

7th N.Y.C.
 CONVENTION
 RESPONSES

CHRISTIAN
 EDUCATION

NEW FRIENDS
 SENSE OF BELONGING
 THANK GOD FOR

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Thanks for the renewed friendships.

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CREATED FOR FAITH

Beloved,
let us love one another,
because love takes its origin in God,
and everyone that loves
is a child of God
and knows God.
He who has no love
does not know God,
because God is love.
God's love
was made manifest
among us
by the fact that God
sent His only begotten Son
into the world
that we might have life
through Him.
This love consists
not in our having loved God
but in His having loved us
and his having sent his Son
as a propitiation
for our sins.
Beloved,
if God so loved us,
we in turn
ought to love one another.

1 John 4:7-11

Our Task within Christian Education.

A TEAM FOR FAITH

Judith
Gordon
Assist. Director
N.S.W. D.C.E.



It was an exciting time for over ten weeks in an involved team effort between Wagga Wagga Church of Christ in N.S.W. and a team formed by the Department of Christian Education in Sydney. The task was to prepare and present a Vacation Bible School and the theme chosen was "Castles of Adventure".

The studies, program, craft and activities were all arranged to fit this theme. The church in Wagga transformed their church building into a "castle", complete with drawbridge, towers, shields, swords and all the other "equipment" necessary to create the atmosphere of a castle.

Meanwhile the team in Sydney worked on the program, advertising, craft and studies. One week prior to the Vacation Bible School both teams came together in Wagga to finalise preparation and to become involved in visitation, training, and advertising. Prayer times were conducted daily and from these times together each one experienced a deepening of their faith.

During the V.B.S. week, over 400 children were enrolled, and of this number 160 children indicated that they did not attend a Sunday School.

CAPTAIN CAN'T-READ . . .

Zooming into the Bible Society in Australia's 1975 Youth Project is a funny cartoon character, Captain Can't-Read. Dodging words and letters, trembling at wild animals and terrified by books, this unusual, not-quite-superhero arrives on the African scene convinced that reading is useless.

Captain Can't-Read, like two-thirds of the world, is illiterate. Unlike most non-readers, he doesn't want to learn to read and is in fact, scared of words and letters.

By the end of the 18-minute colour filmstrip, "The African Adventure of Captain Can't-Read", he has changed his tune. He has seen the value of reading and has seen how the Word of God can change people's lives.

He will be helped to literacy by the Bible Society's Good News for New Readers Scripture Literacy Selections. This literacy program is helping new readers retain and develop reading skills throughout the world, in, so far, more than 100 languages.

The filmstrip comes with sound tape or cassette.

The whole youth project for 1975 is centred on Africa. The Bible Society, for the first time, has included a game in the Youth Project. The game, called "Spreading The Word in Africa", is part of an activity work book. It is suitable for playing by family groups.

Contact the Bible Society State Secretary in your own State for further information on Youth Project materials.

INNER SPRINGS

First love



Rev.2:2-5

"We pray that they may never cease to wonder at what God has done for them." So prayed the young minister over two just newly come into the Kingdom. But many of us have ceased to wonder—and to love.

With the hymn writer we are sometimes moved to ask,

Where is the blessedness I knew
When first I saw the Lord?

Touched by what one has called the "world's slow stain" our first love has dwindled away until it has become a pale shadow of its former self. "And indeed, it is difficult", writes Professor Arthur Gossip, "to walk for long in step with our best self". Sooner or later, it seems, we fall behind. Nothing very terrible happens. Just a slow loosening of our hands in His and a gradual insidious intrusion of lesser things. And despite all our good works life is not the joyous thing it once was.

But one who knows us better than we know ourselves has this to say. "I know thy works and thy labour and thy patience . . . nevertheless I have somewhat against thee because thou hast left thy first love. Repent and be as you were, otherwise I will come quickly and remove your candlestick from its place". Harsh words! No! The perfect right of One who died that we might know life fully and joyously, as He knew it, in the shining wonder of first love.

It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
But 'tis more wonderful to see
My love for Him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love Thee Lord!
O, light the flame within my heart!
And I will love Thee more and more,
Until I see Thee as Thou art.

PRAYER:

Dear Lord, we long to love Thee with all our heart and mind and soul; but instead choose the lesser way. Lead us we ask, back to Thyself and keep us true to the highest Love we know. Amen.

FLORENCE ROSIER.

FESTIVAL OF FAITH

Hazel
SCAMBLER
Blackburn, Vic.

Celebration's a word not much used around our Brotherhood, but the Department of Christian Education packed enough joy and enthusiasm into the Festival of Faith weekend, to flow over into the local scene for many months.

Who, sitting on the floor, listening rapt to David White talking about "Media", didn't long to get their hands onto their church newssheet and advertising? Films, art, sculpture, music, flowers — there was something new to be learned, not only painlessly, but joyously, about everything.

Moreover, enthusiasm proved to be a great leveller. Young, old, and middling joined in the learning and growing experiences, and for once we were all disciples together. Despite the "Oil Strike", which left the magnificent facilities of the University High School decidedly chilly, cold feet were forgotten as we became engrossed in the beauty of music, ballet and drama.

There were only two sad thoughts — firstly, to choose one elective meant missing out on all the others, and, secondly, all those unfortunate folk around the churches who just didn't make it. Perhaps the D.C.E. will do it again sometime . . .

CALL TO MINISTRY

GRAHAM AGNEW



It is difficult to isolate a particular instance in which I have felt a dramatic call to the ministry. On reflection, I can see how God's call has come through many people and a wide variety of experiences both from within and outside of the Church.

In one sense, every experience of life is part of our education in that we learn through our participation in events and our encounter with people. This also applies in the context of Church life. The processes of Christian education only take place as people participate in worship, study, discussion, camps and training programmes; thereby encountering God and one another.

Having had the opportunity to be involved actively in the life of eight different churches in four states and having been influenced by the respective D.C.E. programmes, my faith in God and my understanding of the Gospel have deepened. With increased involvement in Christian work I have also experienced a commensurate increase in feeling a sense of inadequacy for the task.

This is the main way in which God's call has come to me. His Spirit has convinced me about the relevance of the Gospel for today's world, and at the same time He has revealed to me the need for specialised training if I am to be effective for Him in future ministry. I believe that my experiences at the College of the Bible are helping to meet this need.

VIETNAM "FAMILIES NOT JUST CHILDREN"

"Australia should be taking refugee families from Vietnam and not only children", the Rev. John Mavor, Director of the Australian Council of Churches Resettlement Department, said. "The Australian public showed a great readiness to accept children but was much more cautious about receiving adults".

"Under normal circumstances the Australian Council of Churches did not favour the adoption programmes involving Vietnamese children but in the present crisis change in that policy was accepted", Mr. Mavor said.

"However, whole families should be our concern and not only children." A telegram has been sent to both the Prime Minister and the Minister for Labor and Immigration indicating the A.C.C. viewpoint.

The Australian Council of Churches is giving maximum support to the appeal launched by the Disasters Emergency Committee for Indochina and Vietnam. Money received by the Australian Council of Churches from that appeal will be used to support the World Council of Churches' effort in Indochina through Asian Christian Service and the Fund for Reconstruction and Reconciliation. This Fund is working in both North and South

Vietnam and has made contact with the PRG to help refugees through them also. Cambodian refugees in Thailand are being

assisted and staff are working fully in South Vietnam.

\$50,000 has already been sent from the Australian Council of Churches. Mr. Mavor asked all Church people to give immediate support to the DEC appeal through special offerings or in other ways. This money could be paid in any branch of any bank provided it was marked Indochina Vietnam appeal.

AID FOR SOUTH EAST ASIA

In recent days the whole Australian nation has been moved by the deep need in South-East Asia because of the fighting in Vietnam and Cambodia.

We are sure that many church members will want to contribute to a Fund designed to assist in providing for the needs of people who are suffering because of this tragic onslaught.

After consulting with World Christian Action and Austcare, also at Federal and State Conference Executive levels, the considered opinion is that instead of launching a separate appeal for Churches of Christ it will be an overall advantage and more expeditious to give direct to the National Appeal set up by the Australian Council for Overseas Aid which is acting on behalf of various relief organizations (e.g. World Christian Action, Austcare, Freedom from Hunger, etc.).

This appeal has been commended and supported by many relief organizations and will be open for the month of April.

When you forward donations please identify them as from Churches of Christ.

Send Donations to :

DISASTER
EMERGENCY
COMMITTEE

Box 9900 G.P.O.
Any Capital City

Dear AC. We are having Great (Camp).

P.S. Script
lost.

The cantene is great?
The swimming is fantastic?
The bunks are terrible.

Good Bye - G.
Till Next I see
You



Dear "AC",

We are having a good time at camp, but I wish you were still here, because you are so much fun. I have got plenty of freinds since the last few days.
Camp Cal for ever.

Rodney Parker

Dear "A.C."

We are having a good time at camp. I have been swimming like a fish in the water were the sruf is.

I have been having fun down Caloundra. I have about 11 freinds in camp cal.

The sruf has been heven on my friend and I. And my Grammar said to say hi to you.

Camp Cal for ever.
Your mate,

Damon Alison

LETTERS FROM JUNIOR CAMPERS

Dear "A.C."

I am having a good time. The sea has been rough in the last coupl of days and the cantene has had some good lories. Our leader Ken Martin is real good leader.

Your frienn,
Steven Bisset

Dear A.C.,
I'm having a great time, I think. The four days are not up yet. My arm is broken. A leader is Mse because he has a moustache. I found a girlfriend, except I've got two others in Brisbane.

Camp Cal Member,
Gavin

Dear A.C.

I would like to thank you for the good time I spent at "Camp Cal". I had to much fun that I would like to come next time.

GOD BLESS YOU!
Daryl Wesener

To Allan C. Male
Queensland Youth Director

DEAR "AC" WE ARE
HAVING A GREAT
CAMP
THAT SURE
IS GREAT AND
I MUST GO

PETER
HOWELL
AIR MAIL

WOMEN'S WRITE



Edited by Gladys Mackenzie

CAMPING IN THE RAIN

(S.A.) In spite of torrential rain and a flooded dormitory, the annual South Australian C.W.F. Camp at Longwood (March 14-16), was a rewarding experience. Margaret Powell in the opening devotions pointed to the responsibilities involved in the theme—"LOOKING—INWARD, UPWARD, OUTWARD."

Highlights of the camp were the suggested Quiet Time thoughts prepared by Jean Rose, and the four studies arranged by members of the Women's Committee of the D.C.E., and Robin Haskell.

"Looking at Values, My Faith, Jesus, Sharing." Discussion groups followed each study.

Rosalyn Williams from our New Guinea Mission showed slides and gave a down to earth account of the mission work, and of what God is doing through our workers in that land.

In spite of early misgivings, our Saturday evening "social" of Folk Dancing was enjoyed by all—participants and onlookers alike—young and not so young trying their hand (or should we say feet) at the "light fantastique". Joyce Wenham instructed us in 4 or 5 dances of considerable variety.

Early morning Communion on Sunday in the beautiful chapel overlooking the Hills was conducted by Conference President, Jean Middleton. Of great value too, were the sing-a-longs led by Kathy Sander, and prayer sessions guided by Joyce Long.

Leading the closing session, Alice Saunders, brought a prose poem, reminding all of many aspects of Camp, and pointing to the importance of having "Christ at the Centre."

(VIC.) Over the same weekend, a C.W.F. Camp was held at Hall's Gap in Victoria. Fifty women shared in the studies presented by Miss Pam Bowers—"Checking the Pressure Points." These were excellent, helpful and thought provoking.

Alan Fletcher and Frank Richards brought the Missionary focus, with question time in the afternoon, and slides in the evening. Miss Judy Wheaton of Kaniva, showed slides of Canada and told of her stay and study with Moody Bible Institute.

The communion service was conducted by Mrs. Linda Morgan, and the devotional periods, culminating in the closing devotions were led by Mrs. Dorothy Sterling. Offering of \$70 at the Communion service was given to Overseas Missions.

This is International Women's Year.—Kurt Waldehelm, Secretary General of the United Nations said: "It is important that everyone gives serious attention now to International Women's Year 1975 and to how the role of women in society could be substantially improved all over the world. We are talking after all, about half of the world's population, and we must think positively about how the position of women in their own societies and in international affairs could not only be improved, but their large potential contribution be better utilised for the benefit of all. (Qld. C.W.F. News Sheet).

PAPUA NEW GUINEA SHARING VENTURE

July - August 1976
(Approx 6 weeks)

Share in the life, faith and culture of the Papua-New Guinea Church. This will be an exciting time to participate with depth and purpose in a Christian Sharing Community. Join with the Papuan-New Guineans

in creating:

- * Films,
- * Audio Visuals,
- * Biblical Dramas,
- * Visual Educational Aids,
- * Musical Appreciation.

and developing:

- * Library Systems,
- * Typing Skills,
- * Medical Aid.
- * Agricultural Cash Crops.

Join in this exciting venture being sponsored by the Federal Board of Christian Education in conjunction with the state departments of Christian Education and the Overseas Mission Board.

* Encourage church youth groups to raise funds to support the team.

* Consider applying to join the team if you have skills related to the diverse projects.

CREATED FOR FAITH

Life is to be affirmed. We have captured the potential within life because of our Christian Faith. It is this Faith dimension that has enabled us to venture into the unknown areas of life with a certain confidence. We have discovered that when we have asserted the courage of Faith, and ventured, our experience is one of discovery, meaning and growth. The end result is that we affirm our appreciation through Worship which is meaningful because it emerges from the integrity of our experience.

This process continues throughout life. It is a process of growing to maturity. Our task within Christian Education is to enable persons to discover that they have been created for Faith, that they are unique and made in the image of God. We want them to discover that the Christian Faith gives rich meaning and purpose to life.

-Ian Allsop

MAY IS YOUTH & D.C.E. OFFERING MONTH

Continue Your Support Through Your
Church Budget and with Special Gifts.

-- WOMEN'S WRITE CONT. --

AT WORK AND WORSHIP

QUEENSLAND.

Five missionaries were present at the March monthly meeting. Mrs. Betty Sonsie, Misses Kay Williams, Aileen Draney, Maureen Rule, and Mrs. Isobel Toka.

A greeting from the New Hebridean Women was brought by Mrs. Isobel Toka, and Kay told us of some of the work being done in the New Hebrides.

It was revealed by Miss Aileen Draney that a number of missionaries will be leaving New Guinea, and there is need for new ones on the field. On her return she hopes to do full time women's work—teaching leaders to go and work in their own situation.

Prayer and Bible Study on "The Names of Jesus" was led by Mrs. Joyce Willis.

VICTORIA.

"Become Perfectly One"—the Women's World Day of Prayer service prepared by women of churches of the Arab Republic of Egypt,—was shared by 105 delegates at the March Council meeting. Mrs. V. Stewart sustained the theme of the service when she sang "Love Triumphant" and "God's Plan now depends on You." An offering of \$45.74 was received for the W. D. of P.

Mrs. Audra Moore, wife of the visiting American Lecturer, at the College of the

Bible, Dr. Will Moore, was interviewed and Mrs. Margaret Wing Tang led in the Intercessory Prayer.

TASMANIA

Her name was Mrs. Joyce (Vic/Tas C.W.F. President elect). Her theme was "Joy" . . . as she spoke to the Tasmanian women gathered in Conference on Sunday, March 16, 1975. Not only that, but Mrs. Joyce spent a week visiting and speaking to C.W.F. Groups throughout Tasmania.

Women's Conference was an excellent opportunity for C.W.F. women to welcome and hear from Mrs. John Harrison, home on furlough from the Norseman Aborigines Mission. The new Matron at Bethany Children's Home, Mrs. Carter, was especially welcomed, and a presentation from the women of Tasmania was made to the retiring matron, Mrs. R. Morffew.

Mrs. Iris Robertson of Launceston, completed 3 years as State President. The new committee will be located in Hobart for the ensuing 3 years, beginning with the Presidency of Mrs. L. Boxhall, and Mrs. M. R. Wilson as Secretary. This is the first time for many years that Mrs. L. Moore of Hobart will not be on the Committee.

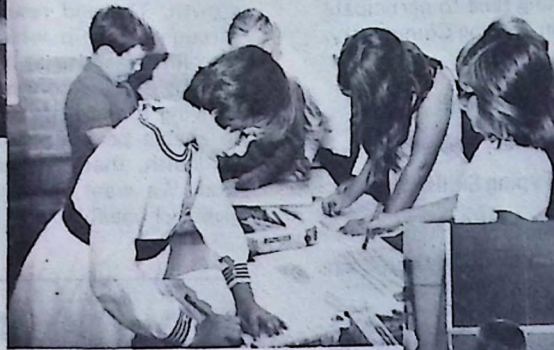
AUTUMN CABARET

On March 18, despite very heavy rain, more than 800 ladies and some escorting gentlemen gathered in the Melbourne Town Hall for the 1975 March Effort.

An "Autumn Parade" was compered by Mrs. Lois Smith, all garments being designed, made and modelled by members of C.W.F. Groups in Victoria. Particularly interesting was a casual dress, made from three tea towels, made and worn by Mrs. Lesley Stirling. Background music for the parade was provided by Mrs. Norma Johnston at the piano. The appreciative audience was delightfully entertained by "The Parkdale Singers," and the "Tirrike Trio." Mrs. Sandra Tabbernee ably led a Sing-a-long and the programme concluded with an Epilogue—an excellent Audio-Visual entitled "Stop, Look & Listen," produced by Mrs. Mavis Elbourne (Photography and narration), and John Alabaster, sound technician.

Proceeds from the "Autumn Cabaret" went to the Community Welfare Foundation, and the Organising Committee presented a cheque for \$815.00 to the Foundation Representative.

FESTIVAL OF FAITH



"Created for Faith"
Children working on projects
sponsored by Vic. - Tas. D.C.E.

FACING DEATH AND BEREAVEMENT

This is the title of a series of three public seminars sponsored by the church at Glen Waverley during March this year. The normal evening service was replaced by the seminars.

The speakers were — a Doctor, a Funeral Director and a Minister of Religion — and each covered an aspect of facing death and bereavement.

Dr. W.B.A. Southwell spoke on "How should we let them die?" He showed fatal illness as a personal and family crisis. The fear of death — its social and personal aspects. He developed perspectives on:

The Patient — Level of awareness of illness

— Conspiracy of silence and its consequences

— The stages of dying.

The Family — Emotional pressures — anxiety, anger, guilt and the changing roles and responsibilities.

The Medical Team — Aims — To provide palliation and support

— Problems and difficulties

— Terminal Care — Home or Hospital?

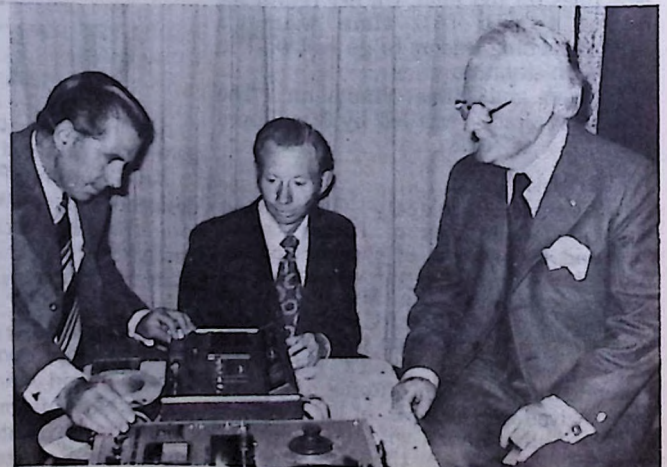
He said, "As with the many different crises of life, change of behaviour is essential in the interests of the present

and future welfare of the individuals involved. The present welfare of the dying must be continually reviewed. This is only possible when good communications occur between the patient, his relatives, and the medical team. It is fortunate if healthy, inter-personal relationships have been present previously.

Difficulties are encountered when guilt, anxiety and hostility remain unexpressed and unresolved.

Therefore, what every dying human being needs, is the ready availability of the support which clearly states — 'we care and as far as possible, we share with you in this experience.' The ultimate aim is to enable him, his family, and friends, to face death with equanimity, at peace within themselves and with each other."

Neville Pritchard's subject was "When death comes, what should the family do?" He brought some practical aspects into focus when need arises to use the services of a funeral director. Mr. Pritchard elaborated on facilities and services, costs and procedures. It was stressed that there is a real need of the



John Alabaster (left) discussing recording procedure with Neville Pritchard (right), funeral director, and Ron Elbourne, Minister.

CURRICULUM CHANGES



1976 will see a new approach to curriculum in our churches. After extensive evaluation of the Christian Life Curriculum, Kindergarten Primary and Junior materials will be comprehensively revised. They will become much more obviously and extensively biblical, and much easier for teachers to handle.

Intermediate, Youth and Adults will all work on a one-year New Beginnings course—at the appropriate educational levels. They will gain a comprehensive overview of significant characters and events of the Bible. Each will be looked at in the light of the new beginnings God gives.

A visual wall chart will be the feature of the New Beginnings course.

With so many people concentrating on the New Beginnings theme, ministers will be able to use it in worship services as well. The re-vision is a response to the thinking and feelings of those using the CLC. It will provide a lively, Biblical approach to what God has done and is doing in his world.

8th NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION

TASMANIA JANUARY 1977.

This convention promises to be a significant occasion for the youth of our churches:—

- * A venture in Christian study and action.
- * Discover Faith through depth study and reflection.
- * Explore historic Tasmania and share in the life of our churches.
- * Experience the vitality of the Christian Faith and pursue your interests.
- * Participate in a meaningful Christian Community.

National Youth Conventions are sponsored by the Federal Board of Christian Education in conjunction with the state departments of Christian Education as a means of deepening Youth's commitment to the Christian Faith.

Past N.Y.C.'s have proven to be a highlight for many participants.

DEATH AND BEREAVEMENT

survivors to have relevant information available for completion of documentation. His sympathetic understanding and happy disposition would certainly make such an event for the survivors much easier to endure. The distribution of literature was helpful and much appreciated.

Ron Elbourne covered "Can grief ever be good?" "Bereavement and grief often comes unexpectedly, and immediately the sun of life is extinguished. The stages of grief and its reactions — shock, emotion, depression, guilt, were highlighted with ultimate acceptance of the facts of life and death, and the clearer understanding of the nature of human life, with the final emergence of hope."

It was pointed out that we need to know how to communicate with a bereaved person if we are to offer positive help. We must understand what he feels, what he thinks, and how he reacts. There is a need for sensitivity and perceptiveness in working through a grief situation. Grief can be good or bad, depending upon a number of factors. Some grief reactions are negative and self-destructive. They can scar a person for life. His personality can become twisted and his maturity impaired. He may become a completely different person, embittered, disillusioned and cynical.

On the other hand, with a proper understanding of the nature of grief and the right use of the resources available to

Dr. W. B. A. Southwell
with R. B. Elbourne.



us, grief can actually add to human maturity. We can be more complete human beings because of our grief.

Practical aspects of helping a bereaved person were outlined — What do I say? What do I do? The offer of friendship and companionship, etc.

Does the christian faith make any difference? The christian is not exempt from the realities of human experience. The christian has the same grief process. However, the church is a community of concerned people who provide friendship, support, strength and encouragement.

What does the bible say to the christian about death and bereavement? The outcome of our own bereavement is determined by the attitudes we have, the resources which are available to us and

our realistic appraisal of life and death.

The Manager of the Baptist Bookstore provided a bookstall with a supply of appropriate books.

Each night had an open forum with a question time.

The overhead projector was used extensively by Ron Elbourne as an aid to his presentation in the final seminar.

The chairmanship of the seminars was shared by Ron Elbourne and John Alabaster. The Pop Group "White Heat" was used throughout the seminars which supplemented recorded music before and after each night.

All three seminars, including question time, were recorded.

There has been good coverage in local papers.

RESPONSES TO N.Z. N.Y.C. CONVENTION

I want to know God better. I want to know the bible more thoroughly—daily devotions. I want to recommit my life to Christ. Met new types of wonderful people and learnt so much about myself in relation to other people. New concepts of friendships have been opened to me—love, truth, honesty, touching. I want to become more involved for Christ.

Being a Christian has meant a whole lot more to me.

I'm Me, No need for false fronts. No need to be scared of saying or of doing the wrong thing. Maybe, No, not maybe, but for certain, I will do and say the wrong things. But I Don't have to worry. God Almighty is the Lord of this course of life, and He will lead me, guide me, comfort me and uplift me whenever I need any help.

New insights into feelings of others—new ways of shining—new confidence in myself—most of all, new knowledge and love for you—new understanding, and just what it means to be a Christian sharing with others.

Life can't be an island
It has its outward spans.
In all my life to you Good Lord,
I'll by you always stand.

LETTER FROM A D.C.E. WIFE

Dear Joan,

You asked what was involved in Kelvin's job as Christian Education Director. That's quite an order!

Firstly, there is camping. The Department organises at least eight camps each year for young people, besides special purpose camps. Kel is responsible for calling the committees together to plan each camp, contact the churches and to be at the camp. Camping is very popular among the young people, with primary school camps, high school camps, and camps for older youth being held. Some like very organised camps, others want adventure camps. Increasingly popular, are family camps.

He is very concerned about the quality of family life and has been preparing aids for enriching the life of the whole family, as well as for husband and wife.

Then leadership training is a big part of his work—training for Sunday School teachers, youth leaders and those who work with adult groups. These sessions are sometimes combined courses.

There are many other aspects such as study to keep up with recent work on Christian Education; co-ordinating the work done by the different parts of the Committee, and most important is the personal contact with the churches.

Kel feels strongly that he is not there to provide interesting programmes for young people, but to help the churches in all aspects of their Christian Education programmes, so that the message of Jesus helps us all, young and old, to grow into mature Christians.

Love to you all,
Joy.

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.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

To the Editor,

I believe that our Australian churches must seek increasingly to speak with a prophetic voice in relation to international affairs. It was, therefore, good to read that in Federal Conference the churches decided democratically to call for justice in southern Africa and Indonesia (A.C. Feb. 22). "Why single out these two (actually three) countries?" asks Ray Hawkins (A.C. Mar. 22). True, the list of the world's inhumanity is enormous — and the resolution on political prisoners explicitly recognizes that fact. We are well aware, however, of ways in which the churches' resources are finite. Therefore, to be primarily concerned about neighbouring nations like Indonesia, especially in the light of the question of Portuguese Timor, and nations whose relations with Australia facilitate the exertion of pressure in the cause of justice, such as South Africa and Indonesia, is most realistic.

Furthermore, we ought to be more concerned about non-communist, than communist, countries. We need to understand that the communist revolution feeds on and gathers strength from the discontent of oppressed peoples, and so erupts from within a nation.

Sadly, even the post-Vietnam U.S. has not yet learned that billions of dollars and a half million servicemen wielding enormous fire-power cannot stop that revolution. We must work to stop it at the level where injustice breeds discontent, which is certainly the cross-roads at which southern Africa and Indonesia now stand.

If an addition to the resolutions had been desirable, I think it should have been to call for justice for South Vietnam's political prisoners. After all Australia was involved there, and Mr. Whitlam has recently offered to help bring a political settlement to that continuing war. We ought to heartily support that purpose.

It is true, of course, that such resolutions do not seem to serve the ends of Evangelism or Overseas Missions, as Mr. Hawkins desires. But active concern about such injustices as these is surely part of the churches' mission. Moreover, if we understand the ministry of Jesus without spiritualizing it away, we will be convinced that the evangel is quite relevant to such situations also. So speak out Australian churches!

—Thomas R. Mason,
Michigan, U.S.A.

THREE ITEMS

To the Editor,

Believing that, ideally, in essence a school should be a place where you learn to live rightly, to begin to love God and to love your neighbour as yourself, and where you learn for the most part by living and doing, I welcomed your publicity ("AC" 5.4.1975) of that exciting new venture — Canaan College at Thoona, Vic. The pity is that perforce this is restricted to a select few from the privileged strata of our society.

I cannot be enthusiastic over your item "Launching Religion Studies in S.A." nor over similar schemes mooted elsewhere in Australia. Teachers who choose to do so, in Victoria at any rate, can incorporate this subject material in their social science courses at secondary level. This sort of material merely reinforces the impression held by so many that the Bible is only like other books. The great part of the population know nothing about it, never reads it, nor goes to a place of worship. They substitute newspapers, magazines, TV programmes and their minds are what you would expect as a result of long courses of that type of intellectual food. Christian people I maintain, should work for Christian studies as distinct from religious studies. Scripture must be taught, and must be taught well, working throughout the school on a carefully thought out syllabus designed to make the Bible intelligible and helpful, and especially to present a living picture of Christ as He was.

The third item — the advertisement for school chaplains — points to the best



OUR NEW FBCE DIRECTOR

IAN
ALLSOP

Ian E. Allsop became director/editor of the Federal Board of Christian Education in January.

Mr. Allsop entered the College of the Bible from Camberwell (Vic.) church. He had student ministries at Silvan and Colac.

On graduation he served as minister at East Victoria Park and Rivervale (WA) and subsequently at Burwood (Vic.)

He graduated Bachelor of Arts from the University of Western Australia. Mr. Allsop has had extensive experience in industrial chaplaincy. He served with the WA Council of Churches, and has been secretary of the Federal Department of Christian Union.

He is married to Jan, and has two children, Jenelle and Mark.

Mr. Allsop has expressed his hopes for his new work as: "To enable the creative vitality and depth of the christian faith to be effectively communicated and implemented within our churches."

NEW ZEALAND LEADER STEPS DOWN



AVRIL
CHAPMAN

Avril Chapman, secretary of the New Zealand DCE for 13 years and field worker for five of those years, will conclude her service with the Department in June.

Previously, Mrs. Chapman and her husband Ron (now principal of Cashmere High School, Christchurch) were missionaries at Dadaya, Rhodesia.

Mrs. Chapman has been a key figure in the forging and deepening of links across the Tasman between the New Zealand DCE, the Federal Board of Christian Education, and the Australian state DCEs. She attended a number of the annual conferences of the Federal Board, and was present at the 1970 and 1972 Federal Conferences in Adelaide and Perth.

Mrs. Chapman headed the New Zealand organization for the 7th NYC, and visited almost every state in a promotional tour for the Convention. Her contribution will be greatly missed.

approach at present, for a specialist is needed. Unfortunately this means that the subject loses its universality—it may become no longer thought of as something all ought to know. Ideally one of the regular teachers, a Christian, at each level, needs to accept responsibility for this study as a combined activity.

The goal is a long way off but truth will prevail. The Christian community must stick to its task and go on and not allow itself to be discouraged.

A. N. Cartmel, Vic.

TERTIUS

To the Editor,

Recent issues and the current number of the A.C. carry the usual letters from Tertius or so the signature seems to indicate. However I am puzzled by the fact that the articles are headed "Letters from Tertus" but they are signed Tertius. Is the omission of the letter "I" in the title deliberate, an oversight or perhaps the modern spelling as found in Genesis 51, verse five? Perhaps you merely desire to see whether any subscribers are observant. I am just curious or maybe ignorant.

H. R. Fitch, W.A.

(It was a printer's error, which I overlooked. Editors are, of course, infallible, but when they double as proofreaders they are almost human. It is strange how easily one accepts the big print. Whilst looking for the gnats I missed the camel. You gain marks for being observant. I wonder how many readers will pick up your own "error". — Editor)

THESE ARE MY FRIENDS

To the Editor,

I have many interesting friends, such as:

A mate who can't stand preaching because it is authoritarian, but dominates every conversation he takes part in.

An authoritarian who damns everyone who disagrees with his interpretation of the gospel of freedom.

A Christian pacifist who is quite warlike towards those who disagree with him.

A Christian "hawk" who thinks that the best way to love his enemies is to exterminate them for their sakes, especially if they are communists.

A liberal (theological not political) who conservatively defends his position as the only one that an educated person could hold.

A conservative who believes in the Bible from cover to cover, but hasn't read it from cover to cover.

A radical who is against the structures of the organised church, but keeps on saying, "Why doesn't the church do something, or say something?"

A structure man who wants to preserve the local church organisation at all costs, but doesn't have a clue what it is all about.

An ecumenist who wants unity with all Christians, but not with fundamentalists, evangelicals or charismatics.

An evangelical who is strong on God's judgement and wrath, but who usurps God's position and judges with some wrath those who differ from him.

A "woman's libber" who wants to liberate all women from their husbands and kids and domestic chores whether they want to be liberated or not.

A male "chauvinist" who accepts equality of the sexes before God, as long as women keep off the Board and the church plan, and out of the ministry.

And as a man is known by the company he keeps, I must be a bit odd and inconsistent too.

Hoping you are the same,
TERTIUS

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

SCHOOL AT RANWADI-NEW HEBRIDES

I would like to share with you something from John 6: 46-53. Here we see Jesus perform a miracle of healing on a person over a distance of 20 miles or so. The nobleman went home and found that at the very time that Jesus had spoken in Cana, his son at Capernaum was healed. August Ben, New Hebridean missionary, home on furlough from Papua New Guinea, gave added significance to this passage, as he pointed to the way God had done a similar thing for himself. As people prayed for the work he was doing he saw the things come to pass even though the prayers were offered many

By LYALL MULLER

miles away. This too has been my experience. Distances in the three dimensional space that we live in mean very little to our prayer answering God.

Everyone has settled in quickly to the school routine. There are quite a few changes. It took a bit of getting used to seeing the rather small first formers taking the place of a much more mature third form. Each year there are more 12 year olds, and fewer 14 and 15 year olds taken into form one, so the average age of the students is decreasing mainly due to the fact that they are starting younger and only going to grade 6 instead of 7 or 8. We are very pleased with our new students and expecting great things from them.

Another new face to Ranwadi is Miss Karen Humphries. She has already been

teaching in the New Hebrides at Londua and her presence with us is much appreciated. We have been able to incorporate quite a few new aspects into the school life this year. There are 3 extra school periods per week. One we call General Studies which involves things outside the usual subjects and gives the kids a greater ability to appreciate the world about them. On Friday afternoon for 1½ hours all students are involved in some sort of club activity. Activities are well received. We get up earlier and go to bed earlier, but get a bit more done in between times.

The students are eating a lot better this year as most of the 60% increase in fees has been absorbed in buying better food. The students are much happier and more contented. By the end of this year we hope to have built a new dining hall with the aid of a Government grant. The present eating arrangements are not good.

For the first half of this year the school pastor will be absent at a course in Papua New Guinea. This will put an extra burden on each teacher as we share this role while he is away. I have been given the task of producing some sort of program for our scripture lessons. Up till now we have all done some of these lessons in rather an unco-ordinated fashion. We aim to have a program which will involve training the kids for future leadership roles in the church as well as giving them deeper insight to God's Word and the responsibility he has given to those who belong to him.

"THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S"

'TO LIVE more simply so that others may simply live'. That was the idea that started it all off. It came out of a British Church Leaders' Conference and caught the imagination of people.

Could this be the start of a new style of living for Christians and others who were prepared to think more about their quality of life and less about the quantity of things they possessed, and how their abundance might be shared with the needy of the world?

Folk have been looking critically at their own way of living, their personal expenditure and their use of the world's resources.

But the Life Style movement has so far remained a largely middle-class affair, and a good deal more thinking is needed

if it is to gather momentum.

One immediate step would be to start persuading school-teachers that their job is to create a new generation who will call the advertisers' bluff and who will not be afraid of going against the stream.

All this could sound too much like a call for stoic self-denial, and there is need for a more joyful and positive appeal to young people and to a wider circle than the middle-classes. And they could do with some theological or philosophical under-girding.

Some secondary problems need looking at if people accept the Life Style concept in large numbers. If public consumption of certain luxury commodities were to be reduced, unemployment might follow. But this should not deter people from action, and the dangers should not be exaggerated.

In the present situation, for instance, it would be unrealistic to work for the total elimination of the motor-car, but one should try to create a demand for smaller and more economical cars consuming less petrol and using less space.

The movement might claim three patron saints—Francis of Assisi, George Fox and Ghandi.

—"The British Weekly".

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

BIBLE OCCUPATIONS

What was the occupation of Simon, the man Simon Peter stayed with in Joppa? (See page 18)

THE WAY OF WORDS

The origin of words is interesting. "Assassin" for instance. The dictionary says it is "one who seeks to kill treacherously". But how did the word come? Long ago in Persia, Hassen Ben Sabah tried to rule the land. He got some recruits, drugged them, and while they were in that state he put them in a place of luxury and entertained them. They could only remember this as a kind of dream, but Ben Sabah said that they had been in heaven and would return there if they obeyed him. His orders were for them to kill anyone who opposed Ben Sabah's plans to rule. They were then given a supply of drug, a long knife, and sent out "to kill treacherously." The drug was hashish (marijuana), and the murderers were called "hashishins" which produced our word "assassins." It took 150 years to get rid of this terrible people.

Ed.: This is a perfect place for a picnic.

Ted.: Yes. 50 million ants can't be wrong.

From the kids' exam papers:

Universal suffrage: When the whole universe was made to suffer.



"Two" pages in my cook book were stuck together."

BOOKS TO READ

BUILT AS A CITY

by David Sheppard (Hodder & Stoughton) \$8.80

David Sheppard is known to us in Australia as both a Test cricketer (he played for England), and as a preacher. As an Anglican priest he sought an industrial area ministry and became Bishop of Woolwich in 1969. Previously he was a curate in Islington (well known to Monopoly players as one of the less desirable areas of London!) and his life was set towards caring for the poor. He defines the "poor" for our day as "the powerless". This is a book about cities and the difficulty we have in making Christ relevant to the anonymous multitudes. While many seek the city because of its attractions and opportunities, for others "there are great compulsive forces that seem to suck men into cities in their millions." These forces may be persecution or poverty. Sheppard faces the misery of the cities and analyses its causes. But he is not offering only a comforting ministry. He feels the church ought to be concerned with the whole of man and his environment. He says there is no simple answer to the question "Who are the poor today? . . . a reasonable shorthand answer is, Those groups and individuals who are relatively deprived of opportunity and relatively powerless. Christian mission must always take seriously the special relationship Jesus had to the poor. We must try to work out the contemporary meaning of His terms of reverence for His own mission. They were: 'to announce good news to the poor, to proclaim release for prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the broken victims go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' These words must not be 'spiritualised' away." Sheppard argues that Christ's healing ministry showed that he sought actual changes in people's present situation. In seeking to bring Christ to the city, Sheppard traces the historical rise of urban industrial areas and then seeks some answers to the greatest areas of need. It is most helpful reading for those who are concerned. It should be compulsory for those who are not. It is expensive, as books go, but well worth the money.

SERMONS OF A. J. GORDON (Baker Book House)

Named after a great missionary, Adoniram Judson Gordon became a Baptist minister with only reasonable success until he was influenced by D. L. Moody, reached a spiritual crisis in his life, took God at his word and asked for a deeper measure of the Holy Spirit. This was in 1877 and from then until his death in 1895 he exercised a profoundly influential pulpit ministry in America and Britain. Rich in scripture, this collection, of sermons in whole or in part, are devotional and inspirational rather than expository and give a good example of his style. The voice, so significant in a sermon, unfortunately cannot be heard.

IN DARKEST ENGLAND . . . NOW A Salvation Army Survey (Hodder & Stoughton) \$8.10

The preface by General of the Army, Erik Wickberg, is intriguing. It tells of Charles Booth who, in 1889, wrote the first volume of his "Life and Labour of the London Poor," and William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army who, in 1890 wrote "In Darkest England and the Way Out." The two men of the same surname were often mistaken for each other, but they never met and had little in common. Charles, the social scientist insisted that one must define poverty, count and classify the poor, find out what keeps them poor, and how they react to their poverty. (He was President of the Statistical Society!) William estimated that a tenth of the population was below the poverty line, but did not classify them or argue the cause of poverty. If a man is drowning, he said, you throw him a rope. If you waste time arguing how he came to be in such a

situation, it may be too late to save him. So he commanded his Salvation Army soldiers, "Go for souls, and go for the worst." There was and is room for the approaches of both Booths, and one began to think that the book might be a companion volume to David Sheppard's "Built as a City." It is not. Rather it is a review of the Army in Britain, comparing it with that in the 1890s. It tells of the Army, both men and women, in training and in service, and has much interesting material on how the present day realities match up with William Booth's vision.

BIBLE CHARACTERS

by Clarence E. Macartney (Baker Book House)

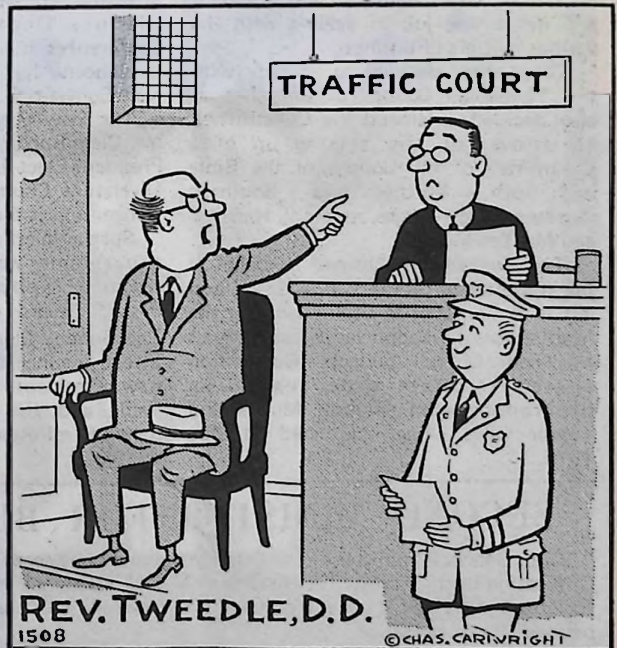
Back in the 1930s Clarence Macartney was a great friend to young preachers in providing sermon ideas. Perhaps of greater value was the way in which he helped folk look at the scriptures with imagination so that even a small pen picture from the Bible can be enlarged as drama on the wide-screen of life. Here are four paperback volumes of Macartney sermons on Bible characters: The Way of a Man with a Maid (love stories of the Bible), Bible Epitaphs, Great Women of the Bible, and Great Interviews of Jesus. The U.S. price is \$10.95 for the set.

SPEAKING IN PARABLES by R. Earl Allen (Baker)

These studies in the major parables of Jesus give 16 evangelical expositions. Eight of them deal with the nature of Christ and his search for man and the second section deals with discipleship service. Young preachers may find them helpful and there are many thought starters. For example, he has two chapters on the Prodigal Son. One considers the younger son and is called the "Moral Prodigal". The second is about the older son and is titled the "Moral Prodigal". The author makes the point that both sons were prodigals. The main difference was that one of them never left home.

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Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Judge not lest ye be judged!"



DELEGATES TO 5th ASSEMBLY OF W.C.C.



R. N. Gilmore, and Miss Pamela Bowers are the two delegates who will represent Australian Churches of Christ at the Nairobi 5th Assembly of the World Council of Churches in December, 1975.

Neil Gilmore has been a member of the central committee of the W.C.C. since his election in 1969. He has served as the President of the Victorian Council of Churches and he currently is serving in his second term as President of the Australian Council of Churches. Neil is minister at the Ainslie church in Canberra.

Miss Pamela Bowers was invited by the central committee of the W.C.C. to be one of the 15% of delegates chosen to provide a better representation of age,

sex, country and race within the total delegation. Pam is currently minister with the Stawell, Vic. Church of Christ and she also serves in a part-time capacity as a field officer with the Council of Christian Education in Schools.

Both delegates will be able representatives of our Australian Brotherhood.

The Federal Department of Christian Union appreciates the willingness of the Stawell and Ainslie churches in allowing their ministers to attend as our delegates. The travel costs will be met from trust funds set aside for this purpose and contributions from interested churches and members who have a particular interest in the work of the W.C.C.

HISTORIC EVENT AT MONBULK

On Sunday, March 23, a large gathering at the Monbulk Camp Site took part in an Informal Brotherhood Picnic. During the afternoon, the Director of the D.C.E. (Ray McKenzie) recalled how the Department first acquired the camp property from Mr. and Mrs. W. Waterman (Senior).

The chapel at the camp will now be known as the "Waterman Memorial Chapel" and the camp site will be called "Churches of Christ Fellowship Centre, Monbulk."

Mrs. Grace Waterman (seen with the Director with the Chapel in the background) presented a beautiful tapestry to the camp. It was originally presented to her by the people of Hueilichow, China in appreciation of her husband who died in China in 1933. A suitable memorial has been placed in the Monbulk Chapel to the Waterman family and the tapestry is in the large meeting room.

Following afternoon tea, some singing from the old "Camp Song Book" was led by Howard Weedon. This was followed by the screening of some 16mm (silent) films of the building of the original Monbulk buildings.

At 6.15 p.m. The Patch Church conducted their evening service in the Waterman Memorial Chapel.



RAY McKENZIE AND
GRACE WATERMAN
AT MONBULK

Tasmanian State Convention

The State Convention was held at Margaret Street Church Launceston on Saturday and Sunday, 15th and 16th March. Mr Dean Hamilton was President and did a fine job in dealing with the various matters of business.

Convention decided to affiliate with the Tasmanian Council of Churches. It also decided to amend the Constitution to allow for the setting up of a Committee of the College of the Bible with both a Northern and a Southern representative — these are Mr. J. Harrison and Mr. Les Moore.

The Convention affirmed its belief in the importance of the C.F.A. Fund and left it to Churches to decide whether the fund should be supported by individuals or from Church budgets. Convention agreed to State wide evangelism programme with Gordon Moyes and Trevor Giles being conducted in May 1976.

Hobart and Launceston Churches were asked to consider hosting Church Growth Seminars' with Dr. Win Arn who is being brought to Australia by the Home Missions Departments of all State Conferences in Australia.

Nubeena has been asked to host the next Convention.

The new President of Convention is Mr. Clem Burt of the Devonport Church. President-Elect is Mr. Paul Burnham of Ulverstone Church. The new Secretary of Convention is Mr. Col Heier of Invermay.

Special guest speaker for the Saturday programme was Mr. Ian Allsop, the recently appointed Director of the Federal Board of Christian Education. The Sunday Morning Service at Margaret Street, Launceston was filled when the new President presided at the Lord's Table and the preacher was Mr. Don Stewart, minister of the Hobart Church.

—Don E. Stewart

SECOND MINISTER FOR BLACKBURN

C. L. Badcock, minister of the Essendon church, has accepted a call to share with E. C. Keating in the ministry at Blackburn Vic. Mr. Badcock will be responsible mainly for the increasingly frequent pastoral and counselling opportunities both within and beyond the congregation.

Apart from pastoral ministries in South Australia and Victoria, Mr. Badcock has had extensive experience as a Senior Chaplain in the Australian Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Badcock and their son Graham will move to Blackburn in mid-1976.



C. L. BADCOCK

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**LET'S
GROW**

MY NEIGHBOUR'S PEN WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING



Declining Standard

It is now admitted by politicians of both parties that our standard of living is going to fall and that there is nothing they can do to prevent it.

I don't know why this should be regarded as a frightening disaster such as war or famine, since accepting a lower standard is something that happens to most individuals once or twice in the course of their lifetime, and to everyone when retiring on a pension.

—“British Weekly”

Hymns Dropped

While it may be true to say that Radio station 5KA (Adelaide) is owned by the Methodist Church, it is in fact run by a Board of Directors comprising four representatives of the Central Methodist Mission, and one representative of the Labor Party which owns a percentage of the share capital of the station.

Our approaches have not resulted in any explanation of the decision, except for the statement that “it is not possible at this time to re-introduce “Hymns We Love”.

Presumably that decision has been taken in the light of surveys used to determine the number of listeners to the program. It is a well known fact that the ratings game plays a strong role in determining the rise and fall of particular programs.

If the station is going to be consistent in its policy surely a similar decision should have been taken to cease the broadcasting of the

Sunday evening service from Maughan Church which immediately follows Hymns We Love.

We are well aware that the role of religious broadcasting in the seventies is a difficult one. However, if the Church is to proclaim its message then it must struggle to find ways in which to use the airwaves.
—“Central Times”

Regeneration out!

We were intrigued to discover that almost all Churches which recently produced material on infant baptism depended on the notion that it is a sacrament of regeneration, either intrinsically or in its reference. We see no truth in this kind of interpretation. All spoke of baptism in terms more appropriate for the adult believer.

We could claim that the meaning of infant baptism is not past or present but future: one day the child will accept salvation in Christ, partly at least under the influence of parents and the Church, then he will be cleansed, die and rise again with his Saviour. This raises the obvious question: why not wait?

—“Christian Advocate”

Inflation

The churches, like the rest of our world, have a strong new foe to contend with. The world has been overtaken by an economic challenge that poses grave threats to the Western nations and far graver threats to the underdeveloped ones. There is no Western nation that has not felt the effects of the economic crisis. Everybody is hurting. Unemployment is rising steadily, production lags, sales decline, housing construction is in a shambles.

Christian enterprises suffer along with secular ones, of course. Church offerings are down, Christian higher education is beginning to hurt, and interdenominational enterprises of various sorts are having funding difficulties. For the first time in ten years the American Bible Society sent out a strong financial appeal six weeks before year end; it needs gifts in the amount of three-quarters of a million dollars to avoid a deficit. Religious Heritage of America reported changes to reduce spending so to remain viable. Billy Graham announced plans for a cut-back, not because contributions were sagging but because the maintained level of income simply did not go far enough in an age of spiralling inflation.

—“Christianity Today”

50 YEARS AGO

Missions. Evangelistic missions reporting progress were: Baker-Clay, Bankstown, N.S.W., 33 decisions. Hinrichsen-Pratt, Swan Hill, Vic., 125 decisions. Ball-Pascoe, Warragul, Vic., 15 decisions. Lars Larsen, Kingaroy, Qld., 5 decisions. Southgate-Way, Sth. Kensington, N.S.W., 16 decisions. J. E. Thomas, Balwyn, Vic. 89 decisions.

S.A. Home Missions. There has been a long felt need for a central office. The growing work necessitates the assistance of a lady typiste and office help. Two fine rooms have been secured at the Liberal Club Buildings, Nth. Terrace, Adelaide.

Vic. Conference Resolutions. (abbreviated) That this Conference:

1. Commends the Preachers' Prov. Fund and recommends every church to have an offering in support.
2. Commends the Thos. Bagley Memorial Fund.
3. Affirms the right of people to determine for or against the Liquor Traffic.
4. Commends the religious instruction system in vogue in our State schools.
5. Views with concern the increase of gambling.
6. Views with grave alarm the dangers threatening the physical, mental, and moral development of children attending night picture theatres unaccompanied by their parents.

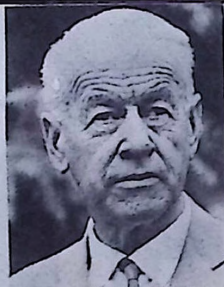
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OBITUARY

BURNS, Robert Henry.

Following a long period of infirmity, Robert Burns died at the age of 85 years. He was the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Burns of Unley, SA. The family attended the Park St. Unley church from 1896, and Robert was baptised there at the early age of nine years. This was the beginning of an active and fruitful Christian life, serving wherever he could in the life of the Church. In city and country areas, he used his fine singing voice in service for his Lord, especially through the medium of church choirs. His other interest was in community work, and he found expression for this in the country as a Councillor. He also held the office of Justice of the Peace for the greater part of his life. Although unable to attend services in latter years, he maintained a live interest in the work of the church, and it was always a delight to hear him recall helpful and interesting incidents. The well attended services at Unley and Milang were tributes of his influence and acceptance within Church and community circles. Christian sympathy is expressed to his wife and family.

—W. J. P.

HADDOCK, Raymond Leslie

On June 10 last year, Raymond Leslie Haddock, aged 22 was involved in an accident from which he never recovered. Ray died on April 1. He was born in Hastings, but his family moved to Frankston where he lived for the remainder of his life. He was a prefect at

Karingal High School. His advanced education was at R.M.I.T. and Swinburne Technical College. Last year he was awarded the Diploma of Production Engineering. Ray was dearly loved, and is greatly missed by his mother Jean, his sister Joan, brothers Bill and Gary and brother-in-law Bruce, as well as his many relations and friends. His father passed away in January last year. Ray has always been active in the church, through the SS, Boys' Club, and youth work. During his adolescence years Ray made his own personal commitment to Jesus Christ and was baptised. I believe that we cannot afford the wastage of young people like Ray Haddock. The place where Ray's accident occurred is a veritable death trap. Despite all that has been done we have not as yet taken the matter of the road toll seriously. Ray earned for himself the respect of all. Whilst his family are naturally very sad, they also have reason to feel very proud. For nearly 10 months they kept vigil, waiting, hoping, longing, looking, for some visible sign of response. This period of waiting, a testing period for all, also reminds me of the wonderful devotion and understanding of the Christian church which continued to care, pray and love.

—A. Avery

MAUDSLEY (Mrs. Florence Minnie).

Florence Maudsley died on April 4 at her home in Robbins St. Ivanhoe, Vic. She was born at Fitzroy in 1895 and spent her childhood there, attending George St. Baptist Church. Later, at Clifton Hill, she was baptised and began to teach S.S. She was an accomplished musician and began teaching music at the age of 14. After her marriage to

Vic. Maudsley they moved to Chelsea and it was there she joined the Church of Christ. On moving to North Balwyn she and her husband became foundation members of the North Balwyn church and although they later moved to Ivanhoe they continued to worship with the North Balwyn congregation. Florence Maudsley showed a deep concern for others needs. For years she would visit the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital to visit patients who had few visitors. Only three years ago she organised support for an Asian orphan boy among the neighbors in her street. Until a year ago she was always at the Lord's Table but following a lengthy period in hospital she was not able to attend services. During this time she was wonderfully ministered to by her husband who, in addition to his work, performed the roles of housekeeper and nurse. She loved her Lord and she loved people and enriched the world by her presence.

—A. R. P.

GARMENTS FOR NEW HEBRIDES

(Box Hill, K. R. Bond) Two boxes of garments were sent to New Hebrides . . . Ron Watkins and Mrs. Edie Steele recovering after hospitalisation . . . Sympathy expressed to Elaine Hayes in passing of her father . . . Recent speakers were G. Grainger, Neil Thomas, Ron Iliff (on experiences in India at Y.P.C.E.) and Mrs. Wilkie Thompson (on work of the C.O.B. at C.W.F.) . . . Over seventy attended family camp weekend at Parkdale.

WORD TALK NO. 115

THEMES IN JOHN

IN THE STUDY

The fact that God is judge is clear throughout the scriptures. It was part of his kingship to judge man and nations (Gen. 18:25; Isa. 33:22 and Romans 3:6). God judges both individuals and nations (Dan. 7:9-10; Isa. 2:4).

Obedience to Him was the way of escape from the Judgement (Ps. 50:45; 82:6). Jesus, following the indication in Daniel, was the Son of Man who would be judge of the nations. He indicated this judgement in the vivid parable in Matthew 25:31-46. Other N.T. passages (1 Cor. 6:2-3; 2 Cor. 5:10; 2 Tim. 4:1) indicate that Jesus was to be the judge and be assisted by the saints.

God's coming judgement on the Day of the Lord has dominated Christian theology and creeds until the 20th C. The concept of the coming judgement has been largely ignored in contemporary theology except for K. Barth's emphasis on judgement as a fulfillment of love and mercy, and the whole new rise of books on prophesy being fulfilled.

John's gospel does indicate a further understanding of judgement; salvation and judgement were part of the present experience. There was a coming future judgement but God's judgement is also in the here and now. In part the judgement of God has already been realised.

FROM THE PULPIT

A concept of God's coming judgement sustained generations of martyrs. "How long O Lord? Come quickly" was their cry (Rev. 22:20). Negro slaves found God's coming judgement would give them a future recompense. They might have nothing now but the day will come when they could sing "I've got a robe, you've got a robe, all of God's chil'n got a robe, when I get to heaven, gonna put on my robe and walk all over God's heaven".

But John stresses the judgement of God is both here and now (John 3:18-21; 5:24-29; 8:16).

We know that we are being judged now. Students are not judged only at the annual exam but the annual exam reveals that throughout their year they have been constantly judged

JUDGEMENT

on the work completed or omitted. Marriages do not break up in the Divorce Court but that final judgement only comes because of continual judgements throughout the marriage.

And we are judged by our own actions. The standard of our judgement is what we have and have not done. The great Book of Life (Revelation 20:11-15) is merely the record that we are writing now in judgement upon ourselves.

A Polish friend of mine was present at the War Crimes Trials in Nuremberg in 1946. One German S.S. Concentration Camp Guard was accused of atrocities against the Poles. He provided evidence that he was an epileptic and rejected from Army Service and acquitted. As he walked from the Court a Polish Officer snapped a salute "Heil Hitler" and the German immediately returned the salute. His immediate reaction indicated his Army involvement and his own actions condemned him.

Jesus came not to condemn men but to redeem them (John 3:17). Their own actions condemn them and his word judges them (John 12:47-48). To refuse him is to condemn self (John 15:22-24).

AMONG THE PEOPLE

The man came and spoke to me after the service. His marriage had just broken up and in spite of being active Church members he and his wife had recently parted. There were many basic reasons but the one that predominated and created many of his attitudes concerned a burden of unforgiven guilt. Thirty years earlier during the War, he committed adultery and had an illegitimate son. The burden that accompanies guilt stayed with him and poisoned his own marriage. In John 1:9 became the means of releasing that man from guilt, then came reconciliation and to his amazed horror his wife had known for 30 years! He had been living with judgement upon himself. Now understanding, acceptance and forgiveness became the basis of a new start to an old marriage. Judgement is here and now.

GORDON MOYES.

CHURCH NEWS

GIRLS' BRIGADE (Nollamara, A. J. Anderson) Annual enrollment service was held on March 16. 270 were present. A 15-year-old lad accepted Christ. Two other ladies requested baptism . . . Bruce and Glenys Eagles were farewelled on taking up work with W.E.C. in Qld. Bruce addressed the meeting and there was a further confession of faith . . . A series of audio-visuals on Bible background is leading up to special meetings to be conducted by Prof. Wilson.

"RIGHT NOW" (Epping, Keith Farmer) Church profitted greatly from recent "Right Now" Crusade with Gordon Moyes. Mission meetings were organised in co-operation with other churches in district. In weeks prior to crusade, seekers' groups were held in several homes for enquirers about the Christian faith . . . Bible Society "Newspapers" were distributed in district prior to Easter . . . A devotional session was recorded recently by choir and minister for overseas broadcast through Radio Australia.

DROP-IN CENTRE (Ulverstone, Paul B. Burnham) Our minister is actively involved in a much needed Drop-In Centre for Ulverstone youth. Inter-Church young people pay rent for the recently vacated elderly citizens centre currently being re-decorated by the Committee . . . Vic-Tas. Pres. Elect joined our C.W.F. for luncheon meeting . . . S.S. held picnic at Penguin Beach . . . Bruce and Linda Masapust from the Ventures for Victory basketball team were recent speakers . . . Girls' Brigade has its very first two Pioneer girls . . . Byron James was elected Sec., Alf Kellett as Treas. . . . Evening communion changed to immediately after gospel service.

VISITATION PROGRAM (Christies Beach, Brian Beck) Preparations for Visitation Evangelism program, May 4-11, include prayer meeting each Friday at 6 a.m. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ern Paddick have been accepted as missionaries to W.A. Aboriginal Missions . . . Dr. Eric Nicholls spoke to ladies about Vietnamese and Cambodian orphanages . . . "Pilate—the Unconcerned Man", directed and produced by Alan Brindley, was presented by the Christie Players . . . S.S. picnic was held at Loftia Park . . . "Viewpoint", further planning of Church life, was held April 12 following barbecue tea.

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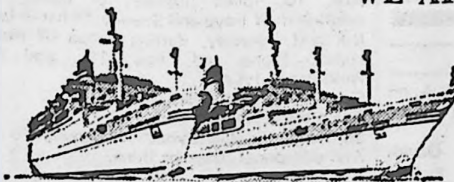
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The Overseas Mission Board welcomes enquiries from men prepared to go to the New Hebrides with a work team next September or October. It is expected that the team will stay in the New Hebrides for six weeks. It would be helpful if one person could go for several weeks prior to the arrival of the team to help prepare materials and the site.

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DEATHS

MASON—Francis Edgar (Frank), at RGH, on Apr. 10, loved husband of Gwen, fond stepfather of Faye and Stanley, father-in-law of Bill and Beverley, darling Poppa of Roslyn, Helen, Fiona and Nigel, TPI, 2nd Field Ambulance 1st AIF, God saw that you were weary, The hill too steep to climb, So, He gently closed your loving eyes, And whispered peace be thine.

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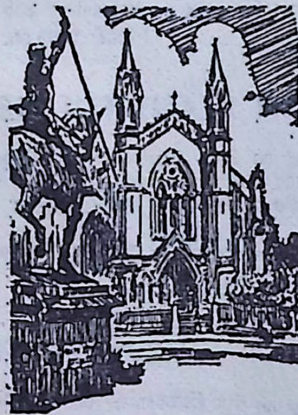
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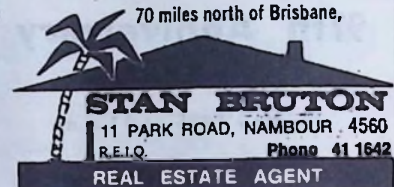
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MRS. ARNOLD, J.P. (Merredin/Bruce Rock, D. Good) Mrs. Ruth Arnold of Bruce Rock is congratulated on her appointment as a Justice of the Peace . . . At Bruce Rock combined Easter Services were again held with the Methodists. Our minister spoke to United C.W.F. about Amnesty International of which he is a member . . . Aileen Draney visited both churches who also participated in Women's World Day of Prayer . . . Several Merredin members attended local Anglican Celebration 75 meeting when Bishop Samuel of South India was speaker . . . Mrs. Gloria Banks and Mrs. Frances Butler gave Federal Conference report to Merredin House Church meeting . . . Merredin church now using the new hymn book.

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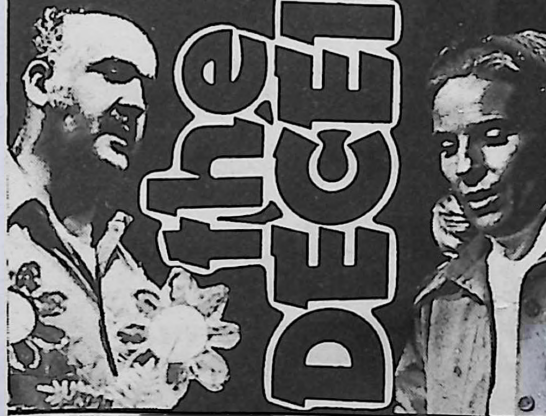
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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PRESIDENT VISITS (Mandurah, D. J. Sonsee) Doctor Geoff Hall, Conf. Pres., spoke recently . . . Mark Overell has been baptised . . . C.W.F. had 11 present at first meeting for year . . . Mrs. Betty Jensen is recovering after surgery. Merv Livingstone is in Hollywood Hospital. Mrs. Minnie Hewitt died after a short illness.

CHURCH GOES CHRISTIAN (Warwick, G. B. Carslake) The total membership is being encouraged to become subscribers to the “Australian Christian” . . . Church membership is now 70 and average communicants for March was 60. New board elected includes M. Vawser as Elder. The church agreed in principle to invite a second minister to work in the Northern suburbs, supported by the H. M. Dept . . . Bible study group is using tapes of “Introduction to the Bible” by Barclay . . . A Y.P. group has commenced . . . Christine Jones is leading the Women’s fellowship . . . Two couples participated in a parent/child dedication service . . . Dr. Hall, State Conf. Pres. spoke recently.

STUDENTS IN WEST (South Perth, D. Nelson) Following vacation, 8 students have returned to colleges (Kenmore 5, Woolwich, and Glen Iris 1). Five others returned to missionary training centres. . . . A Vacation B.S. in holidays produced good result . . . Young Marrieds’ Bible study group conducted a weekend camp for 30 . . . C.W.F. is led by Mrs. Ron Raymond with Mrs. D. Isaac as Sec. . . . Barry McGuire sang and spoke to record service of 425 in Feb. . . . There will be two communion services commencing April for a 3-month trial period. Active membership is 337 with average morning attendance of 229 . . . New elders are T. Scotland and D. McNeilly . . . “Easter Musical” was presented by youth choir with orchestra, directed and compered by Miss Kaye Wilson, with Ron Raymond at the piano. There were 300 present and 3 made decisions.



TASMANIA

ENCOUNTER GROUPS (Margaret St. L’ceston., M. D. Hamilton) Training has been completed of initial pilot Encounter Groups which will form nucleus of New Encounter Groups in church homes . . . Easter service, with an audio-visual and special music was conducted by the minister assisted by the young people and choir . . . Mr. Hamilton was speaker at united Good Friday service in Christ Church Congregational . . . John and Colleen Harrison are home on vacation from Norseman . . . To raise funds for Evening Fellowship project, Beth and Ann Piper showed slides of their European tour . . . Rosemary Younger is now a trainee nurse at L’ceston General Hosp.



VICTORIA

FRANKSTON ADDITIONS (A. A. Avery) Six from C.Y.F. were recently baptized. Major Denby Holmes and Don Oakes and their families recently received into membership. This means that seven former ministers are in membership . . . 100 attended camp at Tidal River over Labor Day week-end . . . Church is sharing in study groups with "Mission '75" . . . Russell Baker is leading mid-week Bible studies . . . Recent features have been the Lowanna Singers, Holy Family Dancers, Welsh all-male Cambrian Choir, and a film on the Power of the Resurrection . . . C.W.F. entered a "Gown" in the combined Town Hall meeting.

YOUTH SHARE (Hampton, G. Fewster) Newly formed Good Companions and Explorers combined in a basket tea and shared in evening service on March 16 . . . Mrs. K. McDiarmid of U.S.A. has been visiting the church . . . Communion service was held on Maundy Thursday . . . Prayer group meets early Sat. morning . . . Afternoon C.W.F. raised \$69 at jumble sale.

"COME TO LIFE" (Reservoir, K. H. Pitt) Church theme for progress this year is "Come to Life in '75." Officers, wives, and families held weekend retreat at Belgrave to plan year . . . C. Crossfield was re-elected Sec., and J. Wellsford, Treas. . . . Barry Jenkins was recent speaker at Men's Tea and gospel service . . . Coffee Den followed youth tea and service on March 16. . . . C.W.F. visited Mission to Seamen and were given a bay trip around Port of Melbourne on Harbor Trust Launch . . . Harvest Festival was

held March 23. Goods were donated to C.O.B. married students. When B.S. scholars took part in evening service, one scholar made his decision . . . Good Friday offering of \$45 was given to R.C.H. Appeal . . . Easter Sunday commenced with 6.30 a.m. Sunrise Service in manse grounds.

GUEST SPEAKERS (The Patch, A. V. Page) Recent speakers have been Miss Rosalyn Williams (O/S Missions), David White (Scripture Union), and Ern Sherman (Gideons) . . . C.W.F. held Open Night when Dr. G. Reed showed slides of recent visit to China . . . New Hymn Books in use. Others given for use at Nursing Home at Emmaus . . . Opportunity Shop profit for year exceeded \$5684. A record recent weekly taking was \$204 . . . At annual meeting A. Reed and L. Fisher were elected elders. Sec. is Mrs. M. Reed and Treas. E. Holmes . . .

FAMILY CAMP (Horsham, R. Roberts) 80 "lived in" at Family Camp at Halls Gap over long weekend. Many more paid day visits . . . A young lady made her decision on March 16. Leader was Aboriginal Bob Brown from Adelaide whose ministry brought new insights to many. The film "Hidden Island" was screened . . . At Inter-Church Council meeting in our church the position of C.Y.C. was presented and a panel answered questions . . . Four ladies attended C.W.F. Camp at Halls Gap. Miss Wendy Crewe spoke to C.W.A.F. . . . Y.P. conducted first of proposed monthly evangelistic rallies. K. Luscombe of Melb. was speaker . . . Proceeds from sale of Harvest Thanksgiving goods benefitted Bethany Children's Home.

WITHOUT MINISTER (Swan Hill) Without a minister at present most services are conducted by local men . . .

Pastoral and Hospital Visitation is being continued . . . Good Friday service was combined with the Salvation Army and Baptist church . . . Boys' Explorers continues to grow.

EASTER MUSIC (Caulfield, K. Christensen) Special Easter music was conducted by the choir and young people from Oakleigh on Good Friday and Easter Sunday at Caulfield and Oakleigh. Kenneth Briggs arranged and trained choir . . . 12 Y.P. conducted evening service recently . . . Five of our members toured N.Z. in March . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ted Perry celebrated their Silver and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tidd their Ruby Wedding anniversaries . . . A.W.F. held social at home of Mrs. Lees. E.W.F. held "Dutch Auction" . . . "Girls' Club held swimming night" at "Harold Holt" Pool . . . Mrs. F. Anketell has been ill . . .

EASTER BEACH SERVICE (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes) While Mr. Moyes conducted missions in N.S.W., Stanton Wilson, Gordon Stirling, and Wal White conducted morning services and Chaplain Denby Holmes spoke at night . . . Choir presented Stainer's "Crucifixion" conducted by Fay Ferris. Principal soloists were Rob Smith and Jim Lawry . . . At Good Friday service combined with Methodists, Gordon Moyes was speaker. Sunrise service on the beach on Easter morning was attended by over 50 . . . Intermediates and Youth 11 joined in weekend camp at Safety Beach.

LOSS (Kyneton, J. Caporn) The church was saddened by the death of Craig Bingham and Mr. Buckley during March . . . Scholars, parents, and friends attended S.S. picnic at Vaughan Springs . . . Baptist church combined for service on Good Friday with J. Alcorn as preacher.

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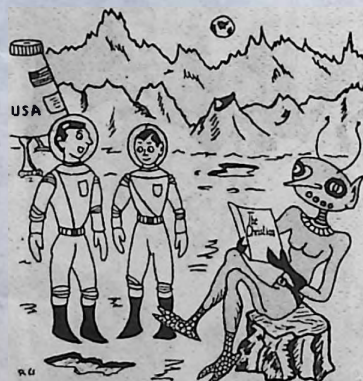
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