

**“RIGHT NOW!”** (See page 9)



# \$1 million for Indo-China

Church agencies and relief services world-wide have been asked for \$1 million in an emergency appeal for refugees in South Vietnam launched by the world Council of Churches.

The WCC's Commission on Interchurch Aid, Refugee and World Service (CICARWS) reports the situation in Indochina is changing hourly and creating an immense human tragedy. The evacuation of the central highlands and other areas by South Vietnamese troops has set in motion a gigantic stream of displaced persons. More than a million people have been affected in South Vietnam so far. In addition there is the plight of Khmer refugees leaving Cambodia for Thailand.

CICARWS is in communication with the WCC's Fund for Reconstruction and Reconciliation in Indochina, which is headquartered in Bangkok, and with the Asian Christian Service and Vietnam Christian Service of Singapore and Saigon respectively.

ACS plans immediate emergency supplies of rice, dried fish, plastic sheeting, medicines, and clothing for distribution in Tuy Hoa, Nha Trang, Saigon and other centres and has

estimated initial needs at \$300,000. Vietnam Christian Service has authorized the use of \$200,000 for refugees in any part of Vietnam. It is unclear how long these agencies will be able to operate, road communications being for the most part impossible and air transport limited.

The Fund for Reconstruction and Reconciliation estimates immediate aid requirements in areas under the Provisional Revolutionary Government at \$250,000. The Thai churches have been alerted for aid action to Khmer refugees.

The CICARWS emergency appeal is for an "initial" \$1 million, Acting Director Jean Fischer pointed out. "The need is urgent and the people affected are desperate. Local aid agencies in the areas are working at capacity and need our support as rapidly as we can get aid there," Mr. Fischer said.

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## PAT BOONE IN AUSTRALIA

Pat and Shirley Boone and their four talented daughters have completed an excellent Australia-wide Concert tour during April under the auspices of the Festival of Light through its Promotions Division (A.F.E.P.)

Concerts were held in Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide, including four record-breaking concerts in the Sydney Opera House during Easter. A total of 20,000 persons attended the concerts throughout Australia.

Pat Boone was also guest speaker at the Good Friday Hyde Park Rally together with the Archbishop of Sydney, the Most Rev. Marcus Loane. The Rally was attended by over 10,000 persons. (See Photograph).

The Australian Family Entertainment Promotions, which is a division of the Festival of Light, plans future family concerts in Sydney including a return tour by Pat Boone and his family in 1976, and an invitation has been issued to Johnny Cash to tour Australia late 1975 or 1976.

## SINGERS FOR WORLD TOURS

Next year, 1976, Brisbane Youth for Christ is planning to send two musical teams overseas, one to the U.S.A. and Canada, and the other to Europe and the United Kingdom.

Groups of approximately thirty young people each will be enlisted and trained.

Singers and musicians who can play trumpet, trombone, drums, guitar, bass guitar, organ or piano are required. Electronic technicians for P.A. work will also be needed.

A group has just recently returned from a successful tour of Singapore, Rome, France, Switzerland, England and Ireland, in which some 500 people gave their lives to Jesus Christ. Young people from four states were represented on this tour.

The tours will take place in January, February and March of 1976, and will last approximately 11 weeks. The anticipated cost of the tour for each member will be around \$1500 and each person in the group will be required to raise their own fare.

Applications from all across Australia are invited to write to Youth for Christ, Cnr. 321 Milton Road, and Torwood Street, Auchenflower, 4066, or phone 46 3059 for further information and application forms.

### INNER SPRINGS

## Wash and be clean



For some, following a church camp in the hills, the rich experience and joy of those two days lingered on in tangible form. Jars of delicious blackberry jam stood as silent testimony to a time of fellowship, shared laughter in simple things and a deep sense of the Presence of God. But as anyone who has indulged in that delightful occupation knows, you cannot gather blackberries without becoming scratched and very stained in the process. And I recalled our amusement as we surveyed our once white hands turned a deep purple. Of course we knew that some thorough washing would soon cleanse and restore them to normal.

Unhappily, the removal of some stains is not always such a simple matter. We reach for what we believe, often mistakenly, are the good things in life, and our characters become marred with what Percy Bysshe Shelley calls "the contagion of the world's slow stain" — a stain that comes of many things. Self-interest, weariness, indolence, false values, a lowering of individual standards, or a lack of cultural interests, and fear in its various forms.

Finally, we come to the realisation that we have nothing in our keeping worth having. We feel broken and worthless, in need of cleansing but too grubby to come before God. Of such a state one has written:

"Wounds of the soul,  
though healed, will ache;  
The reddening scars remain  
And make confession.

Lost innocence returns no more,  
We are not what we were  
Before transgression!"

No, we are not as we were, But mercifully, God has provided a way whereby we might be something better. When one came and fell at the feet of Jesus with the cry "Lord if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean", Love greater than our comprehension responded immediately and sent him on his way cleansed and whole.

#### PRAYER:

Dear Lord of Life, we thank Thee for Thy cleansing power. Grant us the strength to seek Thy presence that sin need not have dominion over us.

Amen

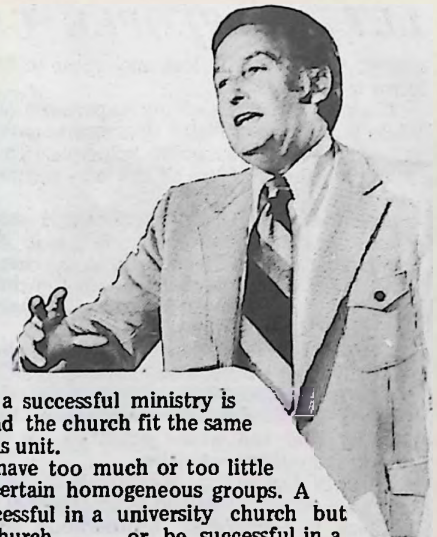
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# LET MY PEOPLE GROW

BY WIN ARN

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The Pulpit Committee was in disarray! Nine months of meetings, dozens of candidates later, the pulpit was still empty! Members of the congregation wanted action! The Committee had prayed . . . interviewed candidates . . . contacted brotherhood headquarters . . . but the church was still without a pastor.

Every church, periodically, faces the problem and challenge of calling a pastor—a strategic decision for the life and growth of that church. A “right” decision could bring health, vitality and growth; a “wrong” decision could bring disharmony, stagnation and decline. Of course, every church wants to make the “right” decision. So does every pastor!

A look at pastors and churches reveals that they come in all shapes, sizes, personalities and ministry styles.

That’s good! Think how dull, how boring, how stilted Christianity would be if all pastors came looking and sounding the same.

That’s good! For the intricate mosaic of people and cultures demands churches and pastors to fit individual pieces of that mosaic.

While there are innumerable variations of churches and pastors, there are also constants. One constant is that the pastor is called of God and given gifts for that ministry. Does God give gifts without giving a call . . . or a call without giving gifts?

The local church is also divinely called—called to be part of Christ’s body and called to minister in its primary ministry area (its Jerusalem) and to extend its ministry across the world.

If we believe that his body, the church, functions as a living, dynamic organism, where each sinew and cell has its particular place and function, then we must conclude that God has the right man for the right church and the right church for the right man. The problem—getting the two together!

## 1. Fitting the Homogeneous Group

In growing churches, the pastor fits the homogeneous group. The term “homogeneous” is part of the classic Church Growth vocabulary which simply means a group of people in which all the members have some characteristics in common and feel that they “belong”, that they are part of the fellowship, that they like one another and share similar interests and culture.

Research clearly indicates that churches grow, and grow best, in their own homogeneous unit. Churches develop their own individuality and personality and members who are active generally fit the same patterns. People want their pastor to be “like” them. Not too far above nor below, not too far ahead nor behind.

A church must also face the homogeneous group problem. For, while a church grows best in its own homogeneous group, it can also die there by becoming an “exclusive club” or a small “clique”.

Becoming part of a homogeneous group has many dimensions. It includes one’s educational, ethnic, social, economic and cultural background, all the elements which combine to make us what we are. In God’s sight there is no more merit in being the pastor of a large church than of a small church . . . of a rich church than of a poor church . . . of a sophisticated church than of a common church. Yet, in man’s sight there are differences and the important

consideration for a successful ministry is that the pastor and the church fit the same basic homogeneous unit.

A pastor can have too much or too little education to fit certain homogeneous groups. A pastor can be successful in a university church but fail in a rural church . . . or be successful in a rural church but fail in a suburban church. For a successful ministry, the pastor and the homogeneous group must “fit”.

A bar graph, based upon actual numbers of people involved as Class I and Class II leaders, helps most churches immediately where it has sealed itself off from people in its community. “Why grow? We like it like it is,” represents an attitude which will immediately stop the growth of any church and in time produce decay and death.

## 2. Anticipating a long ministry

As a church growth consultant, I know of very few churches where there have been frequent pastoral changes which are growing churches. A church with many changes is usually a declining church . . . and a declining church is a “sick” church.

I recently conducted a study of 58 churches. Of these 58 churches, over three-fourths of them had a pastoral change within the last three years. The principle proved true. Generally, these churches were plateaued or declining churches. In some denominations, there is a mentality, almost expectancy, that the pastor will be here today and gone tomorrow. The people expect the pastor to have a short ministry . . . and he does! With such attitudes, no firm commitments are made . . . no close relationships established . . . no five-year plans developed.

In studying the large churches, I find that these pastors have generally had a long ministry with that church. Great churches—be they large or small—are not built instantaneously. There are years of planting, watering, fertilizing, pruning until God gives the increase. I believe that a long term commitment of church and pastor, one to the other, is essential for significant church growth.

## 3. Involving the Laity

Basic assumptions of ministry for both the pastor and the church are of prime importance. The church that feels, “Now we have a paid staff to do our work for us,” is doomed to failure, as is the pastor who takes upon himself the authority for all decisions, planning and implementation. An understanding of roles and how those roles function in a day by day relationship provides the basis for effective ministry.

One thing is certain—if a church is serious about the Great Commission, the involvement of the laity is of utmost importance. The growth of a church is uniquely dependent on the laymen. The pastor who sees his role as an enabler to help the laity discover and utilize their unique gifts is far ahead of the pastor who tries to “run the whole show”.

Dr. Donald McGavran, world church growth authority, has pointed out that these gifts are not simply for the growth of the church. “You would misuse God’s gifts” McGavran said, “if you used them solely for the service of existing Christians. As we see God’s overwhelming concern for the salvation of men, we must assume that his gifts are given to men, at least in

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a large part, that the lost may come to know him, whom to know is life eternal."

Growing churches of my experience all involve the laity. While there is no one plan that assures growth for all churches, yet there is a consistent principle. That principle is the meaningful involvement of the laity according to their unique, God-given gifts.

In our Church Growth seminars, a portion of the time is given to analyzing how a church uses its lay leadership. There are different kinds of leadership in the church.

**Class I Leadership:** members in the church whose energies primarily turn inward toward maintenance of the organizational structure of the church.

**Class II Leadership:** members in the church whose energies primarily turn outward toward the non-Christian community in an effort to bring them into the body of Christ.

**Class III Leadership:** members in the church who are partially paid and whose activities are divided between the church and outside activities.

**Class IV Leadership:** individuals in the church who are full time paid personnel viewed as professional staff.

**Class V Leadership:** brotherhood and/or administrative personnel, usually removed from the immediate scene of the local church.

Participants of our seminars discover that, while

denominational leaders may set a style, they are too far removed from the local scene to directly influence the growth of the local church. Research indicates that the addition of paid professional pastoral staff has no direct correlation in itself to the growth of the church. In fact, adding pastors and staff can decrease the church's growth when they take upon themselves responsibilities of the laity. If, on the other hand, staff see their roles as enablers to help the laity use their gifts, growth results can be expected.

The key to dynamic, effective church growth is to be found in the recruiting, training and utilizing of members in the church whose energies primarily turn outward toward the non-Christian community in an effort to bring them into the body of Christ.

A graph showing the actual number of people whose service turn inward toward the maintenance of the organizational structure of the church, and the number whose service is outward toward the community, helps most churches immediately perceive that the wealth of their energies, efforts, finances and leadership is devoured in the maintenance of the church.

Discovering this truth . . . the meaningful involvement of the laity according to their unique, God-given gifts . . . has been a turning point for many churches.

# A SYDNEYSIDER LOOKS SOUTH

By **BOB SMITH**  
FIELD OFFICER, N.S.W. HOME MISSIONS

Like the man who once asked, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" I have recently been very pleasantly surprised by how many good things do, in fact, come out of Melbourne. In December I spent a couple of weeks in the Deep South, in order to observe the work of the Victorian Department of Home Missions and Evangelism. During that time I had some very enlightening discussions with Gordon Moyes, Gordon Stirling, Keith Horne, Ted Keating and Don Smith, whilst being hosted, entertained and generally introduced to the local culture, by Trevor Giles.

I was particularly keen to talk to these men about church growth, especially since they have all proved their ability in this area. Consequently, I came home with several concepts of my own confirmed and greatly developed, plus a number of other things added to them. Four points in particular seemed to me to stand out in relation to church growth.

1. Much depends on the quality of the leadership, particularly that of the minister. I know that there is a great call today to get away from a minister-centred approach to church work, and with this I am in sympathy. But this in no way cancels out the need for strong, positive leadership. This is one of the facts of life that we cannot alter. There needs to be a conscience about church growth in the leadership of the church.

2. The need for sensitive flexibility and variety in our services, so that they provide the essential ingredients of

feeding, inspiration, acceptance, fellowship and challenge, in ways that are most appropriate to the people we work amongst. I was very impressed by Cheltenham's wide range of church services, and the obvious success of them in meeting the needs of various types of people.

3. The absolute essential of a wide ranging Pastoral Care Scheme, in which the church, under the leadership and example of its minister, contacts, develops relationships with, and cares for as many people as possible, in as many ways as possible. I felt that Doncaster church was particularly well geared up to this task. At the heart of this there needs to be a very close attention paid to the Pastoral Care of the actual church members (in contradiction to what is sometimes expressed concerning the relative unimportance of visiting

**SHARED MINISTRY** (Subiaco) Although Subiaco has no minister, visiting speakers and groups, laymen and women, all share . . . C.W.F. president is Mrs. Alice Black . . . A "Walkathon" and barbecue in King's Park, and a film night have been features of Youth Club . . . Out-of-school Care Centre conducted by Mrs. Dora Gordon caters for early-morning and after-school care of 15 primary school children, using Church's Halls and facilities . . . Deaconess E. A. Doddemeade undertakes pastoral and hospital visitation and represents C. of C. on local Ministers' Fraternal. B.S. Supt. is

members). The church in this way becomes a caring fellowship in which people feel wanted, accepted, and inspired: their emotional and spiritual needs being provided for.

4. Positive, flexible and tactful emphasis on evangelism as the church's number one priority. I gathered many ideas from the morning I spent with Gordon Stirling, concerning the need to utilize every asset and opportunity that the church has, in its ongoing programme of reaching out to people in the community. The use of new converts and their homes, particularly as these people have the greatest number of outside friends. The use of social occasions, parties, barbecues, etc. The point in all this being that the growth rate of a church is determined by its rate of, and success in, making new contact with people, winning their confidence, developing meaningful relationships, and positively sharing the faith. Blackburn's ministry to family units, I found a particularly good example of this.

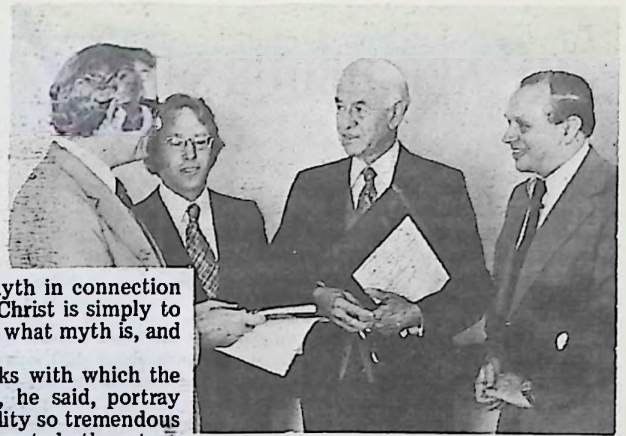
As Donald McGavran points out, splendid church work does not automatically result in church growth. If a church is to grow it must have clear-cut, positive plans for reaching out into the surrounding community. It is encouraging to see some of our Melbourne churches doing this so well.

Harold Vawser, organists are Wally Brown and Chas. Nelson . . . Shenton Park Church combine with Subiaco in gospel services one Sunday each month.

**ASCOT PARK** (R. J. Clymer) Mrs Clymer Sen. has been received into fellowship . . . Mrs Eileen Stevens is back after a period in hospital . . . Good Friday service in our building was combined with Park Holme Baptist, their minister, Lance Flatters, was preacher . . . There are 4 Boys' Basketball teams and 4 Girls' Netball teams. They paraded on April 13.

# BLAIKLOCK IN AUSTRALIA

"GOSPEL IS AUTHENTIC"



Keith Horne (Minister, Doncaster), Ross McLean (Minister, Mitcham), Professor Edward Blaiklock and John Berry (Doncaster Secretary).

## IN MELBOURNE

Professor E. M. Blaiklock of New Zealand has just concluded a series of meetings. He is a distinguished Christian scholar, author of 30 books, for 20 years Professor of Classics at Auckland University, and 10 years its Public Orator. This world traveller and lecturer proved to be one of the most challenging and helpful speakers sponsored in the churches outreach programme in the Eastern suburbs.

Professor Blaiklock's visit was arranged by Ross McLean, minister at Mitcham. His itinerary included services at Bayswater, Gardiner, Swanston Street, Doncaster, Blackburn and the College of the Bible. His subject areas were wide and always of great appeal.

Such subjects as the "Myth-History and the New Testament" expressed a degree of scholarly conservatism that assured and supported faith. The "Why I am still a Christian" was a challenge that brought decisions for Christ. Blackburn Church had almost 500 people at its service—Doncaster and Swanston Streets morning services were capacity.

The Men's Breakfast at Doncaster was sheer delight and challenge as the speaker won his hearers' hearts with "The Pleasure and Purpose of Travel". Our churches are the richer for the experience this gracious scholar has brought to them.

### 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.)

There is no better authenticated story than that of Jesus Christ, Professor E. M. Blaiklock said earlier this month. He said Jesus was better known than any other personality of ancient history.

Professor Blaiklock was delivering the annual Olivier Beguin Memorial Lecture for the Bible Society in Australia. He is Emeritus Professor Classics at the University of Auckland, and an internationally respected author and orator.

He spoke to capacity audiences in Melbourne, Canberra and Brisbane. More than 1000 people heard this lecture on "The Authority and Relevance of the Bible in the Modern World".

Speaking as a classical historian Professor Blaiklock said, "The story which runs from Bethlehem to the empty tomb in the garden is better attested than any other comparable sequence of events which I can recall to mind."

He said "An Oxford classicist recently spoke with some irony about the New Testament 'form critics' who despair of constructing the story of Christ's ministry, while classical historians are fairly sure of the principate of Tiberius Caesar, Christ's greatest contemporary—although the chief witness is Tacitus, writing 70 years later, and with intense dislike of the second emperor of Rome.

"And to speak of myth in connection with such a person as Christ is simply to betray an ignorance of what myth is, and how a myth is born.

The four small books with which the New Testament opens, he said, portray unanimously a personality so tremendous that anyone who invented the story would be, as Jean Jacques Rousseau once remarked, as great a man as the man portrayed.

Speaking of the Bible Society, he said it had been founded the year before Trafalgar, and from 1804 until today had been a partner of social justice and reform.

"The historian stresses the part played by Christians, with minds liberated and formed by the Bible, in transforming politics, education, and the common weal. Missionaries toiled and suffered to give the Bible to other lands, and new nations are in deep debt to their endeavours.

"It would indeed be difficult to imagine such stirring of mind and conscience, such abundant civilising strength and sacrificial labour finding its inspiration and compulsion in anything less than documents of proven worth.

"It is against all nature to suppose that naive records of tradition, unfounded in truth, the products of sacerdotal forgery, and the outcries of misplaced enthusiasms, could so benefit a race."

## o VIC. C.M.F.

# MEN'S CAMP

The Christian Men's Fellowship held a camp at Monbulk, April 18-20.

The twenty-three men included six from Mildura, including their minister, Trevor Lawrie. Several more came on Saturday to attend the annual meeting.

Gordon Moyes presented the group with a series of lectures on church growth. He set the men a great challenge.

The annual meeting elected the C.M.F. executive for 1975-1976:

I. Alves, C. S. Badcock, W. J. Burgess, R. Davis, A. Drummond, G. W. Goudie, C. F. Houston, C. I. Mott, E. G. Mott, W. E. Mounsey, S. V. Philpotts, DD. A. Potter, R. E. Pritchard, D. Watt, J. Wilson.

Ron Johnson presented a report from the Blackburn C.M.F. group and presented a cheque for \$25 to start a project for the purchase of petrol for missionaries in New Guinea. He challenged other C.M.F. groups to follow Blackburn's initiative.

The singing throughout the camp was

accompanied by Frank Wood of North Balwyn Baptist church on his electronic organ, which he brought to camp with him.

Some of the men dug up the potatoes which were planted at the rear of the Monbulk Camp site last year. Vic. Philpott took three cases back to the Christian Guest Home.

The climax to the weekend was the Communion Service led by Ian Nankivell of Mildura in the Waterman Memorial Chapel. Three men gave personal testimonies.

Next year the Christian Men's Fellowship will hold another camp. Watch the new C.M.F. paper "Man Alive" for more details.

If you have a group of men who want to form or reform C.M.F. and don't know what to do: contact The Secretary, Bill Burgess, 3 Vine St., West Footscray, 3012, Vic. Members of the Board will travel anywhere in the State to help.

—Ian Alves.

# MY NEIGHBOUR'S PEN

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING



### Women in seminaries

The Boston Theological Institute probably has more women than any other theological centre in the world, with about 400 women enrolled in the eight member schools, and 12 women faculty—including black women. Three schools—Andover Newton, Harvard and Episcopal Divinity—had about 40 per cent women in this year's entering class. Weston, a Jesuit school, has had women in all its degree programs for the past two years. Gordon-Conwell, an evangelical seminary, is also experiencing new interest in exploring women's roles within the evangelical Christian tradition.

—“Christian Century”

### The cost of care

The per capita expenditure on health care in the USA now exceeds \$350 per annum. In many poor countries, it varies from \$0.35 to \$3.50—if you can find anything to spend it on. It is estimated that 80 per cent of the people in the poor countries have no access to health care other than through traditional healers.

Most of the serious diseases afflicting the population of poor countries at the present time are preventable. The high number of

deaths among children and young adults can be reduced. The knowledge of how to do it already exists, yet the benefits of medical services are still available only to a small fraction of the population. The problem is only partially economic. It is more often due to the fact that resources are badly distributed. For instance, Kenya spends 85 per cent of its national health budget on 15 per cent of its population. This is the rule rather than the exception in many other countries.

—“One World”

### Who Failed?

God wants us to see a world which he has created and which he loves, where all is sacred; we often see only that portion at arm's length.

God wants us to celebrate our membership in the Household of Faith that encompasses the earth, and our kinship with all humanity; we magnify our peculiarities and conflicts.

God wants us to show concern for “the least of these”; we want to care for those we can see or call by name—or those who will offer a dutiful “thank you”.

When will the word get through to those of us who claim to be the People of God?

“God so loved the world . . .”

“And he made from one every nation of men to live on all the face of the earth . . .”

“Go into all the world . . .”

“If one member suffers, all suffer together . . .”

Can we read the Scriptures and still say that humanity's concerns are not our own? Can we hear the cries of the earth's oppressed, starving, homeless and despairing—knowing these persons are God's children—and not reserve our compassion to those of our own small circle?

Who has failed? And when and how?

We need to ask these painful questions and then find new ways—quickly—to expand the horizons of those within our churches.

—“The Disciple”

## WORD TALK NO. 116

### THEMES IN JOHN

#### IN THE STUDY

One of John's great themes is the calling to be a witness to the Lord. A witness was one who attested the truth about God or testified to what they had seen and heard of Jesus. Almost 30 times John makes reference to this theme surpassing the total usage of the word among the synoptic gospels, (e.g. John 1:7,8,15; 3:26,28; 5:31,32,33,36,37, etc.)

The concept of the legal witness from the O.T. was taken over by the claims concerning Jesus (John 5:31 ff, 8:13 ff).

John the Baptist was a prime witness to Jesus and this is his sole function in John.

John's personal witness to Jesus was made very clear in the First Epistle “. . . which we have heard . . . seen . . . looked upon . . . touched . . . we testify . . . and proclaim to you . . . which was made manifest to us (and then John repeats it!) so that you might have fellowship with us . . . with the Father . . . and with his son Jesus Christ”. (1 John 1:1-4).

#### FROM THE PULPIT

Jesus chose us to bear fruit. (John 15:16). The fruit is new Christians, the result of our personal witness.

But Christians are so involved in running things, they have no time to witness to people. We share in prayer meetings, attend Church services, duplicate endless pieces of paper, teach Sunday School, run clubs, go on committees, and cater for the children of Israel in the wilderness, and do it all willingly for the Kingdom of God but at the expense of personally leading others to the faith. In fact we choose to do anything else rather than witness.

We plead that we are not yet ready or equipped for this service.

Emil Brunner says “Justification by Christ alone means that God has accepted us as recruits into his army. Once this has taken place we can go forth bearing on our banners this amazing statement: ‘Fit for the service of God’. This is

# WITNESS

indeed the grace of God, that God calls a man just as he is into his service; that God does not consider a man as he is too bad to his service. The call that reaches man in his sinfulness, places him, sinful as he is, into the service of God. For if a man were to try first of all to fit himself for this service, he would never do anything at all. Come, just as you are, in your dirty, torn, everyday clothes.”

The need to be a witness awaits you. To witness may mean scorn or rejection—it was not for nothing that the early church took the Greek word for witness and applied it to its noblest saints: “Martyr”. (Rev. 2:13; 17:6).

#### AMONG THE PEOPLE

In the past month I have conducted four Church Growth Seminars for Ministers and Elders in two States. At one 96 Presbyterian Elders indicated their average length of service as being 22 years. Yet throughout this total of over 2000 years not one had led another person to Jesus Christ through their witness. In the other three Seminars which totalled over 90 Elders and Deacons of our Churches in three cities, only one had in recent years brought another person to Jesus Christ.

In defence most claim that their quiet Christian example was enough. But quiet example is no help to a blind man waiting to cross at a busy corner. Quiet example is dumb. The spiritually blind need an arm, a guide and a friendly word.

That word must be both of scripture and of testimony. One needs the written word and the personal word. The Managing Director of a communications company who was baptised this month in our Church became a Christian recently. He immediately shared his faith with his office secretary, who had her faith rekindled, her life re-directed at a critical moment. Then shared it again in a large staff training program. Then within the following week led two other business men to Christ—and this was while he was awaiting his baptism!

GORDON MOYES

# CHRISTIAN KOREANS RELEASED

SEOUL (CCAN) — Prominent Korean Christians, arrested last year in connection with efforts to repeal the Ushin (revitalising reforms) Constitution, were recently released from prison by President Park Chung Hee. Reaction among relatives and friends ranged from surprise and joy, to disbelief. Their release was ordered in the wake of the national referendum on Feb. 12 which 'reconfirmed the legitimacy of the present constitution'.

20% of the total electorate of 16.7 million failed to vote. Of the 13.4 million who voted, 73% supported and 25% were opposed to the President's 'major policies'. However, the 1972 Referendum had a participation rate of 92% and 91% of these supported Park.

Among the 148 persons released were Roman Catholic Bishop Daniel Tji of the Diocese of Wonju; Kim Dong Gil, dean of theology at Yonsei University in Seoul and the Rev. Park Hyong-Kyu, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Seoul. Also Korea's best known poet, Kim Chi Ha. A total of 203 people were jailed under President Park Chung Hee's two emergency decrees last year.

A wildly cheering crowd of several hundred waited up to 12 hours in the freezing cold to welcome the release of Bishop Tji. Bishop Tji was carried to nearby Myong Dong Cathedral, his hair whitened by his seven months behind bars. A few days later, he celebrated his first Mass before an overflowing congregation of 3000. 'I hope that God will give us the spiritual help to continue the mission which He gave us,' declared the 53 year old Bishop who was accused of financing a rebellion by dissident students last July.

'I'm still guilty in the eyes of the Government. None of us has his civil

rights and we could all be imprisoned at any time,' said Professor Kim Dong Gil after his release. Kim, like most of those released, promised to continue struggling for democracy 'even if it means I have to go back to jail'.

Out of the 203 people imprisoned for violating emergency presidential decrees last year, 33 were sentenced from two to 15 years for demanding amendments to the Constitution. They had broken Emergency decree No. 1 of January 8, 1974, which forbade any criticism of the President or the Constitution.

The remainder of the prisoners were arrested under Emergency Decree No. 4 which labelled the National Federation of Democratic Youth and Student (NFDYS) a communist-led conspiracy to overthrow the government. On August 23, President Park rescinded the decrees, after his wife's death from an assassin's bullets, aimed at himself.

While there is a widespread feeling of relief over the recent releases, there was no relief for the families of the 22 men accused of being communists behind the NFDYS. Eight of these are still on death row together with 13 other 'fellow travellers' as President Park calls them. Wives of these prisoners are now even more determined to continue holding weekly prayer meetings to demand 'fair and open trials'.

## NAMIBIAN OPERATIONS CEASES

Texaco Inc. has joined three other major petroleum firms ceasing operations connected with Namibia. The others are Phillips Petroleum and Getty Oil. The Continental Oil Co. withdrew from Namibian operations last fall. Efforts to persuade the firms to end their connections in Namibia were initiated about two years ago by a coalition of American church organizations.

## RADIO 2JJ

The Festival of Light supports the Commercial Radio Stations and community leaders who have demanded a crackdown on 2JJ.

"We believe," said Rev. Fred Nile, "that all Government Broadcasting and Television Stations must come under the Broadcasting Control Board regulations and standards."

It is a massive example of unfair competition and government bias for 2JJ to have a free hand and ignore community standards.

Commercial Radio has enjoyed a good reputation for its observance of community standards by its choice of records and programmes.

We reject entirely the white-washing action by the Minister for the Media, Senator McClelland, who not only supports 2JJ's so-called "mature" approach but intends to lower the existing Broadcasting Control Board Standards to conform with current low moral views of a small vocal minority.

Radio Stations in the U.S.A. have already entered into new areas of controversy by allowing Linda Lovelace to demonstrate and explain oral sex over the radio. Where will 2JJ end in its search for new programmes?

2JJ is owned by the Australian public, it is not the plaything of Messrs. Ron Moss and Mauris Webb, who have a responsibility to the families of Australia.

The values and community standards of the majority of Australians may appear to be "stodgy" in the eyes of these two reactionary gentlemen, but they have a serious responsibility to the whole of our nation because of their privileged position in public radio.

The Standards must be observed by both commercial and government radio and fully implemented.

**VISITATION EVANGELISM** (Glennel, C.H.J. Wright) There were 8 decisions on April 13 following programme of Visitation Evangelism . . . C.W.F. Mini-Fair raised \$260. It was opened by Mrs H. Hudson, wife of Minister of Education . . . John Pederson spoke at C.M.S. Dinner on his experiences in U.S.A. . . . Youth Group conducted study camp at Aldinga during Easter . . . A new Rogers Electronic organ has been installed free of debt . . . \$3,200 was received Temple Day towards a new manse.

## MONBULK

### WORKERS SOUGHT

The Monbulk Fellowship Centre is being used extensively by church groups, schools and service organisations. Because of the demand for bookings, we are currently looking for another married couple to assist Lance and Enid Fisher in their ministry at Monbulk. A second residence is to be erected shortly and we gratefully acknowledge a gift of \$2,000 from the Campwell Edwards Trust towards this project.

—R. McKenzie.



## • OLD

### MANILLA PREACHER IN IPSWICH PULPIT

Diego Romulo, principal of the Church of Christ Bible College in Manilla, was guest preacher for four meetings in our chapel.

The film, "The Temple," was screened at Girls' Brigade night on April 6. G.B. week featured a march followed by a service in the Silkstone Baptist Church.

90 attended Aborigine Rally when leaders and workers from Carnarvon and Norseman gave items. They included Graham Butler, Sonny Graham, Maureen Rule and Joe Lanigan.

# 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.

## SOUTHERN AFRICA

In answer to Ray Hawkins (A.C. 22/3/75), May I say that South Africa and Rhodesia were "singled out" because no other countries (let alone Christian countries, which these profess to be) have, as the basis of their ideology, the disgusting and un-Christian idea that some men are inately inferior to others.

Of course, other countries deserve to be criticised for inhuman and improper treatment of some of their citizens—not the least of them the Soviet Union for failing to live up to its socialist ideals.

Any nation which acts unjustly deserves the criticism of all Christian people and the Social Questions Sub-committee will seek to deal with any issue so far as its capacity and competence allows.

David A. Brown, Vic.

## VIETNAM ORPHANS

To the Editor,

It is indeed a dark hour for Vietnam in their long struggle for freedom. In their extremity, we amongst others, are taking advantage of their calamity and the moral weakness of the Saigon Government to steal their children.

I am not questioning in any way the plight of these children, or our responsibility in the matter. What I am questioning is our ethics in depriving them of their country and kindred, and their country of them. What we can do, and what we should do is to care for these children in Vietnam until a stable government can take over the responsibility. The family system in Vietnam is involved and extensive and almost every one of these orphans will have relatives somewhere, too often behind the "enemy" lines (and I have a nasty feeling that the Saigon Government seeing the writing on the wall is venting their spite on such people by depriving them of their children). Many of those people will spend lifetimes of agony wondering whether or not their relatives are alive, and exiles in Australia. Apart from the wrong we are doing, we are sowing the seeds of a great deal of bitterness. It is no excuse to do evil that good may come.

These children are the hope of Vietnam. Vietnam needs them. In the country's hour of grief we are stealing their most precious possession, their children. We are not doing right.

John J. Alderson, Vic.

## THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S

To the Editor,

The Lord said 'Give him that asketh of thee . . .' (Mat. 5:42). It is against much of our training to give to people who have the cheek to ask, particularly if they are not quite deserving. Perhaps there wouldn't be enough to go round either. With varying degrees of

trepidation I tried obedience and it led to all sorts of adventures, raising a waif who presented himself on my doorstep (not in Australia) paying for a funeral, healing sick folk, even crocheting a bridesmaid's dress. And gradually I have learnt to give with confidence because the same Lord controls the supply of goods and skills, and the number and nature of requests. After all 'the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.'

The correspondent is back in Australia after being overseas for some years.

## MOTHER'S DAY

To the Editor,

With "Mother's Day" fast approaching again many churches are in the process of planning traditional recognition of this day: white flowers, Women's Group taking the service or sermons based on women in the Bible.

Are we as the church perpetrating a performance which could not be called a thoughtful Christian action? Many women in our churches are unable to bear

children—what unhappiness does it create in their minds this day hearing of God's plan for women's fulfilment—and they cannot meet it. Are we isolating them?

Many women members are single and more women in future are not going to bear children by choice—are we going to exclude them, subconsciously, from worship because of their choice or the situation in which they find themselves in life.

Are we not, also helping to maintain the big business of profitability for stores in "Mothers Day"? We decry the same thing being at Easter and Christmas, perhaps we should refuse to recognise the second Sunday of May as "Mother's Day".

The same could be said for Father's Day (an early "Men's Lib" move to be in the picture, too!).

Josie Weedon, Vic.

## CAANAN COLLEGE

To the Editor,

I wish to thank Mr. Cartmel for his commendation and comments regarding Canaan College ("A.C." 19/4/75).

His concern about the School being "restricted to a select few from the privileged strata of our Society" is a perfectly logical conclusion to draw from

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### OBSTACLES FOR PRODIGALS

To the Editor,

During the invitation hymn on Sunday night I thought back on my own teenage decision as my jelly knees only just supported my quivering frame down a thousand miles of fleur de lis carpet, feeling that ten thousand eyes were upon me, and that I probably wouldn't make it. As I reflected I found myself asking, does it have to be like that? Our minister had just preached on the Prodigal Son and had emphasised that the father had not waited for the son to arrive at the front door, but had raced down the road to meet him and bring him home.

I don't think that's the way we do it in our church. Any prodigals who are away from home have to come home according to our tradition. It's as though the father in the story got his servants to put all sorts of obstacles in the way of the returning son to test the reality of his desire to come home. First of all a notice on the road saying, "All Prodigals returning home must do so on Sundays at 7 p.m." And a second notice further up the road saying, "Returning Prodigals are advised to find the nearest Church of Christ (enquire at local police station or undertaker), and wait for fifty five minutes (light religious entertainment provided) before being returned to the father". And a third notice, "Prodigals are advised that no layman can usher them into the presence of the father, and that Prodigals can only be received in the sacred place at the sacred times, following the proper sacred processional ritual to the sacred seat."

### NO WONDER NOT MANY PRODIGALS COME HOME IN OUR CHURCH

I began to meditate then upon the older brother in the parable. Perhaps he wouldn't have objected so strongly if the Prodigal had had to fight his way home over all sorts of obstacles to get to the father the hard way. It was the undignified sight of the father running down that road, and the receiving of the brother with all that fuss and no questions asked, that got his back up.

Hoping you are the same,  
TERTIUS

## OPEN FORUM (cont.)

• N.S.W.

the article, and I wish to amplify the relevant paragraph and to so prevent others from forming the same opinion.

Although a combined tuition and boarding fee of \$700 per annum has been decided upon as indicated in the article in "A.C." 5/4/75, it is paid only by those who can afford to do so.

Non-Church parents who cannot pay the full fee are encouraged to offer a minimum amount based on their gross weekly income. Christian parents who cannot meet the full fee are invited to pray about what they should contribute.

We believe that the Lord knows the School's needs and each parent's resources. Therefore a decision made on this basis will be correct for each family and will keep the School dependent on the Lord for his provision.

We praise God for the ways in which he provides through the regular receipt of material gifts, food, and volunteer assistance. As a result we are able to support a school population from a wide variety of economic backgrounds.

R. B. Tattersall, Vic.

## MUSIC FROM ALL CHURCHES AT ST. PAUL'S

(Melb.) As part of the celebration of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a concert will be held in Saint Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne on Wed., May 14, at 8 p.m. Participating choirs will be; St. Patrick's Cathedral, Greek Orthodox Church, Methodist Ladies' College, Russian Orthodox Church, The Scots Church, Melbourne, Serbian Orthodox Church, "The Proclaimers" (Baptist Church), "The Changing Moods" (Churches of Christ), St. Paul's Cathedral, and the Camberwell Salvation Army Band and Timbrel Brigade.

"SPECTACULAR" SUCCESS (Camp Hill, B. Cutchie) 600 enjoyed The Family, The Brothers and Sisters, Colleen Campbell and evangelist Alan Bartlem presenting a Gospel Concert . . . Following film "Thief in the Night", 35 committals made at recent gospel service . . . Number of communicants up 20% on last year . . . G.B. attendance increasing, S.S. also . . . Visitation program showing results . . . Adult B.S. is held in manse. G.B. camp held on Logan River . . . Mrs. Elva Cranston recovering from recent operation . . . Phil Melville farewelled for Darwin.

MA MA CREEK MINISTRY V. G. Boettcher will minister here after his return from an overseas tour. F. Winter of Toowoomba is conducting an interim ministry assisted by student Peter Matthews of Kenmore Christian College helping with youth work and S.S. . . . Brian and Glenys Metcalf are leading the youth group and Syd Dallinger is the new S.S. Supt. . . . E. F. Cole is church elder . . . The church will celebrate its 90th anniversary in September.

## "RIGHT NOW" MISSIONS

At the invitation of the NSW Home Mission Dept., G. K. Moyes conducted three Regional Missions following the pattern developed by the Victorian H.M. Dept., in their Centenary year. These were held at Newcastle, Wollongong and Sydney and were an outstanding success.

The aim was to bring churches in a particular region together to co-operate in presenting Christ to their own area using T.V., Radio, Press and Public Rallies. In all Gordon Moyes spoke at 44 meetings in two weeks, including High School Assemblies, Rotary Groups, Morning coffees, Luncheons and Men's Breakfasts.

An important contribution in each area was a meeting of ministers, elders and deacons dealing with principles of church outreach and growth.

Over 8,000 people attended and there were 63 decisions in the two week period. The success of the Mission was assured by Gordon's availability to God, the unsparring way in which he gave himself

to a great variety of group and personal discussions with residents in each area. His ability and versatility made an impact on each one who had contact with him. There was particular appeal to people in the community who had little or no church contact.

The impact of the Mission is seen in the number of people who became "Brand New Persons in Christ", Christians who were renewed in their faith and enthusiasm for Christ, contacts made in each area, many of whom will no doubt come to know Christ in future weeks, sharing of "How To" in area of Church outreach and growth and development of strategy to reach today's generation, Now!

On behalf of the churches involved, I would like to express appreciation to the Church at Cheltenham and to Gordon for their contribution in this way.

-K. CRAWFORD

## RECIPES FOR PROGRESS

One of the unprepared programmes at the 35th Federal Conference in Canberra was a session in which outlines were given of activities which had been successful in the church or community. Not all of them would be applicable everywhere but those who present suggested that the ideas should be shared with the brotherhood. Some of them will be presented in this series, but there is room for more. If a programme has been significant for your church write it up and send it in.

### YOU CAN DO SOMETHING WITH R.I.

At present I am enjoying an exciting ministry with my R.I. contacts.

We had 400 students at a function held in the school. We had 150 students at a film during school hours in the church. We had 300 students and parents to a Christmas concert held in the Church. Students were charged an entry fee and \$150 was raised for overseas aid.

This year we are planning the same programme as well as a mid-winter tea party and I have been invited by the High School to conduct a religious education camp. (I regard this invitation as a feature of the confidence the schools have in us.)

Last year we received a grant from the State school of \$80 and a grant from the High school of \$150—this is to say, we are receiving money from the schools to invest more in R.I.

I think it all started with the move on our part to put something into R.I. and the intention of having good relations with the schools. I decided my role was

important and that any negative feelings shown by the school could be overcome with our approach.

We have made it abundantly clear that religious instruction is still needed and wanted by the schools and that the R.I. teacher has a wide scope to work in. The minister's status is still highly regarded.

We have the same problems of discipline and lack of achievement that everyone else has, but we are encouraged by the response to these extra functions.

We are getting the young used to seeing the inside of a church. We are showing parents and school that R.I. is more than a duty. We are teaching the students to be concerned for others by charging an entry fee.

If I can give any advice it is this: get on good terms with the administration and concentrate on your immediate vicinity. I have declined invitations from other schools that are more than walking distance from the church.

-Steve Downie, East Keilor, Vic.

SCHOOL MISSION (Bentleigh, R. W. Marshall). The S.S. arranged an after school mission conducted by Mr. White and Mr. Colman. New scholars were added to S.S. . . . At annual business meeting Russell Robatham was elected to the officers board . . . Mrs. Beverley Bowman and baby Fleur from Los Angeles have been staying with her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. Keneley.

MISSION PREPARATION (Port Lincoln, B. Hill) Church is preparing for mission with Noel Flint . . . Chapel is improved. Manse to be fitted with pressure hot water service . . . Church rejoices with Pam Williams on the birth of her son. Her husband, Brian Arthur, died suddenly on Sept. 5 last. He was a hard working servant of the Lord, an elder and devoted youth worker.

o OVERSEAS MISSIONS

## FROM THAILAND

HEATHER & BRUCE HEYWORTH

Associated Churches of Christ Workers

Last week Bruce sat the second test of second year language, and was encouraged with his performance. Now he is working toward the second year exam.

This is the dry season, when the rice farmers are not busy in their fields, and a concerted evangelistic outreach is made into specific areas. Please pray for the landrover team of missionary and Thai personnel as they show films and visit house to house in these set villages. The time for the Manorom outreach is from April 14-21, again going for three days each into the villages of Nongmaidang and Yanmatsee. Pray for this. The objective of this outreach is establishment of the small churches and to win more within these villages to Christ, as well as build up the young believers in their faith. Pray for good acceptance in the villages, and that a good number will receive Jesus as Saviour.

At the beginning of this month our OMF team of 5 had to withdraw from Cambodia with the CMA missionaries, because the situation there had become so bad. Do continue to pray for that country, and for ours which is so close.

Pray also for the Thai Government which is trying once again to get a working coalition—an exceedingly difficult task.

Did you know that here at the Manorom Christian Hospital there is a large leprosy section. Here, the patients are long term and because of this, the gospel has more lasting impact on the leprosy patients. Within this section there has developed a leprosy church, electing their own elders, running their own meetings, and showing every appearance of life in Christ.

Recently we were delighted and greatly encouraged, when this hospital leprosy church spontaneously called a young student from the Phayao Bible College (north Thailand) to come to work as a hospital evangelist for the five month college break, and they have undertaken, before God, to pay his full salary. Here is life when signs of growth and evidence of concern for others are seen, but please remember, these leprosy patients are outcasts and many are very very poor. Yet, God is honouring their intention of faith. Pray for this leprosy church. Pray also for the young man they have called. His name is Wichian.

## AUSTRALIA & VIETNAM

"Australian and American emotions resulting from our long and controversial involvement in the national struggle of the Vietnamese people seems to have found an outlet through the processes of adopting Vietnamese war orphans.

"While appreciating the actions already taken by the Australian Government, we believe that a more comprehensive response is required from the Australian Government and people, and this should include:

- (a) Support for a limited program of adoption of babies otherwise in danger of death or neglect, subject to reasonable requirements to protect the rights and interests of the children and their relationships with surviving parents and families.
- (b) Provisions of further financial and other resources to enable child care and social welfare organisations in all parts of Vietnam to care adequately for children in institutions or in adoptive or foster care situations provided by Vietnamese families in their own country. We, therefore, urge the public to generously support the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal for Vietnam.
- (c) Admission of handicapped refugees into Australia. The numbers to be offered admission should be based on the capacity of Government and

voluntary organisations to provide support and rehabilitative services.

- (d) An Australian Government commitment to allow selected refugees and their families to enter Australia. This is an inescapable consequence of many years of moral, military and economic support for the Government of South Vietnam. The Australian Government and Opposition should also declare a general policy on admission of refugees so that our attitude is clear in situations such as have occurred in recent years in Uganda, Chile, Bangladesh and now Vietnam, and are likely to recur in a politically turbulent world."

The above statement has been released in the name of the following organisations:

- Australian Council of Churches  
(The Rev. John Mavor, Director, Resettlement Dept.)
- Australian Council of Social Service,  
(Edward G. Pennington, Secretary-General),
- Australian Council for Overseas' Aid,  
(M. Sullivan, Executive-Director),
- Australian Catholic Relief,  
(Bill Byrne, Executive-Director),
- Federation of Jewish Welfare Societies,  
(Walter Lipmann, Executive Vice-President).

## JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

### BIBLE OCCUPATIONS

What were the occupations of Demetrius of Ephesus, and Cornelius of Caesarea? (See page 18).

### HOW THE WORD CAME

At the age of 21 a young man was elected to the British Parliament and in 1834 became Prime Minister. He lost the next election but became P.M. again six years later. He brought in laws to prevent child labour in mills, passed a new charter for the Bank of England, and helped to make friends with France. He was Sir Robert Peel, but in spite of all that he did, he is best known today because he organised the London police force. It's officers are still called "Bobbies" after his name!

Lifesaver: How much weight can you carry?

Bill: A Hundred pounds.

Lifesaver: Suppose there was woman drowning and she weighed two hundred pounds. How would you rescue her?

Bill: I'd make two trips.

Savages: People who don't know what is wrong until missionaries show them.

### First Aid

"Mother," said the little girl, "May I have a dime for the old man who is crying outside?"

"Yes, dear," replied Mamma, "But what is he crying about?"

"He's crying: 'Ice cream cones—ten cents!'"



"I think I've diagnosed it. A rare disease known as 'Red Crayonitis.'"

# BOOKS TO READ

## NEW INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Edited by J. D. Douglas (Paternoster Press)

Someone said that the educated man is not necessarily the man who knows the answer but who knows where to find it. Dictionaries and encyclopedias are good places to look. This is an excellent production at a reasonable price, giving a summary of the people, ideas, and events that have helped to shape the Christian church in its 2000 years (almost) of history. In 1074 pages the book cannot, of course, move in depth through any one area of the church's life, but it does give a most helpful brief look at the significant names and places. Included are biographical notes on Socrates of Athens and Billy Graham of North Carolina, articles on original sin and the Second Coming, paragraphs on the Children's Crusade and the assassination of Martin Luther King. We usually test a book of this kind to see what kind of justice or injustice has been done to our own movement. Thomas and Alexander Campbell and Barton Warren Stone are noted and a brief description of Churches of Christ (U.S.A.) is given. Helpful are the sections given to each country, for example Australia, New Zealand, Korea, Latin America. These are, of necessity, brief but they do help to provide an over-view. There are statements on baptism, biblical criticism, etc. In the new (to us) material there is fascinating information about the Si-Gan-Fu Stone, Supralapsarianism, Heilsgeschichte, and the Melitian Schisms. Among the more than 180 contributors are Marcus Loane, F. F. Bruce, Carl F. Henry, and Dr. Leon Morris. The scholarship is conservative and fair. On matters we know something about the book is accurate. On items where we had some questions we checked other sources and found the book was reliable. This is a book which ministers and teachers will find invaluable. And if someone donated a copy to the church library there would be made available an excellent reference book on general church matters. The English price is £10. Whatever that is in \$Aust. it is worth it.

## JESUS & CHRISTIAN ORIGINS OUTSIDE THE N.T.

by F. F. Bruce (Hodder & Stoughton) \$4.60

Dr. Bruce claims that the New Testament is the place to go for first hand evidence of Christianity. But there is some value in considering secondary sources. In this book these sources are explored. The pagan writers such as Pliny and Trajan, Josephus the Jew, apocryphal gospels, "The Gospel of Thomas", and references in the Koran are considered, and there is a chapter on archaeological discoveries which give supportive evidence to the Bible. In his Epilogue, Bruce says he is not trying to "prove" anything. He is trying rather to give an account of factual and fictitious references to Jesus outside scripture.

## A LAWYER AMONG THE THEOLOGIAN'S THEOLOGIAN'S

by Norman Anderson (Hodder & Stoughton) \$2.95

Theologians with their vast knowledge of a difficult subject tend to frighten ordinary people in the way that doctors, biologists, motor mechanics and even lawyers (when they are talking law) awe us with their specialised knowledge. Norman Anderson argues that the theologians cannot be permitted to go on making pronouncements that may be judged only by other theologians. They must be prepared to have their work examined by folk who may not have a theological training but who are qualified to test ideas by the rules that govern ideas. Anderson is Director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in the Univ. of London, and he thinks it is high time that theologians have the evidence they present for their views tested in a judicial manner. He applies a few rules from standard legal text books in respect to words, their meaning and interpretation, and he thinks some theologians pay

singularly little attention to such rules. Some adopt a rigidly literal mode of construction without making any real effort to understand the meaning of scripture in the light of its context or the purpose of the writer. Among the writers whose views are examined are Karl Barth, Rudolf Bultmann, P. T. Forsyth, Lloyd Geering, G.W.H. Lampe, J.A.T. Robonson and William Temple. He discusses sin, judgment, forgiveness and the Christian life, but the main sections of the book deal with the Jesus of history and the Resurrection. A very readable book that could well find a place in the church library.

## JESUS CHRIST FREES AND UNITES

W.C.C. 5th Assembly Study  
\$1.00 posted.

This introductory study book for the World Council of Churches 5th Assembly at Nairobi in November, 1975, contains a description of the six sections of the church's special concerns. The material on these is a bit sketchy but material on the main theme and the six sections (Confessing Christ Today, What Unity Requires, Seeking Community, Education for Liberation and Community, Injustice and Liberation, and Human Development) will be made available to the delegates, together with other suggested preparatory reading. Nevertheless, this book can be used quite effectively for studies in small groups in the churches. The Bible Studies on the theme would also be helpful in such groups. There is also a statement about the purpose of the Council, and the places and times of inter-church assemblies since the World Missionary Conference at Edinburgh in 1910. Copies may be obtained from the Aust. Council of Churches, P.O. Box J111, Brickfield Hill, N.S.W. 2000, or from State Council of Churches offices.

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



"There is no such thing as good people and bad people — only the socially adjusted and the mal-adjusted!"

# Oswald Sanders at Swanston St.

(Vic.) The recent Missionary Convention with Oswald Sanders as guest preacher proved to be a time of rich inspiration and challenge. Audio-visuals were received from each of our 13 missionaries, all members of our congregation, serving on eight different fields.

The response to the Love Gift offering exceeded all expectation—\$4,450 from a congregation more than half of whom are students and non-wage earners. The response to the Faith Promise renewal support of our missionary family was \$181 per week or \$9000 per year. This is direct personal support apart from general and brotherhood giving.

Recent services have averaged in excess of 250 communicants. A recent guest service attracted over 200 and there were 3 confessions of faith. 8 new members have recently been added to our fellowship by faith and baptism. Professor Blaiklock and Dr. Bill Howes have been recent preachers.

# FRANK HUNTING TO GROTE ST.

The church has contracted an agreement with F. C. Hunting to enter into an associate-ministry in 1976 . . . Instead of traditional display for Harvest Thanksgiving, there was a token loaf of bread, a glass of water, a dish of wheat, and stooks of hay. The people were encouraged to give direct to Bangladesh through C.O.C.O.A. Offering realised \$450 . . . Recent speakers have been John Webb (S.A. Temp. All); Rex Ellis

(Kenmore, Qld); Jock Hunting (J.E.W.); and Bruce Townsend (Campaigners for Christ) . . . Ex-Servicemen conducted worship on April 20. Navy, army, air force, merchant-navy and national service were all represented . . . Missionary visitors have been A. T. Davidson and Elaine deRussett (W.E.C.); and Roslyn Williams of our field in T.P.N.G.

H. M. Long is minister.

# NEW ZEALAND N. C. C. & R. C. CHURCH

The Joint Working Committee of the National Council of Churches in New Zealand and the Roman Catholic Church has achieved an important breakthrough in ecumenical progress with the statement, "Towards a ministry accepted by all."

The statement goes further than anything to date towards a mutual Roman Catholic-Protestant recognition of a valid ordained ministry. Division on this issue has been the major obstacle to ecumenical development between the two groups. Arguing from the Vatican II

Decree on Ecumenism, which affirmed the ecclesial reality of other Christian communities, the Roman Catholic members of the Joint Commission saw no barrier to official recognition of non-Roman Catholic ministries.

Roman Catholic members of the Commission shared with other members in substantial agreement over the theological principles of the doctrine of the ministry as put forward in the Plan for Union and the WCC statement on "The Ordained Ministry in Ecumenical Perspective".  
—EPS

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## SYDNEY

July 15, 16, 17

Church of Christ,  
122 Waterloo Rd.,  
Greenacre

Time: 7 p.m.-10 p.m.  
each night.

Send Registration Form  
to Mr. K. Crawford, 37  
Darwin St., Carlingford,  
N.S.W. 2118. Phone  
871 6583.

## MELBOURNE 1

July 18, 19

Church of Christ,  
182 Surrey Rd.,  
Blackburn.

Time: 18th 7.30-10 p.m.  
19th 9.15 a.m.-4.45 p.m.

Send Registration Form  
to Mr. D. H. Smith, 52  
LaTrobe St., Melbourne,  
Vic., 3000. Phone  
662 2377.

## MELBOURNE 2

July 20, 21

Church of Christ,  
182 Surrey Rd.,  
Blackburn.

Time: 20th 2p.m.-9.30p.m.  
21st 7.30-10 p.m.

Send Registration Form  
to Mr. D. H. Smith, 52  
LaTrobe St., Melbourne,  
Vic., 3000. Phone  
662 2377.

## LAUNCESTON

July 22, 23

Church of Christ,  
76 Margaret St.,  
Launceston.

Time: 22nd 7.30-10 p.m.  
23rd 9 a.m.-4.30 p.m.

Send Registration Form  
to Mr. C. J. Orr, Box 102,  
Ulverstone, Tas. 7315.

The Churches of Christ in Australia have invited Dr. Win Arn, Executive Director of the Institute for American Church Growth to conduct a Growth Seminar in each capital city of Australia. Dr. Arn, who leads a staff of specialists to help churches reach their greatest potential in growth and outreach, is internationally recognised as a leader in this field. Many churches of various denominations have benefited throughout the United States from this type of programme and now it's your turn.

**SOME CHURCHES  
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**EASTER CAMP** (Tamworth, Colin Crago, Geoff Rowcroft) Camp held at Quirindi over Easter for Y.P. from Tamworth, Inverell, Gilgandra and Armidale. 10 people dedicated their lives to the Lord. Visiting speakers and singers recently have been Bruce Armstrong, Peter Holt, Ken and Piu Withington, Charlie Boyter, Alan James, Chris McKinnon and Julie Parlett. Sharing in prayer, when congregation divides into small groups is a feature of services. Women's activities have included sewing days and coffee and Bible Study mornings. Evening programs have been a Coffee and Dessert evening with speaker Mrs Jean Woods, and a Discussion Evening led by Mrs Shirley Belford.

**B.S. EASTER PRESENTATION** (Bexley North, P.A. Pitts) The men of the church are repainting the inside of the church in preparation for 44th Anniversary. The Regouby family was farewelled prior to sailing to U.S.A., and Nigel and Shelle Merrick on their way to W.A. Presentation made to David and Alison Watts, leaving for Penrith. Cedric and Rosa Langbein have retired to Medlow Bath. New Elders are J. Laurence-Rogers and A. Sheridan. Church honored

Life Elder, John Saville, who celebrated his 80th birthday. A Lay Institute for Evangelism was conducted and plans are made for regular visitation. \$10 a week is now being forwarded to the church at Orange, in addition to the \$300 given last year. \$500 given for Christian Centre in Vila, New Hebrides. Woolwich student, Andrew Wijesinghe of Sri Lanka, is assistant to minister.

**TEA TOWELS** (Bundaberg, B.M. Nowitzke) Church members donated 36 tea-towels to C.W.F. C.W.F. cottage meetings held monthly with "shut-in" folk, in addition to normal business meetings. L. Kniff is now S.S. Supt. Mrs. Betty Rackemann is Supt. of Kindergarten. Combined meeting with Avenell Heights Fellowship was held for Aborigines Mission Deputation. C.W.F. members attended and took part in "Forum" type meeting at Avenell.

## MUSIC IN VISION VALLEY

An Australia-wide Youth Festival is planned for the holiday weekend, June 14-16, at Vision Valley, on the outskirts of Sydney. An impressive three day pop and folk musical programme has been assembled. Features include: "Found Free" - from America; Janet Mead - from Adelaide; New Life Singers - from Newcastle; 20 bands and artists - from Sydney. The 6 member group "Found Free" comes from Philadelphia with a national reputation in America and its own television programme. It begins an Australian tour at the Festival. Sister Janet Mead has won world fame with her singing of "Our Father". Outstanding Australian bands and artists will perform during the continual music programme.

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## N.S.W. NEWS

**Dr. Clifford Wilson:** The church at Caringbah had as guest speaker for the Easter Convention, Dr. Cliff Wilson, of Melbourne, noted writer on Archaeology and kindred themes.

**Carl Henry in Sydney:** During his recent visit to N.S.W. Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, of World Vision, and former lecturer in Theology at Fuller Seminary and founding editor of "Christianity Today" magazine, was guest lecturer at the Baptist Theological College, on "The Dilemma of Modern Secular Man". Churches of Christ were represented by Dr. A. G. Elliott.

**The Church of All Nations:** At the Enmore Tabernacle Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dixon are developing the work in this predominantly migrant district of Sydney. Mr. Brown and Mr. Gillard are assisting faithfully in a tremendous task, as are also Mr. McGregor and Brian Dixon and Misses Bronwyn Saunders and Marion Maxwell. Miss Flood serves at the organ and Peter Dixon at the piano.

**Woolwich College C.W.F.:** For many years the College C.W.F. at Woolwich, under the direction of Mrs. Elliott, has trained young women to serve effectively in the churches. This year the planning is in the hands of Mrs. Shirley Burton. The first meeting was presided over by Mrs. Hohnke and the speaker was Mrs. J. K. Bond, of Caringbah.

**Burwood, N.S.W.:** The minister of Burwood church Maurie Pieper, has visited Campbelltown (N.S.W.) and Gympie (Q.) to share in their Missionary Convention meetings. At Burwood, missionary interest has been maintained with a Wycliffe Bible Translator's film, entitled "Unsheathed", introduced by George Elliott. Guest preacher on Sunday evening, on April 20, Bill Taylor, minister at Wagga, was speaker.

**Sharing with the Baptists:** The Christian Unity Committee of our N.S.W. Conf., with G. L. Chapman as chairman and C. E. Bowser, secretary, has been negotiating with the Baptist Union of N.S.W. to re-open discussions for mutual benefit such as were conducted some twelve years or so ago.

**MISSIONARY CONVENTION** (Inverell, R. Powell) Roy Dixon will be speaker at Missionary Convention in May . . . Y.P. attended Easter Camp at Quirindi . . . Recent missionaries speaking here were Dick McLellan (S.I.M.), and Bert Clarke (A.I.M.) . . . Mr. Powell attended Austral Missionary Convention and State Conf. . . . Christian Women's Convention held "Sweets and Coffee" evening and coffee morning. Mrs. Wykes, Sydney, was guest speaker . . . Beth Hogan and Lorraine Brown passed final nursing exams. Beth now an obstetric training at Crown St., Sydney . . . J.C.E. held barbecue at home of Doug and Lyn Hamilton.

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● **Our Korean Student:** Dr. Elliott has been in touch with Dr. Chae, of Korean Christian Seminary, Seoul, to arrange for a graduate from the Seminary to come to Sydney for an advanced course at Woolwich Bible College. Yoon Kak-Uh has now arrived and has settled in well.

● **Inter-Collegiate Seminar:** This year it is the turn of Woolwich to invite four students from Kenmore and Glen Iris to participate for several days in the May vacation, to share in study and worship, recreation and fellowship.

● **Woolwich and American Ties:** A recent visitor to the College was Dr. Conley Silsby, of Puget Sound Bible College, Washington, U.S.A. Dr. Elliott has been in regular contact with Dr. Delno Brown, Dean of Emmanuel School of Religion, Tennessee, U.S.A., with a view to co-ordinating courses of study so that Woolwich graduates may be able, after completing their work here, to pursue a course of study leading to a higher degree in Theology at Emmanuel School of Religion.

● **Woolwich and Evangelism:** During 1973 Woolwich students shared in a special effort at Burwood and again in 1974 at Caringbah. In 1975, the Evangelism Committee of the Student body is planning to co-operate in a similar way under the direction of the Dept. of Home Missions. The first of these efforts will be at Penrith in May-June and the others at Tempe and Engadine later in the year.

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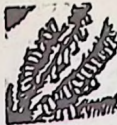
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# OBITUARY



## VICTORIA

MASON, Frank.

On April 10, in his 82nd year, Francis Edgar Mason died at Repatriation General Hospital, Heidelberg, Vic., after a long illness. The many who knew him, both in and out of the church, will remember him as a quiet, gentle man with a warm and friendly nature. Those who have known him for many years as a member of North Essendon Church of Christ are aware of the great love he had for his Lord, demonstrated by his devotion to the cause and his participation in the life of the church until ill health finally prevented him from attending even the worship services. Originally a member at Ascot Vale, Frank was one of six who had a vision of the church in a new area. As a result the North Essendon church commenced in 1926. Frank taught in the B.S. when services were conducted in the State School. He made his shoe store in Mt. Alexander Road available on one night a week to assist his brother Wal in forming and conducting a junior club for young boys like Jim Alves, Les Walshe and the late Graham Conning whose records of Christian service are notable. Frank contributed much to the life of the church by his participation in the worship and other activities and his many years on the Board of Officers. A few years ago he was honoured by appointment as the first Deacon-Emeritus, to apply for the rest of his life. While a member of the Board Frank served two terms totalling 15 years as church Secretary. Frank loved music and singing, and was a member of the Churches of Christ Choral Society since its inception in 1952 until 1964. In 1947 Frank's wife, Anne, died tragically in an accident while on holidays. Frank kept in contact as long as he was able with his mates of the First World War, and until recent years, he would be at his post at the Anzac dawn service and in the Anzac Day March. He had a talent for writing; winning a number of first prizes in short story competitions conducted by the R.S.L. In 1956 Frank Mason and Gwen McBride were married and in her grown family he found a new fulfillment. They were active partners in the church. When ill health brought much suffering Gwen earned the respect and admiration of us all in her care for her husband until the relief and peace of death came to him. We thank Frank for his life and witness. To Gwen and her family, to his sister Florence and his brothers Wal, Bert and Arthur we give our loving sympathy. We share in their prayers for comfort and strength in their loss.

-D.R.P.

**GOSPEL TEA (Tootgarook, P. Cameron)**  
At church and S.S. Gospel Tea on April 30 speaker was from the Blind Association with special singing by 2 Y.P. from Cheltenham. . . On April 27 Arthur Haskell launched the new Hymn Book, also led the singing and brought a message. . . Student minister, Paul Cameron, will be one of team of students going to S.A. on deputation work. . . R. Bulleen is home after hospitalization . . . New Teachers have joined S.S. staff with more scholars attending.

**EVANGELISTIC RALLY (Horsham, R. Roberts)** An evangelistic rally on April 19 had as speakers: Miss Elaine De Russet, missionary in Zaire, and Greg Francis, Vic. Director, W.E.C. Six persons were counselled. Miss De Russet spoke on April 20 and Mr Francis shared evening service with Rev. G. Holley of Bible Soc. . . Church and S.S. picnic was held at Mt. Arapiles. . . Members attended N.W. Dist. Conf. at Arrarat.

**FUN AND WORK (Croydon, A.B. Clark)** Explorers had a work-fun day at Monbulk as part of service activity. They gained 3rd place in Intermediate Section Combined Athletic Sports. . . Tennis Club had three teams in grand finals, one was successful. Seven teams are in winter competition. . . B.S. held paper drive for fund raising effort. . . Men combined work night of minor repairs with informal table tennis competition. . . Church groups meet three nights each week studying L.I.F.E. preparation and commitment courses.

**RESIGNATION OF MINISTER (Ringwood)** Church has accepted with regret the resignation of the minister as from May 9. He, his wife and family, are leaving for Brisbane to a new appointment with the Leprosy Mission. . . Pre-Easter Focus mid-week

meetings had B. Tabbernee and I. Allsop leading. . . Conf. Pres., G. Stirling, spoke on April 13 Luncheon and "talk-back" followed. . . Mrs Bond, Mrs Newman, Mrs Parson and Mrs Tope have passed away recently. . . "Maranatha Sounds" and "Changing Moods" conducted evening services in March. . . Explorers had an exciting "bike-hike" to Ferntree Gully National Park and back. . . Elderly "shut-ins" were taken by C.W.F. to beach picnic at Mordialloc.

**BELMONT VISITS (Balwyn, W.W. Saunders)** 28 folk came from Belmont on April 12 to spend week with church. A further 70 came on 13th for tea and evening service. Belmont took morning service and at night presented "It's Cool in the Furnace." Supper followed. . . Gary Wake is conducting "Family Lounge" once a month to plan and prepare Gospel Musical involving all age groups. . . Mr Saunders led local group which organised successful "No" campaign against proposed liquor club licence. . . Explorers held "Slave Auction". Church members hired boy "slaves" for odd jobs. Money was for renovation of church pews. . . C.Y.F. held Square Dance Family Night.

**HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S S.S. (Cheltenham G. K. Moyes)** A S.S. for handicapped children is a new venture, giving parents a needed break and utilising the talents of church members. . . Tom Frazer is returned as elder, with Rex Wythe becoming S.S. Supt. George Daff has resigned as Supt. after long period. . . Outside floodlighting improves church appearance. . . Pat Hilbig returned after a short but serious illness. . . C.Y.F. gave a presentation of the gospel using all the senses - probably the first time ever the church has burned incense, or older members have chewed sweets during the service since childhood. . . The pastor and some members are visiting homes on a personal evangelism program. . . Ted Harris, a prominent cyclist in his day and ex-P.O.W. made his commitment to the Lord.

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**MISSION INVOLVEMENT** (Hornsby District, D. A. Oldfield) The church shared in the "RIGHT NOW" Regional Mission at North Rocks, March 19-23 with Gordon Moyes as guest speaker. The ladies' meeting was in our hall . . . D. A. Oldfield conducted Good Friday Service at 9 a.m. . . . Some of the young people attended D.C.E. Camp at Stanwell Tops . . . Recent speakers were P. A. Nathan and M. Garvin.

**CHATSWOOD LOSS** (C. G. Taylor) Mr. Taylor conducted a private cremation service for Miss H. V. Rofe, who with her sister had moved only two weeks earlier from their home to the Pendle Hill Nursing Home . . . Mrs. Jean Dubois and David Fax lead a Youth Group for music, games, coffee and discussion. It began with 9 boys who had attended camp together, now attracts over 30 boys and girls . . . Girls' Brigade leaders attended a Training Camp at Stanwell Tops. New helper is Miss G. Pattison . . . Dorcas Gift afternoon raised over \$110. Miss Kay Williams on furlough from New Hebrides was speaker . . . Ladies catered for L.N.S.B.F. dinner at Chatswood. Topic for discussion was Evangelism Plans . . . Peter Wilton has been awarded a 3 year Fellowship in Management overseas.

**HIS** (Penshurst, B. Chesney) 1975 theme "HIS" opened by subject "His People, Young and Old" supported by film "The Mysterious Cabin" and film "To Russia with Love" . . . B.S. picnic was at Prince Edward Park . . . Rev. F. Nile of Festival of Light, spoke at meeting sponsored by C.W.F. . . . Members back from overseas swelled funds for C.W.F. Overseas mission parcel by showing slides and movies . . . \$314.20 has been donated to Pendle Hill Nursing Home through special church offerings . . . Mr. Chesney is doing Chaplaincy work at St. George Hosp.

**BETHUEL** (Greenacre, D. Surtees, B. Armstrong, D. Nutt) A ministry among young people was commenced two years ago by three young men. Its object is an "Open House" for those in need. Drug addicts and lonely young people are sheltered and counselled. The House is also used by church young people for Coffee Hours, Bible Studies and fellowship. . . Greenacre commenced seven years ago under the full-time ministry of David Surtees with the amalgamation of Banktown and Wiley Park.



## VICTORIA

**WELCOME TO WARWICKS** (St. Arnaud) St. Arnaud welcomed Stephen Warwick, his wife, Val and baby . . . On March 27 a combined communion service was held at the Church of Christ. Mr. Warwick was preacher, Rev. A. North, Presbyterian, and Rev. B. Giddings, Methodist took part . . . On Good Friday at 5 p.m. a "Procession of Witness" was held. Representatives from all churches in St. Arnaud took part in the service, as the procession stopped at each Station of the Cross, ending at the Gardens. On Easter Sunday a Dawn Service was held at the "Cross" in the Gardens . . . The ladies gave a surprise birthday party to our oldest member, Mrs. Ethel Baldwin who is 88 and still regular at church.

**W.W.D. OF P.** (Dawson St., Ballarat, F. C. Hunting) Church was filled for Women's World Day of Prayer . . . A cantata was a pre-Easter feature . . . John Morris re-elected as Chairman of the Board, Jim Bridson, Secretary and Jack Price as Treas. . . Young people attended Youth Camp at Hall's Gap at Easter weekend. Campers took the evening service on April 6. Alma Hamilton and Mrs. Priscilla Burnham were speakers.

**WARRAGUL IS 89.** (R. Pritchard) The 89th Anniversary on April 6 attended by 142 including 43 visitors at communion service. President was W. W. Saunders, O.B.E., 130 at 3 course dinner catered for by church ladies . . . P.S.A. in the afternoon, compere Albert Fox. Church is indebted to guest speaker W. Tabbernee for inspiring addresses at all services . . . Annual meeting of the church was held on March 26 1975. Elders are T. Daff & R. Hollard; secretary, Ray Hillbrick; Treasurer, E. J. Austin. Total expenditure on chapel rebuilding \$15,200.

**RICHMOND CHAPEL DECISION** (W. Gibney) Special meeting on March 23 discussed building situation and renovations. It was decided to demolish existing chapel and remodel existing Hall as a chapel with added necessities . . . With working bees, repairing fences, cleaning up, and new fluorescent lighting installed, the face lift continues . . . An impressive "Maundy Thursday" service was conducted in silence. . . C.W.F. had Mrs. June St. Aubyn as guest speaker, showing slides of World Convention in Mexico . . . Harvest Thanksgiving gifts divided between C.O.B. and Oakleigh Guest Home . . .

**ASCOT VALE MOVE** After many years of student ministries, Ian Corlett has accepted a call to full-time ministry, commencing in 1976. Mr. Corlett is in his second year as student minister and during this time the church has witnessed tremendous growth. S.S. attendance has also shown a marked increase . . . Members of the church have been painting the exterior of the church manse.

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### IN MEMORIAM

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**NEW MANSE** (Broken Hill, T.G.A. Meares) An established house has been purchased and the Meares family settled into the "new" manse. The Board is looking at ways to update facilities. . . . At the annual meeting plans were discussed for spiritual growth and outreach for 1975. . . . Sunday morning service now includes a small-group discussion and prayer time after the sermon. . . . Women hold monthly "get togethers" in a home to pray and share experiences and scripture.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE** (Fullarton, M. T. Lawrie) Many past members and friends helped celebrate our Golden Jubilee services. G. Outlaw presided and J. C. Cunningham gave the address. Mrs. Kiskoock composed a hymn on theme "What shall I render unto the Lord?" was held at our church. . . . Mr. Gitcham, foundation member, was present. Unley church choir gave a musical programme. The offerings were \$540. . . . At night Mr. Lawrie spoke. Items were given by Mrs. Lomman and Mr. and Mrs. Anson and daughter. . . . The interior of the chapel has been painted and a new carpet laid at entrance. . . . We shared Outreach Mission with Glenunga Methodist. A combined dedication service was held at our church.

**S. A. ARMY BAND** (Kadina) Church held Family Camp at Halbury, April 11-13. . . . Guest speakers were featured recently at Senior Guild and Young Women's Fellowship. . . . Easter meetings were combined with Salvation Army. An interstate band attended. . . . A mission with B. White will be held May 11-14.

**HARVEST** (Maylands, N. S. Moore) Following Harvest Thanksgiving services goods were divided between St. George's Christian Rest Home, Norseman Mission, and "Nindee", home for Aboriginal Aboriginal boys and girls. . . . C.W.F. held trading tables and morning tea and raised \$232 for a fund to commemorate the service in India of Miss Cameron and Miss Edna Vawser. . . . The church board sent \$250 to the C.O.B. to start a "secretarial assistance fund" to assist faculty and staff. . . . Combined communion service was held with local Methodist and Congregational church on Good Friday in our church. Mr. Moore presided. Rev. J. Moulton gave the message. . . . Church members joined Red Cross house appeal. . . . Worship Committee is recording portions of our services for those not able to attend.

**FARM SERVICE** (Victor Harbor, J. A. Luff) Communion service was held on R. Liston's farm on March 9. . . . Minister has commenced fourth year with church. . . . Choir joined United Parish for presentation of Stainer's "Crucifixion." . . . C.Y.F. held overnight camp at Waitpinga. . . . Preparation for "Operation Love" under way with study groups and prayer meetings six nights a week.



## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**PROJECTOR DONATED** (Nollamara, A. J. Anderson) In memory of the late C. R. Hille a 35mm projector has been given to the church by relatives in America and flowers provided for the church on Easter Sunday. . . . Bob and Ann Grant were fawelled prior to taking up work with the W.E.C. in Vic., and Rodney and Sue Croot leave for extended working holiday in U.K. . . . Miss A. Draney of N.G. spoke at midweek meeting. . . . Senior members of the Girls' and Boys' Brigades held a formal dinner at which officers and their wives and some State officers were invited. . . . Men's A-Grade basketballers lost grand final to Inglewood.

**SON FOLLOWS FATHER** (Cottesloe, K. Berston) After 25 years as secretary, Vic Cousins has resigned, and his son, Rodney, has taken his place. Mr & Mrs Hayman were made a presentation as a token of esteem. Mr. Hayman will attend, Woolwich Bible College. . . . R. Ellemont is treasurer of Board and K. Robinson is chairman. . . . S.S. picnic was held at Lake Gnara. . . . Easter Youth Camp was conducted by Mr Berston at Waterman's Bay. 60 campers conducted evening service at Cottesloe. The adults provided supper.

**LOSS AT MANDURAH** (D. J. Sonsee) Mr. Birch returned home from hospital but died suddenly. The church extends comfort and sympathy to his family. . . . Several members attended Conference. . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. Slater and niece are on a two-month's holiday abroad. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Moss past visitors to the church have come to live in Mandurah. . . . M. Livingstone has returned home from Hollywood Hospital. Linda Kennedy is undergoing tests in Fremantle Hospital.

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**NEW MINISTRY** (Chinchilla-Hopelands, A. Clarke) Mr. and Mrs. Clarke welcomed January 19. . . . Mrs. Errington, the member with the longest record of continuous worship at Chinchilla, cut the ribbon to officially open extensions to church hall, February 9. Fellowship tea followed with 107 present. . . . Mrs. Valler is now resident at Mylo House, Toowoomba.

**ANNUAL MEETING** (Avenell Heights, Bundaberg) Annual Meeting held in March followed by Fellowship Tea. Russell Cobine elected Secretary, Glenda Pohle, Treasurer. . . . Y.P. meet after Junior Club on Friday Nights led by John Wilson and Neville Morgan. . . . Miriemo Hamilton baptised. . . . Prayer and Bible Study meetings held in 3 homes. . . . Church Manse has been sold. . . . Church shared with Barolin Street fellowship to meet the Aboriginal Mission delegates from W.A.

**NEW HEBRIDEAN** (Warwick, C. McCosker) New Hebridean Pastor, Hosea Buli, has been with church since Fed. Conf. He has a scholarship at Kenmore College. The Church is paying his costs. . . . Mr. McCosker lectures three days each week at Kenmore, during David Hammer's absence. . . . Charles, Kenmore student, is assisting here. . . . 130 campers and staff from nearby churches attended Easter camp at Laslie Dam National Fitness Camp. Leaders were Jim Cunningham, Mr. McCosker, with Rex Ellis as evangelist. There were 10 decisions and 2 responses for full time service. In an offering for Banmatmat Bible College, campers gave \$320.

**FAMILY CAMP** (Kedron, Col. Dredge) 40 attended Family Camp at Cunningham's Gap. Ron Holt was study leader. . . . The Youth Group annual "Fun nite", an "Up, Up & Away Concert", had auxiliaries representing various countries. \$55 profit was made. . . . The church welcomes the Dredge family to an interim ministry.

**ABORIGINAL TEAM** (Redcliffe, D. Hammer) The Aboriginal Deputation Team visited us with singing and music. Don Butler and Sonny Graham were speakers. . . . Conf. Pres. Rex Ellis was recent speaker. . . . Mrs Haigh, Pres., told C.W.F. about Conf., accompanied by Joan Brooks, treas. . . . Missionary visitors were Aileen Draney, New Guinea; Kay Williams and Isobel Toka of New Hebrides. . . . Easter Sunday 6 a.m. combined communion service was held on hill overlooking beach at Scotts Pt. . . . Mr & Mrs C. Tucker & Kerrie Ann have moved to Everton Park. At home of Mrs Plane for morning tea, C.W.F. made a presentation to Mrs Tucker who had been secretary. . . . C. Trudgian, City Mission, was recent speaker.

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## VICTORIA

FOR TASMANIA (Sunshine, W. Keddie) Mr. and Mrs. N. Carter were farewelled and made a presentation before they left for Tasmania . . . Toys were given to Hospital Visiting Committee. A Fellowship Tea was followed by service with special singing by Ambassador's Quartette and solos by Mr. Hills of Bayswater . . . Mrs. Lynch represented the Aborigines Mission Dept. on March 16 . . . 6 ladies attended the Women's World Day of Prayer service . . . Church members held a picnic and open-air service at Lauriston Reservoir near Kyneton on March 23 . . . A street stall held by the Ladies' Guild raised \$150 for church work.

FROM “IRENE” (Ascot Vale, Ian Corlett) Robt. Colman, male lead of “Irene” was our special guest recently. He was accompanied by his wife Carol and family. He is a very fine Christian. Several others have been interviewed . . . Rosa Thorpe was farewelled by C.W.F. group also the church. She leaves to live with daughter at Warracknabeal . . . House Church is in full swing . . . Mr. Corlett has accepted full time ministry as from 1976 . . . “Adventure Time” is now going along with good staff of teachers . . . Two of our ladies entered gowns in recent C.W.F. March Effort “Autumn Cabaret”.

OPEN DOOR (Preston & East Preston, J. Manallack) Both churches launched “Open Door” in the Preston Chapel on April 8 to operate 4 days a week 11 to 2. It is hoped people will come in from the street and join in craft, a friendly talk, a cuppa, cards etc. . . . A progressive dinner was held for 62. Three ladies from Preston attended C.W.F. Camp at Halls Gap . . . Recent speakers have been Sir Douglas Nicholls and C. Dahl from Aborigines Dept. . . . Explorer Club leader, Graham Blackeby and son Mark went to Explorer Camp at Nagambie . . . 18 Good Companions and 2 leaders attended field day at the Zoo . . . 20 Ladies attended the Autumn Cabaret. Preston C.W.F. had guest speaker from Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

PLANNING RETREAT (East Bentleigh, J. Morrow) Minister, church officers and wives held weekend retreat at Healesville. The year's aims and programme were discussed . . . Adele McKenzie was baptised and welcomed into fellowship . . . Trevor Giles conducted successful Planned Giving Programme . . . The church was deeply saddened by the death, by accident, in Canberra of Mrs. Gwyneth Southam.

LONG JOURNEY (Swan Hill) Youth fellowship and Junior Choir visited Warragul church on Anzac Holiday week-end. . . Recent speakers were G. Henderson, Boort; A. Broad, Kerang; and E. Mott, Bendigo. Our men visited Robinvale for platform exchange on April 20. . . Explorers growing in numbers and enthusiasm.

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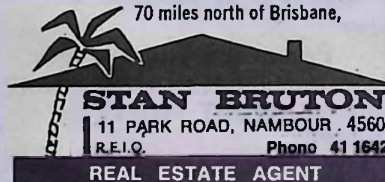
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## VICTORIA

**TO HAMILTON** Ron White of the College of the Bible has accepted a call to full time ministry with the church at Hamilton, Vic. from 1976. The appointment has been announced by the Hamilton church and the Vic-Tas. Dept. of Home Missions and Evang. acting conjointly. Mr. White entered the College from Cheltenham church. Prior to theological training he was associated with G. J. Coles in store management.

**CHANGE OF SECRETARY** (Maryborough, C. Warrick) At annual meeting A. Kennedy, F. Drake elected elders. Gordon Wright is new secretary. Tribute paid to Roy Walker for his many years as secretary . . . Guides and Brownies church parade packed church to capacity . . . 4 sharing groups held each week . . . Ladies' jumble sale raised \$128 . . . Good Friday combined service held in Presbyterian church with Mr. Warrick as speaker . . . 60 Y.P. from camp at home of Mr. and Mrs. Seales led Easter Sunday night service and showed Christian joy through song and testimony . . . Mrs. Val Warrick speaker at Women's World Day of Prayer . . . Mrs. Rowland, Pres. Ladies Aid, Mrs. Davies of Mission Band . . . B.S. Picnic held at Avoca Park.

**WYCLIFFE SPEAKER** (Horsham, R. Roberts) Speaker at both services and coffee shops recently was D. Kernick, formerly pastor of Mt. Evelyn, and now with Wycliffe Bible Translators . . . A girl was welcomed into fellowship by faith and baptism, April 6 . . . New Hymn Books in use . . . Far East Broadcasting Company, supported by church, reports 5000 letters received in December and January in response to Gospel Broadcasts in Thailand . . . Adelpian C Special team were runners up in Grand Final tennis.

**UPPER ROOM SERVICE** (Essendon, C. S. Badcock) On the Thursday before Good Friday members of Baptist,

Methodist and Presbyterian churches combined with C. of C. in the Last Supper. Soloist was Mrs. Gwen Hutton . . . On Good Friday members shared in combined service at St. John's Presbyterian Church . . . Family Tea in Family Centre was attended by 50 members . . . C.W.E.F. held musical evening—guest artists included Jeff Cheal, organ and piano, Shirley Wallis, organ, and soloists Nick Kritikos and Jan Phillips . . . C.W.A.F. had audio-visual of Fellowship of the Least Coin. Guest was Mrs. Mary Weme, social worker from Kenya . . . "Lavender Lady", Mrs. O. Anderson, continues to visit patients at Royal Melbourne Hospital.

**TENNIS WIN** (Dandenong, J. Edwards) Senior team won tennis premiership . . . Members and Y.P. attended B.H. convention, and camps at Banksia and Cheshunt at Easter . . . G. R. Stirling spoke Easter Sunday p.m. service . . . Explorers, Scouts, Action Squad are active with their activities . . . C.W.F. have had successful lamington drive, market stall and film night . . . C.Y.F. hold coffee nights after Sunday p.m. services.

**MINISTRY** (Warracknabeal, S. Hince) Mr. Hince has accepted an invitation to minister for a further two years from Jan. 1976. The W'beal-Brim Circuit has arranged with Dimboola church for ministerial help. Mr. Hince will preach at Dimboola every second Sunday and will also visit once a month . . . T. V. Weir conducted an over 60s mission, April 3-6. All over 60s were contacted and most attended meetings in homes. Morning and evening services and a tea were held on Sunday.

**WARM WELCOME** (West Preston, B. Goldsteen) Mr. and Mrs. Goldsteen have been warmly welcomed to their ministry with us . . . After combined Good Friday service at C. of C. several members joined the final stages of the "stations of the Cross" organised by Anglican and Roman Catholic congregations . . . Betty David and Bob Robb, leaders of Youth 11 and 111 camped with their group at

Fraser National Park . . . Phillip Taylor and Stephen Robb were at Cheshunt Easter Camp . . . Mrs. Wood and Miss Cook are improving after illnesses . . . Mrs. Thomas celebrated her 87th birthday . . . Church School launched missionary project to help the Cooks in Thailand . . . \$113 to Leprosy Mission.

**WOMEN BOWL YOUTH** (Norlane, I. Adams) C.W.E.F. entertained youth group at 10-pin bowling, followed by sumptuous supper provided by the ladies . . . Several Youth attended Easter Camps at Halls Gap and Belgrave Hgts . . . At combined Good Friday service Ian Adams gave the address.

**EXTENSION COMPLETED** (Boronia, E. L. Williams, D. Brown) Extension to hall completed, Allandale Pre-School in occupation . . . After 54 years, our chapel is no more, demolition commenced on April 9 and was completed on April 19. Work was undertaken by church under direction of Vic Burden. At least \$500 expected from sale of timber. Levelling of site for new chapel, by our own labour, to be completed on April 26, then it's over to builder . . . Church Family picnic was at "Boronia Lodge" home of Mr. and Mrs. Williams . . . Conference presidents, Mrs. June St. Aubyn and G. R. Stirling, have visited C.W.F. and church respectively . . . Members of Baptist—C. of C. Tennis Assoc. attended evening service . . . Harold Gross on vacation from Thailand was visitor.

**"GLORY OF EASTER"** (Footscray, F. B. Alcorn) "The Glenairs Singers" presented the "Glory of Easter" . . . Day Group ladies honored Mrs. Kaye at a luncheon on her 80th birthday . . . Loris Carter and Judith Myers were baptised recently . . . Mrs. Beryl Killmier sang at evening service, April 13 . . . A. G. White spoke and showed slides on the World Convention at an Evening Fellowship . . . Darryl Kernick was speaker April 20. He and Del are about to begin service with Wycliffe Bible Translators . . . Church parade of Netball players . . . Sympathy of church was expressed to the family of the late Mr. Buckley.

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## THE LAST WORD . . .

The greatest danger to Christian principles is the materialism and greed that has characterized the so-called modern society. I believe that Christianity today in many countries of the world is too commercialized; yet it is very clear that if materialism should be the dominant feature in life, the competition nourished by greed will make service and personal sacrifices less important in Christian life. Greed leads to exploitation of man by man. Greed leads to dishonesty. Greed leads to jealousies and conflict. It destroys the basis of justice and morality.

Kenneth D. Kaunda, President of  
the Republic of Zambia.

#### Closer to Maturity

In childhood, when I met defeat,  
I just sat down and cried.  
Today, my inefficiency  
With courage is allied.

In youth games, were I to win,  
I swaggered boastfully,  
But now the game of life is played  
With deep humility.

—Beatrice Branch  
"The Christian"



There's a very slow time  
Throughout the nation:  
It's known as the week  
Before vacation.

Kenneth D. Loss



My wife says that when I get up in the  
morning it reminds her of Spring. The sap  
rises.



The elderly farm couple sat in front of  
their fireplace one wintery night.  
"The years are passing us by, Sarah,"  
said the old man.

"Yes," she agreed.  
"Pretty soon one of us will be left," he  
mused.

"That's right," she said. "And when  
that happens I'm moving to Surfers'  
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