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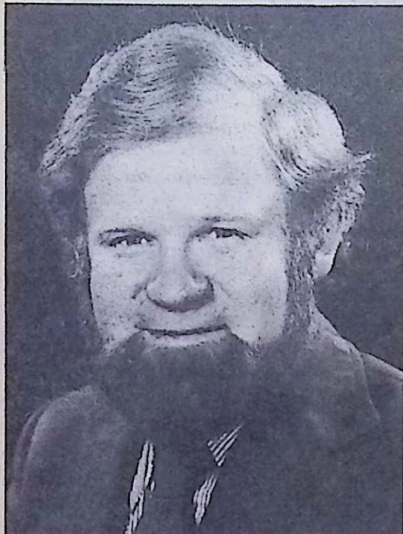
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### CARING FOR THE SICK, DYING, BEREAVED



JOHN PAVER

All of us at some time or other have to care for someone who is ill, someone who has lost a loved one, or someone with a terminal illness.

What can you say in times of crisis. How do we face these troubles when we are the "someone"?

This elective will give help and understanding. It will be led by John Paver. He is a graduate of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, and the Clinical Pastoral Education Movement, Austin Hosp. Melbourne. He is currently Inter-Church Chaplain at the Peter MacCallum Hospital; is an executive member of the National Association for Loss and Grief, and conducts a Clinical Education programme at the hospital.

Just now, Mr Paver is on study leave in America and is looking at Pastoral Care and Education.

### CELL GROUPS

Cell Groups have become a significant part of our church life. If you want a New Testament word for them it is koinonia (fellowship if you like). This describes a deeply interdependent life in which people share deeply, bear one another's burdens, and in which there is a real sense of caring and sharing. Small groups in the church lead to meaningful relationships and deeper commitment. The Holy Spirit plays a vital role in bringing a group to life. Careful planning and knowledge can enable this to happen.

Helen Chapman will lead this elective. In her own church she has been working with such groups and many other churches have sought her help in establishing cell groups, and she has conducted seminars for ministers.

Helen is the wife of G. L. Chapman, minister of the Dawson St., Ballarat, Church of Christ.



HELEN CHAPMAN

### THE SINGLES



BOB ALDRED

The church, more than any other fellowship, has a word of fulfillment for the Singles in our society, and also in the church.

It is one of the heavy costs of our age that today there are growing numbers of divorced people who need acceptance and friendship. There are those who have not married and there are those who have lost their marriage partners through sickness or accident.

Bob Aldred, the minister of our Albury Church of Christ, has been sharing with a group of Singles in his Church and his experience makes him well fitted to lead the Elective on Singles at the Melbourne Conference next January. This programme will be of great benefit for those who wish to start a Singles Goup in their own Church as well as for Singles themselves.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE "REJOICE IN THE LORD" CONFERENCE

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## GUEST HOME CELEBRATES

On July 16, 1938, was witnessed the opening of the first home for aged persons to be conducted by the Social Service Committee in Victoria.

The late J. E. Austin, chairman of the committee, presided, and the late T. R. Morris president of the Victorian Conference of Churches of Christ performed the opening ceremony of the Christian Guest Home. This was the beginning of a great work in aged care when 16 residents found a new home.

Forty years later, on July 16, 1978, residents, members of the Department of Social Service, friends and relatives gathered at the Christian Guest Home in Oakleigh to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the opening. W. M. Fordham, Deputy Chairman of the Department, presided over a service of thanksgiving in the dining room and lounge.

The present Matron, Miss D. J. Avard, gave a welcome, and a former matron, Mrs R. Ross, was present. Her pre-recorded message entitled "Thoughts on the Past" was well received.

W. T. Atkin, M.B.E., Director-Emeritus, traced the history of the department and spoke particularly about the beginning and development of the homes program in which 208 people are now cared for in self-contained units, hostels and nursing home, 83 of these at the Christian Guest Home.

V. Barber, a present resident of three years stated that he was grateful for the care received, the fellowship with others and that he accepts the home as "my home". Mr Barber expressed thanks to God for the home and the care received by singing the hymn — "Great is Thy Faithfulness". He said, "when we welcome newcomers to our family, I know exactly how they feel. I can reach out in friendship and assure them, that they

### "SHARE PARTNERS" WANTED

A "share partner" plan has been launched for the financial support of the Billy Graham Sydney Crusade at Randwick Racecourse, April 29 to May 20 next year.

The Crusade's provisional budget is \$650,000, which provides for 12 months' extensive preparation for the Crusade and for a follow-up period.

It is hoped to raise about half that amount (say \$320,000) before the Crusade. Offerings during the Crusade, it is expected, will provide the balance.

The chairman of the Crusade's finance committee, Mr Neville Malone, said the "share partner" project aimed to enlist one thousand people who would give a fixed amount every month until the Crusade. Some might prefer to make one larger donation.

"Share partner" coupons are printed in "Crusade News" which is being issued every other month, or are available from the Crusade Director, Sydney Billy Graham Crusade '79, P.O. Box A1979, Sydney South, N.S.W. 2000.

have come to a great place . . . this is not a home . . . this is my home. I have everything I need. Everything for physical well-being . . . a warm room, a place to relax . . . good food and medical supervision. The home offers a continuing climate for my Christian service and occupation, that is satisfying and productive. There is no possibility of becoming lonely and withdrawn because we have constant human companionship, this helps meet our emotional needs.

"We have a short service each Thursday after lunch when Mr Saunders, our Homes Chaplain brings us a message . . . and some of the outside comes in when folk bring a service on Sunday evenings . . . these services help meet our Spiritual needs."

W. W. Saunders O.B.E., Chaplain to our Homes, offered a prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment, and A. R. Haskell sang "Bless This House" a request from the residents of the home.

We express our thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for those whose faith, vision and courage helped make possible the beginning of the Christian Guest Home and to those who by continuing faith, good planning and hard work have extended the provision of care to what it is today in all of our Homes.

## SUNRAYSIA CONFERENCE

The annual Conference of Churches of Christ in Sunraysia was held in Mildura on the Queen's Birthday weekend, and proved to be a rich time of fellowship and inspiration. Guest speaker was K.D. Horne, Vic. — Tas. Conf. Pres. and the guest singing group, Yukana Singers from Bayswater.

Saturday night's programme was presented by the Yukana Singers. A combined communion service was held in Mildura on Sunday morning, a fellowship casserole tea on Sunday night, followed by the Conference Rally.

Enthusiastic reports came to Conference from the Camp Management committee who administer the Sunraysia Churches of Christ Camp Centre. Many improvements have been made at the Centre including the construction of concrete water storage tanks and improvements to the water system. A new solar hot water system has also been installed. Improvements to dormitories have greatly improved comfort, further works are planned for camp grounds. Much of this work has been made possible by the gaining of a \$7000 government grant and a work team from the Mildura C.M.S.

The Centre is booked fairly heavily throughout the year with a large variety of groups using it

— Arthur McWilliams  
Conference Secretary

## INNER SPRINGS

### IF ONLY



"Lord, if only Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." So said Martha with what must have been gentle reproach, to the Master. And we are all prone to using those two words, "If only so-and-so were not trying to live with . . . If only that sorrow, that difficulty could be removed; how different things would be! And how different I should be.

A certain man had a garden which might have been very beautiful had it not been disfigured by an immense boulder which reached far under the soil. He tried to blast it out with dynamite, but in the attempt only shattered the windows of the house. Being very self-willed he used without success one harsh method after another to get rid of the disfigurement until finally he died of worry and blighted hopes.

The heir, a man who not only had common sense but used it, soon perceived the hopelessness of striving to budge the boulder and therefore set to work to convert it into a rockery which he covered with frescoes, flowers, ferns and vines. It soon came about that the visitors to the garden commented on its unsurpassed beauty, and the owner could never quite decide which gave him the greater happiness — the harmonious aspect of his garden, or the success in adapting himself to the thing that was too deep to move.

The unsightly boulder which could not be removed proved to be the most valuable asset in that garden when dealt with by one who knew how to turn its very defects to account.

When they see your bright behaviour  
Under provocation great,  
They may ask what mighty Saviour,  
Can impart that happy state.

Turn your troubles into treasure,  
Turn your sorrows into song;  
Then all men will know the measure  
In which you to Christ belong.

Prayer Our Father, when we cannot change our circumstances, grant us the strength and discipline to change our attitudes. Help us to know that only by your indwelling Spirit can we turn our destructive emotions into creative elements for good, Amen.

John 11:21

Florence Rosier

## "ON THE OTHER HAND!"

by A. E. White

HERE at Westwood, among the more obvious assets of our church, there are two pretty girls. Actually, there are many more than that, but even the others will readily admit that Helen and Pam are something special.

Helen is fair, very fair. Her long hair, with just a touch of gold, reaches nearly to her waist. Pam is dark, not so tall, her jet-black hair is short and has a fringe which covers her forehead. She has deep brown eyes.

The two girls grew up together in our church and from the time they sat on little chairs in the front row of the kindergarten anniversary they were close friends. They were happy youngsters and everybody loved them.

When they were a little older they sat together in church and were a bit of a nuisance when they went through that giggling stage that afflicts most girls at some time or another.

Then on into the youth group they grew and they really came into their own. They were both leaders, could put words together, and they were a very good influence around the place. They occasionally had their problems, even quarreled a bit with each other. But the rows never lasted long. They were at their best and happiest when they were together.

They were together one night when they walked to the communion table and confessed their faith in Christ. They were baptized together, and we were proud to have them in our church in this deeper sharing of faith.

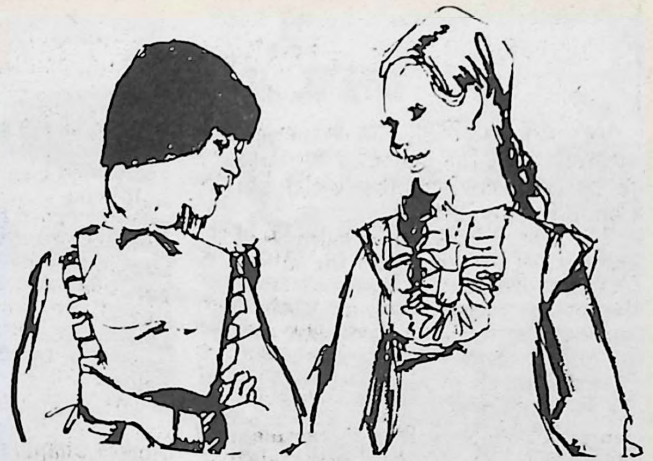
WESTWOOD Church has a tradition for family gatherings. Whenever someone is welcomed or farewelled, or when there is an achievement or a milestone the church has what we call a family night. And if there is nothing to celebrate we have a family night anyway.

In a friendly church like ours some pretty outrageous things are sometimes said and done, without malice, and Helen and Pam often put on one of their little sketches.

These often poked fun at our minister. He didn't mind a bit and laughed the loudest when his little mannerisms were exaggerated and used as fun things. He told me one time that he often used the attitude of the youth group as a barometer of the church climate. He said, "When they make fun of me in public I know they still love me."

Helen and Pam did make fun of him. I remember one night they took the church family into an imaginary manse table talk between Mr Gordon and his wife.

WHEN he is preaching, our minister has a habit of making contrasts, which he invariably emphasises with the phrase, "... on the other hand." Well, these two girls took this up. As "Mr and Mrs Gordon" were talking over some very trivial household things, "Mr Gordon" would say in an impossibly deep voice, "On the other hand ..." As Helen imitated the preaching tones, she produced from somewhere a kitchen rubber glove, stuffed with cotton wool, which she carelessly tossed into the audience. Before long, six of these rubber, life-like other hands had flown away from the stage table. Mr Gordon thought it was hilarious and we all laughed. Incidentally, he didn't stop using the phrase. He took advantage of its airing to make better pulpit use of it.



Then romance entered the scene. Jack Taylor started showing an interest in Helen and Ian Coile was observed looking long and often into Pam's dark eyes.

Soon they were visiting each others' homes. The Taylors and Helen's family were good friends and had been together a long time in the church. Both families more or less expected that this would happen.

Ian's family was also long established in the church but not Pam's. None of her folk had ever come with her.

BEFORE long, we noticed that all was not well, and we even knew why. Ian's mother had had a chat with her son.

"Of course," she said with Mr Coile glumly silent in attendance, "We all love Pam, and we are very happy that you and she are good friends. But we wouldn't want it to get too serious, would we?"

It was clear that that was exactly what Ian would like the friendship to get, but the family attitude hardened. That is, Mrs Coile's attitude hardened. Henry Coile wasn't allowed to have many attitudes of his own. Ian was in a turmoil. Then, one Sunday, he and Pam no longer sat together.

On the next Wednesday, she came round to our place. By chance Larry North had dropped in. Since we had met this preacher from a country church, we invited him to stay with us when he was in town.

WHEN Pam poured out her troubles, I gently brought Larry into the conversation. I was out of my depth in handling a thing like this. Larry told Pam that he couldn't help either. She would have to get her help from the Lord.

"This is something you will have to work out for yourselves. Nobody can tell another what to do, because no-one can stand in for God. But I would urge you to think about two things. The first is ... don't take it out on Ian. You and Ian have been growing together, but others have a claim on him as well. He is part of a family. He is loyal to his mother and father, his brother and his sisters. He doesn't want to hurt them anymore than he wants to hurt you. Don't make it harder for him while he is working things through."

"But why do they disapprove of me? asked Pamela Wong miserably. "I can't help being me. Is it the way I look? But I am as Australian as he is. My mother and father were born here. I can't speak Chinese anymore than Ian can. We went to the same school, we like the same music, we share the same friends, the same faith. What's the matter that folk act as though some people aren't people? ... What's the other thing?"

"The other thing is a bit harder," replied Larry. "Stop feeling sorry for yourself. Don't go around looking miserable even if it hurts inside. Whether you are with Ian or not, life won't stop. It will help everyone concerned if you accept things as they are. Be patient and wait. Whether or not you lose Ian, you don't

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## "LET'S BAN FATHER'S DAY"

The Telopea Church of Christ makes no recognition of 'Father's Day', or 'Mother's Day'. In spite of the great temptation to play "the numbers game" and find some excuse for giving the C.W.F. an active part in the Church programme we reckon it's just not worth it.

I am sure that many will feel we have sold out on the family. Many others will be able to point to the many benefits that such an emphasis brings to their Church. Fine. But we feel it has more potential to hurt than help.

One of the serious problems facing our society today is the single parent family. Either through death, separation or divorce, many people in our community find themselves on their own, struggling with the problem of bringing their children up with a sense of wholeness and security. The Christian Church can do much to help them through clubs, fellowships, and the support of the larger extended family of the Church.

At Telopea we probably have more than our share of contact with single parent families. A lot of the children in our Clubs, Sunday School and

Child Care Centre, are without one parent. An emphasis on 'Mother's Day', or 'Father's Day', while bringing a sense of goodwill to the "insiders" in the Church, for the single parent family, provides only a hurtful reminder of the crisis in their own family.

As a child growing up without a father, I myself can recall that some of the most distressing experiences were on 'Father's Day', a day which had no significance for me other than to give a feeling of isolation and incompleteness.

If we believe the function of the Church is "to heal people who are hurting", then we ought to give very serious consideration to our emphasis and programming. And since 'Mother's Day' and 'Father's Day' has no biblical basis, or significant spiritual value, it's goodbye to Mum and Dad's day.

However, the Church must give some recognition to the role of the family in society, whether single parents or not. Twice a year, or even once a term, why not have a special "family day" which includes everyone (including the often

neglected "singles"). Open day at Sunday School, a family Bar-B-Q, special emphasis in Services, a Parent's Sunday, or Child Care Sunday, can be features in this sort of programme which excludes no-one.

If we are joining Jesus Christ in an endeavour to heal the broken hearts, let's be sure it's in what we do as well as what we say.

### CAMPS HAVE BIG ROLE

Camps conducted by the Department of Mission, Education and Development are playing a significant role in personal development and contributing towards church growth. The May camp for boys at Reefton led by Jon Sturgess saw six lads make a confession of faith. Similar responses came out of the senior camp at Hall's Gap and the New Zealand Adventure. The responses to discipleship have come quite naturally as a result of the total camping experiences. In May, Anne Oliver led a girls' camp for senior primary children, and the first adventure camp for girls in early secondary school years was held at Banksia. Margaret Goddard was the leader. This camp was used as a training experience for young leaders.

The August holiday programme is now well booked. Bill Green will lead an initiative camp at Monbulk for grades 5 and 6 boys. Iris and Alan Page will lead a co-ed camp at Halls Gap for forms 1 and 2, to be followed by a camp for forms 3 and 4 led by Dot and Ron Brooker. Peter Nelson and Julie Reid will lead a new weekend Higher School Certificate Study and Recreation camp at Monbulk on September 1-3.

Enquiries are already being received concerning the popular family camp at Banksia. This will be held from January 2-8, 1979. Registration forms are now available. Howard Weedon is the camp director. Last year over 100 attended this camp. Trevor Giles will lead the youth camp at Banksia from December 26 to January 1. The Teens Camp at Hall's Gap from January 13-19 will be led by Paul and Raelene Burnham. In addition to these camps, over 100 people will be involved in the two adventure programmes — the Tassie Trek, and the Canoe Expedition on the Murrumbidgee and Tumut Rivers. Enquiries for all these camps are welcome (Phone 662 2377).

**ZONE SPORTS** (Bendigo, M. D. Keatch). Explorers and parents went to Ballarat for Country Zone indoor sports. Seniors were country champions... Good Companions holding snowball drive... Sympathy is expressed to the families and relatives of Mrs Lacy, snr., Mrs G. Turner, V. Sutch and Mrs Keatch in the loss of Dr Ian Tippet. ... Recent speakers have been G. Henderson, president, C. & N.D.C.; M. Rees; J. Wilson, Uniting Church; N. Tong, Bible Society; G. Doolan; J. K. Martin and C. Houston... Mrs Mudford admitted to Bendigo Base Hospital... Half yearly conference of C. & N.D.C. held at Wedderburn. 160 attended. Messages given by Miss M. Payne and Dr FriebeL.

### ● C.Y.T.A.

#### "GOING PLACES" WITH GOD

The story of Christian Youth Travel Association is a story of God at work through the lives of young people, for the lives of young people. Its founders, still together as its directors after more than fifteen years, can relate a unique experience of God at work; a God just as relevant to young people now as He was when that first Snowtour headed South from Sydney years ago.

C.Y.T.A. grew out of the Christian camping ministry. The six directors and most of the early tour staff learned to trust Him through all the challenges of planning, promoting, preparing and operating youth camping programmes in the early sixties.

Their camping programme now is generally on the move. As the attractive, commercial-style brochures remind us, they are usually "going places". They take young people aged around 16-30 from Ayers Rock to Yellowstone, from Samoa to Nepal. But, they don't only travel, they teach. They not only entertain, but evangelise.

Tens of thousands of young people are reached through CYTA's Snowfields Lodge at Cooma NSW. One of the largest accommodation complexes in the region, it caters for young people from right across Australia and, in fact, many overseas groups as well.

CYTA may be better known in some Australian cities for their Christian concert promotions. The visits of Andrae Crouch and Evie Tornquist to Australia have been sponsored and promoted by CYTA Concerts. Rarely has any gospel singer made an impact like that of Evie's recent tour to Australia. Packed auditoriums and an eager media response gave considerable impetus to the ministry of Christian music throughout the country.

CYTA's new Melbourne office promises to generate further interest and enthusiasm amongst Victorian young people. Melbourne secretary, Chris Pieper, trained for twelve months in the Sydney office before returning to establish the new Melbourne headquarters at 56 Burwood Rd., Hawthorn (Tel. 818 8303).

Through this ministry, may many young people get to "go places" with Jesus Christ, to make Him their constant companion in every situation.

A recently completed Victorian "Go Sno" Audio-visual has been completed and is available to be shown at after-church coffee shops and young adult meetings, etc. For further information on our general tour program our Snow Tours or bookings for the audio-visual, please contact Chris on 818 8303 (Melb.).

# FRIENDLY INVASION OF INDONESIA

Indonesia, our nearest northern neighbor, consists of hundreds of islands with a total area of 735,900 square miles. The population is approximately 122 million, and is the sixth most populous nation in the world. The population density is about 210 per square mile, but unevenly distributed, as 65% live on Java.

There is a complete religious freedom under the Indonesian Constitution. Muslims predominate, and about 10% of the population are Christian. Since the mid-1960's there has been a major increase in conversions to Christianity. The large number of people coming into many churches has increased the need for trained church leaders.

## Training Support

Since 1973 Australian Churches of Christ have been supporting Indonesian Churches in Leadership Training programmes especially in sponsoring workshops to train writers and promoters in Bible Reading Promotion Programmes.

Due to the fast development of Bible Reading groups and Bible study groups, there is the need to train Bible Study leaders. These people will produce their own Bible study material so that churches will no longer be dependent on Bible study material translated from the English and Dutch. In June, Churches of Christ sponsored a Bible Study leaders course at Ternate North, Moluccas. About forty selected local leaders attended.

At the Annual Meeting of the Overseas Mission Board in June, the possibility of extending our involvement in Indonesia was considered. Dr Roy Millar, on behalf of the N.S.W. Conference, presented a motion concerning the possibilities of becoming more actively involved in Indonesia by establishing facilities for the training of Indonesian Church leaders. Dr Millar advised that the N.S.W. Churches were prepared to provide finance so that a survey could be made prior to bringing a Notice of Motion to Federal Conference.

## Team Appointed

The Annual Meeting accepted the proposal and it was agreed that a survey team should go to Indonesia toward the end of August. Those appointed to the team are Lin Fitzgerald (Board Chairman), Miss Dianne Feeney (Lecturer, Woolwich Bible College), Dr David Hammer (Acting Principal, Kenmore Christian College). It was also agreed that John Truscott already serving in Indonesia, should be invited as a further member of the team.

Lin Fitzgerald and David Hammer will arrive in Jakarta on Aug. 19 where they will spend two days meeting Indonesian Church leaders. In particular they will have discussions with D. R. Maitimoe



By R. S. A. McLean

who is actively involved in leadership training programmes conducted by the Indonesian Council of Churches. They will then fly to Ujang Pedang (Makassa) with John Truscott where they will meet Dianne Feeney. Dianne intends spending two weeks at Sanbam in the Grass Country, P.N.G., continuing their anthropological studies before moving on to Indonesia. The survey team will then travel to Ternate a small island near Halmahera (North Moluccas) where Mr Maitimoe has advised that the Evangelical Christian Church of Halmahera is badly in need of lecturers in the Bible College. After spending several days at Ternate, the team will move back to Java, most likely to Jakarta.

## Australians on Field

They will then visit areas where missionaries from the American Christian

Churches (Independent) are working, in central and East Java. They will discuss with our American brethren and others, the need for Christian leadership training and how we as Australian Churches of Christ can be involved. It is expected that Australian Churches of Christ workers working in East Java will be contacted at this time. These include Glenda and Bastian Kastanya, Neville and Dorothy Munyard, and Trevor and Jenny Kalmier. The survey team will return to Australia on Sept. 16.

The N.S.W. Churches have provided \$2697 towards the survey, but finance in excess of this will be needed to cover all expenses.

Please pray for the team as they see the possibilities of extending our involvement in Indonesia and for discussions on the proposals which they will present when they return.

## MISSION BOARD SAYS THANKS!

The Overseas Mission Board expresses sincere appreciation for the encouraging financial support provided during the 1977/78 financial year.

The estimated amount required from the Churches for the 'G.O.' (Gospel Outreach) fund was \$282,000, and the total received was \$285,004. Giving from the various States was as follows:

Victoria-Tasmania	\$69,258
South Australia	\$70,614
New South Wales	\$70,484
Queensland	\$33,495
West Australia	\$39,668
Canberra	\$1,485

In addition \$127,290 was given for projects.

With an increase in field budgets, salaries and allowances for the 1978/79 financial year, it is estimated that \$324,000 will be required from the Churches for 'G.O.'

## John Liu — Eyesight Restoration

John Liu, Principal of the Banmatmat Bible Collge, recently came to Australia for further treatment on his eyes. Some weeks ago John was having difficulty in reading his lecture notes and needed assistance. However when he was examined by the eye specialist in Sydney, there had been a remarkable improvement for which we praise the Lord. John was allowed to return to the New Hebrides after a stay of about ten days. He may need to see the eye specialist in six months time and prayer is requested for the complete healing and restoration of his eye sight.

## Group Visit to New Hebrides

Sixteen people recently went on a group visit to the New Hebrides. They were: From W.A. John Western; S.A. Edda and Thornley Thomas, David and Margaret Whyatt and Rebecca, Noleen Beasley, Jack and May Searle, Lyall and Edna Braddock, Bill and Ev Heath; Vic. Wal Wigney, Alan Meyer; N.S.W. Garry Warne. The visitors were able to see the work being conducted by Churches of Christ in Vila, Santo, Aoba and Pentecost. They were warmly received by our New Hebridean Churches and both visitors and our island brethren were able to encourage one another in the Lord.

## COMBRIDGE FOR EDWARDSTOWN (E.P.C. Holland)

Mr and Mrs Rob Combridge of Woolongong (NSW) will commence a ministry early in 1979 . . . Attendances at morning worship have gone from around 70 to over 120 weekly, whilst evening worship hour from around 70 to nearly 100. Since the present ministry began last September 36 have been added to the church . . .

S.C.O.P.E. program for adults each Sunday morning finds 50 attending at 9.30, staying for refreshments and fellowship and worship . . .

Mike Hillier has been set aside as Youth Minister upon the removal of Rob and Gwen Lockwood to the U.S.A. . . .

Church saddened at the death of Bill Ortman a long time member of the church . . .

The Hollards came to the church on a part-time basis, but this has become a full-time assignment as the church has responded so well.

# WORD TALK

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## OUR SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

## Hymns

### PREPARATION

The Book of Psalms consists of some of the hymns of the Old Testament. Other hymns include those of Moses (Exo. 15: 1-19; Deut. 32: 1-43); Deborah (Judges 5); Hannah (1 Sam. 2: 1-10). In the same tradition as the Psalms of the O.T. must be placed the hymns found today in Romans 3: 13-18 and Rev. 15:3-4. Other Jewish hymns in the N.T. are found in that remarkable collection of Luke chapters 1 and 2: Gloria in Excelsis, the Magnificat; Benedictus; and Nunc Dimittis — those great hymns known by the first words of the latin translation.

Jesus and the disciples sang a hymn during the Passover (Mark 14:26) which was probably the Passover Hallel (Psalms 113-118).

The church used the O.T. Psalms for its own worship and used them as pointing to the life of Jesus. The early church used the Book of Psalms as a prophetic book and 116 quotes are made in the N.T. writings.

References to hymns in the early church's worship are found in Acts 2:47; 1 Cor. 14:15, 26; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16 and Jas. 5:13. Paul and Cyrus sang hymns in gaol (Acts 16:25). Col. 3:16 and Eph. 5:19 suggest Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs were sung in worship.

There are however probably fragments of early Christian hymns quoted in passages of scripture. A baptismal hymn is probably quoted in Eph. 5:14, a Creedal hymn in 1 Tim. 3:16, and doxologies are found in 1 Tim. 6:15-16; Rev. 4:8; 5:9; 12-13; 7:10, 12; 11:15; 19:1-2, 6-8.

Some wonderful N.T. passages are believed also to be hymns well known among the early Christians and quoted by the writers including the opening verses of John's Gospel: the great passages of Paul about Jesus (Phil. 2:6-11; Col. 1:15-20) and the beautiful use of the words of 1 Peter 2:6-8.

In later times other great hymn writers used to use hymns for teaching scriptural truths as did the N.T. writers. In the Renaissance Era Handel and Bach wrote great Masses and Oratorios around great sections of scripture. Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven, in the Classical Era again used scriptural passages as the basis of a new direct and simple musical form.

During the Romantic Era the great composers like Schubert, Mendelssohn, Schumann, Berlioz, Chopin, Liszt and Wagner, again wrote much romantic sacred music.

At this same time the Negro Spiritual was expressing in its own way the great beliefs and hopes of the American Negro.

In England, the hymns of the 18th century were strong in their doctrinal

teaching. Isaac Watts wrote some of the greatest hymns of the English language. Charles Wesley wrote 6000 hymns teaching Christian faith in each one of them. The Methodists taught their early followers to sing what they believed. The Welsh, likewise, with William Williams writing some 800 Welsh hymns. In the 19th century the output was enormous. Fanny Crosby, blind from birth, wrote 9000 hymns. Francis Ridley Havergal wrote 70 hymns which are in use today, and John Greenleaf Whittier expressed some of our profoundest sentiments in his strong prose.

In the 20th century John Peterson has over 1000 hymns to his credit, and Ralph Carmichael has over 10 million copies of his hymns in print. During the 1950s the Liturgical Movement in Europe was responsible for the writing of much new contemporary music and words.

### PROCLAMATION

Midnight is not the best time with the neighbours to start hymn singing, unless they happen to be shackled by chains and in cells where they cannot do much about it — For Paul and Silas at midnight were singing hymns of praise (Acts 16:25-34) with remarkable results. 1. A consecrated group. There were both faithful men praising God and listening prisoners in that gaol. Perhaps many people walking round in the community are also in prison needing hymns of deliverance. 2. An anxious question, "What must I do to be saved?" The foundations of his world were being shaken and a time of judgement was at hand, that is why he was so anxious. 3. A scriptural answer, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." Paul stressed both the necessity of belief and the promise of salvation. 4. A ready response. The gaoler was baptised at once and rejoiced that he believed in God. Would that all hymn singing sessions ended likewise!

### PRESENTATION

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GORDON MOYES

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### **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 5908, Area Code 08.

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

# MUSTARD SEEDS

BY ALAN AUSTIN

TWO greatly disturbing news items reached this writer last week.

It has just been reported that Miss Pham Thi Son, who as Scripture Union's staff-worker in Vietnam is well known to many in this country, has been sent away to work as a farm labourer. The church in which she and others were living has been taken over by the government.

Daniel T., who is described as a driving force on the S.U. committee, has been sent to a concentration camp in the far north where the policy has been described as "to work them until they drop dead." He is fed two bowls of rice a day. ■

THE agonizing question this news raised for many of us is: Why in heaven's name are Pham Thi Son and Daniel T. being persecuted when the whole purpose of their work — to bring hope and healing to the oppressed — in many ways parallels that of the Vietnamese "Liberation" government? Why can't the communists see that the Christian message is one of justice, hope and peace? ■

THE second item — now modern history rather than current affairs — perhaps suggests part of the answer.

The Pentagon recently released details of America's withdrawal from combat in Vietnam.

When the order to withdraw all ground troops was made, President Nixon at the same time ordered American B52 bombers to strafe the country with thousands of tons of delayed action bombs. For months to come Vietnamese farmers, women and children were to be mutilated or destroyed as they went about their tasks.

This was the departing gesture to the

people of a war-ravaged land from the President of the most proudly Christian nation on earth. One critic aptly described this as "a murderous act of the utmost barbaric savagery." ■

THE Edison Electric Institute in America is promoting a "teaching" game for high school students designed to manipulate them into favouring more nuclear power. The trade association's "Energy-Environment Game" pits eight environmentalists (portrayed as kooks and zealots) against eight electricity company executives (portrayed as humane and reasonable). Supposedly the game has no planned outcome. But the Institute's coordinator of educational services admits that most players end up favouring creating more electricity through nuclear power. The games are mainly bought by electricity companies which then donate them to local schools as a "public service". At least one company has passed on this cost to its customers as operating expense. ■

TWO psychiatrists hired last year as security guards for an international airline were given authority to arrest anyone showing signs of "mental instability." Shortly after they assumed their new duties, one psychiatrist arrested the other. ■

NO white man who has killed a black person has ever received the death penalty according to William J. Bowers of Northeastern University, USA. Bowers says blacks who kill whites are vastly overrepresented on death row. Bowers is researching the death penalty for the Southern Poverty Law Centre. ■



BOTH the above item and the disturbing White Papers on The Aborigine and The Publican ("A.C." July 22) came to mind when this poster was seen recently:

**"Capital punishment means them without the capital got the punishment."** ■

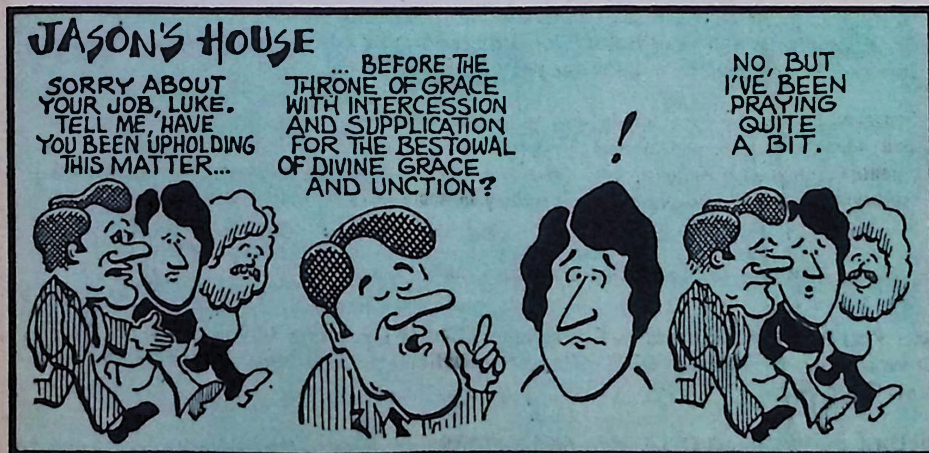
## INPUT

From Robert D. Linder

One day several University students lingered after class to discuss some of the issues raised by their professor's lecture on the history of Christianity. The animated discussion which followed over a cup of coffee in the Student Union centered on the ability of the Christian church in the past to reform itself in times of crisis and the desperate need for sweeping reform in the present day.

One of the students — a young man who had once held membership in a conservative church but had since dropped out — expressed his dissatisfaction with Christians for consistently supporting the status quo and resisting reform. What irritated him most, he said, was that so many believers were hung-up on what seemed to him to be minor taboos while they condoned the most outrageous sins in the political and social world around them. "Why is it," he asked the professor, "that Christians get up-tight about certain four-letter words and never open their mouths at all to protest the social evils of the world?" His teacher — who happened to be a Christian replied, "Well, I guess it's because they think those four-letter words are obscenities." "Obscenities," shouted the student, banging his hand on the table and attracting the attention of most of the other people in the room, "obscenities, the real obscenities are war, pollution, poverty, and racism! When will Christians stop being obscene?"

The professor had no answer. The student was right! The question is valid: When will Christians stop being obscene and speak out against the great social and political sins of the day? Without condoning the use of four-letter words, cannot Christians recognize the infinitely more important task of addressing themselves to the issues of war and peace, pollution, poverty and racial justice?



# 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 180 words.

S.P.E.F.

To the Editor,

Would you please allow me to inform your readers that the South Pacific Evangelistic Fellowship associated with the Churches of Christ and Christian Churches in America is in no way connected with nor does in any way endorse the South Pacific Evangelical Fellowship (a similar name) which is troubling the Churches of Christ in the New Hebrides. (See May 27 issue of "Australian Christian").

Johnie Marion  
Field Director  
South Pacific Evangelistic Fellowship

## THE HOLY SPIRIT MOVEMENT

To the Editor,

There has been much to say for some time on the Charismatic Fellowship. I wonder if it isn't time we looked at what Jesus says on the Holy Spirit, (recorded in John 14-16th chapters). Jesus instructed the disciples on the work of the Holy Spirit who would be sent to them after his resurrection.

The bible tells us He the Holy Spirit is a counsellor, helper, comforter, teacher; the one who would lead and guide into "all the truth", not some but all.

We must look very closely at what John the Baptist said when he began his work, he would "Baptise with Water", but "One mightier than he, would baptise with the Holy Spirit".

The believers in Jesus obeyed him by waiting for God's promised gift "the baptism of The Holy Spirit" which enabled the foundation members of the church "to go and serve with power", Acts 1:8.

Jesus commanded that we "be like children", teachable, able to accept what is taught, before they understand.

Let us be willing to receive and believe what Jesus is waiting to shower upon us, to be the church empowered to serve, to witness.

Shirley Handcock, Vic.

## CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT

To the Editor

O. Wainwright asks A.C. 8/7/78 "What should we do about the Charismatic Movement and what would Jesus have done."

After a few years ministry in close contact with charismatics and folk with "Pentecostal experiences" could I offer this:-

1. Charismatics over-emphasise experience and largely ignore doctrine, spiritualising certain texts and often misinterpreting others.
2. Pentecostal gatherings break almost every rule of Paul's in 1 Cor. 14 i.e. More than two speak at one time in tongues; usually there is no interpretation; and women take part.
3. Because of its divisive nature, it breaks down rather than edifies the Body of Christ.
4. Its teaching of a second blessing or further experience, is contrary to scripture (Acts 2:38).

The modern tongues movement is an abuse of a God given gift as I see it and as such Churches of Christ should reject it.

While I do not believe the modern Charismatic/Pentecostal movement is a God given Spiritual Revival in itself, maybe God can and will use

it as a challenge to the established Church to be more deeply Spiritual in its worship.

L.W. Marshman, S.A.

## TRUTH OR EXPERIENCE?

To the Editor,

Like many more among our churches I have become quite concerned at the trend toward "experience religion" as distinct from the "truth religion" of the New Testament. Religious journals are receiving, and publishing, statements which faster this new emphasis, and little is offered in reply. Fortunately one or two have done so in recent issues of the "A.C.". The circulation of a recent Pamphlet Club paper calls for some response.

There is a considerable bulk of reading matter which opposes the "experience" school of thought. Much is available which can present a balanced appraisal and present material which shows that the "experience" presentation is not as Scriptural as is supposed. We ought to be reading this for our own sakes as well as the church generally. I submit some of these items and avenues!

"What about Tongues speaking?" by Anthony A. Hoekema.

"The Glossolalia Phenomenon" by Wade H. Horton.

"Understanding Speaking in tongues" by Watson Mills.

"The Person and work of the Holy Spirit" by M. E. Romay.

"The Holy Spirit" by Wesley L. Duowel.  
"The Battle for the Mind" by William Sargent.  
"The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit" by Hendrikus Berkhof.  
"The Holy Spirit in our lives today" Edited by W. Carl Ketcherside.

"The Pentecostal Error" by Cyril H. Maskroy.  
"The Baptism of the Holy Spirit" a pamphlet issued by the "Present Truth" in N.S.W.

There are two cassette tapes issued by "Bible Teaching Tapes" of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"Controversial Spiritual Gifts" by Earl Radmacher.

The respected journal "Christianity Today" has published articles by the Editor, Harold Lindsell, "Tests for the Tongues Movement", Dec. 1972; "Confusion about tongues" by Carl Tuland in Dec. 1968; "Misunderstanding Spiritual Gifts" by Howard A. Snyder in June 1974, and, "Some Questions about the New Pentecostalism" by W. Stanford Reid in June 1974.

Whilst in America I came in touch with an Australian publication! It is "Present Truth" P.O. Box 333, Tweed Heads, N.S.W. 2485, and I commend it strongly to ministers and serious readers. The issue of spiritual gifts is sensibly faced by the writers and worth consideration. They had a "special" entitled "Justification by Faith and the Charismatic Movement" which has been issued again and again, I am never without a supply of that issue.

I submit that the Pamphlet Club endeavour to make approaches to some of the journals I have mentioned with a view to securing permission to re-print some of the material for the benefit of all.

Eric Hollard, S.A.

## TEMPERANCE

To the Editor,

Last Sunday our minister preached a good sermon on Temperance. None of the usual "down with the grog" talk! He gave us plain Bible from Romans and Corinthians. He explained that the first church had the same sort of problem, only not with liquor which they seemed able to handle, but with meat, which they couldn't handle. It seems strange from this distance away to think of elders wondering if a man should be on the "board" because his breath smelled of salami, or whether another should be allowed to preside because he was suspected of being a secret meat eater. But that's apparently the way it was because most meat was slaughtered in idol temples. Paul was saying, "There's nothing wrong with eating meat, but a Christian won't eat it if it's going to cause his Christian brother to be upset or offended." That seems reasonable because a Christian is supposed to think of others more than himself.

When our minister preaches he doesn't leave us back in the first century with their problems. He brings it right up to date. "All this applies to the problem of alcohol," he said, and I could see his point. So when I got home I looked up Romans 14, and applying it to the grog problem it goes something like this:

"Be patient with the brother who has a tender conscience. You won't get anywhere trying to reason with him. For one believes that he can drink and another drinks only water. Let not him who drinks despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains judge him who drinks, for God has received him. What right have we fellow servants to judge each other, it is our Master who is the judge. Let us not therefore judge one another, but judge this rather, that no one put a stumbling block in his brother's way."

It's all very good I'm sure, but my problem as a convinced abstainer is not in offending the brother who doesn't drink, but in offending the brother who does and putting a stumbling block in his way!

Hoping you are the same,  
TERTIUS

# IT'S THE CARING THAT COUNTS!

I was brought up in a Christian environment and enjoyed a happy family life. My education was at a Church school.

Then, as I grew older and commenced a career, I came under the influence of the materialist society. The order of the day was how to better yourself to obtain a higher position in the 'company' and consequent higher salary.

The emphasis on personal wealth increased when I married, as the size and location of a new home became the 'yardstick' of success.

Church was pushed further into the back of my mind as it had little impact on my life style. I still felt that I was a Christian but church life seemed to offer very little in terms of improving my life.

My wife and I joined a Young Marrieds' Group attached to the church where we were married. However, this became more of a purely social club and we left.

At this stage I began to question what I was accomplishing in life. My job was getting me down and despite a happy marriage, something was missing.

I resigned from my desk job and took up a career as an insurance representative since this released me from another 25 years of the 9 to 5 'rut'. I was able to think for myself in this new capacity.

Shortly after commencement of this new activity, I was asked to interview several ministers of religion. One of the ministers I interviewed sensed that I was searching for something and spoke with me about my life.

This minister had a very strong spiritual belief and he told me that the answer to my problems in wrestling with the purpose of life was to accept Jesus and let him guide me.

The second occasion upon which this minister gave me guidance, I accepted Jesus into my life in a very simple but emotional prayer. I felt a new relationship with Jesus and requested an elder of a local church to visit us with a view to membership of that church. It is in-

BY JIM SILWOOD

teresting to note that at this stage, we had lived in a new area for three years and not one person from any church had approached us.

The elder who came to visit us said that the best way to get to know people in the church, would be to go to a meeting to which he would shortly invite us. We thought this was a good idea and also asked if the minister of this local church would visit us.

However, we did not hear again from this elder and the minister did not come to see us. Subsequently we attended the church one Sunday morning and despite the fact that we were obviously new, not one person spoke to us. We went home feeling very empty.

Frustration remained with us until, one day, a new seed of hope was sown by a brochure left by the Flinders Park Church of Christ — subsequently, a member called and spoke about a new ministry team and a new manse in our area.

Earlier this year, the new ministers called on my wife who, when I arrived home that day, was very excited about the visit and the invitation extended to us to attend the opening of their new manse.

From that point on we have not looked back as the church was alive with people who had accepted the Spirit of Jesus. People actually came up to us and we were warmly welcomed into their congregation.

Within weeks, my wife had accepted Jesus into her life as I had done shortly before and we were both baptized by immersion. It was of great significance to our ongoing Christian experience to be able to confess our faith in public through the act of baptism and being able to share orally in the service.

Our acceptance of Jesus brought new purpose into our lives and we have faith that with His guidance.

## HONG KONG

Returning from a preaching tour in Korea, Doug Willis held an evangelistic meeting with one of the Hong Kong Churches of Christ. Night meetings are not usually successful in Hong Kong but the church, led by Hank Kwan, decided to experiment with two nights. They felt three nights would be too long. Attendance was disappointing on the first night, but doubled on the second. So did the enthusiasm! One enquirer came to ask more questions. A young lady, invited off the street by the evangelist just as the service was commencing, also wanted to talk more about the Christian faith. It was sad to see the meetings end so soon, but the church was greatly encouraged and may plan for a longer period next time.

Any Chinese Christians in Australia wishing to contact one of our churches can write to:—  
Wayful Jew, Stage 1 Bldg 12-B, 3rd Floor, Broadway Street, Mei Foo Sun Chuen, Kowloon, Hong Kong.  
W. Rees, 146 Argyle Street, Flat 3-B, Kowloon, Hong Kong.  
Hank Kwan, 116-118 Wan Fung Street, G/F, Fung Wong Village, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Our churches conduct a day school in one area and the work is growing steadily. A newsletter is available on request from:— Ben Rees, 90-A Broadway, I/F, Mei Foo Sun Chuen, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

## WORLD CONFERENCE ON UNEMPLOYMENT

A world conference on unemployment should be called by the United Nations, says Dr. Alan Walker, director of World Evangelism for the World Methodist Council. He made his call at the beginning of a "mission to the nation" in Fiji, and before a crowd of 5,000.

Dr. Walker said that "with 250 million jobless around the world, unemployment has become a supreme human and social problem". He went on: "unemployment is not being created by a temporary recession but rises from deeply based causes in world economic society. It is a personal tragedy for millions especially young people and is leading to crime, family breakdown and despair.

"Some Western nations are trying to ease their own problems by pushing them on to neighbouring countries," went on Dr. Walker. "Protective tariffs which create jobs in one country by throwing people out of work elsewhere are no solution, all suffer by the slowing down of world trade". — E.P.S.

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# I'M A G.P.!

By Ray Hawkins

I'm a G.P. and glad of it.

We are told that we are a dying profession. For it is the age of the specialists. The experts in the "realm of the whatever." Having clearly defined areas of responsibility lest there be a demarcation dispute, these professionals appear to have most of the answers.

Of course I wonder how we ever survived without them.

But what is a G.P.?

In the medical field it stands for General Practitioner. But I am not that. Although I do, with others, minister to the health of the nation.

Then again it could mean Grocery Provider. but that doesn't apply, although we do maintain the agency for the supply of Life's Bread and Water.

Grand Parent is an honourable title that fits the initials. Some of us can indeed wear that title, but not all. Yet in one sense we do have a lengthy lineage and special family arrangement. There is a father's heart that constantly beats within. There are the father's tears as we cry over the folly and futility of those within our charge.

Yes, of course you know, I'm a General Parson.

It seems as if I'm called to cope with the bruises and burns of the soul, the breakdowns and beatings of the spirit, the bumbling and bleatings of the disturbed, the backsliding and the back-stabbing of the sour, the brainwashing and the belittling by the arrogant, the bushed and bloodied travellers of life's road.

There are times when I cry in frustration over the failure of those to take the prescribed medicine. I crumble within when the spiritual hypochondriac walks up my path.

I have often felt like screaming at the folly and stupidity of the human heart, mine included.

But I have smiled at the sweet trust of a child, rejoiced at the tears of a repentant wanderer. I have praised God for reconciled relationships, and felt exuberant at the mercy of God. I have been humbled by the grace of God as He gives the right word at the right time to lead another out of the gloom.

It is a nerve tingling experience and delight to be placed in a situation for which you are inadequate. Then I cry unto the Lord and discover his beautiful provision through His Holy Spirit.

Each Sunday I can hardly believe that He has entrusted me with the wonder of sharing, and expounding His word to men and women. How I pray that they do not go away unsatisfied by spiritual hash, or bloated by hallowed humanism.

After eighteen years the wonder of the Lord's work and Word has not lessened, only increased.

I am not worthy of it. But I thank Him time and again that He has chosen this weak, insignificant fellow to participate in His wonderful plan for the redemption of the world.

As a General Parson I seek to be God's person proclaiming God's purposes through Jesus the Christ.

R. N. Hawkins is Minister of the Church of Christ at Gladstone, Qld.

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# JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

## JAY'S QUIZ

### SAYINGS OF JESUS

Can you finish this saying of Jesus?  
"Love your enemies, bless them that curse you ..." (Answer on page 18)

### FIGHT FOR LIFE

The fight for survival in nature goes on in places you might least suspect. Take the beds of oysters occasionally found in relatively shallow mud-flats. Nothing would seem as placid as these large areas which look very much like a rock-strewn beach. But in the same area might be much larger areas — literally acres — of edible black mussels which grow so prolifically that when they reach a bed of oysters they simply invade that area. They over-spread it and completely smother the oysters, so that shortly there is nothing but a bed of mussels there. But mussels, too, have their enemies. Another cousin of that family — the rock barnacle — reproduces even faster than the mussels and can then invade the same area, and by sheer force of numbers overwhelm the mussels in their turn. God placed a great balance in nature that keeps things in good order.

"Who didn't you stop when I blew my whistle?" demanded the cop.

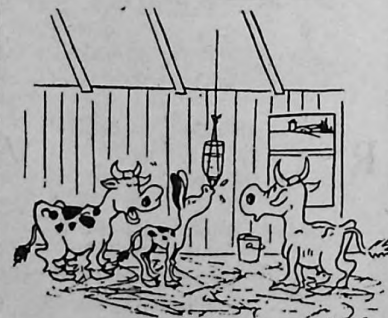
"I'm a little deaf," the lady driver explained apologetically.

"Well, don't worry," the officer reassured her. "You'll get your hearing tomorrow."

A college boy said to his roommate, "The drought back home is really bad this time."

"How can you tell?" asked his roommate.

"I got a letter from Dad," he said, "and the stamp was fastened on with a paper clip."



"I don't like to be tied down"

# BOOKS TO READ

## ARMAGEDDON — NOW!

The Premillenarian Response to Russia & Israel since 1917.  
by Dwight Wilson (Baker)

The printing presses are running hot with books about the last times and that is evidence of the interest of this generation in eschatology. The author of this one is a pre-millennialist, and as such his criticism of some of his colleagues comes better than from someone who rejects the premillennial concept altogether. Wilson is offended at the extremism of some writers in this field and of their wild claims. He says that one great reason for their lack of credibility is that they see in every new political crisis a sure fulfilment of biblical prophecy. There is too much emphasis on setting dates rather than in presenting the new life with God which is the main purpose of prophecy. For example, the "sign of the end" is presented with great enthusiasm for a time and then replaced by something else: it was the Russo-Japanese War, then the 1st World War, the 2nd World War, the Palestine War, the Suez Crisis, the June War, or the Yom Kippur War. Speculation on the Antichrist has included Napoleon, Mussolini, Hitler, and Henry Kissinger. The end of the "time of the Gentiles" has been placed in 1895, 1917, 1948, and 1967. Wilson believes that premillennialists have an urge to evangelise and that they think they will be more effective when they make confident, dogmatic overstatements, rather than being carefully reasoned and with a moderate theology. "The premillennialists see evangelism as the means to save the world and will continue to use this means as a justification to misuse the end." This is a helpful corrective of irresponsible identification of prophecy from within the pre-millennial movement. — A.E.W.

## BUGS, FLOODS & FRIED RICE

by Darlene Sala (Baker)

Sixty-three vignettes about missionary life in the Philippines. It has a lot about sharing the good news, about conversions, about faith in danger, but it also has a great deal about the everyday life of a missionary coping with new surroundings, new cultures, new languages, and new tensions. Rice is the staple diet. Floods come with the monsoons. The bugs must have made an impression. Mrs Sala's daughter, Nancy, had a pet cockroach three and a half inches long. Mr and Mrs Sala found a five inch spider in their bedroom when they went on a preaching mission. And ants! Mrs Sala says she can tell how long a missionary has been in the Philippines by the way she handles ants in the sugar. The first year she throws out the sugar. The second year she picks out all the ants. The third year

she picks out most of the ants. The fourth year she finds sugar without ants and asks, "Where's the protein?" It's not all about bugs, it's mostly about people and a warm, friendly, realistic picture it gives. — A.E.W.

## TWO ANTHOLOGIES

Masterpieces of Religious Verse edited by J. D. Morrison (Baker)

Reprint in paper back of a 1948 collection of 2020 verses and poems (700 pages). Every home should have one such book. Ministers cannot do without one. It is divided into seven sections, and then assisted by indices: authors, titles, first lines, and topics. Tennyson, Studdert-Kennedy, Housman, Foss, Guest, Browning, Eliot, Lindsay, Abraham Lincoln, Mary Queen of Scots, etc., etc.

An Anthology of Devotional Literature compiled by Thomas S. Kepler (Baker). A collection of devotional miscellanea from Clement of Rome (A.D. 70) to George A. Buttrick, and in between there are extracts from the writings of such men (and a few women) as Justin Martyr, Augustine, Thomas More, Martin Luther, Geo. Fox, John Wesley, Sundar Singh, Albert Schweitzer, Stanley Jones, Karl Barth, and Kagawa. Martyrs, saints, scholars and preachers. Now in paperback, this book was first published in 1947.

## A MAN CALLED JESUS

by J. B. Phillips (Collins Fount) \$2.75

First published in 1959 these 26 short plays tell the gospel story. There are costume and production notes and the plays will be found useful in developing a drama group within the church.

Unless otherwise stated, books reviewed on this page may be obtained from: The Baptist Book Store, 162 Russell St., Melb. 3000; N.S.W. Churches of Christ Book Shop, Shop 10, Endeavour Arcade, 360 The Kingsway, Caringbah, 2229; United Church Bookroom, 15 Mathers Lane, Hobart, 7000.

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# HAPPENINGS

Over 400 men attended a Fellowship Breakfast conducted in Melbourne by the Inter-Church Council of Men's Societies. The speaker was Capt. Robert Hopkins, an airlines pilot. He gave an opportunity for men to declare their faith. 12 made commitment and they were counselled. About 150 men from Churches of Christ attended.

The Gas Fund is growing. Mrs Rita Phillips of the Warragul Church of Christ went on a 40-hour famine on the first August weekend and raised \$115 for the C.M.F. Gas Fund and the church increased the gift to \$150. The Gas Fund is a men's project to subsidise oil and petrol costs on the mission fields. The C.W.F. Ladies' Council (Vic.-Tas.) has decided to give \$500 to this fund.

The South Australian Government is legislating to give to the Pitjantjatjara tribe of Aborigines land that they have claimed as their own for thousands of years. The land is the north-west corner of the State, adjoining Western Australia and the Northern Territory. The Aborigines will have total power of veto over mining or any other attempt to exploit the area. The land is safeguarded under the Aboriginal Lands Trust which means that it cannot be sold or traded.

## Diary

### NATIONAL

September  
3 Fathers' Day  
VICTORIA

September  
5 Senior Study Camp  
15 CWF camp commences Monbulk

### NEW SOUTH WALES

September  
1 World CWF anniversary Burwood  
16 Dunmore Home Fete  
19 CWF Evening Rally Telopea.

A suggestion was made recently that Amnesty International could be called in to investigate allegations of human rights violations in Queensland. Liberal Senator Alan Misen and Labor M.H.R. Barry Jones said that although the violations did not compare with those in Russia or Chile, they were serious enough to warrant attention.

Visiting Nobel Prize winner Professor George Wald told a Melbourne audience that the 200 years since the Industrial Revolution had brought the human race to the brink of self-extinction. Nuclear power was the greatest threat. "We are told," he said, "we can't live without nuclear power. The fact is we can't live with nuclear power." He added that the 19 or 20 nations which would join the "nuclear club" in the next decade included some of the "most unstable and least loveable nations in the world."

One of the world's most treasured paintings, "The Last Supper" by da Vinci, is being damaged by a mysterious mildew on the wall of a monastery in Milan. The Milan authorities are charged with culpable neglect of the city's art treasure. Eight years ago an air-conditioning system was ordered to protect the painting but it has never been installed.

Vandals desecrated the historic church at Strathdownie, Vic., for the fourth time in four years. Empty beer bottles were strewn around the Wilderness Church and the altar table and pulpit were hurled across the small weatherboard building. Eight stained glass windows and the rear cedarwood door were smashed. The Uniting Church minister said "The people responsible would incur the wrath of God for desecrating a holy place."

## "ON THE OTHER HAND." (Contd. from P.3)

have to lose yourself. Give the Lord a chance, and if you trust Him, you will find that there is still meaning in life."

THAT was all. We did have a prayer. But Larry didn't pray that Pam and Ian would overcome the barriers, he prayed that God would lead them all to do what was best for everyone else in the Lord.

Well, last Sunday wasn't the most uplifting worship service we have known, but there was plenty of drama. Many of us were too aware of the tensions to concentrate on worship. Helen and Jack sat together. Ian sat behind them. Mrs Coile pretended she was listening to the announcements. Now and again, Ian stole a glance at Pam, sitting on the other side of the church. Pam was calm and relaxed as though she had found some answer.

During the second hymn, Helen got up, moved from her place to the back of the church, walked right across the building, down the other aisle, and stood with Pam. They smiled a welcome to each other — and they never looked more beautiful. Jack glared at Ian.

But nothing was altered. If Helen thought that this show of solidarity would change things, for the life of me I couldn't see how. There was no way.

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### THE POPE AND THE CHURCH

Pope Paul VI may be remembered more for the changes he resisted than for those he encouraged.

He also had the misfortune, if that is the right word, to follow John XXIII, who was the best loved Pope for centuries, and even traditional Protestant critics of the papacy heard in John a new voice and felt a new spirit. John called the Second Vatican Council, cut through the restrictions of centuries, but was well aware that his Church could not regain the position it had treasured as the exclusive bearer of forgiveness and absolution for the world. He kept hoping, not for a return to old church rules, or for new doctrinal statements, but for a new outpouring of the Spirit on all Christians, on Catholics, Protestants and on the Orthodox. John was a man of great hope and great compassion.

In the shadow of John there was Cardinal Montini. He was not opposed to John's ideals. In fact, John looked to him as his successor to continue the good work. Montini was credited with having helped to prepare the keynote address John gave to Vatican II.

When Montini became Pope as Paul VI, the Council had not ended and Paul guided it through its later sessions.

Paul was gentle with critics within the church. Even Hans Kung, who criticised papal infallibility, escaped excommunication. Paul ended the peculiar enforced meatless Fridays and abolished the Index of Forbidden Books and Catholics were enabled to cross previously forbidden borders of philosophy and theology.

But Paul would not give way on priestly celibacy ("the precious divine gift of perfect continence") and he held firmly to the Church's rejection of divorce and birth control.

Thousands of priests left the priesthood and thousands of Catholics ignored the Church's teaching on divorce and birth control and it is within these areas that he will probably be remembered for holding back reforms.

But it is to the credit of Paul that he consistently spoke for the distressed and dispossessed in his own land and across the world. As Pope he preached the gospel of love of God and of freedom and justice. He travelled more than any other Pope. He called for peace in the Middle East, in Africa, in Vietnam, and in Northern Ireland and in 1965 he addressed the United Nations to plead for peace with the message, "Never again war."

The terrible obstacles in the way of John's hopes seemed even greater during Paul's reign and for Paul's successor there will be plenty of trouble. In the Church there are about 600 million Catholics, 3,000 bishops, 230,000 priests, 320,000 religious men in orders, and over one million nuns. But it is over a divided house the new Pope will reign.

There are two prayers we may well repeat at this time. One is that of our Lord who prayed that all may be one in him. The other is the prayer of Pope John that a new spirit will fall upon the church, upon Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox alike, to meet the challenges of our day.

### THE COST OF A SERMON

Rev. In Myung Jin is a 32-year old ordained pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Korea. He started urban industrial mission work at the Yong Dong Po UIM in April 1973. His work has included the conducting of weekly meetings with hundreds of young workers to discuss in small groups the position of workers in Korean society and their rights. Because of his deep concern for the workers he has earned their respect and love.

Rev. In was first arrested on January 17, 1974 under Emergency Decree No. 1. He received a ten-year prison sentence and a loss of civil rights for the same period for signing a statement, together with several other ministers, criticising Emergency Decree No. 1. (Emergency Decree No. 1 states that it shall be prohibited for anyone to "assert, in-

roduce, propose or petition for revision or repeal of the Constitution of the Republic of Korea.") In was released in February 1975 under a general amnesty of Emergency Decree prisoners.

His arrest on May 1, 1978 occurred due to charges resulting from a sermon based on Micah chapters 2-6 he preached at a prayer meeting for workers and farmers.

Although we do not know the full significance of his arrest, there is reason to believe this is part of a wider government attempt to harass and intimidate the UIM work in Korea. In himself said, before entering prison, that he had preached much stronger sermons and that he feels the arrest is aimed at the church's mission to workers rather than him personally. — C.C.A.

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# OBITUARY

## BOWYER — Glenn

The death of Glenn Bowyer in a tragic accident has made a great impact upon the life of the Doncaster Church, and in particular, the C.Y.F. Group and Youth Choir of which Glenn was an active member. Glenn, at age 17, was killed instantly when the bike he was riding was struck by a car. His companion, David Rumpf, was injured in the same accident, and has since recovered. Glenn moved with his family to Doncaster in 1970 and with his three brothers, David, Richard and Simon, and parents, Ray and Merrily, the Church at Doncaster became their spiritual home. Glenn was incredibly active and took a leading part in the Youth activities of the church. A few weeks before his death, he had been one of the soloists in the Youth Choir's presentation of "Natural High" in the Box Hill Church of Christ. On July 23, the Youth Choir presented this gospel musical as a tribute to Glenn in the evening service at Doncaster. The church building was filled to capacity and over-flowing for his funeral. It was a service expressing the hope and confidence that is ours in Jesus Christ, and one that carried with it a positive expression of love and affection for Glenn. The young people of his youth group have been drawn closer together in this time of loss and in a unique and beautiful way have reached out in comfort and care to those who have suffered this tragic loss. The minister concluded the service with the words, "Glenn is celebrating the first days of a beautiful future . . . a future so full of the potential for creativity that even this incredibly energetic boy will never exhaust the dimension of life that is now his." — K. D. Horne.

## NORTHEAST Samuel John (16/7/78)

## NORTHEAST Ernest Raymond (13/7/78)

Jack Northeast came from the church at Sth. Melbourne to Fairfield when his family moved to the district in 1923, having been baptized at the age of 9 years. In 1928 he, and ~~Eileen~~ Rasmussen, who had moved into the district from South Yarra at the same time, were married in the Fairfield chapel where they continued to serve for the next 50 years. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on June 18. Jack served as an officer of the church for the greater part of his life, his influence extending to every part of the activities of the congregation. His enthusiasm led him to study the correspondence course of the College of the Bible, following which he spent countless hours in preparation, teaching and preaching. He had a strong faith in the assurance of Christ's gospel, prominently expressed in his leadership of the congregation and his encouragement to others who ministered there also. He had an attractive tenor voice, played his violin for SS anniversaries and other occasions, and was always active in the maintenance of the grounds and buildings. Nothing prevented him and his wife from attending services, and he enjoyed a cheerful greeting to others at the door. We pay tribute to his example, and give our love and encouragement to his wife. It was only on the previous Friday that his brother Ray, who had also come from the Sth Melb. church, died suddenly, his funeral having been arranged to be from the Fairfield chapel the following Monday. Ray's time of active service with the church

included playing the organ for worship. His wife died in 1951, and he later moved away from the district but his membership remained with the church. We commend their brothers Edwin and Cliff, Ray's daughter Helen (Mrs Young) and son-in-law Ron, to the compassion of our Lord. — R. R. Tippett.

## CAMERON — Elsie

(3.7.1978). Doncaster Church of Christ sustained the loss of its oldest member with the death of Elsie Cameron. Almost 91 years of age, Mrs Cameron had lived all her life in the Doncaster/Templestowe community, and was loved and respected by a wide circle of friends who knew her. From the day she first came to the church with her parents, through all the years of SS and wider church work, the church became the most important and vital part of this little lady's life. Not big in stature, but a giant in spirit, Mrs Cameron in the early years of her marriage worked with her late husband on their orchard, and was always a loving, supportive wife and mother. Upon her husband's death, she moved into a unit near Doncaster Shopping Town and cared for herself until a few months prior to her entering into hospital. The centre of a great deal of love and affection, always an easy person to visit, and somebody respected by the Church and community at large, she will be missed by the congregation. Her funeral was private and surrounded by those she loved most, conducted in the Doncaster Church of Christ. The Church at Doncaster is 115 years old, and this gracious little saint lived her 91 years in association with the congregation. We thank God for the quality of her life, and share the pride and hope of two daughters, Leila and Irene. — K. D. Horne.

## GOUDIE, George Hillgrove.

(6.6.1978). The Church at Boronia, along with family and friends, was saddened by the sudden death of George Goudie. A packed chapel paid a fitting tribute to a loved man. George was born at Birchip, Vic., and moved to Kyneton at the age of six where he grew up with the fellowship of the Church of Christ. He became a school teacher and continued actively with the church at Kyneton. Upon moving to Melbourne in 1980 and marriage to Joyce (nee Gourlay) he became a strong support in the church at Chelsea, until transfer to Boronia early this year. Always active in the church George participated in all spheres of church life. In 1970 George and his wife undertook the establishment of the Springfield Private Hospital at Boronia, caring for the elderly, and this venture of faith became a highlight in their experience. He was noted for his loving and caring. The warmth of his Christian character gave encouragement in a natural way. George was a loyal, dependable, and genuine person and the support

that he gave to his family, friends and church will be long remembered. One of the greatest tributes given to him was from Keith Skillicorn at the funeral service: " . . . he was a truly humble servant of God." A wide circle of friends who were enriched by him pay tribute and express loving concern for his wife Joyce, and daughter Joy.

— A. Taylor-Davis

## SHARP, Vera Lillian

(18.7.78) Vera Sharp lived a life in service for God and fellow people. Vera was born at North Adelaide and right from an early age showed her faith and devotion to God. This was borne out in her chosen occupation — the nursing profession. Having trained in S.A. and Vic., and after spending some time nursing in each of those states, she went with her sister Jean to Tumut, N.S.W. 24 years were spent in Tumut, where she commenced and ran her hospital — a place where she became loved and respected for her gentle ways and dedication to her work — and for six years married to James Sharp until his sudden death. On her return to Adelaide in 1966 her caring continued — nursing sisters, neighbours, particularly the elderly people near her, people who looked for her sympathetic and gentle ways. Until her illness Mrs Sharp was a regular attender at the Dulwich church. Her death at the age of 77 brought to a close a life well lived and for which we thank God. — T. Lawrie.

## SMITH, Dorris

(24.7.1978) The church at Doncaster has been saddened by yet another death from among its older members. Dorris Smith was born in 1904 to John and Isabella Williamson, one of a family of eight children. Her education and growing up days were all in Doncaster, and the church became her spiritual home. In 1933 she married Don Smith, and to them were born Don and Heather, and with Beverley and Ross and seven grandchildren and one great grandchild, they were the object of Dorrie's love and devotion. Early in her marriage, she moved to the Campbellfield area, and with her husband, was active for 36 years in Scot's Presbyterian Church. After her husband's tragic death, she returned to Doncaster and took up the threads of her church life as if she had never been away. She was a life governor of the children's and the women's hospitals, active in the CWA and Elderly Citizens, a prolific knitter for needy people, and a generous lady in her support of worthy causes. She took ill and entered St Andrew's Hospital last March. Upon her discharge, she went to live with Heather until she entered Donvale Hospital. Always the first to church on a Sunday morning, and loved by all who knew her, Dorris Smith will be sadly missed at Doncaster. Her funeral bore tribute to a gracious, generous lady, who endeared herself to a wide circle of people during her life-time. — K. D. Horne

## Report on HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

The Report of the Royal Commission on Human Relationships has been widely praised and also roundly condemned. One of the Commissioners described it as "perhaps the most important social document in Australia's history."

The Report is likely to have an influence upon changes in society and as such should be taken seriously. The

Australian Council of Churches is encouraging study of the Report and recommendations.

The A.C.C. is anxious to contact any groups or individuals involved in considering the Report. If you know of any studies or discussions of the Report, the A.C.C. would like to hear. Write to A.C.C., Box C199, Clarence St. P.O., N.S.W. 2000. The A.C.C. is planning to put together a comprehensive picture of the response to the Report.

## KOREA STYLE UNION BASHING

After suffering a heartless attack on their union, 127 women have been driven from their jobs at the Dong Il Textile Company in Inchon, near Seoul, for staging a two-week hunger strike. The attack on the Dong Il labor union is part of a systematic campaign to destroy all worker initiative in the labour movement, which has pitted the combined forces of the government in intelligence apparatus, the regime-controlled Federation of Korean Trade Unions (FKTU) and company management against any branch union which achieves bargaining strength and independence from outside manipulation, and against any Christian organization related to workers.

The campaign reached its climax on February 21, 1978, in the attack on the Dong Il Textile Company union office in

Inchon by hired thugs who smeared human excrement on women workers attempting to vote in the union's elections and destroyed the union's ballot boxes and equipment, while police and company officials stood by passively. The workers who protested this outrage by a two-week hunger strike, 127 young women, were fired from their jobs on March 28. Their situation is desperate, for the government has now circulated their names, pictures and identification card numbers (all Korean citizens must carry identification cards) to companies throughout Korea in order to prevent their being rehired. Christian ministers and others who have rallied to their support have been harassed or jailed and their offices have been raided and placed under surveillance. — C.C.A.

**AWAITING MINISTER** (Bentleigh) While awaiting full-time minister, preachers over past weeks have been Ray Veal, O/Seas Mission Dept., Mr Knight — Evangelical Alliance, a representative from Aust. Institute of Archeology, Jim Gibbon from J.E.W., and two of our own members, Ed. Bishop and Ian McDonald . . . Two films — "The Last Generation" and "Peace Child" have been shown . . . Mrs Saunders, Mrs Skerman's mother, is in a Nursing Home in Frankston.

**HOSPITAL BULLETIN** (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes, S. Wilson, M. Humphries) Church glad at recovery of Stanton Wilson and his return home. Beth Humphries has left hospital, but Douglas Hughes still confined to Sandringham hospital . . . Student minister, Philip and wife, Cherie Bradley, led C.Y.F. executive in study camp at Monbulk . . . Tom Cuddy welcomed at Carnarvon for working holiday . . . Overseas Mission Dept. presented with budgeted giving cheque of \$900, with another \$545 being raised by Outreach Committee . . . Four young people indicated a readiness for missionary or other service . . . Church Temple Day on Oct. 1 to commemorate 100 years since chapel was erected . . . Federal Literature Dept. forwarded cheque for \$72 . . . Lowanna Singers presented special service "Sing Praise to our God" with hymns from over the centuries.

**PAM BOWERS FOR KANIVA** Miss Pam Bowers of Stawell accepted invitation to minister to church commencing 1980 . . . Recent speakers: A. Webb, R. Ashley E. L. Williams, M. T. Lawrie, Gordon Brown, Barry Reid, Keith Horne., Gideons, C. Dow, Julie Reid . . . Explorers had snow trip to Lake Mountain . . . Lesley Stirling and Pauline Gibb from C.O.B. spoke to C.W.F. . . . Mid-week studies on the Tabernacle given by Mrs Colin Crouch.

**COMMITMENTS** (Subiaco) During July five young people made commitments and are preparing for baptism . . . We have appreciated many visiting speakers over last few months . . . Baptist curtains and cloth for communion table donated by C.W.F. . . . At church luncheon proposed budget was discussed. Vote on endorsement to be taken.

**MORE YOUTH** (The Patch, R. Wesley). Youth Club gained 10 new members in past month. Programme included Squash, 10 Pin Bowling, P.T. Demonstration, and Canoe Night . . . Barbara Handasyde raised \$150 in 40 hour fast for World Vision . . . Our two ministers and their wives engaged in C.O.B. deputation . . . 25 attended screening of "The Hiding Place" . . . Ted Holmes accepted office of Assistant Treasurer . . . Sympathy expressed to Ern Charles in the death of his wife, Elsie, after long illness.

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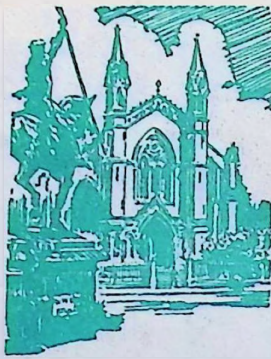
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### 11. A.C.T.S./SITMAR CRUISES:

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### 12. VISIT OBERAMMERGAU IN 1980:

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**TO N.T.** (Nailsworth, D. Althorpe) Mr Althorpe and Frank Johnson (Elder) went to Katherine, N.T. to share at Aboriginal Convention . . . Ten different groups are studying ten different books of Bible, led by Pastor, church elders and others . . . Recent speakers have been Audrey Pole, Hazel Skuce, Sandy Brown (Andes Evangelical Mission) Ron Williams, Fred Reynolds . . . Visit by the Kenmore College, "Flying Squad" . . . Young ladies from Girls' Hostel took service on July 16 . . . Annual Assoc. Basketball Service at Nailsworth . . . Pastor preached at Keith S.S. anniversary . . . Young people's group "Abundant Life" sang on mission at Peterborough on July 21.

**NEW LIFE MISSION** (Fullarton, J.A. Luff). New Life Mission held with Bary Beard and party from California and shared with two Baptist and three Uniting Churches. Many reconsecrations. Prayer Breakfast in home of Gwenyth Grundy in preparation . . . Glenunga Uniting shared with Fullarton for Adventure Time at Linden Park School with Tony Edwards, also three Coffee Hours . . . C.W.F. had Favorite Hymn meeting at Manse also Cottage Meeting with Mrs Joyce Sykes as speaker, \$12 donated to P.A.C.E. . . . Miss M. Hunter spoke at Guild when Unley ladies attended . . . Fellowships have sent clothing for Larry Kelly, Roselands Misson . . . A. Harkness has given series of talks on "Our India". Overseas offering \$356.

**EYRE PENINSULA CONFERENCE** (Tumby Bay, M. D. Williams). Manse renovated . . . Recent visitors Mr & Mrs Neil Bright and Mr & Mrs Ed Roffey. Also team from Kenmore . . . Members participated in Religious Instruction Seminars held with the local school children . . . Eyre Peninsula Conference held with G. D. Agnew (Brooklyn Park) as speaker. Mr and Mrs Ted Heard were present with delegates from Whyalla, Pt. Lincoln, Ungarra and isolated members from Central Eyre Peninsula. Conf. President Max Westphal (Ungarra), secretary, Daphne Cartmel (T. Bay) . . . Members in hospital, Mrs D. Treasure and Mrs M. Lawrie . . . Visiting speaker D. Caink presented Audio-Visual on M. V. Logos (the Living Word) . . . S.S. anniversary held. Visiting artists from Pt Lincoln helped at evening service.

**A.G.M.** (Torrensville, Geoff and Joan Fewster). A.G.M. held. Concept of Christians in Fellowship adopted . . . New organ to be purchased . . . Small car purchased to assist ministry team . . . Baptismal service held (first for four years), subsequently two parents of B.S. scholars have made confessions of faith.

**SPEAKERS** (Naracoorte). Recent visiting speakers have been Mr and Mrs Niejalka, Wycliffe Bible Translators and Hariba and Mrs Waghmode from India . . . Youth Group attended God Squad at Padthaway . . . New piano purchased for Kindergarten room . . . Film projector also purchased.

**BAPTISMS** (Maylands, N. S. Moore). One young lady and two young men baptized . . . Extra giving for Overseas Missions of \$412 . . . C. W. F. purchased complete outfit of clothing for Aboriginal Child . . . Wednesday Evening Children's Club of 50 members received grant of \$243 from Community Welfare Dept. for equipment . . . Mr and Mrs Max Turbill assisting new arrivals from Vietnam by collecting necessities for setting up home. . . . Doll and Hobby display held in home of Mr and Mrs K. Lindus raised \$189 for Friendship Centre . . . Church saddened by death of Mrs Lange and Miss Rhoda Johnson.

**S.S. SERVICE** (Salisbury East). Special S.S. service held. Children sang and took parts of service. Official recognition of Cradle Roll given . . . The church will purchase three blocks of land from Building Extension Committee . . . Lift-out page for children included in newsletter.

**CABARET** (Flinders Park, Geoff and Joan Fewster). 160 participated in youth-centred Sunday-night Gospel cabaret service . . . Four women have made confessions of faith . . . 48 members sharing in six study groups using "The Workbook of Living Prayer" . . . 126 people spent an "Evening at the Manse" over past two months . . . Knockout Quiz held for children and Y.P. in 10 gospel services . . . Total of 372 people attended the two B.S. Celebration Services with two decisions from youth group. Morning service led by team from Balaklava church with Jeff May as speaker.

**IN FELLOWSHIP** (Brooklyn Park, G. D. Agnew). Concept of Christians in Fellowship formally adopted at A.G.M. . . . Two morning worship services boosted attendance to 176 . . . Children's Ministry Task Group providing Work Sheets for use by children in morning services . . . Part-time Youth Worker to be employed in 1979 . . . Special evening services held recently for Netball and Girls' Clubs . . . G. D. Rose guest speaker at a Playgroup Parents Night on "Parent-Child Communication" . . . After-Church Fellowship organised by D.C.E. attracted 150 teenagers . . . Recent guest speakers/artists have been radio talk-back personality Ken Anderson, Kevin Harvey, Keith Fechner, "The Brothers" and "Shalom" . . . Proceeds of Snowball Lounge.



## NEW SOUTH WALES

**D.C.E. VISITOR** (Canley Heights, J. Hohnke). B.S. Anniversary held on July 30 during 4 p.m. service. Guest speaker was Judy Gordon of D.C.E. Visitors included Hayman family. Other recent guest speakers were Chris Turk, from W.E.C., George Jones, and The Gospel Gems of Joy, from Wollongong . . . Local Boys Brigade took part in Combined Display at Ingleburn . . . Girls Brigade has several teams playing in Grand Final of local Netball Competition . . . Recent working bee cleaned exterior of "Old Chapel."

**NEW CENTRE** (Orange, Bill Flett). Bill Young (oldest member) and Ray Hawkins (pioneer minister and guest speaker) officially opened and dedicated new Christian Centre . . . Home Missions Dept. increased subsidy will enable full-time ministry for trial period of six months . . . Jacqui Moore, youth leader, leaving to become Director of Church of Christ preschool, Armidale.

**J.E.W.** (Hamilton, F. D. Craig). Jewish Evangelical Witness representatives Ron Barker and Ron Bassett guest speakers at tea and service . . . Hazel Skuce, Missionary in India, recent speaker. Ron McLean, Secretary, Overseas Mission Board, guest at midweek meeting, spoke of mission fields and showed audio-visual.

**MANY VISITORS** (Tweed Heads — Coolangatta, L. Wylie). The numbers of interstate visitors gives our church almost a Federal nature. . . . Mrs J. Corrie (daughter of the late Alf Hinrichsen) received into fellowship . . . C.W.F. held an area meeting covering churches from Burleigh Heads to Bangalow to welcome State C.W.F. President, Mrs Marjorie Baker. Our C.W.F. visited Bangalow C.W.F. for their Anniversary when Mrs Wylie was speaker . . . Junior Church Principal has access to over 200 homes in the area. Junior Church Family Services held monthly give opportunity of further contact. Literature was taken by parents and questions were asked about baptism . . . We still have not permission to extend our building to cope with our work. Use of the Meeting Room at the Civic Centre much appreciated.



## TASMANIA

**FATHER AND SON** (Ulverstone, Alan Horne). Father and Son Night included table tennis, pool, darts . . . "Yoorami" girls' club held church parade . . . Five Y.P. made decisions . . . Boys' Brigade held bikeathon using exercise bikes . . . "Good News" Book Agency set up in manse.

**STATE C.W.F. EXECUTIVE** (Launceston, M. D. Hamilton). 25 Launceston ladies travelled to Devonport for State C.W.F. Executive program. Speaker was Glenys Hamilton . . . At Girls' Brigade Swimming Sports three girls won individual trophies and Company won trophy by 11 points.



## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**TWINS** (Busselton, John Tocknell). Rostvit Twins guests at S.S. and morning service . . . 'New Life for All' studies commenced . . . Peter Beazley elected secretary . . . Don Stanton, Maranatha Revival-Crusade, guest speaker . . . Christian Men's Convention held . . . Brian Holliday sent Audio-visual from Indonesia . . . George Smith spoke on Welfare Work in Perth.



## VICTORIA

**CHURCH CAMP** (Chelsea, T. Hanna, D. Wiseman). About 40 involved in Church Camp at Monbulk Fellowship Centre. Theme was "Love" . . . Good Companions girls' club now meets Sat. afternoons with program of craft, music, games and worship . . . Miss Julie Reed, Field Director, Dept. M.E.D. bright new songs, and display of children's impromptu drawings on transparencies. Mrs Wendy Rowlings produced playlet for same service . . . Church saddened at death of G. Goudie . . . Harold & May Taylor working holiday at Aboriginal Mission at Carnarvon, W.A. . . . Church debt reduced by nearly \$1000 from street stalls by Women's Fellowship and private gifts . . . Lindsay Smith showed slides of the recent Family Camp.

**SHEPPARTON LOSS** (P. Kavanagh). Church shocked at sudden death of deacon Stephen Carr, who collapsed and died while mowing church lawns. The death also occurred of Jack Probyn after long illness . . . Two large boxes of groceries and secondhand cardigans delivered to Hazel Skuce to take back to India . . . Chaplaincy luncheon held . . . Good Companions met with Rays club from Wesley Church . . . Sewing days held to make toys for hospital distribution and make rugs from material squares.

**YOUNG LIFE BASKETBALL** (Box Hill, S.C. Downie). Young Life Basketball Team from U.S.A. visited and participated in service . . . Paul Burnham guest speaker . . . Four decisions in last two weeks . . . Y.P.C.E. presented Gospel service . . . Bulleen Baptist C.E. visited regular C.E. meeting . . . Group from

Kaniva joined Explorers on snow trip . . . Ceylonese Choir presented Cantata "Greater Love" . . . Football club paraded . . . C.W.F. visited M'beena Nursing Home . . . Centre Point Gospel Group featured . . . Baptismal service held.

**TERM EXTENDED** (Swan Hill, J.A. Caporn) Minister has accepted the Board's unanimous invitation to extend his ministry for a further three year term from Jan. 1980 . . . Church well represented at N. & C.D. Conference at Wedderburn . . . A six week evening series on prophecy culminated with film "Sound of a Trumpet" . . . W. Tabernee and two C.O.B. students visited.

**BAPTISMS** (Mildura, Barry Brown). Two Y.P. baptised . . . \$300 donated to Austcare from Door-knock . . . Mildura host church for Sunraysia Conf. K. Horne spoke and Yukana Singers presented items. O. McNeice and R. Phillips spoke to women . . . Working bee placed filler in church building for concrete to be laid . . . Church participated in "Telethon" for chaplaincy. \$4000 raised . . . Planned giving renewal resulted in 30% lift in contributions . . . "Kaleidoscope" presented musical at Salvation Army and S.D.A. church . . . Glen Miller presented an evening with Mozart to C.M.F. . . .



## QUEENSLAND

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING** (Ma Ma Creek, D. W. Telfor). A display of produce, jams, and pickles arranged in the Chapel. Guest speaker was Col McCosker, lecturer at Kenmore. The produce was sent to the College.

**HAPPINESS IS . . .** (Maryborough, Nigel Merrick). Six-day "Happiness Is" mini-Crusade held with John Bond (Thornlie, W.A.) and Rostvit Twins from U.S.A. Over 250 present one night. 15 Y.P. went forward. Car loads of Y.P. travelled from Goonellabah (Lismore), Eidsvold, and Bundaberg for the weekend meetings. The Y.P. climbed Bauple Mountain Saturday afternoon followed by barbecue.

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## VICTORIA

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY** (Swanston St., A. L. Webb, B. Morton) Communicants for July averaged 280 per week . . . Over 100 of our fellowship recently shared in "Hospitality Sunday" when Australian homes were opened to Asian students . . . The church has hired a mini-bus to transport overseas students from LaTrobe. A recent film show attracted more than 150 students and several were counselled . . . Renovations to church hall, kitchen and toilets, which cost upwards of \$40,000, now almost complete. Much of the work done through voluntary labour.

**IMPROVING** (Preston/East Preston, J. Manallack) Fol Morgan convalesces slowly at Royal Talbot Hospital after serious illness. Our prayers are with Fol and Linda . . . Julie Legget sang with her guitar at youth service . . . Doug Morffew preached at morning service . . . Two groups have been to see "The Hiding Place" . . . Mrs Douglas recovering after surgery.

**KINDERGARTEN SERVICE** (Blackburn, E.C. Keating/P. Burnham) Family service featured Kindergarten Dept. . . . Gillian Maloney soloist at evening service and Helen Haythorpe led singalong . . . C.W.A.F. was entertained by the Hill Crest Melody Group and \$33.70 raised for hospital visitors . . . Evening baptismal service featured Eleanor Giezendanner, soloist . . . 34 Adults and families attended Family Camp at Cowes . . . Play group mid-week mothers' luncheon held . . . Angela Youseff soloist at evening service.

**VISITATION** (Noble Park, K. Clinton, R. Wilson). Visitation program under way after several letter box drops. One decision and another new attender resulting . . . Three baptisms held making total of eight this year . . . Church anniversary held with Lionel Johnson, Oakleigh Baptist, and Dr Trevor and Dr Heather Smith as speakers . . . A.G.M.

elected Tom Small as Elder . . . C.W.F. ladies sponsoring new drop-in centre in Church hall every Monday called "The Friendly Door".

**ANNUAL MEETING** (Red Hill, A. Pigdon). At annual meeting, Keith Jenner retired as church treasurer. Thelma Littlejohn new Treasurer and Ernest Baxter appointed elder . . . Three prayer and study groups now in homes at Hastings, Main Ridge, and Dromana . . . Prime of Life took Gospel Service. Leisure Club and Young Adults group also had meetings . . . Robert Brown (family reading publications) spoke at Gospel Service . . . Gavin Grant enters Children's Hospital for surgery.

**FUSION** (East Bentleigh, Mark Dunn, Arthur Tanner). Members of Fusion Community Centre took evening service . . . "The Hiding Place" seen . . . \$237 collected for Austcare . . . Ladies' study and share group commencing . . . Tom Clark has retired . . . Recent speakers Gordon Scambler and Mrs Margaret Bunston and Miss Wendy Salisbury (both of C.O.B.).

**MEN'S P.S.A.** (Hartwell, L. Gibb). Dr K. Bowes speaker at Men's P.S.A. and at evening service . . . C.W.A.F. had talk by Mrs J. Witt on C.W.F. work . . . Regular prayer meetings held in homes in preparation for forthcoming Mini-Mission . . . Mrs E. Body, foundation, now in Oakleigh Christian Guest Home . . . Church members saddened by death of Mrs Nell Jackson at her daughter's home in Thailand.

**PARENT DISCUSSION** (Wattle Park, D. Prestidge and D. Hamilton). Geoff Barnett led three meetings held to discuss issues affecting parents and children. Parents of Good Companions and Explorers attended . . . Member of our cricket team, Lindsay Pask, died as result of a car accident, aged 22 . . . Church farewelled Mrs Vafiopoulos who has moved to Corinella . . . 60 shared in Progressive Dinner and film, held to raise funds for Temple Day . . . House Church extended for extra month . . . Our organist of many years, Len Deith, retired recently. Mrs L. James is new organist

. . . Our Intermediate and Senior Explorers both reached finals of Indoor Sports.

**HORSHAM MINISTRY** (R. Roberts). W. Gibney will commence ministry in January 1980. R. Roberts concludes his ministry in November 1978 . . . Y.P. led service on Aug. 6 with Gary Harmer as speaker . . . C.W.E.F. has opened "Adelphian Craft and Hobby Shop" in local shopping centre . . . Three Y.P. received into membership following baptism . . . "Word of Life" team shared in gospel service on July 30.

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5. Appoint skilled people — voluntary and paid to do what you are now doing. I use four typists weekly on different tasks. I spend five hours per week dictating to a machine which involves another one or two people for 25 hours of continuous effort extending my five hours, five times over.

6. Spend time in spiritual study and growth. Jesus sent the needy crowds away to make time for prayer (Mark 6:45).

7. Delegate! Delegate! Delegate! Jethro told Moses when he was worn out to (a) Pray, (b) Teach God's word so people could work out their own problems, (c) Delegate responsibility to others. (Exodus 18:13 - 26). The Apostles determined to (a) Pray, (b) Teach the word, (c) Delegate responsibilities to others. (Acts 6:1 - 7).

8. Understand that "Lack of time" is the device of the man who needs to keep his own feelings of significance, self-importance, and the desire to be needed. The overly busy man often wants to be thought indispensable. Workaholics have a psychological problem.

9. Free yourself from the feelings of guilt when you cannot do all that you want to.

10. Read "How to Grow an Australian Church" Chapter 7 — "How to Administer a Church without getting lost".

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# QUESTING

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## Solving the minister's time problem.

Following the last two chapters in this column on time, I asked two of our busiest ministers to give some clues on time using. Here they are:

### Gordon Stirling

(Federal President of Churches of Christ in Australia and Vice-Principal of the College of the Bible).

1. Remember that the work of the Kingdom of God is never finished and accept the fact that we do what we can and thank God for the opportunity of being involved in it even if we can't do it all.
2. Remember that we are junior partners in the Kingdom enterprise with God as the senior partner. We do what we can. We are not God — the rest is up to Him. After we finish our preaching and visiting and counselling, the Holy Spirit goes on where we left off.
3. If the way we use our time for work and leisure arises from our total commitment to Jesus Christ, there is no point in feeling guilty about what can't get done.
4. It is good to realise that almost all of a minister's choices are between top priorities. Some of them have to be left until tomorrow.
5. Plan each day and each week even if it is impossible to stick to the plan. Most of what is planned will be done, especially planned pastoral calls and preaching preparation.
6. Look for help from willing people who can pay a visit or so a week. Look for someone who has typing experience who will do your dictated correspondence each

week, using a cassette recorder and a foot pedal.

7. Make good use of the little bits of time between jobs, appointments and meals. To lose ten minutes three times a day represents the loss of a week in the year. The use of little bits of time for work provides more opportunity for leisure and family time.

8. Learn how to relax as you go. Some of the jobs you do, do not need all of the mental and nervous energy that you have available at that time.

9. Have a loving, understanding wife and family who also want to put Christ and his Kingdom first.

10. Make people in need your top priority.

### Gordon Moyes

(Minister of Cheltenham Church of Christ, Vic., who, in December this year will succeed Dr Alan Walker as Director of Wesley Central Mission, Sydney.)

1. You have all the time there is. None of us has one moment more or less than another. The difference is in how we use it.

2. Spend more time with your wife and family. They are your first priority and if you are too busy for them you are more busy than God intends you to be.

3. Understand the doctrine of the ministry. Jesus spent time with crowds (congregation), with disciples (core groups), and with individuals (counselling). Divide your time likewise.

4. Preach the doctrine of the Church found in Ephesians 4:12 until you believe it! The Church is the body not the minister. His task is to equip the believers for the work of the ministry — not to try to do it all himself. The apostles were too busy — so deacons were appointed. Elders were appointed in every Church for the ministry (Acts 14:3).

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# THE LAST WORD...

Many churches like ours have applauded a theology of non-growth. Growth has been seen to be as vulgar and plastic as Disneyland and, furthermore, sure evidence that the gospel is not being preached with its radical claims... Applause for the theology of non-growth will not last long, however, because it is almost impossible for a drowning community to clap.

—Brown Barr

## Paradoxical

Good nature, like a bee, proceeds To find some honey in fetid weeds. Ill nature, like spiders in cobweb bowers, Sucks poison from the most fragrant flowers.

Charles Ballard

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An optimist is a man who hurries because he thinks his date is waiting for him.

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Time is a moving river and you are in a boat without oars; why don't you settle down and watch the scenery?

Nina Willis Walter

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A bore is a person who deprives you of solitude without providing you with company.

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The telephone rang in the hospital and when the nurse answered, an excited male voice on the other end blurted out:

"This is Patrick O'Crosby, I'm on my way. That is, I'm bringing my wife in to have a baby!"

"Now sir," soothed the nurse, "slow down and let me get a little information; Is she having any pains?"

"Yes, This is Patrick O'Crosby, and my wife is having..."

"Is this her first baby?" asked the nurse.

"No," came the reply; "this is her husband!"

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"Noah, you've got to separate the elephants."



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