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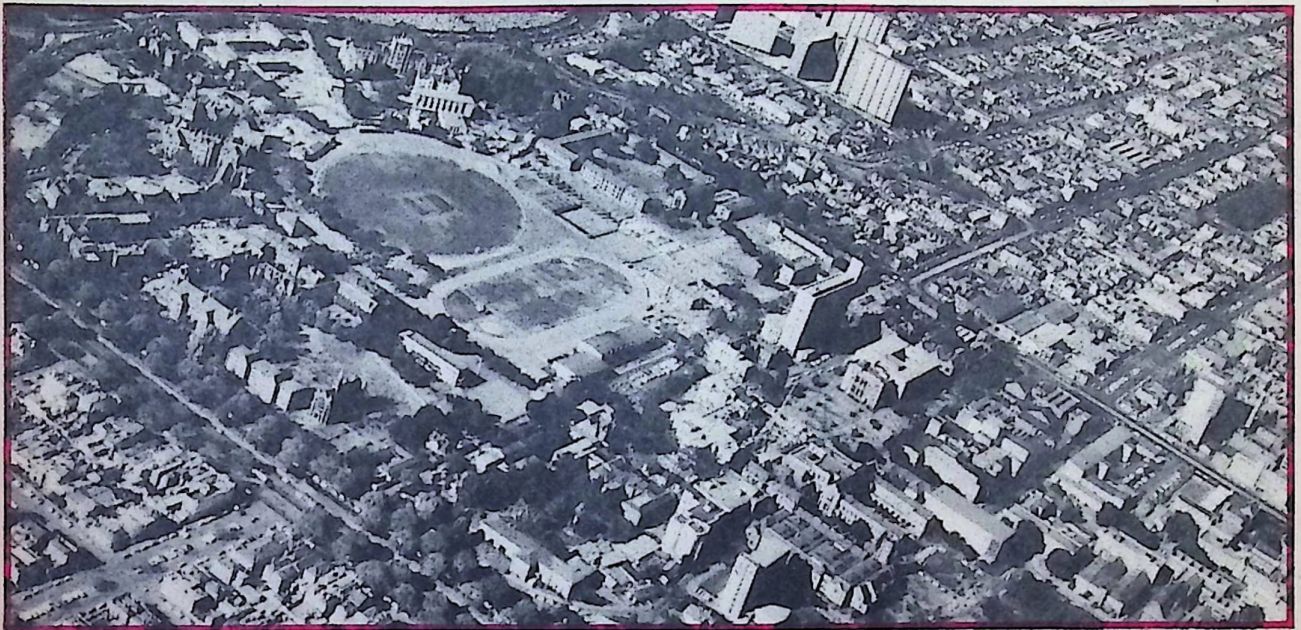
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### SUMMER LIVE-IN CONFERENCE AT MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY COLLEGES

The 37th Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia will be accommodated at the residential colleges of the University of Melbourne, Jan. 8-14, 1979.

Most of the public meetings will be at the Melbourne Town Hall.

This will be the second live-in summer Conference, the first being at Canberra in January, 1975. The success of that venture made it certain that some future conferences would also be held during the summer holidays.

Because the Conference will be in the early part of January it is expected that many members, including local church leaders, who could not attend a Conference during the year, will be delegates.

A feature of the Conference will be the large number of elective programmes available to delegates. These will include such areas as theology, leadership, administration, music, worship, social concerns, drama, and painting.

The business will be conducted in small grass-roots sessions prior to full assemblies.

A large number of short and long tours will be available for those who wish to combine holidays with an inspiration Conference.

A preliminary list of electives appeared in the "Christian" for August 6, 1977.

# Frankston Family Festival

Who would have guessed that a group of 40 difficult teenagers would occupy every seat to hear a family from Parents Without Partners talk on "The Lone Father and His Family"?

This exciting and unexpected turn of events happened one Friday night at the Bayside Shopping Centre, Frankston.

And those kids were not there to 'stir'! They listened intently and talked afterwards about their own problems in single parent homes. Clearly the five children of this lone father had articulated the teenagers' problems for them.

This was one highlight from the first National Family Festival, held at Frankston.

The theme of the festival was 'The Family — a great place for people to grow', and the accent was on the support and enrichment of the positive aspects of family life.

The National Family Festival was organised at very short notice on a shoe-string budget. It was jointly sponsored by the Frankston Council of Churches and the 'National Marriage and Family Week' Australia Council.

It succeeded because of two men.

Rev. Stan Stewart, who was the co-ordinator, provided the inspiration and effort, and Rev. Tom Howells from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Frankston, who was chairman of the festival committee.

Mr Stewart: "We provided an Expo situation from Wednesday to Saturday at the Bayside Shopping Centre and various community support organisations displayed their services and gave information. This meant people could eye from a distance if they wanted — no pressure and no involvement. There were speakers for small children, a gymnastic display and a choir of primary children, all of which attracted the passing parade. I believe it was a most worthwhile venture and could easily be copied in other communities. There was not one negative comment and, given more time, funds and manpower, it could have snowballed even further."

"The festival proved the continuing validity of the family", Mr Howells said.

"Did you ever see the film 'The Sound Barrier' with Ralph Richardson? There was a point of great shaking when the plane travelled at the speed of sound, but if the pilot pushed it through this barrier the calm returned. I think many marriages are like this, but too often people are pulling out at the shaking point. The Festival emphasized that with encouragement and help from other sources, a marriage can be steered through the shaking to the calm, but a network of support relationships is vital."

"Together, we'll keep the world going" — new games at the National Family Festival.



"With the tentative involvement at Bayside we were constantly aware that we were seeing only the tip of the iceberg," Mr Stewart said. "For instance, one younger mother listened carefully to Isobel Straun, a social worker with the Council for the Ageing. She then expressed a very sincere need to 'rent a grandmother'. She and her husband migrated from England and their children have no grandparents in Australia. They live on an estate which is full of young families. For five months they have wandered the streets at weekends looking for an older person with whom they could form a significant relationship, but with no success. Too often these housing estates are single generation developments and there is no room for the integration of older people. I feel strongly that the church should be providing a framework for wider family relationships like 'rent a grandmother'."

One valuable and permanent thing to come out of the festival is the resource directory "Frankston for Families". Mr

Stewart said he was thrilled with this concise directory of service and support groups in the Frankston area.

Mr Howells agreed. "I enjoyed distributing this little book, and made a point of saying to people that they may not need it themselves, but it provided a great opportunity to be a helpful and gracious neighbor to another in need."

Copies of the resource directory are still available from the Civic Centre in Frankston.

The Community Breakfast early on Saturday morning attracted people with a variety of interests, and demonstrated that the quality of human relationships is a widespread concern. Philip Lynch attended the breakfast which focused on "The Future of the Family".

Possibly the climax of the festival came on the Sunday when the Frankston oval was crowded with families enjoying the new games tournament, the clown and

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## INNER SPRINGS

### "I HAVE BEEN YOUNG, BUT NOW AM OLD"



For most of us old age is something to be feared, if we have the courage to contemplate it at all. Along with its diminishing faculties, its weakness and its limitations, is the lack of understanding, of kindness and courtesy that would make it so much more bearable. We can neither abolish old age, or ignore it. And regardless of our present age, without the intervention of death, we shall inevitably have to say with the psalmist "I have been young, but now am old". In the meantime there are countless ways of making easier the path for those already there. In the practice of them we shall take one place with those of whom it can be said,

Blessed are they who understand  
My faltering step and shaking hand.  
Blessed who know my ears today  
Must strain to catch the things they say  
Blessed are they who seem to know  
My eyes are dim and my mind is slow.  
Blessed be they who looked away  
When tea spilled on the cloth that day.  
Blessed are they with a cheery smile

Who stopped to chat for a little while.  
Blessed are they who know the way  
To bring back memories of yesterday.  
Blessed are they who never say  
"You've told that story twice today"  
Blessed are they who make it known  
That I'm loved respected and not alone.  
And blessed are they who ease the days  
Of my journey home, in loving ways.

PRAYER: Loving Father, when the years have weakened our faculties and friends are fewer, help us to rest secure in the knowledge that you love us with an everlasting love, that your care of us is as gracious and tender as in the days of our youth. Amen.

Psalm 71:1-9

Florence Rosier

# "YOUR WORDS COULD SEND ME TO GAOL"

REPORT FROM CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE OF ASIA

The knowledge that your words can help send an innocent person to gaol for 10 or 20 years is not an easy responsibility to cope with in a report about Christian witness in Asia.

"I will speak openly to you. All I ask is that you be sensitive to the gaol term that could result for me unless you choose carefully your words if an article is written."

"Carefully" is rarely used in such a loaded sense. Yet the Asian churchman wasn't being the least bit melodramatic in his emphasis on it. He hasn't been to gaol for criticising his nation's government. But other Asian Christians have, and so have many thousands of others. They have been detained often as a result of exercising a basic human right such as free speech.

Human rights was expected to be one of the really tough issues for the Sixth Assembly of the Christian Conference of Asia when it met in Penang (Malaysia) May 31 to June 8.

It was assured a key place on the Assembly agenda. Human rights has been a priority area for CCA during the last two years, and three speakers (two with recent spells in gaol) testified at the Assembly about their Christian witness for human rights.

But there were also fears that delegates of churches in the 17 nations represented on the Asian ecumenical church body might cut back their endorsement for CCA's 'leading edge' in such a politically explosive area as human rights.

The problem lies in the way increasingly repressive Asian governments equate criticism of their policies, or any moves to change unjust conditions of life, with communism. Punishment can be severe. Detention without charge or trial, and torture, are widely practised.

A possible cut-back in CCA's human rights priority, however, was not seen as a fear of such consequences. More important was the churches' dilemma about the social cost of development in Asia.

It is argued, for example, that authoritarian rule is needed to ensure stability for economic growth, so people can be lifted out of poverty. Limits on some rights (such as adequate food) can be promoted. The other side of that is the assertion that authoritarian regimes generally do little more than ensure continued power for the elite and continued repression for the poor.

Obviously, this argument splits the churches of Asia. And it was against this background that CCA General Secretary, Yap Kim Hao, in a press conference at the

end of the Assembly, expressed surprise that the human rights debate there had not been as intense as expected.

In fact, the delegates gave an on-going priority to the concern and even backed a proposal for a human rights office to be set up by CCA.

A report endorsed as a mandate for the next four years cited the systematic denial of Asian people's right to live, and the way in which those who did assert their human rights were "subjected to political detention, detention without trial and often to cruel and degrading torture."

The report did not name any particular country in the region over violations of human rights, but it did say churches had a responsibility to "speak to each other in love" about these violations and to work together for solutions.

CCA's Associate Secretary, Harry Daniels, of India, suggested that the Indian election results had "really neutralised" the pressure to limit the church body's role. Indians' support for Mrs Gandhi's authoritarian rule would certainly have strengthened the hand of caution and conservatism.

Probably another factor leading to the radical human rights mandate given to the CCA at its Assembly was the impact of the "testimonies" by South Korean Presbyterian minister Kim Swan Kwan

Suk, Indonesian lawyer Yap Thiam Hien and Australian Aborigine Val Bryant.

Both Kim and Yap have been to gaol, unquestionably because of their committed stands for political freedom and human rights. Their stories of personal involvement probably drew a stronger response than any theoretical treatise on the Christian mission and human rights.

Yap spoke of his first detention in early 1968 and the torment it had caused because of guilt over having kept silent during the "bloodbath" which followed the attempted communist coup in Indonesia in 1965.

"I believed, and still believe, it was Jesus Christ's loving grace that permitted me to suffer in order to repent and be granted the chance to shed some hope in the hearts of suffering people," he said.

It was also the start of an open crusade for the release of political prisoners and the seeking of international concern. He declared it was a fallacy that such concern was an infringement of Indonesia's sovereign rights — a view that puts him somewhat at odds with a few other Christian leaders in Indonesia.

Yap was later asked about the personal danger of such advocacy of human rights at an international meeting. "There is always a risk," he replied. "You are never really sure if you will reach home, because they pick you up at the airport."—A.C.C.

## Response

I want to love you without clutching;  
appreciate you without judging;  
join you without invading;  
invite you without demanding;  
leave you without guilt;  
criticize you without blaming  
and help you without insulting.  
If I can have the same from you  
then we can truly meet  
and enrich each other.

VIRGINIA SATIR

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# INSINCERE PSALMIST

By John J. Alderson

Alexander Campbell insisted that in interpreting the Scriptures one must take into account the authorship of the particular passage, the time and circumstances of writing, the purpose of writing, and to whom it was written. This is but normal practice for an historian, or for that matter, any student who has to interpret the written word.

As the Scriptures, and in particular the Old Testament, are given for our "example", and are profitable for instruction", we need to say what the writers were saying, and under what circumstances, before we can make true use of them.

## Lust, Deceit, Murder

We should no more follow blindly the writings of the Old Testament than we should copy the actions of some of the writers. An examination of the 51st Psalm shows how this has been sadly misinterpreted due to these rules not being followed. The 51st Psalm was written by David "when Nathan the prophet came to him after he had gone in to Bathsheba". We have the background of this Psalm in 2 Samuel, 11 & 12. Quite briefly, David saw Bathsheba bathing, lusted after her and committed adultery with her. When she found she was with child, she told David, and he sent for her husband and then sent him down to his own house, hoping thereby that Uriah would think the child was his.

This scheme failed, so David arranged for Uriah to be killed in battle. He then added Bathsheba to his harem and the child was born to them. It was then that Nathan the prophet came to David and David realised his villainy was known to God and man.

Some points are to be noted. Despite the Lord saying, via Nathan, that the child would die, David refused to accept the Lord's will until the child was dead. Secondly, he retained Bathsheba as his wife, and apparently his favourite wife. Thirdly, despite the youth of Solomon (their second son) David chose him as heir in preference to older and more

mature sons, thereby insuring that the words of Nathan would come to pass, for because of that decision that "the sword did not depart from David's house" and the troubles arose from within his own family and Absalom lay with his father's wives openly. Knowing this, we turn to the Psalm.

## Sin against whom?

After asking for forgiveness in the early part of the Psalm, David makes a strange statement, "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned." Those words are addressed to God. In view of the fact that David had stolen another man's wife, surely a sin against both the man and the wife; begotten a child in sin, surely a sin against that child; had Uriah murdered, surely a sin against Uriah; implicated Joab the leader of the army in the sordid affair, surely a sin against Joab — this statement is arrant nonsense, and it shows us that David had not really repented of his sin and this is borne out by his keeping Bathsheba as his wife thereby wronging his other wives and later his older sons. David then, in an astonishing piece of self-justification, goes on to say,

"Behold I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me."

By saying this he is justifying himself by blaming others, making himself heir to a corrupt nature, that is, pleading that his own sin really stems from the essential evil of mankind and he's not really to blame. (That is, unless we interpret this statement to mean that he was conceived in unusually evil circumstances, a matter on which the Scripture is silent. This we may safely discount). Here again we see a man who is clutching to his sin, (Bathsheba), and indulging in self-justification.

## Pious poetry

The rest of the Psalm is filled with pious sentiments, very ably put because David was a great poet, but one reads it with the uneasy knowledge that the writer is fooling

himself; that he has not repented, that worse, he does not intend to repent, that he intends to cling to his sin and try and persuade the Lord to forgive him. The disasters that afflicted David's old age largely stemmed from this sin.

We may say that here we have a Psalm of a man keeping his sin and still trying to get forgiveness, and that cannot be done. This is the real lesson of this Psalm.

There has, however, been a tragic mass of doctrine built on the uncritical acceptance of this Psalm as "the Word of God" (whatever that means!).

This is the doctrine of Original Sin and particularly the idea that this "original sin" is due to the sexual act, and the consequent doctrine that the sexual act is sinful in itself. Without this Psalm the "sinful" act of sex would be very hard for anyone to derive from Scripture, and the doctrine of original sin itself is unlikely to have arisen.

The philosophy behind the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception becomes absurd when this Psalm is looked at critically. Personally, and I emphasise that this is my personal opinion, that if there is anything at all in the idea of "original sin" which we inherit, this is cancelled with our death, and that that is the end of the matter.

But it is important to know the Bible and to do this we must examine it as critically as the most exacting historian. Our knowledge must be mature.

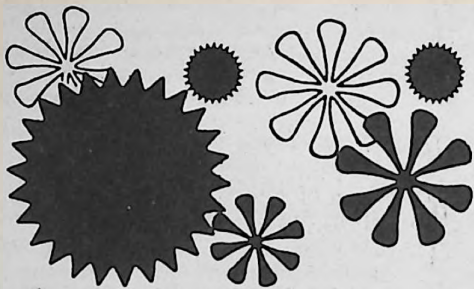
(Note) Whilst Nathan told David that the Lord had put away his sin this cannot refer to the continuing sin and David's lack of true repentance. David was allowed his life because of the putting away of the first sin.

## PLEA FOR TREATMENT

The South Australian Council of Churches called upon the Prime Minister of Thailand, Mr Thanin Kraivichien, to promote basic medical services to Mr Orisa Iyarawonwuthra.

Mr Iyarawonwuthra, a student leader, was shot in the chin whilst surrendering during the military coup in Thailand on October 6 last year. Since then he has received no medical attention and his condition has become critical. Because his wound has made it impossible for him to speak, Mr Iyarawonwuthra will not be able to offer a defence when his case is brought to trial soon and will probably be condemned to death.

The Secretary of the S.A.C.C., Rev. Peter J. Holden, said that the Churches must join their voices with those of other people who will not tolerate such blatant violations of basic human rights and in the case of Orisa Iyarawonwuthra hopes to bring attention to the plight of others who may be in similar situations.



# “The Christian” Goes To Cheltenham

PART TWO

**A.C.:** I see the Church has acquired four other adjoining houses. Why this emphasis on expanding your property?

**MOYES:** Property extension became essential. In spite of the development of the Christian Retirement Centres and the fact that Cheltenham already possessed one of the most extensive properties in the Brotherhood, it has been necessary for us to buy another manse, three other houses adjacent to the church, one of which has been turned into our Communications Centre to handle our media services. One unique feature is that by the end of this year each of the ministers of the church will also own their own homes. We have spent over \$100,000 in the past two years to acquire property for future growth.

**A.C.:** Has the effort in property extension lessened your evangelistic outreach?

**MOYES:** With the emphasis constantly being made on the gospel of Jesus Christ, we have been privileged to see in the past two years some 92 people make decisions for Christ, be baptised or transferred into the membership of our church. During the first quarter of 1977 some 40 people have made commitments of their lives to Christ and are being welcomed into the church either through faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. The interesting fact is that our area is an old area where all other churches find that the movement of members is away to newer suburbs. Because of our emphasis upon Growth Principles we are the only church of any denomination in the area that has a growth pattern.

**A.C.:** What about the normal activities in your church?

**MOYES:** All the traditional emphasis of church life has been continued. Our four choirs achieve an excellence in their work, and some 38 different auxiliaries and groups provide activities for all ages within the congregation. Even the Sunday School which for many years had been in decline has been increasing and the Superintendent indicates that once more 200 children a Sunday will soon be reached.

**A.C.:** What sort of a program does the church have in caring for people?

**MOYES:** Pastoral Care has continued among the membership of the church through our ministers, notably Stanton Wilson, our six Elders, all of whom visit each week; our 16 Deaconesses who visit the families of our church weekly; 7 Evangelistic Visitors who visit the contacts of the church each week; and the various members of our Care Group who provide support and visitation to needy people within the community.

**A.C.:** The church must have some very wealthy members in it.

**MOYES:** Our Income Growth has been a very interesting aspect of Church Life. I remember the time in my early ministry when our anticipated income for the year was \$12,000. By 1971 it had reached \$26,000, by 1974 it had reached \$44,000, during 1975 our income from all sources was \$67,000. During 1976 through the Church and its Auxiliaries \$119,000 was given by the people for work in the Kingdom of God. Because of our high regular income many people have the idea that this is a wealthy church. Only those of us who are close to the work realise how far that is from the truth. However, it is a very dedicated church with many people making sacrificial offerings. Apart from this regular church income the treasurer of our Board of Management of our Retirement Villages has handled over \$1,000,000 in the past 12 months. We have never received any large gifts in our ministry but we have many ordinary people who give sacrificially.

**A.C.:** But what now of the future?

**MOYES:** There are many things that the Cheltenham Church of Christ is only beginning to realise that it can do for God. We have not as yet made any real emphasis upon Youth Ministry. We have no Youth Minister and have no specific Children's Ministry. There is urgent need for Child Care facilities in the area. We have an urgent need for a new Church building and there is so much more that can be done through our Continuing Education classes. We are dreaming of what we can do to help single people, handicapped people, encourage more candidates for ministry and missionary work, and for a greater involvement in spreading the message of the Gospel through the media. And there are dreams yet to be dreamed! Sometimes we dare not even mention our dreams. Some people cannot cope with dreams!

**A.C.:** What problems are you facing?

**MOYES:** Our Church Officers' Board is working incredibly long hours at levels of legal, property, financial, and business matters, for which very few of them are equipped by their normal work, trade and educational skills. We need urgently to remodel our church administration to cope with that growth. There are many areas of special spiritual need that we have identified and must further meet.

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Cheltenham Members after one of the Four Sunday Services

## ● Christian Education

# THE CHILD IN THE CHURCH

1978 will see a major emphasis being placed upon the importance of the child in the life of the church, according to the plans of the Federal Board of Christian Education.

At its recent Annual Conference held in the Doncaster church, Vic., the Board spent considerable time examining together the responsibilities the local church has towards its ministry with children. Positive steps will be taken during 1978 to upgrade the awareness of Children's ministry within Churches of Christ and to see its importance in developing viable and effective local congregations.

Specific thrusts have been noted especially in N.S.W. where a successful programme of Vacation Bible Schools has been implemented through the Department of Christian Education.

In S.A., as well as a viable Children's ministry committee operating within the D.C.E. structure, there has been an increasing demand from local churches for Parent Effectiveness Training programs. Such programs place a great emphasis

upon the rights of children and their worth within the family and local church settings, as well as assisting parents to understand the parenting process.

### DEVELOPMENT AND MISSION EDUCATION

The greatest change a person can undergo is a change in his or her way of looking at the world. Development of a world view from the biblical perspective of social justice and Christian mission tops the educational agenda of the Church today according to Ian Allsop, the director of the Federal Board of Christian Education. In speaking to the conference about his recent visit to South East Asia countries and the Indian Churches, he stressed that Australian Christians are living in the luxury of affluence while the demand of the Gospel is calling us to share a worldview that takes the cost of discipleship seriously. He found the work of the Indian Churches of Christ impressive and feels that all Australian church members ought to think seriously about their lifestyle priorities and their commitment to the support of our Overseas Mission Board.

Plans are now being made for a group of Australian and New Zealand young people to share with the Indian Churches in 1979/80 so that they can experience the worth of the church work being undertaken in our conference area.

### NEW THRUSTS IN FAMILY MINISTRY

Family Camping, Family Learning and Worship programs in the local congregation are some of the growth areas in church life. The Federal Board of Christian Education in co-operation with its partner Joint Board of Christian Education is continuing to provide research and program ideas to assist local ministers and congregations to implement effective Family programs in their local churches.

### "HERITAGE VILLAGE"

A unique name and a unique program development will be featured at the 9th National Youth Convention which will be held Dec. 28, 1978, to Jan. 3, 1979 at Roseworthy, S.A. Basically the time together for youth from Australia and New Zealand Churches of Christ will be to "develop a convention community based upon a 'Christian Village' which determines its own lifestyle in the lights of its Christian Faith." Application forms and publicity brochures will be available later this year.

## PASTORS IN PRISON

Rumors have been circulating that Georgi Vins, imprisoned Baptist pastor in the Soviet Union, has been released.

His mother says that the rumours are false. Vins is still serving a five-year prison sentence and when that is completed he will be exiled for a further five years.

Vins is in poor health and in serious circumstances in a prison camp in Yakutsk.

Another Baptist pastor, Peter Vasilievich, a member of the "Extended Council of Churches" in the Soviet Union, is also in prison and reported to be a "very serious situation."

An organisation, "Friends in the West" was founded seven years ago to help the families of persecuted Christians who have been imprisoned in Russia.

## MEDIA SQUAD

With the recent acquisition of a videotape player the Christian Television Association is planning to train and form a group of people into a Media Squad; a promotional and educational group whose task would include speaking to interested organisations about the relationship between the church and media.

The television and radio production activities of the Christian Television Association together with the many other religious elements present in our media

make a formidable study of interest to a growing number of people.

Members of the Squad would be expected to gain operational competence of basic technical equipment, i.e. Videotape machine; 16mm projector; tape recorder.

Further information may be obtained from Douglas Tasker or Peter Thomas, The Christian Television Association of Victoria, 130 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, 3000. Phone 63 2366.

## "THE CHRISTIAN" GOES TO CHELTENHAM (Continued from page 5)

A.C.: Have all of the Cheltenham members become excited with the prospect of growth?

MOYES: A few of our people have caught the vision of Church Growth and have put that vision into practice. A few of our people have gone into reverse gear. Every opportunity becomes an obstacle to them. A few others have been threatened by new members, by new ideas and larger workloads. A few other members have increased their load of work, the number of meetings they attend, and the amount of outside information they have had to digest with tremendous dedication and loyalty, even if they have been unsure of where we have been going. But most of our members don't understand the principles of Church Growth and probably don't really care. They are happy that the church has larger crowds of people, more property, more activities around, more money and more opportunities for them to hide behind the Christian involvement of

other people! This constitutes a spiritual problem which requires from the rest of us a loving ministry.

A.C.: Any final word for other churches working hard to grow?

MOYES: Each week among the hundred or more letters that arrive on my desk are invitations to lecture, to speak or to help local churches grow. If they only knew the amount of work, sweat, and faith that is required to really make a church grow, they might not send the letter in the first place! Jesus never promised us that the life of the Christian would be a piece of cake. To spread his gospel by every means demands commitment and faith far beyond anything we think we possess. But God never calls us to do his work without also providing us with the power to achieve it. Perhaps the discovery of his inner power that sustains and encourages has been the most exciting development of a very interesting two years.

## CHILDREN'S WEEK

Oct. 23-Oct. 30, 1977

The dates of Children's Week have been changed this year to coincide with Universal Children's Day — the international day of "friendship and concern for children". Universal Children's Day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly more than twenty years ago and is jointly sponsored each year by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the International Union for Child Welfare (IUCW). Celebrated on the fourth Wednesday in October, Universal Children's Day is a day to remember the needs and rights not only of our own children but of children throughout the world.

The Universal Children's Day theme for 1977 is "Water for the Children of the World".

Miss Maxine Robbins, a member of the American Indian Yakima Tribe, will be

visiting Australia especially for Children's Week 1977. Miss Robbins is a professional social worker and is director of Project Ku-Nak-We-Sha, the Yakima Indian Nation Family and Child Welfare project in Toppenish, Washington. She has wide experience in child and family welfare practice and will bring her insights to the whole Australian community on the needs of children growing up within the family and the wider community. Her visit will be of particular interest to aboriginal and ethnic groups.

A more detailed publicity and ideas kit for Children's Week will be circulated in August.

## BRITAIN'S DRINKING LOSS

In 1975, says the National Council of Alcoholism in London, Britain lost six million days through strikes, but this figure is insignificant when placed alongside the secret number lost every year due to alcoholism.

## ● Historical Society

## CLASSIFYING ARCHIVES

Russell Boak, member of the Balwyn church, has recently returned from Taiwan and the Philippines. He is a member of the Australian Churches of Christ Historical Society and in retirement is spending some time on a regular basis working on the task of classifying and sorting historical material in the R. T. Pittman Memorial Library which is housed at the College of the Bible. This Library houses the Federal Archives of Churches of Christ in Australia.

Amongst the valuable material kept in the archives is a complete set of "The Australian Christian" dating back from 1898. This set was completed by courtesy of the Woolwich College who gave the final four copies in exchange for seven other volumes which they did not have. Amongst those coming to the Historical Library to work recently, was a script writer from the A.B.C. She was preparing a program on the "Verco Story".

## The gifts of the spirit

### IN THE STUDY

The remaining two Gifts of God among the leaders of the Church were those of evangelist and the pastor-teacher.

The evangelist (Eph. 4:11) was the major reason why the Church grew. The evangelist was the primary gift for Church extension. Every Christian believer was to witness to his faith, but some witnesses were especially equipped by the Holy Spirit for their work as an evangelist.

Surprisingly, very little is said in the N.T. about the office of an evangelist. Only one man in the N.T. was called an evangelist — Philip of Caesarea. He is not to be confused with the Apostle Philip. Philip the evangelist was one of the seven original deacons (Acts 6:1-7). He moved up and down the coastal area of Palestine proclaiming the Gospel. After the persecution in Jerusalem by Saul of Tarsus and others, he went to Samaria (Acts 8), Gaza, and surrounding areas.

Timothy (2 Tim. 4:5) was urged to do the work of an evangelist. The pastor-teachers needed to care for the flock of God and to build them up in their faith. The famous O.T. example of the pastor is found in Ezekiel 34, where the faithful pastor is one who feeds, strengthens, heals, leads, directs and protects the flock of God.

In the N.T. Jesus is the chief shepherd (1 Peter 5:4, Heb.13:20 and John 10:11-14). He lays down his life for his sheep. Under-pastors are to tend his flock on his behalf (1 Pet.5:1-3). A significant task of the Elder within the Church was to also pastor the flock (Acts 20:28-31). The Elder was to give oversight to the people of the Congregation. His diligence and faithfulness were to be an example to all.

### FROM THE PULPIT.

Our idea of an evangelist these days has been very largely coloured by the very successful international evangelists speaking to mass meetings like Billy Graham, following the world-wide tradition of D. L. Moody, or the successful television evangelist like Rex Humbard.

In the N.T. the evangelists had none of the benefits of rapid transportation and mass communication. The early evangelists, like Philip, were itinerant, moving from city to city preaching the good news. They generally spoke to unbelievers about the Gospel rather than to teach. Their work was blessed with results in conversions.

When the evangelist was finished the work of the pastor-

### WORD TALK

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## PASTOR-TEACHERS & EVANGELISTS

teacher began. He was the Minister of God settled in one area for some length of time, preaching mainly to believers to build them up in their faith and to teach them the whole counsel of God. The pastor-teacher encouraged the inner growth of believers.

Today the local Minister is often called to have the special gifts of both the evangelist and the pastor-teacher. Not every man can have every gift. These were Special gifts given by the Holy Spirit and most of us Ministers may have one gift of God, and we seek to adequately equip ourselves in the other areas.

Where Churches have team ministries men with specialist gifts compliment each other. At Cheltenham where we have four full-time ministers, the special gifts of one compensate for the mere adequacy of another. In one Minister churches the Elders should meet with the Minister and learn to compliment his ministry by strengthening the areas where he lacks the special gifts.

This is the real concept of "the body of Christ," where each of us has a duty and a responsibility for supporting the other in building up the body of Christ.

### AMONG THE PEOPLE.

The evangelist is to get Churches going. The pastor-teachers are to keep them going! So often in our Church work we have the evangelist preaching to the converted and the pastor-teacher working among the non-believers.

Too often Missions are directed to the converted rather than to those still outside the Gospel.

This is frustrating both for the evangelist and also for the pastor-teacher because their gifts are not being used as God has given them.

As an evangelist, I have spoken in most of the large city halls and public buildings across Australasia. There have been many hundreds of converts through this ministry but the ministry of the evangelist is wasted unless it is immediately supported by the pastor-teacher who then welcomes each convert into the Church and builds them up into the faith.

Every local Church needs both the evangelist and the pastor-teacher, and if the local Congregation cannot afford to pay two specialists, then the Congregation as a whole must learn to use the gifts within its body.

GORDON MOYES.

# 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.

## POOL WIN TO CHARITY

To The Editor,

With reference to Gifts of the Spirit (p. 7 "A.C." June 25) surely a better comparison for the spirit of giving could have been cited than that of a gambler who gave his winnings of \$260,000 to charity. He claims to be a Christian and is quoted as saying: "God works in many ways and even in this win in the Pools is His chance of giving me a chance to help the poor and needy". It disturbed me to read the commendation of such an act.

In view of all the social evils at work, and Australia as a big gambling den, surely we should encourage our young people, especially, to do what is right; and gambling is NOT right! We cannot gamble to the glory of God — the money may go to charity, but the way of obtaining it is fundamentally evil and the end never justifies the means.

The attitude of all Christians can only be one of inflexible opposition to this evil — not to condone it.

Cath Dinning, S.A.

## STEPS OR LAWS

To the Editor,

I wish to say thank you to Tertius for bringing before the Brotherhood the questionable aspect of the four spiritual laws. I believe it is denominational propaganda and is in direct opposition to restoration principles as taught in the early days of the pioneers.

Persons who think the Scriptures teach Salvation without: 1. Baptism, Mark 16:16; 2. The remission of washing away of your sins, Acts 2:38, 22:16; 3. The gift of the Holy Spirit, Acts 2:38; 4. The answer of a good conscience toward God, 1 Peter 3:21; 5. Being well pleasing to God, Matthew 3:17; should continue to use the four spiritual laws. Those who want to follow the Word of God not man's precepts should use "5 steps to life" obtainable from Bible College, 57 The Point Rd., Woolwich.

Gordon C. Collins, N.S.W.

## "MAIL ORDER DIVORCE"

To the Editor,

I must respond to the article headed "Festival of Light Attacks Mail Order Divorce", ("A.C." July 9).

It is sad if many people in our churches will be swayed by such invective phrases such as "Murphy Movement", "mail order divorce", "hoodwinked by the 'icing of the rotten cake'", "the final act of betrayal of Australian families", used by Fred Niles, Director of the Festival of Light, can hardly be conducive to clear, rational, constructive criticism of the Family Law Act.

Mr Niles also states that "... a large percentage of Counsellors are divorced at least once themselves and seem to be more expert in how to get a divorce than how to make a marriage work".

As a Marriage Counsellor, I resent this attack on both the personal and professional lives of marriage counsellors. I find this statement of Mr Niles' deeply insulting.

Mr Niles has little understanding of what is involved in counselling when he suggests compulsory marriage counselling. The clients' feelings which go with a compulsory referral for counselling, prove an insurmountable barrier to counselling progress.

In its efforts to uphold the institution of marriage and the family, the Festival of Light has lost touch with the very personal feelings of the people in-

volved in the institution. Institutions-before-people is pharisaic legalism.

The approach of Mr Niles may win support from some of our church people, for the Festival of Light, but it will do little to enrich marriage and family life in Australia.

Brian S. Back, S.A.

## TOWARDS UNION

To the Editor,

There is wind of change still blowing through the churches. The Uniting Church has been established; the Church of England is modernising its Prayer Book; the Roman Catholic Church has made many changes; and the charismatic movement is in all denominations, perhaps breaking down barriers and opening the way to a oneness of Christ's people.

The move to union is so universal that we, as Churches of Christ, with our plea for unity, should read the "Basis of Union" as adopted by the Uniting Church.

There are points of doctrinal difference, but I could worship with a congregation which declares "Its members meet regularly to hear God's word, celebrate the sacraments (the Lord's Supper and Baptism), to build one another up in love, to share in the wider responsibilities of the Church to serve the World . . . The Uniting Church will keep her law under constant review so that her life may increasingly be directed to the service of God and man, and her worship to a true and faithful setting forth of, and response to, the Gospel of Christ." (Basis of Union, 15(a) and 17).

As next steps in a responsible move to fulfil

## The T-Group

To the Editor,

My wife announced that she had put us down for a T-Group for four successive Mondays. She didn't spell T-Group. I thought that it was some sort of discussion or speaker at the tea table. Well she says I never take her out to a meal, so I graciously decided to go along, especially as she had already enrolled us. It was only later that I found out that T is for Training, and that we were all expected to lay bare our souls to each other. Not only that, but we were to probe so deeply that nothing could possibly be left to the imagination. We were to be totally . . . and brutally . . . honest with each other. And after it was all over we would know ourselves as we really are, and accept ourselves, and love ourselves as new, healthy, beautiful people.

I stayed the distance and kept the rules, but my change has been for the worst. Before, I was reasonably uncomplicated person. Now I'm all mixed up. I am afraid that something must be wrong with me because I don't like being turned inside out in public. I don't like being brutally frank with other people and I don't like them being brutally frank with me. I keep wondering if I am queer, because the "normal, well adjusted ones" (according to the leader) in the group are the ones who love this verbal "flagellation" both in the giving and the receiving.

I've never suffered from guilt in my life. (My wife says I ought to!) But now I feel guilty because I've let everybody and the leader down by not coming out of the exercise a new and uncomplicated person. My wife coped with it alright. She handled the group like she handles me. She told them what it was good for them to know and kept the rest to herself.

Hoping you are the same.  
TERTIUS.

Christ's prayer for oneness our brotherhood should:

1. Not commence any new work within five miles of an existing Uniting Church (10 miles in the country).
2. Encourage dialogue between each Church of Christ and any nearby Uniting Church with a view to Participation in evening services and auxiliaries.
3. To prepare for union by holding annual seminars.

David Allison, Vic.

## THE PHANTOM PIDGIN

The American comic strip "The Phantom" created by Lee Falk is the subject of a clash over publishing rights involving the ecumenical paper "Wantok" (One Talk) which is written in Melanesian Pidgin and published in Papua New Guinea.

For the past seven years, "Wantok" has had publishing rights for the weekly "Phantom" series and through the paper the Phantom has become a folk hero in the rural areas. A government official recently asked "Wantok" editor Fr Francis Mihalic, SVD, if the comic strip character could encourage local children to eat peanut butter, as that was the most effective way to get them to do it.

"Wantok's" right to the weekly series is now threatened by a multi-national company that owns the daily English-language "Post Courier" which has the rights for the daily "Phantom". It is putting pressure on the comic strip publishing syndicate to transfer to the "Post Courier" the rights to the weekly "Phantom" series now held by "Wantok". There is little doubt which side the Phantom himself would support, but it is difficult to win against multi-nationals. — E.P.S.

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

## CHRISTIAN SPORTSMEN IN ASIA



**VENTURE FOR VICTORY** (left to right) Rod Denton, (Chairman), Mal. Heard (ex-Olympic player); Bronte Thomas (Chairman); Scott Davie (ex-Olympic player); Brian Tansell (Vice-Chairman); Bruce Townsend (Secretary).

The Australian Venture for Victory basketball players is a group of sportsmen who use their game for Christian witness, particularly in East Asia.

They also encourage spectators to enrol for Bible Correspondence lessons. The team was distressed to learn that in the fire in the F.E.B.C. broadcasting studios at Davao, in the Philippines, 14,000 correspondence lessons have been destroyed. These were the first lessons made ready for posting from enquiries at the Venture for Victory basketball games.

The Team is assisting in finance for this project.

### BILLY GRAHAM FOR HUNGARY

The Council of Free Churches of Hungary, have announced that Dr Billy Graham and his team have accepted an invitation to hold a series of religious meetings in Hungary. All that remains is to find agreement on a date. — E.P.S.

### MONTROSE MINISTRY

The Montrose church in association with the Dept. of Mission, Education and Development, has appointed Louis van Laar to commence a full time ministry with the church during 1978. The church celebrates its Centenary this year. A new manse was recently purchased near the church.

### AUSTRALIA IN THE PACIFIC

The Australian Council for Overseas Aid will conduct a Summer School at the University of Tasmania, Hobart, Jan. 20-25, 1978.

The topic will be "On What Terms? . . . Australia's Future in the Asia/Pacific Region". Accommodation at the University will be \$20 per person per day.

Registration forms and further information may be obtained from A.C.F.O.A. Tasmania Summer School, G.P.O. Box 558F, Hobart, Tas. 7001.

Preparations are being made for another tour by the Team in December 1977 and January 1978, in the Philippines and Hong Kong (or Taiwan). Each member is expected to raise his own finances for the tour, about \$1550.00.

An audio-visual of one of the tours is available for showing to youth groups etc. from Box 1777, G.P.O. Adelaide, 5001.

Included in the team are Scott Davie, captain-coach, Harvey Gaskin, Bronte Thomas (Church of Christ); Brian Tansell, Glenn Evans, Gary Howard, Chris Leesong, Greg. Thomson, Pete Thomson (Baptist Church); Robert Thorn (Puckapunyal Army Camp); Jim Garlick (Full Gospel Church); John De Hoog (Reformed Church).

### VISAS GRANTED FOR INDIA

Barry and Maureen Jenkins have received word that their visas to permit them to work at Union Church, Ootacamund, South India, have been granted.

They now plan to travel to India to commence a ministry in January 1978. Union Church (which serves a large English speaking area, including Hebron school for missionaries' children) has recently appointed Joel Benjamin as an associate minister to work with Barry Jenkins in 1978.

The Churches of Christ Overseas Mission Board will supplement the allowance paid to the Jenkins family by Union Church. The O.M.B. secretary would be interested in hearing from churches willing to assist financially.

In December this year Mr Jenkins concludes a five year term with the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Mission Educ. and Development.

### O.A.C. MISSION AT HORSHAM

(Vic.) The Horsham Church of Christ was associated with Open Air Campaigners when they held a two weeks' mission which ended on July 17.

Bryan Greenwood was director and evangelist; Bob Adams was musician and children's worker, both of Melbourne O.A.C.; and Tony Edwards, guitarist, singer and children's worker of the Adelaide staff. They conducted 78 meetings.

There were meetings at the technical school and high school. 33 were counselled at the schools. There were also programs at primary schools.

Fourteen home meetings, two Saturday Men's Breakfasts and two youth rallies were features. There was an audience of 50 at Longerenong Agricultural College; and 80 at a Rotarian meeting. There were also sessions at Women's and Men's Fellowships, and Boys' and Girls' clubs. There were Sunday services and Sunday School sessions.

Two other O.A.C. workers from Melbourne, Merv Jensen and John Chick ministered to a number of towns in the Wimmera, and also helped with some of the Horsham meetings. The three based in Horsham shared in sketch board preaching.

### NEW Q.B.I. PRINCIPAL

The Queensland Bible Institute, an interdenominational Bible College, has appointed a new Principal to take effect from November 1977.

He is Ken Newton, B.D., L.Th., brother of the Church of Christ minister at Southport, Qld., Noel Newton. Ken Newton has spent three years as pastor of a church at Inala, Qld., and ten years as a Brethren Missionary in India.

The College plans for some 30 students for 1978 and over the last 30 years has trained students for missionary service and ministry for local churches.

Brochures giving further information are available from Q.B.I., 1 Cross St., Toowong, or from Pastor Noel Newton, a Director of the College, at P.O. Box 974, Southport, Qld. 4215 (Phone 31 4353).

### ABORIGINE ENVOY

A call for the Government to seriously consider appointing an Aborigine as Australia's representative in a country such as Fiji was made recently by the Rev. John Mavor, Secretary of the ACC Division of World Christian Action. Mr. Mavor made the proposal in a submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence on "The Need for an increased Australian Commitment to the South Pacific".

In suggesting the idea, Mr. Mavor said: "If it is possible for an Aborigine to become the Governor of one of our States in Australia, then surely it is possible for an Aborigine to be found who could represent Australia diplomatically in a Pacific Island community." Mr. Mavor also suggested that there are other levels at which mutual sharing could take place between Pacific Island Communities and Australian Aborigines.

# Grandmother Walk-a-thon

Mrs T. Long being greeted by her mother Mrs Lavaring at the end of her 14 kilometre walk-a-thon for the Bundaberg Family Group Home.



Mrs. Teresa Long, wife of the Secretary of the Barolin Street Church at Bundaberg, Qld., made history recently by staging a lone "grandmother" walk-a-thon to raise funds for the Bundaberg Family Group Home.

Her "walk" of 14 kilometres took 3 hours and raised \$1,107.

The fact that she suffers from high blood pressure didn't deter her one little bit. She was joined by her grandchildren for the beginning section and end section of the walk.

Pictured is the welcome given by her own mother Mrs. Lavaring at the end of the walk with her own gift of ten dollars.

## IRANIAN STUDENTS PROTEST

A Southern Baptist related college in North Carolina has told five Iranian students that they will not be readmitted. The Iranians had charged discrimination against foreign students, protested against compulsory chapel attendance for non-Christians, and refused to show identity cards to security guards. 57 other Iranian students are said to have decided to leave next year.

## ANGOLAN FREEDOM

A United Methodist Women's leader from Angola said that her church which had experienced persecution under Portuguese colonial rule is now enjoying unprecedented freedom under the new regime. In 1968 all leaders of the women's society in Angola were imprisoned by the Portuguese government. Now they can meet freely, conduct evangelistic missions and visit hospitals.

## ● Overseas Missions

### A LETTER TO THE BROTHERHOOD

Your Overseas Missions Board faces a big problem in the year ahead. To put it bluntly we started last year with a credit balance of \$23,000 — we finished with a credit balance of \$3,800. In other words our costs were \$19,000 more than our receipts and we started this year with enough money on hand to keep our mission fields operating for only 5 more days!

The 1976/77 giving in both general and special categories was magnificent — a record — but devaluation and rising costs have offset this to such an extent that I feel it wise to inform you of the position and to urge that the Brotherhood determines to continue going forward in faith and not backwards in despair. Going forward in faith means meeting our present obligations and making new ventures possible. The cost? Plenty! Over the past four years our giving to general expenses has increased from \$154,000 to \$228,000 but this year we are going to need an increase of \$54,000 if our bills are to be paid. The overall figure for general running expenses such as salaries, fares, medical supplies and all other local needs is based on requests from the mission fields and this year amounts to \$305,000. As we can expect some \$23,000 in interest on fixed and "untouchable" investments we must hope for \$282,000 from the Brotherhood. We cannot "impose" budgets on state executives and committees but we must hope for a plan for the sort of response which will ensure that at least \$282,000 is given for general expenses this year.

The Overseas Mission Board is frequently urged to extend its operations — and we'd love to — but our first priority must be to meet our existing obligations and to do this we need a large increase in giving, a continuing enthusiasm for overseas missions in general and our usual dedication to this important aspect of our own church's particular programmes.

I write simply to inform. I do not make an appeal; our church's record in overseas ministries is evidence of the appeal that this part of our task has always had for us. I write to say "Thank you" for a wonderful response in 1976/77 and to leave 1977/78's problems to God — and you in partnership.

Yours sincerely,  
LIN FITZGERALD,  
CHAIRMAN.

# JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

## JAY'S JUMBLES

**GONE A BED** He didn't go to bed but it was warm there, very warm! But it came out all right and he got a better job. (See page 18)

## NATURE ON GUARD

Nature had the perfect hypodermic needle long before man ever thought of it.

The simple nettle is so perfectly designed that one is almost tempted to think the first hypodermic needles — and most of them since — were designed with the nettle in mind.

It's so tiny you can hardly see it, but it's all there — the long needle, the venom, and the bulb to inject the venom. The needle is hollow and fairly stiff. Its tip is covered with a little ball-like growth. When the nettle is touched, this globular tip immediately drops off, leaving a razor-sharp hollow tip exactly resembling the angled end of a modern hypodermic needle!

The same touch that breaks off the protection globe shoves the sharp tip into the skin and applies pressure to the bulb, which injects the venom. This venom causes itching or pain. If enough of it were injected, it would kill a person!

First Fellow: "Did you tell her you weren't worthy of her?"

Second Fellow: "I intended to, but she told me first."

"How far is it to the next town?" inquired a motorist.

"Five miles, as the crow flies," was the reply.

"How far is it," persisted the motorist, "if the crow has to walk and carry a can of gasoline?"



"Did I misplace my hair-brush, or is it report card time?"

# BOOKS TO READ

## I BELIEVE IN EVANGELISM

by David Watson (Hodder & Stoughton) \$8.85

Another in the "I Believe" series. This one is not written by an academic but by a practising pastor and evangelist. He thinks the churches ought to be doing better than they are. Quoting Leighton Ford he says, "It is taking 1000 Christians an average of 365 days to win one person to Christ. This is not good enough!" Watson doesn't claim that evangelism is easy but he claims that it can be effective, that a Christian is evangelistic by definition, and that the task is urgent. This book will be helpful in equipping ministers and lay people for our task in the church.

## LITTLE NOTES WHICH LIKE EACH OTHER

by Richard Wurmbrand (Hodder & Stoughton) \$2.30

Wurmbrand writes very well. He is known for his many books about persecution of Christians by communists. He said that he had come out of communist prisons but the prisons had not come out of him. So he wrote this book whose only subject is Christ. "Through it I have been healed of my obsession with communism." He takes his title from a reply given by Mozart, aged four, when asked how he composed music. "I just put together little notes that like each other." Most of the notes are about half a page. Some are shorter: "Your life should be in Christ. Jesus had nowhere to lay His head. You may have a house, but only as a necessity, not as an indication of your desire to possess. Birds from Alaska caged in the San Diego Zoo always look northward. So we look heavenward, to our true home."

## STUDIES IN PREACHING

by Jay E. Adams (Baker Book House)

Dr Jay E. Adams is the type of writer the scriptures could have had in mind when it was written "Of the making of many books there is no end." He has been prominent in three areas: counselling, pastoral care, and preaching. In this series he examines special features in famous preachers.

1. "Sense appeal in the sermons of C. H. Spurgeon." The positive aspect here is the appeal Spurgeon made to the senses. A direct appeal was made by using such imperatives as "See, Behold, Mark, Admire, Look, Observe, Turn your eyes, View, Hear, Listen, Harken, Drink, Taste."

## ORDER FORM

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by Gordon Stirling \$2.50 (50c)
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by Tertius \$2.00 (50c)
- HOW TO GROW AN AUSTRALIAN CHURCH  
by Gordon Moyes \$2.25 (50c)
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Asian Writings Edited by Ron O'Grady &  
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Book Section,  
P.O. Box 101, Essendon North, Vic. 3041.

2. "Audience Adaptions in the Sermons and Speeches of Paul." Paul is shown to have analysed his audiences and to adapt his messages to meet their needs. Four sermons and four speeches from The Acts are studied.

3. "The Homiletical Innovations of Andrew W. Blackwood."

Dr Adams was a student of Blackwood's and has a high opinion of him. The first sections of the book are biographical. Blackwood was dedicated to the ministry on the day of his birth. His parents did not tell him until 26 years later as he was on his way to his first church. They wanted to be sure the call came from God. It did and the call was to preach. He made an exhaustive study of preachers and their styles. He was called to lecture in Homiletics at Louisville Seminary until in 1930 he became Professor of Practical Theology at Princeton. His influence upon preaching in America and beyond was great, and it was extraordinary in view of the climate of dissension and lack of appreciation at Princeton. The last chapters deal with Blackwood's theories of Imagination, Sermon Content and Structure, and Style and Delivery.

## PREACHING

Two reprints from Baker Book House are "Preaching Without Notes," and "Power In Preaching," by W. E. Sangster. Macartney's book contains lectures (some at Princeton) he gave to students and ministers and the title comes from one of the chapters and is not descriptive of the whole book. Sangster's material was a series of lectures at Southern Methodist University, Texas. Both books are welcome reminders that there is a growing re-emphasis upon the importance of preaching.

## DOCTOR IN THE ORIENT

by Stuart Harveson (Hodder & Stoughton) \$2.60

Dr Harveson has been a war zone doctor. Although born in Melbourne and spending early years in New Zealand, he was still a boy when he went to England. He became a Christian while in medical school and on graduation offered himself for the China Inland Mission. He was in China from 1933 and saw something of the Japanese invasion. Going back to England he joined the R.A.M.C. and served in Ireland and Nigeria. Then he went to Hong Kong, and later to South Vietnam where he was with W.E.C. until the fall of Vietnam in 1975. His ministry to Vietnamese orphans is particularly inspiring.

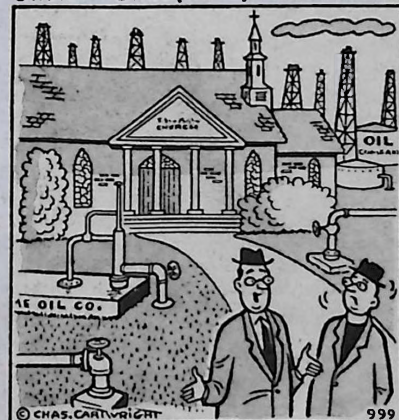
## GOD'S SCHOOL IN CHINA

by Mary Wang (Hodder & Stoughton) \$2.30

Mary Wang is a Christian who stayed Christian in Mao's China. She was a student at the First Medical College of Shanghai, a part of Mao's plan to put a doctor within reach of everyone. In spite of great pressure, she, and a small band of Christians maintained their faith and witness.

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, Shop 10, Endeavour Arcade, 360 The Kingsway, Carlingbah, 2229; United Church Bookroom, 15 Mathers Lane, Hobart, 7000.

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"We have a membership waiting list a mile-long! Of course, instead of passing the collection plate, we give out dividends."

## FIELD DIRECTOR APPOINTED

George Warren, currently minister of Belconnen Church in the A.C.T., has accepted the Department's invitation to serve in its team of field directors from February, 1979. Prior to training at the College of the Bible, George was a primary school teacher with the Victorian Education Department. He taught in three of Melbourne's western suburban and inner area schools. He was also actively involved with Scripture Union children's work and has special interests in music.

In his new role with the Department, George will have special responsibilities in educational services and programming, but will share wider responsibilities with other staff members. During 1978 he expects to complete further studies in education at the Canberra College of Advanced Education. George and Lesley Warren have two pre-school children.

### Staff Changes

Barry and Maureen Jenkins and family will leave in December to take up an appointment to an English speaking congregation at Ootacamund, Southern India. Among his plans for the ministry, Barry hopes to stimulate thinking about church growth principles in the area. Barry has successfully headed the inner suburban programme since 1973.

Howard Weedon leaves the Department to join the Joint Board of Christian Education in its Resources Department. He commences in September. Howard, a



George Warren

layman from Briar Hill church, has been active in camp property matters, liaised extensively with Department auxiliaries and worked in a variety of D.C.E. programmes in the last 3½ years. His specialist assistance in resources will be available as necessary. He will also direct the Banksia Family Camp this summer.

Alan Niven, of the College of the Bible, began work with the Department in June. He currently works on inner areas and educational programming.

## QUEENSLAND YOUTH ROUND-UP

### Sports Day

The 29th Annual Sports Day of the Queensland Churches of Christ was held at Kelvin Grove College Grounds on Saturday 30th July under perfect conditions. The Youth and Christian Education Department thank and congratulate all teams who participated with such good sportsmanship and especially Camp Hill church who won the shield for the best team on the day. Trophies donated by the Queensland Christian Women's Fellowship and presented by Mrs Brumby, were awarded to Junior Girl, Amanda Christensen from Rosevale, and Senior Girl Anne Kickbusch from Marburg. Trophies donated by the Queensland Men's Department and presented by Selwyn Dickfos were awarded to Junior Boy Joel Collins from Camp Hill and Senior Boy Glen Martin from Annerley.

### Snowy Mountains Tour

A Christian Vacation to the snow was arranged by the Youth and Christian Education Department for the first week of the August school holidays. Lyall Muller (Kenmore Christian College) and Claire Cobine "C.C." (Sunnybank) were the leaders of this tour.

### Barrier Reef Tour

Following the Senior Camp from Christmas Day evening till Jan. 2 1978, a tour to the Barrier Reef has been organised. The tour leaves Brisbane by bus on Jan. 3 and will visit various churches and church properties en route to Mackay. Enjoying Motel accommodation in Mackay, the tour members will visit various islands and beauty spots in the area, before returning to Brisbane on the 10th. Further details and application forms are available from the Youth Department Office, 428 Ann Street, Brisbane, Qld, 4000.

### JUBILEE HONOUR

Terry Vickerman of the Frankston Church of Christ (Vic.) has been listed in the Queen's Jubilee Honours List. Terry received his award for services to Local Government. He has been involved in Shire Secretarial work for over 12 years. He has served in Morwell, Hastings and Cranbourne Shires.

Terry has been a Boys Club Leader, and is currently the Supt. of the Sunday School. Over the past few years the Sunday School has nearly doubled in number. Terry and his wife Jill were presented to the Queen last year.

### ● Vic. Council of Churches

## REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Victorian Council of Churches held its 1977 Regional Conference at Traralgon in July.

A dual emphasis was evident throughout the conference — ecumenism on a world level and local ecumenism.

The former was explored as Ian Allsop, Helen Parkes and Hamish Christie-Johnson reported on their experiences in the Christian Conference of Asia. The theme of that Conference was "Jesus Christ in Asian Suffering and Hope." Ian gave overall impressions of his time comparing our affluence with Asian suffering and reminding us that we don't really understand suffering the way Asians suffer. Helen spoke of Theology in Asia pointing out that the "doing" of the Gospel was found in the response of Asian Christians to the suffering in their midst. Thirdly, Hamish referred to personal testimonies of Asians who had suffered for their faith and their concern for the suffering of their fellow men. We were confronted with the problem of understanding suffering both in Asia and in our own communities; and

understanding how we as Christians should be seeking to present Christ in a meaningful way to those who are suffering.

The involvement in local ecumenism was achieved by

a. having members of local interchurch Councils involved in the total Conference and;

b. having members of three congregations in Traralgon come and share with the Conference part of their church life.

We could sum up the conference: First, we must recognise that we need each other, then we must affirm to each other our solidarity in the knowledge that God, who is the creator, is also the victor in a despairing world. Finally, in our relationship in witnessing and in our relationship with other Christians we need to move from hostility to hospitality if we are to be true to the call of reconciliation.

Churches of Christ were represented at this conference by Mrs May Nelson, Ian Allsop and Dr Trevor Banks (Conference President, Vic.-Tas.).

# HAPPENINGS

President Chung Hee Park of South Korea came under attack again when the Roman Catholic bishops of the country demanded the repeal of Park's 1975 emergency decree that gave him complete power and banned dissent. In a declaration read to 700 people in a Seoul cathedral the bishops demanded freedom of the press, religion, and academic activities. They called for other reforms, including the release of political and conscience prisoners. The declaration was released in the midst of another wave of arrests.

Malcolm Muggerridge, internationally known journalist, has received the Thomas Nelson Bible Award, an honour bestowed annually by the Bible publishing firm to a person "whose life and work has inspired others to live by the principles of the Bible."

Archbishop F. Donald Coggan is no longer president of the United Bible Societies. He has been succeeded by Oswald C. J. Hoffman, a Lutheran radio preacher. The UBS brings together 59 Bible societies engaged in Bible translation, publication, and distribution in 150 countries.

A Swiss missionary of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship, Peter Wyss, 42, and a Swiss friend were murdered in Northern Thailand. It is now known whether the reason was robbery or a tribal dispute. Wyss worked among the Akha tribe.

Homosexual behaviour is sin, says a proposed statement on homosexuality drafted by the American Lutheran Church. The statement also opposed homosexual marriage, but said that homosexuals should not be denied their civil rights.

## CONFERENCE PRESIDENT FOR SURGERY

Gordon Stirling, President of Federal Conference and Vice-Principal of the College of the Bible, was in hospital last week for surgery.

He is now convalescing at home and making good progress. He expects to be absent from his duties for another month.

# DONCASTER AND COLLEGE IN JOINT APPOINTMENT



KEITH FARMER

The Doncaster Church and the College of the Bible announce that Keith Farmer has accepted an invitation to undertake with them a joint ministry for a period of 5 years commencing in 1979.

Keith, together with his wife Margaret and three children will live in Doncaster. He will spend half of his time with the ministry team at Doncaster, with Keith Horne as team leader. He will share the preaching pastoral and counselling ministry. Other aspects of the team role will be developed later.

The Doncaster Church is still a rapidly developing community not expected to peak until the early 1980's. Presently there are 440 people active members in the fellowship, and communicants average approximately 260 per week.

Keith will also spend half of his time with the College as a faculty member, teaching in the areas of counselling, psychology and practical church work and being available to students and their families for counselling. Having gained a Bachelor of Commerce degree, Keith Farmer trained for the ministry at the NSW Bible College, Woolwich, and has since been awarded a B.A. (Hons) degree for his work in the area of counselling and belief. His skill has been widely used in Sydney, where he is currently the minister of the Epping Church.

The appointment will enable the Church to develop to maximum effect its team ministry in a growing area and enable the College to increase its ministry to students as well as give assistance to the present faculty.

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# OBITUARY

**BANSTON Mrs Hilda** (27.7.31). We are grateful for knowing this fine, faithful and loyal member of our fellowship and thankful to God for her life of courage and faith, especially over the past 18 months. Hilda was associated with the church here for almost all her life and was involved in all the activities in a quiet and sincere manner. We express our sincere sympathy to her husband, Jack, and her children, Brian and Keryn, knowing that they bear the burden of her loss and praying that God our Father will support and uphold them. We are thankful for her loyalty, faith and courage.

**BECKINGHAM, David,**

David Beckingham was a deacon and church secretary at the Penshurst church, N.S.W., at the time of his death. He made his decision at a Hinrichsen-Mission at South Kensington (Kingsford) and joined that church. He joined the army in 1940 and later married Lyla Woodhouse at Kingsford church. After war service in Darwin and New Guinea, David and Lyla moved to Bexley North and took membership with the church there. David was B.S. teacher and club leader. The Beckinghams moved to Gosford and were members at Wyoming church, where David again served in the B.S. and in many other church activities. Moving back to Sydney in 1960, David and Lyla and their two daughters, Denise and Julienne, transferred membership to Penshurst. He served on the N.S.W. Social Service Committee as member, chairman, and treasurer, and was treasurer of the Christian Fellowship Association. In later years he served as Vice-Chairman of the Social Service Committee and as a member of the Board of Management of the Churches of Christ Nursing Home. He was highly respected by his business associates and fellow employees at Waltons Ltd., where he occupied an executive position. He always sought to give practical expression to the Christian doctrine by helping those who sought his assistance. He is very much missed by the fellowship at Penshurst and by his family.

— I.M.

**WELLS Peggy**

(31.7.77) Some may say that Peggy Wells lost her long battle with death because she is no longer with us. But she only lost the struggle which no one can win, and in her striving she won a victory that many do not achieve. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world, and joy is faith's companion. Peggy knew both joy and faith. One saw the joy first. She was full of fun, sharp as a tack, was in everything that was going, and as ready to laugh at herself as at the world. She was sad only when sad for someone else in need or trouble. Even in the grip of her painful illness she was cheerful and those who visited her never left without the bonus of touching a radiant spirit. For her joy was built upon her faith. Peggy was associated with the churches at Shepparton, Middle Park, and Moreland before going to North Essendon. She was so grateful for all of the influences that shaped her life. It takes nothing from the other churches to say that it was at North Essendon that she found the

best years of her life. She spent herself for others. She was a youth leader, and Bible Class teacher and she cared always for young people. Willingly she used her resources to encourage and help. Because she lived alone she opened her home to the lonely; because she loved freedom she visited the prisons; and because she loved beauty she used her gift of painting to share the beauty she saw. It was in the less definable area of friendship that she was best known. We all felt that we were her special friends. In 1975 when her illness became more severe she went to Mexico in search of a cure, but was not successful. She was so much worse when she came home that we felt she would not be long with us. But early in 1976 there was granted to her a remission of her illness and for more than year she was really living again. It may not seem long, but it was full and free and so unexpected that she thoroughly enjoyed every moment of God's gift of time. Then, suddenly, mercifully quickly, her life slipped away. Russell Allison and Peter Nelson led the service in the church she loved. The seats, usually reserved for family, were empty, but her real family of brothers and sisters in Christ filled the rest of the church and foyer, rejoicing in having known someone very special. — A.E.W.

**COPPING Robert James.**

(1.7.1977) The Naracoorte Church of Christ was filled for the funeral of Bob Copping, a deacon of the church, and many more attended the graveside service at Lucindale where he lived. Bob showed the true spirit of Christianity — the spirit of love. He was a loving and humble person, concerned for others and always ready to give practical help. He was an active and faithful worker in the church and will be greatly missed. In living life as a gift from God to be used wisely, Bob lived a rich and full fifty-one years. He was a quiet man who prayed often for his family and relatives, the church and the ministry of the gospel. At home he was the loving husband of Marjorie, and the fun-loving father of three children, Ruth 16,

Robert 14, and Mark 11. Those at the funeral service were challenged by the faith and witness of this Christian life. — D.N.H.

**SMITH Ernest**

(12.7.1977) In the death of Ernest Smith the church at Kingsford, N.S.W., and the whole brotherhood of the State lost one of the most stalwart members. Born in 1893 in Sydney, he became associated in his early teens with the Church of Christ at Lilyville (as Kingsford district was then known). Aged 20, he made his decision for Christ, was baptised and received into the church. He married Miss Emily Winifred Brown and there were two daughters, Lillian (Mrs E. G. Murray), Winifred (Mrs F. V. Murray) and a son, Ernest Douglas (Doug). This family of five was destined to play a major role in the history, development and life of the congregation. Mr. Smith was elected a deacon and then appointed secretary of the church, which position he held for 53 years. He was also Sunday School Supt. for a period, and also gave time to the Social Service Committee of Conference. He will be remembered by a large company of friends for his Christian living, for his forthright stand for right against wrong and for the New Testament principles of the Kingdom of God. He loved football and cricket, excelling in both. If being dead, he could speak, he would say in cricket parlance, "I have had a good innings. Although I was not permitted to reach the century mark, I was able to notch a sizeable score of 84. During my time, I batted sometimes on a sticky wicket. When I was 83 I lost my batting partner, then the wicket became worse. I have no regrets, I did my best. Now I sit in the pavilion with my captain, expecting my team mates to carry on to certain victory." The funeral service in the Kingsford chapel and the Eastern Suburbs Crematorium was conducted by the writer, assisted by J. Cooke, Conf. Pres., John Saint, minister, Kingsford Church, and Fred Love, who represented the bereaved family in a fitting and moving tribute. — P.E.T.



## VICTORIA

**VISITORS** (Box Hill, S. Downie). Guests and speakers at July services included Strathcona Baptist Girls' Choir, Clayton C. of C. Y.P. and Asian Christian Fellowship and speaker Paul Cameron, Kim Wood at Y.P.C.E. service, Primary School Orchestra and Choir, and Wally and Natasha Kulakoff of Slavic Gospel Association . . . C.W.E.F. had Mrs Doreen Gordon as speaker . . . C.W.A.F. had Mrs Collier of Autistic Society and Mrs P. Anderson . . . Football Club held progressive dinner . . . Y.P.C.E. and Youth 11 visited Jewish synagogue.

**YOUNG DISCIPLES** (Peel St., Ballarat, H. A. L. Clark) Four young people baptized at one service . . . Mr Clark was speaker at Nth. Central Conf. at Swan Hill . . . S.S. and church combined for morning worship . . . Explorers visited Henksan Printers and Sunicrust factory. . . Girls' Club is held Wed. afternoons . . . C.Y.F. ("3 John 4") meets in homes for

tea and programme . . . W. Talbot, C.O.B., visited here with group from Hampton.

## JOHN TURNER REMEMBERED

(Strathmore, S. Bannan) The church has decided to make an annual presentation to a student to honour the ministry of the late John Turner. The first of an annual book award will be presented to the student minister on September 11 at morning service. Mrs John Turner will preside. If there is no student minister at the church in future years, the College of the Bible will be requested to make the award.

## FAMILY FESTIVAL

### From Page 2

the craft 'work-in'. Then at night 700 people packed the St Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church for an ecumenical service, a fitting conclusion to the five day festival.

(Anyone wanting further information or guidelines for running a similar event may write to Stan Stewart, P.O. Box 124, Warandyte. 3113.)

Robina Carson

## CHANGES I WOULD LIKE TO SEE

# CONCERNING

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 "Try to stay out of quarrels and seek to live a clean and holy life for one that is not holy will not see the Lord". Hebrews 12:14. Living Bible.



### S.A. NEWSHEET

'Woman to Woman' is the name of the monthly news sheet issued by the Blackwood C.W.F. and used as a means of outreach. A copy of this is handed personally to women of the church, or delivered by a volunteer group to the homes of women who may be connected in any way with our church. Their children may attend Bible school, or be members of Girls or Boys Brigade or the various clubs within the circle of the church. Each volunteer has about 10 women for whom she is responsible.

All activities in which women are involved are reported on or advertised in this news sheet. C.W.F. has had response to appeals and attendance at meetings through the circulation of this news sheet. Shirley Cooke. S.A.



### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WEST.

Some interesting highlights from a full report of W.A. C.W.F. Conference reflect a very good day.

"As we sat down to lunch, I don't think many knew the meat was still running round Perth in a delivery van ... more was obtained however ..."

"A feature 'Fashions of Love' was presented. 'Models' wore gowns depicting the Themes ... Patience, Kindness, Humility, Selflessness, Joy, Trust, Endurance, Hope. Each gown was carefully selected to suit the Theme. A verse of Scripture and a Song emphasised the message. Freida Newcombe. W.A.

Western Australian women are at present acting Hostess to our Australian President of C.W.F. June St Aubyn is visiting W.A. as our representative to the Australian Church Womens' Conference. She is also attending a meeting of our W.A. C.W.F., and is taking with her our love and greetings.

I would like to see the C.W.F. programming and structure of meetings change to interest and give more mental stimulation to women of all ages from the retired senior lady to the young working girl. The more formal meeting will have to give way to group participation and discussion. This will have to come about because today's woman has been liberated and takes an interest in the world around her, and wants to express her own views and ideas. I would like our church to be a more doing church. We help Overseas and Aborigines Missions with money and goods, but more of us could be helping in our Communities in a practical Christian way. A lot of us as individuals help wherever we can but I am sure a great deal more could be done. It is up to us personally to try to bring about changes within our Fellowships to encourage more women to come and be involved.

Qld.

Nola Woodward. Qld.

## FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS Pat Grieg. Vic.

On the 1st February 1974 the Maroondah Social Health Centre opened its doors to the public. It was officially declared open by the then Prime Minister, Hon. E.G. Whitlam on the 1st September 1974.

It was a modest undertaking established as a result of local community initiatives following the 'Church and Life' studies, and initially, was wholly supported by local churches and interested citizens. It was staffed by a handful of paid part-time staff and volunteer workers.

Established in the city of Ringwood, Vic. the objective of the Centre is "to ensure the establishment and operation of a comprehensive integrated range of medical, psychiatric, counselling, and social work facilities in the community being served by the Centre." This includes the neighbouring City of Croydon.

Early in its operation the Centre received the recognition of the Australian Government's Hospitals and Health Services Commission and the Victorian Hospitals and Charities Commission. It is from these two agencies along with private and community supporters that financial assistance comes.

The Centre has a committee of Management comprising representatives from St. Stephen's Methodist-Presbyterian church East Ringwood, Ringwood and Croydon Inter-church Councils, the City Councils and elected members from the community.

Today the Centre is an integral part of the community. Its large staff includes a Psychologist, and Counsellor, a Child Psychologist, Social Worker, a Preventative Medicine Education Officer and Director, an Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, District Nurses, Consultant Psychiatrists, and Administrative staff. The Centre is associated with other state agencies including Victorian Foundation on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Y.M.C.A., and Adult Deaf Society.

Services provided by the Centre include counselling — in personal, family, and social problems with special emphasis on marital, sexual, and psychiatric aspects.

**PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE** ... A variety of educational programmes provide training for professional and lay persons engaged in areas of social welfare and counselling.

**THERAPY** ... these groups enable persons to meet and mix with others and engage in activities in an informal relaxed atmosphere under trained specialists. One group provides occupational therapy and physiotherapy for elderly persons, and another for crippled and spastic young people.

As part of our concern for others, women from Ringwood Church of Christ have joined the team of volunteer workers, regularly providing assistance in therapy groups, creche, and drivers. These areas of service have their high spots as well as their times of frustration, but we are glad to be part of this ongoing work.

Jesus said, "For even as you did it unto these the least of my brethren, you did it unto Me."

## IN LOCAL C.W.F. PROGRAMMES.

# WOMEN

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 We need to move in a groove or we run all over the road, but that doesn't mean to say we have to settle in a rut.



## "CHAIN GATHERINGS" IN THE A.C.T.

A series of "Chain Gatherings" has begun in the A.C.T., instituted by Neil and Joy Gilmore as a means of raising money for Outreach of Churches of Christ in the A.C.T. Each person invited to an original dinner party was asked to host an evening for five more couples, who would then host an evening for five more. The second round of evenings has begun and invitations issued and received with enthusiasm. All 3 churches are involved in this venture, which should prove to be a means of encouraging fellowship and renewing old friendships as well as raising much needed finance for extension of the work here.

Doreen Revell A.C.T.



The A.C.W.F. Resource Kit is out and some of you will have your copy by now. Be adventurous! Buy one because it's new! When the Australian Church Women saw the Resource Kit at the recent Conference, they wanted to buy copies of it. Sales are not so fast amongst our C.W.Fers.

S.A. has introduced their new Newsletter, named it CALL, and made it the same size as the Kit Cover, so that it can be kept along with the Leaflets.

### Victorian News.

Capably led by President, Freda Morris, Vic.-Tas. C.W.F. Delegates and members have been challenged to consider the topics "Love in Change" and "Love in Sharing and Encouragement". Helen Chapman, Ballarat and Ray McKenzie, I.T.I.M. Chaplain, have shared their personal experiences in those subjects, respectively. A Book Review segment has been introduced to the meeting and Frances Pitts promoted the publication "Caught with My Mouth Open". (W. Christensen).

The new "Resource Kit", replacing the Handbook, was advertised and displayed at the June meeting, and wishes extended to June St. Aubyn, A.C.W.F. President, prior to attending the National meeting of A.C.W. in Perth.

Marjorie Bismira. Vic.

# CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT A MYSTERY

... says Survey

A survey conducted by the Joint Advisory Council in South Australia revealed that many people find the 'charismatic movement' (operating in most churches throughout the world, including the Roman Catholic Church) a mystery.

Those approached in the survey were asked how they would complete this sentence:

"My general feeling about the Charismatic movement could be summed up by saying . . ."

	Lay persons	Ministers
Don't know what it is, or don't know enough to comment	59.6%	1.0%
Hostile or uneasy	13.9%	32.3%
Indifferent (it's not very important)	5.7%	16.2%
It's at least healthy or one of the great things happening	19.0%	49.5%
No response	1.8%	1.0%

The "Central Times" of S.A. made these observations. First, most of the ministers seem to know what the charismatic movement is about (or think they know), and they have an opinion: they are equally divided between those who are negative or unimpressed, and those who register positive feeling.

Second, of the laity with an opinion (less than 40%) there is the same even split between positive and negative reaction. The four churches involved in the survey were the three churches in the Uniting Church and Churches of Christ. Those registering negativity most often were the Churches of Christ laity (who might be considered to come from the most evangelical of the four churches) and those registering the least negative feeling were Methodist laity.

## WCC WORLD BANK

A new independent world bank, sponsored originally by the World Council of Churches and known as the Ecumenical Development Cooperative Society (EDCS), came into full operation on July 29.

The US securities exchange commission has stated that it had no objection to US trust fund money from WCC member churches, their boards and agencies, being used to buy shares in the society. With this release of pledged money the fund moved above the US\$1,000,000 required by the Central Committee of the WCC before operations could begin.

The meeting admitted 92 church organisations as shareholders in addition to the original two (the WCC and the Council of Churches in the Netherlands), and the operating capital stood at US\$1,103,711.

The EDCS is a result of the knowledge that existing loans, such as from the World Bank, did not reach the 40 per cent of the poorest people in the world. It was recognised that over the years the work of Inter-Church Aid and the Commission on the Churches' Participation in Development (CCPD) had given the churches a great deal of contact and experience with people in that 40 per cent.

Almost 50 per cent of the shareholders are from third world countries but UK participation was precluded by a ruling of the Charity Commissioners. A final law ruling is still awaited. In the meantime some US\$190,000 of the pledged money is unable to be used.

An example of the type of projects to be supported is a request for funds from a fisherman's cooperative in Ghana. The funds would provide refrigeration facilities which would reduce wastage and provide secure employment for both fishermen and fishmongers. — EPS.

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PRESIDENT AT THORNLEIGH (D. W. Mansell). J. Cooke, State Conf. Pres. was speaker on July 31 with D. Smallbone of the new work at Castle Hill at night . . . Annual Harvest Festival under the auspices of B.S. was held on Aug. 7. Guests were the Staff and children of "Dunmore", Pendle Hill. Speakers were Dr. L. Jones and D. W. Mansell, who returned home the day before from the U.S.A. The p.m. service was a Family Service in which over 150 shared. The Brigades took part and the guest artists were "The Harmony Trio".

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### DEATH

**BRANSTON (Newham)** On July 27th, at her home, Hilda, loved and faithful member of the South Yarra, Vic., church. "At peace, in God's loving care".

### IN MEMORIAM

**ALLAN** In loving memory of James Ernest passed away August 22, 1957. Doreen & Freda.

**LEE, Horace.** Cherished memories of my beloved husband, called home Sept. 3, 1967. Until we meet again.

### RETURN THANKS

Ernest Smith, The family of the late Ernest Smith of Kingsford Church of Christ, wish to thank sincerely all kind friends for expressions of love and sympathy shown by letters, cards, prayers and floral tributes in the sad loss of a loving father, father-in-law, grandfather, and great-grandfather. At rest.

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### JAY'S QUIZ

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**MISSIONARY CONVENTION** (Nailsworth P. De Wildt). Missionary Convention held first weekend in July. Members of church support 35 different missionary ventures. 19 of these including C. of C. Overseas and Aboriginal Missions were featured in displays in church hall. Programme included two films, panel of missionary personnel interviewed and missionaries sharing in services . . . 6.30 a.m. Prayer Meeting each day continues. There have been 20 re-dedications and six primary decisions in past month . . . Minister and young people conducted service at Loxton where one young lady was baptised. She was one of eight who made commitment at recent mission at Berri conducted by Mr De Wildt . . . Minister has been released to speak on various occasions in the country, interstate and N.Z. resulting in 72 public commitments over past 12 months . . . P. De Wildt will move to Clayton, Vic. at end of 1977. David Althorpe from C.O.B. will minister in 1978.

**SEVEN DECISIONS** (Glenelg, C. H. J. Wright). There were five decisions on July 3, one on July 10 and one on July 31 . . . The church was saddened by the deaths of Mrs L. R. McGlasson and Mrs Rosyna Crowhurst . . . 250 attended Church Anniversary Tea, guest preacher was Jeff May. Dr Thornley Thomas spoke in morning . . . Winter Warmth series of evening services continues . . . Recent survey of church giving reveals that 40% of total income devoted to use of others. Over and above Brotherhood offerings, \$1000 raised for Dr Chae towards 'bus for Korean Orphanage, \$3000 from Bailey Estate given to Missionary work in past 21 months, \$10 weekly subsidy for Mt Gambier Church and \$30 weekly for John and Margaret Beaumont in their Bible translation work in P.N.G. . . . Team from Overseas Mission Dept. visited C.W.F. during July . . . Det. Sgt. Cox of C.I.D. Forensic Branch addressed recent C.M.S. meeting.

**TEACHING MISSION** (Naracoorte, D. N. Hovey). Teaching Mission held with Barry Reid, minister at Bordertown . . . At A.B.M. a committee was formed to investigate needs of ministry to children and Y.P. . . . B.S. held weekend camp at Robe. Michael Taylor was study leader . . . There were three commitments at film service . . . Church has paid subscription for "Australian Christian" to be sent to Mr & Mrs M. Burgar, missionaries at Tung, P.N.G.

**STILL SERVING** (Mundulla, B. Reid). At A.G.M. Mr Pavier and Mr Milne accepted again positions of secretary and treasurer, positions held for many years . . . E. Telfer to enter hospital for operation . . . Both a junior and a senior youth club have been formed this year . . . Mundulla-Wamboony C.W.F. held annual meeting and elected Mrs J. Fisher, president, and Mrs Whyatt, secretary.



## VICTORIA

**"SEASONS"** (Glen Waverley, R. B. Elbourne). Audio Visual "Seasons" by Meja Productions presented at recent service . . . Annual meeting followed Sunday worship service and family luncheon . . . Church Board and Good Companions leaders met for training prior to home visitation . . . Guest speakers have been Wayne Clinton and Rev. Rowland Croucher . . . Kinder and Primary Depts. led morning worship service . . . Senior Explorers and "Goodies" met for Pick-A-Box quiz night.

**DROP-IN** (Ormond, C. P. Clayden). Film shown at evening service . . . Another drop-in centre commenced . . . 200 chairs bought . . . Picture night held for Waters family, missionaries . . . Focus on I.T.I.M held at gospel service. Colin Huchel, Air traffic controller, interviewed . . . Elders elected — R. Keneley and A. Knee . . . Church to accept responsibility for South Melbourne \$5000 loan . . . Members attending Melbourne Reachout classes.

**PRESIDENTIAL DINNER** (Tootgarook, David Hamilton). Church dinner held with President of Fed. Conf. Gordon Stirling, as guest speaker . . . Hugh Miller giving up position of church treasurer because of health reasons . . . Mrs Ross Lloyd in Prince Henry's Hospital . . . Bert Besson home after hospitalisation . . . C.W.F. held Question and Answer session with Mr Bolduan answering all questions.

**UNITED** (South Yarra, Peter Nelson). Church united with Malvern-Caulfield for the morning service. A hot meal was shared by all, hosted by the ladies of South Yarra . . . Mrs Banston has been ill for a long period and died July 27.

**COMMUNITY CENTRE** (Parkdale, R. E. Hillbrich). Church Community Centre now in use following successful formal opening. Church expressed appreciation to Arthur Scott for his co-ordination of project and leadership of voluntary work. Representatives of auxiliaries have set guidelines for its use . . . Pulpit exchange with East Bentleigh followed by exchanges of President and Readers . . . Explorers and Good Companions competed in indoor sports at Cheltenham . . . All three tennis teams reached final four in their sections.

**MINISTER ANNOUNCED** (Manifold Heights, A. E. Stevens). Peter Pitts, currently ministering at Bexley North, N.S.W., will commence a ministry here in February 1978 . . . Recent speakers have been Dr. Barry Edwards, Gideons International, and Preston Walker, Bible Society . . . 20 Maryborough members were guests for a "Country to City" weekend . . . Church has concluded a "Mini-Mission", conducted by Daryl McLeod, Associate Minister, Berwick church . . . Musical group, "Changing

Moods", assisted in final gospel service at Geelong West, Technical School Hall.

**VISITING MINISTER** (Mildura) Don Thomas was minister for June . . . Concert for Christie Centre for mentally retarded hostel appeal raised \$268 . . . Intermediate Grade pupils spent week-end at Camp . . . Cyril Muller, High School Chaplain, conducted five morning studies during July . . . C.M.S. joined Dareton in a Progressive dinner . . . C.W.F. clothed an aborigine girl at Norseman. A Progressive Dinner arranged for Social Service Homes . . . Arthur Robinson conducted successful Telethon for Chaplaincy raising over \$4000 . . . Members collected \$300 by 40 hour fast for "World Vision" . . . Manse has been renovated for arrival of new minister Barry Brown.



## NEW SOUTH WALES

**VISITING SPEAKERS** (Gilgandra). R. Bassett spoke at both services July 24 and showed film . . . J. D. Morris home from hospital and gaining strength . . . Miss Ruth Myers from S.I.M. spoke at morning service and the Y.P. conducted evening as Camp Re-Union . . . John and Julie Bond from Woolwich College led Y.P. in devotions on outing to Warrumbungle Mountains and spoke at both services, August 7.

**"FACE FACTS"** (Wyoming, E. K. Morrison). Church gearing up for "Face the Facts" Crusade with Jack Bond, Oct. 16-Nov. 6. Family camp to precede this with study leaders John and Julie Bond . . . Young People raised \$500 needed to clear church ground of trees for volley-netball court and tennis court, by having a Wake-a-thon and Car Washing weekend . . . Weekend spent with Mr & Mrs O. Wainwright of our Home Missions and Evangelism Dept. studying service to our community . . . Gordon Briggs, 80 Delmar Drive, Copacabana, is our new secretary.



## QUEENSLAND

**FAMILY OF EIGHT** (Nambour, A. G. Leane). At the morning service on August 7 new family of eight consisting of three generations was baptized into Christ . . . 150 attended both services Church 32nd Anniversary. Special guests were J. Bond, evangelist from Sydney and the JoyTones Musical Group from Toowoomba . . . S.S. Fund Raising Social "Indian Festival" raised \$115 for Christian Centre in Bombay . . . Annual meeting disclosed progressive reports of all auxiliaries . . . Church has purchased new piano for chapel giving a piano for each hall . . . 16 year old youth made his confession of faith and was baptized . . . Girls' Brigade and Soccer Club combined in a church parade with G. Hopson as speaker.

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## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**BARN SOCIAL** (Subiaco, R. L. Drown). Barn Social organised by the church's Youth Clubs with leaders June Lee and Grantley Daw was attended by young people from the Sir James Mitchell Spastic Centre. A real country-western atmosphere prevailed . . . Kenmore students conducted the gospel service June 26 . . . A.C.W.F. Missionary Aviation meeting featured testimonies from Alan and Margaret Fletcher and solo by Alan. Rob. Willis-Jones, Senior Pilot with M.A.F., spoke and showed slides . . . District Girl Guides and Brownies Church Parade held July 10.

**MINI-MISSION** (Perth, R. Taylor). There were five public decisions registered at the Mini-Mission with Jack Bond and the Woolwich team . . . Noel Flett from Kenmore College addressed Church . . . Preparations are well in hand for the visit of the C.O.B. team . . . Jack Bridge making a good recovery after severe fall . . . C.W.F. visited the Braille Society for insight into problems experienced by blind people . . . Kindergarten section won the second 10-week contest at S.S. . . . Three baptisms recently . . . Mrs Thelma Bridge has been commissioned as Chaplain in the Girls' Brigade.



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## TASMANIA

**FILMS, FLAG, FINISH** (Ulverstone, Paul B. Burnham). Five baptisms recently, including a married couple. 26 new members have now been added in 16 months . . . Family Film Night held . . . Australian flag presented by Ray Groom, M.P., to Boys' Brigade . . . Final brickwork carried out by men's working bee — Church now completed . . . Members involved with Meals on Wheels . . . Minister involved in High School Reachout program "Unscramble" . . . Rex Ellis, Principal, Woolwich, guest . . . Congregation saddened by the death of Mrs M. Stewart, oldest member.

**RENOVATIONS** (Launceston, M. Dean Hamilton). Renovations to Invermay Road Worship Centre have been completed to provide a most attractive and flexible facility for traditional and contemporary worship and increasing seating capacity by one third. A re-opening celebration coincided with the first anniversary of the new Launceston Church . . . Russell Allison, Dorothy and Katelyn, who will join our ministry team in 1979 were guests at a fellowship and stewardship day on July 24 . . . Recently commenced Boys' Brigade raised \$265 by collecting 86,125 aluminium cans . . . Girls' Brigade Cadets group is being started . . . Bush-walking Club had outing to Meander Falls . . . Ralph Comer, a deacon and loved member at Invermay, died on July 4.

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### WORSHIP IN THE FOREST

(Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes, G. Benson, S. Wilson). Creative Worship, under Geoff Benson, held one service in Sherbrooke Forest . . . Stanton Wilson has been conducting classes for presidents and helpers . . . 18 members joined Interchurch house Bible study groups . . . Missionary weekend stall and offerings raised an additional \$308 for work of I.T.I.M., Overseas and Aboriginal Missions and H.C.J.B. Members enthralled at marimba playing by Jean Shaw of HC-JB . . . Ros Judd died after association of over 60 years with the church.

. . . Beth, Malcolm and Simon Humphries welcomed as 4th family in the team ministry, at houseparties, induction services and a church luncheon . . . Long-awaited Greenways Village 18 passenger bus delivered. The Humphries' ministry initially will centre on Greenways and the Cheltenham Christian Retirement Villages . . . Don Stokie has been conducting seminars on Understanding the World of drugs.

**MUSIC & MESSAGE** (Red Hill, A. R. Pigdon, A. V. Symes). July and August are featuring special evening services entitled "Music & Message". Guests have included Ian Corlett, A. A. Avery and Mavis Elbourne . . . The C.E.W.F. celebrated their 14th Birthday on July 22. Ormond E.W.F. and the C.A.W.F. shared with them . . . Youth Clubs have raised \$192 from activities over the past three months, which will go toward the Grass-cutter Appeal for the P.N.G. Missions. They also participated in the 40-Hour Famine, and raised over \$200 for Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

**YOUTH NIGHT** (Preston/East Preston, J. Manallack). 56 people attended Youth night organised by Brenton Hill, C.O.B. student. Supper was served by Good Companions as a money raising effort . . . Sing-A-Long evening held at the Humphries home . . . Some of our

young folk (and older ones too) walked 20 km in the local Tri-A-Walk for Community Aid Abroad . . . The Good Companions Northern Zone Indoor Sports were held in East Preston Hall.

**CAMP REUNION** (Strathmore, S. K. Bannon) At a camp reunion service Ian Alves spoke and showed slides of the Woolwich Bible College. At S.S. Open Day quite a few parents came and stayed for the morning service . . . Mrs Irvine spoke at the Ladies' Night . . . Keith Skillicorn spoke and showed a film on the Leprosy Mission work on July 24.

**COME TO TEA** (Wangaratta, D. Stevens). On July 31 the Chapel was closed at night and church families invited isolated and non-members to tea to share fellowship and out-reach programme . . . Recent speakers while Mr Stevens was ill were Henri Weber, Adrian Clark and Mr Amery of "Gideons" with Graeme Sinclair . . . Jim Campbell is back after a stay in hospital . . . All age Education programme "Focus" had mid-term break when visitation was made, resulting in at least four new children . . . Ladies Jumble sale raised \$85 . . . At July C.W.F. Mrs Betty Harbottle gave a demonstration of the making of wholemeal rolls and pizza . . . Minister attended Policemen's Dinner in his work for I.T.I.M. . . 40 hour fast for World Vision was completed by Bill Keenan and Heather Falconer. Amount collected from sponsors was \$70.

**ELECTIVE WORSHIP** (Blackburn E. C. Keating). At Elective Worship visiting speakers were Rev. A. Gurney, Psychologist, Sgt. Ralph Worje, Accident Appreciation Squad; Marjorie Spicer; Ed Ots, Blackburn H.S. Chaplain; and B. Kelly, undertaker . . . On July 17 Mr Keating interviewed Colin McKenzie, former member of Coffin Cheaters Biekie Gang, now a Christian . . . Netball and Football teams met for Tea and captains were interviewed at evening service . . . Sermon tapes have been used for visitation of absentees and "shut ins" . . . Senior Citizens defeated Board Officers in Carpet Bowls Challenge.

. . . A.W.F. entertained Deaf Mute at

Hampton Church for lunch and Beach Coach Tour . . . 70 attended E.W.F. Progressive Dinner . . . Church literature being distributed in "Operation Letter Box" . . . Ichthus musical group led evening service.

**18 DECISIONS** (Swanston St., Melb., A. J. Webb) There have been 18 "decisions" over recent weeks including 11 at a morning service addressed by Rev. Subodh Sahu from India . . . Another four overseas students have been baptised and received into the church . . . 180 students spent a day in the snow and 14 indicated their desire to know more about the Christian life . . . Cell groups are studying "In the Spirit of Love" and this booklet also provides the basis of Sunday morning sermons . . . The evening series of "Spiritual Warfare".

**DEBT FREE** (Red Cliffs, C. R. Perkins). All Church buildings are now free of debt . . . Ian Cook has resigned, after years as S.S. Supt . . . At board election H. J. Cook was elected elder; Sec. is I. G. Cameron; Treas. is K. Marsh. S.S. Supt. is G. Dunkley and Organist is H. J. Cook . . . C.W.F. Evening Group. Pres. is Mrs D. Griffin, Sec. is Mrs W. French, Treas. is Mrs G. Dunkley . . . A family Worship Tea was held on July 31 with "Kaleidoscope" Group, from Mildura, bringing the program . . . "Care" Group Meetings are held at home of Mr and Mrs D. Griffin.

**GOD SQUAD** (West Preston, B. F. Goldsteen). A packed church heard the witness of John Smith and the God Squad . . . The study "In the Spirit of Love" was launched at an "Outreach Tea" . . . B.S. and Good Companions growing in numbers . . . A family service was led by Cherie Pilkington . . . Coralie and Ron Hooper had an exciting trip to Fiji with blind and sighted friends . . . C2 tennis team won Section 5 Grand Final . . . Sympathy has been extended to Mrs Watkins and Bill Griffiths in recent bereavements . . . Lorraine Bertram shared church activities when she returned for a few weeks prior to her marriage to Eric Leach.

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# QUESTING

WITH

A. E. WHITE



What is the message the church should be giving? I always thought it was about salvation, but most messages I hear at church are about the "Christian" life. When did we lose the call to be saved?

I didn't know we had lost it.

Maybe one reason for preachers not preaching for decisions by the "unsaved" is that many churches don't have that many around. The morning address has been traditionally a message to those who are already in the church fellowship, and quite often the evening meeting is abandoned, supported by a handful of folk who were also there in the morning, or reduced to (or expanded to) house fellowship meetings.

Whether or not the message being given out is changed, the commission has not been altered. "Go into all the world and preach the gospel" is still the charter for the church.

Ministers would surely love to have the opportunity for preaching to "non-members" and invite them to give themselves to the Lord. But there are not many churches where this is the normal experience.

However, decisions are still being made. When I thought about your question I had a look at the "Personal" column on page 19 of every issue of this journal. There have been over 400 decisions for Christ made in our churches this year. That many have been recorded, but not every church sends in the names of those

who join the church. Somebody must be preaching the gospel.

Indeed, it looks as though we are much better at winning people into the church than holding them. Much better at preaching the gospel and inviting discipleship than at persuading folk to continue in the Christian life. Our declining membership is due to the church losing its grip on people after they have been won.

When you ask what is the message the church ought to be giving, the answer will not exclude the need for deepening commitment and personal growth.

Personal salvation is the way into the kingdom, and this must be declared. Christ is the way, the truth, and the life for and of the Christian.

As Leighton Ford said, "In the final analysis history is the record of man under judgment, man trying to get back to God and failing. We try to fill that God-shaped vacuum in our lives by business, by pleasure, by possessions, by philosophy, even by religion and the good life — but we can't cross the gap that sin has made . . . You and I cannot get back to God but he can come to us . . . Jesus Christ is the bridge by which we can come back into personal contact with God."

Most of the New Testament is concerned with expressing the life that we live in Christ. James is not ignoring the message of salvation when he says, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." (1:27).

There is need to keep evangelism as a priority for the pulpit and for the church, but there is also need to maintain the New Testament emphasis on the Christian life. Some preachers may emphasize one aspect more than the other, but there is only one gospel and we have no liberty to diminish it.

Questions for this column may be addressed to "Questing", P.O. Box 101, Essendon North, 3041.

## THE LAST WORD . . .

If we turn to the N.T. we shall find that activities of the Christian church fall under the three headings of worship, edification and extension . . . Extension is the Church going forth from itself, becoming in truth the Church for others as it moves out of the safety of its own organisation into the world outside . . . desiring only that others should come to the knowledge of that truth by which the Church lives.

— Stephen Neill

### TO LOVE THEE, LORD

Strengthen, Lord, my love of Thee,  
Come whatever may to me.  
For love that lives upon reward  
Leaves no room to love Thee, Lord.

— Homer E. Busby

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An ingrate is neither in nor great.

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### Waterloo

He'll tame a wild tiger in nothing flat,  
Blast off in a space ship quicker than that;  
With outlaws and Injuns he  
knows how to cope,  
But he'll tremble in terror at mention of  
soap!

F. G. Kernan

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Many an old timer, caught in a traffic  
jam, longs for a return to the status  
"Whoa!"

☆☆☆

Jack asked the chemist for some talcum  
powder.

"Do you want Mennen's?" asked the  
chemist.

"No, wimmens."

"Do you wanted it scented?"

"No, I'll take it with me."

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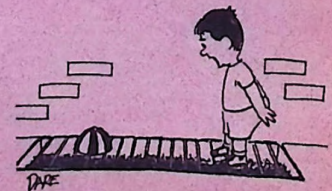
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