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ROBERT COLMAN'S NEW L.P.

"MY TRIBUTE"

Jay Bacik, minister of Telopea Church of Christ, and compere of Nightsond 2CH, Sydney's Christian Music radio programme, is excited about Robert Colman's new record. Jay writes:

Rhema Artists recent middle-of-the-road Australian Album "My Tribute" by Melbourne singer Robert Colman, is in my mind, the best produced Christian Album in the country. The Album has professionalism stamped all over it. Robert Colman is a great talent. He has brought all his accumulated experience of the Sun Aria, London's West End and musicals like "Irene" into this Album. He has given it a real spiritual integrity with his empathy for each song.

The arrangements of Steve Wyatt and Sven Liback are superb, with Producer Wyatt labelling himself as one of the really talented people in the Christian Music field. The musicianship is brilliant.

RESOURCES AND IDEAS DAY

(Vic.) On Aug. 19, North Fitzroy church hall was alive with people and resplendent with displays of resources from the Department of Mission, Education and Development, its auxiliaries — the Adventure Committee, Good Companions and Explorers Movement, and the Joint Board Resources Centre, Australian Religious Film Society and Child Evangelism.

People from many churches came to this special day, which was organised by the Children's Ministry Committee of the M.E.D. Dept. Resource material was available, there were electives of interest, including art/craft, music, drama, storytelling, games, use of C.L.C. material, and there were sessions on team teaching and all-age learning.

The committee was encouraged by the response and is planning even better things for next year.

FIRST HSC CAMP

(Vic.) The exam pressure is really on!! In the last term before the HSC exams how can we encourage the H.S.C. students in our churches as they prepare for this big event?

The Victoria — Tasmania Dept. of Mission, Education and Development decided that an H.S.C. camp on the second weekend of the holidays (September 1-3) would be the best means of giving help.

A number of students and six H.S.C. tutors came together under the leadership of Peter Nelson and Miss Julie Reid, at Monbulk Fellowship Centre. They participated in discussions, tutorials, Bible study, recreation, worship and free study.

An opportunity was given to look at tertiary life, thus indicating the Department's continuing pastoral care of tertiary students.

All appreciated the individual tuition given and the stimulation of interacting with other Christian H.S.C. students. It is anticipated that even larger numbers will attend the second H.S.C. camp in 1979.

featuring a full orchestra of some of Australia's top musicians. Choral backing by the Claire Poole Singers and the Telaman Singers is just right.

When you hear the title song 'My Tribute', you get the feeling that this is the way Andrae Crouch's song should be sung. "Praise The Lord, He Never Changes" by Ron Harris has a beautiful orchestration that gives the song an entirely fresh feel. The song called 'Complete In Thee', a previously unpublished song, has a clarity and simplicity rare in contemporary songs. (Colman in this particular song has a real Robert Goulet sound — only better!)

There is a little bit of country music in 'Born Again' and 'Don't You Know'. And for those who like the Praise-sing-a-long style of songs, 'This Is The Song' and 'Jesus I Love You' will be to your liking.

Here is a Christian record produced in Australia setting a standard that is worthy of the ministry it proclaims. The production, arrangements and orchestration are worthy of the gifted voice of Robert Colman.

Because the sound is so good, Christian and non-Christian alike will want to listen to the message of the lyrics.

'My Tribute' is a must for any record collection.

S.A. BROTHERHOOD ENQUIRY

An enquiry has been commenced in South Australia into brotherhood structures, ministry and ecumenical strategies.

The enquiry is being conducted by a Commission set up by the last State conference.

Commissioners elected by the churches are Jack Chivell (Unley, former State Conference Secretary), Kingsley Curtis (Brighton, management systems officer with the Education Department) Eric Hollard (Edwardstown minister) Richard Lawton (Magill minister) and Helen Morrow (elder at Magill).

The commission will concentrate its enquiries for the first six months on brotherhood structures.

Commission chairman, Richard Lawton, said that the Commission sees the major part of its task as being to discover the thoughts, feelings, fears and hopes of the churches and their people, although it will examine what is being done elsewhere and bring its own prayerful and creative thinking to bear on its findings.

Mr Lawton said that the Commission will attempt to discover the "mind of the church" through written questionnaires, by talking with boards and their representatives, by seeking written and personal submissions from individual members of churches and by holding public discussions on the issues being raised.

INNER SPRINGS

BEHIND THE SCENES



There is nothing more rewarding I find than visiting people in their own homes. It is here that one learns of that "quiet brave endurance" that typifies what are known as ordinary folk. In my work as a deaconess I have been profoundly impressed by the kindness, courage and the humour that abides in the human heart in the face of loneliness, illness and often deep despair. In the quiet precincts of their own homes are multitudes of people doing kindly deeds, bearing their own burdens cheerfully, whilst easing that of another, fashioning lovely things, often with hands crippled and aged, that make glad and enrich the lives of those around them. For the most part such things go unrecorded, yet they are the very fabric from which our lives are woven and without which not one of us would wish to go on living.

Let us not forget that though the headlines might be screaming of ugliness, cruelty and hatred, there is a great deal more beauty, kindness and love being practised behind the scenes.

I know as well as you this world
Has unkind people in it —
They cheat or lie; they plan to hurt
Somebody every minute.
But don't forget, in every street
Are folk who make life rich and
sweet.

And wherever such people exist, the lovely ministry of the "One who went about doing good" will go on.

No need have we to climb the
heavenly stairs,
And press our kisses on His feet and
hands;
In every man that suffers,
He, the Man of Sorrows stands!

Prayer: Dear God, we thank you for those who make life a lovely experience, whether by their talents or their attitudes. Bless all those who serve you faithfully in unseen places, and fill them with an awareness of your presence. Amen
Phil. 4:8-9

Florence Rosier

THE MYTHS OF HUNGER

People are hungry, not because there is insufficient food but because we don't use wisely the food we have.

According to an article in the Development News Digest, there are ten myths about world hunger. These are:

Myth 1. It is a myth to claim that people are hungry because there is a shortage of food and land. Even in the Sahelian countries in Africa, with one possible exception, F.A.O. survey reveals that each country produced enough grain to feed its total population during the worst drought year.

Myth 2. There are too many people in the world. An exploding world population means less food for everyone.

But there is no correlation between the number of people per agricultural acre and the number of hungry people.

Myth 3. Hunger will be overcome by concentrating on producing more food.

But new agricultural technology has only profited the people who already possess some combination of land, money, credit worthiness, and political influence. Fewer and fewer people have gained control over more and more food producing resources.

Myth 4. To achieve food security the hungry world must rely on large landholders.

In fact, the small farmer is generally more productive than the large farmer. In Thailand two to four acres rice plots yield

most 60 per cent more per acre than farms of 140 acres plus.

Myth 5. Increased food production can only come if farms are pushed into marginal lands at the risk of irreparable erosion. Pesticide use will have to be increased even if the risks are great.

The fact is that the best land and most pesticides are used to export crops with little relationship to the food needs of the hungry.

Myth 6. An underdeveloped country's best hope for development is to export crops in which it has a natural advantage, and to use the earnings to import food and industrial goods.

But export-oriented agriculture divorces agriculture from local food needs, and doesn't answer the question: how may people feed themselves using their own land.

Myth 7. Hunger is a contest between the rich world and the poor world.

But hunger afflicts the lower ranks in both so-called developed and underdeveloped countries.

Myth 8. Peasants are so oppressed, malnourished, and conditioned into a state of dependency and beyond the point of being able to mobilise themselves.

In fact, we are hearing regularly of millions throughout the world seeking to gain control over food-producing resources rightfully theirs. Forty per cent of the population of the developed world have



freed themselves from hunger through their own efforts in recent years.

Myth 9. Hunger should be overcome by redistributing food.

Food distributions programmes will never solve the problem. The real question is: How can people everywhere begin to democratise the control of food producing resources?

Myth 10. To solve the problem of hunger we must increase our foreign aid.

Foreign aid is appropriate only when given to those countries where serious steps are being taken to redistribute control over food-producing resources. Much present foreign aid actually goes to help multinational agribusiness firms.

The Development News Digest "D N D" is a magazine published by the Education Unit of the Australian Council for Overseas Aid. It provides excellent material for churches who are interested in learning about peoples and their needs.

CHRISTIAN FILM OSCAR AWARDS

The 1977 Academy of Christian Cinemagraphic Arts Oscar Awards were held in Denver, Colorado.

Best film of the year award went to "All the King's Horses", produced by Mark IV Pictures. Winning the "Christian Oscar" for Best Actress was Dee Wallace in "All the King's Horses" by Mark IV Pictures. Best Actor award went to Eric Buhr for his portrait of a young crippled boy in the film "Sammy" produced by Heartland Productions.

Taking out the award for Best Documentary was "The World That Perished". Best soul winning film award went to "Senior Year" and the film "Sammy" won a second Oscar Award for Best Children's Film.

The presentations were attended by hundreds of delegates from around the world, including Stan and Norm Moulton of The Gospel Film Ministry Ltd. Films winning all six awards are distributed exclusively in Australia by The Gospel Film Ministry Ltd.

25TH ANNIVERSARY (Pt. Lincoln, J. Brear) C.W.F. held 25th Birthday meeting with some original members and women from combined church fellowships . . . E.W.F. held a family night which included a film . . . Ron Goodwin and Barry Galliford attended Booksellers' Conference in Melbourne . . . Meeting held to discuss future building plans . . . Mrs. Nancarrow recovering from surgery.

CHELTENHAM CELEBRATES BUILDING CENTENARY

The church had all three ministers and their wives back for our first Temple Day, the Wilson and Humphries families after illness and Bev and Gordon Moyes on their return from Asia after attending the Christian Summit Convocation.

Up till now efforts have been centred on property development and outreach, but for the Centenary of the building of the chapel it was decided to hold a Special Offering Day for maintenance and preparation for the start of a second century.

Well-known evangelist singer, Robert Colman, delighted and thrilled a packed church with his testimony and dedicated singing of the gospel, accompanied by our member, David Ashton, on piano, while Esma Purves provided thanksgiving music on the organ. Malcolm Humphries read appropriate scripture verses as the congregation made its offering. Gordon Moyes interviewed several older members some going back to the very early 1900's and tendered snippets of interesting information on the beginnings of the church, both at Beaumaris and Chester, with a coming together at the present site in 1878 as a Church of Christ.

The congregation ranged from Anthony Daff — 9 weeks to the Howard sisters nearly 90 years.

Church treasurer Ern Henderson and the whole church rejoiced at the gifts exceeding \$12,300, with other amounts expected. The original cost of the chapel was £ 865, with over 500 people present at its dedication, then, the largest religious gathering held in Cheltenham and not often exceeded today. Robert Colman's final song was accompanied by a Hallelujah chorus by the congregation.

YOUTH CAMP (Rockhampton). New building at Emu Park Youth Camp officially opened by C. Coward. Christian Education Director, F. Beale, guest speaker . . . Mr Beale then stayed on in Rockhampton for a week . . . A team of Kenmore College Students, led by Geoff Charles, conducted camp at Emu Park during school vacation . . . Crusade "Good News for Every Man" conducted with R. Edwards (Kenmore Lecturer) . . . 50th Anniversary of commencement of Rockhampton Church to be celebrated Nov. 18, 19.

ANSVAR COMES OF AGE

Scene during
filming of
"Danger
Level."



About 20 years ago some personnel connected with the Temperance Movement in Australia learnt of the existence of Ansvär Insurance Company in Sweden. This Insurance Company was quite unique in that it insured only total abstainers from alcohol, and in fact, was controlled by the Temperance Movement in that Country. Contact was made and in 1960 a young Swede named Lars Spjuth, and a Singaporian, John Tan, visited this country, on behalf of Ansvär to study the possibilities of commencing a Temperance Insurance Company. The surveys proved positive, and Ansvär was established with Lars Spjuth as General Manager. Offices were set up in the five mainland State Capitals, and in each State the Company operated through close links with the State Temperance Alliances.

Ansvär has been successful, not only as an Insurance Company but also as a positive indication of the benefits of abstinence from alcohol. The Company now

has about half a million policies current throughout the world, with nearly 40,000 in Australia. Its success has enabled it to spend more than \$200,000 either directly for temperance purposes or by way of contributions to organisations working on alcohol questions.

The film 'Danger Level' is perhaps the most widely known of Ansvär's activities outside of insurance. This 17 minute colour film records a scientific experiment on the effects of alcohol on driving skills, conducted by Professor Lovibond of the University of New South Wales. The tests involved average drivers as well as some of Australia's top racing car drivers. The experiment has been internationally acclaimed and the film has become one of the most widely used scientific films in the country.

Copies of this film are available for loan or purchase from Ansvär Offices.

Another significant involvement of Ansvär was in importing high quality non alcoholic drinks from Germany and Scan-

dinavia, and ultimately after discussions with wine producers in Australia, good quality products were produced locally.

In 1975 Ansvär received the enthusiastic support of the Federal Minister for Health, for conducting a National Temperance Seminar.

A more recent project financed by the Company was to bring together 60 people between the ages of 17 and 22 in South Australia to discuss alcohol. The young people consisted of Police Cadets, apprentices and tertiary students. They represented a broad cross section of the community. Few were non-drinkers, and none of the group had received any real education regarding alcohol. The two day seminar consisted of input papers on the medical, legal and social aspects of alcohol, with considerable time being allowed for workshop discussions. The same group will be invited to a follow-up seminar in 1979.

As an Insurance Company Ansvär has proved to be modern and progressive and is often among the first companies to introduce new concepts in insurance policies and administrative systems. Several of the senior personnel involved with the Company have been associated since its inception in 1961. The General Manager, Ian Williams and Underwriting Manager, Doug Warren, based at the Head Office in Melbourne are original employees. Three of the five State Managers have been with Ansvär more than 15 years. The Chairman, Eric McPherson, a Public Accountant from Sydney is another of the 1961 founders still actively associated with the Company.

WORD TALK

NO. 186.

PREPARATION

There are many different kinds of literature in the Bible. In the O.T. there are some commercial, military, and accounting documents — 18 similar documents being found at Lachish, which were written during last decade of the Judean Kingdom; some blessings and curses (Zech.5; Ezek.2), and much popular poetry and prose which make up the rest of the O.T. Under the Kings, Saul, David and Solomon, literature flourished. The Proverbs of Solomon, with Job and Eccles., were some of the oldest literature. The scribe wrote the laws (2 Kings 22; Jere.36) and from early writings of law (Exo.21 and 22) the books of the law were written. Such old records were discovered by Josiah. The Laws of Holiness (Levit.17-26) were probably such old written laws. History described God's dealings with His people — the events of Exodus and the Kings written as a great national saga. Poetry was originally mostly oral, and folk songs were popular including workers songs (Neh.4:4); harlot's songs (Isa.23:16); drinking songs (Isa.22); watchmen's songs (Isa.5); mourning songs (2 Sam.3 and Lament.); wedding songs (Song of songs); war songs (Judges 5), and hymns (Exo.15). Hymns (Psalms) and prophesy (Amos, Isa., Jere.); and apocalyptic writings (Joel, Isa. 24 -27; Zech.; Ezek. and Dan.). In the N.T. there are letters of Paul, Peter, John, James, Jude; Gospels which are biographies written to prove the person of Jesus; interpretations (Heb.), history (Acts of Apostles); and prophesy (Rev.). The early Church had much literature written by the Apostolic Fathers, and early Christian writers. Since the late 1960's a School of Theologians have been examining the Scripture as literature, being concerned less with history and more concerned with language ideas. Many secular scholars are engaged in the study of the Bible as literature as well.

PROCLAMATION.

Christian literature represents one of the greatest spiritual resources known. As a Board Member of World Literature Crusade I have just

OUR SPIRITUAL RESOURCES.

Literature

returned from visiting literature work in South East Asia. Every day of every year, over one million people receive two pieces of Christian literature from this organisation alone, with one and a half million commitments to Christ being received last year. Why Christian literature? Because — 1. Non-Christian people want to read and we should provide them with materials. 2. Non-Christians need to be converted and Christian literature is a major means of conversion. 3. Christians need to grow and books enlarge the mind and spirit. 4. Some Christians still need converting. There is a worldwide boom in Christian literature. A generation that does not know "Pilgrim's Progress" is discovering the power of the printed word. "These things are written in order that you might believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in Him, you might have life!"

PRESENTATION.

Last month I completed writing a new book "Transforming the City Church". This is 370 pages containing 110,000 words. My earlier books bring me hundreds of letters from people who have been helped. Ten thousand people have bought "How to Grow an Australian Church" from every part of Australasia. "The Secret of Confident Living" is about to be released by the Federal Literature Department, and I know that that will be blessed by God. One hundred and twenty thousand copies of 28 smaller booklets I have written have been purchased. These articles from "The Australian Christian" are found filed in studies all over Australia and New Zealand. I know from personal experience, from hundreds of letters received, the impact that Christian literature makes as a spiritual resource. More Christians should read more, and more Christians should write more! Each Church should have a Bookstall with a fresh supply of literature. A few well-chosen titles properly promoted could help many others.

GORDON MOYES

● "Rejoice in the Lord" Electives

COVENANT PLAYERS FOR MELBOURNE

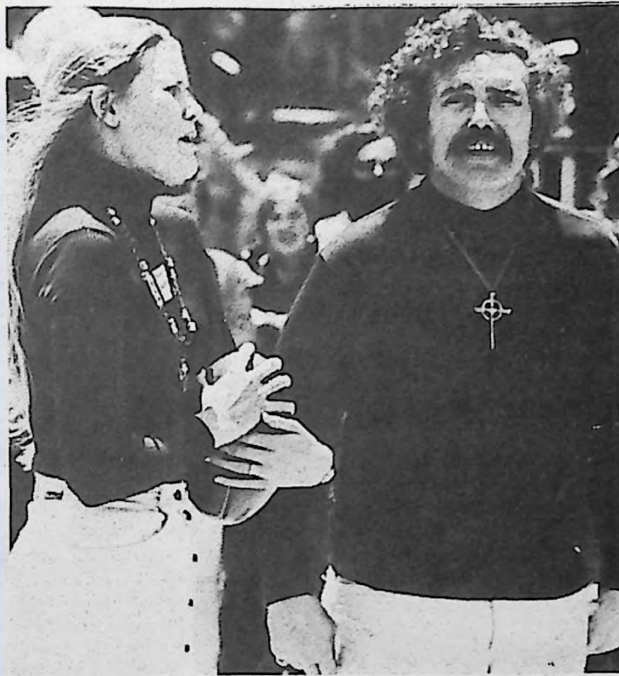
The Covenant Players will conduct a Christian Drama Elective at Federal Conference in Melbourne in Jan. 8-14. They will also share in the great Festival of Faith at the Melbourne Town Hall.

The Covenant Players are an international repertory theatre company which aims at effective Christian communication. Their plays stimulate people to become involved with each other as they are called to become better, more loving, individuals. Based in Adelaide, units from the group travel throughout Australia and New Zealand.

The National Director in Australia is Don MacLeod, an American with experience in radio, films, and television. He was one of the original members of the group's first touring company.

Don MacLeod and wife Sandy were the first members of the group to visit Australia. They came for 12 months in 1973 and stayed to form a company of over 40 actors and actresses.

The Covenant Players will conduct a Christian Drama School of four sessions during the Melbourne Conference. The fee for the elective is \$10.00 for the four sessions and those who share in them will be stimulated to use drama in their own church with their own people and their own resources.



"THE GOSPEL IN THE STREETS"

Another Elective

Gavin graduated from the Melbourne University with a Degree in Agricultural Engineering. He tutored and did research work at that University for two years and is now studying at Whitley College.

He was co-editor of "Theos Sun" for two years and writes Sunday School material for the Baptists for 15 to 17 year olds.

He is also working in Shepparton with the "House of the Gentle Bunyip" Drop-In Centre and Coffee House where he ministers with unemployed and housing commission kids.

In this elective Gavin will explore the language and symbols of the street kids, discuss the interpretation of the gospel through that language and those symbols, and outline a life-style consistent with the gospel message.

This elective will have two sessions. There is no fee.

Question: How do we reach the young people who no longer come to Church to hear the gospel?

Answer: We go out into the streets where the kids are.

"The Gospel in the Streets" is one of the Electives at the 37th Federal Conference in Melbourne next January. Gavin Mountjoy is one of the leaders.

WANTED 60 YOUNG ADULTS TO READ THIS

The world we are giving you is, in parts, troubled and, in parts, rotten, but it will be your world and God's.

If you are to cope with it, you had better understand it.

"THE SUMMER SCHOOL OF PRESENT SHOCK" is your chance to share with young adults from our churches all over Australia, in Newman College, Melbourne, Jan. 8-14, 1979. The numbers are limited to 60. You can live-out if you want to, but you will do better to live-in.

For further information write to

"SUMMER SCHOOL OF PRESENT SHOCK",

P.O. Box 101, Essendon North, Vic. 3041.

Register Now

"REJOICE IN THE LORD" CONFERENCE

Churches of Christ
Melbourne

Jan. 8-14, 1979

Accommodation

Melbourne University Colleges, from \$16.00 per day, includes all meals, free parking.

Children

Under four, free. From 4 to 14, half adult cost. Over 14 treated as adults. Children will be cared for in child minding centre or will be involved in crafts and games during Conference sessions.

Electives

There will be 20 elective programmes in which you can develop skills and capacities for Christian service.

Fellowship

There will be rich fellowship with folk from all over Australia in early morning communion services, small group activities, and just sitting around being friendly. At night there will be rallies at the Melbourne Town Hall.

Registration Fee. \$10.00

Write to Mrs Joan Ward,
Churches of Christ Centre,
52 Latrobe St.,
Melbourne. 3000.

She will send you all needed information.

FEDERAL PRESIDENT INVITES HAPPY NEW YEAR!

What better way to begin than to join us at Federal Conference in Melbourne, January 8th-14th 1979.

Meet your old friends, make new ones, as we assemble together to share our faith.

Tuesday 9th January is the date for Women's Conference, when we are looking forward with enthusiasm and anticipation to a really wonderful day.

Let me take this opportunity to personally invite you to come and participate in Conference with a difference.

The theme for the whole week is "Rejoice in the Lord" and we are planning a time of great JOY with

Jesus
Ourselves and
You.

The participation of women: A blueprint for change

The Churches of Christ, with the Uniting Church and Salvation Army, leads in the admission of women to the ministry. In many of our churches women pray, preside and read.

Yet customs are not uniform, as they are in the Uniting Church, where participation is written into the constitution. In our churches a female elder who shifts to a new area may find that she cannot even read the Scriptures.

Many women feel a calling to serve in the offices of the church or in the communion service, but their congregations will not allow it. Such a woman can change her congregation, deny her calling, or challenge her church's practices.

If you ask for change, remember that all of our churches once excluded women from participation. If other congregations have changed, yours can too.

Some Standing Orders place all responsibility with elected men, specifically or by implication. These Standing Orders must be changed or re-interpreted, usually at the annual meeting. Re-interpretation simply recognizes elders and deacons as either male or female.

Changes in spiritual participation can also be proposed at the annual meeting. If enough women want change (and can get baby-sitters) the vote will be positive, for many men think it should take place. If the proposal comes from the women as a group, or, ironically, from the men, it usually carries more weight. Even one woman, however, has a right (perhaps even an obligation) to claim her full redemption in Christ's redeemed society.

Change can be (and has been) quietly effected by minister and elders, and the congregation bypassed. It's peaceful, but also bypasses our tradition that the congregation should 'have a say'.

If you try, and fail, console yourself with the thought that the issue is sure to be raised again by the coming generation, and contradictions in our churches eventually eliminated.

Audrey Oldfield. N.S.W.

"Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet and a light upon my path" Psalm 119:105. A.V.



S.A. Ministers' wives retreat

27 Ministers' Wives including one with two daughters and another with two daughters-in-law, gathered at Longwood Camp from Friday teatime until Saturday evening, for their second Retreat.

Visiting guest leader was Rev. Dorothy Wacker, a minister of Pilgrim Uniting Church, City, who brought her own special personality and skills in presenting an enjoyable and worthwhile programme in a variety of ways: talks, groups of 2,3,4,27, writing, listening, diagrams, blackboard, tapes, and drawing out our ideas.

Study sessions were: "In touch ... with God" ... personal relationship with God, value of silence, joys and problems of prayer times.

"At Home ... in the Manse" — how we, our husbands, our churches see us as persons and ministers' wives, and how we and they might like us to change. Emphasis was on our need to be ourselves.

"Together with ... sharing with others" the importance of really listening to others.

"On the move ... Growing in Faith" times of learning, stumbling, high points, deserts in our spiritual growth and aids to going on.

"In touch ... Facing Death" — the special patience, compassion and skills needed in helping those facing their own death or those of loved ones ... or sickness or grief of any kind.

Closing devotions centred our thoughts on a candle and cross, showing that the light of Christ shines beyond Christ's Cross and any cross we are called to bear, and finished with the 'passing of the Peace'.

A. Saunders S.A.



BOOKS

by Win Morgan.

WOMEN AND WORSHIP

"O what fellowship, O what joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms."

As we have sung this song and known the strength of the Lord lifting and holding us, have we given back to Him the worship which is so rightly His?

All too often unhappy children disturb our worship in a service, but there are other ways and times we can offer an acceptable form of worship.

Basic to worship is the understanding of God's Word, and there are many books to help us. We can take a five minute reading from Mab Graff's devotions for the homemaker entitled "God Loves My Kitchen Best". Here we find everyday stories bring a lesson with suitable scripture application, or we can take more time and effort to read Dr J. Sidlow Baxter's "Awake My Heart", with his brilliant exposition of scripture.

Can you remember your first public prayer? My heart pounded and I was hot and cold by turns, but eventually I was able to speak out loud my love and thanks-giving to my Heavenly Father. "Pray in the Spirit", by Arthur Wallis is a book which gives understanding and guidelines for worship in prayer. A down-to-earth book by Evelyn Christianson asks "What Happens When Women Pray?". When a book causes us to stop writing an article (as this one has), and worship God and pray that His will be done in our lives, it is a valuable aid in our growth as followers of Christ.

In his book "The Becomers" Keith Miller poses the question "What does Christian growth look like"? He suggests that it can become a series of misconceptions about types of ladders we climb within the sanctuary of the Church. Our daily life-style should be an act of worship as we become conformed to Christ's image.

Women and Worship is a beautiful combination of people and practices and we have endless opportunities to worship through song, prayer, camp devotions, family studies, praise, and our daily life-style. He Alone is Worthy.

NEWS VICTORIA.

Worship was presented by Nola Giles and two ladies from the Doncaster Married Ladies Callisthenics Club. The story of a journey by Sundar Singh was gracefully portrayed.

Betty Dow, President, introduced the theme for the month "Lord take my feet". Dr J. Mackenzie shared many interesting facts about our feet, and urged that we do not impair our witness for Jesus through distortion, but walk in holiness and truth.

Julie Reid, from M.E.D., spoke of her work throughout Vic-Tas, and emphasised the need for the whole church to be involved in communicating faith to children.

Country Council held in Gisborne, 6th October. Council shared in worship using the 23rd World Christian Women's Fellowship Birthday service, led by the College of the Bible C.W.F. "Lord take my lips and my voice" was highlighted by Mrs Kerrie Henry, trainee Speech Therapist, as she spoke of her work with children and adults who have speech defects. Council welcomed the new affiliation of Albury C.W.F.

Heather Miller, Vic.

MUSTARD SEEDS

BY ALAN AUSTIN



There is something drastically wrong with a Christian church which consists mainly of middle-class people. The radical nature of Jesus' Good News was that God's forgiveness and new life is open to all. Jesus underlined this in his ministry by paying special attention to those with little or no status in society. Why is it that working-class people are now so uninterested in the church?

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The real reason for the church attracting only a section of society lies in the style of our Christianity. We unconsciously conduct our church life in a middle-class way, which clashes so much with working-class ways that the average labourer or shop-assistant finds it hard to feel at home in a church.

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In gently compelling passages like these above, Ross Langmead has issued a profound challenge to all God's people in Australia; and particularly to those of us who are seeking to serve Him through the established denominations.

The Langmead Report was commissioned by the Victorian Baptist churches and has thoroughly examined virtually every aspect of the role of the Christian churches in Melbourne's western suburbs. It is warmly recommended to all who are grappling with being God's people in and communicating His message to an industrial society. (See Mustard Seeds, Vol. 81, No. 16).

Rather than attempt to interpret his findings and recommendations myself may I share some further extracts?

In our churches there is a strong emphasis on words, both in speaking and in reading and writing. Our main form of meeting is to sit and listen to someone speak for most of the time. Most of our understanding about God is put into words.

Now there is nothing wrong with words which connect with our experience. However, not only do we use words a lot, but the ideas we express are mostly abstract. We speak of concepts such as 'salvation', 'redemption' and 'communion'.

Those with little education, and with jobs where the skill of the hands is needed most, find it difficult to verbalise their thoughts, and difficult to think in abstract terms. For this reason alone, there are many who have entered a church and found the way to worship and fellowship totally unrelated to the concrete concerns of their everyday life. An example may be found in a deserted wife who attended a Baptist church recently. Speaking to her Baptist friend, who visits regularly and gives practical support, she said:

"I'm sorry I had to go out for a smoke, but I didn't understand all the carryings-on in there. I don't think I can be the religious type, cos it all goes over my head."

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We have noted three ways in which our style of Christianity makes it hard for working-class people to feel at home in our churches:

1. We tend to be highly verbal and use abstract ways of thinking.
2. We tend to emphasise the individual at the expense of the group.
3. We tend to have complicated conventions of behaviour in which we often do

not express ourselves openly.

Each of these features stems more from middle-class ways than from distinctly Christian ways. In each, the Christian should be trying to break out of the middle-class mould to some extent:

1. Our job is not to exclude some people by our wordy and abstract way of doing things, but to make the Gospel plain in our lives.
2. As the body of Christ we are not to glorify the individual but to find true humanity in the loving community.
3. We are not to live by a set of rules ('under law'), nor by hiding our feelings, but we are to live in God's freedom ('under grace'), speaking the truth in love to each other.

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Our structures must change because our life-situation is continually changing. A hundred years ago the Salvation Army used uniforms because they were popular and attractive; brass-bands because they were loud enough to attract the crowds on London streets and because they were popular with the working-class. What a pity it is to see a uniformed brass-band playing in a deserted Melbourne street to the hedges and double-glazed windows. It is even more of a pity to see bonnets and brass-bands in Asia or Africa.

Of course, it is easier to see inappropriate structures in other denominations than it is in our own. We must ask ourselves whether activities which were useful fifty years ago are still useful. For example, Sunday evening services were once evangelistic gatherings, serving a different purpose from the Sunday morning worship services. In many churches they now act as a second worship service for the more faithful church members. Does this make sense? Should we do something different with Sunday evenings?

Our conclusion about structures, then, is not to throw them out as useless, nor is it to hang onto our ways of doing things as if they are sacred. It is to realise that structures are always a means to an end. We should continually ask ourselves the question, "How useful is this structure or activity as a wineskin for containing the gospel?"

JASON'S HOUSE

HOW'S IT GOING ON THE DOLE, LUKE?

WELL, I'VE JUST SOLD THE T.V. AND STOPPED BUYING RECORDS.

I'VE MOVED INTO JASON'S HOUSE AND I'M WALKING EVERYWHERE... I CAN'T AFFORD NEW CLOTHES OR PLAN FOR THE FUTURE.

BUT THEN AGAIN, THERE ARE DISADVANTAGES ALSO...



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.

MEDIA BIAS

To the Editor,

You may be interested in this example of Australian media bias:

* A.B.C. radio news reported that Gay and Anti-Abortion demonstrators "almost outnumbered" those who attended the Mory Whitehouse Rally in Melbourne who were "fewer than 500".

* The Melbourne Sun reported that about 600 attended the Rally, and devoted the whole of their article to the views of Mary Whitehouse's opponents without mentioning any of the major points she made about child abuse, etc.

* The Age was a little fairer, and stated that 1000 attended the Rally.

* I was there, and with my pocket calculator roughly estimated the crowd at 1250.

* By actual ticket count, however, there were — including the Choir, the Salvation Army Band — 1450 in attendance!

* Perhaps our media chiefs of staff could provide all their reporters with pocket calculators, particularly if they're likely to be unsympathetic!

Rowland Croucher, Vic.

THE SPIRIT TODAY

To the Editor,

"Buy from me salve to anoint your eyes that you may see." (Rev. 4:18).

How smug we are as a brotherhood! How correct is our doctrine, our N.T. restorationism. We have no need to open our minds and hearts to the great movement of the Holy Spirit today, even though he is sweeping through communities and even nations, transforming thousands by his power.

We must maintain our Pharisaic-like stance to any new revelation of the Lord's working in our world! We are blind.

But the Lord is gracious. He will open our eyes if only we will open the door of our hearts to him. The charismatic experience of an in-filling of his Holy Spirit is real.

Fellow Christians, please hear the Lord and be filled with his spirit.

Don A. Jackson, W.A.

SPECIAL DAYS

To the Editor,

Jay Bacik's "Provocative Comment" in the "A.C." August 19, leaves me confused. He says that Mothers' and Fathers' Days have no place in the life of his Church because they have "no biblical basis or significant spiritual value".

This is also true of many other of our church programmes which are based entirely on Interpretation. If we were to take Jay's position of refraining from drawing attention to personal or social "hurts" the consequences would be far-reaching and affect the prophetic function of the church.

The single parent families have a lot of difficulties to contend with but they have no special right to emotional and psychological protection simply because of their situation. They need special care but it seems irrational to try to protect them by disallowing the two parent family to express, in a spiritual context, the separate functions of both fathers and mothers.

Within the membership of our churches there are

two parent families where either one or both parents fail far short of the expected ideals of responsible parenthood. Children in this type of family could carry far more damaging emotional and psychological scars than children raised in a single parent situation.

There is need to give recognition in our churches to the role of the family but it is presumptuous to claim that the special days under review have no spiritual significance.

David Brown, N.S.W.

MUSTARD SEEDS

To the Editor,

I congratulate both "A.C." and Alan Austin, author of "Mustard Seeds", for their honest endeavour to seek what is right.

I do not think that Mr Austin is politically biased. Rather, I think he too is seeking to explore and comment on every factor that affects one's Christian life. If Mr Austin sees what he believes is injustice in politics, let him comment accordingly. Equally, if he sees cause to laud and praise a politician for doing what he believes is just, then so be it.

"Mustard Seeds" is just one man's opinion. No-one should be denied the right to voice one's own thoughts and feelings. Whether one chooses to agree with another's opinions is also up to the individual.

Congratulations to Mr Austin for being honest and brave enough to say he really feels and believes to be right. And congratulations to "A.C.", for being progressive enough to publish such a column which sparks so much controversy.

Brett Daws, Vic.

BIBLE & SCIENCE

To the Editor,

Re "Questing", (2.9.1978), on how we can teach our children to trust the Bible.

During June, our church held a "Know your Bible Month". One speaker was John Mackay, from a group called "Creation Science Supplies."

He, and others of the group, conducted two weekly Bible Study Sessions with us, about the problem of Creation versus the teaching of Evolution, and brought a selection of books which teach science in accordance with scripture.

Their aim is to have schools accept these books as text books, to be used as an alternative teaching to the Evolutionary Theory. They have had some success with the Qld. Department of Education, I understand, as some schools are prepared to use them. This has been made possible only on the basis that children should be given the opportunity to see both sides of the question.

These books are available to anyone from "Creation Science Supplies," 14 Romilly Street, Sunnybank Hills, Qld. 4109.

The group has as members, teachers, science masters, University lecturers, and quite a number of other Christian academics, and they are making this their special Christian service, realizing that the theory of evolution greatly undermines the teaching of the Christian faith to the children, as not only is it evident in the science and maths. courses, but many T.V. documentaries and other programmes.

Nancy Evans, Qld.

SCIENCE & BIBLE

To The Editor,

Following the subject of Science and the Bible noted in "Questing" ("A.C." Sept. 2), and "White Papers" ("A.C." Aug. 5), there is excellent material on these subjects which may be of assistance.

1. A series of recent Melbourne lectures given on the subject of "Creation/Evolution" by Dr Harold Slusher, Astronomer, Geo-physicist, University of Texas, El Paso. Available from Lygon St. Church of Christ.

2. The "Creation Science Association" formed in South Australia to explain and promote special creation as a valid scientific explanation of origins, have literature, tapes and audiovisuals — C.S.A., G.P.O. Box 2035, Adelaide S.A. 5001.

B.D. Harper

MUSTARD SEEDS

To the Editor,

As I read Mustard Seeds last issue, I was thinking how good it is to have someone to stir us up. This page and the White Papers remind us that there is more to Christianity than going to church, church auxiliaries and meetings. Jesus was continually meeting needs. He discerned the true need — healing, forgiveness, humility, loyalty — and directed his attention there.

A.A. Clarke (AC. 23.9.78) was puzzled about why Mustard Seeds was included in "A.C." Surely the purpose of Mustard Seeds, Happenings and the White

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

SELF PITY

To the Editor,

I came across the expression, "wallowing in self pity." What a fascinating phrase that is! You can feel yourself luxuriously settling down into the wallow, drenching yourself with your own warm tears. You can lose yourself deep down in squelching resentment against all of those people who don't understand you and don't care about you. You can sash in feelings of inferiority. You can massage all your inhibitions into tingling activity. You can withdraw into the security of your own comfortable wallow with all of the hard, cruel people of your little world shut out. It feels real good!

The only trouble that I find is that I have to come up out of the wallow to carry on the normal business of living. And when I do I feel so filthy. I am in a filthy mood, with a filthy mind and a filthy tongue and going through a filthy hangover. And it's not worth it!

There ought to be an extra beatitude — "Blessed are those who are sorry for themselves, for no one else will feel sorry for them!"

TERTIUS

Papers is to make us think about what it means to be a Christian. If we are not aware of people's needs how can we be making attempts to meet them? If we are not aware of how people are being unjustly treated by groups, individuals or governments, how can we demonstrate the love of Christ in action? (1 John 3:18)

Jason's House usually concentrates on local things. How many church presidents announce hymns as depicted in Jason's House in "A.C.", Sept. 23? I have seen many and I have done it myself. But next time I'll think about whether I look like I have a gladsome mind before I say anything! D.W. Walladge, Vic.

MINISTRY IN 1980

To the Editor,

We refer to the cover of your journal, Sept. 2, 1978. In our opinion, the heading, "He will be ready" discriminates against women. It ignores those women who are currently training in order to seek ordination for the pastoral ministry.

Whilst we acknowledge that "he" may have been used to describe both men and women, the implication — when linked to the photograph — is that the minister of the 1980's will be male.

We affirm that in Christ there is neither male nor female, and that women have a valid place in pastoral ministry.

Furthermore we are concerned with the general impression of ministry conveyed on the cover. Two particular points emerge:

(i) that ministry is predominantly pastoral ministry,

(ii) that the pastoral minister will be skilled in a large number of areas.

We believe it is necessary to recognize that ministry has many forms, of which pastoral ministry is but one. Even within pastoral ministry it is unlikely that one person could fulfil the many roles suggested.

We look forward with optimism to ministry, in all its forms, in the 1980's.

Beverley Maxwell, Warren R. Talbot. Vic.
(Also signed by 15 other students at the College of the Bible)

TO COMBAT RACISM

The "White Papers" article in the "A.C." of Sept. 23 regarding the Programme to Combat Racism was the best brief statement I have read on this issue. I have always been saddened by what has appeared to be unwise opposition to a programme which takes a courageous Christian decision to offer succour to those whom some of our countrymen think of as 'enemies'. The use of the Good Samaritan as a model for the P.C.R. is, I believe, quite legitimate. Furthermore, every historian knows that Roman conquest and occupation was supported by a great deal of violence, yet Jesus had no hesitation in giving humanitarian aid to a representative of the Roman army. Do any of us think that Jesus would have refused to cure the girl if her father had not been so 'worthy'?

I agree that not one item of proof has been presented to indicate that any of the money supplied has been used for other than humanitarian aid. On the contrary, black Christian leaders from the affected areas have said that they have seen the way the money has been used. I believe them, so like the author of "White Papers" I am sending my first donation to the P.C.R. as a sign of belief in my Christian brethren, and a share in the struggle to provide aid.

Alan Cant, W.A.

EVANGELISM

To the Editor,

I wholeheartedly support the plan put forward by Mr Moyes in the "A.C." recently. I believe his case is timely and I hope that the proposal will receive total support at the conference in Melbourne in January, 1979.

William Law; Qld.

MUSTARD SEEDS

To the Editor,

A short expression in a letter from R.D. Clark, Open Forum Sept. 23, interests me. It reads, "Our paper is for the purpose of glorifying Jesus Christ". I like it, but for me if the paper makes me think and rethink because it says something I don't agree with, and I have been made to use the mind God gave me, even if I come to a conclusion other than the author of any article intended, then I believe God has been glorified. I appreciate "Mustard Seeds", and "Jason's House" has a way of getting to me and saying something important. I would miss the page greatly if it was not there.

Roland Pritchard, Vic.

REACHOUT — 1979

A major Evangelistic Crusade will be held in the North-West of Melbourne in 1979. Many churches are recognising the potential of working together across denominational barriers to reach people for Jesus Christ.

The Missioner will be the Director of Evangelism for the Anglican Church of Sydney, Canon John Chapman, and the Mission itself will be held March 10-18.

We are appealing to all Christians for help. This is a real Macedonian cry "Come over and help us".

First, we need people who will commit themselves to prayer and who will write to us and tell us that they are praying. Prayer Commitment Cards can be obtained through the Crusade Office.

Second, we need people who will give; already we have a budget of close to \$10,000. We need people who will send small or large gifts, but send them as soon as possible; and above all we need people from all over Melbourne who will offer themselves for temporary voluntary service in the packing or mailing room, or wherever they feel capable.

Address all correspondence to the Crusade Office, C/o Church of Christ, Gordon Street, Footscray 3011.

TOOTGAROOK

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Sunday Oct. 29th 1978

11 a.m. Barry McMurtrie
5.15 p.m. Fellowship Tea.
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All past and present members and friends are invited to come or send a greeting.

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YEAR OF THE CHILD

To the Editor,

Next year has been proclaimed 'International Year of the Child' by the United Nations. The Children's Ministry Committee of the Vic.-Tas. Department of Mission, Education and Development is planning what is hoped will be meaningful and worthwhile ventures during 1979. One area we wish to promote is that of the development of the Christian faith in the child-church and child-family situations. To this end we would appreciate receiving materials which have been produced and have been found successful for:

- a. family worship at church
- b. family worship at home.

It is our intention to make suitable material available to churches and individuals during 1979. If anyone would like to be involved in this way, please address materials to the committee, c/- Dept. of Mission, Education & Development, 52 La Trobe Street, Melbourne, 3000.

Russell J. Taylor, Melb.

TEENS CLUBS (Goolwa, D. R. Smith) Several baptisms this year . . . Mrs Yelland has had her 89th birthday . . . 60 Y.P. in Teens Club and Mini Club. Social held recently with their parents.

SONBURST (Glen Waverley, R. B. Elbourne) Youth Festival, "Sonburst", included gospel rock concert and workshops and climaxed with over 700 (mainly Y.P.) for presentation of "Here Comes the Son", followed by message from minister, resulting in 21 decisions for Christ . . . Regional brotherhood meeting for elders, deacons and auxiliary leaders held . . . Holiday workshop for 100-140 children had cooking, woodwork, maskmaking, weaving, kite-making, etc., and a Bible story time.

13 NEW MEMBERS (Swanston St. A. L. Webb) 309 communicants shared in baptismal service when 13 new members were welcomed into fellowship, 11 by baptism and two by transfer. In this year of evangelism, 51 new members have been added. A work party recently spent two weeks at Roper River in Northern Australia with two of our S.I.L. missionaries. During this visit, Bruce Morton, our Associate Minister, preached at the new church in Darwin. Our Living Circle Youth Choir shared in jubilee celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of missionary work in East Malaysia . . . Alan and Madge Belcher, veteran missionaries some 35 years in East Malaysia, recently shared in our evening service.

NINETY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY (Ann Street, Brisbane). Anniversary celebrations extended over two Sundays. The first was high-lighted by the S.S. presenting a Tableau "Seed Time" & "Harvest". At conclusion of morning service scholars presented congregation with a seed symbolically representing each scholar, with the injunction "Watch it grow". On the second, Alan G. Leane, minister of Nambour Church, was guest speaker . . . The church annual picnic held at Bongaree Beach, Bribie Island.

Overseas Missions

DEVELOPMENTS

SANTO — NEW HEBRIDES

R.S.A. McLean

During my recent visit to the New Hebrides, it was most encouraging to see the progress being made in Santo. Abel Bani was among the group at the airport to meet me and I was taken to see the new church building. It was encouraging to see the progress that Builders with a Mission, from Queensland, and the team of New Hebridean workers had made since they had commenced work on the building four weeks prior to my arrival.

The new church is now completed and will be opened on September 30th. Gordon Stirling, Federal Conference President, was invited by the New Hebridean churches to officiate at the opening. Mr. and Mrs. Stirling left for the New Hebrides on Sept. 28th and returned on Oct. 4. During their stay they visited Ndui Ndui and also met with the church in Vila.

The New Hebridean churches contributed \$10,000 toward the cost of the new building, the Campbell Edwards Foundation in N.S.W. provided \$2,000 and the Campbell Edwards Trust in Victoria \$8,000. For over 25 years our New Hebridean brethren on Santo have been meeting in an old war-time Quonset hut and there is much rejoicing over the provision of the new building.

The work in the Santo area continues to

make good progress. Alan and Nola Baker are providing a valuable and worthwhile ministry at the Friendship Centre at Sapi on the outskirts of the town. Jeanette and Rodney Foster continue to make a fine contribution to the work through the business office in Santo. New Hebridean pastors such as Samuel Wine and Samuel Vula, along with others, are doing much to consolidate the work and are encouraging the churches.

Villages which were closed to pastors and missionaries for over four years due to political pressures have now been reopened and new churches are being built. I was able to visit some of these villages and also preach at a Sunday morning service held at Banafo, the headquarters of the Nagariamel political party. This provided another opportunity to meet Jimmy Stephens, the leader of this party, and share a meal in his house.

We are encouraged by the growth and development of the work in Santo. Please continue in prayer for our New Hebridean brethren and that new workers will be available to replace the Foster and Baker families who will be leaving within the next few months.

Bisang Dies

We regret to report the death of Bisang, who was Captain of the "Abel Bani", our river transport boat in Papua New Guinea. Bisang had cancer of half the lower jaw and had to undergo surgery early this year. Following the first operation it was thought that all was well, but after more operations the cancer spread rapidly throughout his whole body. It was suggested that he try radium treatment in Lae, but Bisang requested that he be allowed to return to his home to be with his family. Before Bisang died, Bob Whan wrote: "Bisang's spirit is wonderfully strong and we speak together naturally of his impending death. His only concern is for his wife and four young children".

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JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

Who Said It?

This is a word from the Bible, do you know who said it?

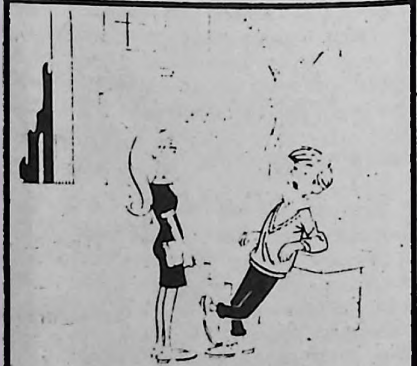
"We ought obey God rather than man." (Answer on page 18)

BREATHING

Few people breathe as fast as they did when they were mere babies. An infant less than two years old breathes in and out in less than two seconds, averaging thirty-five breaths per minute. From two to six years of age, however, he cuts down to one breath of air every three seconds, averaging about twenty-three a minute. From six to twelve years of age, his rate remains about the same, twenty per minute; and from twelve to fifteen years, it's down to eighteen a minute. By the time a person reaches fifteen years of age, he is breathing only about half as fast as he did as a baby, averaging about one breath every four seconds. Even so, a lot more air is breathed in and out. A boy of ten breathes out about ten ounces of carbonic acid gas every day. A woman of nineteen breathes out twelve ounces, but a grown man expels more than a full pound of carbonic gas every day. All this occurs without our even being aware of it most of the time.

The doctor was taken to the patient's room but came down in a few minutes and asked for a screw driver. Five minutes later he was back and asked for a can opener. Soon after he returned and demanded a chisel and hammer. The distraught husband could stand it no longer. "Please, Doctor, what's wrong with my wife?"

"Don't know yet," the doctor answered. "I can't get my bag open."



"What do you mean I'm not spiritual enough? I play cricket in three church teams, don't I?"

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CYRIL GROSVENOR FLOOD

(10.9.1978) We first met Cyril Flood in Christchurch, N.Z. where he was minister at the Moorehouse Ave. church. He had special pulpit gifts. The gospel message is one of drama and he presented it dramatically. He was always interesting and his congregations well knew that they had a preacher of distinction. He preferred the freedom of movement around the platform to the restrictions of the pulpit and never allowed the use of notes to get in the way of contact with his hearers. He did not much care for funny sermon stories but he valued humour and used it effectively to expose to laughter the shams and follies of society, and also the shams and follies of the church.

It is easy to think that preaching was his great strength until one saw how well he related to men. In every one of his churches he made and kept the friendship of men. But he related just as well to young people, who responded to the down-to-earthness of his messages and the clarity of his speech. He never talked down to them and he avoided churchy jargon. Men and young people, yes, but he was also at home with the rest of the church. We went with him sometimes to have lunch with the women of the church and he had the same relaxed friendship with them.

Orderliness was a passion with him and as he planned sermons and services it was evident that he kept Paul's words in mind "to do all things decently and in order." Sloppiness and bad planning in the church offended him but his reaction was to encourage constructively rather than to offer negative criticism. Even this year, when he offered to help with the Ann St. Brisbane services he had prepared all of the sermon subjects with the relevant Scripture readings until the first Sunday in December when the new minister, Ron White, is to begin. Cyril's wide area of influence included

ministries at Hurstville and Kingsford in N.S.W.; Christchurch, Auckland and Wellington in New Zealand; Ann St., Brisbane; Dalkeith Rd., Perth; and Hawthorne, S.A., after which he had a brief period of retirement due to ill health. He also assisted for short periods the churches at Berri, Elizabeth, and Glenelg, S.A.

Cyril married Jay Hannah at Hurstville and they had a stimulating family life with their children: Valerie, John, Leonie and Ross, and with their grandchildren. We share with them in the great loss that is their's, but they are to be envied in having had Cyril to lose. We acknowledge our own loss, too, in the passing of a rare spirit. He lifted our hearts so that it was fun to be Christian; he challenged our minds so that it was shame to give less than our best; and his plain speaking of the gospel brought the Lord of the good news within the reach of many.

Eric Hart, perhaps his closest and longest friend in the church, conducted the private family funeral and also gave the message of rejoicing in the special memorial service at Ann St., church on Sept. 17. — A.E.W.

V.C.C. ADVOCATES ACTION ON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

The V.C.C. Commission on Community and Race Relations points to the need for positive education programmes by churches to alleviate racial discrimination within Australian society. In reviewing the Royal Commission's Human Relationships statements on discrimination, it took note of need of understanding both Aborigines and migrants. It is particularly important, said V.C.C. Commission member, M. Deasey, to press governments to provide funds and expertise. Churches have a role in backing up this work and initiating educational projects in local areas, he said.

to RED CLIFFS

(Vic) W.L. Keddie, who until recently served in our New Guinea mission, has accepted an appointment at Red Cliffs, in association with the Dept. of Mission, Education & Development. Mr. Keddie is currently working towards completion of studies at the University of Queensland.

HOBART ON RADIO

Hobart Churches of Christ will present Divine Service on ABC radio on Sunday October 15 at 11 a.m.

BOBBY SIMPSON BATS FOR THE KIDS!

Test Cricket Captain Bobby Simpson is backing this years NSW Child Care Week, Oct. 22-29.

Slogan is, "Come In To Bat For The Kids" and the logo features a drawing of Bobby Simpson surrounded by four children.

Theme of the week is the Rights of the Child, and featured speaker will be Peter Edelman, Director of New York State Division for Youth, which cares for 2000 juvenile delinquents and 3000 on an "aftercare" programme.

Mr. Edelman's agency has 2400 employees and an annual budget of \$75 million. Mr. Edelman was a legislative assistant to Senator Robert Kennedy.

It is hoped that Mrs Marian Edelman will also make the trip. Mrs Edelman, a negro, is Director of the Children's Defence Fund in Washington. She has been heavily involved in the Poor People's Campaign and civil rights activities.

BIRTHDAY (Mitcham, R. McLean)

"Glenairs" sang at C.W.F. birthday. Mayoress of Nunawading present . . . 50 attended S.S. camp held at S.D.A. camp site at The Basin . . . Basketball presentation night held. Mark McLean won 'Best and Fairest' for Nunawading and District Competition . . . 75 children attended "Holiday Happening" each day during holidays.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

FIELD VACANCIES

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

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

THE FOLLOWING WORKERS ARE NEEDED:

NEW HEBRIDES:

Married Couple for ministry in Santo — Double Certificated Nurses — School Teachers Secondary or Primary for Ranwadi High School.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA:

Double Certificated Nurse to relieve present staff during furlough and replace staff returning to Australia — Mechanic and Carpenter to serve as Technical worker — Married Couples to assist in oversight of local pastors and conduct teaching ministry among churches — Education Secretary to share in educational programs and strengthen Christian witness in schools.

INDIA:

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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

HAPPENINGS

"The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith" is the film dealing with the short life of Jimmy Governor, executed in Sydney in 1901, for the murder of a family. Mrs Arthur Collins, who retired recently after a lifetime of ministry among the Aborigines for the A.I.M., has revealed that Jimmy was led to the Lord by her mother, just before the hanging. Mrs Collins' mother had carried out a great deal of mission work amongst Aborigines. ("Church Scene")

A sad consequence of the merging of three churches into the Uniting Church has been the tension many feel from the allocation of nine schools, including Melbourne's Scotch College and the Presbyterian Ladies' College, to the continuing Presbyterian Church. Former students of the schools have been asked to lobby for a plan to remove the schools from the present controlling body. The new plan proposes an Act of Parliament to have all schools incorporated with two Presbyterian and three Uniting Church representatives on governing councils. The move, which has

Diary

NEW SOUTH WALES

October
14 CFA Annual Meeting
21-22 Newcastle Regional Conf.
28 Youthquake
November
3-5 Brotherhood Planning Stanwell Tops
7 Pandle Hill Open Day
17-19 DCE Camp Gilgandra
18 Opening Forestville Retirement Centre
24 College Graduation
25-26 Far Nth. Coast Ref. Conf.

VICTORIA

October
14-15 Half-Yly. Conv. B'rat.
22 Girls' Sunday
November
3 CWF Country Council
4 CMF Reg. Breakfasts
17 COB Graduation
18 Soc. Serv. Homes Garden Party
21 CFA Annual Meeting
26 Offering M.E.D.
28 CMF Dinner and Rally

the support of all nine school councils is sure to be strongly opposed by the Presbyterian Church and it is by no means certain that the Uniting Church will support the plan.

Dr Bob Pierce, founder of "World Vision", died recently. In 1950 he was a war correspondent covering the Korean War for U.S. newspapers. In that war-torn country he saw that it was the children who suffered most. By 1953 he had the World Vision child-care programme under way and before long it spread to other Third World nations. 10 years later, 20,000 children were sponsored in 19 countries. Ill health forced him to slow down in 1964. He suffered from leukemia and was confined to a wheel chair, but right up to the time of his death at the age of 63 he travelled widely, preaching and serving.

How easy it is to forget happenings! What with the death of new Pope John Paul, football fever, floods in India, and political in-fighting, it is fairly easy to forget last week's headlines and last week's tragedies. It could be a good thing for caring if we had a notice board in our kitchen to remind us of continuing needs. Example: less than a month ago more than 10,000 people died in an earthquake in Iran. Maybe there is not a great deal we can do about far away tragedies, but at least we can care, and in caring we may find ways to help. People are people everywhere and all of them are a part of our parish of concern.

The Roman Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace has declared that only the granting of land rights to Aborigines can compensate for the injustices done to them. "Aborigines: A Statement of Concern" has been produced by the Commission for Social Justice Sunday, calls on

church bodies to restore land to Aborigines. Copies of the Statement are available from: Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace, P.O. Box J124, Brickfield Hill, N.S.W. 2000.

The Uniting Church's Commission for World Mission has announced plans for a boycott by church members of goods produced by four large companies which have financial interests in South Africa. The companies are BP, Shell, ICI, and General Electric. The commission claims that the involvement of the companies constitutes support for apartheid which was "an evil system with consequences not only for black Africa but for the whole world."

Nine denominations joined again this year to present a United Christian Forum at the Royal Melbourne Show.

24 Baptist churches in Victoria are looking for ministers. This is more than twice as many as normal.

BOYS AND MEN (Parkdale, R. E. Hillbrick) September services featured representatives from Gideons International, Christian Foundation for Blind, Mission to Lepers . . . Boys' Sunday service followed by family picnic . . . Men's Fellowship reformed, meets bi-monthly . . . Water pipes to tennis courts replaced by tennis club members . . . Local churches sponsoring "Supporting Family Service" to provide emergency accommodation in families for Y.P. needing care and accommodation.

ANNIVERSARIES (Naracoorte) Ern Stevens, past minister, guest speaker at church anniversary. A family tea was also held. Ern and son, Philip, also met Youth group . . . B.S. anniversary featured kinder and primaries in the afternoon, and following basket tea, upper school presented "This is My Life — The Life of Paul." Michael Taylor guest speaker. Several decided for Christ . . . Youth group conducted recent gospel service. Ruth Copping, Ian Davies and youth leader, Garth Wootton, spoke . . . C.W.F. held family night . . . Ladies travelled to Bordertown, to conduct meeting . . . Youth group held barbecue at Kybybolite.

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UNEMPLOYMENT An Incurable Disease?

So they are finally calling a national conference on unemployment to bring together governments, employers and unions. It will be held in December and will last for two days!

Two days! This is ridiculous and we've got a better idea. Call a conclave of government ministers, trade union leaders, and employers, plus a couple of thousand unemployed, shut them up in the Hall of Commerce and Industry at the Royal Showgrounds, and leave them there until they are able to release a puff of white smoke to indicate that a new hope has been discovered!

Frivolous as the last paragraph is, it is no more frivolous than the proposed two day December consultation at a time when the elected and the employed are picking their holiday bags.

Unemployment is a social disease. If one cholera victim or one polio patient is found there is immediate panic and social mobilisation. With 400,000 (some say 500,000) suffering from the disease of unemployment the time and the timing of the December consultation indicate how low a priority this sickness has.

Many of us never have any contact with the unemployed, but they are there, trapped in a social system which can only offer sympathy and dole cheques — not work, not dignity, not responsibility.

To reduce unemployment by 100,000 by 1981, it is estimated that 800,000 new jobs will have to be found. But we are not finding many new jobs. A great number of old jobs are vanishing. In the U.S. it is stated that computer technology is eliminating 30,000 jobs every week. The computers are coming here, too. We would have a problem even if there were not a new flood of 250,000 school leavers entering the workforce every year.

Some short term responses could be made such as ensuring that the unemployed are not below the poverty line (16 year olds receive only about \$36 per week), and such as realising that the present war on inflation is resulting in thousands of casualties for very little gain.

A higher proportion of older people receiving psychiatric treatment are unemployed, and the young unemployed have shown their frustration in vandalism, drug-taking, arson, shoplifting, and other crimes. These are just indications of the consequences of unemployment.

The Christian churches have a responsibility to work on this question. Some of them are very active already but so far as we know the churches haven't been invited to the two-day consultation. Perhaps we should hold our own.

We could certainly look at the principle of justice and ask how it affects job sharing, and ask if some folk have a right to two jobs when others have none, and to ask if our standard of living is so high that it can be maintained only if there is a permanent workless group.

In a report for "Church Scene", "Church & Nation", and "The Advocate", journalist Jan Walsh is more than a little pessimistic. Very little has been attempted and very, very little has been accomplished. She concludes her report by saying, "We all need to take a new look at suggestions which appear to threaten personal interests — a guaranteed minimum income, wage restraint, profit restraint, job sharing, a shorter working week, worker participation in decision making, earlier retirement."

The key phrase may well be "threaten personal interests." Everybody wants the unemployed to get work and be happy but few of us want to help at our own expense.

Maybe that is where a church consultation could start: recognising that we are Christians, one in mind and heart and that what belongs to us is not ours only. What we have in love, money, jobs, is ours to share.

Luke said something like that in Acts 4:32.

GOOD GRIEF!!! Dr Bob Piddington, 35, is one of Australia's top laser scientists. He was able to attend a national laser conference in Canberra recently by using money he saved over the past year from his fortnightly \$98 dole cheque. Dr Piddington is the only Australian to have investigated biological processes in animal cells using lasers and he has worked at Adelaide, California, London and Cambridge — but there are no jobs for him currently in Australia!

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OBITUARY

BUSH, Mrs. Anna Louisa. (16/9/78) Mrs. Bush (nee Delaney) was born in North Fitzroy in 1900. In 1922 she married William Richard Bush who predeceased her in 1969. Mrs. Bush was in membership at Northcote for many years prior to 1974 when she entered Emmaus Rest Home. Although distance prevented her from attendance at Northcote Mrs Bush maintained a keen interest in the church and her death was sincerely and widely regretted. Regular visits by minister, elders and members were greatly appreciated. She is survived by two sons, Alan and John, and daughters-in-law Val and Jan. The funeral service at Northcote church and Fawcner Crematorium were conducted by the writer.

— T.V.W.
GREENHALGH, Mrs May. (24.8.1978) May Greenhalgh made her decision for Christ at Erskineville in 1922 and soon began to express her faith in and love for Christ, being active in the Social Service work. She married Roy Greenhalgh in 1929. Their first home was at Grafton where Roy was to minister. In Dec. 1977 Roy completed 50 years in the ministry and in their years together she proved herself to be a vital and real part of this ministry. She had a strong sense of stewardship. The Lord came first, and she had a special interest in the many facets of missionary activity, particularly in Gospel Recordings. Twice President of N.S.W. Women's Conference she is remembered for her gracious leadership on both occasions. Her home was always open to all in need of hospitality. Recently May and Roy came to live at the Retirement Village at Pendle Hill, but she was too ill and needed constant nursing and became a patient in the Nursing Home. The service was conducted by J. G. Shaw, and Will Fraser, a friend for many years, read the scriptures. Many have expressed their love, by acts of kindness, sending of letters, cards and greetings to Roy and their son Ken assuring them of their continuing loving concern in the sad loss suffered. — J.G.S.

CURTIS, Mrs Doris
Mrs Doris Curtis, a guest at the Christian Rest Home, Everard Park, S.A., died recently at 81 years of age. She became widely known throughout our Brotherhood for her quiet effective Christian witness and many valuable services. Although she suffered the loss of her husband in tragic circumstances many years ago and later the loss of her son at a very early age, this did not deter her from living as Christ would have her live. Outstandingly she served the community as matron of a hospital at Magill and nursing sister in a number of places. For several years she watched over the physical and social needs of the students at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic. Even when she retired to the Christian Rest Home at Everard Park she commenced a Women's Fellowship there and remained its president for 11 years. Her church membership for some years was at Forestville where she was secretary of the W.C.F. till she died. She will be sorely missed by her sister, Mrs Houghton, also a guest at the Rest Home and by guests in the infirmary to whom she ministered in a very practical way. Tribute was paid to her life and work by W. N. Bartlett when conducting the funeral service at Centennial Park Crematorium. — W.N.B.

ROBSON, Herb

Herb Robson was third youngest in a family of nine children, being born in 1914 at Weston. He was employed at Stewarts and Lloyds for 39 years. He was one of the best loved men to have worked there. This high esteem and respect is due to Herb having encountered Jesus Christ when 16 years of age. Herb served faithfully the Lord he so greatly loved. He was married in 1940 to Tina Watson. They have two children, John, living at Murrarundi, and Mrs Joy Baxter of Melbourne. There are five grandchildren. Herb and Tina made a good team for God. They first lived at Hamilton, then Mayfield, Birmingham Gardens, and then back to Mayfield. They always kept open home, and many are the people they helped for the Lord. Herb became a member at Mayfield in 1941. He served this congregation as S.S. Supt., teacher, C.E. youth leader, Deacon and Soloist for 37 years. He was the longest serving deacon of the church. He encouraged others and was constantly in prayer. He preached and sang solos in churches of various denominations throughout the Newcastle district and was used on many occasions as Song Leader in Evangelistic Crusades. He is a loss to all churches of the Newcastle and Coalfields districts. — M.A.G.H.

SHIELDS, — Mrs Bertha Annie (9.8.78). Mrs Shields was one of the oldest members of our church. She was born Bertha Annie Organ in Heatherton in 1889, one of seven children of Mr & Mrs George Organ. Two of her family still survive. Bertha met and married Roy Shields in Cheltenham in 1914. They moved to Warranmool in 1921 and spent over 30 years there. They then moved to Portland where they spent another 12 to 13 years and from there to Seaford. Mr Shields pre-deceased Mrs Shields some nine years ago. Mrs Shields was baptised at Cheltenham and was faithful and loyal right through her life. She gave herself in many ways in service to Christ and the church. She taught S.S. for many years, and had musical ability in playing and singing. She was very active in the women's activities of the Church, and even in these latter years she was one who would gather here to make up Christmas gifts for the hospitals at Melbourne, with that same spirit of service evident that had sustained her throughout her life. We pay tribute to one who not only believed in God, but who committed herself to what she

believed. She looked on her faith not as a duty or a burden to be borne, but a privilege to enjoy, and she went about sharing that faith with all she knew. Mrs Shields is survived by her two daughters, Pearl and Glenda, seven grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. — Allan Avery.

THOMAS Martin

Martin was 17 and in his H.S.C. year when he died after bravely battling with two brain tumors. He had been on the "Cradle Roll" at Ringwood Church and attended there. When the family moved to Tongala he attended the Methodist S.S. and services. The Thomas family became involved in the Croydon Church on their return to Melbourne. Martin contributed much to the youth group. Though a quiet, reserved lad, he had a lot of friends. Young people gave him their respect and affection and found in him a "quiet strength," "something solid." The first tumor was discovered a year ago. Surgery and daily ray treatment followed. The surgeon decreed "no school" but relented under Martin's persistent pleas to be allowed to go back to school for his H.S.C. year. By courage and application, he was coping very well with his studies when the second tumor developed. Martin requested baptism before his second operation. There was a crowded building for his moving service of baptism. He had only a short time with us after that operation and much of it in hospital. His faith, courage and cheerfulness in pain and approaching death, were an inspiration to us. Their strong faith and the fellowship of the Church, have meant much to Martin's parents, Judith and Graham, also to brothers Michael and Richard. The Croydon Church has made a memorial gift of books worth \$100.00 to the Maroondah High School as a tribute to Martin. — Leslie S. Dewberry.

TROTTER, Mrs Alice.

(22.9.78) The church at Balwyn was saddened by the death of Mrs Alice Trotter at the age of 80 years after an illness of several months. She lived her early life in Collingwood, at Gore St., Fitzroy church in 1924, and with her husband lived in Mont Albert for 54 years. For 20 years she was a member of Mont Albert church and for 30 years with the Balwyn church. She loved her God and her church and is remembered for her devotion to her family, her behind-the-scenes activities in the Women's Fellowship, in church catering and her helpfulness to her neighbours in time of need. Services at the church and at Springvale Lawn Cemetery were conducted by the minister, Harold Steele. We paid tribute to her life and extended Christian sympathy to her husband, Robert, her sons Les, Ken, Edgar and Robin, her daughter Rosa and their families. — H.E.R.S.



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FOL. MORGAN

(6.9.1978) Folliott Thornton Morgan entered the College of the Bible in 1935 from the Paddington church, N.S.W., to train for the ministry. He graduated in 1938 and served the church at Invermay, Tas., for six years. For one year during World War 11 he was the only Churches of Christ minister in Tasmania and the whole Island was his parish. After his term as President of the Tasmania Conference he moved to the Box Hill Church for five years. Then, after a short period at Wagga Wagga he transferred to Frankston where he again had a five year ministry. His work in the churches as pastor-preacher was one of three special areas featured in his service to the Lord.

A second area was in the field of Christian education. In the old Victoria Youth Department, Fol shared Will Hibbert's vision of a Federal Board to reflect the many changes and challenges in Christian Education. The F.B.C.E. came into existence in 1947 with V.C. Stafford as Director. Fol Morgan was the first chairman and he held this office for 20 years and shared in pioneering in many new directions.

The third area made the greatest demands on Fol and gave him great personal satisfaction and fulfillment. It was in school chaplaincy. The Victorian Council for Christian Education in Schools decided to add chaplains in Technical and High Schools to its traditional role of

providing voluntary teachers of religious education in primary schools. Fol was one of the pioneer chaplains. It was a new and exciting venture for the churches and it was also a new thing for government schools. It was important that the new work should be done well. Fol was appointed to the Footscray Technical School in 1955 and was chaplain there for eight years. He had a special facility for building good relationships with both school staff and students. When he moved to the Preston Tech. in 1963, C.C.E.I.S. chaplains were established as a significant feature in Christian education and Fol had built a splendid personal reputation. After nine years at Preston Tech. as chaplain, he was asked to continue as Student Counsellor and Careers Officer. For the six years he held this office he also served as a Probation Officer. Ill health caused his retirement this year.

Mr Morgan was the longest serving chaplain with the C.C.E.I.S. and the Council deeply appreciated his loyalty, stability, and competency. For many years he was the Senior Chaplain and Counsellor to the Chaplains.

Fol had a long and deep involvement with the Preston Church. Although he entered College from N.S.W. he had previously been in fellowship at Preston. There he had met Linda Garth and they were married at Preston in 1939. When chaplaincy took him back to Preston he again took part in the church's life and at the time of his death he was an elder and associate minister. Linda and Fol supported each other in Christian service and

witness. Linda was very prominent in the work of churchwomen and served as President of the Vic.-Tas. C.W.F.

Jack Manallack, minister at Preston-East Preston conducted the service at the Preston church and Fawkner Crematorium.

Jack and Jean Manallack were very close to the Morgan family and especially during Fol's illness gave strong support. Jack was assisted in the service by A.E. White and a message from Frank Morgan, absent in Scotland, was read to the congregation.

There were many brotherhood representatives, the most senior officers in the C.C.E.I.S., chaplaincy colleagues, representatives of school staffs and students, those who had served with Fol on the F.B.C.E., and folk from the churches he had served. There were many from the Preston church.

Sympathy was shared with Linda, Frank and Margo, Alan and Margaret, and Helen, and the grandchildren, Lucy, Bill, Michael, Rhys and Rhylla.

On graduation from Glen Iris in 1938, Fol wrote: "If we bring back to God those powers he entrusted to us having made less of them than we might, we are unfaithful stewards, inadequate as ministers of God's grace. Our powers need to be refined and reinforced by the power of God. He needs lives filled with his full life, minds full of his wisdom, hearts overflowing with his love for men, to do his work in the world." Throughout his years of pilgrimage Fol brought those words to life in his own mind and heart.—A.E.W.

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INSPIRATION (North Balwyn, W. J. S. Gaunson). Minister conducted crusade at Ringwood ... Y.P. attended Hall's Gap camp, where David Brooker and Trevor D'Ambrosio assisted in leadership ... Ladies "Know Your Bible" group inspired men to start similar program ... Mrs Shirley Allen is new President of C.W.F. which, following visit by the Waghmodes, will finance a solar hot water system for Baramati Boys' Home ... Reg Gore new B.S. Supt.

MINI-MISSION (Manifold Heights, Peter Pitts). Mini-Mission with David Gurney, from Ballarat, commenced with a Twenty-four hour Prayer Vigil. David spoke to ten groups including Family dinner, Father and Son breakfast, and Youth Barbecue. 104 people reaffirmed their faith in Christ. Mission culminated in 53rd Church anniversary services, beginning with Open Day program at B.S. ... Combined half-yearly C.W.F. Missionary Rally held. Guest speaker was Mrs Alwyn McNeice, C.W.F. Country Representative. Offering was given to Petrol Fund for Missionaries in P.N.G.

COFFEE SHOP (Carnegie, R. Ritchie). Four Ladies and two young men baptised during past month ... Average of 40 children attended vacation school "Happy Children's Band" ... Spring Fair raised \$1,100 ... C.W.F. Afternoon Group celebrated 63rd birthday with C.W.F. Pres., Mrs Betty Dow, was Speaker ... C.Y.F., with Clive Stebbins and other members of the Y.F.C. team, arranged Coffee Shop and screened film. Clive Stebbins and team also present at Sunday Gospel Rally.

SUPERMINISTER (Preston/East Preston, J. Manallack) At Youth service Doug Morffew showed film "Super-Minister" made by Doug and fellow C.O.B. students ... Three Y.P. attended camp at Hall's Gap ... Youth Group with leader Doug Morffew held a 24-hour Wakeathon in aid of 'The Cure and Prevention of Multiple Sclerosis' ... Church saddened by death of Fol. Morgan.

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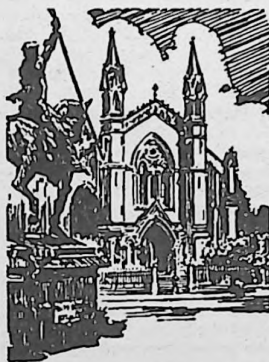
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DEATH

DUNPHEY, John, of 3 Ebdon Street, Elsternwick, Vic., on September 26th after a long illness, dearly loved husband of Margaret (nee Flett), loving father of Anne, Kim and Helen.

GOLDSWORTHY, Reginald C., 61, beloved husband of Joyce and father of Sue, Robyn and Laurence. On Sunday, August 27, suddenly in an attack of asthma. Out of turmoil into rest. "To be with Christ is far better."

SAUNDERS, Lily. Aged 87. Passed away at the Churches of Christ Nursing Home. Loved wife of W. G. Saunders (dec.), dearly loved mother of Doris (Mrs. Skerman), Joyce (Mrs. Farmer) and sons-in-law Colin and Harry, Nanna of Glenice, Raymond, John, Gary, Keith and Neville. Great Grandmother of Anthony, Craig, Michelle, Tracey, Craig, Peter, Lyndall, Mark and Dean. A kind and gentle mother at rest with the Lord Jesus Christ.

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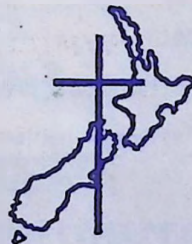
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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

MISSIONARY CONVENTION (South Perth, D. Nelson/L. Cox) Missionary Convention climaxed with 15 people making dedications . . . Church bus used by Youth Group and S.S. . . Ken Clinton was recent speaker . . . Festival of Light rally held . . . Y.P. put on Spring dinner . . . Girls successful in netball finals . . . Vacation B.S. held . . . New Life Be In It crusade in September preceded by four weeks' visitation . . . Neville and Gwyneth Southwell home for a few weeks before returning to N.G. . . Brett and Meryl Ridley are at W.R.C. headquarters before going to France on missionary service . . . Tom and Laurel Scotland on furlough and study in eastern States . . . Mrs. Shearn passed away in Mt. Henry Hospital and Mrs. Nona Wesley died after brief illness.

MINISTER ARRIVES (Scarborough, L. Randall) New Minister, American Leroy Randall, wife Gayle, and family of four, arrived at Perth airport and were welcomed by members . . . Special Induction Service was led by George Smith and W.A. Conf. Pres. Len Jones. Service followed by Basket Lunch . . . "The President's Cup" motor rally held . . . Night tennis commenced . . . Special presentation service held for netball and basketball teams.

BASKET SUCCES (Warwick, G.B. Carlslake) The two boys' basketball teams and two girls' netball teams reached the finals. Boys premiers in Junior B grade . . . Ken Clinton spoke at Saturday men's breakfast, at women's rally for northern suburbs, and at Sunday afternoon family service with 130 present . . . Attendances close to 150 total for both morning services, 40 attend junior church, and 90 Wednesday B.S. . . . Several adults baptised recently . . . New series of home-study groups have commenced.

VISITS (Dianella, J. Sommerville) Visits recently by K. Clinton and Mr and Mrs Wagmode . . . Boys' Brigade invited church to join in "Mark the Month" Bible readings . . . Evenings held to support Talent Scheme . . . Junior A Reserve girls' winners of basketball grand final . . . Group of men and boys attended annual Stirlings Adventure camp . . . Six people baptised.

LECTURER (Nollamara, A. J. Anderson/N. E. Head) Ken Clinton, C.O.B. lecturer, spoke on archeology and the Bible at a church family night . . . Allan Anderson attending Bethel Bible Series Seminar for church pastors in Sydney. Series to be introduced soon . . . Youth encounter program with John Bond, from Thornlie, speaker . . . Ian and Lesley Polmehr on furlough from Indonesia . . . Mr Haribah Wagmode at Men's tea.

VISITS (Northam, M. Randell) Visits recently by State Pres. L. Jones; Audrey Pole, M.E.C. outreach; and K. Clinton . . . Men's tea held, followed by film . . . C.W.C.I. coffee morning introduced KYB studies . . . Friendship meeting had Pottery night . . . M. Randell spoke at

Brotherhood Family Camp . . . Sympathy to Mrs Joan Williams in loss of sister-in-law . . . Family Camp at Kum Ba Yah . . . C.W.F. visited by Mrs Ellement, State Pres.

SOUTH WEST (Bridgetown) Visiting speakers have been South West Conf. Pres. Neil Ewart from Roelands, Bob Dunleavy from Harvey and Mr Elliot from the city . . . Bridgetown was host town to C.W.C.I. with Mrs Muriel Humphries as speaker . . . C.W.F. travelled to Harvey for South West Women's Conf. Mrs Joy Mowday was inducted president by State Pres., Mrs Norma Ellement . . . Three baptised recently.

BULL CREEK VISITORS (Kalgoorlie) Men's Breakfast, Training Session, and Youth Service with two baptisms, were highlights when visited by Alan Fletcher, Ted Watson and Clive Robertson, from Bull Creek . . . Youth Coffee Shop held in Hawaiian style . . . S.S. held barbecue picnic at Lake Douglas . . . Christian Women's Convention held with Mrs Nell Hainsworth as speaker.



NEW SOUTH WALES

DISPLAY NIGHT (Bexley North, F. J. Davis) B.S. annual Display Night had "The Music Machine" as main feature . . . Baptismal service conducted . . . Ladies' fellowship held Mad Hatter's Night . . . Men's tea held with guest speaker, Sir Ronald Grieve . . . Quarterly Night of Prayer conducted . . . Deputational visit made by Greg Law.

SMALL GROUPS (Fairfield, R. P. Betts, E. J. Penney) Board attended Small Groups seminar led by John Mallison, sponsored by ministers' fraternal in preparation for Reachout Crusade . . . Church hall and manse have been painted . . . Youth group restructured and now run by committee of three elected by the Y.P. with associate minister as chairman . . . Sunday evening services now in form of cottage meetings . . . Spanish church has found a location other than our hall.

YOUTH CRUSADE (Thornleigh, D.W. Mansell) Youth Crusade held with L.S. Manny Loveall of Oklahoma, U.S.A., assisted by "The New Disciples" quartet: Randy Shivers (Iowa), David Reynolds (Kentucky), Bill Holly (Kansas) and Roebin Tyler (Indiana). One dedication and one rededication . . . Seven baptisms recently . . . Surprise 25th Wedding Anniversary tea arranged for Mr. and Mrs. David Mansell.

BAPTISMS (Penrith, D. Norling, K. Mason) As result of recent crusades conducted by team from U.S.A. in N.S.W. and Qld, there have been 134 baptisms with another 20 still to be baptised and 12 at Penrith . . . Minister Don Norling baptised his son as result of crusade meeting.

REACH OUT (Charlestown, J. Friebe) Ed. and Pat Thomas led "Reach Out for Life" Crusade. With an average of 112 each night, the crusade resulted in 29 baptisms and five Y.P. offered for Bible College training . . . John Friebe to resign in December.

EVANGELIST (Chatswood, T. Butler, R. Hayman) Evangelistic weekend held with David Mansell. 41 at Saturday Men's Breakfast . . . Seven groups studying "In the Spirit of Love" . . . Church participating with other churches in "1978 Mission to the Community" with Dr Eric Hutchings.

OUTREACH (Cowardilla, R. W. Saunders) Outreach program sponsored by S.S. distributing leaflets in the district. Church members have taken offering boxes for month's saving . . . Girls' Brigade held Brides' Evening. Girls held weekend camp at O'Sullivan's Beach. Section 1, Boys' Brigade, had tea and parade. Jack Baker, State Pres. of B.B. was speaker . . . Group gathers at organist, Lil Trowbridge's home to practise new hymns . . . Speaker, Richard Lauer, U.S.A. exchange D.C.E. Director, Buffet lunch followed . . . Ted Heard used video equipment from Christian Television Association, of which he is treasurer, to show TV spots, interviews from TV sessions and Channel 7 special . . . Ladies help at C. of C. Welfare Shop at Kilkenny . . . Three "Armchair Travel" evenings held in aid of Living Link.

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PARADE (Wattle Park, D. Prestidge/D.
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Father's Day service was led by ladies and
teenage girls. Mrs. Margaret Bunstan was
speaker . . . Final house church fellowship
with two other churches held for year . . .
Beth Crisp, member of "It's Academic"
team to reach State final . . . Three
members of our Girls' Club made deci-
sions at recent camp at Halls Gap . . .
Mrs. Rhoda Crisp has been very ill.

BIRTHDAY GUEST (Tootgarook,
David Hovey) C.W.F. Birthday guest
speaker was Cr Dorothy Houghton on
proposed Mirrabooha Community Vil-
lage. Soloiste was Mrs Fay Ferris . . .
Members attended annual Women's
Inter-denominational service (Dawn Mar-
tin) at Rosebud . . . Film night held . . .
Church saddened by death of Mr Besson
. . . Mrs Arnold home after surgery . . .
Five baptised.

SADDENED (Bentleigh) Church sad-
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VICTORIA

GAS FOR MISSIONS (Ormond, C. P. Clayden) C.M.F. gave \$131 for petrol for our mission fields . . . Peter and Pam Galliford, Philip Prince and David Prestidge, conducted Tea Table service on Aug. 20 . . . Mrs Gwen Rowlands spoke at C.W.E.F. on vitamins . . . Laurie Dunn, an amateur film maker who has won many awards, showed films to assist South Melbourne fund . . . Ladies held a Cake Stall and raised \$61. Recent speakers have been W. Saunders and Brian Tunks . . . The film "Barrett" was screened. Sgt. Gary Barrett, a Christian policeman, has won a Medal of Valor . . . A new revolving bookstand is being tried with a range of good books . . . C.W.F. visited Kraft Food Factory at Port Melbourne.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes, S. Wilson, M. Humphries) Student minister, Philip Bradley, commenced Youth Bible Study group . . . All six teams made tennis finals, three were premiers . . . Churches of Christ history featured with film "Back to Jerusalem and Principal Williams speaking . . . Don Stokie congratulated on joining ranks of J's P . . . Gordon Moyes' new book "Transforming the City Church" mss with printer . . . Stanton Wilson, Beth Humphries, Douglas Hughes recovered from illness . . . Malcolm Humphries held press conference on new stages of Christian Retirement Villages.

SERVICE GUIDES (York St., Ballarat, D. Gurney, L. Martin) Personal distribution of 2000 Essential Service Guides, has provided many contacts where church help has been sought. Ministers and Outreach Committee plan follow-up work . . . Two young ladies immersed and received into fellowship . . . 15 Young

Adults/Young Marrieds fellowship members paid surprise "working visit" to home of Mr and Mrs Russell Mitchell, following their arrival in Ballarat from Box Hill . . . Mr and Mrs Frank Murray celebrated their Golden Wedding . . . Peter DeWildt is guest missionary for September "mini-mission". D. Gurney has preached at Wedderburn and Colac.

STUDY (Northcote, T. V. Weir) First stage of "The Spirit of Love" program completed by assistant minister, John Harmer. Plans being made to continue the next stage . . . Annual meeting reports showed work remains steady . . . Bob Scott out of hospital and making progress. Others on sick list include Mrs Weir . . . Church co-operating with the Inter-Church Council in study groups on "Discipleship".

OUTREACH FUNDS (Sunshine, F. B. Alcorn) Funds for outreach into Western Suburbs stands at \$3000 . . . Youth Group held a house party at Mt Martha, August 18-20. Young people conducted the evening service on August 6 including a short play written by Geoff Gibbs, one of the leaders . . . Two of our men attended Inter-Church Men's Breakfast . . . Ladies sent parcel of clothes and money for shoes to Aborigines Mission and also prepared 200 items at home of Mrs Hounsell for hospital distribution . . . Church supports four New Hebrides children.

EXCHANGE (Blackburn, E. Keating, P. Burnham) Guest speakers on August 20 were Barry McMurtrie and Daryl McLeod assisted by musicians. Ted Keating and Paul Burnham were at Berwick in exchange of Ministry Teams . . . Cell groups continue to participate in studies . . . A new manse has been purchased for third minister . . . The amalgamation of Blackburn and Mitcham Churches to be approved in principle. Negotiations continue . . . Under 15 football team won premiership . . . On September 10 there was a baptismal service. One decision.

HOME FOR A VISIT (Ivanhoe, A. B. Withers) Neville and Lill Muir, holidaying briefly with Neville's parents spoke of their work serving the deaf in Korea with World Opportunities International. Neville has been serving God in Japan and Korea for the past 10 years, and returns to Korea after speaking to groups around Australia . . . Student minister Stephen Ashley has been on College deputation in N.E. Victoria . . . Ivanhoe hosted regional dinner addressed by Brotherhood leaders . . . Pastoral care team met for sharing and guidance with Trevor Giles.

DEPUTATION (Hampton, D. Murray, W. Talbot) D. Murray and W. Talbot shared in College deputation teas and during absence Doug and Julie Wallage took services . . . Basket tea and evening service were shared with Black Rock church. Gospel Theatre Productions conducted service on September 10.

SECOND MINISTER (Box Hill, S. Downie) G. Grainger appointed second minister . . . Mrs Florence Rosier speaker at C.W.A.F. . . . Yarraville Baptist singers guest artists . . . Minister at Horsham Church visited with several members . . . Features have been Apostles Stunt Team, Rosemary and Ted Koenig, duetists . . . C.E. Camp at Olinda had Paul Downie as study leader . . . Minister interviewed Lee Kennedy of Box Hill Crisis Centre on September 2 . . . There has been a baptismal service and five decisions in past month . . . Y.P.C.E. visited church officers board meeting.

AFTER ILLNESS (Williamstown, Charles Wilson). Charles Wilson was welcomed back after weeks of illness . . . The C.W.A.F. held interesting and humorous birthday afternoon with "A Step into the Past" . . . Recent services taken by the Christian Foundation for the Blind, the Werribee Church and the Young Adults . . . The Tennis Club won its first Premiership.

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QUESTING

WITH A.E. WHITE.

We haven't had a business meeting in our church for three years. What do you think of such a thing?

Your question reminds me of a piece in one of James Thurber's books. In a cooked up series of questions and answers about pets and things a reader wrote in to say, "We have cats like other people have rats." It was accompanied by a drawing with cats everywhere. Thurber's response was, "So I see, but I don't know if you want me to help you do something about it, or if you are just boasting!"

On the off chance that you want me to try to do something about it, I shall make the effort.

In the first place, I would ask if your church has a constitution. If it has, then the church and its officers are surely at fault, for the constitution will make provision for the church to meet.

A church constitution is important, up to a point. It should set general guidelines to ensure that the work and witness of the church are maintained. But as the church is more of a family than a commercial enterprise, the constitution should not be too restrictive. A constitution should be designed to keep the church informed and active. To go for three years without giving the church opportunity to review its membership and its financial support for

the local church and for projects at home and abroad, seems to be the height of irresponsibility.

If there hasn't been a meeting, there wouldn't have been elections either and the officers of the church are not validly in office.

In the second place, I would ask what is happening to the offerings. I assume you have offerings. The last time I heard of a church that didn't have an offering for three years, that was the time it had been closed.

The treasurer is required to present a statement of receipts and payments and a balance sheet to the church.

For his own protection, although that is not the main reason, one would expect him to insist upon the church endorsing his stewardship.

I get the impression that what is wrong in your fellowship is not that a few dominant members are running things, but that the church feels that it no longer counts for anything, it no longer thinks of the development of the inner church life or about outreach.

Not to meet for three years suggests that your small congregation no longer cares about such things and the officers

apparently feel no pressure to seek the members' mind and will.

Maybe the church is finding it difficult to maintain its present position without even attempting to attract new members. It is understandable that such a church may drift into the role of "keeping the doors open" and with the expectation of eventual closure is ministering only to a diminishing congregation.

When churches close there may be a variety of reasons and some of those reasons may justify the event. But no church can justify running down just because no one cares.

Maybe the members don't care if there are no church meetings, and maybe some of them don't even know that there hasn't been a meeting for three years!! But they ought to know, and as a first step, I suggest that somebody be urged to invite a representative from the State Conference of churches, to talk about the brotherhood's need for small churches and the small churches' need for the brotherhood.

The church doesn't belong to the officers or the members. It is the Lord's church, and the rest of the Lord's family cares enough to give every help possible to any section that is in any kind of trouble.

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

Conclusion ● Goodbye ● see you later ● adios ● farewell ● fin ● paid in full ● good grief ● say no more

THE LAST WORD.

The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted, uncared for, and deserted by everybody. — Mother Teresa.

In the Shadows

Yesterday I walked
Amid the darkened shadows of the past,
Amid the spectres of the might-have-been.
Shamed, I bowed my head and wept.
Then I heard a voice,
"Look up, my weary one; the path lies still ahead."

Minnie B. Clark

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Is this what they really mean as they leave the church?

"The sermon was very deep." — I fell asleep.

"I prefer the good old simple gospel." — The preacher mentioned psychology.

"It's a very unfriendly church." — I never speak to anyone.

"I'm sorry, minister, but we can't be here this evening." — There's something special on TV.

— "Buzz" magazine.

A man finally bought a parrot at an auction after some very spirited bidding. "I suppose the bird talks," he said to the auctioneer.

"Talks?" retorted the auctioneer. "He's

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"Number in church today, one hundred per cent!"

been bidding against you for half an hour!"

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"Thank you very much," said the lady to whom a workman had just given his seat on the bus.

"Aw, don't think nothin' of it," said the man. "Some guys don't give up their seats unless a lady is young and pretty, but with me — it doesn't make no difference, see?"

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