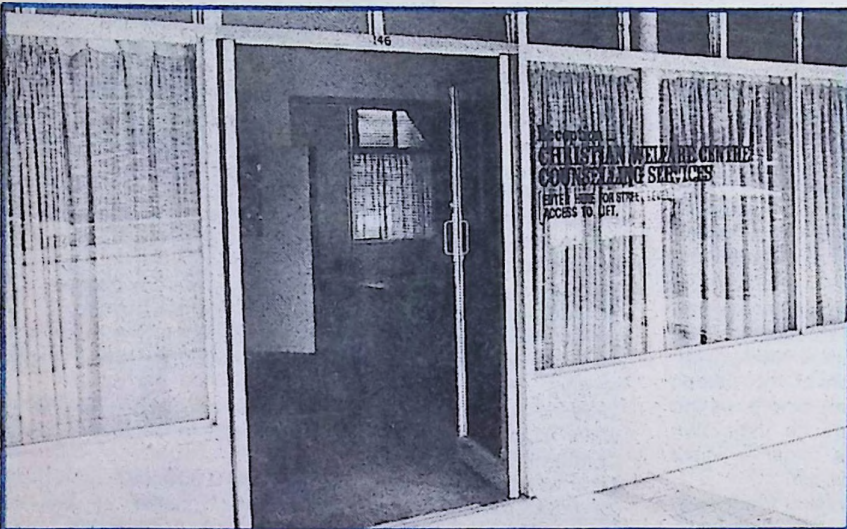


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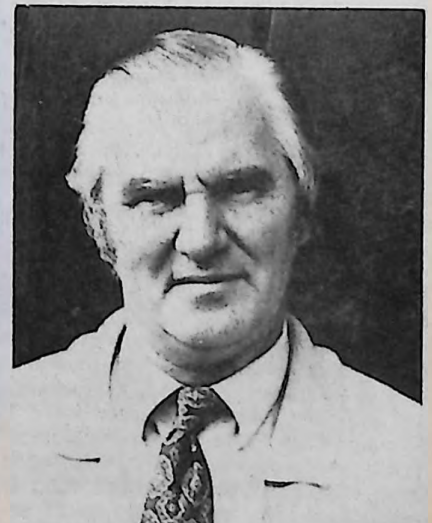
SOCIAL SERVICE

"THE OUTSTRETCHED ARM"



SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Voluntary workers from the thrift shop at Blair Athol.
Back Row:- (L. to R.) G. Payne, M. Sandercock, P. Hamilton, C. Kelly, B. Sanders, I. Lawrie.
Front Row:- F. Lawrance, E. Campbell, A. Vayne, J. Lawrance, D. Ruediger, H. Lawrie.

VIC. TAS.
OPPORTUNITY SHOP
CO-ORDINATOR



Ron Mill

IN QUEENSLAND

Through the Social Service Committee of Queensland the Outstretched Arm of Jesus has reached and is still reaching out to —

1. CHILDREN:

Two family Group Homes have been operating successfully at Mackay and Maryborough with 20 children in care.

Representation has been made to the authorities for approval to establish further Homes at Bundamba (Ipswich) and Bundaberg during the next financial year.

2. YOUTH:

Approval has been obtained to purchase a large modern brick residence at Mermaid Waters, Gold Coast, for use as a Youth Emergency Centre. This is our first venture in this sphere and the Southport Committee are most enthusiastic about it. Mainly absconding children from ultra state and interstate normally apprehended and held in custody will be afforded short term accommodation in a Christian environment pending return to their parents.

The Home will be known as the Irwin Blowers Memorial Home in honour of the late Sergeant Blowers of the Southport Police who had special interest in the youth of the Gold Coast district. His wife is an active member of the Southport Brotherhood.

3. ACTIVE AGED:

(i) **Kedron:** The conversion of the Girl's Hostel at Kedron Brisbane to a Hostel for homeless Active Aged ladies of middle age and upwards in a new concept which has already proven an infinite success. Housekeeper Mrs Martin of the Kedron Church not only manages the Home on a part time basis but also provides the midday hot meal. Guests do their own housekeeping and prepare all other meals under a share kitchen arrangement. All eleven rooms are taken.

(ii) **Gleneagles:** The high rise buildings comprising Gleneagles situated on the bank of the Brisbane River at New Farm, Brisbane, continue to be fully occupied and the 99 units are housing approximately 130 persons. These are being redowed at the recently increased cost of \$8,000. This magnificent property was taken over from the Ancient Order of Buffaloes a few years ago under an arrangement with the Commonwealth Government.

(iii) **Lady Small Haven:** Between the generosity of Sir Bruce Small who donated the 10 acre block of land and the Commonwealth Government a lovely Hostel accommodating 51 active guests was commissioned at Benowa near Southport in February 1978 at a total cost of almost one million dollars. Subsidy for furniture was granted by the State Dept. of Health.

(iv) **Equity Units:** Twenty-nine equity units have been recently completed at Lady Small Haven and Golden Age Retirement Village, Southport, and occupied. All are of 2 bedroom brick constructed and nestled into the surroundings of both villages in a very elegant manner.

The cost ranging from \$25,000 to \$27,000 (without garage) has been met entirely by the occupants.

4. NURSING HOMES:

Fairhaven, Maryborough: The new 30 bed Nursing Home extension at a cost of \$300,000 is under construction and completion is expected in September 1978. This will enable a total of 59 sick aged persons to be accommodated at Fairhaven in addition to the approximately 50 residing in the Hostel section and self-contained duplex units.

Although from Press reports the Commonwealth Budget for 1978/79 is not encouraging it is hoped to commence and finish a thirty bed Nursing Home Wing at Golden Age Retirement Village, Southport, where there is an urgent need.



DON
STEWART

5. SOCIAL WELFARE:

A constant service has been provided in all counselling and welfare areas, unemployment, social problems including representation on the various committees, industry (through I.T.I.M.) whilst visitation by Chaplains and Church groups covers the various hospitals and institutions, including prisons.

6. **CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION** comprising a special Committee within the framework of the Social Service Committee provides loans in deserving cases to relieve hardship and straitened circumstances suffered by members of the Brotherhood.

7. FUTURE EXPANSION:

The five year expansion programme at present receiving the Committee's consideration includes:-

- 30 bed Nursing Home for Bribie Island
- 30 bed Nursing Home extension for Mylo, Toowoomba
- 30 bed Nursing Home for "Fassifern" Home, Boonah
- 30 bed Nursing Home for Lady Small Haven, Southport
- 15 bed Hostel and 25 bed Nursing Home for "Amaroo" Village, Gatton.

The total cost on present day estimates exceeds \$3,000,000 of which approximately \$1,000,000 needs to be found by the Committee and the Brotherhood.

Total assets have a value of nearly \$10,000,000 comprising 29 Equity units, 2 Children's Homes, 5 Hostels, 7 Nursing Homes. The total number of persons in care approaches 1,000. Staff employed exceeds 300.

CONCLUSION:

The Social Service work in Queensland is not to be evaluated by its assets or on its statistics.

Through the visions of our early Committees and such Directors as the late C. R. Burdeu, Stan Chalmers, D. Baker, Eric Hart and Colin Dredge, together with the power of the Spirit of the Living Christ, all our Villages have become platforms for the proclamation of the Gospel message of Salvation to near 1,000 people and decisions are actually being made for Christ.

Church services of over 60 people are common at some of the Villages and often include visitors and friends from the neighbourhood.

Chaplains and in some cases Matrons are conducting daily devotions.

Well might it be said that the Outstretched Arms of Jesus are not being restricted in any way in this important work and the compassion and love of Christ is continuing to be seen in the Social Services activities of the Queensland Brotherhood.

And to Him who once said "I will never fail you or forsake you" be all the glory and praise. Amen.

Don Stewart, Senior Minister of the Hobart Church, has been appointed Director and is expected to commence his ministry in February 1979. Mr Stewart replaces Eric Hart who retired on 31st January, 1978 after having given 10 years service, during which period giant steps were taken in the expansion of the Queensland work of Social Service.

IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CHRISTIAN WELFARE CENTRE

Urban Faith Centre

The CHRISTIAN WELFARE CENTRE in Perth has been described as an "Urban Faith Centre providing caring for persons in crisis." Situated in the Churches of Christ Christian Centre, near the heart of the city, it provides a round-the-clock comprehensive social work service. Over ten-thousand interviews are registered annually. It is staffed by two social workers, four welfare workers, an administrator, secretary and transport driver, with a back-up support of over 120 volunteers. Referrals come from a wide range of statutory and non-statutory agencies in metropolitan and country areas.

Established in 1960, the Christian Welfare Centre has continued to grow over 18 years to become the largest crisis agency in Perth.

The Christian Centre is a five-level building with the C.W.C. renting large areas for its multi-facilities on levels, one, two, four and five. An off-street reception (Level 2) provides an accepting, caring atmosphere for any stranger who enters in. Here a brief intake interview is held, with a quick diagnosis of the presenting problem, and speedy referral to the staff member who will follow through the case. The Lower Ground Floor (Level 1) is a hive of activity, with staff and volunteers involved in many tasks, ranging from simple administration, phone-answering (four intake lines), interviewing (2 offices), packing and sorting food (2 Freezers, 2 Fridges and a large store cupboard), cleaning, sorting, cutting, mending clothing, assisting in the market in the large hall, etc. In addition there is a recreation room with a large pool table, chess table and rest area, and in the toilet block, hot showers and facilities for shower and shave, washing machine and clothes drier. Monday is "pastie day" with three volunteers, with expertise as pastry cooks, making over 250 pasties (the "best in the West") for food parcels. In the dining area staff and volunteers (sometimes between 20 and 30 a day) share in luncheon and experiences. Here the lonely alcoholic, the shy client and the unemployed man are invited to join the group and feel at home. A microwave oven supplies instant hot meals for the hungry.

Level four provides space for the weekly GROW group, future offices for the Home Support Service and Task Force (a Volunteer group who carry out service tasks for needy persons).

On Level five, in the same area as the general offices of Churches of Christ, are five rooms for Administration and Counselling for the C.W.C. The large waiting room has a lounge-room atmosphere, with facilities for people to make tea

or coffee and a kiddies corner with excellent plastic building blocks (the delight of children) for the small ones waiting while their parents are being interviewed. One social worker concentrates on migrants, with special emphasis on small ethnic groups. The other focusses in areas of the emotional marital and addiction problems. It is in this section that regular Parent Effectiveness Training groups and Life Reconstruction Courses (for separated and divorced persons) are held.

The C.W.C. has decentralised in two ways. The migrant side of the work has opened an Ethnic Cultural and Counselling Service in the large Gateway building in Innaloo (about 9 km. West of the City). The second aspect of decentralisation is in the division of the city into 16 areas, known as Satellite areas, and resource index files have been built up, concentrating on resources in each of those areas. This enables the workers to have contacts in almost every part of the metropolitan area for quick referral.

Within a few months a new major development to the work will commence. It will be a Home Support Service for motherless families. This will involve the employment of another social worker and five part-time home support mothers. The service will be an experiment for three years, with 25 families at a time being serviced. Priority will be given to fathers who have care, custody and control of children and who wish to stay in the work-force.

With over 80% of volunteers being ex-clients, comments from them summarise the soul of the Christian Welfare Centre. "Its got a pulse of its own. It personifies friendliness and caring. It has a feeling of togetherness." "It is lovely to know that when someone else needs help, you are there to give it." "One feels there are no enemies here. I've found a good feeling deep inside from coming here." "I've found a whole new feeling welling up in me with the understanding and love I've received." "When you are unemployed the longer you are out of work the harder it is to go back. Here one is usefully employed and while you are helping others you are indirectly helping yourself." "When you are home it is hard to be alone. You want to be back at the Centre with others." "I see it as God working in a practical way." "We have to do something or we fade into nothingness." "Here we are accepted as we are, no matter how low we've sunk." And finally from a lonely alcoholic — "This is the only place where I feel part of a family."

DARE TO CARE? DARE TO SHARE?

OFFERING TARGET \$10,000

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Welfare Centre and Thrift Shops

Many hours of voluntary work at the Welfare Centre and in our two thrift shops enables the Department to help needy and low income families, while at the same time meet our budget every year. Last year our thrift shops raised \$4763 toward our work.

In June a lady who had been deserted by her husband and had five children to clothe and support, came to our Centre for assistance. We provided clothing, food and blankets to help her with her immediate needs and also some baby clothes for her pregnant 18 year old



NEW S.A. DIRECTOR
MILTON DRAKE

THE OUTSTRETCHED ARM OF CARE

daughter whose baby was due in two weeks.

At our thrift shops the voluntary workers are often called upon to be a "listening ear" or used as a "sounding board" as people talk over their problems.

New Director

In January 1979 Milton Drake commences as Director of our Department. Milton is meeting with the Social Service Committee and plans are being formulated for the Department's work over the next few years.

Industrial Chaplains

The demand for Industrial Chaplains in South Australia far outweighs the number available. For this reason the Social Service Department has requested local Churches to encourage their minister to consider engaging in Industrial Chaplaincy.

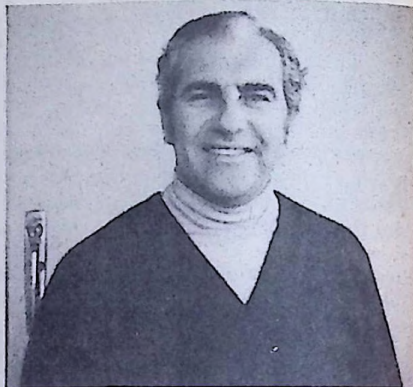
Family to Family Programme

This support programme continues into its second year. Voluntary workers from our churches visit on a weekly basis to show care and concern and offer support to the person or family experiencing dif-

ficulties.

The voluntary workers have experienced a real sense of achievement as they have helped families see alternate ways of working through problems and give the support needed to enable the family or person to become interdependent rather than dependent on other people.

This programme is indeed offering outstretched arms in the support it provides.



COLIN DREDGE

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

BY JACK BAKER

A most wonderful thing about the ministry of Jesus was that He was always available to people and to meet them at their point of greatest need — sometimes as it was occurring and other times after a long and arduous wait when they were at breaking point.

I see this as the role of the church in all areas of her ministry. The special ministries allow her to extend her ministry into the extraordinary times and situations.

Hospital Chaplaincy provides such a service at a crisis point when sickness has brought some sense of anxiety — fear — pain — grief — guilt or even dying or death. To be there at the moment of greatest need for the patient is a tremendously valuable time for both person — relative and Christ, for it brings comfort, hope, assurance or even spiritual healing essential to their recovery and the opportunity to say a word in favour of Christ. We are not expected to be silent about Him these days (just the reverse) as He was wont to say at times — "Tell no man."

It is this word about Him that helps the patient and the cause of Christ himself.

To this end the Chaplain visits and evaluates any changes needing deeper assistance than a normal visit may require and then call upon all those resources that will give the maximum assistance to the sick person. He will arrange and provide



ROYAL ADELAIDE
CHAPEL

worship services in the hospital chapel where devotion and communion services lift the spirits of patients and staff to a new level. All patients are contacted in the Royal Adelaide Hospital by our Lavender Ladies every week, to offer wheel chair or escort assistance to attend the Chapel services. Different churches are rostered to come in and give this escort service. The added attendance of church folk is an encouragement to patients. It is also an opportunity for the workers to follow up on the service as they return patients to their wards.

This is all very worthwhile and an extension of Christ's work in the world today. Caring for people at this level when they are sick is one of the greatest and most important needs they have. For some it is an extension to their already functioning faith, for others it is the opportunity to find a new dimension to their living experience by finding faith in Christ.

It is time well spent from a Chaplain's point of view. He is sure to find patient or client in need of definite spiritual care at one level or another, because so often he is grasping at straws of support and assurance.

VICTORIA — TASMANIA

THE OUTSTRETCHED ARM OF CARING & SHARING

The Conference of Victorian-Tasmanian Churches of Christ 1978 handbook sets out the record of the Department of Social Services stewardship. It has sought to fulfil its delegated charter.

A key responsibility is the development and conduct of welfare programs in accord with the spirit and teaching of Jesus Christ including — provision of material help to needy persons and families; assistance and guidance to those with personal and family problems.

Ten years ago, Mr and Mrs George Grainger commenced our first "Opportunity Shop" in busy Sydney Road, Brunswick. Today we have four shops with a staff of 70-80 voluntary helpers (mostly womenfolk), with the whole of this expanding activity being co-ordinated

by Ron Mill, and a small virile sub-committee of the Department.

In its ten years of operations, through the donations of saleable items, approximately \$200,000 has been raised to assist the Department's ongoing work in our Homes for the Aged.

A pensioner lady, whose house was burned down, was able to re-equip herself with adequate clothing on her limited resources. A deserted wife, who because of limited means, cannot afford to buy new clothes, makes her purchases for herself and her children. The examples indicate the dignity of self-help, rather than having to accept a "handout".

Or young people looking for the fashions of the "Sullivans" era; or a young fellow who enjoys his snooker, wanting a "waistcoat", to dress like the stars of "Pot Black".



Doris Barkley "models" a fur cape. Price tag says \$12.00

Simple things? Yes! But in so many ways expressing the outstretched arm of Social Service. But even more than that, saying in deeds, "God Loves, Cares and is Concerned for You!"

G. J. Crossman,
Chairman, Department of Social Service.

1938 — 1978

SPANNING THE YEARS IN AGED PERSONS' CARE

In July, 1938, an invitation to the opening of the Oakleigh Christian Guest Home signalled the beginning of Aged Persons' homes to be conducted by our Victorian Churches.

Since then the Victorian-Tasmanian Department of Social Service has continued to provide accommodation and a ministry of care to senior members and friends of our churches.

We celebrate 40 years in this type of care on July 16, 1978. It is indeed the product of social service and part of the fabric of the church's concern for people. The faith and vision of Will H. Clay supported by his committee of that time is

acknowledged. We recognise the qualifications of his successor, W. T. Atkin, by whose guidance in financial matters and whose Christian concern contributed to the establishment and further programs of Homes for the Aged.

The endeavours and work of the Ladies' Auxiliary of those days was not lacking in support and the same can be said of the C.W.F. groups of today. The Victorian brotherhood, too, gave support to such a program.

As the years have been spanned other homes were built, such as Churches of Christ Nursing Home, (this includes the Will H. Clay Wing — the original home

and the William T. Atkin Wing), Emmaus Rest Home plus two self-contained units, Emmaus Court and Lodge. The capacity of the homes has extended from 16 in 1938 to 208 in 1978.

Total Care for our residents has always been the policy of the department which in effect has meant **Security** for life to all who enter the portals of our homes.

Forty years have been spanned, the need continues, application files grow, thus the "Hand of Social Service" stretches out to further provide care, especially for the sick and frail aged in our church community and beyond. A 29 bed nursing home is well under construction at Northcote and expected to open in early 1979. A feature of the home is in the modern kitchen and food preparation to facilitate a better service and in the nursing area most up to date equipment will

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Lunch at Christian Guest Home



Occupational Therapy: All Homes

NEW SOUTH WALES

THE OUTSTRETCHED ARM

AT WOOLONGONG FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

"Illawarra Daily Mercury", Saturday 20th May, 1978.

"Sir, One of the nicest things to happen to me for a long time was to go along to the Single Society held at the Church of Christ Market Street, Wollongong, every Friday night at 7.30.

"A happier and more friendly group of people would be hard to find. Whereas other lone parent clubs of people would be hard to find. Whereas other lone parent clubs cater for those who love to dance, this being their main attraction, the Singles Society does not.

"It covers many areas of interest, everyone being included. That's the best part, 'everybody participates', no one is left out of anything.

"Religion, politics, age, don't come into it. Just a group of people enjoying one night a week getting together.

"It's really a refreshing change and any single person would be as glad as me if they went along, be they male, female, young old or in-between.

Susan Greene, Rowland Ave. Wollongong."

This unsolicited letter from a lonely, single adult, is a good example of the kind of reaction we are receiving to the Wollongong Singles Society. This Society is just one aspect of a larger programme being carried on at the Church under the name of "The Wollongong Friendship Centre". The Singles Society has as its objective the provision of friendship, support

and interesting activities for Single Adults. It doesn't matter whether they are divorced, widowed, separated, or never married, anyone walking the single road is welcome.

In the six months it has been running a lot has been learned and a real group identity has been forged. There is a warmth and quality of caring and sharing

BETHESDA HOSPITAL ... OPENING OF EXTENSIONS

At 2.30 p.m. on Saturday July 29 the Premier of Western Australia, the Hon. Sir Charles Court, O.B.E., M.L.A., will officially open extensions to Bethesda Hospital, a medical and surgical Hospital which is conducted on behalf of Churches of Christ in Western Australia.

A new fully air conditioned 26 bed ward with extensive river views, increases the hospital capacity to 81 beds. The ward is comprised of single, twin and 4 bedrooms, each with its own toilet and shower facilities, and each bed has a patient's handset containing nurse's call button, light switch and three channel radio control. Television outlets are also conveniently placed.

In addition to the normal service requirements, rooms have also been provided for outpatients, physiotherapy, and visiting medical personnel. The ward above, opened in 1965, has also been air conditioned and there is a patients' dayroom on each level. An elevator and

staircase have been installed to connect the two floors.

A new services block houses a modern kitchen, staff dining room, sewing room, housekeeper's office, workshop and plant rooms, and an adjacent two storey property purchased some years ago, has been converted for staff recreation and quarters. Access to the two river wards is via a new covered way, eliminating the need for trolley traffic through the main corridors. New store rooms and sterilising department have been provided and the theatre suite altered to include an improved recovery section.

The total cost including equipment is approximately \$1,100,000 including a loan of \$1,000,000 from the Superannuation Board of W.A., guaranteed by the State Government. The architects were Hobbs, Winning, Leighton & Partners, and H. A. Doust Pty. Ltd., were the builders.

—A.D. Pyne, Secretary.

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amongst the members that is quite wonderful. However, it is not a closed group. Virtually every week sees some new person along and the group seems to automatically and intuitively gather round and absorb the newcomer.

Several weeks ago a man in his thirties came into the group just after it had started. After a while I noticed Rob, Combridge, minister of the Wollongong Church, talking to him. He said to Rob, "I'm lost. I don't know where I'm going. I came here tonight hoping I could find a place where I can belong." It turned out that he had been a candidate for the ministry of another Church. His marriage had broken up, his church had virtually rejected him and his life was in pieces. The Singles Society provided a glimmer of light. It has been heart warming to see him present not only at the Singles meetings but at church services too.

One of our recent new members is Theo. Theo is blind. He lives a very isolated life. Rob Combridge heard about him from one of the workers at the Health Commission Centre. Rob contacted him, picked him up and brought him to a very successful Country and Western Night that the Society was holding. Theo was absolutely thrilled. The friendship and support of other members was quite marvellous. He is now a regular member of the group, being transported to and from the meetings by another member who lives in the same area.

Of the lonely, isolated people who live in every community, the Single Adult is probably amongst the loneliest. Often deeply hurt, grieving over lost or broken relationships, sometimes with the added burden of moral judgement placed upon them by other people, these people live lives that rarely emerge from the shadows. Coming home to an empty flat, trying to cope with raising children alone, the seemingly endless empty weekends; they all contribute to a bleak and cheerless life.

The Singles Society is an attempt to meet this need. It is a joint effort between the N.S.W. Churches of Christ Social Service Department and the Wollongong Church, under the leadership of Bob Smith the Department's Associate Director.

Response so far has indicated an enormous amount of real human need in such areas. We now feel that we are in a position to do something positive about it.

**SOCIAL SERVICE
SUNDAY**

AUGUST 20

MUSTARD SEEDS

BY ALAN AUSTIN

A GLOSSY brochure arrived in the mail this week.

"Dear Friends,

I am writing to you personally to ask you to invest in the Kingdom of God and the nation of Australia."

Kingdom of God? Great!

But what's this? "Blue Mountains Convention Centre ... we have an option on the property for \$250,000 ... 43 acres of the best land in the mountains overlooking the Kanimbla Valley ... a main building complex including a 24,000 sq. feet auditorium ... reception hall and administration facilities ... parking area for 1000 vehicles, fully equipped playground, fully landscaped grounds, floodlighting ... Wurlitzer organ, a Bechstein Baby Grand piano ... Everything is in first class condition."

Would it be unfair to make the observation that this is hardly the sort of project that is suggested by the terms, the Kingdom of God?■

SEVERAL times throughout the Scriptures this term is used in the context of emphasising the **poverty** and **emptyhandedness** of God's people.

In chapter 6 Matthew records Jesus' warnings against material possessions. "All these are for the heathen to run after, not for you, because your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. Set your mind on God's kingdom and his justice before everything else, and all the rest will come to you as well." (All quotes from N.E.B.)

Chapter 19 of Matthew's gospel contains Jesus' words to a wealthy young searcher, "If you wish to go the whole way, go, sell your possessions, and give to the poor, and then you will have riches in heaven ..." He then says to his followers round about him,

"I tell you this, a rich man will find it hard to enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

Then in Luke 18, "The Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you that whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." And as Galatians 4:1 makes clear, a child in those times had the status of a slave, dependent, dispossessed, a nobody.

Maybe I am being unfair? What do you think?■

I AM not suggesting we shouldn't appreciate the beauty of God's creation. The renewal experienced at camps, conferences and conventions held in attractive surroundings is tremendously valuable.

I'm not criticizing the adoption of a sound businesslike approach to managing the assets God has entrusted to us.

Nor am I against investment in buildings and land.

I think my concern here is rather one of **priorities**.

The last 5 or 10 years have seen a great proliferation of magnificent rural retreats erected in the name of God by dozens of Christian organizations working virtually independently of one another. These centres must surely now number in the hundreds, nationwide.

I'm wondering, therefore, whether it's perhaps time we started to receive (or indeed, send!) brochures which read like this:

\$25,000 needed to renovate and equip a disused inner suburban church complex! Overlooks the gas works and the unemployment office.

***Will function as a warm, accepting retreat for the lonely, the poor and the victims of our society;**

*** Crisis meals and accommodation available;**

*** Space enough for a small, close-knit, caring community;**

*** Easy walking distance from migrant hostels and high-rise flats.■**

THIS is not meant to be an attack on one project by one Christian organization. Rather, it is intended to pose the general question: Are our plans and projects which deploy vast sums of money really seeking first God's Kingdom and His justice? Or are we perhaps succumbing to the subtle temptations to seek grandness before the world and cushions for Christians?■

AN excellent statement on Christian attitudes to wealth and possessions can be found in John V. Taylor's **Enough is Enough**. Taylor prescribes many bitter pills. But in the opinion of many critics this volume is one of the most important of this decade.■

OH AND, by the way, there's one feature of the glossy leaflet's \$250,000 convention centre we really must admire: "A modern kitchen capable of producing 4,500 meals."

Obviously a happy compromise between the feeding of the 5,000 in Mark 6 and the feeding of the 4,000 in Mark 8.■

INPUT

FROM John V. Taylor

Instead of clinging to an ascendancy that no longer exists, the loveliest modern churches on the continent are marked by the austerity and humility of modest proportions, raw concrete and unrendered stone. Some, like Rainer Senn's chapel at Pontarlier or George Pace's university chapel at Ibadan, actually recall a tent or shelter. Such buildings seem to express a kind of repentance — a repentance that is surely a necessary condition of the church's re-engagement with the world.

We have to design for mobility. We have to design something that looks like the resting-place of the Son of Man.

I have allowed myself this digression into architecture because it symbolizes a change of attitude and even of taste which is going to be essential if our protest against affluence is to succeed. In our homes also we must go for beauty, space, rest and welcome, but not be houseproud. It is better to have no carpet than one we cannot bear to see trodden by dirty shoes.

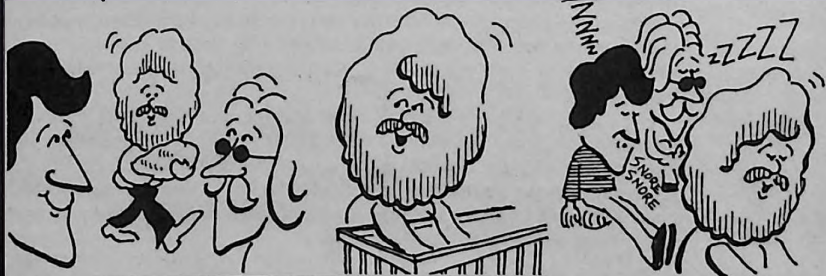
If our preoccupations are right, if our time and money are thrown into the right struggle, our surroundings will reflect it. There is a kind of bareness, a kind of shabbiness even, which is beautiful because it speaks of beautiful priorities, and all who share the same priorities feel at home in it.

JASON'S HOUSE

I USED TO FIND BABIES AND BABY TALK SUCH A BORE...

... BUT IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT NOW LITTLE NAHSHON'S ARRIVED!

... ONLY YESTERDAY THE LITTLE FELLER WAS GURGLING AWAY IN HIS COT AND SOI...



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.

BIBLE "SMUGGLERS"

To the Editor,

I have read with great concern the article by Dr Paul Hansen, entitled "Bible Smugglers Attacked."

That article reveals:

1. He has accepted the official Government explanation on the Church; and he has very little contact with Christians who are suffering for their faith.

2. He does not realise that everyone under 18 is forbidden to enter a place of worship. This means that parents who have children under this age must teach them at home. They are then breaking the law and establishing an unregistered church.

3. Dr Hansen says it is illegal to take a Bible into Russia. When did this law come into being? I thought there was freedom to worship and read the Bible.

4. There is one Protestant Church in Moscow, the Moscow Baptist Church. One Church for a city of 7 million people. No wonder it is full, and not just of Baptist, but every denomination.

5. If the believers are unable to get sufficient Bibles within their country, they must use alternate means to get them. I know of one organisation that endeavours to deliver what the believers request.

6. Bibles can be bought in some Communist countries, at certain book shops. However, the believers face the following factors: the cost; location of shop; the few Bibles available; and they are often checked on after purchase.

Beyond this what about the countries, cities, towns, villages, where there is no book shop selling Bibles?

There are people who are giving an encouraging picture of the people of God under persecution. God is doing great and mighty things, however, no one can deny atheism is diametrically opposed to Christianity.

What should the Christian do in that circumstance? Obey God or Man?

Rev. David M. Kimpton
Managing Director for
"Underground Evangelism", Australia

DARWIN

To the Editor

There is now a Church of Christ meeting in Darwin, the first Communion Service met in the home of Jeff and Lanell Morris.

I would like to commend the men and women who were responsible for this venture for the vision and initiative which they have shown. From these small beginnings we have evidence of great things to come.

There is a sense of isolation when families move from their home church and in their new neighbourhood they cannot find a place of worship suitable to them.

We must all now support this auspicious beginning financially and prayerfully.

Alice Youens, Vic.

Charismatic Movement

To the Editor,

I am deeply concerned about the pamphlet club edition 271.

The writer asks, "what is it that has invaded Protestant and Catholic Churches alike and is now invading our own ministers, churches and members?" "Invading" is hardly a picture of God's love! David Wilkerson calls this latest phenomenon, "The

Charismatic Itch".

We hear so much of the good the charismatic movement does. From my personal involvement, and observation in Australia and New Zealand, the movement has left a trail of disaster, confusing, distressing and bitterly disappointing many people.

The writer of the pamphlet claims tongue testing is sickening, and not to his experience or understanding, but let me assure you it is a reality and has provided deliverance and freedom for many. It is also conducted on personal request, with love and understanding for the whole person.

Furthermore it is Biblical. God's word tells us that

...
(1) Believe not every spirit, test the spirits. (1 John 4:1)

(2) Examine everything carefully. (1 Thes. 5:21)

(3) Every tongue shall confess Jesus Christ as Lord. (Phil. 2:11)

(4) Renewal in the spirit comes through Jesus Christ. (2 Cor. 5:17)

(5) In Christ the fulness of God was pleased to dwell. (Col. 2:9)

Our plea is "no creed but Christ". Please let us

stop scratching the charismatic itch, and get on with the business of proclaiming Christ, the author and pioneer of our faith, and let us not love in word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. (1 John 3:18).
P. DeWildt, Vic.

RELEASED FOR DARWIN

(Burwood, R. Brown) Roger Brown has been released from church for 18 days to minister in Darwin... Recent speakers have been Don Stewart, Alf. White, and Gordon Stirling... 60 attended conference rally... Gospel Singing Concert presented by "The Melodettes" on July 9. This musical witness was preceded by family tea... C.W.F. programmes included representative from "Blood Bank," Toymaking for R.C.H., and "Prayer" conducted by Mrs Cynthia Stokes (missionary, South India),... Heather Miller replaced Marg. Bismire as assistant secretary for Women's Conf.... Steve & Dianne Corlett and family have moved to Echuca.

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

ELDERS

To the Editor,

Why do elders have to be on the church board?

Ours are kind and understanding counsellors. They have real wisdom about life and its problems. They are spiritually mature. They are men of God. But they are hopeless administrators.

They are too old and tired to be bothered with new and lively programs and ideas, so they oppose them. They don't like change. After all they've seen so many changes in the past, some of them for good and some for bad that they've lost their enthusiasm for trying anything new. And their arteries are too hard to endure the physical effort of making changes anyhow.

So without meaning to obstruct, these gracious and wonderful men of God are consistently frustrating the younger and more energetic and enthusiastic board members. The younger men are mostly business executives used to making decisions about millions of dollars and are thus impatient with endless discussions about whether the church can afford a few cents to update its life and witness. In Apex and Rotary they are able to use their fertile imaginations for far-sighted community projects. But on the board they feel as though their administrative skills and business acumen are not wanted. And our elders feel threatened by them.

Our minister keeps preaching about what he calls in his own quaint way "mutual ministry". I think he means that every Christian in the church does the things that God has gifted him to do, and doesn't get in the road of those whose gifts are different. If "mutual ministry" is scriptural, why can't our elders be relieved of the irksome necessity of doing what they can't cope with in order to be totally involved in the pastoral caring that they can do so well? Then we could hand the church program and business life over to the young administrators of both sexes, who have the drive and the imagination and the skills.

But I don't suppose it would be scriptural, because while they had elders in the New Testament they didn't have young business executives (or church boards!). It's a pity, because if our young executives become increasingly frustrated in the church and more and more involved in other outlets for their talents, they may not stay round long enough to become elders!

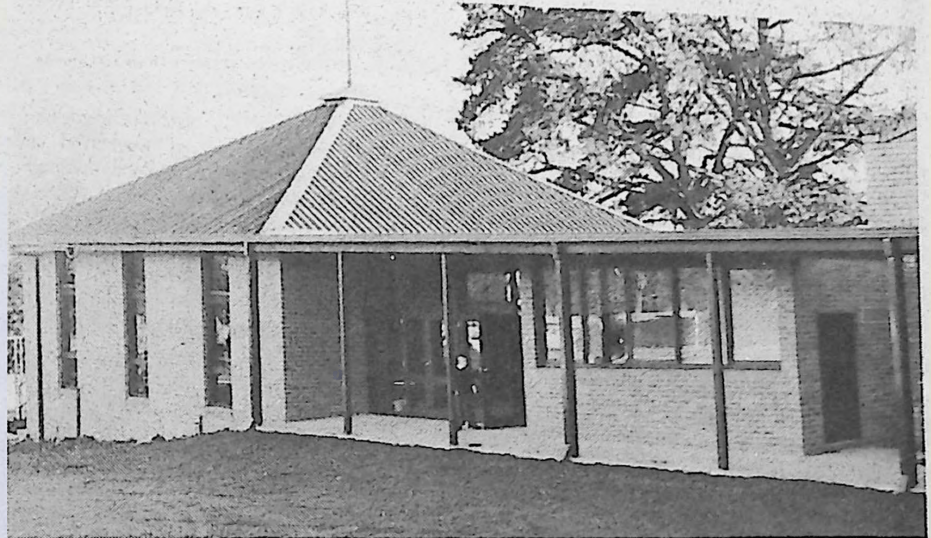
TERTIUS.

1/- INVESTMENT PAYS \$100,000!!

Ringwood Church of Christ will open its \$100,000 family worship facilities on July 30, 1978 at 2.45 p.m. Keith Horne, Victorian and Tasmanian Conference President, will conduct the "Opening and Dedication" service at the new Bedford Rd. building.

It's been a long road since 1.6.1919 when the first congregation of 12, paid 1/- per week to hire the Ringwood Mechanics Institute hall for the Sunday morning service. By 1920 membership had "exploded" to 68 (today we only dream and pray about 300% increases in membership) and in October 1921 the original chapel, built on the present site was opened. This building was in the era of the "off the shelf church", and the semi-prefab building was constructed in single day, at a final cost of \$800.

With continued growth over the following 30 years this building became inadequate and in 1955 a new chapel was built on the adjoining site. That two building complex has served the Ringwood community well over the last 20 years, but its modest facilities were being strained beyond their limits each week. The deci-



sion was made in 1977 to proceed with the rebuilding programme that is rapidly nearing completion.

These new facilities were not constructed in one day, and their cost is about 100 times that of the building it

now replaces, but it is now up to each member of that church, or more accurately, every member of the Ringwood community to ensure that the initial 1/- per week invested in our future was not paid in vain.

WORD TALK

NO. 181

PREPARATION.

One of the great resources a Christian has in the spiritual life is the fact that God can forgive him. Forgiveness is God's way of removing the barrier that separates man from God, from self and others.

In the O.T., God is holy and expects holiness from those who believe in him (Levit. 11:44-45). However, Israel did not uphold the covenant (Deut. 4:9-14) and erected therefore barriers between herself and God. Sin separated people from a righteous God (Hosea 5:4), but because of God's mercy He makes a way in which the separation may be overcome (Amos 9:14-15).

Forgiveness is the removing of the barriers of sin and guilt while not violating God's righteousness, and allowing for justice still to be maintained. Forgiveness gives man an opportunity to turn from sin and give himself obediently to the Lord. If a man repents from evil deeds he may be forgiven (Hosea 5:15).

In the N.T. forgiveness and mercy describe the basis of God's relationship to man. God bridges the gap between himself and man (Mark 2:5-12) through Christ. Paul wrote of forgiveness as the means by which a man is released from the power of sin (Rom. 6:15-19). Man has a new way of relating to God for himself and others (Rom. 8:31-39). When a person was baptised into Christ it was assumed that man had repented and was baptised for the forgiveness of sin (Acts 22:16). Baptism was the purification from sin and from now on the forgiven man would walk in a new way of life (Rom. 6:1-4). There was no limit to forgiveness, assuming that there was always true repentance (Matt. 18:20-35). The condition attached to forgiveness in the Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6:12) is that unless we forgive other people ourselves then we have no hope of God's forgiveness. This is enforced with the parable (Matt. 18:21-35) where the person who does not forgive prevents himself from repenting and receiving forgiveness. When Jesus forgave sin (Luke 5:17-26) it was a clear sign of his acceptance of his divinity, for only God could forgive sin. Regardless of whatever we have done in life, sin is the spiritual resource we have that provides us with reconciliation with self, society and with God, provided we truly repent.

PROCLAMATION

When we are in a mess we try to fix it, ignore it, or escape it, but it still stays a mess! David in Psalm 51 discovered what to do when life was a mess.

OUR SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Forgiveness

1. Turn to God in your mess (v. 1-2). No escapism, but a turning to God.
2. Recognize your own faults (v. 3-5). David confessed his faults instead of masking them.
3. Ask God to forgive you (v. 6-9). David wanted God's cleansing and forgiveness but that forgiveness had to be requested and received.
4. Ask God to remake you (v. 10-12). David prayed for a new start and a new self.
5. Determine to live a new life (v. 13-15). David promised to teach, to proclaim and to praise God, willing both to change his life and to serve God.
6. Offer yourself to God wholly (v. 16-17). David realised that God wanted no other offering except himself. He is now submissive, not self-centered, obedient not self-willed. In a mess, God's forgiveness provides us with the opportunity of a new start.

PRESENTATION.

During the past fortnight I spent a day in helping a large number of returned missionaries from the four corners of the earth become re-orientated into the Australian Church scene. We spoke about how many of them depended upon missionary support services. We remembered the tragic crash of a J.A.A.R.S. aircraft on April 7th, 1972 killing seven missionaries in New Guinea. On that day on the ground there was one distraught Christian aviation maintenance engineer. He had worked on the Aztec plane. With horror he remembered he was interrupted when tightening a fuel line. He went to help another person and forgot to return and tighten the nut. That loose nut sprayed fuel on the engine causing the fire, the crash and the deaths of seven missionaries.

How could he cope with the terrible guilt of that event. During those terrible weeks that followed he faced the wives of the dead missionaries and sobbed, asking for forgiveness. His life was broken. But the loving forgiveness of the other missionaries supported and encouraged him. As time went by gradually his life was rebuilt. Forgiveness had saved him from being the eighth fatality of that Aztec crash. The Forgiveness of Christians and of God enabled his life to be rebuilt.

GORDON MOYES

CALL TO PRAYER FOR NEW HEBRIDES CHURCHES

The Conference Committee for Churches of Christ in the New Hebrides and the Overseas Mission Board are calling New Hebridean and Australian Churches of Christ to pray for the unity of the work in the New Hebrides. Churches in Australia and the New Hebrides are encouraged to join together in prayer on **the last Friday in each month** until the end of this year.

Our Conference Committee in the New Hebrides is deeply concerned for the unity of our island churches. They are endeavouring to discover whether Churches of Christ and S.P.E.F. (South Pacific Evangelical Fellowship), which commenced work in the New Hebrides 18 months ago, can work harmoniously together and whether tensions which have developed can be overcome.

Churches of Christ throughout Australia are encouraged to respond to this Call for Prayer and pray specifically for the following:-

- That we should be willing to have the Lord show us how we should pray to clear our hearts of any prejudice and any attitudes which are not Christ-like.
- That we should seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit concerning how we can work in harmony with other Christians.
- That our island brethren and S.P.E.F. will experience the guidance of the Holy Spirit in any discussions they may have.
- That S.P.E.F. pastors and leaders will have a sympathetic understanding of the concerns expressed by our island brethren.
- That our island brethren will be drawn together in love and the spirit of unity and oneness in the Lord will prevail.
- That the Holy Spirit will reveal how there can be renewal within the life of the Church without division.
- That our Conference Committee in the New Hebrides, in giving leadership to the Churches, will have wisdom in all the decisions that are made.
- That through surrender, the Lord will enable us and our island brethren to do whatever He would have us do.

Please remember the suggested times for prayer — **last Friday in each month** until the end of the year.

R.S.A. McLean,
Secretary,
Aust. Churches of Christ Overseas Mission Board

DISASTER AREA DEVELOPMENT

For immediate aid in disaster situations there is generally a ready response, but longer-term development, involving stricken villagers in helping themselves to improve their living conditions, is more difficult to organize and gather. Major J. K. Michael, the director of CASA (Churches Auxiliary for Social Action) in India has, in the last six months, experienced both these situations. When the worst cyclone for a century hit Andhra Pradesh last November the Major did not hesitate to take out immediate bank loans in order to get emergency supplies to the many thousands of victims. He was confident that overseas friends would respond to such a disaster. His staff went about their work with skill and dedication and were an example to those organizations who

arrived later on the scene.

However, after the emergency comes the rebuilding for a long term and better future. For this stage of the programme Major Michael recently visited agencies and organizations in Europe and the United States to explain the philosophy behind the project. This is to involve everyone: beneficiaries, local church structures, social institutions, resource persons, and act as a catalytic agent in action towards development.

The CASA programme will operate in 20 villages, each having a population of between 1,000 and 1,200 people. The villages are being chosen because of their remoteness from roads and because they are among those receiving the least help from government. — E.P.S.

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JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

SAYINGS OF JESUS

Can you finish this saying of Jesus?
"The hour is coming and now is . . ."
(see page 18).

NO DISCOURAGEMENT

Young Frank Pierce wasn't the most colorful politician in New Hampshire, but he was quiet and steady and his father had been a Democratic party worker for a long time. Finally, in 1837, he was elected to the Senate as the youngest member to sit in that body. Unfortunately, a youngster at that particular time didn't have a chance of attracting attention, because some of the greatest orators in American history were already there — men like Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, and John C. Calhoun. The young man quailed before such golden-throated opponents, and finally he quit — resigned from the Senate even before his term was over and declared he would never again enter public life. Yet little more than a decade later — over the opposition of one of the most popular U.S. generals in history, Winfield Scott — this quiet young man was elected President of the United States by an electoral margin of 254 to 42! Never become discouraged in your Christian efforts; you never know how much success you may eventually have.

The Minister was lecturing to a class about keeping their minds as clean as their bodies. To emphasise the point he held up a bar of soap. "Oh, oh," said one little listener, "here comes the commercial."



"I see Butch has remembered to bring his note for being absent."

BOOKS TO READ

THE BIBLE IN ITS WORLD

by K. A. Kitchen (Paternoster Press)

It's a dull fellow whose imagination is not captured by the exciting archeological discoveries that have revealed the history of our past. 10,000 years of human culture and civilization have been uncovered in the ancient Near East as careful diggers, beginning at the top levels, work their way down through ever earlier settlements, systematically charting the positions of the discoveries of arts and crafts, of pottery and styles of building as towns were built upon the debris of the past, until bedrock is reached and a chapter is closed. Then back to the laboratories and the libraries go the scholars and antiquarians, and piece together the story of man the shepherd, the farmer, the mason and the toolmaker, the soldier and the ruler. The Bible lands have been particularly fascinating and knowledge. K. A. Kitchen, Reader in Egyptian and Coptic in the School of Archeology and Oriental Studies at the University of Liverpool, has already written "Ancient Orient and the Old Testament," and "The Third Intermediate Period in Egypt," and now presents a wide range of material, relating to Bible lands, some of it old and well-known, some for the first time, such as the story of ancient Ebla in North Syria. The city once had a population of 260,000 and its history has been traced back to about 2300 B.C. The story of Solomon the Builder has also been found written in the ruins. If your church lacks a good, concise (168 pages) book on the archeological discoveries in Bible lands, this will fill the gap. — A. E. W.

GOD AND THE UNIVERSE OF FAITHS

by John Hick (Collins)

\$4.25

This paperback is a collection of papers and talks over the past decade. The studies deal with many of the problems of the philosophy of religion. Some are old and some are called new issues by him. But they are important and we do have to face them. Professor Hick of the Department of Theology of Birmingham University, was editor of the book "The Myth of God Incarnate" which caused such a storm. He reduces to a philosophical absurdity the question of the dual nature of Jesus when he says, "And if this earthly Jesus, who is part of our human history, did not think of himself as God incarnate, then we have the strange doctrine of a God who did not know that he was God . . . This strange manoeuvre must surely have come to the end of the road in the implied claim that the church knows who Jesus was better than he knew himself." This leads Hick into his first study, "Theology's Central Problem," which

he sees is how religious language is used. How much of the language of the Bible is cognitive (the narration of facts) and how much is non-cognitive interpretation of Bible statements. There is much of controversy in this book as Hick considers challengers to religion itself, the relationship of faith to rational thought, how sustainable is the concept of God, and how can we meet the claims of other religions in the modern world. The problems raised are real. We can avoid them and live with a satisfying personal faith in a human Christ who is also divine, or we can face the problems and grapple with the issues as presented by an honest scholar like Hick, and still live with a satisfying personal faith in a human Jesus who is also eternally divine. Or to put it another way, our faith is not worth holding if we are afraid to have it challenged. This is not easy reading, but it is challenging. - A.E.W.

COMMENTARY ON THE NEW TESTAMENT

by E.M. Blaiklock (Hodder & Stoughton) \$3.20

A very useful, and economical tool to help understand the New Testament is this paperback by a former Professor of Classics at the University of Auckland. Professor Blaiklock is well known in Australia and has preached in many of our churches over here. He is conservative scholar and has been ready to defend the Christian faith whenever he has found it under attack. This is a chapter by chapter exposition with many historical and classical allusions to add light to the printed word. Well worth a place in the Christian Education or general library of the church and in the home. - A.E.W.

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HAPPENINGS

Allan Male has been awarded a Churchill Fellowship to look at rehabilitation of anti-social youth with particular reference to the study of restitution and compensation following crime. The Fellowship is to be taken up between January and August, 1979, and will involve 11 weeks in the U.S.A., the U.K., and Holland.

A. C. Male, B.A., B. Ed. St., Dip. R.E., is now Honorary Director of the Qld. Churches of Christ Youth and Christian Educ. Dept., and is Executive Director of the Shaftesbury Citizen Centre. He is an Associate Editor of this journal and has been very active in Rotary.

The refugee crisis building up in South-East Asia threatens to rival the Middle East for numbers and difficulty of solution. In Thailand alone there are 100,000 (80,000 from Laos, 15,000 from Cambodia, 5,000 from Vietnam). In addition there are in

camp in Hong Kong, the Philippines, Singapore, Indonesia, and Malaysia, about 6000 "boat people" from Vietnam. These are the survivors. It is estimated that 40 to 60% of the boat people die at sea. Economic religious and political motive drive whole families to seek to escape, but it is not clear where they will go. Christians should be lending their voices to the need for a quick, humane solution.

A Roman Catholic theologian, Nicholas Lash, has been appointed to a professorship on the divinity faculty at Cambridge University. Since the Reformation and until now, no R.C. has been appointed to the divinity faculty in either Oxford or Cambridge.

When the British Churches of Christ voted on the proposal to merge with the United Reform Church, 70% (50 churches) voted for union but 75% was required. The 27 churches against union represent a minority of members and financial support and there is now a proposal before Conference to form two Associations. One would be the Reformed Association of Churches of Christ and would unite with the United Reform Church, the other would be known as The Independent Association of Churches of Christ. There is strong support for the two Associations plan, but six churches with Independent Churches of Christ ministers supplied and financed by the U.S.A. all voted against the proposal.

Neil Gilmore has been a representative of Australian Churches of Christ at many ecumenical meetings over recent years. He has served as member of the Executive of Australian Council of Churches, President of A.C.C. for two terms and a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. Neil has been a strong and forthright contributor within our churches and

the ecumenical scene. He was a notable absentee from the June meeting of the A.C.C. in Adelaide.

For the time, at least Neil's contribution is much reduced, having recently given up his position on the A.C.C. Executive. Churches of Christ in Australia owe a debt of gratitude to Neil Gilmore for his strong leadership in which he always sought to represent the position of Churches of Christ in his many ecumenical encounters.

The Northern Territory had a good week. It was featured on the covers of two journals: "Time International" which featured self-government of the Territory, and "The Australian Christian" which pictured the new Church of Christ in Darwin.

Last year the United Bible Societies distributed more than 410 million items of Scripture, a 79 million increase over 1976. There were rises in distribution of all categories of Scripture except New Reader Selections.

Distribution programs were expanded even in areas where there was every excuse for not doing so.

In a gloomy report from the Church of Scotland it is revealed that over one-third of its members do not take communion at least once a year, 13,000 new members join each year, but 20,000 members lapse and 20,000 members die.

Dr William Belson, social psychologist from U.K., is in Australia with evidence of the role of TV violence in turning adolescent boys into vicious hooligans. His team examined the backgrounds, temperaments and habits of 1500 boys from varied backgrounds over a period of six years. Of all the likely causes of serious violent behaviour TV was revealed as the most dominant. The programmes at the middle of the damage included Hawaii 5-0, Starsky and Hutch; The Six Million Dollar Man, Charles'

Angels, Police Woman and The Rockford Files. Dr Belson said he would not be so impertinent as to relate his British study to Australian boys. But the same films run here and he said, "I simply cannot ignore the frightening implications of my study — that TV, something we have to live with but know little about, has the power to break down the inhibitions we build in our children and turn them into barbarians."

Dr Phillip Potter, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, was invited to address the UN General Assembly's Special Session on Disarmament in New York and spoke to the session on June 12, in a day devoted especially to hear non-governmental organisations' views on the issues associated with disarmament.
— E.P.S.

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (U.S.A.) encouraged its member churches to prepare for "effective witness to Jewish people" and has found itself accused of anti-semitism. The Synod's committee responded that it was not singling out the Jewish people as a special target, but it admitted that material in its training manual was offensive and promised to write a letter of apology and explanation to the churches which had received the manuals.

16 political prisoners, three of whom have been held without trial for 14 years in Paraguay, are on a hunger strike to press their demands for release or trial and for information on what has happened to "disappeared prisoners." The R.C. Archbishop of Asuncion is acting as mediator at the request of the hunger strikers. The 16 are among about 70 prisoners still in the political detention centre. There were 600 there in 1976, but international pressures and personal intercession led to many releases.

Last week, after a 4½ hour debate, the General Synod of the Church of England meeting in London indicated its willingness to discuss a unity covenant with other churches including the Methodist and United Reform Churches.

The U.S. like Australia, is threatened by huge increases in postal charges. The U.S., unlike Australia, makes a distinction at present between profit and non-profit publications.

The latter including religious magazines and newspapers have special postal rates amounting to 60% of normal second-class mail. Some editors and publishers have indicated that their publications will have to close or be drastically reduced if the modest concessions are withdrawn.

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WHITE PAPERS

ON FAITH AND LIFE

THE ABORIGINE & THE PUBLICAN

We don't care all that much for pubs — they're a menace to the country and we're stuck with them.

We do care about justice. We support the right of hotel men to operate within the law. They are entitled to justice and fair play. We also support their right to be punished when they break the law.

Therefore, we cannot understand why an Adelaide magistrate decided not to convict a hotel licensee who pleaded guilty to charges of having refused service to Aborigines. The magistrate said that he would not record a conviction because it would reflect on the character of the licensee if ever he sought another hotel.

Well, why shouldn't it reflect upon his character? The man knew he was doing wrong when he did it. After he did it he pleaded guilty to breaking the law. That must reflect on his character and it is surely one of the things that should be taken into account if he plans to move to another hotel.

We wonder how many Aborigines, when found guilty, are given the same consideration by compassionate magistrates, so that a conviction will not stand in their way when they confront the future.

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS AT WOOLWICH

Two new appointments have been made to the faculty this year. In February, Terry Butler, B.A., M.Div., arrived with his wife Carol and two sons from McKinley Park Church, Washington State, U.S.A. He obtained his Bachelor's degree from San Jose Bible College, Calif., and Master's from Lincoln College, Illinois, and is currently working on a Doctorate through the California Graduate School of Theology. Mr Butler is lecturing in Greek, Theology and Counselling and is ministering at Chatswood.

In May, Miss Pat Prunty, B.M.E., M.M.E., also from the U.S. arrived to lecture in Church Music, and to teach voice, piano, organ and flute to College students requiring tuition. For the past five years Miss Prunty has been teaching church music at Ozark Bible College, Joplin, Missouri. She will be engaged at

Woolwich for two days a week and is also teaching at a local Christian high school.

Reappointments and New Registrar. It is with pleasure that we announce the reappointment for a further three year term of Gary Walker and Miss Dianne Feeney. Mr Walker, B.A. (Hons), has been appointed as College Registrar, and he is lecturer in Old Testament and Biblical languages. Miss Feeney, B.A. (Hons) is Lecturer in Social Sciences.

The Woolwich faculty consists of four full time lecturers, including the Principal, and 7 part-time lecturers.

G.R.F. Ellis, B.A. (Hons), B.D. (Hons), PRINCIPAL.

ONE BILLION DOLLARS FOR EVANGELIZATION

At the beginning of 1979 a new campaign of evangelization and Christian mission will be launched throughout the world by the movement "Here is Life", which recently came into being in the United States. The international chairman, Wallace E. Johnson, when he passed through Geneva, presented this project to the representatives of the World Council of Churches. As outlined by Mr Johnson, the co-founder of Holiday Inns, who is now 77 years of age and retired two years ago, this will be the most extensive Christian social and evangelization mission in recorded history.

The goal of the five-year thrust is to communicate the Christian message by specific social and religious activities throughout the world.

For this campaign, a billion dollars has to be raised. For the first period 100 million dollars will be needed, about a third of which has already been received or

promised by industrialists, religious organizations or private people. — EPS.

GREENHALGH'S LEAVE NORTH HAVEN

After approximately eight years Mr and Mrs Roy Greenhalgh have left North Haven, (N.S.W.) due to failing health, to live in one of the units of the Churches' of Christ at Pendle Hill.

The Taree church recalls with a deep sense of gratitude his ministry at North Haven where Mr Greenhalgh has been a spiritual guide at this seaside resort.

Following the departure of W. D. Howard to Canberra, Roy had an interim ministry with Taree for twelve months. Before and after that period he was always ready and willing to extend a dedicated service.

Mr and Mrs Greenhalgh were honoured by the Taree church in December, 1977, when Mr Greenhalgh celebrated a Golden Jubilee of ministry.

TO FULL-TIME R.A.A.F. DUTY

On Aug. 7, G. J. Crossman, currently Principal Air Chaplain for Other Protestant Denominations in the R.A.A.F., returns to full-time duty.

His new appointment, as Secretary of the Board of Chaplains, includes administrative responsibility for the R.A.A.F. Chaplain's Branch.

As Chaplain (Air Commodore), Mr Crossman is the first Churches of Christ Minister to reach this appointment.

Mr Crossman sees his major goals for the next four years, as (i) seeking to visit each Base in the Commonwealth at least once per year; and (ii) to spend as much time as possible with individual Chaplains, to encourage faithfulness to their ministerial Calling; and (iii) to gain every possible support for the fulfilment of the Chaplaincy Ministry.

Mr Crossman has served as a Churches of Christ Minister for 26 years. 25 years has involved Chaplaincy at either Part or Full Time levels. He has served as Principal Air Chaplain since 1967.

PAUSE WITH R. N. GILMORE

R. Neil Gilmore, minister of the Church of Christ, Ainslie, A.C.T., will speak on the ABC Radio "Pause a Moment" series Monday to Friday, at 9.15 a.m., July 24 to July 28.

DIRECTOR OF SYDNEY LIFE LINE

The Rev. Alan Walker, Wesley Central Mission, announced the appointment of Chaplain Allan Batt, R.A.N. as new Director of Sydney Life Line. Chaplain Batt had been serving at H.M.A.S. NIRIMBA, the apprentices training establishment at Quaker's Hill, N.S.W. He was inducted into his new position on July 9. Chaplain Batt is an Anglican.

Life Line was founded by the Rev. Alan Walker in 1963 with the theme "Help is as close as the telephone." It has grown into an organisation that has extended world wide. At present Sydney Life Line costs over \$120,000 a year to run and answers more than 25,000 calls each year. Life Line depends entirely on voluntary contributions from the general public.

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FAMILY CAMP (Albany, K. Ewers-Verge). Church Family Camp held at Bremer Bay ... 160 people attended Family Service ... 130 elderly citizens enjoyed musical entertainment at P.S.A. given by local artists.

● SINGLES & DOUBLES ● ●

Meet at Gisborne, Sunday, July 30, 10 a.m. Watch for the S & D sign in the town. Barbecue to follow. All young adults welcome. We lead the service at the church in Station St., New Gisborne, 10.30 a.m.

OBITUARY

MOYLE — Ella Grace. (25.5.1978). The church at Gawler was saddened by the sudden death of Mrs Moyle. She was the third daughter of Thomas Chivell and was born at Grace Plains, S.A. in 1895. In her early years she attended the Long Plains Church and was baptised in 1908 by Pastor Griffiths. She married Hedley Moyle in 1919 and they made their first home at Mantung, S.A. For six years they worshipped with the Congregational Church. Moving to Auburn they met with the Baptists for 25 years and finally moved to Gawler where they have been active in the life of the church for 26 years. Mrs Moyle was an active worker to the end. A regular attender at morning and evening services and an active worker in C.W.F. She loved the church and God's natural creation. The crowded building at Gawler was an eloquent testimony to the esteem in which Mrs Moyle was held by church and community. The services at the church and the Willaston Cemetery were conducted by the writer. The sympathy and love of the church is extended to Mr Moyle and his family — Ross, Keith, Vera (Mrs Smith, Clare) and Ray — E.O.S.

GRUNDY Mrs Nell
For sixty-four of its sixty-five years, the Murray Bridge Church has had the privilege of Mrs Grundy's membership. She was a member of the Shipway family of Currency Creek. Following her marriage to Charlie Grundy at Goolwa in 1914, they set up home in Murray Bridge, and a long and active life was given in service to her Lord and the Church. A B.S. teacher for over forty years, a hard-working member of the Women's Fellowship, her gifts of cookery and needlework were used freely for both the church and needy ones in the community. Always young in heart and mind, independent and determined in spirit, she continued to live on her own after her husband's death 22 years ago, until but a few weeks before her death in her 90th year. With her daughters, Dawn Gibson and Nath Green and families, the Murray Bridge church remembers with joy the faithful and loving service of one who has been an inspiration to so many for so long. — A.H.C.

WALSHE — Les.
(23.6.1978) Les was baptised at the age of 15 at the North Essendon Church of Christ, and when he and his wife and family moved to Port Sorell, Tas. in 1952 they began a long and strong association with the Devon-

port Church of Christ. He served his Lord faithfully at all times in varying tasks. He was at various times S.S. Superintendent, Deacon, Elder, Church Treasurer for more than 20 years, and recently he had been the brains and heart behind the development of a retirement centre for older folk. He also worked on a wider level in brotherhood work. He had a keen interest in the worldwide mission of the church. Les was a great Christian. He had a warm handshake, a big smile, a loud laugh and a large concern for people. He loved the Lord dearly. He combined a deep spirituality with common practicality. Les had been cut down by a stroke and illness in the last year of his life. During that time his sense of life was maintained by his Christian faith and his wife who was utterly devoted to lovingly helping him. Included in the large crowd that attended his funeral were representatives of the church brotherhood. The town of Devonport was represented by the Warden (Mayor) of Devonport. Christian sympathy is extended to his wife Jean and their children and their families — Hilton, John, Hayden, Lindley, Joy and Susan. — G. Risson.

S.A. PRISON CHAPLAIN

The well-known work established by Albert R. Jones, M.B.E., in South Australian Prisons gave place to a full-time appointment with the Rev. John Hughes (Baptist) in 1972 and now the Rev. Charles King (U.C.A.). The appointee serves the Uniting Church of Australia, the Baptist Union and Churches of Christ.

The appointment of Mr King is from July 1 and his induction will be at 11 a.m., Sept. 17, at the Tynte Street, Baptist Church, North Adelaide. The service will be led by the minister, the Rev. Trevor Bensch, who is Secretary of the Joint Chaplaincy Committee. The Committee's Chairman, the Rev. Michael Sawyer and the Rev. Don Haydon, Chairman of Presbytery (U.C.A.) will conduct the Induction and Ed. Roffey will preach the sermon.

The Prison Chaplain's address is: Rev. C. King, 19 Highbury Street, Highbury, S.A. 5089; phone (08) 336 4989. Mr King is available for preaching or addressing groups.

MISSION VISITORS (Red Cliffs) Misses Joan Coleman and Janet Cowden of Wycliffe Bible Translators and Miss Hazel Skuce, from India, were recent visitors. Other speakers have been V. Marr (Mildura), I. Cameron and M. Milne (Red Cliffs).

NORTHWEST CONF. (Horsham, R. Roberts) Brotherhood officials and officers from churches in Nth. West Dist. Conf. welcomed at dinner on July 1. K.D. Horne, Conf. Pres., spoke at 7 p.m. on July 2 and married man confessed faith. Morning speaker was Rev. Wesley Girvan, new Bible Society secretary. . . . A young lady was baptized on July 9 when Y.P. led service and Girls' and Boys' clubs attended. . . . C.W.C.I. held day convention with Mrs Val Mooby leading. . . . Mrs E. Marshman celebrated her 90th birthday.

INNER SPRINGS

A GLIMPSE OF GLORY



Discussing that beautiful little book, "Jonathon Livingstone Seagull" my friend put the question, "why is it that every now and again something very soft and beautiful like that catches the imagination of the world and becomes a best seller?" Part of the answer I believe, lies in the fact that despite our pre-occupation with worldly affairs, some finer instinct within us longs for something to inspire and lift us above such things. There is that within everyone of us that is not satisfied with bread alone. We long, albeit subconsciously, to be reassured that this life is not all there is, and that we are not just "sailing on a sea of tears to nowhere".

I believe too that it is God's touch to a weary world. After all, He has many ways of breaking in upon our lives, and often uses unconventional methods. There are many such instances in my own life. One I recall with immense delight. When I am particularly weary or low in spirits I find the evening sky fills me with a sense of renewal.

On one such occasion following a very hot and busy day, I left the family circle and sought the quiet solitude of the garden. As I lifted up my eyes, there above the housetops hung a star. But it was like no other star I have ever seen or perhaps shall ever see again. Suspended low in the sky, magnificent in size, so startling in its radiance that I became lost in the wonder of it. For a few minutes it remained there in solitary splendour and then quite suddenly vanished from sight. Gift or phenomena? I don't know. But I do know that God reveals Himself in ways that are both surprising and delightful.

Archibald Rutledge reminds us of the Psalmist's words. "He redeemeth my soul from destruction", and goes on to say, "but we do not often think of the deft and beautiful ways in which God works. Beauty is made to touch the heart, a right spirit is renewed and the life is redeemed." While it is true that no one has seen God at any time, we are from time to time given a glimpse of His glory that transforms this work-a-day world, however briefly, into heaven itself, and our hearts find strength for living in the joy of it.

. . . . And I caught the glory of His robe When the last fires of sunset burned.

Prayer: Thank you Dear God for every lovely thing, every sudden glory that touches our hearts and lifts our spirits above the commonplace. Amen.

Psalm 103:1-5

Florence Rosier

Adventure activities offered through the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Mission, Education and Development's Adventure Committee are attracting increasing attention among young people. Last January a record number participated in the New Zealand Trek and Victorian Alps Adventure Walk.

Tassie Trek

Next summer a fourth Tassie Trek will be led by veteran bushwalker, Les Stewart. The route will be across the famous Cradle Mountain — Lake St Clair National Park area in some of the most rugged of Tasmanian scenery. This part of the trek will be followed by visits to Macquarie Harbour and the Gordon River.

Canoe Expedition

A second major summer programme is a Canoe Expedition led by Barry Steer. The party of 28 in two groups will spend three days on the slower waters of the Murrumbidgee followed by a further three days on the fast flowing Tumut River. Both rivers provide magnificent scenery, much to see in the way of wild life and plenty of adventurous activity in canoeing.

Planning

A provisional programme is planned ahead to the summer of 1982. Committee members give considerable time to planning programme details. Safety issues are of major importance. An innovation is the development of ski touring which began in 1977 and is being expanded this winter. Thirty-six young people and leaders shared in a bushwalk training day in May. Of interest is the increasing number of girls taking part. Leadership skills learned in these programmes can be used in local church and brotherhood youth programmes.

Spiritual Dimension

The programmes contribute to the development in initiative, character and leadership potential. The settings stimulate an awareness of the environment and natural world. Concern for spiritual growth is basic. Each programme provides opportunity for Christian fellowship, worship and study. On the recent New Zealand Trek some six persons made a commitment to Christ and have subsequently been baptised. The Department anticipates a continuing expansion of these activities as a part of the camping and youth programme. Enquiries are welcome.

Spanning the Years

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be provided in order to give the best care to our patients.

The need of care for the frail aged persons is of paramount concern as people stay in their own homes and environment as long as possible, which is encouraged and recommended, nevertheless it brings its problems namely a greater need for frail aged care, and aware of this need plans are developing for the erection of a 50 bed "frail aged hostel" as part of our Northcote complex.

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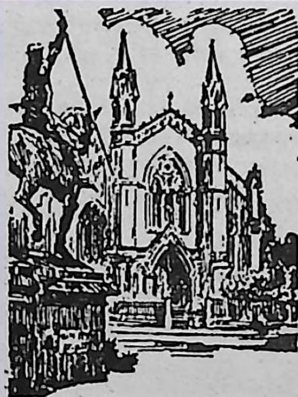
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DEATHS

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

COMBINED (Wampony, Barrie Reid). Combined evening service held with Mundulla. Steve Kitto spoke and B.S. children sang . . . Mundulla Wampony Women's Fellowship entertained with Play Reading. Repeated at Senior Citizens meeting . . . The Seekers Youth Group from Bordertown Uniting Churches visited youth group for games evening.

BAPTISMS (Elizabeth, Miss N. Hall, D. Tandy). There were three baptisms on June 18, followed by a decision and a reconsecration . . . G. Strudwick and R. Webster have been re-elected as Elders . . . Recent speakers have been L. Fitzgerald, Chairman, Overseas Mission Board, and H. Waghmode. A representative from Anti-Cancer Foundation spoke at C.W.F. . . . Members participating in "In The Spirit of Love" studies as a lead-up to "Reach-Out 79".

NEW BUILDING (Marion, R. Clymer, A. G. Mathieson). Plans passed for new building . . . Concert and films given by Welsh Choir to raise funds for New Church project . . . Party journeyed to riverland churches to take services there . . . Fred Drilling in hospital for operation . . . Mrs Cornelius in Glenside hospital . . . 96 attended first of 5 p.m. services.

LAY WITNESS (Victor Harbour, R. C. Mitchell). Institute for Church Renewal held Lay Witness Mission. "In Spirit of Love" groups formed . . . Y.P. shared in youth service at Goolwa and 13 Y.P. attended a farm camp . . . Visitation, Social Service, etc., Committees established.

COMBINED (Pt. Lincoln, J. Brear) Combined meeting of churches held in Christian Revival Centre . . . Kenmore Flying Squad paid week-end visit . . . Audrey Patterson showed men's fellowship slides of her trip to India . . . Mrs Beth Fatchen, returned missionary from Carnarvon spoke at C.W.F. . . . E.W. Rofey and Neil Bright visited to discuss future building projects . . . Ladies provided luncheon at Old Folks' Home Fair . . . Youth car wash raised \$42 for C.T.A. . . . Members participated in Austcare collection . . . E.W.F. held question and answer panel with community representatives.



VICTORIA

FOOD FOR THOUGH (West Preston, B.F. Goldsteen) "Food for Thought" group meets for tea and discussion each Sunday . . . "Befrienders" and "Searchers" are paired . . . Puppets featured at family service with 100 present . . . Mrs Albert Wood moving to S.A. . . . John David still in hosp. Mrs Hart recuperating at home . . . Sympathy offered to Mrs Ina Shell in the loss of her husband, the Green family in the death of brother, Reg., a former treasurer of this church, and the Rice and Arthur families in the sudden death of 8-weeks old David.

FOR BOMBAY (Box Hill, S. Downie) Good Companions held Trampoline-A-Thon with proceeds for Bombay Christian Youth centre . . . Keith Skillicorn as speaker at Y.P.C.E. . . . Y.P. held car rally and BBQ . . . Doncaster Youth Group presented excerpts from "Natural High." . . . Mr Mellor of U.A.M., showed slides at C.W.A.F. . . . Y.P. shared in a.m. service.

CARE GROUP (The Patch, R. Wesley). Pastoral "Care Group" established with Elsie Deane as Co-ordinator . . . Additional parking facilities for 20 cars now in use . . . Local grant enabled youth club to purchase art and craft equipment . . . C.W.F. have provided the cost of a new washing machine for an OS mission field . . . Opportunity shop continues to play vital role. \$500 from fund allocated towards cost of new boat for Banmatmat, and donation forwarded to Aborigines Evangelical Fellowship . . . Betty Rowe, Marion McNeil and Rosemary Weston assisting in S.S. . . . Most members participated in "Hospitality Week" . . . Wal Fielder home from Hospital and making slow progress.

OVERSEAS MISSION CONVENTION (Dandenong, J. Edwards) Feature of weekend was display featuring Missionary Aviation Fellowship, Wycliffe Bible Translators, and Church of Christ Overseas mission work. Speakers included D. Kerney, G. Weston, Malcolm Humphries, F. Richards, Miss Hazel Skuce and Ron McLean. Bruce and

Sandra Anderson were farewelled on leaving for P.N.G. for six months Jungle Training Camp to equip themselves as Bible Translators . . . Bill Gaunson guest speaker for special gospel service . . . Four took part in World Vision 40 hour famine . . . Special appeals are in progress for South Indian Cyclone relief and Overseas missions.

MEDAL AWARDED (Caulfield, K. Christensen). The U.S.A. Joint Service Commendation medal was awarded to Howard W. Cook for meritorious performance of duty . . . Guest speakers have been R. McLean, Sec. Churches of Christ Overseas Missions, Miss Hazel Skuce, missionary in India; Mrs Betty Dow, Pres. Vic. Tas. C.W.F. and K. Manson . . . The church saddened at death of Mrs A. Carnie, Senr. J. Veitch recovering after surgery and Miss B. Houghton from a severe fall.

COMBINED MISSION (Harcourt, P. Galliford). Harcourt combined Churches held a Lay Witness Mission . . . Pulpit exchanged with Castlemaine . . . Two young girls baptised and welcomed into fellowship.

SEMINAR (Tootgarook, David Hovey). Church Growth Seminar led by Don Smith and Miss Julie Reid, of M.E.D. . . . Church joined Red Hill for luncheon with Miss Hazel Skuce . . . Members are contributing used stamps to assist "The Way of Truth" Bible Correspondence Course in Western India . . . Letters sent urging State Govt. not to relax liquor laws.

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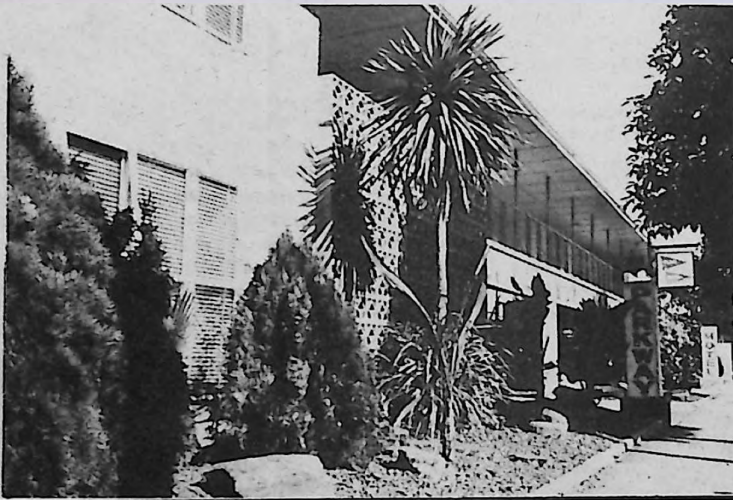
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NEW SOUTH WALES

NEW MINISTRY (Hurstville, R. Drown). Robert Drown (formerly of Subiaco, W.A.) commenced his ministry on June 25, 1978. An Induction service was conducted on June 27 by our Conference President, Bruce Armstrong. Brethren from our churches in surrounding districts shared in this occasion . . . We say thank you to Colin Bowser and Len McNally as their ministry to us over the past 15 months has concluded . . . Len, a student of Woolwich, instigated a Drop In Centre, now conducted each Friday . . . Purchase of two storey office building and manse adjoining church property was recently completed.

HEART-TO-HEART TALK (Campbelltown, K. Bond). Doctor spoke to a heart-to-heart club on heart care . . . Reachout Director, Norman Pell, spoke to delegation on responsibility of church . . . Local press prints news of church activities . . . Church improvements include repainting, new study and sign . . . New treasurer and publicity officer appointed.

MISSION PLANNED (Wyoming, — Berkeley Vale, E. K. Morrison, M. Leask). Mr Leask has been relieving at Coffin Harbour . . . The film "For Pete's Sake" resulted in two rededications and there was one decision at special Youth Service . . . A Mini-mission will be held at Berkeley Vale, Aug. 27 to Sep. 3. V.B.S. to run in conjunction by Woolwich students. Missioners will be Mal Leask and a student. B.S. will commence in Berkeley Vale on Sept. 3 . . . Our treasurer is canvassing for finance to put a building on our land as soon as possible . . . Church is helping Tamworth as our Missionary Outreach among our native peoples.

MISSIONARY EMPHASIS (Inverell, R. Powell) The congregational meeting on July 2 decided to form a committee to plan and promote church missionary activities . . . The faith-promise giving for 78-79 to allocate 70 per cent for Church of Christ missions and 30 per cent for interdenominational missions, including S.I.M., W.E.C., F.E.B.C. and Gospel Recordings . . . Armidale church members entertained to tea in the hall on July 2 and evening program, which included film "Step Over The Edge" . . . Parents of children contacted during May Adventure Week program invited to Fellowship Tea on June 25.

120 IN THE SPIRIT (Epping, K. Farmer, D. Smallbone, P. Cameron) 120 members are currently involved in a series of group discussions on the booklet "In the Spirit of Love". Previous to these sessions, "At Home" social evenings were held at the manse. Over 200 have been involved in these during recent months. Opportunity given at "open" officers' meeting for members to be involved in church's planning.



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ICHTHUS (Berwick, Barry McMurtrie, Daryl McLeod.) A record crowd of 213 at ICHTHUS for Celebration Service . . . House Groups studying Serindipity material for six weeks . . . Three baptisms recently . . . Final episode of "What Would Jesus Do?" ended serialisation based on "In His Steps" . . . Colour Code Bible Studies held Tuesdays and Thursdays . . . First Family Camp held at Manyung . . . Renewal Group meets over 6.15 a.m. breakfast on Thursdays . . . Youth Group held Car Trial. Packed church heard Rev. Haralan Popov, author of "Tortured for His Faith." . . . Mr Levitt the Bible Society took services June 25. Daryl McLeod visited Newcastle to run "Church Growth" Seminar.

FINAL SERVICE (Thornbury, G.J. Crossman). 126 people shared in Third Outreach Tea-Table Service. This occasion marked the final service of G.J. Crossman's six years' ministry. J.D. Adam represented the Conference Executive and brought greetings from the Brotherhood. Mrs Stewart, on behalf of the C.W.A.F., presented a sheaf of flowers to Mrs Crossman. Dr E.R. Killmier (Life Elder) spoke feelingly of the ministry, and presented a 3-in-1 Stereo to Mr and Mrs Crossman. As Chaplain (Air Commodore), Mr Crossman returns to full-time duty with the R.A.A.F. as Secretary of the Board of Chaplains.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY (Wodonga) First church anniversary held. After commencing with four, church now has 27 members and B.S. of 30. There have been seven baptisms. Some travel up to 70 miles to attend mid-week meeting . . . Pastor Rob Brown, A.E.F., Adelaide, was speaker when an abor. couple accepted Christ. Mrs Lois Smith, State Sec., C.W.F., visited our ladies . . . A week-end seminar with A.E.F. was held. A tent was erected in church grounds. Friday, Sat. afternoon and evening seminar at I.

Sproule's home at Allan's Flat, steak for the barbecue tea was donated by two country members. . . The church was saddened by the death of Arthur Combridge. P. Kavanagh and I. Sproule conducted services at church and graveside . . . Cecil Grant of the A.E.F. is frequent visiting speaker . . . The church was affiliated with the Vic-Tas. conf. this year.

AT FIVE (Bayswater, R. B. Waldron, D. Armstrong). "Features at Five" in preparation for Mini-Mission included P.S.A. with "Right On's" and Oakleigh Salvation Army Band, the film "Follow Me", Dr Geoff Whiting, an audio-visual on our church, and a service led by the Young Adults . . . 170 church contacts being visited for the Mini-mission . . . Dr Trevor Clezy of Launceston Gideons spoke recently . . . C.W.M.F. Birthday had Hazel Skuce as guest . . . The Patch Church of Christ shared a baptismal service with us . . . Organ Fund stands at \$150 . . . Good Companions held annual Snowball Drive for their Project.

HOUSE CHURCH (Wattle Park, D. Hamilton, D. Prestidge). Three-month period of House Church begun with Surrey Hills and Camberwell Churches . . . Mrs Vaffiopolous has been in hospital and is now better . . . Church saddened to hear of sudden death in N.Z. of David Prestidge's father . . . Mrs Jean Thomas passed Public Service exams . . . Tim Adam invited to coaching course with Hawthorn Football Club . . . Explorers cleaned up local shopping Centre for "Keep Australia Beautiful" project . . . Many completed World Vision Forty-Hour Famine.

SMALL GROUPS (Montrose, L. van Laar). On July 2, Marty van Laar led first of three workshop sessions on conducting small study groups . . . Hazel Skuce from India was recent speaker . . . C.W.F. raised \$125 at cake stall towards improvements to manse . . . Mrs Moore of the Baptist Missionary Society spoke at "Drop In Centre" and showed slides of medical work among lepers in Thailand . . . Good Companions, led by Marion Wells, raised over \$40 for Bombay Christian Centre.

BAPTISM (Doncaster, Keith Horne). Bill Tabbernee was preacher when two ladies were baptised, and congregation shared in talk-back . . . "Tea Pot," a community Drop-in Centre, operates three days a week . . . Four telephones in Church Offices, makes possible a phone ministry to frail aged, long-term shut in, and sick persons. 43 doctors in community have been contacted . . . Colin Waddingham, local artist, guest at "Tea 'n' Topic" on a recent Sunday afternoon . . . Alex Kenworthy of "Night Line" spoke to congregation and visited Y.A.F. . . . Youth Choir presented evening service at Box-Hill . . . Church preparing for "Celebration '78" with Gordon Stirling and a Planned-Giving Program with Trevor Giles . . . Saturday Evening Fellowship featured a film.

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says "a few minutes at the start of the day carefully planning my programme is the only method I know of getting through the day without becoming irritable and without going through a lot of waste motions. One needs to know what is important, what is trivial, what is convenient, and what is nonsensical."

Samuel Shoemaker said "The ministry is a tension between ordered routine and constant interruption." He added, "Ministers should know when to go into low gear and take plenty of time for one person or family, building something with them that can never come in a ten minute call."

2. **Get an early start.** There was an old song I remember which ran, "Oh, it's nice to get up in the morning. But it's nicer to lie in bed." If we waste the early hours we may be wasting not only the best of the day, but the best of our powers.

One church leader said of his contacts with ministers, "Many are on the job bright and early, but some don't get out of bed before 8 a.m., then loaf around before going to their sudy at 10 a.m. or later."

(More about the early start next issue.)

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WITH
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In the few years I have been in the ministry, I seem to be having more and more time troubles. The big things get crowded out by the little things. If there is no cure, is there some relief?

There may be no cure for time-sickness. We all feel at times that there is so much to do and so little time to do it. But like a lot of other ills that trouble us, we may be making it hurt more than it should.

It may be argued that there are difficulties faced by ministers that do not trouble others. We may be urged (and we should be) to plan our work and work our plan and stick at it, but crises can overtake us. The day set aside for sermons may be interrupted by a call to a hospital. The hour set aside for counselling may extend to two hours.

In creative work such as preparing sermons, one week's output may run smoothly and happily, and the next week we may struggle more over one small section than last week we did for the lot. It may be the man who is not functioning as well, or it may be that the subject is harder.

One reason ministers have a lot of unnecessary trouble is that they often work below their capacity. We may think that we are not wasting time, but if we are not using it effectively, then we are wasting it. Somebody reckoned that in a life of 70 years the average man would spend three

years in education, eight years in amusements, six years eating, five years travelling, four years talking, 14 years working, three years reading, 24 years sleeping, and three years convalescing. How much of those periods count as achievement-time is what matters for your life.

We often work far below our capacity. This can be proved by looking back on our experiences and remembering that we accomplished so much more on some occasions because we were under pressure.

Such pressure may be applied by circumstances. We were suddenly confronted with a chore we had forgotten or we volunteered to help someone out in his time of trouble. But our workload was increased. We coped, and were amazed at our output.

If we can apply pressure through self-discipline we shall find that our output will rise, not spasmodically, but regularly, not in bursts of frantic overwork, but in sustained efforts at working closer to our capacity.

1. **Set your priorities.** Determine the order in which you are to tackle the day's jobs. If there are less important programmes, don't give them the best of the time, or the hours when you are at your best.

The minister is vulnerable to interruptions. (Believe it or not, at this point we answered a distress call from our number three daughter who had car trouble. If her father was a bricklayer she would have had to handle it herself!). Set out your day's work each day, or the night before. Maybe the night before has advantages, the subconscious mind can be active while we sleep! Take time to decide what you will do with the day's hours and minutes.

Dr Daniel Fuchs, editor of "The Chosen People", has a motto on his desk, "Think! Maybe we can dodge some work." Fuchs

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THE LAST WORD...

If the disciple can maintain a constant conversation with his Lord, the greatest of all gifts will inevitably be his. It will be as natural for him to love as to breathe. Love in its highest manifestation is the richest, most persuasive, loveliest, nicest thing God has to offer — it is the only weapon we need.

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