



## JIM WRIGHT FOR BLACKBURN

At a special Church meeting, the Blackburn congregation enthusiastically endorsed the Board proposal that C. H. J. Wright be invited to join the Church's ministry team. Mr Wright, currently ministering with the Church at Glenelg, S.A., is commencing his ministry in early 1980, and will be serving the Church alongside Ted Keating and Paul Burnham.

Jim Wright, the President of Churches of Christ in South Australia, will actually be returning to Blackburn. Prior to a series of ministries at substantial Churches around Australia, he was Minister at Blackburn between 1942 and 1946. This was his first full-time ministry. His son, Dr Peter Wright, and daughter-in-law, Gigi, also worship at Blackburn.

Jim Wright will help the Church cope with the increasing demands of ministry.



Blackburn, after seemingly reaching a growth plateau in the early 1970's, is again experiencing expansion. Communicants have risen from 202 in 1975 to 260 so far this year. This year, the membership has risen from 330 to 360.

Growth has been enhanced by new initiatives, such as Play Groups, the "Unhitched Club," (a Club for Singles), and a commitment by auxiliaries to share in the Church's outreach programme. The Youth work is in splendid heart. The Cell Group study programme has partially overcome the problem of "belonging" in a larger Church. These, and other spontaneous prayer groups, encourage the Church growth programme. Many of the initiatives that the Church is taking in the programme could not have been attempted without a team ministry. Now that the team is to be further strengthened, the Blackburn congregation feels that it can capitalise on the wonderful opportunities that are facing the congregation.

## EATING WITH ONE CHOPSTICK?

David Claydon, Federal Secretary for Scripture Union, attended the 4th Scripture Union Anzea Regional Conference, held in Hong Kong in May, 1978. He said that the Conference gained a wonderful vision of Scripture Union at work throughout Asia and the Pacific. At the present time there is a Scripture Union radio programme in the Philippines which draws the second largest listening audience on that station, and in Taiwan there are teams visiting 2 of the 7 major prisons each week.

The future of Scripture Union in the Anzea Region (East Asia and the Pacific) is exciting — the beginning of S U groups in Indonesian high schools, the prospect of new children's work opening up in Taiwan, school work in Japan.

"We need to strengthen evangelism," David Claydon said. "To emphasize Bible reading only, and not evangelism is like eating with one chopstick — difficult and ineffective! But I'm confident that as we meet the need for more staff, we can also meet the challenge of evangelism."

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## INNER SPRINGS

### ONLY WORDS?



As I turned the corner on my bicycle, two young teenage girls cut sharply around behind me, one saying to the other, "Let's knock this old lady off her bike!" The "old" I could forgive them. From my own childish memories, any one over thirty was regarded as being quite ancient! But that a complete stranger should wish me harm was unbearable and cast a shadow over the hours that followed.

One might say there were "only words". But isn't that so often the trouble? We say something meaningless, with no regard for the effect, it may have on the recipient. Only words, perhaps, but they will fall into some heart as stab wounds of pain, or as droplets of healing.

One day Rabbi Gamaliel sent his housekeeper to buy the best meat she could find. When the evening meal was served, the housekeeper set a delicious tongue before her master. Some weeks the Rabbi asked her to buy the worst meat she could find. "The very worst," he emphasised. "I am making an experiment". For the evening meal, the housekeeper served tongue again. Smiling, she explained: "Master, there is nothing better than a good tongue, and nothing worse than a bad one."

It is an old story, reminding us that a bad tongue can cause untold misery, and that a good tongue can be a blessing and a comfort to all.

Prayer: We thank you dear God, for the gift of speech. Enable us to use our words to build and not destroy, to heal and not to hurt, to help and not to hinder, to add to the joy of the world and reduce its misery. Amen.

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Florence Rosier

# "AGAIN I SAY REJOICE!"

by  
**Gordon  
Stirling**

**MAKE  
SURE  
YOUR  
CHURCH  
GOES TO  
MELBOURNE  
JANUARY  
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Paul is insistent in his final call to the Philippians to rejoice in the Lord (4:4). He repeats with "Again I say rejoice!" Is he drumming up rejoicing in a normally reluctant, phlegmatic, pessimistic, long-faced lot? I think not. I believe that he is calling on them to express openly the joy that Christ is creating within them.

## Let Joy Be Seen

I am sure that we church people do not look as joyful as we really are. We certainly do not on Sundays in church. Somehow we fail to make our facial muscles aware of our inner joy. I am not talking about the smarmy smirk of the self-righteous or the toothy "ring of confidence" grin of those who are trying to prove that being a Christian is not as painful as you think. I am simply suggesting with Paul as my authority, that if God is filling us with inner joy, we should let that joy out into our speech, our facial expressions and our manner of life.

## Again I say rejoice!

### Graciousness in Christ

"Rejoice," says Paul "and let all the world see you as gracious people" (4:5). The word he uses for gracious means literally going beyond what the law requires. The gracious person is not a legalist. The language of the legalist is, "I do my duty — I have my rights — I give as good (or as bad) as I get — charity begins at home — I speak my mind — let him apologise and I will forgive — if you don't agree with the Bible as I see it you are wrong for there are no private interpretations!"

The Christ filled person is gracious. Caring for people, he forgets things like time, cost, status and difference of conviction that impede the legalist from expressing loving concern. He is gracious because Christ within him is giving him deeper understanding of people and their need for acceptance, understanding and support. And gracious people find so much fulfilment in giving themselves for people that they can do no other than rejoice in the Lord.

### Living With Christ in the Context of Eternity

"Rejoice," says Paul, "the Lord is at hand" (4:5). Some commentators believe that Paul is saying that the risen Christ is present with them. Others think that Paul is saying that the Second Coming is just round the corner. Paul himself believed both in the powerful presence of Christ and in his ultimate victory over sin and pain and death at the end of time. For Paul, to live was Christ and to die was more Christ (1:21), and the ultimate hope was the victorious return of Christ. His life was thus lived in the context of eternity. His present life was a continuing story of life now, henceforth and for evermore.

This rather crazy civilization of ours is the natural habitat of the pessimist. But in the thick of it the Christian rejoices. Christ within him is giving him life that copes with the crazy world. That life is eternal and takes death in its stride. It has been suggested by some that many of the problems of the world arise from a feeling that this life is the lot, so why strive, sacrifice, or accept responsibility for people and the world? Why be a hero? But to live in the context of eternity is to live meaningfully, responsibly, heroically, sacrificially — and joyously.

### Trusting in Christ

"Rejoice," says Paul, "and stop worrying. Talk



to God about everything. Ask him about everything, and don't forget to say thankyou!" (4:6)

I have found that prayer takes on a new meaning when I remember where God is when I pray to him. I am not pushing prayers up through the plaster ceiling and through the brassy heavens to a reluctant God who may be persuaded by my insistency and good behaviour to grant a small percentage of my requests, for which I will be overtly grateful in the hope of greater generosity on future occasions. The God to whom I pray is all around and within me. He is giving me the desire to pray and helping me to form the words. He is helping me to sort out my real needs from those things that I fancy I need. He is closer to me than any other being is. I can slip in and out of conversation with him at any time. I can talk over everything with him. I know that he will give me all that I really need provided I am willing to receive from him what I really need, rather than what I think I want. A little later Paul writes, "My God shall supply all your need, according to his riches in glory, in Christ Jesus." (4:19). With a God like that, what else can we do but rejoice in the Lord?

### Living in Peace in Christ

"Rejoice," says Paul, "and enjoy a God given peace that is beyond the human mind to grasp fully. A peace that keeps guard over your thoughts and feelings" (4:7) so that they do not run amok in panic and despair.

The word for peace is shalom. It means more than a "bit of peace and quiet" in a crowded, hectic life. It means a total sense of well being all the time. The ancient eastern greeting, "Shalom!" meant "may all be well with you". In an agitated, frantic world that has given us phrases like "rat race" and "pressure cooker existence", one of the great needs is for a sense of well being in that sort of world.

"The Shalom of God" is not a peace or sense of well being that can be manufactured by our wills. Nor can it be achieved by a course in positive thinking. One man said that he thought he was a failure until he did a course in positive thinking. Then he was positive that he was a failure. The peace of God is not the product of human relationship courses, however successful

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### PREPARATION

Time is a spiritual resource. God gives us time which in turn heals, matures, and softens. Patience is the virtue of seeing through time. Yet the biblical conceptions of time are most difficult to grasp and almost impossible to understand due to our Western scientific and philosophical understanding of time. We have been greatly influenced by Greek culture, and it is almost impossible for us to understand what the Bible writers had in mind when they used the terms associated with time.

For example, we use time as a framework in which certain events take place. The Hebrew mind understood time not as the framework but as the events which happened, e.g. 1 Chron. 29:30. "The times that went over him" can only be understood when translated as "The circumstances that happened to him".

Furthermore, we contrast time with eternity, and give to eternity the quantitative concept of endless time, and the qualitative concept of timelessness. However, the Bible writers are not acquainted with this qualitative aspect. God is not a timeless God, but is involved with time which He uses. In the O.T. there are about 20 different Hebrew words which we translate roughly as time. In the N.T. there are six different words meaning a passage of time. An understanding of the O.T. concepts of time is found in G. E. Wright "God who Acts", and the N.T. understanding in Oscar Cullmann "Christ and Time".

Jesus came proclaiming "The time is fulfilled" (Mark 1:15). Paul was interested in the historical timing of salvation (Romans 9-11). The realisation of our salvation is bound up with time (1 Tim. 6:15; Titus 1:3; 1 Peter 1:11). Because of this "now" (Col. 1:26) and "today" (Heb. 3:7, 13, 15), have tremendous importance. We are to make the most of our time (Eph. 5:16; Col. 4:5). The mission of Jesus was in the fullness of time (Eph. 1:10; Gal. 4:4). His work is unique.

As we look ahead to the future the times in God's hand are known only to Him. This applies both to our own duration of life, to our eternal salvation, and to the events concerning the second coming and end of this world.

### PROCLAMATION

Close on 3000 issues of the international news magazine "Time" have now been issued. When Henry Luce wanted a name for his new

magazine "Time" was the name he chose. It is a great name and one which became the political slogan of the A.L.P. in 1972. Last week 250,000 people in London attended a "pop" concert and heard Bob Dylan sing "The Times they are a'changing".

Time is a test but also a trust. We are to make the most of our time, for it can rob us of our youth, of opportunity, and of even heaven. God trusts us to use our time.

2. Time is a mystery but also a minute. No philosopher can understand what is meant by time, but a child can tell a minute. We mark time but do not understand it.

3. Time is a relativity but also an equality. Every person has the same 60 seconds in every minute, but for the lover an hour flies while for a widow the hour drags. An hour in sport is different from an hour in study!

4. Time is an eternity but also an urgency. We can have all the time there will be through faith in Christ, so long as we accept the urgency of "now being the acceptable time".

"Crown Him the lord of years the Potentate of time".

### PRESENTATION

The editor of "A.C." has been carrying a series of articles in "Questing" column making fine suggestions about the most effective use of our time. Other resources that could help you make the most efficient use of time can be found in "Managing your Time" by Ted Engstrom; "Ten Tips on Time Management" in "Move Ahead with Possibility Thinking" by Robert Schuller; and an excellent article for businessmen in "Effective Management of Your own Time" in *Rydges* July 1978.

I spend a lot of time waiting around in airports. Those who fly regularly understand. I thought the other day how much time in our lives is spent waiting — waiting to grow up, waiting to leave school, waiting to be married, to have a house, a baby, a promotion; waiting in a queue, or for the tea to cook or for the traffic lights to change; waiting to live and waiting to die.

Then I discovered that what we do with our lives while waiting is the true indication of our spiritual life. Use every such idle moment for prayer, meditation and communion with God and the rest of life will be all the richer!

GORDON MOYES

# OVERSEAS MISSIONS

## FIELD VACANCIES

**Partnership in Mission does not mean that missionaries from Australia are no longer required.**

At the invitation of Churches overseas during the next 18 months, sixteen or more new Australian missionaries will be required to serve in partnership with national co-workers on our overseas fields.

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### PAPUA NEW GUINEA:

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### INDIA:

Manager, Bombay Christian Centre — Double Certificated Nurse for rural medical work.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact: Ron McLean, Secretary, Churches of Christ Overseas Mission Board, P.O. Box 258, Cowandilla, S. Aust. 5033. 'Phones: Office — 352 1904, After Hours — 352 5906. Area Code 08.

**"Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest."**

## ARMS RACE IS OUT OF CONTROL

The arms race remains out of control despite an increased number of official activities aimed at piecemeal solutions. This is the conclusion of the 1978 edition of "World Military and Social Expenditures". This authoritative and painstakingly researched report is now available in Australia.

Researched and published by a United States economist, Ruth Leger Sivard, the purpose of the report is to provide an annual accounting of the use of world resources for social and for military purposes. The hope of the author is that by bringing together military and social data for direct comparison, attention will be focussed on the competition between two kinds of priorities.

A summary at the beginning of the report reveals the following priorities of expenditure in 1978:

- The average family pays more in taxes to support the world arms race than to educate their children.
- Nuclear bomb inventories of the two superpowers, already sufficient to destroy every city in the world seven times over, are still growing at the rate of three bombs a day.
- For international peacekeeping forces, the world spends \$135 million yearly, for national military forces 3000 times as much.
- Only one government in three spends as much to safeguard the health of its citizens as to protect them against military attack.

● Donor nations have spent a yearly average of \$5 per capita since 1960 to aid the development of poorer nations, \$95 per capita for their own military forces.

● For the estimated cost of a new mobile intercontinental missile (the MX), 50 million malnourished children in developing countries could be adequately fed, 65,000 health care centres and 340,000 primary schools built.

The report also contains numerous graphs and diagrams as well as detailed data for all countries of the world. In spite of the wealth of information, however, the report is easy to read and well presented.

The 32 page report is available from the Australian Council of Churches. It costs \$2.95 plus 45c postage.

**MINISTRY** (Bunbury, B. K. Ryall) Graham Butler has accepted a call to ministry when Barry Ryall concludes at end of 1979 . . . The Youth Group went on 40 hour famine for "World Vision". They held a camp at Roelands July 7-9 . . . Jewish Evangelism Mission rep. John Brighton, showed film "The Parable of the Fig Tree" . . . A working bee held to erect new fence alongside church. The old one was blown down by cyclone "Alby" . . . C.W.F. visited "Elanora Lodge" on July 19 and presented a concert. They also visited Roelands Village on July 12 to help with mending . . . Mrs Broun and Mrs Pridmore just returned from a visit to Israel and Mrs Pridmore showed slides of the Holy Land at "Elanora Lodge".

## "DOING THEOLOGY HERE"

Three prominent overseas theologians will be key speakers at a conference on "Doing Theology Here" to be held at Chisholm College, LaTrobe University, Melbourne, Aug. 14-17. They are Professor James Cone, a black American and author of "God of the Oppressed," Dr John Mbiti, a prominent African theologian and Director of the Ecumenical Institute, Bossey, and Professor Benjamin Reist, author of "Red, White and Black Theology." All three are seeking to express the Christian faith in terms that are faithful to the gospel but in terms that relate to the specific culture in which they live. The Conference will also feature workshops on the Australian context, led by experts in the fields of sociology, literature, visual arts and history.

This is the first conference of its kind in Australia and is being sponsored jointly by the Australian and the New Zealand Association of Theological Schools and the Australian and New Zealand Society for Theological Studies. It is anticipated that more than one hundred persons from all states of Australia and from New Zealand will be attending. Anyone interested in attending the whole conference (\$15 registration) or the public meetings can obtain details from Dr Keith Bowes, College of the Bible, who will conclude his term as President of ANZATS after the Conference.

### ● Overseas Scholarships

## THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION

"The Australian Christian Foundation has been established to provide scholarships for members of our churches going overseas to equip themselves for service in the church and community.

There is practically no restriction so far as the area of study is concerned, although the nature of the work would require to be approved by the Selection Committee of the Foundation as conforming to the general ideals and aspirations of Churches of Christ in Australia.

Those applying for the Scholarship may well be interested in the fields of Christian education, theology, evangelism, church growth, church administration, counselling, care of the aged, or the church's role in confronting social issues. Applications will not necessarily be limited to these examples.

The Scholarship will be for varying periods of time and the Foundation will provide travel expenses to and from the approved place of study or research. Some support may also be given during the period overseas.

Men and women of our churches are invited to apply for a scholarship by completing the form below.

The Scholarship will be financed by the Christian Building Trust (in conjunction with the Conference Executive of Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania) and Christian Projects Limited. "The Australian Christian" will assist as a

sponsoring agent. The upper value of the Scholarship would not, as presently envisaged, exceed \$2,500.

Although the Christian Building Trust is operating on behalf of the Conference of Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania, applications are invited from members residing in any State or Territory of the Commonwealth.

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## TRIBUTARIES NIGHT

The 1977-1978 summer in the West was a time when we were reminded of our dependence on water. The water which reaches our homes through the pipes comes from many different sources. These different sources are Tributaries.

A Water System was projected on to a screen by means of an Overhead Projector, to illustrate the different ways our sisters combine to bring service to a wider community. The "Tributaries" were named and placed on the screen for all to see. The women, who help by working in the Budget Shop, serve by making available good, cheap clothing to those in need, and by listening to those who want to share their ups and downs of life, were illustrated. Another "Tributary" was the sisters who help in the workroom. We were told of the opportunity to work in a practical way, that of sharing with people at another level, as Jesus did.

Hospital Visitors represented another "Tributary" and our sisters with humour and compassion shared their experiences.

Each representative asked us to pray for them, Prayer Partners were put on as another "Tributary" to the overall "Water System". Women from Home Missions, Youth and Christian Education Committees were included as "Tributaries", and spoke on their involvement in these areas.

The idea was to share with the Sisterhood the work that is already being done, and to inspire others to help in the way they felt suited. IT WORKED. Several women offered help.

N. Ellement, W.A.

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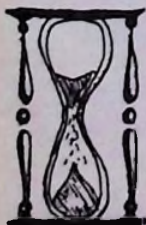
### NEWS

The Theme for Council this month was "Lord take my hands". Heather Mudie, Occupational Therapist from Bex Hill, led the worship.

The Speaker, Carole Miller, Glen Waverley, shared her day by day living experiences of how willing hands has helped with a demanding and time consuming program for their little brain damaged son, Wayne.

The President, Betty Dew, interviewed Dot Brooker, Frankston, and we heard of the commencement and growth of Good Companions under the continued leadership of Rita Roberts.

Heather Miller, Vic.



"It is foolish to speak scornfully of others. If you are sensible you will keep quiet."  
Proverbs 11:12 Good News Bible

TODAY'S



WOMEN

## LIFE AND TIMES OF A BOOKSELLER

### Article 1

Can you see that white sand road twisting around the rolling green hills of the Strzelecki Ranges in Gippsland, Eastern Victoria? Can you see that little girl wandering along gathering an armful of crackling bark from beneath the great spreading arms of an old blue-gum, chatting to faithful Rusty; he always comes on these expeditions, golden tail unfurled and ever-watchful eye open for the summer black or brown snakes?

Can you see her curled up on a winter's night beside a roaring log fire or tucked in her big wrought iron bed, with the little brass lamp giving it's flickering glow to illumine the ever-present books of Mary Grant Bruce or school girl stories?

Many years pass and life brings it's experiences and stresses but that love for books never diminishes, only increases when that little girl, now an adult with a husband and two little girls, finds fulfillment and the answer to life, in the greatest of all books — the Bible.

This about-turn in lifestyle brings the opportunity to not only read but also to promote reading of Christian books to other women. From 1962, God has given me an ever increasing knowledge of Christian books, and bookshop management, until now He sees fit to have me managing WORD BOOKSTORE, one of the largest Christian bookshops in Australia.

It is an exciting challenging life, demanding a total commitment to the Lord and to the spreading of Christian literature as a means of building up believers in their faith and giving them tools to bring others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

In further articles I shall share with you some of the books and experiences from which I have learnt, and which I am sure will be of help to you.

HAPPY READING!

Win Morgan, Vic.

Note: Win Morgan will write a series of 5 articles over the next 5 weeks, and suggest books for reading.

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## BIBLE STUDIES

from Ulverstone C.W.F.

Quite a number of our ladies attend C.W.C.I. Bible Studies and a happy time of fellowship is spent together with women from all local churches.

Ulverstone's first two C.W.C.I. groups grew out of an already existing study group, about seven years ago, and had about ten ladies in each. This followed a general trend of mounting interest in Bible study right throughout the State.

This interest has grown, mainly through women telling their friends and neighbors, and at the present time there are eleven groups meeting in the Ulverstone area.

Women like the atmosphere of a home and the fellowship that ensues. They are not afraid to come to a home and are made to feel welcome immediately (a cup of tea together before the study also helps).

We have had four summing-up gatherings now, and hope to continue with these, when all groups come together at the conclusion of a course and invite their friends with a view to interesting them also.

D. Andrews, Tas.

## PAUSE A MOMENT

Somewhere hidden in our bank of knowledge of English, are words and their parts of speech. We have learnt about the degrees of adjectives and adverbs. Do you remember "good, better, best"; "good" — the positive; "better" — the comparative, "best" — the superlative degree?

When we describe God, only the superlative degree is applicable. When asked to quote a verse of Scripture, most people would say, John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

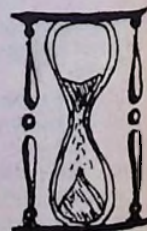
Let us look at this verse using the superlative degree.

"For God — the greatest Lover; so loved — the greatest degree; the world — the greatest company; that He gave — the greatest act; His only Begotten Son — the greatest gift; that whosoever — the greatest invitation; believeth — greatest simplicity; in Him — the greatest Person; should not perish — greatest deliverance; but — greatest difference; have — greatest certainty; everlasting life — greatest possession.

Our great God has done all this for us. What does He ask of us? Each Lord's Day at His table of Remembrance, Jesus asks us to obey ... "to do this in remembrance of Him". In His Word God has promised Salvation to those who have learnt the joys of obedience. (Heb. 5:9). We become members of Jesus' family when we obey Him (Matt. 12:50). The Holy Spirit is given to those who obey. (John 14:21). Our deeds will be blessed when we obey. (James 1:25; 1 John 3:22).

Let us pause and consider that God, the greatest Lover, has done all this for us.

L. Winter, Qld.



"Beauty in a woman without good judgment is like a gold ring in a pig's snout."  
Proverbs 11:22

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# MUSTARD SEEDS

BY ALAN AUSTIN

To some he was a Deliverer bringing, if not the New Jerusalem, at least the year of the Jubilee. To others he was the personification of all the evils of Godless socialism.

He was often foolishly impetuous. He was sometimes deeply compassionate. He was always in more trouble than Ned Kelly.

Last month he retired from Australian federal politics. The Whitlam era has ended.

Whatever our assessment of Mr Gough Whitlam as a leader and as a person we must all acknowledge his outstanding achievements:

- ★ He ended our military involvement in Vietnam;
- ★ He revitalised the ALP;
- ★ He was prepared to treat seriously the problems of migrants, aboriginals, the poor and underprivileged;
- ★ He brought remarkable reforms in social justice, notably in education, health and welfare. Pensions, for one, rose by 80%!
- ★ He brought in equal pay for women, the visionary and eminently effective Australian Assistance Plan and an increased consciousness of the arts.

All this was achieved against overwhelming odds and despite massive obstruction. Mr Whitlam, it will be recalled, inherited a deteriorating economy and presided over a period of severe global recession. He was hampered at every turn by a hostile Senate, unprincipled conservative state Premiers and a blatantly self-interested press.

An objective appraisal should refer also to the times of trouble and failure. We could list:

- ★ the 25% tariff cuts,

- ★ the many costly overseas trips,
- ★ the great increase in the deficit,
- ★ attempts to raise petrodollar loans,
- ★ attempts to borrow overseas for election funding,
- ★ embarrassing ministerial sackings,
- ★ the high cost of Medibank,
- ★ high unemployment and inflation, and
- ★ increases in postal charges.

Subsequent events, however, have made these so-called 'reprehensible and extraordinary circumstances' seem just a little pale.

In 2½ years Prime Minister Fraser has scored 11 overseas trips and Foreign Affairs Minister Peacock, over 20. Mr Whitlam, who held both jobs, only managed 13 trips in 3 years.

Salvation by tariff cuts is now being preached internationally by our present government and the deficit still refuses to abate. We are now borrowing from Swiss banks and we know where they get their deposits! Overseas mining companies have admitted keeping Liberal-NCP electoral coffers well stocked and senior ministers persist in being sacked or, indeed, resigning in protest. After severe mutilation Medibank serves only a part of the community, yet it costs us more than ever. The rate of rise of unemployment shows no signs of slowing. And postage is up once again.

And it must be remembered Mr Fraser has enjoyed a clear majority in both houses and unbelievably benevolent media coverage. Plus there has been a definite economic recovery taking place worldwide.

I am sure I was not alone in feeling ashamed and angry on discovering, long after his demise as a force in government, how Mr Whitlam's personal qualities had been constantly misrepresented in the media.

May I quote from a Canberra colleague who as a close Whitlam watcher since 1969 is well able to express an informed, if not entirely dispassionate, opinion.

"The extent to which Whitlam has been misunderstood, even by those who support him most strongly, is awesome. He is thought to be arrogant, ruthless, often devious and a consummate power player. In fact he is uncomfortable in power game situations, shy, all but incapable of dishonesty even in an indirect form, and quite remarkably compassionate.

"The latter quality is the one that has bound his staff and his friends to him most strongly, although even this is often misunderstood. During one of the many leadership fights, it became known that Whitlam had visited the sick child of a colleague in hospital; the opinion around large sections of the press was that this was a last ditch attempt to win the colleague's vote. Whitlam was deeply hurt; he could not believe that people would take what he saw as a normal human gesture in this way. But they did. The man is interested in people, and not just those he believes his equals. I can say that when my own relationship broke up, no one was more sympathetic or understanding.

"The briefest consideration of Whitlam's career should make it obvious he is anything but ruthless: would a ruthless man have allowed the Cairns-Morosi affair to drag on the way it did, doing incalculable harm to his government? But Whitlam refused to intervene until Cairns misled parliament. Then he acted: as so often, too late.

"So many people for so long had despaired of ever finding a rational, visionary reformer within the parliamentary system. Whitlam gave hope to half a generation, and for that I humbly and belatedly thank him. If that is sentimental, I am not ashamed of it." (M. McCallum).

Appraising Mr Whitlam favourably does present a problem for Christians. And that is his departure from the accepted Prime Ministerial tradition of following, well nominally at least, the Christian faith.

Then again, could we perhaps have seen another Cyrus? Remember King Cyrus — the Persian king whom God used to deliver the Jews from oppression and despair?

As another commentator, Slim Dusty, once said of another controversial Australian, Ned Kelly, "When I look round at some people I know and the prices of things that we buy, I think to myself, well, perhaps after all, poor old Gough wasn't such a bad guy."

## JASON'S HOUSE

BIBLICAL NAMES ARE FINE, JASON, BUT IN HEAVEN'S NAME, WHY NAHSHON?

IF IT WAS GOOD ENOUGH FOR AMMINADAB IT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME!

WELL AT LEAST IT WASN'T REHOBAM.

RIGHT! OR ZERUBABEL.



**"TO FIT IT FOR THE SKY"**

To the Editor,

I watched a TV film of some fellows who went to heaven. I became increasingly mad at the materialistic portrayal of heaven. Everyone wore long white "nighties" with holes in the back for little wings. There were long corridors with glass floors.

Eerie mansions rose up out of the mist. There was so much fog that heaven looked polluted. The film makers had the good grace not to represent God. But they did show where he lived away in the distance. It was a great ivory palace, probably made of three-ply and camouflaged with mist. I kept getting madder.

I thought of writing to the producer and telling him that the church has long since given up materialistic, medieval concepts of heaven. That heaven is where God is, and God is Spirit, and not confined to time and space and place, and our tawdry little materialistic imaginings.

Then I went to church and a soloist sang, "Out of the Ivory Palaces".

TERTIUS

**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.

**COLLEGE TRAINING**

To the Editor:

As one who graduated from college eighteen months ago, I find some of the words and phrases used by Dr. Caldicott (A.C. 8/7/78) in his attack on theological training, to be more than a little disturbing.

I don't know which college he is referring to but I can assure him that during my four years I received far more than "a smattering" of Bible training and Social Science. On the contrary, along with my fellow students I was given a thorough grounding in an understanding of the Scriptures and their relevance for today. I was also challenged to grasp some of the essential skills required for ministry in the '70s including counselling, administration, communication and organisation.

Any my lecturers did not try to "indoctrinate" me but rather, sought to provide me with the basic tools required to search for and discover truth for myself — a process which began at college and which I pray will continue with me for the rest of my life.

I agree with Dr. Caldicott when he says that "it takes an expert" to go into a church today and provide solid spiritual leadership. But if that person's expertise is restricted exclusively to the pulpit, then it will prove hopelessly inadequate in meeting the deep needs of people living in our complex, technological society. Furthermore, it will almost certainly prove inadequate as an enabler — i.e., one who fosters and develops the ministry gifts of the people in his or her congregation. To foster and develop people's gifts you have to have skills in the areas of motivation, organisation, communication etc.

Finally, I know of no college which is "playing the numbers game", but I am thrilled to think that more than ever before men and women are responding to the call of Christ to "leave their nets" and undertake the training necessary to be a Minister of the life-changing Gospel.

Graham Agnew, S.A.

**WOFF RECORDING**

To the Editor,

In February 1974 a recording programme with the late Valentine Woff was commenced. The first recording session resulted in the first half of an L.P. being produced. Cover photos were taken by E. Terry of Bambra Road. All was set to record the second side but our 'Maestro' was called 'Home'.

The sessions were recorded at the Bambra Road Caulfield church, using the then newly installed Hammond organ. Professional equipment was used and the tape has come out very well. As far as I know it is the only professional recording ever made of Mr Woff.

I would like to know from readers whether there is enough interest to make an E.P. or an L.P. record using some of the gospel items recorded by me of the Churches of Christ Choral Society (which Mr Woff directed and conducted). We could do something if we received something like 200 orders. The record could be made available for fund raising, with a considerable margin. It would cost around \$7.

Anyone interested could write to us and a cassette sample could be sent. These recordings have no connection with the recording released of 'The Glorious Appearing' — released some time ago.

Kenneth Briggs,  
M.J.F. Recordings,  
P.O. Box 6, Launching Place,  
Vic. 3139

**GOOD NEWS '78  
CELEBRATION**

(Boronia) This weekend was held in conjunction with the visit of the Federal Conf. Pres. Gordon R. Stirling, and his wife Lesley.

From July 21-23, a series of meetings catered for all age groups and families from Friday to Sunday night and included Youth Night, Men's Breakfast, Family Night, plus three Sunday services. Gordon Stirling spoke at all meetings and

his messages were challenging and forthright.

There were five public decisions with a further nineteen persons indicating by card that they wished to make a response. The committee headed by minister, Arthur Taylor-Davis, involved church members in visitation and preparation. The response, by their attendance, of non-church members was very encouraging.

There were displays of activities by various church groups, two audio-visuals produced by our members, 176 homes visited in one week, Youth night packed out, 75 at Men's breakfast, musical items by visiting artists and our own members, supper, breakfast and Sunday tea organised by our ladies.

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# 40TH ANNIVERSARY TENNIS ASSOCIATION

(Melb.) 1978 is recognised by the Victorian Baptist and Churches of Christ Tennis Association as their 40th Anniversary although tennis matches were played between six Churches of Christ clubs in a competition dating back to 1925!

The Churches of Christ North Suburban Tennis Association was formed in 1938, South Suburban in 1939 and Eastern Suburban in 1940. These operated as autonomous Districts of the Victorian Churches of Christ Tennis Association from 1940 to 1946.

The Association has always adopted LTAV rules, except for 1943 when new balls were so hard to obtain during the war years that old tennis balls were officially allowed for match play.

In 1943 Baptist Churches joined the Competition following an Executive resolution which read in part, "We desire to see greater fellowship promoted between Baptist and Churches of Christ youth with a view to contributing to the cause of unity between our two Churches."

As a result, the Victorian Baptist and Churches of Christ Tennis Association (VBCCTA) was formed in 1946.

The primary purpose of the VBCCTA is to promote the spirit of Christian Brotherhood by arranging and managing inter-club pennant tennis matches, promoting tournaments, arranging combined Church parades and conducting such social and other undertakings as considered advisable.

The Association still consists of three Districts — North (which includes West), South and East — each elects 10 Office Bearers and together these Executives form the VBCCTA Board of Management.

The pioneers who formed the Suburban Associations in 1938-40 established an organisation that could be successfully run by different officials from year to year with ease of continuity. Thanks to such early tennis enthusiasts as Trevor Howe, Dr. E. R. Killmier, Norm White and

Laurie Finger who were followed by Alby Turnham, Alby James, Robert Booth, Russell Williams, R. Hayes and more recently Graham Berry, Doug Hall and Jean Trevarthen.

Clubs are involved not only in inter-club tennis matches but also Interstate matches, Finchley Shield Matches (inter-church Associations), Labour Day and Cup Day Tournaments, Coaching of Juniors, and Church Service Rallies.

There are 59 Clubs, 185 Teams and 2,325 Registered Players currently in the Association — the largest Club is Blackburn North Baptist with nine teams — the longest serving Official is Graham Berry (23 continuous years as Secretary of the South District); and the Association is now financially able to assist Clubs with low interest loans for tennis court construction.

This year to celebrate its 40th Anniversary, the Association conducted an Easter Tournament at Nhill for both S.A. and Vic. members, and will hold a combined Church Parade at Collins Street Baptist on Sunday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. and a "Life, be in it" picnic outing to Ferny Creek Recreation Reserve on Saturday Oct. 8.

Further details of these events, or by Churches wishing to join the Association, may be obtained from the VBCCTA General Secretary, Alan Sterling on 729 5736, or the President, Bill Parker on 88 6107 (Melb.).

## ABC & FUTURE OF THE EARTH

The ABC Radio 1 programme at 8 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 6 in the "Encounter" series in entitled "Jesus and the Art of Bicycle Maintenance — Christians and Ecology".

In this program are comments from people concerned about the future of the earth. Professor Charles Birch, Joe Camilleri, Andrew McCutcheon and others give an outline of Christian responsibility for our natural resources.

## SINGLES CLUB GIVES BIRTH TO EVERGREENS

Due to the popularity of the Albury Singles Club which has provided a social programme for unmarried, separated, widowed and divorced people between the ages of 20 and 45, this club launched a similar club for those between 40 and 65 years on June 23. The decision to launch a new club came following an examination of census statistics and a number of enquiries from single people in the 40 to 65 age range.

The Census figures for 1976 showed that 19% of the population between the ages of 40 and 65 are single people.

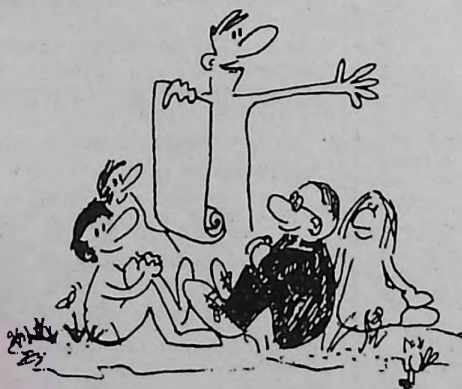
The Club was launched with an Inaugural Dinner with the up and coming band "Just Friends" and a guest speaker, Pat Crane, Social Worker at Albury Base Hospital. The Dinner with 55 in attendance exceeded all expectations and was a near capacity crowd for the church hall.

Given the name of "Evergreens," the Club will meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month and combine with the Singles Club on the 5th Friday for outings.

Since the Singles Club has commenced at Albury four people have accepted Christ and many others have attended our Services. The Singles Club members have also participated in many of the Church programmes and have provided equipment for the Church. They also sponsor two World Vision Children.

## IRISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT REJECTED

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland has reaffirmed the decision of the Assembly of 1956 that capital punishment should be abolished. The Assembly recognized that over the past year there has been a growing public debate in Northern Ireland on whether capital punishment should be reintroduced. The violence of recent years has led to public pressure for the return of the death penalty as a deterrent to terrorists. After a year of study on biblical, theological and practical aspects of the subject, the assembly rejected reintroduction. — EPS.



## RESOURCES and IDEAS DAY

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- Child Evangelism Fellowship
- Explorers
- John Bacon (Book Publishers)

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# ROBERT BREAKS THE RECORD THEN SLEEPS

Robert Southall, 19, of the Murarie Church of Christ consulted a doctor and a nutrition expert to discuss the problems he might have encountered in tackling the world individual marathon squash playing record.

The record was 101 hours and 59 minutes.

Robert, a business management student at Qld. Institute of Technology started playing at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, June 22 in the Balmoral Squash Club. His aim was to continue until 4.00 a.m. Tuesday 27th.

He consulted specialists on problems such as diet and high protein foods, wear and tear on his feet and arms and staying awake.

Robert said he wanted to break the marathon record because he had never won a squash tournament and wanted to do something worthwhile. He said he also wanted to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Association through the marathon effort.

Robert played against 60 club members including his brothers Russell, 23, and David, 15.

At 4.37 a.m. Tuesday after 102 hours 37 minutes of continuous play-



ing he broke the former world record, also held by a Queenslander, by 38 minutes.

In that time Rob raised over \$2000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Assn.

Not even the blinding flash of the photographer's flash unit disturbed Robert once he eventually got to bed at 6.00 a.m.

Robert has been a regular camper at "Camp Cal" and has been a leader at our Department's youth camps. Congratulations World Champ!

## ONE MAN RULE IN PHILIPPINES

The United Church of Christ in the Philippines passed a resolution stating that it is "against the perpetuation of one man rule" in the country; that it is for "the immediate restoration of all the civil and political liberties of the citizens", and, thirdly, that it is for "the immediate dismantling of the machinery of Martial Law in the country".

The church stated that it believed that it should make a "clear and forthright stand on the prevailing crucial issue" which confronts Philippine society. This relates to the suppression and curtailment of the civil and political liberties of the people under martial law.

President Marcos has already said that normalization has already started and that he himself is committed to the dismantling of the machinery of Martial Law. — EPS.

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# JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

## JAY'S QUIZ

### SAYINGS OF JESUS

Can you finish this saying of Jesus?: "Consider the lilies of the fields, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you . . ." (Answer on page 18).

### GETTING IT TO THE TOP

Man is pretty smart at times! Take sulphur. Last century, men drilling for oil found some sulphur (the Bible calls sulphur "brimstone"). But it was under a 1000 feet of clay and quicksand. How to get it to the top? They lowered some men down a deep well in a container, but the men suffocated. Then a scientist had an idea: heat water, pour it down the well, let it mix with the sulphur, then just pump it out. It wasn't quite that simple but the plan did work and the first sulphur was pumped out into huge flat beds where it settled. Sulphur is used for fertilizer and in making paper. Man is pretty smart. The Lord gave him lots of brains. It's a pity he doesn't use them always for helping rather than for hurting people.

Teacher: I don't see how one person can make so many mistakes on his homework.

Pupil: It wasn't one person. My father helped me.

Office Caller: "How long has that office boy worked for you?"

Chief Officer: "Oh, about four hours."

Caller: "Four hours! Why I thought he'd been here a long time."

Chief: "Oh yes, he's been here two years."

Home Economics Teacher: "When the sauce begins to boil, put in a tablespoon of water."

Sweet Young Thing: "Level or heaping?"



"David where have you been with that slingshot? Mrs Goliath has called three times!"

# BOOKS TO READ

## PATERNOSTER PUNCHLINE SERIES

(Paternoster Press)

These small books deal with current issues from a Christian point of view. They are packed with information and would be very helpful to church study groups. They are not provided with questions for discussion and are better seen as resource material.

**What About Life-Style** by Beryl Bye puts the spot light on wasteful living. Much of it has an English emphasis but it could happen here. It was a shock to learn that the Whit (Pentecost) holiday had its name changed to Spring Bank Holiday without protest.

**Christians and Homosexuality** by Roger Moss. Not quite the issue here that it is overseas (at the 1977 Disciples Conference in U.S.A., it was the dominant topic) there is increasingly being demanded a Christian declaration of our attitude to the gay liberation.

**Kill or Care** by John Searle. Do people have a right to die? This booklet examines the case for and against euthanasia. For some it is just a theoretical question, for others, who see their loved ones suffering from incurable disease, it is a matter of agonising life or peaceful death. The author is a Christian doctor who rejects euthanasia. — A. E. W.

## THE HUSBAND BOOK

(A Job Description for the Married Man)

by Dean Merrill (Paternoster Press)

For most every job there is a long period of training: carpenter, lawyer, salesman, minister, accountant, but for the important job of being a husband, most men have no previous

training. There are communication problems, budgetting and money difficulties, confusion between a wife and a mistress (they are the same person), the role of faith, building a Christian home, sexual hang-ups, and the Fifth Spiritual Law: God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your household. The book is about and for real people, it is practical, it is witty and should have been around when we were a lot younger. — A.E.W.

## A. T. ROBERTSON LIBRARY 111

Baker Book House

Another series of reprints of writings by this well known New Testament scholar (1863-1934). This series is of four separate paperbacks: **John the Loyal**, 12 studies in the ministry of John the Baptist; **Keywords in the Teaching of Jesus** (Father, Son, Sin, The Kingdom, Righteousness, The Holy Spirit, and The Future Life); **Luke the Historian in the Light of Research**, in which historians and archeologists have authenticated Luke's writings; and **The Minister and His Greek New Testament**.

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# HAPPENINGS

Dr Alan Brash, formerly of the CCA and for the last five years Deputy General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, has now returned to New Zealand. Dr Brash was elected last year as the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

Dick Wootton of the Uniting Church Commission for World Mission says it is time for urgent action by Australians to get President Marcos of the Philippines to stop his torturers inflicting death and cruelty on people. "We get weekly reports of slayings, torture, sexual abuse of prisoners and citizens... There is a complete denial of human rights for many, with the fear of death and cruelty hanging over many families.

At the end of 1977, according to a news release, there were 513,562 persons enrolled in various cor-

respondence courses offered by the Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Broadcasting Agency in Korea. The programmes are designed to teach the fundamentals of the Christian faith.

A Southern Baptist leader has noted that almost 10% of baptisms reported in 1976 were of children under 8 years of age. It was stated that the baptizing of young children by some Southern Baptist congregations appears to "put us perilously close to the practice of infant baptism and threatens to erode the basic Baptist doctrine of believer's baptism.

The Governor of New South Wales, Sir Roden Cutler, has accepted the invitation to be patron of the Billy Graham Sydney Crusade, 1979. This was announced by the Crusade President, and Anglican Primate, Archbishop Sir Marcus Loane. The Crusade will be held at Randwick racecourse from April 29 to May 20.

Georgi Vins, the leader of the unregistered Baptists in Russia and now in prison for his faith, has a son, Peter. The 21 year old was sentenced recently to one year in prison for "parasitism" (i.e. he doesn't have a job) and "hooliganism" (he possesses two Bibles). The United Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has sent a cable to Soviet Leader Breshnev appealing for the release of both father and son.

Do you remember Jeb Stuart Magruder? He was one of the Watergate conspirators. At 43, the news is that he will enter Princeton Theological Seminary to seek a master of divinity degree. He is vice-president of Young Life International, a non-denominational Christian youth organisation.

The South Korean government is ready to see the evangelistic activities of the church expand and even offers facilities for

them, but when in the course of preaching to the poor there is emphasis on justice and human dignity, there is a different reaction. This sort of ministry is regarded as a threat to the government. This was discovered by Stephen Lavender, now back in Melbourne after being expelled recently after serving for two years with the Presbyterian Urban Industrial Mission in Seoul. He was accused of being a communist, which he denies. "My faith is based on what I see as the work Christ did when he ... came to set the captive free and help the oppressed."

Mary Whitehouse will be here in Sept. Launceston (6th); Adelaide (8th & 10th); Perth (13th); Melbourne (17th); Brisbane (19th); and Sydney (21st & 24th). The Festival of Light is planning for large "rallies of concern." Mrs Whitehouse will also be featured on radio and T.V., and as guest speaker at luncheons and dinners.

Brother Andrew, author of "God's Smuggler" will speak at a series of rallies in September. He has spent 23 years smuggling Bibles "behind the iron and bamboo curtains." Further details may be obtained from Open Doors, P.O. Box 724, Crows Nest, NSW 2065.

The Rev Denis Conomos was one of those arrested on April 9 in Brisbane for "obstructing the footpath." Conomos and others had been forcibly removed from a park where they had been protesting, for singing hymns in a public park! The protesters reformed on the side of the path and continued to sing. The protesters felt that they were not blocking the footpath. There were few, if any, pedestrians. They stood their ground and were arrested. The magistrate who heard the case against Conomos found that there was no obstruction of traffic and that the directions given by the arresting constable were unreasonable. Such direc-

tions were unlawful and did not have to be obeyed.

The Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship is starting a Bible College at Cootamundra, NSW. 20 students will be enrolled next February. In the meantime, a work party is required to make the building operational. Carpenters, plumbers, painters and others are urgently needed. Work party dates are Aug. 26 to Sept. 2. The contact is Dr Peter Moonie, Church of All Nations, Carlton, Vic. 3053. Phone (03) 347 7077.

The Anglican Church of N.Z. has ordained its first Maori woman priest. This was particularly significant

in view of the cultural restrictions on women. An old Maori proverb says, "When the hen begins to crow, it is time to wring its neck." But, said one speaker, this old custom had rightly been put aside. Mrs Puti Murray has been well accepted and giving an effective ministry. Her grand-father who died at the age of 114 was given permission in 1840 to teach the Christian faith. Four of his descendants became Anglican priests.

F. T. Morgan has been moved to Royal Talbot Hospital, Kew, and S. H. Wilson is now in a satisfactory condition in Bethlehem Hospital, Caulfield, after a serious illness.

## "AGAIN I SAY REJOICE!" From P. 3

some of these are in helping people to accept themselves and others.

The "Shalom of God" which passes understanding is a gift. It is received as we continually receive the living Christ himself into our inner beings. With Christ comes his peace. He recreates us into persons who cope with life and with people. He recreates us into persons with new and positive value systems, new attitudes to ourselves and others, and an increasing maturity. And all this gives us that greater sense of well being which is the peace of God.

The "Shalom of God", that wonderful sense of well being, manifests itself in our ability to rejoice in the Lord, to rejoice in his church, to rejoice in proclaiming Christ, to rejoice in life's crises, to rejoice in the unity of his church, to rejoice in our freedom in Christ, to rejoice in ministry for Christ, and to rejoice again and again and again!

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# WHITE PAPERS

## ON FAITH AND LIFE

### THE ASTRONOMERS AND CREATION

There is a splendid article in the "New York Times Weekly Review" for July 16, 1978. Entitled "Have Astronomers Discovered God," it is written by Robert Jastrow, Director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies. He says he is an agnostic in religious matters, which means that he has no brief to defend the biblical view of creation, but he does it nonetheless.

He declares that the astronomers are being forced to give up every theory about the beginning of the universe but the "big bang" theory. The scientists, generally, have never liked this theory. They preferred the "steady state" theory that the universe is eternal and had no beginning.

What caused the shift is the strong evidence that all of the galaxies around us are moving apart from us and from each other at enormous speeds. In other words, what we are seeing are the results of an enormous explosion, with everything in the universe moving away from the explosion centre.

When the scientists start back-tracking, reversing the motion of the galaxies they find that they all come together about 20 billion years ago, give or take a few billion years. At that point, all the matter of the universe was packed into a dense mass at an incredibly high temperature. When it exploded, the universe was born.

Jastrow argues that the astronomers' evidence and the biblical account in Genesis point to the same answer: "the chain of events leading to man commenced suddenly and sharply at a definite moment of time, in a flash of light and energy."

The astronomers didn't give in easily. In 1917, Albert Einstein complained in a letter that the expanding universe theory implied a moment of creation. "To admit such possibilities," he wrote, "seems senseless to me." But Einstein was forced eventually to admit that he was wrong. In fact, Einstein's own work in the realm of physics was used to authenticate the "big bang" theory. If it were not for a simple mathematical error made by the great man himself, he would have pioneered the theory of an expanding universe, instead of being forced to yield by others.

Science has proven that the universe exploded into being at a certain moment, but science cannot tell us what cause produced the effect. Who or what put the matter and energy into the universe? Was the universe created out of nothing, or was it gathered together out of pre-existent materials? Science has no answers because there is no evidence to be found back beyond the big bang.

The bible does have an answer and speaks to those who have faith in its word: "In the beginning, God ... !

Jastrow's article ends with a beautiful passage: "At this moment it seems as though science will never be able to raise the curtain on the mystery of Creation. For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries."

### THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING SECRETARIES

(A cry of pain!)

In early June I posted 394 letters to 394 church secretaries of Churches of Christ throughout Australia, asking them to return a blue form with names and addresses of folk to whom "Rejoice in the Lord" Conference Registration Forms could be sent.

So far only 51 have replied! This means that 343 secretaries have still to reply. This is urgent! Please cooperate by returning the blue forms in the next mail to A. E. White, P. O. Box 101, Essendon North, Vic. 3041.

P.S. Thanks to 51 secretaries (six in W.A., 10 in S.A., one in Tas., 25 in Vic., five in N.S.W., and four in Qld.) who did reply.

**GOOD GRIEF!!** In the far western Queensland town of Cunnamulla the new "An Australian Prayer Book" was introduced to the congregation. After a eucharistic service at which the new books were blessed, the congregation celebrated the book launching with champagne!!!

**"CREATION FACT or FICTION"**  
*Is the Genesis account reasonable or ridiculous?*

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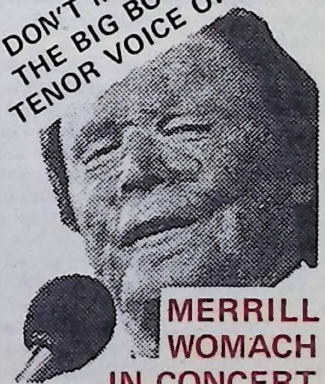
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## OBITUARY

STOCK, Violet (21.5.78)

Violet Stock died at the Oakleigh Guest Home, where she and her late husband Alf had resided for the past four years. She was seventy-eight. Mrs Stock joined the Church at Lygon St. as a young lady. After her marriage, she and her husband settled in Camberwell where they were at the centre of the life and activities of the church there. At all times she gave her time and talents most generously. And she was a very talented person, who possessed remarkable gifts of acting skills and public speaking. When she passed the ALCM examinations in elocution, she gained the highest marks ever awarded in Australia up to that time. She could easily have had a career in the theatre, but instead, she chose the quieter life of rearing her family and of homebuilding. She endured great tragedy in the depression years when her first husband was killed, leaving her with two infant daughters. Vi Stock produced plays and pageants for the Good Companions' Girls Clubs, the S.S. and the WCTU. As recently as ten years ago she assisted with the production of a play for a College of the Bible concert. She was the expert behind the great young people's pageant staged in the Melbourne Town Hall in 1947, when the late Will Hibbert was director of the (then) Young People's Department. Her subsequent marriage to Alf Stock was wonderfully happy and Vi assisted him greatly during the years, when as church treasurer, he had the responsibility of the financial aspects of the newly erected Youth Hall. As recently as twelve months ago she recited on the occasion of a wedding anniversary. During the past few months of her life, her health deteriorated rapidly.

— D.K. & V. L.

WRIGHT, Bertha

(7.7.1978) Mrs Wright came to the Red Hill, Vic, in 1930 as a school teacher. She married Max Wright, an orchardist, and spent the rest of her life in the district. In 1948 she and her husband joined the Church of Christ being baptised by Geo. Smith. She was always interested in children and for over 25 years was associated with Sunday School work. She held office in the C.W.F. and was regular in her attendance at church. She became a faithful and loved member of the Red Hill church. Her four children, Peter, Marion, Caroline and Barry married and moved away and it was a great loss to her when her husband died 13 years ago. In the last couple of years her health deteriorated and earlier this year she entered a nursing home at Rye. We give thanks to God for her faithful life and testimony. — A.R.P.

## CELL GROUPS IN THEOLOGY ... 1979

The Department of Mission, Education and Development together with the Anglican and Uniting Churches is co-operating in the adult education programme known as Cell Groups in Theology.

Cell Groups in Theology are courses of study for adult Christians who wish to learn more about their faith. They usually extend over a twelve-week period. Provision is made for participants to obtain the Associate in Theology Certificate (Th.A.) by examination. The examinations are optional.

The subjects are — Old Testament, World Religions, New Testament, Ethics and the Christian Faith, Christian Belief, Christian Worship, Christian Mission and Missions, Church History, Elementary Greek, Evangelism, Religious Education.

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Enquiries should be directed to Miss Julie Reid who will be glad to discuss any aspect of the programme with your church leaders.

## "THE VOICE" BANNED IN SOUTH AFRICA

— The South African independent ecumenical newspaper "The Voice", written by and for blacks, was indefinitely banned last week by the government's publications control board as an "undesirable publication."

In a response to this action the Nairobi based All African Conference of Churches (AACC) said that it is "yet another indication of the South African racists' determination to remain callously insensitive to the cry of the oppressed masses for justice in their own country".

The South African Council of Churches (SACC), the organization that played a large role in launching the paper, said that "The Voice" had been faithful to the highest principles of journalism and to "the demands of Christian truth".

The SACC statement also noted that many white churches had recommended reading the paper as conveying "genuine responsible black opinion". It went on: "the failure of those in power to hear does not mean that blacks will cease to speak".

The AACC statement, calling the paper "the voice of the voiceless", also asks the South African government to release those staff members of "The Voice" who are held in detention. EPS

## ADELAIDE CHRISTIAN RADIO

"I believe the churches have never ever realised the value of owning a radio broadcasting station," said Darryl Goodwin, chairman for Christ Centred Radio, in announcing plans for seeking an FM radio licence from the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal.

He was speaking to 80 people from various church denominations who met to hear about the Government's swift move on licence hearings, to see a video-tape Christian radio presentation, and to ask questions about CCR's plans and policy.

If granted an FM licence, Christ Centred Radio would present programmes that would portray Christianity in action in an interesting way to people who at present find Christianity uninteresting.

CCR committee member, Cliff Moule, formerly senior technical officer with ABS2 and 5ABC/FM, spoke of the \$50,000 equipment costs needing to be met by August 29, 1978, the date of the licence hearings in Adelaide.

At the close of the meeting financial support which totalled \$3,800 was pledged, on the spot, by 50 of those present. In addition an Adelaide businessman offered CCR a property with a value of about \$40,000 for use as studios.

## VICTORIAN BAPTIST AND CHURCHES OF CHRIST TENNIS ASSOCIATION

### 40th ANNIVERSARY

The Victorian Baptist and Churches of Christ Tennis Association commenced in 1938 and one of the 40th Anniversary celebrations planned for 1978 will be a special combined Church Parade to be held in the

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All former and present members of the Association are invited to attend this service.

# MARRICKVILLE N.S.W.

Marrickville's 85th Anniversary, on May 28 had over 180 guests come home to rejoice with the church. The building bulged with people, even the platform was invaded to seat the congregation. It was truly a grand sight to see filled chairs down both aisles, arranged across the back of the chapel and through open double doors to same in the school hall.

At the communion service K. A. Rae from Gosford presided, Arthur McRoberts

## SINAI DISCOVERY

The monastery of St Catherine, at the foot of Mount Sinai has not ceased to reveal its treasures. Icons, 47 boxes of biblical manuscripts; books of the Church Fathers and various other writings dating back to the 4th century have recently come to light there. Professor Agourides, of Athens, recently told of these discoveries.

During a visit to the monastery the monks showed him 47 cartons containing papyrus and portions of parchment, well preserved and classified.

The discovery of the icons is believed to be sensational: certain of them are thought to have been painted by a process abandoned since the 4th century. It was by chance that builders demolishing a wall, came upon a cache that contained a pile of icons and large sealed boxes.

The St Catherine monastery is a rich source of discoveries. In 1844 and in 1859 the German theologian von Tischendorf recovered many of the 3,000 biblical manuscripts which became known as the Codex Sinaiticus. Eight pages which were missing from the Codex are in this new discovery. — EPS.

## FLYING BIBLEMAN APPOINTED

Ian Sexton, aged 36, married, with two daughters, has been appointed the Bible Society Representative in Northern Australia. He will be based in Darwin and will fly the Society's Cessna 182 over the Kimberleys in Western Australia, the Northern Territory and Western Queensland.

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from Dapto gave the message, Mrs Valerie Lewis from Beverly Hills and Don Tonkin from Kalgoorlie, W.A. read the Scriptures, N. H. Matthews from the Blue Mountains and Denis Foletta from North Sydney gave the emblem prayers and Ian Alves, our current student preacher, the prayers of the church. The soloiste was Mrs Doreen More and organist was Mrs June Benson.

The ladies of the church, assisted by a delegation from Belmore, and led by Mrs Gwen Benson served a hot meal to well over 200 people. Greetings were read by Mr Dunne and Mrs James from former members scattered abroad.

There were two hours of social fellowship in the afternoon and the day concluded with a short devotion led by Mr Alves. — P.E.T.

## NAMIBIA CHURCH SPEAKS OUT

The guarantees foreseen in the proposals presented by the five western powers for solving the Namibian question are not sufficient, the Anglican Church of Namibia claimed last week. Citing the recent "barbaric attack on Kassinga" and the detention of South West African People's Organization (SWAPO) leaders, it stated that these proposals "can now not be considered as giving sufficient safeguards to the suffering Namibian people in the period before independence". The fact that South Africa has already begun the registration of voters without United Nations' supervision and that its army is still present in Namibia shows that "the western proposals, which were formerly accepted by the churches in Namibia, have been by-passed". — E.P.S.

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## VICTORIA

**TAKING SERVICES** (Parkdale, R.E. Hillbrich) Tennis Club and C.W.F. (Evening Group) have taken evening services and S.S. is joining in morning services . . . Church picnic held at Ballam Park following morning service . . . Teams taking evening meetings at Emmaus in July . . . Youth Group visited Brockhoff biscuit factory . . . Mrs. Hogan has celebrated 95th birthday.

**SINGING GROUP** (Yarrwonga, W. Mills) Mr Mills has brought in several interesting innovations to evening service . . . Young folk very much in evidence. A few have formed a singing group and they are a great help. Youth take one evening service a month during winter . . . A young man was baptized on July 2. Two young adults came forward same night . . . E.C.W.F. catered for wedding of former member, Susan Colless, now living in Tasmania . . . A film is screened one Sunday a month.

**CHAPLAINCY** (Ararat, A. E. Stevens) Mr Stevens spends half a day each week at the Tech. School where he is an honorary Chaplain . . . Trevor Cole, Funeral Director, was recent speaker at C.M.F. and gave helpful advice on how to help in time of bereavement . . . C.W.F. is busy making toys for the Royal Children's Hosp. . . Miss Pam Bowers of Stawell and Mr Stevens exchanged pulpits recently . . . Church ministered to the patients at Pyrenees House, recent speakers were Les Gason and Jack Bryant . . . Mr Stevens was guest speaker at W.T.C.U. and Mrs Stevens gave a message in song.

**INDIAN VISITOR** (Mitcham, Ross McLean) Mr and Mrs Hariba Waghmode were recent visitors. Hariba led the service and spoke on sharing . . . Sunny and Fran Waghmode were present and Fran illustrated her children's talk with puppets . . . On July 15, SS held games night, Sausage Sizzle and Bible Presentation night . . . A "Drop-in" Centre has been organised by senior youth for local young people . . . Three ladies attended Welfare Day at Camberwell church . . . Doreen West is improving slowly after bad illness. Ben Swales is in hospital after surgery.

**MINISTER TO LEAVE** (Essendon, W. R. Newton) Church Board regretfully accepted the resignation of our minister, who will complete his term at the end of the year . . . Miss Hazel Skuce, missionary on furlough from India, was recent speaker with audio visual on ministry in India . . . Mrs O. Anderson returned home after 12 months visiting her family on Cyprus, then Lebanon and Great Britain . . . Miss Heather Strack home after eight months on Lord Howe Island, Norfolk Island and Queensland . . . 40th Wedding Anniversary celebrated by Mr and Mrs Les Warren . . . George Strack, Jr., Kathy and family farewelled by congregation at morning service on leaving to take up permanent residence in Qld. Good News Bible presented . . . Good Companions concert raised \$74 for "Bombay Mission" . . . Miss Joy Foley has passed her final Nursing examination.

**BAYSWATER MINI** (R. B. Waldron, D. Armstrong) Mini-Mission led by G. R. Stirling had many of 173 contacts attending. Friday night was ladies' night with Capt. V. Ling, Saturday morning men's breakfast, Saturday night family night with "Search-lights" and Des Stow. Sunday morning family service, with "Yukana Singers" and "Red Lizard on Your Shoulder", concluding with family tea, Right On's, Steve Ashley and "Life-Be In It". Several people are being followed up . . . . . Julie Reid visited Good Companions, showing slides of Bombay Christian Centre. Toddlers Group held an educational toy party . . . Intermediate Explorers in grand final of Indoor Sports. A full-time minister is coming in 1979 (B. Newton).

**FASTING** (Springvale, R. C. Combridge, R. Williams) Three young people participated in 40 hour fast for World Vision and raised \$175 . . . Springvale South B.S. 10th Anniversary had Reg Combridge as speaker . . . Miss Myrtle McKinnon home from hospital and progressing well . . . Haralan Popov told of his experiences in communist prison at special meeting . . . Petitions signed by members asking MPs to resist opening of hotels on Sunday . . . Luncheon held to celebrate 8th birthday of Springvale South Ladies' Fellowship. C.W.F. Lamington Drive raised \$48 to be used for new curtains in lounge.

**FAMINE** (Sunshine, F. B. Alcorn) Mrs Alcorn raised \$114 for World Vision 40-hour Famine . . . Members shared barbecue lunch and P.S.A. at Melton for their anniversary . . . Recent visiting participants have been D. Pentecost, C. Johnson (both Uniting church), Mr Keatch and group from Werribee, Sandy Brown (8½ years in P.N.G. with A.P.C.M.), Bill Keddie (C. of C., P.N.G.) and Mr Hammer.

**TIME AND TALENT** (Gardiner, C. G. Taylor) Time and Talent Project, to raise money for church, under way with members making, buying, and selling goods. C.Y.F. held car wash . . . S.S. held special morning family service . . . Working Bee held to tidy buildings and grounds . . . Friendship Club held 21st birthday celebration.

**MINISTRY TO CONCLUDE** (Northcote, T. V. Weir, J. Harmer) Mr Weir to conclude ministry next February . . . Church treasurer home after surgery . . . Church studying "In the Spirit of Love" at evening meetings . . . C.W.F. working for new Geriatric Home. One meeting in private home raised \$200. Mrs M. Holloway was speaker. Wheelchair presented by the group to Miss W. Collings (former member) who is in Emmaus . . . Dept. M.E.D. used church buildings

for the young Explorers' leadership course . . . C.W.F. ladies supply jam to Emmaus and Oakleigh homes.

**OLDE TYME PANCAKE** (Glen Waverley, R. B. Elbourne) Over \$500 was raised at an Olde Tyme Pancake Parlour held in church hall and catered for by our own ladies . . . The Glenairs enriched a morning worship service by their musical contributions . . . Second series of Discovery Groups commenced entitled "Developing a Christian Lifestyle" . . . Christian literature is now on sale from special bookstand in church foyer . . . Guest speakers for Features at Five have been: Mrs Ludgater (Ringwood Church), Rev. Rob Gallacher (Uniting Church) and Rev. Chuck Lehman (Inter-Church Christian Fellowship) . . . Our church conducted evening services at Oakleigh Guest Home for July.

**VISIT FROM WANGARATTA** (Ormond, C. P. Clayden, B. Tunks) Several from Wangaratta visited for weekend July 21 to 23, led by minister and family. Visited Art Centre, BBQ on Yarra. Family social Saturday night. Dare Stevens spoke at Sunday service, then lunch at Church. A return visit to be paid by Ormond in October . . . Members of Camp at Monbulk attending "Leadership Weekend" run by Trevor Giles and Julie Reed conducted evening service on July 2 . . . "The Apostles Motor Cycle Team" were guests of young people . . . L.I.F.E. training course commenced for 10 weeks . . . Series on death and dying conducted on three Sunday evenings led by John Paver and Norma Barnett, chaplains of Peter McCallum Hospital; Des Tobin, general manager of Tobin Bros., and Ron Elbourne.

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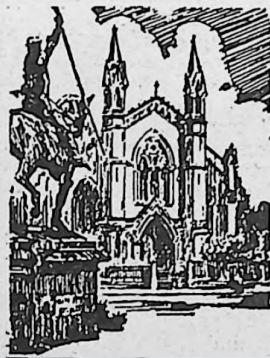
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### ENGAGEMENT

**QUANTRELLE — TWINNING.** — Mr and Mrs Glen Quantrelle, of Mitcham, announce with pleasure the engagement of their second daughter, Wendy, to Tony, seventh son of Mr and Mrs Albert Twinning of Northcote.

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### DEATHS

**CARR.** On 7th July, suddenly, Stephen Ray, of 114 Orr St., Shepparton, formerly of Geelong, dearly loved husband of Dorothy, loving father of Dawn and Norma, respected father-in-law of Bill Layther and devoted Granddad of six grandchildren. "At Home with his Lord."

**NORTHEAST.** Samuel John (Jack), suddenly on July 16th at his home 9 Rayment St., Alphington, dearly loved husband of Eunice Olive. "To live in the hearts of those we love, is not to die."

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**BROAD** Arthur John Called Home, August 20 1977. Loved and remembered till we meet again. Loving husband of Alice, dear Dad of Mavis, Gladys, Mervyn, Beryl, and families.

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**SIX TEENAGERS** (Balaklava, J. May) Six teenagers were baptized and received into fellowship. Mrs Bertram died on June 28. She was an untiring worker for the Dorcas Society and secretary for a number of years . . . C.W.F. combined with Dorcas for combined July meeting when Dorcas displayed clothing made in past six months, much of it by Mrs Bertram. Clothing is for Aborigines' Mission. A girl was clothed this year . . . On July 2, Flinders Park led morning service. Mrs Joan Fewster gave the message and Geoff Fewster presided. A basket lunch followed.

**FOR MADANG** (Prospect, R. Sercombe) Thanksgiving offering for church building at Madang amounted to \$480 . . . Prayer Partners operating. Mrs Jean Anstey provides new partner for members once a month . . . A group meets Tuesdays and Fridays at manse to study "In the Spirit of Love" with friends from Uniting Church joining . . . The Women's Keep Fit Class donated \$100 to church . . . Mrs Mavis Terrace represented us at annual Women's Ecumenical Service at St. Phillip's Uniting Church . . . On July 2 special prayer offered for new Hebrides churches . . . G. Sharpe is in hospital and Mrs Ev. Groves is ill at home.

**YOUTH CAMP** (Blackwood, L. Cooke) Youth camp at Longwood attended by 80. 14 committed or re-committed lives to Christ . . . Over 100 attended two services with Pastor Bob Brown and with Bill Manuel as he "Looks at Life". Members studying of "In the Spirit of Love" . . . Hariba Waghmodi spoke and showed slides of work in India, followed by curry supper, proceeds to help work with Indian youth . . . Evening services now 5 p.m.

**FORMER MINISTER** (Glenelg, C. H. J. Wright). At 86th Church Anniversary on July 16, Eric Holland, former minister, was guest speaker. 250 attended Church Family Tea followed by Festival of Sacred Music with Peter Tillett, piano, artists Merle Alderton and June Sutton, Ministers' Quartette. Each minister in quartette shared thoughts on "My Gospel" . . . C.W.F. Mini-fete opened by Dorothy Jacobs, Pres. Women's Conf., raised \$550 for Overseas Missions and C.W.F. project — "Water for women without walking" . . . Film "Martin the Cobbler" screened July Youth service . . . Tape received from Margaret and John Beaumont, Wycliffe Bible Translators in New Guinea . . . Singing group "Shalom" featured on July 9, also Alison Crowley shared her experience at L'Abri, Switzerland.

**WEDDING OF MINISTER** (Magill, R. Lawton P. Richter). Chapel packed for 11 a.m. and subsequent wedding service of Judy Abbas and Peter Richter on July 23. Reception attended by about 280 in church hall . . . Adjacent property acquired for immediate use and long term development . . . Jay Bacik to head "Good News Weekend" in October . . . Four groups studying "In the Spirit of Love".

**WATERSIDER** (Bordertown, B. Reid) Jim Beggs (Pres. Vic. Waterside Workers' Federation) guest speaker at District Men's Dinner; also combined Sunday service . . . Peg Milne new C.W.F. President with Bev Dungey as sec. . . Church groups studying booklet: "In the Spirit of Love" . . . Ray and Ev. Smith doing voluntary work at Norseman. Mrs Milne Snr. now living at Black Forest Church home . . . "The Covenant Players" from Adelaide presented gospel message.

**RE-ELECTED** (Mundulla, B. Reid) Annual meeting was held at home of Mr and Mrs A. R. Scown. L. Havier was re-elected as secretary and E. L. Milne as treasurer . . . Mrs M. Turnbull is recovering from recent surgery in Adelaide . . . Junior and Senior youth groups doing well.



## NEW SOUTH WALES

**MISSIONARY NIGHT** (Belmore). Missionary night held with Miss Hazel Skuce, from India. Churches from surrounding areas represented and among the visitors was John Liu, Principal of Banmatmat Bible College (New Hebrides) . . . V.P. presented musical to a number of Sydney churches.

**PRINCIPAL AT EARLWOOD** (F. Freckleton). Principal of Banmatmat Bible College, John Liu, speaker at p.m. service . . . Church membership now 51, and B.S. also growing . . . Mrs Sulfaro and Mrs Parry attended the North Western Christian Convention in U.S.A., with party led by the NSW Conf. Pres., Bruce Armstrong.

**STUDY** (Chatswood, Terry Butler). Minister led study program based on 1 Timothy . . . Baptismal service held . . . Ladies hosts for local branch of Inter-Church Women "Fellowship Day" — speaker: Principal Chatswood Convent High School . . . Dorcas packed five boxes of clothing for Overseas and Aborigines Mission.

**OUTREACH TEA** (Burwood, P. Moyle). Outreach Tea held with Gordon Stirling as speaker . . . Mr Mewett, Bible Society spoke at B.S. and morning service . . . C.W.F. Missionary Night had Roy Dixon as speaker. Members brought gifts for missions and aerograms were provided for those who wished to write brief messages to missionaries associated with the church . . . Y.P. Bible study held Thursday nights with Owen Wainwright . . . Dr and Mrs Millar at present in N.G., where daughter and son-in-law are serving . . . Sympathy extended to Maureen Jones on death of her mother . . . Meredith Rogers back home after operation.



## TASMANIA

**CHURCH PARADE** (Devonport, G. Risson). Church Parade for Girls' Brigade cadets and Boys' Brigade section at evening service and film was shown. This was also a baptismal service.



## QUEENSLAND

**SECOND MANSE** (Ipswich, B. Rice) A second manse has been purchased . . . Lyndelle Griffiths welcomed home from Cincinatti Bible Seminary at tea and youth service. There were three baptisms and six decisions at this service. Speaker was Bruce Eagles of W.E.C. . . . Youth group commenced at Redbank Plains as part of further outreach . . . East Ipswich S.S. picnic held at Mt Crosby. Bundamba S.S. held theirs at Mt Cootha . . . Ralph Ashley, T.E.A.M. Mission of Peru, shared in gospel service . . . Young people conducted services at Carina Uniting and Centenary Church of Christ.

**MINI-MISSION** (Toowoomba, Margaret St., Arnold Caldicott) John Bond — Rostvit Twins mini-mission resulted in 13 first decisions. On July 23 there were ten baptisms at a.m. service and 13 new members welcomed. Previously a husband and wife had decided and welcomed in as result of prophetic meetings held by George Spall . . . Associate minister Graham Kerr and wife Robyn have had to leave Toowoomba for business reasons . . . George and Vi Varidel, recently returned from U.S.A., took the service on July 23 dealing with "the church in action in the U.S.A." . . . A.M. meetings well over 200 in attendance . . . Ed and Gwen Roffey were visitors on behalf of forthcoming World Convention.

**WASHED OUT** (Barolin St., Bundaberg, B. M. Nowitzke) S.S. picnic washed out and had to be held in church hall . . . C.W.F. held combined meeting with Avenell Heights for visit of State President of C.W.F., Mrs Henderson, who was accompanied by Mrs Potter . . . Church saddened by deaths of early member, Mrs F. Murray, and also deacon and doorkeeper, R. Carl . . . C.W.F. conducted program at pioneer Home for Aged People . . . Members journeyed to Maryborough for one meeting during Youth Crusade conducted by John Bond.

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## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**CHOIRS AT FESTIVAL** (Northam, M. Randell) Ladies choir, junior choir and ladies trio entered in Avon Valley Art Festival, also Regterschot family and several Y.P. in individual items . . . A group travelled to Perth to hear Cliff Richard . . . Trevor Wolfe, recent speaker, returning to Indonesia . . . Two men from Gideons conducted evening service . . . Ladies held pancake night . . . Youth conducted quiz night . . . C.W.F. hosted and entertained Over 60 club.

**GROWTH** (Whitfords, G.E. Powell) From 16 to 69 members, and people opening their lives to a new dimension of faith. That is the story of two years at Whitfords . . . Dr. David Beavis, member at Whitfords and Principal of Perth Bible Institute was our second anniversary speaker on July 2. A big part of our annual G.B.M. on July 9 was looking at the future. We have initiated weekly ecumenical prayer and praise meeting to which there has been a good response.

**TOUR** (Nollamara, A. Anderson/N. Head) Don Butler, Fed. Sec., Aborigines Board, home after tour of Aboriginal centres and areas in Queensland . . . Pastor Bob Brown speaker at Missionary Convention . . . Miss Elaine Henderson recuperating at W.E.C. headquarters in Japan . . . "Life Be In It" interviews held with Prof. Brian Hill, Murdoch University, Jeff. Hopp, W.A. Director of the Jesus People Inc., and George Smith, W.A. Director, Christian Welfare Centre . . . Mr. and Mrs. Keith Croot visiting Doug, Bev and family, Living Links in N.G. . . Church praying for Bob and Ann Grant in Chad.

**MISSIONARY CONVENTION** (South Perth, D. Nelson/L. Cox) Missionary Convention held . . . Plans advanced for "New Life Be In It" crusade . . . Morning service telecast by A.B.C. . . Choir formed under George Berlach . . . Conf. Pres., Len Jones, recent speaker . . . 25-seater bus purchased . . . "Harvest" singing group moving among churches with gospel music . . . Reg Mason home after surgery. Deb Schmitt has had further hospital treatment.

**WOMEN BUSY** (Mandurah, R. Sack) While C.W.F. Pres. Mrs Sambell with her husband are holidaying in England, Mrs Livingston and Mrs Sambell Jnr., are taking meetings. Women sewed rugs and brought groceries and gifts of money, and Mrs Spalding took a car load to Perth Christian centre for the needy. Mrs Adamson demonstrated the old art of making toddlers slippers. Aprons made for summer fair . . . Alex MacKay has left a big gap on leaving for Carnarvon mission, as electrician, mechanic, etc . . . Val Overal helping with organ. She and Judy Cameron also teach scripture . . . G. Smith, Welfare and A.A. leader, spoke on July 16. Mr Hawke spoke on Andreas mission.

**SECRETARIES!  
SEE PAGE 13**



## VICTORIA

**LEADERSHIP** (Boronia, A. Taylor-Davis) Four young people attended youth leadership course at Monbulk . . . Recent speakers came from Gideons and Scripture Union . . . Red Cross to use one of our halls on regular basis . . . \$1100 spent on repairs and painting of halls complex . . . Proceeds from young marrieds' square dance to Roelands Mission . . . Church saddened by sudden death of George Goudie. Sympathy expressed to wife, Joyce, and daughter Joy . . . Charlie Page is in hospital.

**MINI BUS** (Strathmore, S.K. Bannon) Church is proud owner of Toyota Mini Bus which will seat 21 adults . . . Lounge, meeting room and minister's vestry have been carpeted . . . Mr McDonald, father of Mrs Bannon has been hospitalised . . . on June 18, S.S. held Lap-a-thon to raise money for Royal Children's Hosp. . . . On July 9 ladies held annual church parade to celebrate their birthday. Speaker was Mrs J. Spiker.

**NEW CENTRE** (Cheltenham, G.K. Moyes, S. Wilson, M. Humphries) Christian Retirement Centres — second stages commenced under management by Malcolm Humphries . . . New term "Bus Jockey" added to our vocabulary — being bus drivers for disabled residents . . . Missionary film "Peace Child" impressed . . . Church support for Melbourne Christian Radio nearly \$500 plus other assistance . . . Cheltenham Rotary Club attended their annual church parade . . . Over \$800 raised for World Vision 40 Hour Famine . . . Church of England players presented drama "Christ in the Concrete City" . . . Church in prayer for recovery of Stanton Wilson and other members from illnesses . . . Helen Hall visits New Hebrides to see

daughter and son-in-law, Lyn and David, on mission field . . . City of Moorabbin celebrated 100th anniversary at evening church service . . . Christian Business Men's Committee being formed . . . Bev. and Gordon Moyes helped prepare World Literature Crusade Telethon . . . Outreach this year concentrating on New Hebrides with evening meetings and early morning intercessions.

**DOLL SHOW** (Williamstown, C. Wilson) Doll Show held by Evening Fellowship raised \$120. Most of the dolls were dressed by Mrs. Rewell . . . Family tea guests included members from Werribee church and several elderly folk from Floyd Village. G.R. Stirling addressed meeting . . . Evening service to start at 6 p.m.

**CHAPLAINCY** (Warragul, R. Pritchard) The committee which arranges finance for high school chaplaincy has to raise \$9,000 each year. The Rev. W. Boal is chaplain . . . W. Keddie speaker at 11 a.m. service and again at 7 p.m. house meeting at Albert and Barbara Fox's . . . Robyn Harlow passed nursing exams and will continue as a sister at Warragul . . . Mrs. Lillian Whiteside returned from hospital, Mrs. E. Martin a patient in West Gippsland Hosp . . . Jacky Bowden recent speaker . . . Program by youth family leaders held at Jan and Phil Bell's.

## QUESTING from Page 24

is a rough, every rough, translation of Matthew 6: 27 & 33).

If you are flat out doing the important jobs, you may not have time for the lesser tasks. It is better that way than the other way round. After all, you may be able to and perhaps should, delegate the work that others can do. I was impressed when Gordon Stirling told me that he didn't know how to use a duplicator and that he had no intention of learning! That's one job that won't get in the way of his

priorities!

4. Don't put things off, without a fight! If you put something off, it still has to be done and sometimes it will take longer when you do get at it.

As an example from this journal, your editor has been encouraging ministers to submit obituary notices no later than a fortnight after the death of the person concerned. The reason for an early notice is too obvious to need spelling out, but sometimes such notices arrive three months late! Yet the minister has had to gather all of the relevant material for the funeral service and is in a better position then that at any other time to prepare the notice and send it off. If this false stewardship of time is practised, one is justified in wondering how the rest of the ministers' responsibilities are making out.

If you don't want to do a thing, you can find a good reason, like the reluctant sailor: "There are, unless my memory fail, five good causes why we should not sail; the fog is thick, the wind is high; it rains; or may do, by and by; or any other reason why." Much better to have a rule: If you have something to do, do it, don't postpone it."

Well, there are four helpful rules for time using (and remember you cannot "save" time) and they are helpful to everyone, not only ministers. 1. Sort out your priorities; 2. Get an early start. 3. Budget your time. 4. Don't put off what can be done.

To give you a bit more help, I've asked two experts in time-users, Gordon Stirling and Gordon Moyes, each to give one more practical help. I haven't asked them yet, but I have no doubt that they will comply. It's the busy organized person who can accept the extra task! Next issue.

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# QUESTING

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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? (Part 2).

One way to make sure the big things don't get crowded out is to do them first, then let the little things get crowded out.

In the last issue we suggested 1. That we set priorities for our work-time, and 2. That we get an early start.

In Leslie B. Flynn's excellent little book "How to Save Time in the Ministry," (Baker), he gives examples of some who may make an early start. One is Dr Paul S. Rees, for 20 years minister of First Covenant Church, Minneapolis, now Vice-President of World Vision. Dr Rees left for his church study at 5 a.m. each morning.

Some ministers have a different kind of chemistry and work better at night and often go on until very late. Most of us, however, are more efficient in the morning.

Flynn refers to a cartoon showing an employee arriving at work with the office clock showing 8.30. Everyone else is working. The boss greets him with, "Instead of a gold watch in 50 years when you retire, we've decided to give you an alarm clock now!"

We, in the ministry, may comfort ourselves by saying that we are our own boss. We are not. We do have a Boss who not only worked started work early (Luke 6:13), he said "Work! for the night is coming when no man can work." (John 9:4).

Nothing makes a person feel more in charge of his day than achieving something significant in its first hours.

3. Make a work schedule and stick to it. Nearly all the world and his wife has to keep to a time schedule. Bricklayers, teachers, shop assistants, doctors, mothers, typists, lift-drivers, all have to keep to a time schedule, why not ministers?

In a book we used at college, "The Preacher: His Life and Work," by J. H. Jowett, Dr Jowett emphasised the need to start early and to work methodically.

"Enter your study at an appointed hour, and let that hour be as early as the earliest of your business-men goes to his warehouse or his office. I remember in my earlier days how I used to hear the factory operatives passing my house on the way to the mills, where work began at six o'clock. I can recall the sound of their iron-clogs ringing through the street. The sound of the clogs fetched me out of bed and took me to my work ... Let the minister ... be as business-like as the business man. Let him employ system and method, and let him be as scrupulously punctual in his private habits in the service of his Lord, as he would have to be in a government-office in the service of his country."

We all know that a financial budget is essential to manage our money, a time budget is just as necessary to manage the stuff life is made of. We have to do long-range planning, setting out what we have to accomplish as distant goals. The short term daily plan is not only working towards those targets, it is also coping with the day to day routine business. Our Lord said "You can't add one minute to your time of life, so be busy about the Lord's kingdom and his daily tasks." (That

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## THE LAST WORD ...

While we deliberate, He reigns; when we decide wisely, He reigns; when we decide foolishly, He reigns; when we serve him self-assertively, He reigns; when we rebel and seek to withhold our service, He reigns — the Alpha and the Omega which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. — Archbishop Temple

### THE BACK OF GOD

I prayed to see the face of God, Illumined by the central suns Turning in their ancient track; But what I saw was not His face at all, I saw His bent figure on a windy hill, Carrying a double load upon his back.

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There's only one thing wrong, with the younger generation — lot of us don't belong to it anymore.

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A sympathetic neighbor, talking over the back fence, said, "I understand your husband has got a job at last."

"Yes," said her friend, "It is hard work and he says it is killing him. But, thank goodness, it's permanent."

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Husband, looking over bills, to wife. "Well, we're at the bridge we were going to cross when we came to it!"

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"Your mind should certainly be fresh for the lesson discussion. You didn't use it all day yesterday."



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