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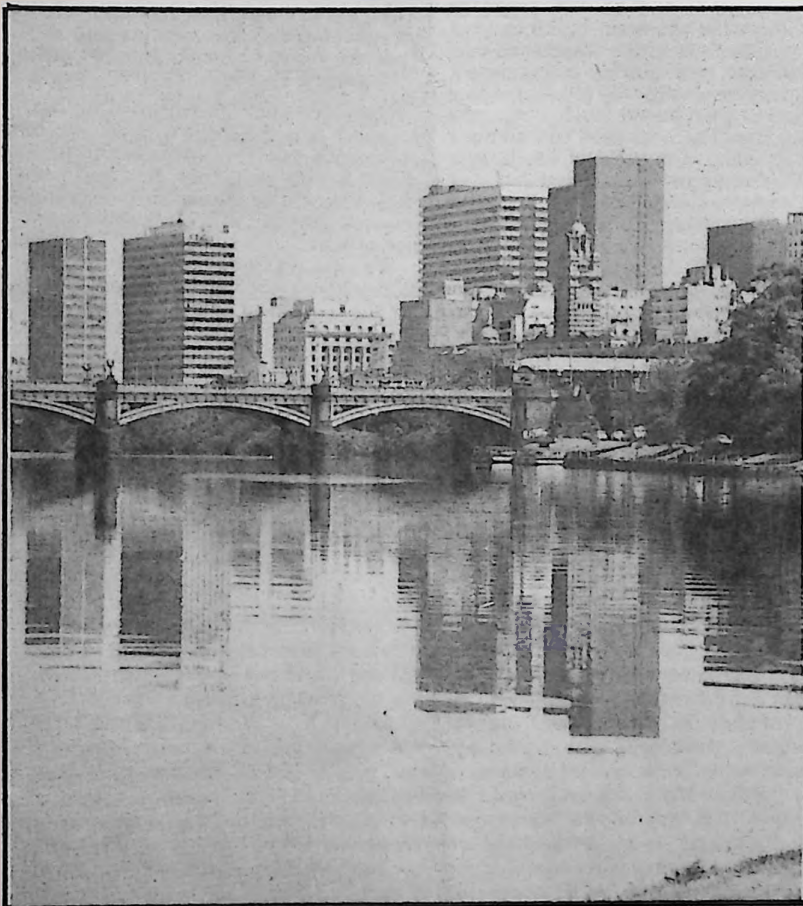
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commodated.

SECOND BANKSIA FIRE

By Trevor Giles

A fierce bushfire ravaged the Banksia Peninsula on the Gippsland Lakes, destroying most of the bushland, some wildlife and many houses and camp buildings. This is the second time in two months that the property conducted by the Department of Mission, Education and Development has been burnt.

The fire which started twelve kilometres away near Bairnsdale, on Jan. 15, was noticed by a camper about 11.45 a.m. An early check suggested there was no danger to the surrounding camps and the Country Fire Authority indicated that we would be kept informed. As the various families sat down to lunch about 1.00 p.m. an urgent request came to evacuate the campers to the water.

A.C.T. CHURCHES RAISE DRUG ISSUES WITH GOVT.

The Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Conference of Churches of Christ in the A.C.T. forwarded to the appropriate Government Ministers the following resolutions:

"Due to the increased seriousness of the problems associated with drug use and abuse this Conference of Churches of Christ in the A.C.T. puts the following requests to the Federal Government:

1. that bans at present in force on cigarette advertising on TV and radio be extended to cover advertising on all media, hoardings, posters, etc.
2. that similar bans be placed on advertising of alcoholic beverages;
3. that the Government allocate a greater proportion of the income it receives from alcohol towards research into its misuse and education of those unaware of its effects; and
4. that the Government take note of the problems caused by the ready availability of analgesics and implement controls on the sale and advertising of these drugs.

CHRISTMAS SKETCHED

(Warwick, G. B. Carslake) Local member, Keith Burton, sketched a scene "What are we doing to Christmas?" in a Rolf Harris style during the Christmas Day service. Our minister interpreted the scene to a capacity crowd of 200. A record offering of \$1250 was given . . . 1300 attended the Carols by Candlelight community night at Ellensdale Oval . . . Mr Carslake attended the "School for Successful Ministry" at Cheltenham, Vic . . . There has been one baptism and several decisions in Dec. . . . Some members involved in leading a C.S.S.M. beach mission . . . Lyn Biji won a trip to Canberra from the Easy Slim group that meets here.

Within twenty minutes the fire reached the area fanned by gusty northerly winds. At the height of the blaze the women and children were evacuated to the Paynesville Yacht Club by boats and later to Bairnsdale by bus and police escort.

Earlier preparations such as packing tents, caravans, personal belongings and the removal of cars, boats and trailers to the water's edge proved worthwhile and saved greater loss. The fire raged to within inches of the main buildings.

Many spot fires which threatened cars and buildings were quickly extinguished. All tents were destroyed, most of which had been purchased following the previous fire. The boat shed containing a valuable yacht, a number of life jackets and other equipment was burnt out.

The caravan home of caretakers, Mr and Mrs Russ Pearce, and son Paul, was burnt to the ground despite desperate attempts to save it. All personal belongings of the Pearce family were lost. Immediate action by our own Social Service Department and Mr Pearce's insurance company have helped towards prompt restitution to the family.

Another nearby shed was destroyed only minutes after fuel drums were removed. A speed boat owned by Mr and Mrs Bruce Towns and used at previous camps, was shifted away from the shed earlier. A two man tent and personal property of a casual camper was destroyed.

On numerous occasions cars and caravans were saved by quick thinking of our fire fighters. The main building, a two roomed hut and a toilet block were saved. Other camp sites suffered a much greater loss to buildings and vehicles and flora. Some camp properties were completely destroyed.

It would be impossible to describe the devastation of the area the following morning. It will take many months for regrowth of the bushland and buildings to be rebuilt. Clean up operations on the Churches of Christ site were immediately organized and debris removed and burnt trees cut down. Other work parties will be in operation shortly.

Gratitude must be expressed to the ten men who fought the fire with courage and common sense. Our wives are to be admired for the help they gave each other and the children as they anxiously awaited the sight of their husbands seven hours later.

We are extremely grateful to Ian Wolstencroft and the Bairnsdale Hospital for the meals and overnight accommodation and the emergency and community organizations for their efficient and valuable assistance.

INNER SPRINGS

RICHES OR POVERTY



Being the victim of a robbery brings home very forcibly the realisation that being Christian does not protect us from misfortune. Jesus hanging on the Cross was the greatest demonstration of this fact the world has ever known. Yet we forget it. Somewhere along the way we have gathered up the idea that so long as we are Christian, then no bad thing will ever happen to us. Nothing is further from the truth. If we believe that then we have missed the whole meaning of the Gospel story. Christ did not come to save our worldly goods. He came to save us and make of life a rich and joyous experience.

Surely too, this is why He placed so little emphasis on the possession of material goods. He knew how deeply we should be hurt by the loss of them. And too many of them would leave little room for Him. Filling our lives with things we have forgotten how little He possessed. When one would have followed Him He turned to remind him "The foxes have holes, the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of God has nowhere to rest."

There comes to us all unearned good and unearned evil and it isn't always made clear why we receive either. We are to give thanks on the one hand and on the other remember that He suffered at the hands of sinful men, so shall we. Life may strip of us many things, some very necessary things, but if our faith in a loving Father remains intact then we have the most priceless possession of all. "We are rich," says one, "not in what we have, but in what we cannot lose."

My Master was so very poor,
They nailed Him naked to a Cross;

So very rich my Master was
He gave His all, and knew no loss.

PRAYER: Help us, our Father, to set our affections on things above earthly treasures. Remind us that our riches lie in loving relationships, in peace of mind, and freedom from the sins that destroy us. Amen.
Luke 9:57-63 62

FLORENCE ROSIER

"Come . . .

India is waiting"

From Air India pocket guide

by Ken J. Patterson

"Our India" had waited a long while indeed. "Come now, in 1977," she said, "when our Christian Centre is opened in Chembur suburb, Bombay, November 27, and when we celebrate our Golden Jubilee of the Conference of Churches of Christ in Western India and the 72nd Baramati Church Anniversary at Baramati, December 3 and 4."

Our Australian Churches of Christ Goup, the first such group ever to visit India in the 72-and-more years of our Australian Churches of Christ partnership with India, responded, "Here we come" and landed at Madras airport in the ill-fated "Emperor Ashoka" just before midnight Nov. 15, 1977.

We were not long in being introduced to the variety that is India, and whenever we met fellow Christians, as when as worshipped at the Centenary Methodist Church (Church of North India) in Delhi on Nov. 20 or saw the ministry of Mother Teresa's Mission in Calcutta, we felt the bonds of recognition, joy, hope and brotherhood.

Particularly strong and marked did these bonds appear when we were with the Christian congregations and people at Bombay, Baramati, Bori, Walchandnagar, Dhond, Shrigonda, and Dhorja and at the Pandita Ramabai Mukti Mission at Kedgoan and at the Spiritual Life Centre, Nasrapur.

Perhaps it was our past participatory fellowship in the gospel with these people, our historic, actual and prayerful connections, our past associations with persons, places and institutions that made it so.

Garlands of Welcome

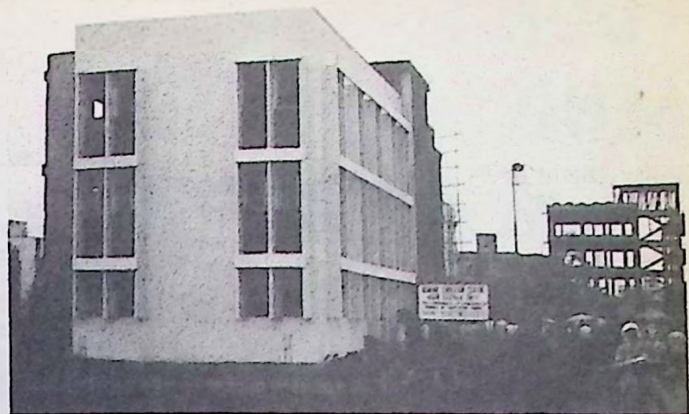
They had been waiting for these 22 Australian brotherhood representatives and welcome us they royally did with great enthusiasm, respect and courtesy by thoughtfully prepared garlands of fragrant flowers (one day some of us were garlanded five times), speeches, recitations, music and singing, exercises and dances, face to face introductions, cups of tea, and guided tours; and in the shared fellowship of worship we were doubly welcome as brothers all of God's beloved Son. C. Lyn Fitzgerald, chairman of the Overseas Missions Board (this was the first time in 72 years a chairman had visited "Our India"), cited as "our chief guest," declared the opening of the Bombay Church and Centre an event of outstanding interest and attention to our Australian brotherhood and told the many gatherings our intention to continue and deepen our Christian fellowship with our Indian brethren with "God bless you" and "We love you all."

Sunday morning November 27 was steamy and damp (but not as hot as Perth was on our return home). We travelled an exciting taxi race for 19 km. from Bombay central city to the pastor's flat whence procession was made half a kilometre east, including the crossing of the Eastern Express Highway, to the new Christian Centre on Cheddar Nagar plots 100 and 101.

The Bombay Christian Centre

The Centre is surrounded by recently built three and four storey flats except for some water covered vacant land immediately to the west and north, held like that to keep squatters off until the day of building when it receives 5 feet or so of fill; such were our lots before the Centre was built.

The Dedication Service was chaired by Mr H. M.



CHRISTIAN CENTRE, BOMBAY

Waghmode, secretary of Conference. After introductory remarks and prayer, the door was opened by an honored Church foundation member C. L. Fitzgerald unveiled the commemorative plaque in the entrance foyer and led the people into the spacious ground floor hall. Here were offered songs and prayers and the joyous words of dedication and praise "We dedicate this Centre, and we dedicate ourselves to the service of God and His Kingdom, in the hope and prayer that this congregation of faithful people may make manifest the Church of the Living God, the pillar and ground of truth, and this may be a place in which God's honor dwells and that in all things Jesus Christ may have the pre-eminence," and Mr Fitzgerald's occasional address.

After cool drinks, the large assembly, at a guess 300-350 people, moved upstairs to the chapel for the communion service with sermon from Bruce V. Coventry. As all the services were bi-lingual it was 1.15 p.m. before the celebrations, replete with fire-crackers, balloons and streamers, concluded.

The Centre is an imposing three storey plus flat roof-top building with stairs and services tower to the right of centre. Its frontage is to the street on its south. To the left of the tower on the ground floor is the large meeting general purpose hall and on the right are the reception, interview, and particular purpose rooms. The first floor has the chapel with white marble platform and the pastor's residence. White marble is extensively used in Indian buildings. On the second floor are the youth hostel and the administrator's offices and records. Interestingly enough, in all the excitement of the occasion no one actually formally described the facilities and functional uses of the whole building. Someone said later, "Did you go on the roof? They say three to four hundred people could sit down on the roof for a picture show." By the way, Indians are great film fans — great crowds in the cities and towns queue up at the cinemas. We didn't see any T.V.

After the services, some quick photos and personal introductions, back to the roof of the pastor's flat to be feasted in Indian style with plenty of rice, and then up the rugged precipitous mountains, the Western Ghats, to Poona (now spelt Pune) in our "mission area" jeeps.

"Our India"

The organisation and planning of our time and travels in the Baramati, Dhond and Shrigonda talukas ("shires" we would say) was excellent. After the huge and populous cities, the fresh air and the relative quiet and peace were most refreshing. But Baramati is no little village by a side road. It is said to have a population of 50,000 and Dhond, an important railway junction on the banks of the Bhima river, 150,000. In each taluka there are 80 to 100 named villages.

It took us from early morning to after 10 p.m. one day to travel from Baramati to Shrigonda via Bori, Walchandnagar, Bhigwan and Dhond. Mind you, we had to pass scores of bullock carts carrying sugar cane to the factories, we were bogged, we were garlanded and welcomed so many times, we walked in procession behind the brightly uniformed town band hired for the occasion, we looked across old Diksal village and envisaged it beneath the waters of the proposed new dam and the benefits the dam would bring to our Bhigwan property and the sur-

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"DON'T SEND THEM AWAY!"

BY A.E. WHITE

I began my ministry in this church as a very raw student from the College of the Bible, and I am deeply honored to be asked to preach on such an important occasion.

But the word around our house was that a sermon on the feeding of the five thousand isn't all that appropriate for a church celebrating its one-hundredth birthday. But I hasten to remind you that what we are celebrating is the gospel to which this church has been witnessing for a century. It is the gospel we celebrate. The miracle of the loaves and fish is entirely suitable. John himself used it to introduce the gospel.

After the service on my first Sunday here, I had lunch with the Langley family. I remarked that my sermon that morning was only the second sermon I had preached. After a silence, Robert Langley, elder, Sunday School superintendent, and good friend to many student ministers, said "Second sermon, eh! . . . I thought it was probably your first!"

What kind of miracle?

There must be something special about the miracle. John, writing the fourth gospel, seemed intent on telling those things which the other three either had not known, had forgotten, or hadn't considered significant enough. But this miracle had already been recorded three times, in Matthew 14, Mark, 6, and Luke 9.

Matthew, Mark and Luke each tells us that the miracle took place just after the death of John the Baptist. Jesus was deeply moved by the news and he went away into the wilderness to meditate. But a crowd learned where he was, seeking healing and help and knowledge.

The fourth gospel does not mention John the Baptist in connection with the miracle. Instead, the Evangelist uses it to introduce something even greater than the miracle: the concept that Jesus is the Bread of Life. Far more important for the fourth gospel than offering the people the multiplied bread and fish, was the offering to all mankind of the unique living bread from God. To eat of this bread is to find life at its highest and forever. Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life."

Frankly, I do not believe that the feeding of the 5000 is all that great a miracle. Of course, I believe in it. I have no patience with those who attempt to de-miracle-ise it by suggesting that what happened that day was a miracle of sharing. Than when the boy came to share his meal of bread and fish, others also found that they had something with them, and when all was produced there was enough for all.

It won't do at all. That kind of response makes a mockery of the four gospel writers who recorded it as fact. If you de-miracle-ise this story, your reason for doing so could as well be applied to many other miracles including the feeding of the four thousand, which both Matthew and Luke record.

This message was delivered to the Montrose Church of Christ, Vic., when the church celebrated its centenary.

"We don't believe in Jesus because of the miracle, we believe in the miracle because of Jesus . . . If we don't believe in him as Lord, not all the miracles since time began would persuade us."

The miracle of the feeding of the 5000 occurred, without doubt. It is just that I don't think it is the most important thing that happened at that time.

In any case, we don't believe in Jesus because of the miracle. We believe in the miracle because of Jesus. Our faith is not based on this kind of miracle. It is based on the conviction that Jesus Christ is Lord and Saviour. If we accept him as Lord, there is no problem in accepting the miracle. As God's Son, when he multiplied the bread and fish, he was doing what God had always done, and is still doing.

All over the world, in the grain fields, with his agents of sun and rain, God is multiplying bread for all mankind. In all of the streams, rivers, lakes, and seas, God is multiplying the fish.

And you might notice that I am not alone in discounting the importance of the miracle. Before John had finished his account, before the end of this chapter, these people who were fed, and who followed Jesus because they were fed, were leaving him in droves. (John 6:66).

We believe in the miracles because of Jesus, and if we don't believe in him as Lord, not all the miracles since time began would be persuasive enough.

The Real Miracle

John doesn't mention the death of John the Baptist as do the others. That is irrelevant to John's purpose. His intention was to emphasize the truth that Jesus is the Bread of Life and that the miracle is that of compassion, of caring.

In the first three gospels it is the disciples who take the initiative. Their response to the presence of the crowd was "Send them away." Matthew, Mark and Luke all report the disciples saying this. "Send them away." Then the Twelve would be alone with their beloved Master.

But John tells us it is Jesus who takes the initiative. It is he who asks how the people are to be fed. The disciples had no idea. Philip said that it would take about six months income to give everyone a little.

Jesus didn't say, "Send them away." He said, "Make the people sit down." And he took the loaves and fish in his hands, gave thanks, and fed them.

This was the beginning of the real miracle beside the Sea of Galilee. The miracle of love, of caring. And when the people sought him out the next day to make him the King of Bread, he said, "What I gave you yesterday is not the bread you truly need. I am the Bread of Life. The bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh. Don't seek the bread that perishes, but seek the food that endures to eternal life."

It is the miracle of multiplying love, of caring; the miracle that occurs when we give what we have to him and he magnifies it so that we can give it to others.

We are not to send away the crowd, we have enough to feed them with what we have. But first, we must give what we have into his hands so that he may touch and enlarge our resources for caring, for loving.

There was one food

It was a parable as well as a miracle. The theme of the bread of life keeps coming through.

There was, for example, very little choice of food that day. There were all kinds of people with, presumably all

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BROOKLYN PARK DOES IT WITH MUSIC!

(S.A.) Outstanding musical talent was featured at both morning and evening services during December at the Brooklyn Park church. The special series of seven services, "Christmas in Song", attracted an aggregate attendance of 1,046.

Among the exciting lineup of singers was Lorna Orr, well-known in Adelaide for her appearances in many operas and her work with the Corinthian Singers. Barb. Turner and Corinne Pengilley, members of the Brooklyn Park Church, also played key parts in the series.

A male trio made up of Alan Mathieson, Bronte Thomas and John Turner was featured on the first evening. Over the years this group has worked extensively in the Christian music scene in Adelaide and at one time made a number of T.V. spots for the C.T.A.

The S.A. Churches of Christ Youth Choir made an excellent contribution to "Christmas in Song" with a contemporary worship service based on the Christmas Bowl theme — "Breaking Down the Walls That Separate Us".

On December 18, a choir made up of singers from the church under the direction of John Turner and Jean Rose, led a very moving service consisting of selected Scripture readings, solos, duets, anthems and Christmas carols. Special guest was Veronica Rankine, a flautist with the Adelaide Aboriginal Orchestra who accompanied the choir on her beautiful concert flute and also played a solo piece, assisted by Jean Rose at the Organ.

In the evening, December 18, the Sunday School was featured in a tableau presentation along with Neville James, a

leading Adelaide trumpeter. Neville startled the congregation at the commencement of the service with his rousing fanfare from the rear of the chapel, which was followed by the young people processing down the aisles singing "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" from Godspell.

The highlight of the "Christmas in Song" series was the final service on



The photo shows Mr Agnew greeting the Webb family, following a morning service.

Christmas morning. A capacity congregation of 230 people thrilled to the powerful voice of Aileen Fisher from Sydney, a lead soprano with the Australian Opera Company, as she sang "I know that my Redeemer liveth". Also, the church's Youth Choir, under the direction of Helen Hemer, sang a contemporary Christmas number, "Put Down Your Guns."

Overall the special series of services provided a tremendous boost for the Church, according to the minister, Graham Agnew. He said that one of the most exciting aspects had been the great response shown by the scores of young families connected in various ways with the church. The presence of many children and their parents was a feature at all services.

BIBLES FOR BERRI Our church took part with other churches in Bible Society distribution to place a Bible in every home. Church of Christ teamed with Church of England to sell Bibles to value of \$73 . . . One lady was baptized during the "Come Alive Mission" with Peter DeWildt . . . Church looking forward to coming of new minister, Brian Hill. The church has maintained a fair congregation during two-and-a-half years without a minister. District churches have helped and the C.M.S. has sent men from Adelaide to assist.

OWEN-LONG PLAINS (L. W. Marshman) The minister has re-married and in March will retire from the circuit after seven years ministry . . . In Owen the church is co-operating with the U.C.A. for alternate services. Two U.C.A. ministers and several congregations will share, as also will Long Plains. Preachers from Adelaide will assist . . . Three wedding with members moving away will deplete numbers at Long Plains . . . Combined Ladies' Fellowship visited Christian Rest Home.

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kinds of tastes and food fads. There were the young, the old, comparatively well-to-do, comparatively poor, merchants and tradesmen, farmers, peasants, unemployed and overworked. But at the Lord's Table that day there was the Bread, the symbol of his life; and fish, which in turn became a precious secret symbol of the Lord's presence.

Of the food, there was bread by itself, there was fish by itself, or bread and fish together, and that was it. That was the answer to their hunger, and that was enough.

And there is only one Bread of Life, and he is the answer to all men's needs, as he proved again and again.

Jesus turned to the hated Samaritan and gave the bread of reconciliation.

To the woman taken in adultery and gave her the bread of forgiveness.

To the cheat who climbed the tree in Jericho and gave him the bread of friendship.

To the rejected he gave the bread of acceptance.

He came to preach to the poor, the captives, the blind, and the oppressed, and he gave to them all the bread of love.

Conclusion

That is really what we are celebrating today. The miracle of God's love through Christ.

We are all here today because it was in this church that we first came to eat of the bread of life, or because, while we were here, our lives were placed into the hands of Christ and enlarged.

Our love for this church, and our rejoicing in this day is because of Jesus.

It is a good time to remember that we are now the disciples who face the crowd, uncertain of our resources. It is we who are tempted to send the crowd away.

It is not unfair to suggest that there are many in the church today who respond in the way the Twelve responded. "Send them away. We haven't enough to feed them. Send them away. Send away the hungry, the lonely, the sinners and the sinned against. Send away the Aborigines, the refugees, the undeserving rich and the deserving poor, the alcoholic, the drug addict, the homosexual, the strikers, the broken, and dispossessed, the ordinary people who live next door, our workmates, those who seem already to have everything but the one thing they need above all else. Send them away."

But Jesus would say, There is a man here, a woman, a lad, a girl, a young man. What they have may seem little to you, but in my hands it is enough. Don't send them away. Feed them. Give them the Bread of Life.

This is the real miracle of the feeding of the multitude, then and now, and this is what we celebrate.



A.R. JONES AWARDED O.B.E.

In the New Year's Honors List, Albert R. Jones was awarded the Order of the British Empire for services to the community and the church.

Mr Jones recently retired from the position of Social Service Director for Churches of Christ in South Australia, an office he held for 27 years.

During that time the Christian Rest Homes at St. Georges and Everard Park were established. He was interested in many areas of social concern and was particularly influential in his work with prisoners and was Chaplain at Yatala for many years.

SUCCESSFUL MINISTRY SCHOOL

The third annual Summer School for Successful Ministry was held again at the Cheltenham Church of Christ in January.

Once more clergy from all mainline denominations came to Cheltenham from each State of Australia.

The ministers heard 18 lecturers from across Australia discussing such diverse subjects as The Minister and the Mentally Ill, Pastoral Care of the Aged, Church Growth Principles, Training lay visitors within the Church, and Creating a Creative Community.

Emphasis was made in five areas each day — Church Growth, Community Service, Evangelism, Pastoral Care and Preaching, Bible Studies and Devotional Periods were also a daily feature.

One obvious interest of ministers lay in the field of administering community services for whatever community needs exist. Sessions were held on Care for the Aged, Ministering to the Mentally Ill, Working with Children and Families, and providing programs for the development of social, physical, intellectual and spiritual skills within adults.

Dr Alex Kenworthy, of Radio 3AW

spoke on the resources that are theirs in counselling needy people.

Dr Dudley Foord, of the Church of England St Ives, N.S.W., led two sessions on training lay visitors in evangelistic outreach.

The Convener of the Summer School for Successful Ministry, Gordon Moyes, Senior Minister of the Cheltenham Church of Christ, said "We have now had about 230 Ministers from across Australia attend these week-long training programs, together with about 1200 lay church members who have attended the public sessions held each night. The impact in church life has been quite considerable."

Members of the Cheltenham Church of Christ open their homes and provide hospitality for ministers travelling from a distance and in all about 70 members make themselves available as team workers in the office, providing transport, and working as waitresses and in other support services.

● College of the Bible 1977 RESULTS

At the 1977 annual examinations for the Melbourne College of Divinity, Geoff Fewster and Chris Ambrose both gained their subjects to complete the Bachelor of Divinity degree. Three others also were successful in their B.D. studies. All 14 subjects sat for at this level were passed, 10 with credit.

The second year of the Bachelor of Theology course was most successful. Of the 35 subjects entered, 30 were passed, with 7 credits and 3 distinctions.

Russell Wesley completed the Diploma in Theology and Larry Gibb, Sue Maddern and David Murray completed their Diploma in Divinity (L.Th.). Overall the pass rate for the various diplomas was about 80%. 10 credits and 2 distinctions were gained.

It is most encouraging that students continue to perform well in external examinations. Their assignments and class work in subjects concerning counselling, evangelism, Christian education, preaching etc. have been also of high standard. Several first year students have undertaken major research projects in Churches of Christ history and are spending some of their vacation on these projects.

Mrs Alice Lawrance, the College Housekeeper, unfortunately was involved in a bad car accident on her way home to Adelaide for vacation. She spent a week in the Mount Gambier Hospital and is recuperating with relatives in Adelaide. The College community continues to support her with their prayers and love.

— K. R. Bowes

BAPTISMS (Horsham, R. Roberts) There were five baptisms prior to Christmas . . . E. Butler resigned as B. S. Supt after 15 years service and was presented with a Parallel Bible. Recent speakers have been David Harmer (Kenmore) and Sharon Budde (S.A.) . . . Missionary giving in 1977 greatly increased.

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rounding countryside, we inspected the hospital at Dhond under the perceptive guidance of Dr Christian and we met hundreds of our Christian brethren.

One morning we put our feet in the small, remote and rustic village of Dhorja, not yet connected to the electricity grid (somewhat rare these days). We knew for a brief span of time what it literally meant to be close to the soil. We stood by the women drawing water at the well. Head and back well bent we crossed the threshold of the dimly lit one roomed mud brick homes furnished with grinding stone and small clay fireplace on a clean hard mud floor. The water cistern outside the door was let into the earth for cooling. We touched their family sheep and goats and cows. One could understand how generations have come and gone and built on the ruins of the old as the foundations of the new. And in Shrigonda, that same day, we saw the potter moulding the clay into pots upon his wheel and we reflected on "vessels of clay."

They were full days, those six days up country in Maharashtra with our Indian brethren and their neighbors. We were actually there with them in what we used to call "Our India", some of us in Australia still do! We'll never forget them. They talked, we talked, we travelled, stopped, looked, listened and felt the scope and the joys and burdens of our Indian brothers' work and witness.

They showed us themselves and their corporate enterprises and services, their hospital and dispensaries, their schools, children's homes, churches, lands, farms, wells, friendship

centres, and correspondence course centre. They took us into their small homes and larger bungalows. They shared some of their dreams and hopes for the future. And we joined them in the celebration before God of 72 years since the Struttons pitched their tent beneath the tree whose shade we felt and 50 years of conference work and co-operative achievement.

Thank you, our Indian brothers, (with special mention to our drivers and their aides) — you made our visit by your friendliness, patience, kindness and generous courtesies. Thank you, missionaries, the Mains, Miss Skuce and Miss Geyer, for your time and thoughtfulness. Thank you likewise retired (!) missionary, Miss Vawser, and for the visits you arranged to a sample percolation tank and the Baramati Agricultural Trust's model farm. Thank you, staff, in the Federal Overseas Missions office. Thank you, Peter McDonald of Adelaide. And most of all, a heartfelt thank you to our leader, former missionary Bruce Coventry, whose experience, thoughtful plans and considerations, patient poise, sense of responsibility and strong physique and purpose put us forever in his debt.

Ours now is to share what we found of a people who have much to teach us, to be ambassadors of goodwill between India and Australia, to help Australians to fill out and rethink their generalised myths (e.g. India is a dry continent and is very short of food) and to help bring our Australian Churches of Christ and our Churches of Christ in Western India into a more lively and developing fraternity.

MUSTARD SEEDS

BY ALAN AUSTIN

SINCE last writing this column a number of most encouraging examples of God's people at work in the world have come to your correspondent's notice.

Two businessmen, well known in the Australian furniture trade, have purchased one thousand copies of Charles Colson's paperback "Born Again". Colson, formerly a senior member of President Nixon's administration and currently serving a prison sentence following the Watergate trials, tells in this book of his conversion to Christianity. These one thousand copies are being distributed to every parliamentarian in Australia. ■

THE CHRISTIAN UNION at Latrobe University has taken on the thankless task of producing for the Student Union the 1978 "Alternative Handbook."

Distributed to all freshers, and most returning students too, this volume includes student perspectives on courses offered, a run-down on clubs and societies plus a collection of articles considered appropriate for an orientation handbook.

It took a tremendous amount of effort to collect or write the material and then edit, proof-read, illustrate, correct, design and paste up for printing. But the result, accordingly, was tremendously positive.

Firstly, it was well-produced which can only enhance the credibility and respect for the C.U. on campus. Secondly, it included a "welcome to the university" which in a warm, personal style introduced the Christian message. Thirdly, and perhaps most significantly, this year's handbook handled such topics as drugs, sex, contraception and radical politics in, to us, a far more acceptable manner. ■

MELBOURNE'S top rock radio station is currently operating "Expo '78" — an annual multi-million dollar extravaganza of rock-concerts, pop films, discos, carnival side-shows, sales displays and promotional gimmickry.

The commodities being so vigorously marketed include jeans, records, dancing lessons, fizzy drinks and fast cars and also, it seems, success, status, sex, freedom and happiness.

In the midst of all this a coalition of most protestant churches plus many non-denominational youth organizations has set up a Life Machine. Inside this attractively designed structure kids are confronted with five decorated doors. One offers "good times," another "ambition and success," another "wealth and power" and another "apathy." Through the Fifth Door is a multi-media presentation of the Christian alternative. Posters, photo blow-ups, tape-recordings, comics and a printed broadsheet proclaim the message of Jesus.

The central media of this message are the people manning the Life Machine — scores of committed Christians giving testimony in their words and in their lives to the reality of the risen Christ and the relevance of His message in the heartland of commercial exploitation. ■

THEN there are the thousands of Christian people, many of them students who could be down the beach or earning money, whose holidays have been spent on youth camps, beach programmes, coffee houses and missions.

Let's take encouragement from these examples (and these are only a few!) of the ways in which God is at work in our



community. And wherever we are, let's involve ourselves in the prayer that must accompany successful spiritual ventures. ■

A QUESTION which frequently arises when talking to others about Christ is that of just how reliable is the Biblical evidence for the resurrection.

Sometimes it's just a somokescreen. Yet there are many who are searching honestly but simply cannot accept the miraculous events at the centre of historical Christianity ... The love of Jesus? Yes. The ethical teachings? Yes. The death of Jesus? Yes. His rising again? Sorry, no.

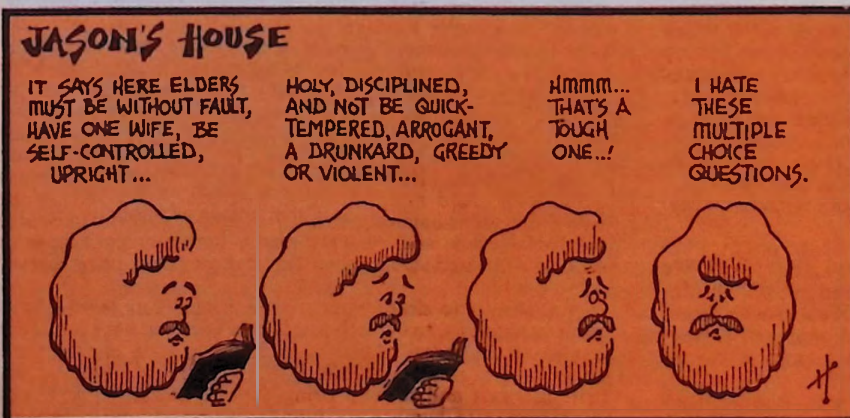
At the Theos Youth mission from which this is being written we have again encountered this question. And again the brief but powerful preface to Frank Morison's "Who Moved the Stone" has been an invaluable resource.

Morison explains how as an aggressive young crusading academic he drafted a short monograph which would portray the events of the last phase of the life of Jesus as he believed they really happened. That is, without the miracles, without the intervention of a personal God, without the resurrection.

But as he examined the available material more closely he saw that the book he had planned could never be written. The project was scrapped.

In chapter one of "Who Moved the Stone" he writes "... fully ten years later the opportunity came to study the life of Christ as I had long wanted to, to investigate the origins of its literature, to sift some of the evidence at first hand and to form my own judgement on the problem which it presents. I will only say that it effected a revolution in my thought."

And so a different book was written. A book which concludes, "... there certainly is a deep and profoundly historical basis for that much disputed sentence in the apostles' creed — "the third day he rose again from the dead." ■



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.

HUMAN RELATIONS REPORT

To the Editor,

There is little doubt that many Christians will be joining public discussions on this report and writing letters to the press. In so doing, many will attempt to witness to their Christian faith and principles based on the Word of God.

Will Christians select for comment only those parts with which they disagree or will they also support positive aspects of the report? Public debate on the report in the Media will provide substantial opportunities for the public expression of Christian viewpoints.

Copies of the report may be obtained at the Government Service Bookshop, 347 Swanston Street, Melbourne and be available for reference at most public libraries.

A number of Christians are combining in the preparation of material to help people understand the report. Interested people are invited to write for further information to 1033 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill, Victoria, 3128.

Yours sincerely,
Dirk Bakker, Vic.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

To the Editor,

The purpose of this letter is to appeal to the

S.A. FESTIVAL OF LIGHT SEEKS FULL-TIME DIRECTOR

The S.A. branch of Festival of Light is advertising for the position of a full-time paid Director.

Dr David Phillips, Chairman of the S.A. Branch, said that until now all workers for the F.O.L. cause had given their services voluntarily, except for a part-time office secretary.

"However, support for our campaign and the demands on our time have increased considerably during the past couple of years," he said.

"We have reached the stage where a full-time paid Director is essential to spearhead and co-ordinate our activities in many areas.

"As we watch thousands of people suffer the results of bad laws and harmful influences we feel compelled to increase the impact of our campaign. There is a tremendous need for Australians to realise that Christian values provide the best foundation for mature, stable and happy family life."

Dr Phillips sees a need for more contact with parliamentarians. "In 1975, our efforts to have the Family Law Act amended, failed by only one vote. Now, this disastrous law is being condemned not only by its victims but also by bishops and judges.

"We are also launching an appeal for a salary fund to make the appointment possible. We are urging people to contribute monthly to a Partnership scheme. In this way, Partners can become more involved through prayer, regular giving, and by receiving information every month about what is happening."

leaders of our brotherhood throughout Australia to call our churches to prayer for rain.

This is not to imply for a moment that such an initiative is not already in the minds of our leaders. I write from a sense of personal responsibility.

Many of our people and churches are now interceding for rain across Australia. But I believe there ought to be a call to prayer from our Conference leaders in every State, and from our Federal Conference, suggesting that there be specific prayer on a stated Sunday throughout Australia as soon as possible.

We are the salt of the earth. Our Lord attached promises to united prayer. I think we need to acknowledge as a body — for our mutual encouragement and before the watching world — that our Father God is the Giver of every good and perfect gift; that it is he in His love who gives rain to fall on the just and on the unjust; and that man is responsible to decide whether or not the goodness of God will lead him to repentance.

Bill Gamson, Vic.

MUSTARD SEEDS

To the Editor,

I commend the inclusion of "Mustard Seeds" in the "A.C.". I noticed some correspondents have objected to what they designate as political comments or bias, by Alan Austin.

More discerning readers will realize that he is prompted rather by a concern for people and the meeting of their needs in a way which reflects both God's love and God's justice. In this, one is reminded

of the prophets of old, who emphasized both the personal and social implications of living as a member of God's Kingdom. Not everyone found their (God's?) message acceptable.

Our household enjoys Alan's contribution — it's refreshing, stimulating and challenging — but then we happen to agree with most of it. Yet, we trust we will continue to find it so, even when it annoys us. It's the best thing that's happened to the "A.C." since Tertius was introduced.

(Mrs) Amy Whittaker, Vic.

SUMMER SCHOOL

To the Editor,

Having been to the summer school of successful ministry at Cheltenham Church of Christ, as a layman, I express my thanks to the Cheltenham church and its leaders in particular for running a very successful school. The school was successful because the men who spoke were very successful in the fields in which they spoke. It was really good because the speakers told us how to do it, not what we had to do. Not all that we learned could be applied in every church, but every church member who went would have been helped in practical ways. A simple, yet profound statement on what we discovered to do would be, love God, love the local church, love the community around you, and love the brotherhood, and with these attitudes get up out of what is comfortable and cosy and work for Christ as you have never done before. I'm sure that all of these attitudes in the lives of the lecturers, and in the churches in which they work, is what has made them great.

Ken Collins, S.A.

PLAN NOW TO
"REJOICE IN THE LORD"
JAN. 8-14, 1979, MELBOURNE

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

THRONE OF GRACE

To the Editor,

Some of our morning presidents vary the "let us pray" routine by saying, "Let us draw near to the throne of grace." I had heard it so often that I thought it must be in the Bible. But I could be mistaken as I was when I assumed that "closing the honours of the feast" was in the Bible. So I looked up my concordance and sure enough "drawing near to the throne of grace" was there in Hebrews 4:16.

But the verse doesn't say anything about prayer in the sense of approaching some great throne when we pray and leaving it when we have finished. Rather it is a very beautiful passage that says that because of Jesus, God is totally available, especially to those who need his grace and mercy and help.

That left me wondering why the writer talks about a throne when he talks about God's mercy and love and helpfulness. Obviously God isn't an enlarged elderly gentleman sitting upon an outsized elegant chair in a giant's castle at one end of a diamond studded street. Because the verse makes it clear that the throne of grace is amongst ordinary people, especially people who know that they need God. And we don't have to wait until we die or until we pray before we approach it.

The only way that I can work it out is that the word throne is used to remind us that God is King of a wonderful Kingdom right here where we live. And that it is a Kingdom full of mercy and grace and help for tired and sinning wayfarers like me. I can only come to the conclusion that wherever I am, the throne of grace is right there and that I am welcome to receive from it all that I need for life.

Probably that's bad theology, but it makes sense for living.

See you round the throne
TERTIUS.

● TELOPEA, N.S.W.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMME FUNDED

The Telopea Family Resources Committee of the Telopea Church of Christ has received funding for its After School-School Holiday Recreation programme in 1978 from the Federal Government.

Following a pilot scheme funded by the Office of Child Care, a grant of \$13,500 has been made available to provide money for salaries and equipment for the programme.

As well as After School Hours activities the church has initiated some parent support programmes aimed at providing education and back-up support of parents.

The Minister of the Telopea Church of Christ, Jay R. Bacik, said he was delighted that Senator Guilfoyle's department had seen the need for childrens services in the Dundas and surrounding area and it is also an indication of the quality of the work that has been done during last year by our Social Worker Carol Crees.

The Church is losing the services of Mrs Crees, and the hunt is on for a worthy successor.

The Telopea Church of Christ also sponsors the Telopean Family Day Care programme, the Child Care Centre and the Dundas-Telopea Community Aid and information service. (See Ad. on page 12.)

H.S.C. RESULTS AT BLACKBURN

Vicki Balabanski, a member of Blackburn Church of Christ, and a student at the Methodist Ladies College, gained a Distinction in her H.S.C. English Literature paper — a mark of 98. She also gained two other A's and two B's. Vicki hopes to commence an Arts degree at Melbourne University this year.

Loris Joyce, a former Victorian C.W.F. President, grandmother of nine and also member at Blackburn, completed the H.S.C. Biblical Studies Course conducted at the Church. She received a mark of 88. Hazel Scambler and Doreen Gordon (Doreen is from the Balwyn Church) both scored A's with marks of 86. Five others successfully passed their exam, three receiving B's, one C, and one D. The Biblical Studies Course is being repeated this year on Wednesday evenings.

NEW SECRETARY (Glen Waverley, R. B. Elbourne) Our new church secretary is John West, following Lindsay Croxford's eight years of service . . . 24 from Glen Waverley shared in M.E.D. organized camps and treks over holiday period.

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OUR SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Throughout 1978 we will write a series of articles on our spiritual resources.

There are times of discouragement, disappointment and depression when we need to remember our spiritual resources. In times of anxiety, fear and guilt, we need resources that come only from our faith. There are times when families are faced with alcoholism, adultery, suffering or death, when all that we are is tested to the core.

Where lie our resources that enable us to cope? How, having done all, can we stand?

This year-long-series will examine the resources that enable us to cope with whatever comes in life, both those within our spiritual resources, and within the Church.

PREPARATION.

From the N.T. we gather some sample passages of how great N.T. Christians used the scriptures as their resources.

Jesus used the scriptures in every aspect of living. From an age of twelve we read of him studying and quoting the scripture. Great phrases from the O.T. strengthened him during his temptations (Matt. 4). They provided him with the basis of his sermon at Nazareth (Lk 4). He interpreted the scriptures concerning himself constantly (Lk 24, Jn 7). Even his death and resurrection were according to the scriptures (1 Cor. 15).

The early Christians used the scriptures as their major resources in witnessing to their faith. Peter at Pentecost (Acts 2); Stephen at his trial (Acts 7); Philip witnessing to a traveller (Acts 8); and Paul preaching in the synagogue (Acts 13); each used scriptures to proclaim their faith and strengthen their lives.

Each Christian in the early Church searched the scriptures daily (Acts 17).

The scriptures were given, and inspired by, God and are able to guide, encourage and inspire us (2 Tim. 3:16; Rom. 15:4).

PROCLAMATION.

How can we best know the Bible so that it can be a resource for us in time of need?

1. Read the great chapters, e.g. Gen. 1; Exo. 3, 20; Josh. 1; Job 28; Psalm 1, 23, 24, 27, 51, 119; Isa. 6, 53; Matt. 5, 6

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and 7, 25; Lk 15, 24; John 1; 14; Romans 5, 8; 1 Cor. 13, 15; Phil. 4; 1 John 1; Rev. 21.

2. Learn the great verses by heart e.g. Deut. 33:25, 27; Josh. 1:9; Isa. 26:3, 40: 29-31; Matt. 6:9 - 13, 34, 11:28 - 30; Luke 10:27; John 13: 34 - 35; 15: 4 - 5; Romans 12: 1 - 2; 2 Cor. 12: 8 - 10; Gal. 3: 27 - 28; James 1: 19; 1 Peter 4: 13 - 14.

3. Select some verses for each major event in your life, e.g. The birth of a baby, entering a new home, illness, marriage, making an important decision, facing surgery, and apply some verse in your memory to those events.

4. Trace through topics of interest using a concordance noting every reference in the scripture e.g. happiness, family life, suffering, baptism, love, hope.

5. Follow the lives of great people in scripture, noting their ups and downs e.g. Abraham, Moses, Joseph, David, Solomon, Elijah, Peter or Paul.

6. Read the Bible daily with some guide to help you, e.g. Scripture Union notes, International Bible Reading Fellowship notes, William Barclay's Daily Studies.

PRESENTATION.

A young woman was brought to my door early one night by a professional man associated with a nearby psychiatric hospital. She was then physically crippled, emotionally disturbed and unable to communicate.

She was from a good Christian family in a Methodist Church, athletic and out-going in personality previously. I sat silently holding her hand, speaking soft words of reassurance for four hours. She started to nod to some questions and very slowly I learnt from her actions by suggesting what had happened, and by correcting my suggestions according to her nods.

Three years earlier she went overseas with her employer, and there followed adultery, pregnancy, abortion, guilt, self-loathing, physical illness and crippling. I read repeatedly 1 John 1:7-9. Her tears wrinkled the page. Jesus forgave her sin, she stood up released from an enormous load of guilt by the scriptures, and at 1 a.m. walked out unaided to a new day and a new life.

GORDON MOYES.

NEW APPOINTMENTS



DAVID WESTAWAY



LENNYCE WESTAWAY

David and Lennyce Westaway from Portland, Victoria, have been appointed to serve at the Ranwadi High School as short term workers during 1978. Both Lennyce and David are trained primary teachers and David is an arts graduate. They have been actively involved in many activities connected with the Portland Church of Christ. The Westaways have two children, David and Christopher. The Westaways left for the New Hebrides on January 20.

Jeanette and Rodney Foster from Howrah, Tasmania, have been appointed to serve in Santo, New Hebrides, where Rodney will serve as Field Business Manager. As Rodney is an accountant and Jeanette a Secretary, they will make a good team for the Santo Office. Both Rodney and Jeanette have been actively involved, especially in youth work, at the Howrah Church of Christ. They have two children, Jodie and Carolyn. The Fosters leave for the New Hebrides on February 22.



RODNEY FOSTER



JEANETTE FOSTER

Jennifer Marshall comes from Subiaco, West. Aust. and has been appointed as a permanent worker to the Ranwadi High School. Jennifer has been teaching for ten years and holds degrees in arts and education. She is in membership at the Subiaco Church of Christ where she has been actively involved in work among children, and young adults. Jennifer will be the Living Link for a group of 35 people in West Australia, and will leave for the New Hebrides towards the end of February.



JENNIFER MARSHALL

Please remember in prayer these new workers.

FINAL SERVICE — NORTH PARRAMATTA

(N.S.W.) On Nov 20 the final service was held at the North Parramatta Church of Christ in Barney Street. The chapel was opened on July 23, 1932. The first preacher at the church was B. G. Corlett.

During the ensuing 45 years many people came to know Christ as Lord and Saviour. There are people all over Australia who well remember their association with the church at North Parramatta.

In latter years the area surrounding the chapel has changed in character, and the membership has dwindled to a mere handful. On the suggestion of Jay Bacik, minister at Telopea, members decided to make a positive move and to transfer the resources at North Parramatta to the

developing Fellowship at Castle Hill.

There are real prospects for growth at Castle Hill, and although the name of North Parramatta has disappeared from the brotherhood, the spirit of the work there is continuing at Castle Hill.

There were 68 at the final Thanksgiving Service. The preacher was John Saint, minister at Kingsford. Mr Saint served at North Parramatta as a student during 1975 and 1976. The baptism of Miss Christine Bunt also took place during the service. Officiating was Ed Chandler, a student at Woolwich Bible College. Rob Goldfinch, Woolwich student at North Parramatta this year.

News Forms are available to assist in preparation of church news. Write to the editor.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

Three went to War

1. Which king had a choir to lead the army into battle? 2. Whose soldiers were chosen by the way they drank water? 3. Who was the first war prisoner in the Bible? (Answers on page 18.)

PREMIER DOCTOR

He always insisted he was a simple country doctor, and to the day of his death he was known to his friends in Nova Scotia as "Doctor Tupper."

Charles Tupper was born in 1821 and put in the long, hard years required to obtain a medical degree from the famous University of Edinburgh.

With doctor's degree in his pocket, he could have set up a fashionable and successful practice anywhere he liked. Yet Tupper booked passage on a ship and crossed the Atlantic to open a practice in Canada's Nova Scotia.

There, for twelve long years, he worked as a country doctor. During the winter he made his way through snowdrifts; in the spring he plodded across acres of mud. And so he might have lived out his life, but he decided to serve his fellow citizens in politics. Before he finished, "Doc Tupper" became premier of Canada and was knighted by Queen Victoria.

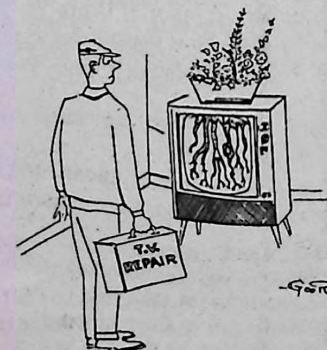
Auto Motive

Do not despair at Sixteen's plea, "Gosh everyone's got a car but me," For "Everyone" turns out to be A friend of a friend, age twenty-three.

Jan Washburn

HUSBAND: "Aren't you ready to go yet?"

WIFE: "Stop nagging me. I told you an hour ago that I'd be ready in a few minutes."



BOOKS TO READ

THE FAITH OF A SURGEON

Edited by W. M. Capper & D. Johnson (Paternoster)

This is a summary of the beliefs and experiences of a noted British surgeon, **Arthur Rendle Short**. Short was not only distinguished in surgery, he was appointed Professor in the University of Bristol. He was editor of "The Index of Prognosis" and was co-editor of "The Medical Annual" for 34 years. He wrote other medical books but he also wrote much on aspects of religion. He was a man of deep and humble faith and he made a most effective witness in all of his areas of life. He was a powerful spokesman against those who felt that modern science was diminishing Christianity. Some of his books are "The Historic Faith in the Light of Today," "The Bible and Modern Research" (Marshall Morgan & Scott), "Modern Discovery and the Bible" (I.V.P.), "Archeology Gives Evidence" (Tyndale), "The Bible and Modern Medicine" (Paternoster). He was a much sought after speaker at conventions and rallies. For forty years he was leader of the Thursday night men's Bible School at the Shaftesbury Institute. His medical students admired and respected him and he had his own way of emphasising errors: On noting a dresser's mis-spelt notes one day, he remarked, "Vomitting" is only spelt with two t's when it is especially severe." One student didn't think enough in response to a "case" and the following dialogue resulted: **A.R.S.:** "The charwoman from the B.R.I. has knelt on a rusty nail and has punctured the knee joint. What would you do?" **Student:** "I would wash out the wound with Eusol." **A.R.S.:** "Anything else?" **Student:** "No." **A.R.S.:** "Right. Having lost that leg for her, what would you do next?" He was just as severe (in a gentle kind of way) with those who made too hasty condemnatory judgments against the Bible. He was a man worth knowing and well worth remembering.

ADDICTIONS CAN BE CURED

by Margaret A. Patterson (Lion Publishing) \$5.95

One of the more depressing aspects of our society is the growing number of drug addictions. The success rate in treatment is not good and the cost to society is mountainous. This book offers some hope and begins with the author coming into contact with a Chinese medical practice more than 5000 years

old: acupuncture. Acupuncture is a form of anaesthesia attained by the application of "twirling" needles near nerve endings. The main Chinese theory is that the needles sent an impulse to the brain that reduces electrical activity which would otherwise register pain. Dr Patterson became Head of Surgery in a Hong Kong Hospital in 1964 and in the early 1970s was associated with extensive research into the use of acupuncture. While they were experimenting on a variety of patients they discovered that they were curing drug addicts as a bonus. In an advance of traditional acupuncture they used electro-acupuncture through the ears. An electric current was fed through needles to vital acupuncture areas. They treated 40 cases of drug addiction. Only six of them came for treatment of the addiction, the others came for a variety of medical reasons. Of the 40 cases 39 were discharged and are free of drug addiction and have since had no urge to return to drugs. Drug addiction is a neural condition and Dr Patterson believes that electrical stimulation leads to enduring neuro-chemical changes. When this book was first published in 1975 she was continuing her research in England on a two year program. Since that time has passed it may be expected that a further and more definitive statement will be published. She makes it clear that this book is an interim report to stimulate further interest and study of the field. We hope it does for it is an impressive introduction to a new hope in one of the world's most distressing areas of misery.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Thank thee, Lord, for thy most wondrous miracle — breaking up his golf foursome after twenty years!"

© CHAS. CARTWRIGHT

DIRECTOR

The South Australian branch of Festival of Light is seeking the services of a dedicated Christian, either a lay person or a Minister, to assume responsibilities as Director.

This key position presents an excellent opportunity for a Christian skilled in organisation, communication, and administration to increase the impact of the FOL/CSO campaign for purity, love, and family life.

The position carries responsibility to Executive Committee for speaking and writing to the media, rallies, churches, schools, politicians, etc., for organising meetings, rallies, seminars, etc., and for administering the FOL/CSO office.

A salary commensurate with the responsibilities of this important position will be negotiated and participation in a superannuation scheme can be arranged.

Applications in writing setting out relevant experience, qualifications and personal details, which will be treated in confidence, should be addressed to:

Dr. David Phillips,
Chairman of FOL/CSO (S.A.) Inc.,
4th Floor, 8 Twin St.,
ADELAIDE, S.A. 5000

Or phone: (08) 223 6519 for more information.
Closing date: Friday 17th March, 1978.

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THE CANCER INSTITUTE

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The Chaplaincy Unit is offering training in pastoral care for the Winter Quarter of 1978 running from 29th May to 12th August.

The aim of the training program is to develop within participants, pastoral care skills in ministering to people who are in crisis.

Applicants are expected to have a reasonable amount of experience in pastoral care.

Enquiries and requests for application forms should be directed to:

Rev. John Paver, Chaplain Supervisor,
Cancer Institute,
481 Little Lonsdale Street,
Melbourne, 3000.

Telephone 602-1333.

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GEOFF FOOT PRESIDENT-ELECT



The Victorian-Tasmanian Conference Secretary, Clive L. Ward, announced the appointment of Geoff J. Foot of Launceston as President-Elect for the 1978/79 Conference Year. Mr Foot will succeed K. D. Horne as conference President at the 1979 Conference. Mr Foot is the first Tasmanian to receive the honour. An elder of the Launceston Church, he is at present serving his second term as President of the Tasmanian District Conference.

Mr Foot has been a member of the Australian Council of the Bible Society and serves as the Honorary Treasurer.

Mr Foot is a well known and distinguished public figure in the State of Tasmania. From 1961-1972 he served as an independent member of the Tasmanian Legislative Council and was Leader for the Government in the Council during his last term. He has been a member of the Council of the University of Tasmania since 1969 and holds the office of Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Mr Foot is an accountant holding a number of qualifications in that and associated fields. He is a Director of a number of Public Companies in Tasmania.

Geoff will bring to the office of Conference President a wealth of experience, outstanding administrative ability and a capacity of discernment. These qualities together with his strong Christian convictions for which he is so well known and honoured will result in outstanding and stimulating leadership of the Brotherhood during his term of office.

UNIQUE "MINISTRY" OPPORTUNITY

Teloepa Church of Christ requires the services of:—

A CHILDREN'S AFTER HOURS RECREATION SUPERVISOR AND/OR PARENT SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR.

Situated in the Dundas Valley a number of dynamic social concern ministries emanate from the Christian Centre as well as normal church activities. A team of 12 paid staff work in the area of Child Care, Family Day Care and After School Recreation for Children (A.R.C.).

The person or persons we seek must be committed Christians with a special aptitude and interest in children and family life.

It may be that one person could handle both aspects of this position, or perhaps two people could work together part-time. This programme has been funded by the Federal Government.

HERE ARE THE TASKS:—

1. After Hours Recreation for children: to encourage and supervise After School Activities for primary age children each school day for 2 hours, and during school holidays, full days. Games, projects, crafts etc.
2. Parent Support: to work with parents and children to encourage, help educate, and help grow more effective families. Discussion groups, home visits, films etc.

Both tasks involve extensive liaison with Government Departments, Community resources and the Teloepa Church of Christ ministry team and congregation.

CONDITIONS:

Sharing a cramped office space (when you are in it) with a volatile but supportive team. Working with demanding vigorous and needy children and parents.

A mountain of prayer and encouragement behind you plus a keen and resourceful congregation.

Salary — to \$10,000 p.a. for a full time person.

Hours — not 9 to 5.

For Interstate people we could help with accommodation.

INTERESTED?

Write to: Jay R. Bacik, Minister,

The Christian Centre

Shortland Street, TELEOPA, NSW, 2117

Enquiries: Phone (02) 638 7955



Jan Dunn Th. A

YEAR OF OUTREACH (Maryborough, S. Warwick) 1977 was a year of outreach with many programmes uniting us with other churches and the community . . . On Christmas Day, the Uniting Church, the Salvation Army and the Church of Christ worshipped together at our church.

HAMPTON GOODBYE Church luncheon was held on Dec. 18, when Joan and Geoff Fewster and family were farewelled on leaving for full time ministry at Flinders Park, S.A. Presentations were made from the church, and C.W.F. . . . C.W.F. also made gifts to the church, Good Companions and Explorers. . . Officers have met with David Murray, student minister for 1978.

COLLEGE SECRETARY

Jan Dunn is the first full time office secretary at the College of the Bible and has completed one year of excellent service. Jan is the wife of third year student Mark Dunn. With several other student wives Jan has been studying in Cell Groups In Theology sponsored by the Australian College of Divinity and conducted by the Federal Board of Christian Education.

Jan has successfully completed the course and earned the Diploma of Associate in Theology (Th.A.) with First Class Honours. Prior to coming to the College Jan was office secretary for the Federal Board of Christian Education. When Robin Haskell becomes College Registrar and office secretary in 1979, Jan plans to do a Selected Course at the College to coincide with her husband's final year. Mark and Jan have a student ministry at East Bentleigh. They come from the church at Albion in Queensland.

C.O.C.O.A. AID (Barolin St. Bundaberg, B. M. Nowitzke) Christmas Day offering of \$213 sent to C.O.C.O.A. . . . C.W.F. visited Mrs Voss on her 95th birthday . . . Church combined with Avenell Heights to hear Aileen Draney.

Diary

NEW SOUTH WALES

February
10-12 N.W. Region
Convention

14 Ministers'
Luncheon

17 Woolwich Bible
College Convocation

21, 24, 25 D.C.E.

Teacher Training
Seminar

March

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HAPPENINGS

W. W. Saunders will be commissioned as Chaplain to Churches of Christ (Vic. — Tas.) Social Service Homes in a service at the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh on Thur., Feb. 9, at 2 p.m.

Israel has a "Good Fence" policy operating for Lebanon. Since it began, 28,000 have received medical aid from Israel (18,000 were Christians and 9,000 Moslems). 1,150 have been cared for in Israeli hospitals. Israel also supplies Lebanese citizens with essential supplies and vive agricultural assistance.

The chairman of the Raffles and Bingo Permits Board (Vic.), Sir William Hall, must be one of the very few who are "surprised" at the way bingo has taken on. A news report says that bingo is "packing them in at theatres, schools, and halls across Victoria." It won't surprise those who remember that an earlier bingo craze in the State was so disruptive socially that the government had to ban it.

Advertisements for husbands or wives are filling the Sunday newspapers in Sri Lanka. There are so many that there is a three week wait before the ad. can appear. There are about 300 to 400 serious responses to a normal, average advertisement.

William Barclay, Scottish theologian, preacher, writer, and broadcaster, died on Jan. 25. Professor of New Testament in the University of Glasgow, his study notes (begun as daily reading guides) gained enormous popularity throughout the world.

Elizabeth Hibbert (Mrs W. R. Hibbert) died at the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh, Vic., on Dec. 23, 1977. She shared a radiant partnership with her husband in ministries in W.A., N.Z., and Vic. Mr Hibbert passed away in June, 1975. They are survived by their son, David.

Partly because church national leaders are taking over in missionary lands, but also because there is waning response to calls for mission service, the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, one of the biggest and oldest the Anglican missionary organisations, reported that its missionary staff dropped from 594 to 340 in the past six years.

13 denominations are in the British Free Church Federal Council reported a loss of 53,000 members for 1975. The Methodist Church went from 601,068 to 557,269; Churches of Christ from 4261 to 4028.

Because leprosy patients find it hard to turn the thin pages of most Bibles the Bible Society is bringing out special editions in Thai and Bengali languages on thick paper.

Four women priests have been ordained in the Anglican Church in New Zealand. There were petitions and protests when the action to ordain was taken 18 months ago, but a recent appeal against the decision was recently dismissed.

A large Australian company, based in Saudi Arabia, has been importing illegal alcohol in large containers marked "Piano." The Customs Dept. is investigating.

The Christian Conference of Asia announces that Asia Sunday this year will be observed on May 7.

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Commencement: As soon as possible. Enquiries from Bible College graduates concerning a ministry overseas are always welcome, as a number of staff changes will be taking place within the next two years.

OBITUARY

McDONALD, Alice Evelyn

Mrs Alice McDonald, daughter of Charles and Matilda Cooper, was born in Careton in 1883. In 1920 she married Ronald William McDonald, who died after a comparatively short married life of 13 years. In 1937 she was welcomed into the fellowship of the Northcote Church. Throughout her long association with Northcote Mrs McDonald maintained a strong earnest faith and a keen interest in the affairs of the church. For many years she was not able to attend services but continued to support the church. In 1976 she entered the Christian Guest Home where she died on January 1, 1978. Mrs McDonald was a true Christian who had a sincere faith in her Lord. The funeral service was conducted by T. V. Weir.

HINRICHSEN, Arnold Eric

(10.12.1977) Arnold Hinrichsen was born in 1917. He came of noble stock with a steadfast line of evangelistic relationship. Dr Will, John, Annie, Ernest, and Vera predeceased him. Alfred, Fred and Lillian

MADAME CHAIR (Chadstone) Margaret Patterson was elected chairman of the Board . . . House study sessions have been held on Tuesday afternoons . . . "The Towering Inferno" was screened by C.Y.F. . . . Girls' Club raised \$27 from "snowball drive." . . . Friendship Club paid visit to Macedon . . . When Murray Johnson, World Christian Action, was guest speaker, a cheque was handed to him as proceeds from the "Diminishing Dinners" . . . Boys' Explorers held display night which included a challenge from Maidstone club . . . W. F. Birthday programme provided by "Glenaires."

PERTH CITY IS 87 (Robt. Taylor) Dr D. Hammer, previous minister, was guest speaker at 87th church anniversary . . . House parties have provided valuable studies and fellowship . . . J. K. Bond conducted a mini-mission, "Face Facts." . . . S.S. numbers increasing steadily . . . The Slavic church shares our chapel and some services . . . Youth Group is joining with Slavic youth . . . Our Korean Link reports great progress and great problems. A day centre there caters for 99 children and trainee girls.

TOP STUDENT (Springvale, R. C. Cambridge) Phillip Wilson is top physics student in Vic. and in top eight in H.S.C. with three special distinctions . . . Dorothy Munyard home from hospital and recovering from typhoid in Indonesia . . . B.S. sent quantity of presents to Roelands mission . . . Mrs Kit Seamer undergoing surgery at St Vincents Hosp.

FAMILY CAMP (Ipswich, B. Rice) 100 attended first Family Camp at Camp Cal. Jim Vine, O.A.C., speaker . . . Maori Team shared in weekend of meetings . . . Mr Rice was chaplain at Girls' Brigade National Pioneers Camp at Camp Cal . . . Recent speakers were Ron Wilson and David Hamilton . . . 66 attended C.Y.F. camp at Camp Cal with Chris O'Dempsey taking studies . . . \$350 was given to C.O.C.O.A. at Christmas Day service . . . John and Berniece Hicks now in student ministry at Kedron.

survive him. Arnold was the youngest of the family, his earlier years and education were mainly in Brisbane. He returned to the Tarome district in 1936. He was baptised at his brother Ern's mission at Wynnum at 12 years of age. He was not a preacher like his brothers but stood solidly behind them, and when Ern's health failed, Arn and Beth nursed him back to health. He sought the Lord's guidance in every phase of each day's activity, he worshipped and witnessed with quiet humility. He served as a deacon for some years and was recognised as a leader in the Rosevale church, supporting the starting of new churches throughout Queensland, the brotherhood at large, and Kenmore Christian College. He was a wise and loving husband and father and his family were united with their father and mother in a secure faith: Lorraine (Mrs D. Anderson), Judy (Mrs A. Moffatt), Barry, Ella (Mrs Forsyth), and Peter. They, with their mother Beth, are left to carry on the witness so lovingly began. The high esteem of the community was evident in the hundreds who packed the Rosevale church for the service conducted by Barry Cutchie. V. Boettcher gave the eulogy, and the graveside service was led by R. J. Anderson. — R.J.A.

REDMAN Mrs Vera

(19.12.1977) Mrs Redman died at the age of 88 years. She became a member of Churches of Christ at Norwood at the beginning of the century and the church has always played a big part in her life. She married Ollie Redman in 1916. He began his work with the Deaf Society of S.A. in the early twenties, became Superintendent and carried on that work for 40 years. Mrs Redman shared fully in her husband's work and continued it after his death. Besides her work for the church and the Deaf Society she also supported Red Cross and the Home for Incurables, even in the last few years of her life raising hundreds of dollars. For many years she was a member of Unley Church and came to Glenelg in 1972 where she was a valued member of the Church, loved and respected by all. She combined a dignity and sweetness in her personality that endeared her to everyone. To her son, Alan and his wife, Betty, her daughters Jean and Kath and her husband, we extend deepest sympathy. — C.H.J.W.



NEW SOUTH WALES

PROJECT PHILLIP (Cardiff) In early February the church commences a new venture "Project Phillip" . . . Recent speakers have been Godfrey Theobald and Kim Titterton . . . The Aborigine church led by Doug Poetska were visitors for Christmas break-up. Parcels were placed under Christmas Tree for children. Pastor Vic Shaw of Gilgandra sang and preached.

MARCH MINISTRY (Gilgandra) The church is looking to the coming of Mr & Mrs A. Franzen who will commence a ministry in March . . . The church appreciates help by Sydney churches in providing a visiting minister each fourth Sunday, and to other speakers while without a minister . . . Mrs C. Butler and Miss Beth Mudford are in hospital.

WHEAT TO WEST H.C. Wheat recently concluded a ministry with the church at Belrose/Nth Balgowrah. During his ministry Mr Wheat lectured in an honorary capacity at Woolwich Bible College for four years. He commenced a ministry at Geraldton, W.A. in Jan.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING (Thornleigh, D. W. Mansell) "My Christmas Gift to the Lord" offering amounted to \$731. This offering will assist team going to Indonesia to investigate mission work there, and for our Aboriginal work at Tamworth . . . Miss Carol Rogerson was farewelled on moving to Brisbane . . . Gospel service on Jan 1 combined with Nth Turrumurra at Thornleigh for service conducted by Mr Mansell.



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CHURCH NEWS

"OLDIES" HELPED THE "YOUNG'UNS" at the Christian Rest Home, St. Georges on Oct. 29. The Oldies hold a fund raising 'at home' day each year, and this year decided that the money would help the young'uns with their activities. Stalls around the home quickly sold out once the afternoon was declared open by Albie Jones. The amount raised was \$738. This thoughtful gesture is very much appreciated by the young'uns.

FAREWELL (Pt. Lincoln) Auxiliary break-up arranged by youth council included basket tea and entertainment and farewell to Brian and Merle Hill and family who have ministered here for seven years. They are moving to Riverland Churches of Christ . . . Ungarra young people's group presented the Christmas message at evening service . . . P.E.T. courses to continue this year . . . Men's fellowship tea at home of Bruce Dennis had David Foster as guest speaker . . . John Brear will commence a ministry in February.

INDUCTION (South Perth, D. Nelson, L. Cox) Thornlie and Sth. Perth combined for induction of John & Julie Bond into Thortie ministry . . . Mrs Cox is now full time at Sth. Perth with pastoral concentration . . . Mr & Mrs Nelson will lead tour to Holy Land in May . . . Men of church are altering chapel front to house speakers and modify appearance . . . John McIntyre has resumed as treasurer, relieving Ron Bullard . . . Jeff & Peta Ramsay have commenced a S.S. at Lancelin.

GIRLS MUSICAL (Wembley, D. K. Croot) Girls' Brigade presented musical, "Love, Joy & Peace" at final church parade for year. Awards were presented . . . Ladies and Badminton groups combined for barbecue . . . Slides of Dr & Mrs Colin Smuthe's work in New Hebrides shown . . . 199 shared in two Christmas morning services. Rev. Royal Peck, Keswick Convention speaker from U.S.A., and Mr Croot were speakers.

CONTINUING (Applecross) Kevin and Sue Denton have accepted an extension of ministry for two years . . . 17 responded to the gospel over final three weeks of 1977 . . . David Murray (C.O.B.) preached during January . . . Greg and Jenny Shaw were farewelled on leaving to commence training at the C.O.B.

GUEST SPEAKERS (Sth. Melb. — Middle Pk., R. Ferguson, During the absence of Mr & Mrs Robt. Ferguson, the overseer for the church during January was Brian Saleh, who was recently appointed church secretary. Guest speakers were Tae Ting Lenn and Chek Kwang Chia, both from Swanston St. Church of Christ . . . Mr & Mrs Ferguson visited Tamworth and Perth.

VISITORS (Bentleigh, R.W. Marshall) Recent speakers have been B. McIntyre, J. Gibbon from J.E.W., K. J. Clinton from College of the Bible, Ivan Bell and Terry with film from "Underground Evangelism", and Bob Price on F.E.B.C. work in the Seychelles. The film "Freedom from Bondage" about work among lepers in Thailand has also been screened.

PATCH PURCHASE (The Patch, R. Wesley) Arrangements completed for purchase from Properties Corporation of 2 acre lot with dwelling, for future development . . . Presentation made and appreciation expressed to Alan and Iris Page at conclusion of three year ministry . . . Members gathered for pre-service coffee to welcome Russell Wesley (C.O.B.) and his wife Eugenie . . . Christmas Bowl and C.O.C.O.A. will benefit from donations over past weeks . . . Bob Johnston now local agent for "Aust. Christian."

PAGEANT AND FAREWELL (Ivanhoe, A. B. Withers) S.S. presented Christmas message in word, costume, and song. This was followed by a farewell supper and presentation to student minister, Denise Wissman, who served for two years. Denise preached on her last morning with us. She moves to Chelsea . . . Recent speakers have been R. Stebbins (Uniting Church), Peter Wing Tang (Surrey Hills), and George Harman.



VICTORIA

FOR ROELANDS (Kyneton, P. Wylie) B. S. Social Service raised \$113 for Roeland's Village in W.A. Ladies guild stall, \$400. Foreign Mission collection amounted to \$460 . . . During holidays the ladies, with help from speakers sponsored by Max White from Ballarat, will be taking the services . . . Social activities for the years closed with B. S. Christmas tree on Dec. 17 . . . Gifts were made to student minister and Debra Payne prior to their marriage.

CHOIR IN PLAZA (Box Hill, S. Downie) National Boys' Choir sang in shopping plaza for church outreach . . . B. S. family picnic held after morning service . . . Film "Thief in the Night" was screened . . . Youth camp held at Cowes Dec. 2-4 . . . Melbourne male voice choir featured in recent evening service.

ELECTION GAIN (Hurstbridge, V. Quayle) C.W.F. purchased a piano for Kindergarten Dept. from sale of goods outside polling booth . . . Calendars for 1978 setting out Sunday services have been printed and distributed to shops and homes . . . Harvey Bishop was recent speaker. "The Changing Moods" and a group from South Melbourne assisted in recent services.

STRATHMORE (S. K. Bannon) Sir Kenneth Wheeler was guest speaker to church on "The Church in Politics" . . . Other features have been K. D. Horne speaking at the church anniversary and Ralph Nicholls who spoke and showed films on Aborigines' dances. Richard Gunston sang and played at evening service . . . Mrs Byrnes and her two sons have returned to England.

ASSOCIATE (Blackburn, E. C. Keating) On Dec. 11 the church welcomed new Associate Minister, Paul Burnham, and family from Tasmania . . . E.W.F. held International Dinner conducted by Marg Keating. A special greeting came from Jan Youens and friends in Canada.

TRANSPLANT (Tootgarook, Mr Hovey) Tom Bryant and his son Noel both very well after successful kidney transplant. Tom being the giver and Noel the receiver . . . Mrs Pat Moore is new Supt. of B. S. . . Don Oakes was recent guest speaker . . . Sue and Ron Wilson were farewelled on going to Noble Park church.

HOME FROM P.N.G. (Bentleigh, R. W. Marshall) Miss Roslyn Williams, home on furlough from Papua New Guinea was welcomed on Dec. 18 . . . Two ladies were baptised recently, followed by a Christmas service arranged by the Roper and McDonald families.

COFFEE SHOP (Warragul, R. Pritchard) A weekly coffee shop was held in the Basement of the Manse during the Christmas holidays . . . Mary Seabrook arranged Carols by Candlelight and Coffee Cabaret in Centre Point Arcade shopping complex on Dec. 16. 150 stayed to sing carols . . . Church combined with Wesley Church for Christmas morning service.

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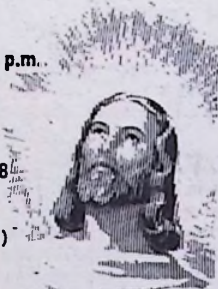
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HORNE (Little) Joy, Alan, and Peter praise and thank God for the wonderful gift and safe arrival of twins, Rachel Lee and Naomi Joy, on Jan. 3, 1978.

O'BRIEN (Harmer) Beth and Ian thank God for a healthy son, Benjamin, born November 22nd at Balarat. Brother for Meredith, Jarrod, and Andrea.

FELDHANN Rodney and Marion (nee Wilson) are happy to announce the safe arrival of their first child, a daughter, Melissa Angela (6 lbs. 7 oz.) at the Madang General Hospital, P.N.G. on 16th December, 1977.

Ralph **SAXTON** and Marian **ZAUNBRECHER** announce the birth of their daughter Jane at Wollongong, 4th Dec., sister for Sean.

ARRIVAL

MARR To Pauline and David, the happy arrival of a son from Sri Lanka. Brother for Jennifer, Robert and Natalie. Named Premachandra Luke Jeffrey, aged approx. 2-2½ yrs. Ours to love and cherish always.

OUR OWN

HILL Brian and Merle, Dwayne and Kerilee, rejoice in the completion of the adoptions of Nagamma Joy from Sri Lanka, and Kenton Sudjai from Thailand.

ENGAGEMENTS

BURT-RAYMOND Brian and Gwenda Burt of Kapala Street, Southport, Qld., have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Gwenda, to Bruce Wayne, eldest son of June and Les Raymond of Biloela.

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DEATH

WHITTAKER Gladys. Loving memories of our dear Mum and Nana who entered into life on Christmas Day — Max and Amy, Andrew, MaryAnn, and Rosalie. "She looked up and laughed and lifted." Grateful thanks to Carl Clayden (minister, Ormond Church of Christ) for his much appreciated ministry.

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JAY'S QUIZ

Answers (see page 10) 1. Jehoshaphat (2 Chron. 20) 2. Gideon's (Judges 7) 3. Lot. (Gen 14)

IN MEMORIAM

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E. J. MILES BIOGRAPHY (Oakleigh, Dr. C.J. MacKenzie) A biography of the late E. J. Miles (former preacher) has been written by Ngaire Walhout and will be published early in 1978 (enquiries phone 56 3555) . . . Fred Gillespie recovering at home after major surgery . . . Mrs Beryl Miles recovering after car accident . . . "Jesus Gang" at North Dandenong continues meeting weekly at Silverton Drive Primary School with growing B.S. and worship — communion service. Don Smith Dept. M.E.D., recent speaker . . . Dr McKenzie and members recently returned a visit to Portland Church to share social and worship .

FOR C.O.B. (Ormond, C.P. Clayden) Graeme Titter, one of our newest members by transfer, has been accepted for training at College of the Bible. On Nov. 13 at focus on the cricket teams, Graeme Titter preached the sermon . . . C.Y.F. visited Institute of Archaeology on Nov. 20 . . . C.W.F. had Harbour Trust outing . . . Cartons of groceries have been forwarded to Social service. Sunday School gave \$1000 to manager of Moorabbin Hospital, \$500 to endow a Casualty cubicle and \$500 to endow a bed . . .

The drama group is now established, called "The Wayside Company" . . . \$66 has been forwarded to Leprosy Mission . . . Mrs Valda Smith showed a movie film on Roelands Mission, W.A. to E.W.F.

TO VISIT AND SING (Kaniva, Serviceton, Barry Brown) Ladies continue to visit hospital, to sing old favourites with elderly patients . . . C.W.F. had fishing theme program. Progressive dinner with men folk joining in. They were visited by York St. ladies who provided program. They also went to Warracknabeal for meeting with Rita Phillips, country representative. Had church family social, theme "Christmas in other lands" . . . A Gideons' service offering was \$65 . . . Recent speaker was Graeme Chapman . . . Leenne Wheaton showed slides of Eidsvold Christian Centre after month of voluntary work there . . . Serviceton held church luncheon, farewelling Mr and Mrs Brown and family . . . The church has lost Mrs Sylvia Powell after a long illness.

LEIGHTON FORD (West Preston, B.F. Goldsteen) Members shared in Leighton Fore Crusade . . . Blind Fellowship very active, with fortnightly meetings, tea and evening service. They shared in annual service at Greythorn Church of England, where Ron Hooper gave testimony . . . Bill Rogers spoke at B.S. Anniversary . . . 15 attended Children's Ministry Training Day at Box Hill . . . Men's Club speakers included a T.V. Script Writer, a Herbal Therapist and a Fire Brigade Officer . . . Diane Cooksley told of New Hebrides work . . . \$600 from Mini Mart will benefit Northcote Geriatric project and our own missionary families, Cooks and Jenkins . . . \$115 given to Leprosy Mission.



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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LOSS AT NORTHAM (M. Randell) Sympathy of church extended to Mrs Selma Martin and family on the sudden death of her husband, Gordon, on Nov. 29 . . . C.W.F. annual meeting elected S. Little (Pres.) J. Roediger (Vice-Pres.), C. Randell (Sec.), A. Beavis (Treas.) . . . Mrs Joan Williams home after overseas visit to her daughter . . . Youth for Christ singers visited here for weekend.

MANDURAH, W.A. (R. Sack) H. Fitch chaired annual meeting. Act. Sec. is Graham Watson . . . Jennie Sack, still under treatment in hospital, progressing slowly . . . Youth work made good progress led by D. Samble, Alex MacKay, C. Williams, J. Kennedy and S. Kaddy . . . B. S. Anniv. on Dec. 4 took form of White Christmas. After children's items, dinner was served in cottage. C.W.F. held final service at Mrs C. Sambell's home. M. Morfitt is Sec. Many boxes were packed, a boy clothed. A large sum was given toward toilet built by C. Sambell. Also improvements to cottage with help from Mrs K. Wortman.

SUMMER CELEBRATION (Scarborough) Gordon Stirling, Federal Conf. Pres., is leading a six week holiday outreach program . . . Win Bateman is new C.W.F. Pres., Fay Wilkinson is Vice-Pres., Treas. Betty Povey, Secretary Jean Davies . . . Ken Duffy, Lionel Fitch and Eric Hogben are deacons.

GERALDTON MINISTRY (Geraldton W.A.) Colin Wheat was inducted to the ministry here on Jan. 14. The Wheat family travelled by car and caravan from N.S.W. Repairing the manse has been the main task lately . . . The film "Why Should the Devil have all the Good Music", was screened . . . The church expresses thanks to all visiting speakers during last six months.

MINISTER FAREWELLED (Subiaco) Mr and Mrs Robert Drown and family were farewelled on Dec. 18. They will travel to the U.S.A. (via London) where Mr Drown will take up an appointment with Central Christian Church, Wichita, Kansas, where George Wood is Senior Minister . . . After holidaying in N.Z., our deaconess, Elizabeth Doddemeade, goes to work on a country property . . . The church begins 1978 with a strong team of men and women to continue the work until a new pastor is called.

VISIT TO CARNARVON Roy Aitken and family visited Carnarvon. Roy officiated at wedding of Lola Brandstater and Shayne Jones. Another couple, married in Sydney, have returned to make their home in Carnarvon . . . Seven new missionary families are expected at Ingada Village when school reopens in February . . . The Kent family will be coming "home" as Ken has been appointed deputy head of the East Carnarvon school . . . After undergoing surgery, Jack Wingrove has returned from Perth and will soon continue the Saturday night "open air" ministry in the main street. Jack and his helpers have conducted this faithfully for about 25 years.

MIDLAND (R. L. Baxter, W.A. Van. Leen) The B.S. led the Christmas service, followed by a fellowship luncheon . . . The Basket Ball team had a wind up pool party at the home of Lesley and Graeme Carter . . . Iris Stephenson is new C.W.F. President; Hazel Cruesot in Vice-Pres.; Lesley Baxter, Sec.; and Gai Carter (Treas.)

25TH ANNIVERSARY (Nollamara, R. J. Anderson) Don and Val Butler celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary . . . Chris and Delys Good were farewelled on taking up work at Aboriginal Hostel, Esperance . . . Sue and Bob Parry and Phillip were home on holidays enroute from New Tribes Mission College to P.N.G. . . . Mrs M. Fewster went to Melbourne to attend graduation from C.O.B. of her son, Geoff.



QUEENSLAND

FIRST BAPTISM (Centenary) The first new member, Angela Stewart, was baptised in the secretary's swimming pool by G. Beel . . . The church moved from shared facilities with the Lutheran Church at Middle Park to historic chapel at Seventeen Mile Rocks, formerly occupied by the Methodist Church but vacant since formation of Uniting Church. B.S. also commenced . . . Recent speakers have been Marjory Chapman, Marjory Ann Dredge, Jim Dow and Ron Holt . . . Recently ladies of church took all offices for morning service, speaker, president, readers, organiste, usher, etc. . . Church has been prominent in community projects.

ACCIDENT (Kenmore, Delroy Brown, Randy Edwards) Theva Kanagasabai (Trevor) overseas graduate in agricultural science received by transfer from Gatton . . . K.C.C. students: David Harmer has completed a year of service, and Faye Turnbull conducting vacation ministry for young people, including Vacation B.S. . . . David Galbraith, broken leg and arm as result of accident when leaving school, progressing satisfactorily. Peter Galbraith has year's study granted in England. Eric Salzman and family already overseas for similar reason . . . Boys' Brigade led by Lloyd Way growing rapidly, but assistant leader John Dainty leaving for Woomera for employment.

FOUR BAPTISMS (Annerley, R. Bennett) There have been four recent baptisms . . . New youth group averages 25 . . . 24 hour prayer chains continue . . . Fortnightly visitation continuing through the summer . . . David Woodward will serve as associate and youth minister from July 1978 . . . During 1977, over \$6000 was given for other than local work. Local giving has more than doubled in past three years.

MINISTRY CONTINUES (Camp Bill, Barry Cutchie) Mr Cutchie and the church have happily agreed for his ministry to continue . . . Reg and Sue Charles, who assisted here in 1977, worked at Roelands Village, W.A., over holidays awaiting guidance on future ministry . . . Steve Jay, Kenmore student, will assist in 1978 ministry . . . Doubledecker bus overhauled ready for S.S. pick-up program . . . Mr and Mrs Parkinson spent Christmas in India with daughter, Margaret, a missionary based in Pune . . . Ladies care-and-share groups, house churches, and Board members' share-and-study groups have all contributed to renewed spiritual life.

CRUSADE PLANNED (Chinchilla-Hopelands, A. A. Clarke) Church is planning a Crusade with John Timms, May 7-21, 1978 . . . David Hanmer Jr. was guest speaker at 11th Annual Missionary Harvest Thanksgiving. Aileen Draney showed slides of and spoke of mission work in P.N.G. Janet Clarke illustrated and told of Ghana missions. The thank offering was over \$4200.

ROLE OF CITY CHURCH (Ann St., Brisbane) The last annual meeting appointed a committee which compiled a questionnaire designed to see if Ann St. as a city church is meeting the needs of members and others. The committee is now collating the information received and will report to the officers' board . . . Recent speakers have been Bruce Riberta (for month of Dec.) and Miss Aileen Draney on Jan. 8 . . . The B.S. organized the church Christmas party and presented the Nativity story. Puppets were made by the scholars themselves and manipulated with great skill and effect.

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CELEBRATION (Forestville, John Byrnes) Wednesday night Discovery Group held Christian Celebration when it returned to newly decorated Fellowship Room . . . C.W.F. raised \$154 for projects with a concert by Metropolitan Male Choir . . . "Slimmin' Women" group meets weekly . . . Under-shepherd plan has been instituted . . . Minister spoke on role and qualifications of elders, deacons, women in the church, and saints, in preparation for Annual General Meeting

FAMILY SERVICES (Wampony, B. Reid) Combined Mundulla/Wampony special Family Christmas Service held at Wampony on Dec. 4, preceded by tea. Items in song given by S.S. scholars and Junior Youth. Film "Christmas in Hong Kong" was screened. Christmas Bowl appeal made during tea amounted to \$45 . . . Mundulla/Wampony Women's Fellowship invited friends to Christmas meeting on Dec. 8 with basket tea. Small gifts of plants, bulbs, etc. exchanged . . . Selina Dinning is progressing well after appendix operation.

"TIMBADARK" (Blackwood, L.G. Cooke) "Timbadark Community" family camp was an experience of all ages accepting and appreciating each other . . . Pot-Luck Teas commenced teaching sessions with Charles Dow . . . "Syndicate" (18+) camped in Flinders Ranges and produced film . . . "B.Y.G." (13-17 years) spent evening on Mt Barker farm . . . Boys' Brigade won Drill Competition. Younger boys and seniors striving for D. of E. Award hiked 15/25 miles . . . \$500 raised in appeal made for tools in P.N.G. mission work . . . Continuing city-country link with Goolwa.

LULU PAYS VISIT (Prospect, R. H. Sercombe) Lulu the puppet was a great success at Christmas Day service. At night we joined with Baptist church . . . Food and toys received at C.W.F. Christmas luncheon were distributed by the Offenders Rehabilitation Society . . . The church offers congratulations to A. R. Jones who was awarded the M.B.E. for services to the church and community welfare.

NEW ORGAN (Marylands, N. S. Moore) A new "Conn" organ has been installed . . . 1500 Christmas cards with a Christmas message and invitation were distributed throughout district . . . C.W.F. visited "shut-ins" and our Nursing Homes with gifts and greetings . . . The "Friendship Centre" opens on Feb. 14. Its sponsors raised \$110 from a stall on polling day . . . The church has been saddened by the death of Mrs Holbrook, a long and faithful member.

BORDERTOWN BAPTISMS (B. Reid). Seven young people were baptized recently . . . Julie and Doug Walladge were welcomed home from the New Hebrides and will attend the C.O.B. this year . . . Frank and Joy Riches, with Karen and Peter, have left for full-time mission work at Carnarvon. This decision follows the miraculous healing of Joy last year . . . John Fisher recovered from serious burns received while welding.

OVERSEAS LINK (Cowandilla, R. W. Saunders) E. W. Roffey was speaker at 54th church anniversary. At night, S.S. teachers and scholars paraded and gave items. Don Homesby is Supt . . . On Dec. 11, BBI leaders under Mrs Ivy Pollard entertained over 60s at tea. About 60 present . . . Elder Ken Dawson introduced annual appeal for Churches of Christ Overseas Aid and Christmas Bowl. All present signed a Christmas card to send to the church's living link, Joses Sali, in the New Hebrides.

FINAL SERVICE

(S.A.) The final services in the Ascot Park church building were held on New Year's Day. 200 were present in the morning, with many past members coming back. E. P. C. Hollard, a former minister, was guest speaker. Les Keatch came from Melbourne to preside. Another former preacher, H. C. Cave, was also present. Wendy Wilkinson sang a solo.

Luncheon was catered for by the ladies. Col. Smith, a former minister, and I. J. Chivell were present, as were Mrs Hollard, Mrs Keatch, Mrs Cave, Mrs Smith and Mrs Chivell.

Clovelly Park sent two board members to convey good wishes.

In the afternoon Frank Bibby arranged a program of slides and a film of past events. Old photos were on display. Roger Dufty conducted a song service and Robin Frost sang two solos. Mr Clymer preached the final message.

Ascot Park is indebted to Unley church for storing church furniture. Ascot Park members will meet with Clovelly Park church until their property is sold. In the meantime the new Marion Church of Christ will be constituted.

At Christmas Day service at Ascot Park, the Christmas Bowl and C.O.C.O.A. each received approximately \$100 from the offering.

ACTION GROUPS (Col. Light Gardens, R. V. Holmes). Responsibility for church activity in 1978 in hands of 9 "Action Groups" with one person in charge of each. Evening service outreach to concentrate on one "special" each month with other Sunday evenings used for preparation, youth meetings, etc. "Night of Miracles" Cantata was presented in conjunction with Kilkenny Uniting Church with a combined singing group and a presentation in each church . . . Mr Holmes led combined Christmas service in local Catholic church with 500 present.

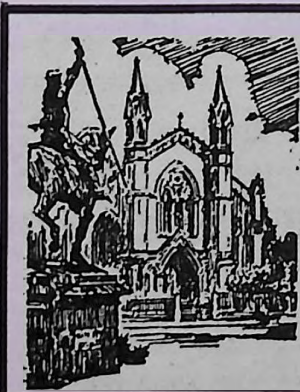
W.A., S.A., and VIC. NEWS

MONTROSE ADDITIONS During December six adults were welcomed into membership following baptism during las weeks of Alan Horne's ministry . . . The Centenary Thankoffering, added to the organ fund, enabled the church to obtain an electronic organ . . . C.W.F. held a fete which raised \$300 toward fittings for the manse . . . On December 18, following a tea and service, there was a farewell presentation to Alan and Joy Horne in appreciation of seven years ministry, 1977 being full time service . . . Mr and Mrs van Laar and family moved into the manse on January 17 . . . John and Marie Dolman were farewelled at Meehan's home on New Year's Eve and a presentation made. They left on January 29 to work with the Aborigines Mission at Carnarvon, W.A.

KENSINGTON PARK (R. L. Oke) "A Festival of Christmas" was conducted by Olive Moore, who also conducts the choir . . . S. S. anniversary guest speaker was Tom Morgan. Prizes were given to the children.

"SUMMER CELEBRATION" (Scarborough) Many visitors attended the special series led by Gordon Stirling . . . Jean Armstrong completed studies in Clinical Pastoral Care and will now go to the C.O.B. at Glen Iris . . . Gateway Youth and Family attractions included surfing film, "Disco Night," and the "The New Deal Gospel Band." . . . There have been four recent decisions.

VISIT TO ALBANY (K. Ewers-Verge) The State Conf. Pres., B. Wells, and Mrs Wells visited here on Jan 15 . . . Annual meeting showed seven added by faith and baptism and two by transfer in 1977 . . . Six young people made commitments during the Allan Avery Mission . . . Miss Beth Clapp, who made a splendid contribution in music and youth work, has been transferred to a metropolitan area.



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7.00 p.m. — LIFE CHANGING ENCOUNTERS

Minister: A. L. Webb, B.A.



VICTORIA

BIBLICAL H.S.C. (Blackburn, E.C. Keating) Biblical Studies group led by Mr Keating presented for H.S.C. exam and then celebrated at an evening at the home of Mr & Mrs G. Scambler . . . Mrs Imelda Lowrey and Gwenda Steele participated in Bible Society's Read-a-thon and raised over \$100 . . . A.W.F. concluded year with special Christmas program . . . A Healing Service was central to evening service on Nov. 27 . . . "Thank You" Service conducted by church members giving thanks to God for special blessings . . . Y.A.F. held evening at home of Mr and Mrs D. Warmbrunn.

BURWOOD COMBINES (R. Brown) 160 attended combined church service with St Lukes. Most then journeyed to Ferny Creek for picnic . . . Members and friends attended "Surprise Tea" for Beverley Maxwell, who has been assisting minister, chairman of board presented Bev. with cheque in appreciation of dedicated contribution throughout 1977. She moves to Doncaster church in 1978 . . . Members supported Stephen Jones at C.O.B. graduation service.

GOLD BAR (Caulfield, K. Christensen) Miss Betty Houghton received gold bar for 32 years' service with St John Ambulance Brigade . . . Mrs Buckingham has celebrated her 93rd birthday . . . C.W.A.F. raised \$109 using their talents during the year . . . Mrs. Hunting of J.E.W. spoke and showed film of Jerusalem . . . Church saddened at death of Stan Jenner . . . Miss Eileen Arnott is home following 12 months in N.S.W. . . . Ladies entertained at Hampton Rehabilitation Hospital.

ANNIVERSARIES (Sunshine, F. B. Alcorn). Dr Banks speaker at 51st church anniversary. Thank offering \$676 . . . S.S. Anniversary held at Glengala with tea and children singing at evening . . . Sympathy of members goes to the Alcorn family on the death of "Pa" McInnes, 92

. . . Recent speakers for gospel services at Glengala have been Peter Holliday and Lewis Norton . . . Mr Bruce and Mr Morton making steady progress after hospitalization.

NEW MINISTER (Shepparton, F. L. Van Laar). P. Kavanagh to commence ministry in February 1978 . . . Ladies held sewing day and 400 gifts and toys sent to Melbourne for hospital distribution . . . Seminar on Death and Bereavement held with local doctor, funeral directors and minister . . . 30 members journeyed to Wangaratta to take evening service . . . Recent services have included "The Changing Moods" and "Apostles Stunt Team".

ASSISTANCE (Northcote, T. V. Weir). John Harmer, student, C.O.B., to assist Mr Weir during 1978 . . . B. S. parents and scholars tea and prize giving preceded evening service. Their annual picnic held at Emerald Lake . . . C.W.A.F. final meeting at home of Mr & Mrs J. Timmins. \$500 given to Social Service Dept. for the new Geriatric Hospital at Northcote. This money came from opportunity table at monthly meeting . . . Church sympathizes with family of the late Norman Arnold (former member) . . . College of the Bible offering \$171, and Temple Day offering for our Homes \$130.

VISIT FROM CITY (Harcourt, P. Galilford) Hartwell folk visited here on Nov. 20 and conducted both services with W. Clinton and P. Wells as speakers . . . 180 attended the combined S.S. anniversary (with Uniting Church) in our hall . . . E. L. Williams was speaker at church anniversary and P.S.A. which followed . . . C.W.F. ladies were guests of Cheltenham C.W.F. for their break-up on Dec. 8.

CHARTER BUS (Reservoir, K. H. Pitt). Bus was chartered for each night of Melbourne Reach Out. There were three decisions from this church . . . The Faith-Promise goal of \$5500 was exceeded by \$60. New goal of \$6000 set for 1978 . . . Stephen Richards farewelled as he prepares to enter Kenmore Christian College . . . "International Family Social" involved over 80 members and contacts . . .

The church has been saddened by the death of Wal ("Pa") McInnes, a life deacon of this church . . . Sister Claire Pannell told church of her visit to missionary families in Philippines and New Hebrides . . . Margaret Spry is home after major spinal surgery.

W.R.O.C. ACTION (Footscray, I. Tippet). W.R.O.C. Prayer meeting held in our chapel. Members also attended Convention at Williamstown . . . Youth Fellowship entertained older members at Christmas Dinner . . . Elder Max Carter has returned after five week business trip overseas . . . C.M.F. contributed \$100 to Bethany Children's Home and \$60 to Red Cross to assist the church in budget allocation . . . The three New Hebridians visited us . . . Ladies visited Westhaven Baptist Home and conducted meeting. Eight ladies attended Council at Berwick . . . At November Family Night the teaching of English to Migrants was featured. A Spanish family attended.

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Many of us feel threatened by the challenge to our institutions. We need to remember that the institutions which may have meant so much to us were themselves innovations. The Sunday School is not yet 200 years old. Christian Endeavour is not yet 100 years old. Scouts, Guides, Boys and Girls Brigades, C.Y.F., Companions and Explorers are younger.

These all developed in response to needs. Maybe they can all be flexible enough to continue to meet many of the needs of young people, or perhaps new groups with new names will arise with a new appeal for youth and a new capacity to help them find the best of life for their day.

Institutions are only vehicles to be used to move us forward and, hopefully, upward. We misuse them if we confuse them with our destination or destiny.

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QUESTING

WITH
A. E. WHITE



I went back to the youth group I used to lead. I could hardly recognise it. The numbers were fewer, and the programmes seemed to lack spiritual content. Have young people changed so much or is it the leadership? Or is it me?

Maybe it is all three and other things as well. You mention in your note that you realise that leading a youth group is harder today than it was when you were active.

This is fair comment. Most of us who were out front in youth groups 20 or 30 years ago would agree that the path of a youth leader is much rougher today. So is that of a preacher, teacher, and parent!

From the time the Pyramids were being built, every generation thought that the previous decade was much easier. We are still saying it, but in our day there have been extraordinary social changes that have dramatically affected society, including the churches.

Young people have much more money and, consequently, independence. They are leaving home earlier. They have extraordinary mobility. There has been a revolution in music. Young people are taking to tobacco and alcohol at an earlier age, and the hard drug pushers are at work. Radio, TV, newspapers, magazines, and books all reflect the accelerating permissiveness of our age.

Young people are growing up in a climate which encourages them to challenge institutions such as the government, school, church, and home.

The old authoritarianism is no longer acceptable. Young people no longer accept orders without question. They have to be persuaded by reasons and example and they are quick to expose faulty logic and hypocrisy.

A government report in England called "Youth and the Community in the 70s." declared that young people are to be taken seriously for what they are and not merely for manipulation by adults. Since our society is changing so rapidly, more attention must be given to the way in which young people can help to create change instead of just following it.

The study gave some pointers to the pattern of developing youth work:

1. The primary purpose of a youth organisation is not to pursue programmes or activities, but to provide opportunities for young people to mix with their contemporaries. (In my day, programmes and activities were primary, now they are secondary!)
2. The move is away from permanent structures and top heavy organisation. There must be freedom for association and participation and flexibility in organisation.
3. We can no longer use our youth group to condition young people to conform with the patterns and beliefs of the older generation.

The task of the church is to equip our young people for Christian responsibility in the world. That is obvious, but the way to do it is not. It is becoming clear that the problems will not be solved by adults telling the young people what to do and how to do it, but by encouraging teenagers and young adults to explore themselves, their church, and their community and to make their own decisions about the action that is required to build a Christian society.

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

THE LAST WORD...

Unless a man finds his judgment at least on some fundamental questions in opposition to the current ideas of the age, he is still a child of this world and has not "tasted the powers of the coming age."

... No man can help the people until he is himself free from the spell which the present order has cast over our moral judgment ... every social institution weaves a protecting integument of glossy idealization about itself like a colony of tent-caterpillars in an apple tree. — Walter Rauschenbusch.

What The Year Gave Gather

in thanks and in singing
what the year gave;
remembering the joys
and not forgetting the lessons,
sharing tale and harvest;
and,
like a fragrance ripened to richness

from quietness and insignificance,
take and give,
in love and in friendship,
in trust and in freedom.

by HERTA ROSENBLATT

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Frozen Assets

I marvel at the modern girl
Who cooks without a flaw,
Then likes to sit and brag because
It's the best she ever thaw.

Lorene Workman

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Loyalty Oath

"Halt! Who goes there?"
"Australian."
"Advance and recite the first verse of
"Advance Australia Fair."
"I don't know it."
"Proceed, Australian."

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Statistics show that nine out of every ten persons suffering from a cough never go to a doctor — they go to church.

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"He has four teen-age daughters."

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