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## N.S.W. 99th CONFERENCE

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## FOURTH GENERATION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Brian Pittman was not invited to become President of the Churches of Christ in S.A. because of his father, R. E. Pittman, or his grandfather, E. W. Pittman — both S.A. Presidents (1964, 1916) — or his great-grandfather Joseph, Victorian President in 1898. However the S. A. Executive could almost be excused for doing so when that name is Pittman.

As Paul's prayer implied concerning Timothy we observe "the sincerity of his faith, a faith that was alive" in his forebears. And with that faith the grace of humility which has characterised the family so helpfully discovered by generations of C.O.B. students in the late Randall T.

But B. J. Pittman was invited to be President in his own right. Living in the country in his younger days he attended the Hart (near Clare) Presbyterian Church and was educated at the Balaklava High School. In 1941 he became a member of Churches of Christ at Glenelg, where he now serves as Elder. He served in the R.A.A.F. during the war. Mr. Pittman is Deputy Registrar of Motor Vehicles. Brotherhood service has been given over more than a decade as a member of the Home Mission Department and then as an elected member of the Conference Executive. He would be the first to insist that no biographical sketch would be complete that did not include his wife Joy and three daughters. Judy has attained her majority (under the old scale of reckoning) and Jenny and Sally stand, at the end and the beginning of their teen

### DISCIPLES RANK FOURTH

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) ranked fourth among 60 religious bodies and groups in giving to the overseas work of the National Council of Churches last year.

The Disciples recorded \$387,749 in gifts to Church World Service and \$90,325 in other Division of Overseas Ministries support for a total of \$478,074.

The Disciples support represented seven per cent of the \$6.6 million total receipts from denominations and related boards and agencies. Only the United Methodist Church, the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the United Church of Christ gave more.

### MONEY PROBELMS

The Board of Directors of the Christian Church Division of Homeland Ministries (Disciples of Christ) has terminated four staff positions and phased out more than a dozen programmes in an effort to balance its 1975 budget.



years. Netball is a topic for family conversation.

In South Australia the President, President-Elect (now N. S. Moore) and Past President (now R. S. A. McLean) and the Conference Secretary are all members of all Departments of Conference.

During the past year Mr. Pittman has entered into the life of the Conference and has been appreciated. In addition to this he now enters right into congregational life where he will receive a ready welcome. Study theme proposed by the President and adopted by Conference is "Meaningful Membership".

—E. W. Roffey.

## REFORMED CHURCHES CANCEL ASSEMBLY

The centennial assembly of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (Presbyterian and Congregational), scheduled for St. Andrews, Scotland, in 1977 will not be held. The executive committee of the world confessional body climaxed a week-long meeting at which detailed arrangements for the assembly had been worked out and adopted by voting decisively to cancel it. Only one vote opposed the decision.

While financial difficulties were among the major reasons for the unprecedented step, a statement declared that with the present world economic crisis and the continuing sharp division between affluence and poverty, the Alliance had a duty to exercise responsible stewardship of its funds. The St. Andrews assembly would have cost an estimated SFr 800,000 even after reducing the number of delegates from 400 to 200.

The first assembly of the World Presbyterian Alliance was held in Scotland in 1877. The alliance united with the International Congregational Council in 1970 to form the present World Alliance of Reformed Churches (Presbyterian and Congregational).

## INNER SPRINGS

### To mother — with love



Many years of living in three tiny rooms with two children and space enough only for necessities taught me not to be a "hoarder". However, there is one thing I keep over the years. Those cards given to me on special occasions, many of them in honour of Mother's Day. They are beautiful cards, chosen with care for the words printed inside. No matter how it is expressed the meaning remains the same. "To Mother — with love". More than anything else those four words serve to remind me of the great responsibility of motherhood.

Might not God, those many years ago, have placed a similar card on my two gifts? "To Mother — with love". It is a sobering and sometimes disquieting thought that sometime those gifts will be returned to the Giver! Meantime what am I doing with them? What am I giving them? "It is a startling reality", one reminds us, "that the life we are living, before our children, may be either making or marring theirs".

Saint Francis of Assissi went out of the monastery one day and taking a young monk by the shoulder said, "Brother let us go down into the town and preach". The eager youth was delighted at the invitation. Down the streets they sauntered, chatting as they went. Through alleys and lanes they walked until they came back to the monastery. As they were about to enter the gate, the young monk laid a hand on his superior's arm and asked, "Father, when shall we begin to preach?" Smilingly, Francis made his answer, "My son, we have been preaching while we were walking. We have been seen — looked at, our behaviour has been marked and so we have delivered a sermon."

What we are speaks louder than what we have to say. Thus to every mother, to every woman engaged in a mother's tasks, belongs a responsibility — to let her life breathe something of the loveliness of God in the place where she dwells. Then will God rejoice in the giving of His gift, To Mother — with Love.

PRAYER: Gracious God, bless all those whose task it is to teach and guide children both within and beyond the family circle. Remind us daily of our responsibility to those entrusted to our care. May we so live that neither you nor we need be ashamed.

Amen.

Proverbs 31: 10-31

FLORENCE ROSIER

• N.S.W.

# 90th CONFERENCE

## BEGINNINGS

In 1850, there was a big influx of people into New South Wales because there were reports that gold had been discovered.

Albert Griffin was in the colony at this time. He was depressed spiritually because he was under the impression he had to wait for the Holy Spirit to come on him in some mysterious way before he could be saved. Then he received a box of books from his brother, Eleazer Griffin, a member of a church of Christ in Pancras Road, London.

Among the books were copies of the "British Millennial Harbinger" and the "British Advocate". Reading these journals he saw the scriptures in a new light. They explained clearly the Scriptural conditions for the entry of the Holy Spirit into the human heart.

He read again the Scriptures in this new light and saw the need for Christian Baptism. He went to a Baptist minister and asked to be baptised into Christ. This was in 1851. He came into contact with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mitchell, who were already Disciples. They now made arrangements to meet regularly for the breaking of bread in the home of Albert Griffin, at the corner of Pitt and Goulburn Streets, Sydney.

Albert Griffin told his story to others and among these was Dr. Kingsbury, who had come from England. He came under conviction and was baptised. Edward Lewis, who had arrived from New Zealand, came under the influence of Dr. Kingsbury and was baptised. Later his brother shared the same experience.

All these joined in the breaking of bread services with Albert Griffin. Open-Air meetings were held in Hyde Park and meetings were held in the Newtown district. These meetings laid the foundation for the Enmore Church of Christ which later met in the Enmore Tabernacle.

Deeming it advisable to move out from private homes and to enter a public meeting place, the little city church hired a public hall in 1860. In 1864, the church began to meet regularly in the Hebrew school room, in Pitt St., near Bathurst St., Sydney.

—A. W. STEPHENSON.



BUSINESS AT ENMORE : Bruce Armstrong at the microphone.

## "CHRIST IN YOU"

"CHRIST IN YOU" was the theme of the 90th Conference of churches in N.S.W.

Presided over by J. G. Shaw, the main meetings of this year's Conference were held at Enmore, while the Ministers' Fraternal and Ministers Wives' sessions took place at Auburn and the "Witness Service" at the Sydney Town Hall.

The guest speaker for this 90th Conference was A. E. White, of Melbourne, Victoria, Editor of "The Australian Christian" and Secretary of the Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia. Mr. White addressed the Ministers' session and was also the preacher at the concluding Conference Witness Service.

The Opening night, on April 12, was an informal "Youth Happening", conducted by the Dept. of Christian Education.

Enmore Tabernacle was crowded on April 15, for the State Christian Women's Fellowship Conference led by the President, Mrs. D.W. Mansell. The special speaker was Matron Phyl Davis, and the C.W.F. Conference Choir was featured. The incoming C.W.F. President is Mrs. L.E. Wylie.

The Friday evening Men's Tea was addressed by Rev. Fred Nile, representing the "Festival of Light".

The combined Missionary Rally, presented jointly, on the Saturday evening by the Aborigines and Overseas Missionary Committees, was addressed by Richard Powell, formerly of the Indian field and now of Inverell.

New Ministers Welcomed  
Ministers taking up activities in N.S.W. during 1974-75 include J. K. Bond (Caringbah), A. Franzen (Auburn), D. L. Herbert (Mt. Druitt), E. Morrison (Wyoming), B. J. Nichols (Bowral), W. E. Phillips (Hamilton), R. Powell (Inverell), R. Risson (North Turramurra), L. R. Smith (Narraweena), W. Taylor (Wagga Wagga), and R. Wegner (Lismore).

Retired ministers, E. J. Plenderleith, of Earlwood, and C. G. V. Thomas, of Bowral, were commended for their faithful and consistent service over many years.

—A.G. ELLIOTT



J. G. Shaw,  
President 1974-75



K. L. Baker, F.R.A.I.A., A.S.T.C.  
President 1975-76



F. J. Stephenson  
Conference Secretary



Mrs Bess Wylie  
C.W.F. President 1975-76



Charles Cole  
Social Service Director



Kevin Crawford  
Home Missions Director



Mrs Lyla Beckingham  
Conference Minute Sec.  
and Sec. C.W.F.



Ron Kallmier  
Director, Christian  
Education



Robert Smith,  
Home Missions Field  
Officer.

## HIGHLIGHTS

\* Peter Pitts was commended for his broadcasts on behalf of the N.S.W. Brotherhood over Station 2CH, Sydney.

\* Missions with Gordon Moyes and Jack Bond.

\* Home Missions is assisting churches at Belrose-Balgowlah, Carramar, Coffs Harbour, Mt. Druitt, Nowra, Orange, Port Macquarie and Tweed Heads. Churches which discontinued their subsidy during the year were: Campbelltown, Engadine, Liverpool West, Paddington and Seven Hills.

\* New Churches are being fostered at Berowra, Wyong and Armidale, with the prospect of a joint N.S.W.-Vic. activity in Albury Growth Centre.

\* The income budget of \$54,000 was fully met during 1974.

\* The N.S.W. Bible College Winter School was a college feature.

\* The Dept. of Men's Work sponsored the "Pipe Line Project" for a more effective water supply at Stanwell Tops Camping Centre.

\* The men also inaugurated worship leading training classes at Hurstville for the St. George and East Hills district churches.

\* The Social Service Dept. featured the opening of the 40-bed Nursing Home at Pendle Hill, and also the development of the Pendle Hill "Retirement Centre" at Pendle Hill.

\* Overseas Missions were assisted by the Men's Dept. for the project at Vila, New Hebrides. N.S.W. shared with the O/Seas Missions Dept. in Indonesian Bible Reading Promotion programmes, and through C.O.C.O.A. gave assistance to the Korean Churches of Christ for "Child Support" and Relief Aid.

\* Missionaries at Conference were Richard Powell, formerly of India, and Miss Aileen Draney on furlough from New Guinea.

## RESOLUTIONS

### Reappointments

Confirmation of invitation for re-appointment of Executive Officers of Committees was given in respect of: Kevin Crawford, Dept. of H.M. & Evangelism; Charles Cole, Social Service C.F.A. Homes Dept.; J. T. Smith, Boys' Home & Young Men's Hostel Committee.

### Christian Television Association

The restraint on support of the C.T.A., imposed at the 1969 Conference, was lifted.

### Pornography

Conference objected strongly to open display and sale of pornographic material. A letter expressing objections to be sent to the Attorneys General, Federal and State. A petition to be circularised to all churches and church agencies which, when signed, to be forwarded to the Attorney General.

### Reducing Voting Age

Conference Executive was requested to submit amendments to the Churches of Christ Incorporation Act 1947, Part V, Clause 23 (c), reducing the minimum age of voting at meetings called under the Act to 18 years instead of 21 years.

### Bible College

The Board of Management of the Churches of Christ Bible College to consist of ten members elected for a period of two years, with five retiring each year but eligible for re-election.

### Ministers' Salaries

Conference endorsed the following scale of suggested minimum salaries and allowances as from Jan. 1, 1975. 1st year \$96; 2nd year \$98; 3rd year, \$100; 4th year, \$102; 5th year or more, \$104, plus manse. If no manse, rent or house allowance minimum of \$25 per week. Car allowance, \$18 per week, or 15c per mile or 9.5c per kilometre.

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## FOR 91st CONFERENCE

**OFFICERS ELECTED** — President, K. L. Baker; President Elect, H. T. L. Davies; Vice President, J. S. Cooke; Secretary, F. J. Stephenson; Treasurer, I. J. Torode; Associate Secretary, J. V. Ellerby.

**ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS — ABORIGINES COMMITTEE:** L. Bills, Mrs P. Bills, D.A.D. Foletta, C. T. Garrett, Miss C. Gers, G. E. Knight, Mrs L. J. Maxwell, E. E. Oswald, Mrs H. Taylor.

**ADVISORY BOARD:** R. Bartholomew, H. T. L. Davies, K. Farmer, A. K. Freckelton, M. C. McArthur, H. Palmer, J. G. Shaw, Dr. A. Elliott (Principal), and K. E. Crawford (Director Home Missions), ex officio.

**BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE BIBLE COLLEGE:** J. R. Bacik, C. E. Bowser, G. Chapman, J. S. Cooke, Mrs R. A. Freckelton, D. W. Mansell, J. R. G.

Morris, M. Pieper, Dr. J. Saxby, J. T. Timms, Dr. A. Elliott (Principal) ex officio.

**BOYS' HOME AND YOUTH HOSTEL COMMITTEE:** T. W. Dunne, Mrs D. Frost, R. F. Gee, J. Johanson, J. Kent, J. E. Monk, R. E. Newton, D. A. Oldfield, F. J. Perry, I. F. T. Walker, J. T. Smith (Manager) ex officio.

**BUILDING ADVISORY:** E. Phillips, F. H. Stimson, G. Williams.

**CHRISTIAN UNITY:** R. L. Austin, C. E. Bowser, G. Chapman, C. G. Collins, Mrs R. Freckelton, P. Pitts.

**DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** H. Argall, C. Bartrim, Miss L. Blundell, G. Bowser, Miss J. Norling, M. Conry, R. N. Cowdery, G. Piermont, D. Rodger, Mrs B. Roe, R. Kallmier (Director) ex officio.

**HOME MISSIONS AND**

**EVANGELISM:** J. K. Bond, A. Bourne, R. C. Hewitt, R. T. Hicken, R. E. Jones, A. R. Norling, Dr. P. W. Rollason, G. M. Steele, A. C. Tandy, J. T. Timms, A. K. Wilson, M. C. McArthur, K. E. Crawford (Director) ex officio.

**DEPARTMENT OF MEN'S WORK:** F. Bignell, H. Borham, J. Camlin, D. Logan, S. McAneny, C. Nutt, L. C. Yelds.

**OVERSEAS MISSIONS:** C. J. Dickson, A. F. Freckelton, P. French, Dr. R. D. Millar, C. A. Saxby, F. F. Stimson, G. J. Piermont, Miss A. Alexander, Mrs C. Saxby, Mrs R. Bent.

**PROPERTY TRUST AND CHAPEL EXTENSION:** G. V. Brogden, K. E. Parker, C. C. Wakely.

**SOCIAL SERVICE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION HOMES DEPARTMENT:** R. L. Austin, D. Beckingham, Mrs C. J. Camlin, J. V. Ellerby, W. Harrison, C. G. Lawrence, J. Lindsay, P. R. C. Moore, J. Reed, Mrs. C. Smith, C. Cole (Director) ex officio.

## N.S.W. CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

### Real Estate

Decided that Clause 13A 9 (a) of the Constitution be amended to provide that a Committee shall not buy or sell real estate without the prior consent of Conference, Conference Executive, or Conference Secretariat.

### Conference Resolutions re Persons

Appreciated the quality and work of Dr & Mrs Allen Elliott, in the contribution made to the total life of the College in Australia and overseas.

Recorded the dedicated and loving service of Miss Hazel Rofe who served as Treasurer of the Overseas Missions Board for 27 years.

Recorded appreciation of the valued and skilled service for many years of Norman Hampden Matthews, Norman Douglas Morris and Percy Herbert Morton, who this year retired from the Property Trust and did not seek re-election. P.H. Morton was a member from the inception in 1948 and chairman since 1954; N.D. Morris was a member since 1948 and Vice-Chairman continuously from that time; N.H. Matthews was a member since 1953.

Expressed sincere thanks to C.G. Taylor, Chairman of the Overseas Mission Committee, who has led the Committee over the past ten years.



Miss Judith Gordon,  
Assist. Director,  
Christian Education.



J. T. Smith,  
Manager, Boys' Home &  
Young Men's Hostel.

Resolved that a greeting be sent to Mr & Mrs H. Roose, now serving at Norseman.

Requested the Social Service Committee to give consideration to naming the new section of the Units for Aged People and the Nursing Home, in particular the new wing of the Nursing Home, after Charles Cole and his wife, in appreciation of their service.

Placed on record its appreciation of the devoted and most helpful services of Graham Chapman to the students' College and its students during the time he has been Senior Lecturer.

## SPECIAL RADIO PROGRAMME

On Sunday, April 20, there was a special broadcast over Radio 2CH to mark the celebration of the 90th Conference of Churches of Christ in N.S.W.

Among the features were a summary of the historical influences and beginnings in N.S.W., and a statement of general beliefs and practices.

The various areas of service which were highlighted included Aborigines and Overseas Missions, and the Social Service work with particular reference to the Nursing Home at Pendle Hill. Stanwell Tops Conference Centre was shown to have accommodation for over 250, a dining room to seat 350, a chapel for 250 and an auditorium seating 1200.

The new plans for the Boys' Home were announced and Dr. Elliott outlined some of the achievements and hopes for the N.S.W. Bible College.

The Dept. of Christian Educ. told of its plan for a "Drop-In" Centre at

### MINISTERS AT THEIR PRE- CONFERENCE SESSION AT AUBURN



Marrickville. The work of the Home Missions Committee in caring for new and weaker churches was outlined, together with the significant current emphasis upon church growth. The work of the C.W.F. was also presented.

Two significant closing items were the testimony of Ken Baker, the incoming

President of Conference, and the challenge of the "Earth is the Lord's" Resolution that was passed at the 35th Federal Conference in Canberra last January. The programme also included a message from A. E. White, Executive Secretary, Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia.



## APPOINTED TO N.S.W. BIBLE COLLEGE

At the N.S.W. Conference G.R.F. (Rex) Ellis was appointed to succeed Dr. A. G. Elliott as Principal of the N.S.W. Bible College. Dr. Elliott will retire at the end of this year.

Mr. Ellis was born in S.A. and graduated from Woolwich in 1960. In obtaining the B.A. degree at Perth University, W.A., he won first class honours in Greek and Ancient History.

At present Rex Ellis is Registrar at Kenmore Christian College and lectures in Old Testament, Evangelism, Ethics, Greek, and Humanities. He is currently President of the Queensland State Conference.

Mr. Ellis will take up his new duties at the N.S.W. Bible College in Jan. 1976.

# CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK

## MAY 18-25 1975

**READING IN A CHANGING WORLD**  
BY  
**MAUREEN SAVAGE, B.A., M.ED.**

Reading is the most profitable aid to reflection on experience that man has yet devised. Television with all its immediacy of presentation cannot provide the opportunities that reading does to organise at the deepest level of which man is capable the chaos of events and confusion of experiences so abundantly and so vividly presented to his senses by other media.

Reading offers the advantage that it is self-pacing and, because it can be done at any time, it also offers the reader the opportunity to reflect on what he reads. Thus the reader who is at home with books and has learned to value reading as an aid to thinking and reflection is more able to find what he needs and when he needs it than is the listener or the viewer.

Reading is still the main key to civilization's store of organised knowledge and it has gained not diminished over recent years as the most important aid to the better ordering of experience in relation to the life of the individual.

In recognition of the above it would surely seem that reading has also a major part to play in the growth and activities of Christians. It is not just information we are seeking for this as shown already now comes to us through many other forms of the media besides books, but rather Christians need to grow through reflection on the experiences life brings and so attain to both mental and spiritual maturity.

Reading is one of the prime methods in supplying such material for reflection. As Milton aptly said, "A good book is the precious life-blood of a master-spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life."

Reading is not less important today than it was a generation or so ago, but it is important now for rather different reasons.

Clearly there has been some diminution in the importance of many aspects of reading if a comparison is made of the reading situation of today and of that existing twenty years ago.

This changing emphasis is often reflected in outcries in the Press as to the falling standard of reading in our schools. But



we need to look beyond these nostalgic cries to the past and seriously consider what place reading should play in the modern world.

In the 1870's the impetus for compulsory education came from a desire to achieve a national literacy for a world which had no other form of communication apart from the written or spoken word.

Today we have a world which is dominated by other forms of the media, the obvious example of which is television, and in which reading is now only one of several means of communicating.

Reading, even ten years ago, was thought of as the most important or only means of keeping up with the news, of extending one's knowledge, of acquiring information useful for work or hobby, of amusement and of deepening one's understanding and appreciation of life.

Obviously today, reading must yield some place in importance to radio and television in regard to many of these attributes enumerated. The immediacy of television, e.g. in conveying the news and the use of television to extend one's knowledge and the entertainment value provided by television are all serious rivals to reading.

Yet this change in the place of reading in our lives has not necessarily led to a fall in standards but rather a change in our whole attitude to reading. For however great the changes have been there is still one aspect of reading which will assure it always of a place in our culture. It is that reading that is one of the most useful aids man has discovered in his long and continuing struggle to reach a deeper understanding of life.

## RECOMMENDED BOOKS

1. **How to Give Away your Faith.**  
by Paul Little (Inter-Varsity Press) \$1.15
2. **How to Talk with God.**  
by Stephen Winward (Hodder & Stoughton) \$1.65
3. **Why am I Afraid to Tell You who I am?**  
by John Powell (Argus) \$2.15
4. **Why am I Afraid to Love?**  
by John Powell (Argus) \$2.15
5. **Claiming God's Promises**  
Edited by Catherine Marshall (Hodder & Stoughton) \$1.50
6. **By What Authority**  
by William Barclay (Darton, Longman & Todd) \$2.25
7. **Three of China's Mighty Men.**  
by Leslie Lyall (O.M.F. Books) \$1.95

8. **The Book of Witnesses**  
by David Kossof (Fontana Books) \$1.25
9. **Egermeier's Bible Story Book**  
Revised by Arlene S. Hall (Warner) Hardcover \$8.50  
Paperback \$2.10
10. **Escape from Loneliness**  
by Paul Tournier (S.C.M.) \$2.55

## REVIEWS

**HOW TO GIVE AWAY YOUR FAITH**  
by Paul E. Little (Inter-Varsity Press) \$1.00

In spite of the ambiguous title, the Director of Evangelism for Inter-Varsity Fellowship has written a refreshing, creative and contemporary book on evangelism. Many people want to witness but are frustrated because they don't know how. In early chapters the reader is challenged to examine his own faith and motivation. The author then outlines seven principles for action. Some of these principles are plain common sense, others however obviously come from the pen of one who has a rare insight into the needs of men and the ability of God to meet that need. In succeeding chapters the author attempts to answer some likely questions. Is Christ the only way to God?

Isn't the Bible full of errors? Won't a good moral life get me to heaven? Etc. His chapter on "Is Christ relevant today?" contains many suggestions on how to meet people at their point of need, and in the final chapters, Little writes of the value of Bible study, developing the inner life and the importance of prayer. Paul Little's approach is by no means original, it contains no magic formulas. Some of the insights and suggestions however are nowhere else to be found. It is for these, that this title earns our recommendation.

#### HOW TO TALK WITH GOD

by Stephen Winward (Hodder & Stoughton) \$1.65

This book on prayer was first published in 1961 as "Teach Yourself to Pray" and has deservedly won itself a place as a tool for Christian devotion and growth. This revised edition is attractive and economical and is recommended for personal use and for group guidance. It could well be used chapter by chapter in Prayer and Study groups, either in depth as the main study or as short segments in association with other themes. It would lend itself admirably for an extended School for Prayer. Some of the chapter headings include "Why Pray?", "What do I pray about?", "Prayer Patterns", "Praying and Working", "Praying and Living". The chapter on "Praying Together" gives guidance for corporate prayer and helpful suggestions for communion prayer. At the end of each chapter there is a helpful summary of the material covered. Two illustrations of the common sense approach are: "You have two ears and one mouth; so listen twice as much as you speak." A good rule for life and an excellent rule for the devotional life. "Listen, listen, speak." "My relationship with God is not just vertical, it is also horizontal. I may ascend to Him up the Jacob's ladder of prayer. He is also present in my neighbour, and I may meet Him there. I have to deal with Him there . . . Prayer should transform the common life of the world."

#### WHY AM I AFRAID TO TELL YOU WHO I AM?

by John Powell (Argus) \$2.15.

"If people are to live authentic lives and cultivate meaningful relationships, they need to be able to express themselves honestly" This is the contention of John Powell whose books are enjoying increasing readership across the denominations. The writer here shares unusual insights into self awareness, personal growth and interpersonal communication. He explores nearly forty games people play. Adults will come to understand themselves as they read this book, but more importantly they will better understand their teenage sons or daughters who, if they in turn read it, will better understand each other and you.

In the second John Powell title recommended "WHY I AM AFRAID TO LOVE" (\$2.15) the author claims that many people never know the exhilarating experience of human love because they fear rejection and indifference from others. In this title he encourages the reader to risk being open and thereby realize his potential for a full and meaningful life.

Some headings are enough to stimulate our thinking without comment e.g. "Becoming is superior to being", "unless you love someone nothing else makes sense", "never build a wall until you know what you are walling in and what you are walling out".

The title, format and style will appeal to teenagers but it is hoped adults will read this one too.

#### CLAIMING GOD'S PROMISES

Ed. Catherine Marshall (Hodder & Stoughton) \$1.80.

This selection from the British edition of "Guideposts" magazine, is a compendium of the experiences of many Christian people who have claimed God's promises in everyday experiences. The list of contributors almost reads like a "who's who" of well known Christian lay people—Malcolm Muggeridge, Colonel James Irwin, Colin Cowdrey, Corrie Ten Boom, Gladys Aylward, Joy Webb, Dr. Paul Brand and many more. Contributors tell how God has spoken to them through

the still small voice within and through the lives, thoughts and struggles of others. In spite of some obvious editing by Catherine Marshall, there is still a ring of authenticity about each shared experience. Readers will learn how many people in ordinary experiences have claimed God's promises as their own and they will also learn of God's reliability in extraordinary human experiences as they travel with Colonel Irwin in Apollo 15 to "the heart of the universe", or in a German prison camp with Corrie Ten Boom. In a real sense, Methodists, Anglicans, Baptist, Roman Catholics unite to share their faith here for one purpose "That the world may believe". This is a good book to read and give your friends. —M.J.S.

#### BY WHAT AUTHORITY

by William Barclay (Darton, Longman, Todd) \$2.25

William Barclay, who has recently retired from the chair of Biblical Studies at the University of Glasgow, has apparently no intention of giving up writing. His latest book on Authority will again cause his avid readers to marvel as to how he keeps it up. Here is the now familiar Barclay treatment of an area of importance and concern not only to Christians but to all thinking people, handled with thoroughness, scholarship, creativity and yet at the same time with interest, readability, and dare we say it, with entertainment. Barclay is never dull, and in this book on what many would expect the going to be hard, the author fairly captures his readers. This reviewer, e.g., was fascinated by the descriptions of kirk discipline and intrigued to ponder with the writer on the place and method of such an exercise of authority in the Church of today. If as be claimed by many people, that authority is a central issue in all of life today and that there is indeed "a crisis of authority" it behoves Christians to at least "do their homework" on this matter to the extent of spending a mere two dollars and twenty-five cents to read and possess what must be as excellent a coverage of the subject as it is possible to find so readily.

These books are available from the Baptist Book Store, 162 Russell St., Melbourne, 3000. See advertisement on page 21. Keith Milne at the Book Store will also help you with information about a Bookstall for your church. Phone 663 1174 (Melb.).

#### THREE OF CHINA'S MIGHTY MEN

by Leslie Lyall (O.M.F. Books) \$1.95.

China has seldom been out of the news since the Spring of 1952, but even with the opening of diplomatic doors in recent years, news of the Church in China remains scant. Most books dealing with the subject take us back to another era. Although much has happened since this book went to press in 1973, the author still manages to fill in some gaps. The three mighty men are Wang Ming-Dao, an evangelist and founder and leader of a congregation in Peking who is thought to be still alive in a Chinese labour camp. David Yang, who unlike Ming-Dao had a deep appreciation of missionary activity and influence in China, and the legendary Watchman Nee whose writings and witness have had an influence which has spread far beyond the shores of mainland China. In fact perhaps the best contribution this book makes is the information he gives about Watchman Nee whose twenty years of imprisonment for his faith, was a constant source of rumour and speculation. Leslie Lyall has not written an uncritical book. He is an honest writer and his honesty is revealed. If you like biographies and history you will enjoy "Three of China's Mighty Men"

#### THE BOOK OF WITNESSES

by David Kossoff (Collins Fontana) \$1.25 paperback

Readers who shared a "Funny Kind Of Evening" with David Kossoff in Australia recently, or who have read his first book "Bible Stories", will agree that the claim made by his publishers is true. He is "The Greatest Story Teller of our Time". Ever since the publication of his first book, readers have been asking "When will Kossoff write a book on the New Testament?". Here it is. Not merely a colloquial translation,

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# 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.

## CHRISTIANS & COMMUNISM

To The Editor,

Several years ago, Dr. Philip Potter appeared on TV in Victoria. He spoke of Christ and the church with such clear conviction that no-one could doubt the meaning of his words.

Quite different is the tenor of the article "Christians Under Communism", ("A.C." Feb. 22). The "diplomatic-style" language seems evasive and guarded, and could easily leave the casual reader thinking that Christians in communist countries are doing fine, and we can comfortably forget about them.

Which is great — unless one also reads books such as "In God's Underground" (Richard Wurmbrand), "One of God's Smallest" (Anutza Moise), "The Chinese Church That Will Not Die" (Mary Wang), "Stones of Fire" (Isobel Kuhn), and dozens of others. Conditions mentioned in these books are completely confirmed in Solzhenitsyn's "Gulag Archipelago".

At Federal Conference, one reason given for our Government to protest about political prisoners in Indonesia, was that the eight years duration was a record! Yet Richard Wurmbrand spent more than fourteen years in prison without a trial because of his Christian beliefs, and there must be thousands still in similar case. During this time the Archbishop of Canterbury and other Church leaders visited, and went back to the West with "approving comments" on freedom in Rumania. They saw what the communists wanted them to, and no more.

Which story do we believe?

Hazel Scambler, Vic.

## NEW HYMN BOOK

To the Editor,

Ever since the "new" hymn book came into my hands I have intended to write this but hesitated until it had been used a little. In "Presbyterian Life" April 23, there was a statement that the Australian Hymn Book is due for release next year. How much better it would have been if we had waited and joined in the use of this book rather than go it alone and produced the collection we have.

On past performance we can expect it to be at least 30 years before we publish again and surely before that time the last conservative fences of division will be down and the Christian Church in Australia will be using a common book.

Even that apart, I do not think the new book is good enough. I doubt if twenty hymns, maybe not even ten were written within the last 30 years, yet how much Christian thought and practice has changed in that time must be evident to all. Many of the majestic old hymns must live forever but many others of Victorian era sentiment and doubtful theology and poetry should be forgotten. It is as hard as ever to choose hymns for a Sunday morning service.

—M. S. Collyer, Vic.

## VIETNAMESE CHILDREN

To the Editor,

The attitude of John J. Alderson in his objection to adopting Vietnamese orphans ("A.C." 3-5-75) claims to be objective and fair, but it lacks the most

important ingredient of love and concern for the individual.

He implies that a government through its institutions can provide the same necessary warmth and love in a child's upbringing as can a family. This is contrary to common sense and all established evidence.

How can most children abandoned at orphanages or at the side of a road be said to have Vietnamese families longing to care for them?

Does Mr. Alderson prefer to see children of two or even three years, still cot-ridden, unable to walk and emotionally starved, in some of the overcrowded Vietnamese orphanages?

Would he prefer to see the many children fathered by Australian and American troops face certain injustice and discrimination in Vietnam instead of being brought to their other home country where at least they could fight such prejudice from the stronghold of a loving family unit?

He says, "Vietnam needs these children." The question is rather, "Do these children need Vietnam?" Do they need the insecurity and maladjustment that institutionalization often brings?

If there is a choice between bringing a child up in an institution (no matter how good) or in a family home, there can be no comparison. And if those offering homes are overseas, why should we object to crossing an ocean if the result is more likely to be whole and emotionally balanced persons?

Let us not be distracted with vague talk about governments, countries and institutions. It is time we as Christians met the needs of individual persons in a personal way, with love and compassion, and not just with cold, hard cash.

Lindsay J. Smail, Vic.

## THE CHAIRMAN IS OUT!!

To eliminate sexist language in the constitution and rules of the World Council of Churches, the Executive Committee has agreed to suggest the substitution of "moderator" for "chairman", and the use of "people" in place of "men". An alternative form of wording to avoid the use of "brotherhood" is being sought.

The Executive Committee also agreed to ask a group of language experts to draw up some guidelines for eliminating sexist language from WCC speeches and publications, drawing on the guidance already provided by member churches and their publishing houses.

The action followed the receipt of a paper which stated: "The argument that words such as brotherhood or fellowship include the whole community, male and female, is no longer acceptable to many women. Firstly, women have learned that the "brotherhood" within the Church really is a brotherhood where women are often excluded from the decision-making process and from ordained ministry. Secondly, the use of male pronouns... reflects the powerlessness of the very women who have heeded Christ's call to freedom and make up a large portion of most congregations".

—E.P.S.

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

"JESUS IS COMING"

To the Editor,

The small car with its good looking (from the back view anyhow) young women driver was stopped in front of my car while we both waited for the lights to change. She was drumming her fingers impatiently on the roof. The sign on her rear window announced that "Jesus is Coming". She beat the green light by three seconds as she took off. As the traffic slowed for the next set of lights I caught up with her. Her body moved backwards and forwards as though she was willing the dozen cars in front of her to get started again. Then the last I saw of her was a glimpse or two as she weaved in and out of the morning traffic.

It looked as if she knew the exact time and place of the Second Coming and was running late getting there.

On thinking about it as we sat jammed behind a tram it occurred to me that it was good to see a healthy, with-it young woman making her witness to the Second Coming of her Lord. But her obvious frazzled agitation made me wonder if she knew that as well as coming back at the end of history, Jesus had come to her that very morning, and was in her car, and able to give her a calmer spirit if she wanted it.

"Even so come Lord Jesus!"

TERTIUS

# MERELY, MILITANTLY CHRISTIAN

BY PROFESSOR E. M. BLAIKLOCK



Of all the centuries, the twentieth is most like the first: city-ridden, marred by tyranny, decadent, and wracked by those crises that man's abuse of man and of his native earth engenders. When the eighth decade of the first century opened, Rome's Viet Nam—the Great Rebellion of the Jews—was almost over, save that one grim fortress on the hot rim of the Dead Sea withstood the siege-engines for three more summers. Jerusalem was a heap of calcined stone at the end of 70. The empire itself was staggering, for 69 had seen four aspirants for power stain Italy with blood . . .

The Christians who faced A.D. 70, and the dark years that followed, had a body of doctrine that formed the framework of their thought, made the pattern of their living in a dissolute, urbanized world, and gave substance to their proclamation. No program for political action, their Christianity was the proclamation that within living memory God had said his last word to man in Christ and had set seal and authentication on that demonstration by raising that same Christ from the dead. Let man therefore repent.

Nothing deflected them. They were the Church Militant, ranged against mighty odds, but having one clear objective in view: the Christianizing, through individual conversion, of the great imperial system. They left all the clamant questions of their day to find solution in the wider victory. They were merely Christian. The adverb reminds me of C. S. Lewis's *Screwtape Letters*. "My dear Wormwood," said the Senior Tempter, "what we want, if men become Christians at all, is to keep them in that state of mind I call 'Christianity And.' You know—Christianity and the Crisis, Christianity and the New Psychology, Christianity and Faith Healing . . . Substitute for the faith itself some Fashion with a Christian coloring." The Fashion then absorbs the Reality.

What would have happened in the first century had the Christians set out to preach "Christianity and the Roman Occupation of Palestine"; or had the first Christians of Antioch channeled their activity into protests about the Roman invasion of Britain, which took place in A.D. 43, about the time they were first called Christians; or if Paul, in the year he reached Rome, had set out to organize a protest on imperialism's shocking treatment of Boadicea of Norfolk, who had just burned London?

The issues of today, into which so many without a preoccupying gospel pour their surplus words and drive, will go the same way: Christianity and the

New Morality, Christianity and Viet Nam, Christianity and the New Theology. We have a Gospel to preach, and we needs must preach it in plain and relevant language. To preach Christ in the language of the day is not to demean or diminish him. The Bible can be related to the preoccupations of the decade without destroying its authority, without softening the impact of its uncompromising theism, without dethroning its Christ. The Church Militant must not surrender its sword.—E. M. BLAIKLOCK, emeritus professor of classics, University of Auckland, New Zealand.

—'CHRISTIANITY TODAY'

## SECOND MINISTER

(Warwick, G. B. Carslake) George Powell, at present concluding five years' ministry in Danville, Illinois, U.S.A., has accepted appointment as second minister to the Northern Suburbs, commencing Jan. 1976.

A team ministry is anticipated with H.M. financial support, to major on evangelism and nurture in one of the most rapidly growing areas in W.A.

The first building complex for general purposes is expected to be opened in August.

## STATE NEWS

**A.C.T. NEW MINISTER** (Lyons) W. D. Howard, from Taree was inducted as new minister. The Howard family have settled in. Mr. Howard has introduced several new programs . . . A combined Church Family Camp was held recently at Stuart Island Y.M.C.A. Camp . . . 114 parents and friends took part in Girls' Brigade Parade, April 13.

**TRAINED TO VISIT** (Blackwood, L. Cooke) 60 were trained for Visitation Evangelism and 30 are making visits . . . United worship and communion service was attended by other denominations . . . After annual meeting the Board held a retreat at Victor Harbour to evaluate and discuss further expansion . . . Easter drama was presented by youth group . . . Seven women attended Women's Conf. Camp at Longwood . . . Four tennis teams reached finals with three winning premierships . . . 30 guests from St. George's Home were entertained at lunch in members' homes.

## WILSONS FOR EUROPE

Mr. and Mrs. Stanton H. Wilson will make a personal visit to Europe, leaving Melbourne in June.

They will visit their daughter in Germany and will spend some time in England where Mr. Wilson ministered to our churches. The Wilsons will be fraternal delegates to the Conference of British churches.

Mr. Wilson, who is Executive Secretary of the Victoria-Tasmania Conference of Churches of Christ, will be absent during June, July and August.

<b>LET'S GROW</b>	<b>CHURCH GROWTH SEMINARS WITH DR WIN ARN</b>	<b>LET'S GROW</b>
<b>SYDNEY</b>		<b>HOBART</b>
July 15, 16, 17		July 24
<b>MELBOURNE 1</b>	<b>REGISTER WITH YOUR STATE HOME MISSION OFFICE</b>	<b>PERTH</b>
July 18, 19		July 25, 26
<b>MELBOURNE 2</b>		<b>ADELAIDE</b>
July 20, 21		July 28, 29, 30
<b>LAUNCESTON</b>		<b>BRISBANE</b>
July 22, 23		August 1, 2

# ATTACK ON SOUTH KOREAN CHURCHES

## - AUSTRALIAN CONCERN

On behalf of its 12 Member Churches, the Australian Council of Churches has requested Senator Willesee, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, to convey to the Government of the Republic of Korea "The concern of the A.C.C. Executive and many Christians in Australia, at the renewal of the attack on the churches in Korea, and seek an abandonment of repressive policies".

This action follows the arrest on April 3 and 4 of four prominent Protestant ministers, including the Rev. Kim Kwan Suk, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches in Korea, on charges of misusing missionary funds from a West German Church Agency. The money which had been given for facilities for needy children was given to the families of political prisoners and the prisoners' lawyers.

During the discussion at the A.C.C. Meeting, an ex-Korean missionary expressed his deep concern at the execution earlier this month of eight political prisoners without a public trial. These eight prisoners were among those allegedly supported by the ministers.

This action by the A.C.C. follows eighteen months of expressed concern over the increasingly repressive policies by the Republic Government. A message of sympathy will also be sent to the National Council of Churches in Korea.

In a separate action, the A.C.C. has placed an advertisement in a leading South Korean daily newspaper, the Dong A Ilbo, to convey to the paper and Christians in South Korea the text of a

motion of support and concern passed at the recent A.C.C. General Meeting.

The advertisement states:

"At the last General Meeting of the Australian Council of Churches it was decided to send the following message to the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Canberra with copies to the Embassy of the United States of America and the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

"We, in this General Meeting of the Australian Council of Churches, have received information that your Government has put pressure on the twenty major advertisers of the Dong A Ilbo, forcing them to withdraw their advertising. We believe that this is largely because of support which the paper has given to the Christian community and others in Korea in their protests against injustices and their strong stand for human rights. We have been appalled to hear of this curtailment of freedom of the press. In the name of justice and humanity we ask you to pass on this protest to your government and urge it to restore freedom of the press in your country".

The Dong A Ilbo, a paper "designed to tell the truth freely", is fighting for survival after the Park regime put pressure upon Dong-A ad sponsors to withdraw or cancel all the ad contracts with the paper.

Individuals in Australia who wish to support the Christian struggle for freedom in South Korea are encouraged to consider placing an ad or donating towards such an ad in the Dong A Ilbo. The A.C.C. is prepared to act as an agent for such actions.

# JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

## BIBLE OCCUPATIONS

What were the occupations of Amos and Lazarus? (This is the Lazarus in the parable, not the brother of Mary and Martha).



## WORLD OF THINGS

In a world which knew no plastic and nylon ropes, no steam engines, no high tensile steel or any of the innumerable materials we take for granted, methods of doing things were by no means crude. Our forebears exploited what was available to the very limit.

The percentage error in the Great Pyramid, for example, is less than in the Empire State Building.



Three men were under one umbrella, but none of them got wet. How did they do it? It wasn't raining.



**JOHNNY:** (offering the girl some candy) Here, honey, have some. Sweets to the sweet!  
**MARY:** Oh thank you, and won't you have some of these nuts?



What a wonderful bird the frog are—  
When he stand he sit almost;  
When he hop, he fly almost.  
He ain't got no sense hardly;  
He ain't got no tail hardly either.  
When he sit, he sit on what he ain't got almost.



"Back up, everybody. By some strange quirk of fate, it's for Dad."

## ● Vic - Tas. D.C.E.

# NEW AWARDS SCHEME FOR EXPLORERS



An exciting new Awards Scheme is to be introduced into the Explorer Movement for Senior boys (ages 13-16 yrs).

The new Award requires achievement by the boys of pre-set objectives in intellectual, social, spiritual and physical activities, e.g. one of the standards in the physical section is for a boy to participate in an adventure expedition of more than three days' duration.

The standards for the Award are set high in all sections, in order to present the greatest possible achievement challenge. When a boy satisfactorily completes all of the standards set down, he will qualify for the Top Explorer Award.

In addition the boy will also qualify for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Silver Medallion, as the National Fitness Council of Victoria and the Australian Award Council of the scheme have accepted the new Explorer Standards as equal to those set down for this world wide award.

Anyone wanting further information should contact the Vic/Tas Department of Christian Education, Phone 662-2377 (Melb.).

# WORLD CONVENTION PRESIDENT Dr. W. B. BLAKEMORE DIES



The General Secretary of the World Convention, Dr. Allan W. Lee, has sent word that the President of the World Convention Dr. W. B. Blakemore, died in his sleep at Dallas, Texas, U.S.A., on May 2.

Dr. Blakemore had been attending an administrative meeting.

Born in Australia, William Barnett Blakemore was Dean of the Disciples Divinity School and Professor of Ecumenical Christianity at the University of Chicago.

He wrote a number of books and was

in demand as a speaker. He served with distinction as Chairman of the Convention's World Interfaith Relations Committee, and was a delegate at Vatican 11 for the World Convention.

Dr. Blakemore was in Adelaide in 1970 for the 8th Convention and there he was presented with a Convention Citation as an outstanding Christian for the breadth of his leadership as an educator, writer, lecturer, ecumenist and Christian statesman; and for his creative leadership in training men for the ministry at the University of Chicago.

## CHURCHES TO JOIN WORLD COUNCIL

The Committee of the W.C.C. voted to recommend to the 5th Assembly Nairobi, that three churches be received as members and eight be granted associate membership because of their size. Proposed for full membership are Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean and African Christian Church and Schools (Kenya) Cook Island Christian Church. Recommended as associates are: Church of Bangladesh, Evangelical Methodist of Costa Rica, Methodist Church of Samoa, Protestant Church in Sabah (Malaysia), Disciples of Christ (Argentina), Punguan Kristen Batak (Indonesia), United Kingdom Branch Cherubim and Seraphim Church. Two Moravian churches in South Africa already have members combined into one church.

—E.P.S.

## W.C.C. ON INDOCHINA & CYPRUS

The fate of uprooted people in Cyprus and Indochina and a plea not to impose unwanted solutions on them were dominant concerns in two statements adopted by the World Council of Churches' Executive Committee at its April 1975 meeting.

Noting the majority of people remained in their places of residence as control of territory changed hands, the statement stressed the urgent need of international assistance to enable people to resume normal life. The wishes of the civilian population as to where they prefer to settle should be respected, the statement said. At the same time "the misuse of displaced civilians, especially children, for purposes of political propaganda or military advantage" was condemned.

—E.P.S.

## C.E.A. LAUNCHED

120 people from Brisbane and near-country Churches of Christ met at East Ipswich chapel for a "Launching Rally" called to "separate" for their task, Doug Willis and Alex Surtees, together with associated Team Members of Christian Evangelizers Association of Australia.

Qld. Conf. Pres. Rex Ellis was chairman. Others taking part were Barry Rice, Vice-Chairman C.E.A., and music by Sherenne Gehrke and Bernice Hicks, Les Gehrke, Graeme Watson, Hilary Polglase, the Joytones, Richard and Shirley Pearce and Maureen Rule, the latter serving in C.E.A. Crusades by arrangement with the Federal Aborigines Missions Board.

C.E.A. seeks to be a channel of evangelism in co-operation with churches and Home Mission committees.

## • VIC.

# C.O.C.I.A.C.

\* South Melbourne church under the leadership of Robert Ferguson is distributing multi-lingual literature in English, Greek and Turkish with a reply-paid card inviting any questions about the Christian faith.

\* Ascot Vale church is working with other churches in the area on a "Youth Link-up". Ian Corlett has accepted an invitation for a full-time ministry at Ascot Vale commencing in 1976.

\* Richmond church has invited Open Air Campaigners to conduct a series of outreach meetings in schools, factories and shopping centres over a six weeks' period.

\* Regional Board members attended a bi-lingual Italian service at West Moreland Baptist in April and were involved in their

**GREEN MOVES TO AUSTIN**  
Dr. Leslie Green, an American minister of the Disciples of Christ, who served the Chatswood, N.S.W. church from 1957 to 1962, has accepted a call from the Hyde Park Christian Church, Austin, Texas, as their Senior Minister.

He will begin in Austin on June 1, 1975. During his ministry in Australia, Green also lectured at Woolwich College in practical ministries. From January to June of 1959 he served full-time as the National Director of Visitation Evangelism for the Billy Graham team.

He was also a frequent contributor to the "Australian Christian".

The Hyde Park Church is the leading Disciples' congregation in Austin, the capital city of Texas. There are 500 participating members in the church and a full-time staff of four persons.

## N. Z. MINISTER RETIRES

E. Ray Vickery, a member of a well known New Zealand church family, was farewelled from the ministry at Palmerston North on May 11. He served there for nearly 12 years after concluding 16 years as lecturer at the Bible College at Glen Leith.

Mr. Vickery gave 46½ years of continuing ministry with our churches in N.Z. He has been convener of the Department of Christian Union during the difficult days of negotiation for union. He will continue to serve as convener of that committee.

## IT GROWS AND GROWS!

Money continues to pour in for the Christmas Bowl. Giving in January had shown an increase of over \$160,000 over figures for the previous year. By the end of February, the increase had risen to over \$220,000. It now seems almost certain that, for the first time, giving to the World Christian Action programme will pass the \$1,000,000 mark, quite apart from income received through the Force 10 regular-giving scheme and the large community appeals of Freedom from Hunger and AustCare.

own bi-lingual service with the Arabic congregation which meets in the Brunswick church.

\* About 200 people from COCIAC churches attended a very happy family picnic at Belgrave in April. The children travelled to the picnic in a genuine London double-decker bus.

\* COCIAC churches are combining to extend their Christian Education programs by conducting camps in the school holidays.

\* At the April COCIAC Rally the Slavic pastor Mr. Ben Wladysiuk described characteristics of Slavic groups. We also heard reports of recent church growth in evangelical churches in Poland.

B. J. JENKINS  
Inner Areas Minister

# Andrae Crouch and the Disciples



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## VICTORIA

**LIFE SITUATIONS.** (Hartwell, M. J. Savage). Church celebrated fifty-fourth anniversary with week's mission conducted by Ron Elbourne of Glen Waverley church. Items from the Glenaires, local artists, and audio-visuals contributed, were featured. Third annual Trash and Treasure raised \$2667.

**CANAAN BEE.** (Wangaratta, D. A. Stevens). Ron Howard and Barry Tattersall from "Canaan College" were interviewed in church. The working bee at Canaan was high in achievement and fellowship . . . 45 were at church family camp at Cheshunt . . . Men are helping with construction of new toilet block at church . . . Mrs Meg McDonough was farewelled to visit her daughter Pat in England. Slides were shown of Fay and Marlene Campbell's overseas trip . . . The church is in prayer for the Stanton family in Mr Stanton's illness. Bob & Wendy McCrohen have both recovered after recent surgery.

**MUSIC AT ANNIVERSARY** (Box Hill, K. R. Bond) Daryl Kernick was speaker at church anniversary. Dorothy Langford was soloiste, and the LeMeasurer quartette gave items . . . Bob Clare is Youth Director in the new Evangelism Plan . . . Ron Muller was speaker at Y.P.S.C.E. . . . After leading meetings and preaching monthly at Wonga Park for the past 25 years, Bob Sandells has now relinquished these trips . . . Mrs. Bond is recovering after fracturing her ankle at netball, Mrs. Doris Clark after an operation, and Ron Watkins after illness.

**MINISTER OVERSEAS.** (Essendon, C.S. Badcock). The men programmed an evening service led by N. Cheal. Afterwards, in the family centre, Mr &

Mrs Badcock were farewelled on leaving for their world tour . . . Mrs Mary Weme, social worker for the National Christian Council of Kenya, is guest of Mr & Mrs Jim Strack . . . The Cricket Club won the local church's 'C' grade competition. Barbeque and trophy night held at home of Ray Cheal . . . Guest at C.W.A.F. was Mr Broderick from the Leprosy Mission . . . A. E. White is interim minister in the absence of Mr Badcock.

**HOST TO OTHERS.** (Blackburn, E. C. Keating). Church host to other churches for visit of Prof. Blaiklock from N.Z. 455 crowded chapel and hall to hear him speak . . . At baptismal service April 13, a 72 year-old lady and a 16 year-old were baptised . . . April 20 day of the presidents. Gordon Scambler, then Pres. elect of Vic./Tas. Conf. spoke in morning; Gordon Stirling spoke at Family Cabaret at night. One young girl made a confession of faith . . . 36 from Young Adult Fellowship shared fellowship with Y.P. in Magill, S.A. . . . "Project '75" is designed to raise \$2,500 for world relief, overseas missions and other brotherhood depts.

**PARTNERS** (Noble Park, G. Agnew) A family tea launched the "Partners in Participation" programme on April 13 . . . Mrs. R. McKenzie was guest speaker at ladies' service on April 20 . . . C.W.F. took part together with new young peoples singing group . . . C.W.F. street stall raised \$102 . . . Family camp was held at Warburton, April 25-27.

**HEALING** (Oakleigh, Dr. C. J. Mackenzie). On April 27 Mrs. Morag McDougall of Scots Church told of the miracle of her healing . . . Mr. and Mrs. Cullen, with a large group of Y.P. from Ashburton and Glen Iris Methodist churches led recent Gospel Service . . . The new hymn books came into use May 4.

**LOSS TO CHURCH** (North Essendon, R. Allison). Church regrets death of Deacon-Emeritus Frank Mason, formerly church secretary . . . Recent speakers have included George Patterson, on Christianity in S.E. Asia, and Mr. Broderick of Leprosy Mission . . . One evening service took place at C.O.B. following a picnic tea . . . Annual Meeting showed that 1974 was a year of consolidation and deeper fellowship . . . \$500 was given to C.O.B. Rebuilding Fund and \$500 to Darwin Appeal.



## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**ROCK OPERA** (Dalkeith Road, Greg Strack) Premiere held at Christmas of second rock-opera, "Mary" written by Judy Rogers and Bob Brittain and presented by a cast of 30 Y.P. Some also helped prepare the sweet-rock musical "Jeremiah—Prophet of Treason" the result of the Christmas Camp. Once-a-month evening services are organised and planned by the Y.P. (one recent service included an obstacle course—the theme was "Forgiveness") . . . An ACE program, offering courses in Christian Education for adults has begun . . . The sports program recently included another premiership in basketball.

**MANSE FUND AIDED.** (East Victoria Park, M. W. Thornton). Ray Vincent was guest speaker on April 27 . . . C.W.F. took Mother's Day service . . . Manse debt being reduced steadily. \$24 toward manse fund raised from Slide evening . . . The new church hymn books are now in use . . . Heaters have been installed in the chapel.

**SERVING BROTHERHOOD.** (Nollamara, A. J. Anderson). A. Anderson elected as President of State Conference, D. Butler is President-elect, and D. Parker is Asst. Secretary. C.W.F. Officers are now R. Anderson (President), V. Butler (Vice Pres.), L. Parker (Secretary), M. Fewster (Asst. Sec.) and G. Thompson (Treasurer) . . . Professor A. Wilson spoke on April 13 . . . Boys and Girls Brigade senior members held formal dinner in Church hall and invited, State officers . . . 50 attended church family camp at Pt. Walter over Anzac weekend . . . Mrs L. Fong hospitalised for some weeks. Michael Parker and F. M. Fewster home from hospital . . . Recent speakers have been R. Kylie, C. Kinsman and A. Van Leen.

**HOLIDAY CAMP** (Freemantle, D. J. Ryle) 18 y.p. shared in holiday camp led by Mr Ryle . . . On May 1, D. G. Nelson presented audio visual of his visit to Israel and Rome . . . Bible Study group visited J. K. Bond mission at Thornlie . . . Chairman of officers is Des. Plenty, S. R. Thomson is secretary, T. Marshall is treasurer . . . Mrs. E. Verco, 90, and Mr. & Mrs. A. Gardiner visited from Unley for family wedding.

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Pastor: Donald Prout

# OBITUARY

McAFEE Mrs. Jean

The church at Hurstbridge, Vic., has been saddened by the death on March 30 1975, of our loved Jean McAfee, after a long and trying illness. Jean was a loving Christian wife and mother, a wonderful friend to all who knew her. The hospitality of the McAfee home will long be remembered, particularly by the youth of the church. Jean and Arch McAfee were members of, and married in, Christ Church of Ireland, Derriaghy, Northern Ireland, in 1939. In 1951 they left Northern Ireland to settle in Australia. They came into membership during the mission John Timms conducted in the Public Hall, Hurstbridge, on behalf of the church. Jean loved her Lord and the church fellowship — loyal, consistent, a cheerful giver of all things, morning and evening every Lord's day worshipping and witnessing. Our loving sympathy is extended to those who miss Jean the most, her husband, Arch, and children, Raymond and Eileen, relatives, friends, church members and workmates. The service of victory in Christ, was conducted by Vic Quayle and H. L. Pietzsch.

**NORMINGTON, Vera A.** It was at a Hagger-Clay mission in Mildura some 63 years ago that Vera Dowley accepted Jesus as her Saviour. About the age of 16 years she moved into the Castlemaine district, and took up membership in the local church. In later years she was prominent in the life of the church, holding the office of C.W.F. President and Deaconess. She was also an active worker for the British & Foreign Bible Society. She had been made a life governor of both the Castlemaine Hospital and Alexander Home for the aged. She was closely connected with other district auxiliaries. In 1920 she married Arthur Normington, the ceremony being performed by the late H. M. Clipstone. They had two children, Stan and Doris; 4 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. To these and a large circle of friends we extend our Christian love and sympathy. In later years ill health confined her to her home and curtailed her activities, but her encouragement and personality will be greatly missed in the life of the church.

—J. Byrnes.

SAXBY, George Duncan

George Saxby, a beloved member of the North Turramurra church, died after a brief illness on April 19. He was born in South Africa. His father, Percy, had taken part in the Boer War. George was born in 1904. At the age of 3, George came with his parents to Taree, N.S.W. After completing his schooling, George entered his father's furniture retailing business and later became manager of the store. He retired in 1973. He married Sylvia Murray and set up home in Taree. George had accepted Christ under the ministry of P. E. Thomas. He served as a SS teacher and as a deacon. He was appointed chairman of the building committee for the new church building. After spending two years of retirement in Taree, Mr. and Mrs. Saxby decided to go to Sydney to be near their two children, John and Janice (Mrs. Colin Wrigley). After attending the church at Chatswood Mr. and Mrs. George Saxby became foundation members of the Church of North Turramurra. George Saxby served for a year as secretary. He was also for some years a deacon. He took a great interest in the many aspects of the church. He was a member of the N.S.W. Overseas Mission Committee and was secretary of that committee. On the day of his unexpected death, he was re-elected to the committee. At a large representative gathering in the North Turramurra church, many came to pay tribute to the life of this gracious Christian gentleman and to express deepest sympathy to Mrs. Saxby, Dr. John Saxby and Rae, his wife, and to Janice and Colin, her husband. To George's sister, Mrs. Hector Hadon, and to David, a brother now living in England, sympathy was also offered. Friends from Taree, Chatswood and North Turramurra, along with many others, shared in the services conducted by R. Risson, the minister of North Turramurra church, and A. W. Stephenson.

—A.W.S.

WILLCOCKS, Hilda

An association with the church at Croydon (S.A.) extending over 60 years was broken when Mrs. Hilda Willcocks died. Mrs. Willcocks, then Hilda Brown, was baptized at Grote St., Adelaide, in 1912, and the following year she transferred her membership to Croydon. For the next 62 years she was a most loyal and faithful member of the church, actively engaged

in many different aspects of the church's work. For 20 years she was a teacher in the BS, and for the last 12 years she was president of the Ladies' Guild, but was associated with the Guild much longer. For many years she was a delegate to the Womens' Conference. Besides her involvement in church affairs, she was also a wonderful wife and mother, and beloved of her grandchildren; her ministry in her home and to her family was just as devoted as was her ministry to the church in the ways already referred to. Hilda Willcocks was a woman of great faith, and her patience, courage, and quiet endurance during the months of her last illness were a challenge and an inspiration to us all. Mr. Willcock's ministry to his wife during her stay in Calvary Hospital, when he read to her each day from the "Upper Room" and from her Bible which was always at her bedside, was a source of great comfort and peace to her. To Mr. Willcocks and the members of the family we extend our deep sympathy in their loss. Services in the chapel and at the crematorium were conducted by W. N. Bartlett, past minister, and F. B. Burt.

—F.B.B.



## VICTORIA

**HANDYMEN** (Berwick, B. McMurtrie) C.Y.F. started a "Caring for Others" program where they do handyman jobs for those in need . . . Recent gospel service features have been: Number One (Audio-Visual), The Soul Agents, and a Hymn Hit Parade . . . A second mid-week discussion/Bible study has been started at Cranbourne . . . Counsellor Training Classes have been started for Y.P. . . 16 members recently attended Planning Seminar at Mini-bulk . . . Basketball team won Grand Final.

**MEETINGS** (Ararat, G. Sonsie) Annual church business meeting held April 8. C.W.F. donated \$900 to Officers Board for church repairs . . . North-Western Dist. Conf. held April 20. Max Crocker from Ararat was nominated as President for 1975-76. C.W.F. provided refreshment.

**HARVEST** (Warburton, C. W. Jackel) Harvest thanksgiving well attended. Produce was given to the local hospital and to the Christian Service Centre, Box Hill . . . The Second Coming Convention attracted many from a wide area. Interstate bookings for tapes of Dr. H. Nickel's address have been received. There was one first decision, one re-consecration and a man dedicated himself for training for the ministry.

**RESPONSE TO SEMINARS.** (Glen Waverley, R. L. Elbourne). Church still getting response from community regarding public seminars on death and bereavement . . . Ron Elbourne conducted mini-mission at Hartwell . . . Mavis Elbourne attended Pyramid Hill Jubilee Celebrations . . . Successful open air service held at Mount Evelyn . . . Sue Ploog has hepatitis and Jenny Ross is home after major surgery . . . Over 100 attended Easter Caravan Camp . . . Elders are writing guest editorials for church newspaper.

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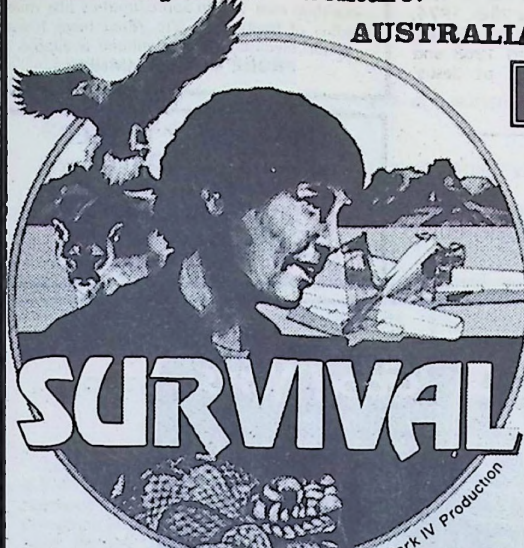
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Girard's Victorian itinerary will include public meetings in Benalla (June 10), Melbourne (June 11, 14, 16), and Geelong (June 13). Meetings have also been arranged in Melbourne for ministers and theological students on Thursday June 12.

Two one-day workshops for ministers and lay men and women have been arranged. The first will be on June 25, St

Mary's Church of England, Plenty Rd., East Preston. The second will be on June 26, at Blackburn Baptist Church.

Anyone wanting further information, or requiring registration forms for the workshops, is invited to contact Rev. David Treloar, 13 Teresa St., Greensborough. (Phone 435 3151).

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## CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK BOOK REVIEWS

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but the actual events of the New Testament as told by 40 (fictional) witnesses. The fact that the witnesses are fictional takes nothing away from the telling. The events they describe are true. Great charm, warmth, and humanity are all here, so too is humour and reverence. For whom should we recommend this book? Children, most certainly will appreciate it as well as young people and adults. Imaginative club leaders will find it resource for many meaningful devotions. And as several readers have said, the book is worth purchasing if only for Kossoff's description of how it came to be written.

### ESCAPE FROM LONELINESS

Paul Tournier (S.C.M. Press) \$2.55

The loneliness of man, discovered by a doctor daily in his surgery is the subject of this Paul Tournier title. Loneliness through fear, loneliness through the secrets of social life, loneliness in family conflicts. Calling on his experiences as a medical practitioner and psychiatrist in Geneva since 1924, Dr. Tournier analyses both the nature and causes of individual and collective loneliness in society. Although first written in 1963, Tournier's analysis, conclusions, and recommendations are as relevant today. "Only the Spirit of Christ can free men from their natural tendencies" Only His spirit can free them from formalism, independence greed and resentment which stand in the way of the spirit of fellowship. If you have ever felt the aloneness of which Tournier writes, you will appreciate this book, if you haven't you are truly alone.

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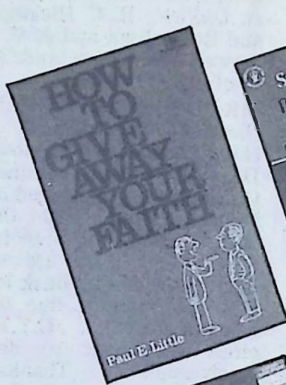


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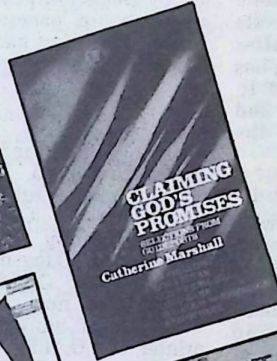
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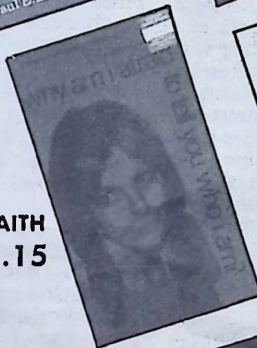
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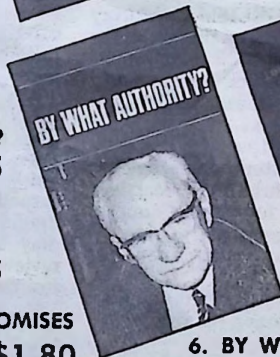
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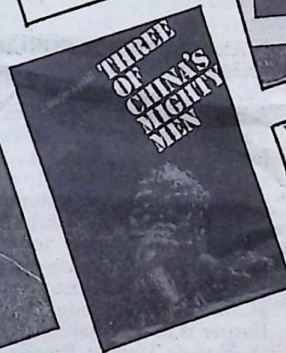


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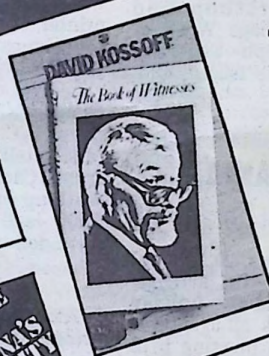
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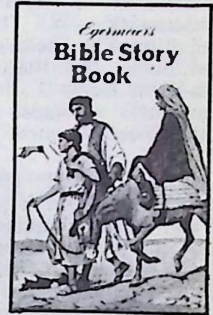


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## VICTORIA

**TO STAY ON.** (Northcote, T. V. Weir). Church is delighted that Mr. Weir will continue his ministry for further twelve months to February, 1977. For a week prior to his holidays he helped church at Warracknabeal . . . Recent speakers have been A. Niven, J. Prideaux, J. Paver and L. Crisp . . . Miss Edith Johnson, after a stroke, has been moved from Greenvale to Elsternwick, W. Turner, after hospitalisation with a heart condition, has returned home. Mrs Bush has gone to Emmaus Rest Home . . . Minister and some members are most active in the local Inter Church Council.

**ANGLESEA CAMP** (Belmont, W. Harford) 80 shared in family camp with Ararat and Stawell churches. Pam Bowers and Ian Allsop were leaders . . . Dean Hamilton, Launceston, was recent guest speaker . . . Laurie Barker has been conducting Prayer Workshop and speaking at National Marriage Week at Manifold Hgts . . . Ralph and Lan Edwards have left for Bribie Island, Qld.



## TASMANIA

**JOYFUL MONTH** (Nubeena, D. Bailey) April was a month of joyful activity. Easter Sunday brought many holiday visitors . . . The mid-week all-age Bible Study is now in 3 groups meeting in 3 different homes simultaneously . . . Fun and fellowship were shared by those who walked to Flat Rock on Good Friday and those who climbed Clemes' Peak on Anzac Day . . . A group of Y.P. (led by David Bailey) heard the New World Singers in Hobart City Hall. Bob Arvidson, National Scripture Distribution Consultant for the Bible Society, was recent speaker.

**COFFEE HOUSE** (Devonport). Late shopping night House brings many contacts . . . Mr. and Mrs. Robin Little from Christian Lit. Crusade, Venezuela, spoke and showed Slides. Mrs. Little sang a solo in Spanish . . . G. B. Div., Inter-company Olympics were held in High School grounds April 5 . . . Church is saddened at death of Mrs. Isabell Smith after long illness. Sympathy is extended to Leo and family. Also to Jim Ward in the death of his father . . . Owen Maher, I.J.S., spoke of work among Jews . . . At elderly members and friends' meeting Mrs. M. Byard, 86 that day, sang a solo.

**TWO BAPTISED** (Launceston, Margaret St., M. D. Hamilton) Two young people have been baptized and seven others have made confession of faith . . . About 60 members are involved in Encounter Group studies . . . C.W.A.F. entertained women of the City Mission.



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**SHARED VISITATION** (Port Pirie, R. L. Baxter) We have been sharing with United Parish in the Visitation Evangelism led by Norm Hayward . . . Trevor and Judi Ellis and their family rejoice in the safe arrival of a Vietnamese baby girl named Natalie . . . A boys' club has commenced led by Denis Murphy . . . C.W.F. staged a mannequin parade on April 23 . . . Doreen Arnel has had major surgery, but is now home and responding well.

**MISSIONARIES** (Forestville, M. Munyard). Ray and Mavis Tuck have moved to Tokyo, Japan, where Ray is teaching several subjects at the Christian Academy . . . Geoff Beard and Jim Phillips recently returned from Madras, India, after taking part in a work party organised by O.M.S. Geoff and Ann Beard have now moved to Canberra, where Geoff has commenced work as a printer for O.M.S. Ann is working with the Education Dept . . . Miss Rosalyn Williams, New Guinea spoke on March 16 . . . The church saddened by the recent death of C. P. Hughes . . . Mr. Yeomans from H.C.J.B. was recent speaker . . . Mrs. Stella Francis will return shortly from Carnarvon, where she has been working in the children's homes . . . 1000 leaflets bearing an Easter Message were delivered around the neighborhood.

**DIALOGUE EVANGELISM** (Murray Bridge, D. Kuhl). Church is preparing for dialogue evangelism with 22 members of A.B.I. . . . Second church family camp was held at Pt. Sturt. N. and B. Coleman fed the flock once again . . . A scripture verse is put in the local weekly paper by the church . . . Minister's Fraternal has sponsored a "Christian Marriage Preparation Course" for young couples . . . Prayer Meetings held weekly in homes . . . Minister and members attended State conference . . . Mrs. W. Harper is in hospital . . . Congratulations to Phyl & Dudley Harper on their 25th wedding anniversary.

**"GIFTS"** (Nailsworth, P.P. De Wildt). "Gifts", a Christian drama, was presented at Unley Church of Christ by the young folk from Nailsworth . . . R.S.A. McClean was recent guest speaker when a cheque for \$600 was presented for a motor bike for Pastoral work in India . . . The J.C.E. held a Talent Quest to raise money for new curtains and new hymnal . . . At the annual Tennis church service there were four decisions . . . 30 young people meet regularly on Tuesday evenings for Bible Study, and on Saturday morning for prayer . . . At Northern District Camp at the holiday week-end 70 people from 5 churches met together. There was 1 decision . . . Eight people were baptised, one man from Broadview Methodist Church.



## NEW SOUTH WALES

**IN SERVICE** (Hornsby Dist., D. A. Oldfield) At recent State Conference the following members were elected to Conference Committees—R. F. Bartholomew; Advisory Board: J. Johanson, J. Monk, Ed. Newton and D. A. Oldfield, R. C. Hickin, Home Mission and Evangelism; and J. V. Ellerby, Social Service Committee and Assoc. Sec. of Conf.

**SIR DOUGLAS AT ANNIVERSARY** (Beverly Hills, David Mansell). The church anniversary featured a visit by Sir Douglas Nicholls, eminent Aboriginal Christian who challenged over 100 Young People at Friday Night Coffee Shop. He also addressed a church tea and Sunday Services . . . All are thrilled at the liquidation of our bank loan of \$30,000 after 18 months, due to interest free loans of \$2000 . . . C.Y.F. have initiated circle of prayer to deepen spiritual involvement . . . Thanksgiving Sunday, May 4 resulted in many foodstuffs sent to the Boys' Home, Pendle Hill . . . Fred Taylor celebrated his 90th birthday.

**MISSIONARY CONVENTION** (Gilgandra, R. Bassett). A Missionary Convention was held March 26, 27. Visiting speakers were Miss Daphne Kelly (O.M.F.) on furlough from Japan; Bob Jarman, State Secretary, S.I.M., and former missionary from Ethiopia; Graham Butler of Carnarvon, W.A., Sonny Graham, Norseman; Joe Lonergan, Lyle Morris, Eidsvold, Qld; and Maureen Rule also from W.A. The missionary offering amounted to \$563.50 . . . The B.S. held their annual camp May 9-11. Miss Judy Gordon was study leader.

**RENOVATIONS** (Epping, K. Farmer) The platform of the chapel has been extensively renovated. New items include a new pulpit, an open baptistry, and new carpeting throughout . . . Newly-formed drama group presented challenging Easter play "Call the Witnesses", a courtroom review of evidence for and against the resurrection.

### MESSAGE FROM MADRAS

The Bishop of Madras has written to the Australian Council of Churches picturing dramatically the serious famine conditions existing in the area right now. All congregations in the Diocese have been asked to help in the 'Food for Work' programmes which will result in the deepening of over 250 wells. The work is being co-ordinated through the Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA). "We have already begun to prepare and make plans for the months ahead: April to August will be our worst months. We shall very greatly appreciate your help, and may we also request you to kindly give this due publicity for prayer."

Because of the response given to the Christmas Bowl, World Christian Action was able to make an immediate grant of \$5,000. Gifts to help should be marked 'Indian Famine Relief'.



# VICTORIA

**BOX HILL EVANGELISM** (K. R. Bond) Special missionary program being prepared for evangelisation of Box Hill . . . Mrs. Val Moody speaker and Mrs. Adele Gore soloist at special women's gospel service . . . Young people presented musical "It's cool in the furnace" at Explorer Parade . . . Mr. Bond held series of missionary meetings at Thomson . . . Ladies catered for Inter-Church tea and ninety at Cricket Banquet . . . Mrs. Freda Morris speaker at C.W.F. and C.W.E.F. held morning coffee and "Korbond" demonstration in aid of Aborigine clothing fund . . . Russell Barker won Arnold De'Vilpas award scholarship and the Master Printers prize . . . Amongst recent visitors was Mr. Silsby, a lecturer at Paget Bible College, U.S.A.

**MUSIC MUSEUM** (Warragul, R. E. Pritchard) On April 19, 65 members plus children, held a barbecue at the Darnum Musical Museum, owned by Albert Fox. The many antique pianos and organs were inspected. Albert Fox spoke on the history of the buildings and the various instruments and showed the proposed plan of the completed museum . . . G. R. Stirling was recent guest speaker.

**BEGONIA FESTIVAL COMMUNION** (York St., Ballarat, D. Gurney) D. Gurney was speaker at combined communion service at Lower Civic Hall for Begonia festival. 500 members and visitors from other churches attended . . . Guest singers at services have included Maranatha Sounds, Alex Cimera, Jenny Gor and Jenny and Johnathon Jones . . .

There have been 8 baptisms recently and 4 made confessions of faith April 6 . . . Temperance women spoke to W.E.F. on the W.C.T.U. and demonstrated non-alcoholic beverages . . . 200 young people attended first Youthquake '75 meeting. Frank Clark compered, assisted by local artists . . . Bradley Johns has joined the R.A.A.F. . . . B.S. garden party raised \$420 . . . Young marrieds group commenced monthly meetings . . . Junior Girls' Club has recommenced.

**HOME FROM NEW GUINEA** (Bayswater, A. Fletcher) Rosemary Weston and Michelle (aged one year) home from N.G. for a short visit . . . Minister and family camped at "Eildon" with Senior Good Companions and Boys' Explorers . . . Harvest Thanksgiving was displayed with artistry. A family basket tea followed the evening Thanksgiving family Devotions. A film "The Antkeeper" was shown . . . The Tennis Club held successful film night . . . The "Yukana Singers" assisted at North Fitzroy, Sunshine and Balwyn . . . C.M.F. took services at Emmaus for March . . . Harvey Miller shared in pulpit exchange with Ashburton C. of C.

**SINGER** (Burwood, K. Clinton) Robert Coleman from "Irene" sang and offered a challenge while giving his sincere and joyous testimony . . . 60 attended church and S.S. family service and picnic at Wattle Park . . . Explorers, Good Companions, C.W.F. and C.Y.F. have participated at evening services . . . At Explorer Outdoor Sports, Seniors gained 1st place, and Intermediates shared 1st place . . . Dr. K. Bowes guest speaker at Easter morning service . . . At recent service four ladies shared aspects of Voluntary Community Service in which they are engaged . . . The church extends sympathy to Jan Freeman in the loss of her mother.

**BALWYN VISIT** (Belmont, W. Harford) 60 people visited Balwyn Church for weekend, and Belmont B.S. scholars presented the musical "It's Cool in the Furnace" with a 7-piece backing. Services at home were taken by Ken Allen and George Smith . . . Church membership continues to grow by leaps and bounds . . . Family Camp held at Anglesea on Anzac weekend . . . Church singing group has released a 45 min. cassette of Scripture Songs and highlights from "Joseph". Profits to Council for Christian Education in Schools.

**VISITATION** (Bambra Rd., Caulfield, K. Christensen). Visitation program was conducted in April . . . visiting speakers were Ian Bunnett, Prahran; Fred Reynolds, Mt. Evelyn; and Bob Payne, Frankston Baptist. These specials culminated in a "Fellowship Tea" on April 29 . . . A.W.F. held "Mystery Outing" to home in Upwey . . . Mrs. R. Story spoke to A.W.F. and showed slides of work in Timor conducted by Wycliffe . . . W.C.T.U. members attended morning coffee . . . At Bible Society Ladies Auxiliary a film on Latin America was shown. Mr. Giles spoke . . . Mrs. Verity (Sen.) is in N.Z. Church sympathizes with her in death of her sister there . . . Miss Marian Gray is a patient in Prince Henry's . . . 11 from C.W.F. present at C.W.F. Conference.

**ADVERTISEMENT** (Hurstbridge, Vic. Quale). Following a prominent advertisement in the local paper regarding the witness of the Church in the district, several families have begun to attend regularly . . . S.S. staff attended 8 lectures given by the Child Evangelisation Fellowship . . . Miss N. Merson has been transferred from the Diamond Valley Hosp. to Ward 4 of the Geriatric Hospital, Mount Royal . . . Church saddened by the death of Mrs. Jean McAfee on March 30, after a long illness.

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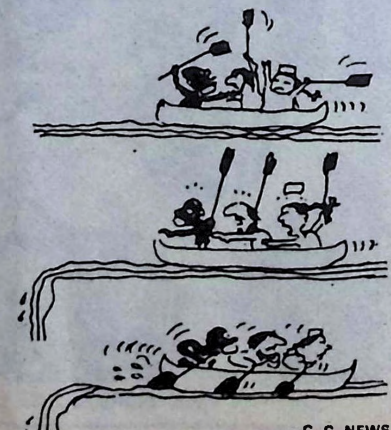
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The next line read: Invitation Hymn, "Breathe On Me."



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Wife: At the chain store, of course.



—C. C. NEWS