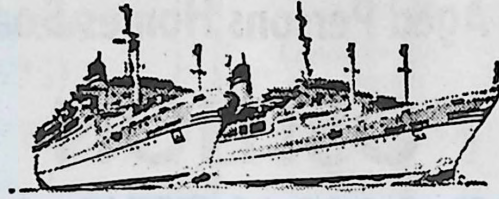
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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

FAREWELLED TO COLLEGE (Nollamara, A. J. Anderson). Geoff and Joan Fewster and family farewelled as Geoff attends C.O.B. and begins student ministry at Hampton, Vic. Denise Bresland farewelled as she begins training for missionary service at W.E.C. in Tasmania . . . Elaine Henderson has returned to Japan after furlough in W.A. . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. Roberts from Norseman Mission is in membership, now superintending Bamburra Hostel in Yokine . . . 70 attended church family barbecue on Feb. 16 at Mullaloo Beach . . . Officers and wives met at Manse to discuss year's activities . . . One young lady has been baptised . . . Girls from Bamburra Hostel now attend meetings.

ABORIGINE RALLY (East Vic. Pk., W. Thornton) The Aborigine Committee Rally arranged by Women's Auxiliary of Conf., was held here on March 11 . . . On March 9, Harry Heyhoe of Sth. Perth church spoke on missions . . . Les Preedy has been accepted into the Univ. of W.A. . . . Members attended the Brotherhood River Trip . . . Ten C.W.F. members attended local Women's World Day of Prayer at St. Peter's Church.



QUEENSLAND

MISSION WORKER 'HOME' (Camp Hill, B. Cutchie) Missionary-to-India Margaret Parkinson, in Australia until September, has been staying with families of her 'home' church. Margaret has a busy schedule of talks ahead, including Southern States . . . 800 Gospels were distributed, a home visitation programme is starting . . . Several new commitments and baptisms . . . Newly-decorated coffee shop for young people named 'The Lighthouse' very popular . . . When Mr. Cutchie and family move into new house, the present house will be used for B.S. . . . New amplifier installed in church overflow and more outside lighting planned.

TWO MORNING SERVICES (Southport, N. Newton) Commencing on April 6 the church will hold two morning services, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. All-Age Christian Education will be at 9.15 a.m. These times will suit holiday-makers from the South. Our first Minister, Pastor Roy Acland, died on Feb. 4. Roy was engaged by the Bundaberg Church at the time of his death. His funeral was held at Southport Church. At our 18th church anniversary on Feb. 15, 16, seven out of

the 10 foundation members were present and cut the anniversary cake to mark the occasion that we had "become of age". Bruce Roberts was guest speaker . . . There was one baptism and eight new members were welcomed into the church on Feb. 23.

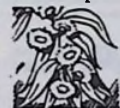


VICTORIA

AT THE MANSE (E. Preston/Preston, J. Manalack) Mr. and Mrs. John Harmer are occupying the East Preston manse. John has commenced at the C.O.B. . . . Church saddened by the death of Nance Stobaas . . . A series of three lectures was given to the ladies by Miriam Holloway, Social Service Dept., to prepare for "Open-Door" at Preston . . . Recent Jumble Sale raised \$23 . . . C.W.F. combined at East to hear Asst. Matron from Bethesda Hosp. . . Junior Explorers took part in swimming sports at Richmond . . . Ray McKenzie spoke at Hall's Gap Christmas Camp Reunion at Preston. Young people took part.

EXCHANGE (Tootgarook, P. Cameron) Platform exchange took place with Red Hill on Feb. 23 . . . Boys Explorers Club commenced March 17 with R. Tipping as leader and Ken Lamont as sec. . . An After Church Service was held on March 9 . . . Mrs. Les Baker is convalescing, after hospitalization.

LOVE "MOODS" (Ivanhoe, A. B. Withers). The "Changing Moods" presented the theme of "Love" in spoken word and joyful singing . . . 17 ladies attended first meeting of C.W.E.F. at home of Mrs. Chipperfield . . . Harry Earl is making excellent progress . . . Prayer and Bible study meetings have recommenced . . . Good Companions held Craft Night . . . Peter Galliford was recent speaker.



TASMANIA

NUBEENA MOVES ON (D. Bailey) Programmes for 1975 are well under way — Teen-time, Boys' Brigade, Junior Singers, Men's Weekly Prayer Breakfast and Ladies' Coffee Hour. Regular mid-week Bible Study is held in various homes . . . David and Sue Bailey have settled into the fellowship. David is tapping hitherto untapped talent, by encouraging congregation members to volunteer a ten minute contribution to the weekly S.S. programme . . . Religious Education in the local school, suspended since Bill Flett left in June, has been resumed . . . Stud. Harwood, a delegate to the Federal Conference, presented a report to the church on March 2.

RUBY WEDDING (Caveside, A. R. Harvey). A presentation was made by Mrs. Byard on behalf of the church to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Harvey for their ruby wedding anniversary, and in recognition of over 40 years continuous service as part-time minister . . . The new hymn books were used on Feb. 23 for the first time.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

"OPERATION LOVE" (Victor Harbor, J. A. Luff) Church is preparing for Operation Love in mid-April with Rev. G. Bingham . . . At annual meeting, thanks were expressed to retiring officers, W. Bradley, sec.; M. Carslake, elder; A. Harwood, deacon; Mrs. A. Harwood, "Christian" reporter. Those elected were H. Baggs, sec; L. Berthelson, elder; and L. Grear, deacon . . . Lionel Grear is hospitalised . . . C.Y.F. has three groups totalling 60 members and ten leaders.

MISSION '75 (Maylands, N. S. Moore). Mission "75" commenced March 2 as a united effort with Methodist and Congregational churches. First session was to be an open-air witness but rain forced the programme indoors. Compered by Des Jay of Radio 5KA the music was by the Salvation Army Youth Band. Speaker was Rev. Kyle Waters. Home study groups have been formed to study Geoff. Hunter's book "Encounter with Christ." . . . Job Tabi and Peter Toa of the New Hebrides are meeting with us . . . Dr. Will Moore of the U.S.A. was speaker on Feb. 9. He had been giving the Magarey Lectures to the S.A. ministers . . . Mr. and Mrs. Moore represented us at Federal Conference.

LENSWOOD MOVES (A. E. Cremin). The Graves family who have been in fellowship with us have moved back to the city. Deane and Jan Tregoweth will soon move to Mt. Gambier where Deane will be Assist. Supt. of the Rehabilitation Centre . . . The Conference Secretary shared with us on March 2.

INDUCTION AT MAGNILL. Richard Lawton was inducted as minister by Conference Secretary, E. W. Roffey . . . Feb. evening services featured interviews with five people who attended Federal Conference and with some of the 11 who attended N.Y.C. . . . A brochure was circulated to all families outlining service themes for the next three months . . . Good publicity in local paper has resulted in new people coming each week. Elders take weekly communion to nearby aged people's hostel and to shut-ins . . . Courses are being held in March on evangelism, creative listening, and Acts, Community of Faith. Several sharing groups also meet informally . . . A university student has made his decision for Christ.



VICTORIA

SECOND MINISTER (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes) Mr. and Mrs. G. Benson at present in Oklahoma U.S.A., have accepted position of associate minister, to commence late 1975 . . . Roslyn Williams impressed us with her contemporary missionary report on Papua New Guinea . . . We farewelled the old and sang in the new hymnbook, with generous donations from the Stowe and Bishop families . . . 78 girls attended the opening night of the new gym club and 60 girls have registered for new netball season . . . Copies of the Living Bibles are being presented to non-members but regular attenders at church services.

DIAMOND JUBILEE (Essendon, C. S. Badcock). Past and present members celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the Church. Guest speakers were Alan Avery and Ted Keating. Mrs. Gwen Hutton and Mrs. Dorothy Goldsworthy were soloists. Special luncheon was provided by the C.W.E.F. attended by 160 guests. Strathmore ladies assisted. Tribute paid to foundation members, Mrs. L. Kemp, J. Hemsley and Mrs. J. Hainsworth. At Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, Mrs. Shirley Wallis on the organ, Jeff Cheal on the piano and soloist Miss Jan Phillips gave a high class musical variety programme . . . Darwin Appeal raised \$259 and Christmas Bowl \$206 . . . Heather Ferguson is on an overseas trip . . . Stan Hainsworth back at worship after hospitalisation.

WITHOUT MINISTER (Hamilton). The church has been without a resident preacher for the last nine months. Speakers come from different churches and our members take some of the services . . . Harvest festival and Temple day was held on Feb. 23. Proceeds were shared between the College of the Bible and the organ fund. The church has sent money to Queensland Flood, Darwin Appeal and C.O.C.O.A. . . . Two families have been received into fellowship.

TRACEY RETROSPECT (Croydon, A. B. Clark). At Men's Fellowship tea film and experiences were shared by Geoff and Gloria Baker who were involved in the Darwin cyclone . . . Tennis club has four teams in finals of summer competition . . . Explorers competed in

swimming sports. Numbers are increasing . . . \$80 was raised at C.W.F. Progressive Dinner . . . Young marrieds met at home of Adele and Doug McCubbin to plan activities.

FOR WOOLWICH (LaTrobe Tce., Geelong, N. Hodgekiss) Presentation was made to Ian Schneider prior to his departure for Woolwich Bible College. Ian gave address at Youth Night Service on 16th . . . C.W.F. were visited by Miss Rosalyn Williams from New Guinea . . . Minister has commenced chaplaincy work at local factory.

THE PATCH MINISTRY Rod Lloyd was presented with a cheque and Cheryl with a sheaf of flowers at the conclusion of their ministry. Alan Page commenced on Feb. 9 . . . B.S. with Malcolm and Kathy Hounsell, and the club with John and Jenny Boland as new leaders have Alan Page as overseer . . . Conf. Pres. Gordon Stirling was speaker at 19th anniversary on March 2. Bev. Beasley was soloiste. Luncheon followed service . . . Buildings are being painted by men of the church.

ACCIDENT (Warrnambool, I. A. Tippet). The church mourns the death of Geoff Porter in a tragic accident . . . Recent speakers have been Don Smith, Stanton H. Wilson, Trevor Giles, and Lindsay Croxford.

FOUNDATION MEMBER DIES (Briar Hill, R. Baxter). The church was saddened by the death of Mrs. Hazel Judd, a foundation member. Mr. Judd had a successful operation . . . A six-week sensitivity training programme commenced . . . A camping weekend was held at Fraser National Park . . . Mrs. June St. Aubyn spoke on work of C.W.F. . . . This month Mr. Baxter will spend 17 days on a Pacific cruise as chaplain . . . Don and Claire Stephens and family visited the church during holidays before returning to Carnarvon.

TO TERMINATE (Castlemaine, J. Byrnes) Mr. Byrnes will terminate his ministry here in Jan. 1976 . . . Miss Julie Reid has commenced studies at Bible College . . . Mark Byrnes has entered "Canaan" Christian Boarding College . . . Mr. and Mrs. Byrnes led Camp Furthest Out in Adelaide recently . . . Some folk attended Garden Party at C.O.B. . . . Dawson St. church and B.S. held picnic at Castlemaine gardens and then adjourned to B.S. hall for tea and singalong . . . Miss Leversha celebrated her 90th birthday . . . Alan Jenkins represented the Vic.-Tas. Aborigines Mission Dept. recently.

C.Y.F. STARTS (Warragul, R. E. Pritchard) A C.Y.F. group has been formed and meets fortnightly . . . Ladies were recently hosts to women from Traralgon, Morwell, and Toora churches. Mrs. Helen Banks spoke at the luncheon . . . A programme has been put to the church with the aim of revitalising the spiritual life of the church . . . There was a baptismal service on March 2 and there was one decision.

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