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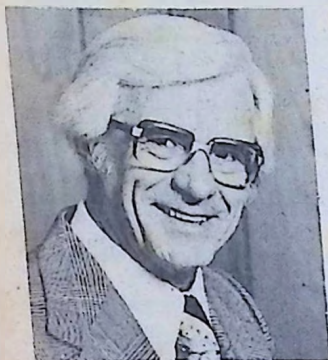
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GORDON STIRLING APPOINTED EDITOR

"The Australian Christian" Board of Management has announced that Gordon Stirling has been appointed Editor of the journal for Churches of Christ in Australia.

He will take up his new duties in March, 1979.

Mr Stirling is the son of Mr & Mrs D. R. Stirling and was born in Western Australia where his parents were ministering. He trained at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, where he is presently serving as Vice-Principal.

He has had wide experience in many areas of Christian witness. He was minister at the churches in

Lower Hutt and Palmerston North in New Zealand before being called to serve as Dominion Youth Director for our churches.

He became Youth Director for South Australian Churches of Christ and was an original member of the Federal Board of Christian Education. He shared with the late V. C. Stafford in writing Junior and Intermediate Lesson Material.

When someone with special qualities was required to minister to the 17 members of the new church at Canberra, Gordon Stirling was called to the Australian Capital. When he left there in 1969 to serve at the Col-

lege of the Bible, there were two churches and two ministers.

In both New Zealand and Australia, "G.R.S." wrote extensively, and he has written many articles for the "Christian." He also had wide experience in radio and television. At the Federal Conference in Brisbane, 1976, he was elected Federal Conference President.

He has conducted innumerable seminars, missions, and camps, and is in much demand as a special occasion speaker.

Gordon's wife, Lesley, was President of the Christian Women's Fellowship in Victoria-Tasmania, 1973-74. She also edits the women's page in this journal.

SUB-EDITOR MANAGER ALSO APPOINTED



C. R. Ambrose
B.Ec., B.D., A.A.S.A.

Chris Ambrose will join the "Australian Christian" team in the new year as Sub-Editor/Manager.

Mr Ambrose is a final year student at the College of the Bible. His home church is Hobart, Tasmania, and he gained the Bachelor of Economics degree at the Tasmania University. After working for four years with a firm of chartered accountants, he

entered the College of the Bible where he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

As a student minister he served the churches of East Kew, Croydon, and Pascoe Vale.

Chris is married to Mary Ling and there are three Ambrose children: George, 5; Kathleen, 3; and Roger, 6 mths.

Charles C. West said:

"We turn to God for help
when our foundations
are shaking,
only to learn that it is
God
who is shaking them."

Go to church
next Sunday
not to relax
but to be disturbed.
Let God turn you
inside out
and rightside up.

Worship is God's way
of doubling your love.

CRUSADE TURNS CHURCH BACK TO FRONT

This is the B.B.C. Report. The British Broadcasting Corporation? No. The Back to the Bible Crusade (2-20 Sept. 1978) by the Nambour Church with Jack Bond, Evangelist of Sydney, David Capuano of Southport, Songleader and the lovely Betty Marcus, Soloiste, Sydney, which took the Sunshine Coast by storm.

It all started when Jack Bond visited the Sunshine Coast for a holiday last year and was "conned" by former associate, Alan Leane, to preach to the Nambour congregation who were impressed and the feeling seemed mutual. A mission was mooted but progress towards it was slow until a bearded young deacon moved that we make a definite decision for a Crusade and inform Mr Bond we have faith that he will lead it. Then things began to happen. J. K. Bond agreed to come and Caringbah Church released him.

Committee Conveners were appointed and weekly early morning prayer groups started to meet almost immediately. Changes to our Church buildings were necessary and a campaign of voluntary working bees was launched which led to the removal of one wall and half of another so that the Church and hall could be one. Problem — the speaker couldn't be seen by those in the hall but he could be seen by all if he preached from the rear. Solution — the whole church was reversed and the pulpit located at the rear and capacity increased to over 300 all of whom could see the speaker. What about the baptistry which was now located at the rear behind all the backs? Solution — just before baptism ask everyone to turn around and remain standing. The ceremony lost none of its reverence or meaning.

One of the several printers in the congregation designed and printed handbills so as to attract "Everybody fortunate enough to live on the Sunshine Coast."

MINISTRY (Wagga Wagga) Ministry of W. Taylor extended from three years from Aug. 1979. Assoc. Ministry of T. Grant, extended from one year from end of 1978 . . . Five elders elected. New elders are Merv. Howard, and Rob Martin. 10 deacons elected. New deacons are Bruce Cook, John Reeks and Graeme Willis (treasurer) . . . Aged Persons entertained by C.W.F. at Senior Citizens Lunch, Oct. 17 . . . Several groups studying "Life-Style Evangelism."

DISCOVERY GROUPS (Brooklyn Park, G. D. Agnew). Many involved in series of Discovery Groups including Macrame, C. of C. Witness, Car Maintenance . . . Anniversary service with "The Changing Moods" attracted 198 . . . Summer sporting program included 10 tennis teams and 5 netball teams . . . Seminar for morning service Plan participants arranged . . . Film screened at evening service . . . Two young people baptised.

Local postmen became crusaders as the handbills were forwarded through the post (at reduced rates) to the 11,000 houses on the coast. 100 radio spots were booked on the local station. These consisted of topical quotations from the Bible and invitations to the Crusade. The team was interviewed and a 20 minute session broadcast. Business houses agreed to insert posters in their windows and local newspapers gave good coverage.

The very first night saw a decision for Christ from a crowd of nearly 250. First week attendances averaged 145 with 8 decisions and the local people were starting to talk about the Crusade. The second week saw increased attendances, greater interest and more decisions but even more importantly a deepening feeling of love and fellowship was developing among the congregation and with the team.

Seventy one decisions were made including five for full time service. The Crusade not only turned the Church back to front but turned this whole coast upside down. Since returning to Sydney Jack Bond has written to say that he regards the Crusade as the most rewarding he has experienced in 22 years. Praise the Lord!

EASTERN WHEATBELT CONFERENCE

Merredin was host church for Eastern Wheatbelt Conference. Meetings presided over by President, Doug Good. Secretary was Mrs Alma West and Treasurer Colin Chapman.

State Conference President, Len Jones, preached at morning communion. Afternoon Focus presented by Ken Patterson "Religious Education in Government Schools in W.A." Departmental Focus was the "Christian Union Committee," presented by Miss Vera Dean and John Weston. Church reports were read from Bruce Rock, Narambeen, Mukinbudin and Merredin.

Ken Patterson showed slides at night of his trip to India for opening last year of Bombay Christian Centre. Kevin Caulton, from Youth & Christian Education Department, preached at gospel service.

Next year's conference will be at Mukinbudin and office bearers are; President — Laurie Seaby; Secretary Ken Wakeling; and Treasurer Trevor Seaby. Conference living Link is Mrs Janet Bull in P.N.G.

MINISTERS' SEMINAR

MONBULK
JAN. 8-14, 1979

REGISTER TODAY

INNER SPRINGS

WHY?



This question arises constantly in every area of life "Why does this or that happen?" "Why doesn't someone do something?" "Why do people do the things they do?" "Why do we suffer?" "Why doesn't God do something?" and nowhere is it asked more than in the realm of our own suffering. Stricken with ill-health, sudden loss or impending disaster we ask "Why?" Good parents ask it when in spite of their efforts the lives of their children become tangled and marred by tragedy. But only as we ask it in a search for truth will we find any meaningful answer. The universe runs according to a three-fold law — God, nature and man and human disobedience to any of these laws must result in suffering. His Word says, "all have sinned and come short . . ." so that we have no right to ask "Why me?" but rather "Why not me?" For nowhere in the Bible does it say that any one of us will be set apart from any particular suffering. Christ, in fact promised the reverse. "In the world ye shall have tribulation," and I believe He allows some things to touch our lives for His own good purposes. "For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth." But His promise to Paul belongs to us too: "My grace is sufficient for thee for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

Perhaps it doesn't answer all our questions but to the trusting heart it is enough.

I've left the land of "why,"
And now affirm this vow,
I go to dwell by faith
Within the land of "How."
Too long I've cried, "Why God,
Did you do this to me?"

Henceforth I'll pray, "How, God,
May I use this for Thee?"
What happens doesn't count
And why is not the test;
It's how I take each thing
That makes me cursed or blest.

Prayer. Our father, when our circumstances overwhelm us and weaken our faith, bring us back to a place of quiet confidence in Thy loving care. Amen.
John 15:33

Florence Rosier

"PAPA GOD LONG HEBN."

By Gordon Stirling

The President of Federal Conference visited the Churches of Christ in the New Hebrides. This is what happened.

"Oltæm yumi presem Hæe God blong yumi" came from eight hundred throats under the tropical sun or sheltered in a large marquee or under adjacent coconut palms, and the opening ceremony of the new "church-house" at Santo (New Hebrides) was under way. To this spectacular event Lesley and I had come to represent our Australian churches.

The invitation came for the "big fella long Australia" (Federal President) to be guest preacher, and there were only a couple of weeks to renew passports and make arrangements to get away. On a damp cold Thursday we were up at 4 a.m. to catch the 7 a.m. plane to Sydney, and then on to Noumea, Vila and Santo. The UTA plane to Noumea was a giant DC 10. The plane to Vila was one of the smallest jets (Air Nauru). At Vila the tiny eight seater of Air Melanesiae was held up for us. Pastor Samuel Vusi helped us quickly through customs and we were away. We soared above beautiful Vila and into the clouds, seated just behind the French pilot. I occupied my time reading the French notices. It was easy because there was always an English translation on the other side of the cabin. One read, "Votre gilet de dauvetage est place sous votre sieze" (Life jacket under the seat.) Meanwhile the pilot had taken his hands off the controls and was reading a book. Peering over his shoulder my schoolboy French translated the heading to read, "What to do after take-off". I thought it was a bit late for him to finding out at this stage, but I had been told that in the New Hebrides anything can happen. I need not have worried — it was simply the usual "check list".

WE ARRIVE AT SANTO

At sunset we were roaring down over the inevitable coconut palms on to the air strip at Santo to be met by Alan Baker and Rod Foster. The new (not before time) church-bus took us quickly to the Baker's house. Mission houses are

utilitarian in the New Hebrides. The Baker's is half youth centre. When the youth centre lounge and library and patio are not being used as a youth centre, Alan and Nola and Joyanne and Renee Baker have a lounge, study and play area. Part of Foster's house is the New Hebrides churches administrative office.

By the time we arrived large numbers of people from our churches in Espiritu Santo, Aoba, Pentecost, Maewo and Vila were already there staying with friends and relatives or camping in a disused nearby warehouse or at Reuben's "hotel". New Hebrideans have a knack of being quickly and easily self contained wherever they are; a mat for sleeping, a fireplace for cooking, "lap-lap" for a quick snack, a broad smile for greeting you, and an infectious giggle to let you know that they appreciate your humour even if they know it is not funny. Each night of the week they had been using a marquee top by the new "church house" for meetings, conducted each night by a different island group.

SING-SING

Having been up since 4 a.m. and travelling all day, it was out of a sheer sense of duty that I went to the Thursday meeting. Both back and seat are punished by the backless pews and mine were in no condition for the new two and a half hours of sitting. The service started at 7.30 p.m. which means eight o'clock in the New Hebrides. By 8.15 nothing had happened and I was drooping. The marquee was half full. Then a brother in the pew in front of me started a chorus in Bislama (the local "pidgin"). After the first line everyone else except me joined in harmony that has to be heard to be believed. Then came one after another of hymns and choruses in both Bislama and English, all without any musical instrument. I came alive and joined in with zest and joy. Pastor Samuel alongside of me loaned me his Bislama

hymn book. I found that I could sing and understand most of it. I found that I could easily harmonise with the others. The hours slipped by and I was fascinated. I discovered many things that night. One was that the "old fellows" have been able to sing Sankey hymns and read and understand the Authorised Version all of their lives, but find it very difficult to speak English. Another was the deep reverence with which they used the quaint opening phrase of their prayers — "Papa God long hebn mi mi pres nem longa you". A third discovery was that I could understand a lot of the Bislama of the other Pastor Samuel and of Alan Baker's message, because they spoke more slowly and interspersed it with a lot of English words. A fourth thing I learned was how to get a congregation to move further forward — at least in the New Hebrides. A brother in authority says some magic Bislama words and everyone stands and marches over the seats as far forward as they can get. Then the back seats are filled similarly by those who have been standing at the back. A fifth thing I discovered was that in the New Hebrides the men sit on one side and the women on the other. The "picaninnis" sleep on mats on the floor between seats, in the aisles and in any other available space. However, the opening of the Santo church house has thrown tradition into confusion because it has three rows of seats rather than two. It was interesting to see some "fraternisation" going on in the centre aisle. "AND SO TO BED!"

At 10.30 p.m. it was all over and I had shaken hands with everyone there — in the dark, because the generator had stopped. I fell into bed after eleven and into a deep sleep. I was hoping that I wouldn't wake up and find that it had all been a dream.

(TO BE CONTINUED IN FUTURE ISSUES)



OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

The Opportunity Shop at Croydon

by A. Rackemann

Seven years ago, the Croydon (Vic.) church of Christ commenced an Opportunity Shop in one corner of a produce store. This space, provided by one of the church members, enabled a start to be made. The Shop later moved into a converted house, and now has an attractive shop in Main Street.

Opportunity Shops raise money but this is not the sole or even the main objective. The project was commenced because a handful of people had a real desire to do something for the community. They saw a means of service and an avenue of witness. The Welfare Officer of the Municipal Council sees the Shop as meeting real needs. Clothing is provided at low prices enabling people, who could not otherwise afford it, to dress warmly and well. Customers come to Croydon from as far afield as Healesville, Mt Evelyn, and Camberwell.

The shop is also a place of fellowship. Many helpers are not even members of the Croydon Church of Christ. There is therapeutic value in the service. People meet people and talk to one another. The

shop helpers know they are doing something worthwhile and they are able to identify with the local charities which are supported by the proceeds.

Financially, there has been assistance given over a wide area. Well over \$30,000 has been distributed, the bulk of it going to our Brotherhood Social Service Dept. and to Aborigines Missions.

\$6,500.00 has been contributed to the maintenance of a chaplain at the local High School. Seven other local organisations have been helped in the areas of health and education with amounts ranging from \$250.00 to \$1450.00. The Shop has also supported special appeals and has given some help to Geon Children's Home in Korea.

Assistance has been given on other ways. Surplus stock, for example, has been given to the Save the Children Fund, and to Missionary Societies.

Even where the church may not have great numerical strength it can be effective in its ministry and this report highlights a possible area of service in other communities.

ON SAFARI

Two coach loads with 83 people toured Central Australia, arranged by the Vic./Tas. C.M.F. During recent years several hundred people have travelled in Australia and New Zealand in this way. One man came from New Zealand for the tour.

The unusually wet season experienced in Northern and Central Australia caused travel and accommodation difficulties, but all were overcome. At Coober Pedy there was a demonstration of opal cutting and polishing in the opal cave, a visit to the underground chapel and a dug-out home. Although wet roads were traversed successfully, both coaches became bogged in sand on the road to the majestic King's Canyon. Digging out a coach was an interesting experience!

A 12 mile trip up the bed of the Finke River in a specially modified vehicle was probably the roughest trip most will ever have. The beautiful scenery of Palm Valley at the end of the journey made it well worth while. Visits to Stanley Chasm and Simpson's Gap were also outstanding events.

The tours were timed to be in Alice Springs for the most publicised sporting event of the Centre, Henley on Todd. Some climbed Ayer's Rock, some flew over it, and the others took the reports of those who did for granted.

Mr and Mrs Thomas, of Kangaroo Flat were to have some of the party to morning tea as their guests, but the Thomases had left for the Philippines before the other party reached there. They have a son and family in the Philippines as a Wycliffe Translator, who has to find his own financial support. In appreciation \$85 was given to be sent on to him. The usual fines for small misdemeanours were marked for the 'gas bag' by that group, to go the C.M.F. Gas Fund. Fines and generous donations amounted to \$201.

The other party gave what was collected up to Alice Springs to the Flying Doctor, amounting to \$100. On the return journey they also had a 'gas bag' and a further \$151 was raised. All C.M.F. tours include a daily worship segment which contributes to the memorable Christian Fellowship enjoyed. On Sundays, the Lord's Supper, taken in unusual circumstances, leaves lasting memories of communion with our Lord.

OVERSEAS VISITING LECTURERS

Dr & Mrs Morgan and Prof. & Mrs Schiller at Kenmore.



Kenmore Christian College has appreciated the help given by visitors who came to Australia with the U.S. evangelistic team in September.

Dr and Mrs Orval Morgan (on left in picture), after a campaign at Annerley, spent a week at Kenmore. Dr Morgan's special lectures on preaching and his Bible teaching were very helpful.

Professor and Mrs Ben Schiller (on

right in picture) had a campaign at Marburg, and are staying on at the College until the end of the Academic year. Bro. Schiller's lectures are more particularly in Missions and Church Administration, and these have added considerably to the lecture programme. The Schillers plan to return home via India, where they were missionaries before engaging in seminary work in U.S.

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 Wooton, spoke . . . C.W.F. held family night . . . Ladies travelled to Bordertown, to conduct meeting . . . Youth group held barbecue at Kyhybolite.

LOSS AT THORNLEIGH (D.W. Mansell). Mrs Harry Edwards who died recently was Matron of "Bingley Hall", the Social Service Aged People's Home at Hornsby, 1958 to 1973, and was in active membership with the church when it was located at Hornsby . . . The 72nd Anniversary of the church Oct. 15 had special features: The Anniversary Lunch during which the services of Mrs Ellerby as Church Treasurer from 1951 to 1978 were recognized and she was presented with a FM/AM digital Clock by Ron Bartholomew and a bouquet of flowers by Mrs Vic Dallinger. The Family Service at 7 p.m. at which 136 shared and the Brigades paraded.

BIBLE SCHOOL (Nollamara, A.J. Anderson & N. Head). At B.S. Anniversary Sue Kerr was responsible for Cradle Roll. Jeanette Shorto led Kinder. demonstration and A. Anderson spoke. Evening service taken by Primary Dept., led by General B.S. Supt. Tony Fowkes with Lesley Surman as Musical Director. Steve Brett gave gospel message in story and song . . . A. Anderson one of leaders at Brotherhood Family Camp also one of main speakers at Sth. West Keswick Convention . . . Denise and David Greatbanks in Candidates course in New Zealand with W.E.C. . . . C.W.F. had combined meeting of cell groups. Lesley Polmear spoke as a missionary in Indonesia.

ADELAIDE'S CHANGING MOODS



The Melbourne-based Youth Choir known as "The Changing Moods" made its first visit to Adelaide, Sept. 30 - Oct. 1. Over 30 young people including singers, musicians and technical staff travelled by specially chartered bus.

This visit was arranged jointly by our Churches at Albert Park, Brooklyn Park, Flinders Park and Henley Beach. On the Saturday night a concert was held in the Flinders Park Hall while on Sunday

morning the group sang and conducted the entire service at Brooklyn Park's 54th Anniversary celebrations.

Both "The Changing Moods" and those who arranged the visit consider the venture to have been extremely worthwhile. Quite apart from the excellent musical entertainment and inspiration, the visit also served to strengthen the links of co-operation and friendship between the members of the four participating churches.

L to R — Geoff Fewster (Flinders Pk., Minister), Graham Agnew (Brooklyn Park, Minister), Harold Plummer ("C.M." Conductor), Phil Davey ("C.M." Secretary), Don Sonsee (Henley Bch., Minister), and Roger Risson (Albert Pk., Minister).

HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

The Royal Commission on Human Relationships presented a Report which was made available to the public in 1977. It immediately became the subject of lively and often bitter controversy.

The Report still needs careful consideration by both Parliament and public. As a contribution to the debate on the Report the ABC is presenting a series on "Human Relationships — A Christian View."

There are seven programmes and they commenced in the CROSS WAYS programme on Friday Oct. 20, at 10.15 p.m., and every succeeding Friday until Dec. 1. (Radio 2).

Radio 3 will repeat the series every Saturday at 10.15 p.m. commencing on Oct. 21.

WORD TALK

NO. 187.

PREPARATION.

Fellowship must be the Church's most talked about and least experienced quality. This spiritual resource is available to all Christians but time and again when Christians break down in their relationship with the Church or with their Lord it has been due to a lack of fellowship.

The N.T. mentions fellowship thirteen times, half of these being in the Epistles to the Philippians and John's first Epistle. Included are the concepts (a) Fellowship with other Christians (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 1:9; or 2 Cor. 8:4; Gal. 2:9; and 1 John 1:3-7); (b) Fellowship in the Gospel, (Phil. 1:5); (c) Fellowship in the spirit, (Phil. 2:1); (d) Fellowship in his sufferings, (Phil. 3:10); (e) Fellowship with God the Father, (1 Jn 1:6).

A major concept of fellowship lies in what happens through the Communion celebration (Word Talk No. 171). Holy Communion is essentially a community act and is never fully complete as an individual act. The experience occurs where two or three are gathered in his name, where there is a community indwelt by the Holy Spirit where we "participate in the Holy Spirit" (2 Cor. 13:14). This lack of fellowship is the reason why purely individual Communion at home lacks the same significance and biblical concepts as a community Communion.

Fellowship in Christ (Jn 14:20-23; 1 Jn 1:3-6) is expressed through our Communion, through our prayers and devotion to our Lord, and through our friendship with each other, and it looks forward to the time of heavenly fellowship we will share when he again comes. Fellowship is sharing with God and each other at the deepest level.

PROCLAMATION.

There are four levels of Christian fellowship. In the normal Christian life they should rise to a point of increasing intensity of relationship.

1. The base level is the fellowship Christians have with multitudes of other Christians in large gatherings, such as the mass meetings of the Church when it is engaged in open-air witness or in a Christian crusade.

2. There is fellowship when each Christian joins with a regular congregation and is part of the worshipping, working and witnessing body of Christ. It is here when the Communion is celebrated that the Christian shares with a regular congregation of people. They may not know every other person but they recognize and feel comfortable in that group. However, there is little intensity of fellowship in a larger group where people do not even know each other's names!

3. The small group within the Church provides an increasing intensity of fellowship with other Christians. Every member should belong to some group within the Church where they can have close friendship with a few people at depth. Here they need to be free to talk about their innermost feelings and relationships. These groups need not be prayer groups or Bible study groups, although often that is where we

OUR SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Fellowship

have effective group fellowship.

4. The area of the most intense Christian fellowship must ultimately come from our moments of complete aloneness with the Lord when in devotion and spiritual meditation we commit ourselves completely to him and share through prayer and meditation on his word that individual Communion which enables a person to cope with any situation.

Every Church must simultaneously seek to be providing opportunities for fellowship on these four levels for every member. This means providing literature to encourage people's devotional life, group experience where people can come to know and love each other, an accepting congregational program where people feel they belong, and large mass meetings where people can catch an expanse of the Church covering their entire community.

PRESENTATION

Over the years I have travelled countless thousands of miles throughout many countries and all corners of our own great continent. I must say that everywhere I have gone I have found fellowship with other Christians, both when preaching in mass meetings to thousands of people or in sharing Christian fellowship with only one or two others.

I feel that one of the greatest joys of being a Christian is to find that fellowship no matter where you are.

I have been in small churches in remote rural areas in the furthest parts of the earth, where I was the only person speaking English and yet in that situation have still found a sense of acceptance and love. Once the only means of verbal communication between myself and a congregation happened to be a few words of Spanish that I knew. Once it happened to be a few words of Chinese that I had picked up, but in spite of our language difficulties we shared with Christian greetings and found that by embrace and loving care our warm friendship with each other made us feel brothers and sisters in Christ.

Not long ago among people of great poverty I sat in a South East Asian home where possessions were at a minimum and spent a delightful afternoon as people with differing language abilities translated our conversations backwards and forwards in a variety of languages. Our colour, race, nationality, politics, incomes, education, and experiences of living, may have been totally different, but the fellowship was real which we shared in Christ Jesus.

Many Christians miss the depth of Christian fellowship and its richness because they are too insular and allow their native shyness to prohibit them from enjoying friendship with one another. Break down every barrier that exists between you and other Christians that you might know fellowship together in the Lord!

GORDON MOYES.

INDONESIA RAYA

BY LIN FITZGERALD

Which, being interpreted, means Indonesia the Great. Great in numbers — 130 millions — great in beauty, great in its needs, great in challenge, great in opportunities.

The Overseas Missions Board's Survey Team, comprising Dianne Feeney, Lin Fitzgerald, David Hammer, and John Truscott, has returned from a months evaluation of these needs, these challenges and these opportunities. They also found time to appreciate the beauty — and the people were always there in great numbers — in the cities, in the villages, in the forests — everywhere. There are few places in Java where people aren't the dominant feature of the landscape. And we are interested, primarily, in people.

The Team has recommended that

we become involved in a programme of pastor training to ensure that the growing indigenous church continues to grow — as an Indonesian Church under Indonesian leadership having regard to its Indonesian cultural heritage and Indonesian modes of worship, attaining an Indonesian understanding of the Gospel of love and an Indonesian experience of that abundance of life which Jesus foretold for Indonesians — and all others.

This will not be easy, despite the fact that already there are millions of Indonesian Christians believing and practising the precepts of Jesus. There are internal difficulties — many of them springing from the unpredictable attitude of the Government, particularly in Java where

most of the people live — and where there are the fewest Christians. Java is strategic to Indonesia and therefore strategic to missionary planning. Then there is the Australian difficulty. Indonesia is Great. Are we great enough to accept the challenges presented to us. I believe we are and that we are about to write a new, different and worthwhile chapter in the record of our attempts to share the Good News with others.

At Federal Conference in January in Melbourne — this proposed programme will be discussed debated and, I trust, approved with the enthusiasm it needs and deserves.

So be there!

Indonesia Raya — Indonesia is Great. It will be even greater, even happier when the Gospel of Love gives it even greater fulfilment. We must recognize that

"And to every man and nation Comes the moment to decide — and that

How occasions teach men duties Time makes ancient good uncouth They must upward still and onward Who would keep abreast of truth."

They must — so must we!

9th NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION



Barrawinga the 9th National Youth Convention sponsored by The Churches of Christ Federal Board of Christian Education will be held in South Australia, Dec. 29-Jan 5. Barrawinga is an Aboriginal word meaning 'to hunt and to camp'.

This Barrawinga convention will allow the participants to hunt out and discover their own insights into the Christian faith and ways that they can respond with commitment.

An emphasis at Barrawinga will be the building of Christian community. Barrawinga will come alive to the sharing of Christian concerns, insights, faith and worship. Its life together will be expressed through nightly celebrations and worship experiences. Community depth will be experienced in the small group study-action workshops, where elective topics will be studied, researched and experienced together.

ELECTIVE GROUPS are

Practical Theology — A chance to examine your faith and to apply biblical insights to your life. Biblical, Relevant and challenging.

Third World — Explore the opportunities for understanding and experienc-

ing the problems of people living in the developing third world.

Today's Faith Tomorrow — A workshop where Christians can look at the Ecological issues which affect our environment.

Children's Ministry — Involve yourself with children and see what we can learn from each other. Practical understanding and skills will be increased.

Retreat — Discover meaningful worship through meditation, bible study and prayer. A must for those seeking deeper spiritual understanding.

Alternate Lifestyles — Examine the 9-5 commuter lifestyle and discover how a practical alternative Christian lifestyle can be attained.

Work — Leisure — Unemployment — A reality for many youth! Examine a Christian response. Look at the interrelationship between the three areas.

Rock-N-Roll Culture — Discover the origins and trends! What is the Punk-Rock, Mod-Rock generation saying to Christians?

Youth Leadership — Improve your leadership skills through practical group involvement. Be an effective leader.

Media — Produce a programme for Mass Media which actually com-

municates the vitality of the Christian faith.

Social Awareness — Discover the depths of the commonly occurring social problems and issues. Learn skills to help people caught up in personal and social despair.

Learning at Barrawinga will be through doing!

Leadership within the small groups will come from resource people and group leaders who have participated in training sessions conducted by Lindsay Holmes.

Barrawinga will be held at the Roseworthy Agricultural College 50 km north of Adelaide. Here 1200 hectares of land become available for the Barrawinga community to enjoy and explore.

Features of the Convention include the times of large community worship, celebration and specifically the tour to the South Coast and Victor Harbour.

An extended application period has been allowed so that a maximum opportunity is given for you to register.

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MUSTARD SEEDS

BY ALAN AUSTIN

Recent restrictions imposed on television advertising of cigarettes and tobacco have caused manufacturers to respond in various ways.

We no longer have such direct television advertising as thirty second commercials every fifteen minutes throughout football replays. Instead, when we watch sporting events, whether live or on television, we stare continuously at the cigarette brand names hung around the fences of the arenas or from scoreboards in lettering three feet high.

Kids these days don't only watch television. They also regularly attend cinemas and drive-ins. And so virtually every movie is preceded by at least one lavishly produced, brilliantly manipulative film clip featuring the most beautiful people engaging in the most alluring activities. The secret of their success and popularity, we are clearly meant to believe, is the brand of cigarette they smoke.

More sinister than these, however, is the recent shift towards vigorous promotion of cigarette smoking in the Third World. Governments in underdeveloped countries have no restrictions on tobacco advertising. Nor do they have effective anti-cancer organizations.

And so the strategy is succeeding. Smoking was once a problem the Third World had, by and large, managed to avoid. Not any more. ■

Precisely the same situation has occurred with the vigorous marketing of junk food for babies by the infant-formula industry. Through advertising these corporations have successfully brainwashed thousands of uneducated parents in developing countries into replacing mothers' milk with highly profitable but nutritionally deficient bottle preparations. ■

Of all groups in the community, the Christian church ought to be making its voice heard in opposition to such blatant oppression by wealthy and powerful corporations.

Wasn't it precisely this sort of manipulation and exploitation which Jesus demonstrated against so emphatically when he overturned the tables of the money-changers who were ripping off the people in God's house? Mark 11. (Read also the passage about the temple of the Holy Spirit in I Cor. 6).

Yet it would seem, I will admit, that little can be done.

But although we cannot do much, there are some things we can do. A Christian Church in Dayton, Ohio, USA, recently sued the Bristol-Meyers Company for making "false and misleading statements" about its marketing of formula foods for babies. The case was dropped only when the company agreed to mail to all stockholders a report which linked the company's infant formula to infant malnutrition in developing countries. The report was prepared by the church group who initiated the investigation in co-operation with the Interfaith Centre on Corporate Responsibility. ■

And now for something quite new and different.

Much modern Biblical scholarship tends, unfortunately, never to reach us ordinary folk but remains confined within the halls of learning.

Therefore, Mustard Seeds (with a little help from the Wittenburg Door) presents some insights from modern Biblical scholarship. Hopefully this will bridge the gap between the hallowed theological sanctuaries and the pew.

The text is from a document usually designated as The Gospel According to Matthew, chapter 5:13. "You are the

salt of the earth; but if the salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?"

The material as we have it today is, of course, a reconstruction of whatever the original may have been. The task of the modern reader is, then, to discover the process of change, to isolate the original deposit of tradition, and to discern the basic gospel message contained within that deposit.

The word "You" is, no doubt, a rather late addition. It is agreed by nearly all scholars that the third glossator interjected this interpolation. Professor Von Dopfelheim, however, continues to press his minority opinion that a genuine utterance may lie behind the redactor's gloss, and one ought to allow for such a possibility, however remote.

"Are" has similarly been a linguistic battlefield. Older works maintain that there is a residue of historical material here. But later works have largely gained such historicity. It is, at best, a rich embellishment of such tradition. More likely the utterance should be read as an editorialized, theological interjection, which served the apologetic purpose of the fourth redactor.

"Of the earth" indeed seems to originate from an early tradition (probably Source Q), as the church wished to emphasize the concept of earthiness as a counterpoint to Christ's alleged escape from earth.

"Has lost its taste" is a fascinating phrase. As best as can be discovered, there is a remnant here of early liturgical material which was chanted by the early church.

"How shall it be restored" has the appearance of historical accuracy; we may indeed have here the primitive form of an historical saying. Professor Meisterfeimerrungen demurs, however. He finds instead, remnants of an edifying religious story. ■

There is much more one could say about the origin of the text. Enough has been adduced, however, to give the reader an appreciation for the accumulated insight of modern scholarship that has been evident in the analysis that has been accomplished thus far. Out of the welter of sources and redactions we have been able to provide the original text, the authentic words uttered: "Salt ... salt ... saltiness."

Here we have an authentic kernel, a kernel which vibrates with kerygmatic import. The full, rich gospel message pulsates through these haunting words: "Salt ... salt ... saltiness." Rarely have such profound words stirred man's spirit. Certainly modern man ought to heed this divine message and weave this utterance into the divinity of his life.

JASON'S HOUSE

I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA IN THE SERVICE TODAY, JASON.

YOU KNOW, ALL THAT ABOUT NO INDIVIDUAL OWNERSHIP AND HAVING ALL THINGS TOGETHER IN COMMON...

BUT THAT WAS IN THE BIBLE.

JUST GOES TO SHOW, DOESN'T IT? YOU CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL THESE DAYS...



OPEN FORUM

Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the management or editorial panel. Correspondents are requested to say only what is true, kind, necessary and Christian, and to say it in no more than 150 words.

THE WHOLE GOSPEL

To the Editor,

"Open Forum", (A.C. Sept. 23), re "Mustard Seeds" and the charismatic movement prompts me to make plea that we should try to grasp the full dimension of the gospel — the length and breadth, the height and depth. There are shades of Corinth about a situation where one says, in effect, "I am evangelical", another, "I am charismatic", "I am liberal" "I am ecumenical" etc. as if each was exclusive of the others.

The only adequate understanding of the gospel is that of the whole gospel for the whole person.

The Bible presents us with a gospel which is at once individual (personal) and social (political), at once charismatic (experiential) and theological (rational), at once evangelical and ecumenical, at once traditional and experimental, even radical. One could continue ad nauseum.

We do sad disservice to Lord, gospel and church when, Nelson-like, we see only one element and proclaim that as the whole. Christian maturity demands that we move from the "milk" to the "strong meat" of the gospel and dare to proclaim that "Christ is Lord of all". Nothing is beyond his lordship — nothing too small, nothing too great. This is His world and as His people we are called upon to bear witness to His lordship over every dimension and to recognise the marks of His presence wherever they appear even when those who show such marks make no acknowledgement of His being Lord of all.

Let me also add that to throw in a few Biblical texts does not necessarily make a thing Biblical. Some of the most un-Biblical material I have ever read has been generously laced with texts; some of the most Biblical showed never a direct quotation.

Neil Gilmore, A.C.T.

TRUTH OR EXPERIENCE

To the Editor,

After reading Eric Hollard's letter "Truth or Experience" (A.C. 19/8/78) I determined to make my own list of super-cool books and tapes that would make his list look small by the sheer weight of Ph.D's, psychological experts and other assorted authors of the genius category. Although surrounded by the required material in my own office and the adjacent Drop In Centre library and bookshop, I decided it would not prove any more than Mr Hollard's list.

Truth certainly is not a list of propositions, doctrines or books, no matter how correct their philosophy.

My dictionary defines experience as "(n) practical knowledge gained in the past by trial or practise . . . continuous practise . . . (v.t) to know by personal trial or practise.

Experience is certainly not fanciful emotional stimulation which many doctrinaire proponents seem to want to make it.

Jesus said "I come that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (Jn 10.10). He did not say I come to give a list of doctrines alone, Doctrine must be worked out in experience if it is ever to become lifel

Truth and experience are not a dichotomy, they are the one! Even the words for truth in the N.T. carry the idea of practise in accordance with gospel truth. (Bagster's Lexicon.) "But he who does what is true

comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God" (Jn 3.21).

Colin D. Crago
N.S.W.

MUSTARD SEEDS

To the Editor,

I commend the "Australian Christian" for its feature: "Mustard Seeds" by Alan Austin. It's refreshing to find a Churches of Christ journal that devotes even a part of its presentation to comments on the politics and life of our nation.

For those readers who decry such comments in "Mustard Seeds" I would suggest that they read once more the Gospels and the Prophets, in particular, so that they may see the precedent for what is said about the politics and community life of our country.

I think it is good to be able to read a Christian's viewpoint on what's happening. Alan Austin presents a "Godly" view, rather than the more common secular ones, and I thank him for his comments. Please keep trying to jolt us out of our complacency, disinterest and "closed-thinkingness" about what's going on around us, because the Gospel applies to all of life.

John Horne, N.S.W.

MUSTARD SEEDS

To the Editor,

I have noticed from time to time letters criticising "Mustard Seeds," and inferring that such sentiments as are expressed by Alan Austin have no place in a Christian Journal.

I would like to express my appreciation for this column, and its thought provoking if sometimes conscience pricking message. I particularly refer to the article concerning Aurukun and Mornington Island (Sept. 23rd), and its timely plea for the church to exercise its prophetic role.

It often seems to me that there is an imbalance between our strong expressions of abhorrence over such matters as alcohol consumption, permissiveness and "morality" on the one hand, and our reticence to become involved in matters of social justice (or is it our uncritical support of the status quo.)

Either way I sincerely hope Alan Austin continues to make us react to issues we need to be facing.

R.V. Smith, N.S.W.

LOSS IN INDIA

Barry Jenkins, serving in India as Pastor of the Union Church at Ootacamund, has written to tell of a tragedy that occurred in the teaching staff of Hebron School.

Richard Peach came from England in July of this year to teach German and Scripture at Hebron School. He was with a party of students and teachers on a swimming picnic on Oct. 2 when he was accidentally drowned.

During his brief time in India, Richard had ministered to many. He had a particular burden for students and young people.

He will leave many gaps, one of which is for a German teacher in Hebron School, where many of the students are the children of missionaries. It may be that someone in Australia will be moved to consider such a service.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

GOODNESS

To the Editor,

I am fascinated by the verses in Galatians 5 that talk about the "fruits of the Spirit." But I find myself wishing that "goodness" wasn't on the list. I try to work out why I feel this way.

I suppose my antipathy to goodness is that parents and teachers and other giants were always onto long-suffering Tertius junior to be good. In those days what they called bad things were ever so much more exciting than what they called good things. Being good meant "keeping out of their hair" and not making a noise, and not getting dirty and not being young and alive and human. Being bad was anything that disturbed the peace and quiet of the adults of my world. No wonder I'm not so keen on goodness.

I always seem to have trouble with good people. They don't disapprove of me verbally like they did when I was a kid, but their looks of disapproval go right through me until I feel morally naked. And the fact that some people are so very, very good makes some of us poor strugglers want to give up trying. So up till now I have felt that goodness didn't quite belong with the fruits of the Spirit.

But that has changed. Suddenly it dawned on my rather slow mind that there is a very big difference between goodness as a fruit of the Spirit and the irritating goodness of some people that makes me feel so inadequate. It all happened when I was thinking about Ralph, our church doorman. Ralph loves every one and it is worth going to church to feel his welcome. He is always the same — reliable, enthusiastic, down to earth and full of fun and life. Ralph would be confused and embarrassed if you told him he is good. He doesn't even try to be good. He seems simply to leave his life open to the Spirit while he goes on living. And that makes him good.

Could it be that those who try to be good aren't really, and those who are filled with the Spirit don't have to try?

TERTIUS.

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PASTORS' LIBRARY AND CASSETTE MINISTRY — PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Judy is still kept busy in the Pastors Library. At present there are over 150 titles with more on order. We have even had to produce materials on certain subjects, e.g. Prayer and Offering. Strangely, there is a real shortage of books in Pidgin on these subjects. To date Judy has 20 Pastors and 15 Church workers using the facilities, with other Christians who are attending the hospital and others from surrounding villages also borrowing books. While most books are for borrowing only, we do subsidise some where Pastors wish to buy the book and use it for a longer period.

Paul is still involved in the cassette ministry. Recently he produced a set of tapes which were originally presented by August Ben at a Pastors' Workshop, and a tape giving all Bible readings, to be used with a series of posters distributed by Aileen Draney has been circulated. Another tape has been distributed which lists some of the blessings that God imparts to all Christians.

Paul is currently working at putting the New Testament on tape for a Church worker at Mui who is illiterate. Amori, who cannot read or write, has a deep hunger for the Word of God. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will really assist Amori to understand more about the person and work of Jesus Christ as he uses these tapes for his personal devotions.

Paul is continually facing the frustration of old machines breaking down and delaying the copying process. Because the cassette ministry is a

Paul and Judy Williams

relatively new venture and has had no budget to operate on, the repairing of these old machines has meant that the amount of material produced is well below what it could be. As well as producing materials, Paul is also repairing play-back machines which are constantly being returned from outlying areas. It appears that the tropics are especially hard on belts and electronic components.

Pekene and Ruan have graduated from C.L.T.C. and have settled back into their village of Minung as Pastor. This frees Paul from pastoral work up in the mountain area. However, we still try to get to Asau and Kukim as often as possible. Unfortunately, of late the unreliability of outboard motors has caused people to lose confidence in us, as we say we will be in their village on a certain day, but don't turn up. Is it any wonder that they look at us sceptically when we mark the date of our next visit.

Recently we have begun services with some Christians from Grengabu who are working on a coconut plantation out on the coast at Awar. Because the road from Bunapas to the airstrip has been closed by the wet season, Paul has been shipping his motor bike down river by canoe and riding out to Awar. A few people have indicated that they would like to be baptised, so as soon as the road is open, we will try to go out and endeavour to maintain a regular ministry to them.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

Who Said It?

This is a word from the Bible. Do you know who said it?: "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, and be merry." (Answer on page 18.)

SALT

More than six tons of fresh water pour each day into the Vale of Siddim, which is mentioned in Genesis 14:3 as the site of several battles. The scenery is spectacular. In some places the mountains rise abruptly from the water's edge, their varied colors changing with the light. The water itself is sparkling, and the surface is smooth and placid. But almost nothing lives in this water, because it is six times saltier than the ocean. Few plants survive. No fish swim in the briny depths, so no birds frequent the area. Everything seems dead — and no wonder, since the more familiar name for the Vale of Siddim is the Dead Sea, also known in the Bible as the Salt Sea, which covered the destroyed cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Alaskan (to newcomer): "We have very short summers here. Last year it was on a Tuesday."

Hank: My wife talks to herself.

Frank: So does mine, but she doesn't realize it. She thinks I'm listening.

"Well, Doctor," asked the applicant for an insurance policy, "how do I stand?"

"I don't know," replied the doctor. "It's a miracle."



CHURCHES OF THE WORLD DO CARE

In December last I stopped over at Lusaka and visited a camp in which there were 5000 girls aged 7 to 16. It was raining and the conditions at the camp were as primitive as at Dadaya Boarding School in the thirties. Food was being cooked in 40 gallon drums under the shelter of a few sheets of roofing iron. Simple dormitories and classrooms were being hastily erected, lavatories were crude and dining rooms non-existent.

The conditions were appalling and I had a great urge to stay and help. What called me was not just the great need but the excitement and happiness of the children despite the conditions under which they were living. They sang for me, pressed in and I shook hands with hundreds of them. Propaganda says that these thousands of children had been abducted by force from their homes. Just how do you enter a country which has a police force and a large army and take away 50,000 children?

The flood of refugees is a great embarrassment to the Patriotic Front, for they have to be fed and clothed, housed and educated. These children left their homes in hundreds, growing to thousands and made their way through the bush to escape the intolerable beatings and harassment of the security forces, 50,000



BY GARFIELD TODD

children now need care and, by the way things are going in Rhodesia, this number may soon double or treble.

That the Churches of the world are helping with grants for "food, health, social, educational and agricultural programmes" for these children in need is a truly Christian programme.

Propaganda tries to tell the world that the money the Churches send will be used to buy arms and ammunition. Why should this happen when Russia and China vie with each other to supply unlimited arms to those who ask for them?

— "N.Z. Christian"

BOOKS TO READ

PERSPECTIVES ON THE NEW PENTECOSTALISM

Edited by Russell P. Spittler (Baker)

This is a sympathetic look at the new charismatic movement in a collection of 16 articles, many of which are from papers delivered at the 2nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies. The five sections are: Historical Backgrounds, Theological Viewpoints, Analytic Assessments, Personal Reflections and Future Prospects. Those who are aware of dangerous excesses in the modern movement ought to remind themselves that they are protesting those excesses, not fighting against the Holy Spirit. Surely, none of us would question the need for our churches (all churches) to receive a new inpouring of the Spirit. Those of us who denounce the excesses without rejoicing in the signs of a new enthusiasm for walking in the Spirit are as much at fault as those who use their own gifts as the measure of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the lives of others. There is not a great deal about tongues in this book. There are many challenging insights into the operation of the Spirit today. The writers come from a variety of religious backgrounds: Protestant, Anglican, Roman Catholic, Orthodox. — A.E.W.

CHRISTIAN CHILD-REARING AND PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT

by Paul D. Meier (Baker)

The foreword says "The parenthood job market is depressed. Not that the unemployment lines are long, but old timers and on-the-job trainees alike are frustrated. Quality control is off — not many really good products. We parents are seriously in need of some good advice — medically, psychologically, and spiritually — that tells us what to do after we've paid the obstetrician." This book has lots of good advice. Dr Meier trained in medicine and in child and adult psychiatry. In working for this book he studied available research findings on parent-child relationships — what type of parents produce what types of children. In the bibliography he lists over 400 sources. As a conservative Christian he discarded non-Christian philosophies and interpretations which disagree with scripture. But he claims that in doing this he did not have to discard the results of any objective, documented research. The Bible doesn't deal with all the problems we face but the answers we

find for our problems will not conflict with the basic stance of scripture. Consequently, he is not happy with some of the Women's Lib leaders. He doesn't like their denunciation of male authority in the home and he quotes, with approval, Edith Schaeffer (of L'Abri) who says that much of the impetus for the Women's Lib movement comes from frustrated housewives who aren't expressing their creativity in the home. Dr Meier reports that "research literature describes hundreds of syndromes and in a majority of them, there are a weak, passive father, and a domineering, smothering, over-protecting mother." He is not putting all the blame for parent failure on mother, but up to the age of six, mothers are so much closer to their children, and by the end of that period much of the child's pattern for living has been established. In one section he uses the negative approach to teaching: Ten easy steps to develop a normal healthy child into drug addict or alcoholic; how to develop your child into a homosexual, or into a sociopathic criminal, or into a hysterical child, or into an adult schizophrenic. The next section makes the more positive approach: "Five factors found in mentally healthy families." As with most books in this field it is not always easy for parents to see their own children. For this reason it is probably good to use such a book as this as a basis for discussion by a group of parents, or maybe a group of mothers at, say, a play group. — A.E.W.

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

HAPPENINGS

A record \$14 million will be spent by the United Bible Societies in the next year to translate, print, and distribute Scriptures in more than 100 countries. The Bible Society will have to raise \$2100 every day to help meet this commitment.

"The Grote St. Messenger" (S.A.) reports "we have been advised from a professional source that our Constitution as is presently worded we are liable to prosecution under the sex discrimination laws if not amended within a certain date!!! Among other things we cannot differentiate between male and female deacons! In further elections nominations must come forward for persons in their own right regardless of sex."

Billy Graham has just held the largest evangelistic campaign in the 20th century in Sweden. After a series of meetings reaching three nations, Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Denmark and Finland, Billy Graham left to Crusade in six cities in Poland.

John Williams of S.A.'s "Alcohol Concern and Education" has written to Mr Fife, Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs, quoting J. Donovan, Senior Economist with W. D.

Diary

NEW SOUTH WALES

November
3-5 Planning Camp, Stanwell Tops.
7 Pendle Hill Nursing Home, Open Day.
17-19 DCE Gilgandra Camp.
18 Opening Forestville Retirement Settlement.
24 College Graduation.
25-26 Far North Coast Regional Conf.

VICTORIA

November
3 C.W.F. Country Council.
4 CMF Reg. Breakfasts.
17 C.O.B. Graduation.
18 Soc. Serv. Homes Garden Party.
21 C.F.A. Annual Meeting.
21 C.M.F. Dinner & Rally.
26 Annual Offering M.E.D.

Scott & Co., as saying "\$250 million per quarter went out of Australia to pay for illegal drugs." Mr Williams pointed out that \$1000 million going out of Australia annually would put tremendous pressure on the balance of payments as well as causing massive social and health problems. Mr Fife was asked to comment on the situation and to bring it to the attention of the Treasurer, Mr Howard.

The Hong Kong Christian Service is in the forefront of meeting the needs of hundreds of boat people arriving in Hong Kong from Vietnam. The boat people can stay only until arrangements are made for them to move on, the major country for resettlement being the U.S.A. The H.K.C.S. arranges accommodation, and provides counselling and medical and dental care. More than a dozen courses are available in such areas as domestic science, mechanics, carpentry, radio repair and hotel work. Finance comes from local and international sources including the World Council of Churches and Church World Service.

Tobin Brothers, Melbourne funeral directors, have appointed David Treloar as Education Officer. This is said to be the first appointment of its kind in Australia. Des. Tobin said "the public is becoming increasingly conscious of attitudes and responses to death and is seeking help and information." Mr Treloar is a trained primary school teacher and an ordained minister of religion. He will speak to community, organizations, schools, elderly citizens groups, and service clubs.

The A.C.C. and Aust. Catholic Relief have launched a joint nationwide appeal for the victims of floods across Asia. Floods in Pakistan, India, Bangladesh,

Thailand, Laos and Vietnam, have left hundreds dead and many millions of people hungry. Thousands of hectares of food crops have been destroyed and thousands of farm animals drowned. 12 million people have been affected, 200,000 houses destroyed. Emergency food, clothing, medicines and seeds are needed immediately. Donations can be sent to the A.C.C., P.O. Box C199, Clarence St., Sydney, 2000.

The unrest in Southern Africa has resulted in many refugees fleeing their countries. In Mozambique there are 50,000 black Rhodesians in three settlements, plus 20,000 more in transit camps. In Botswana the refugee population is 12,000 and the influx continues. In Zambia there are 30,000 Angolans, 30,000 Zimbabweans (Rhodesians), and 2,700 Namibians. The A.C.C. reports that the Red Cross gave \$1,031,900 Aust. in 1977 to various relief operations in Southern Africa, mainly resulting from the Rhodesian Civil War.

A call for lead-free petrol was made by the Bishop of Birmingham recently. He had investigated the evidence for mental dysfunction among children who suffered from blood lead levels. These had been thought to be harmless but new evidence reveals that a quarter of Birmingham's children are at risk from this pollution. The number could be much higher. Since a good diet is the best protection against toxic effects of lead, poor children were most at risk. The Bishop is pressing for urgent legislation to produce petrol with a very reduced lead content.

Talking about refugees, the latest fighting in Lebanon has produced another quarter of a million refugees. An ecumenical team member in the country states that "in the north there are thousands of people who go wandering from village to village looking for a

vacant place to rest, to wait awhile."

Cliff Barrows and Walter Smyth of the Billy Graham Crusade team will speak at a pre-Crusade Men's Dinner at the Round House, Univ. of N.S.W. on Nov. 23 at 6.30 p.m. Cost is \$6.00 per person. The dinner is open to all men and tickets are available from Business and Professional Men's Committee, P.O. Box A70, Sydney South, 2000.

The Bible Society in Aust. is sending 33 historic Scriptures in Papua New Guinea languages to Port Moresby for presentation to the new National Library of PNG. The Library will be opened by the Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, on Oct. 30, and the Scriptures will be presented by the Bilbe Society of PNG. Many of the volumes are the first scriptures published in a particular language.

CCA NEWS says that Calcutta is often described as a mass of human misery. The mass is wet now, drenched through and through. The human misery is acute in cities like Varanasi, Allahabad, and Delhi. And in innumerable villages. It is also the case in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Thailand, Vietnam, and Laos. CCA says there is need for flood response in a concerted way. Asia has some of the major river systems in the world in some of the world's most densely populated areas. There is a case for a major thrust from the United Nations for the marshalling and controlling of Asian river waters. In the meantime, many millions go without food and shelter.

A report from Kuwait says that a wave of conversions to Islam is sweeping through thousands of South Korean engineers, technicians and workers who are in Arab countries. Conversions facilitate stay and work permits in Orthodox Muslim countries.

Apart from the difficulties Australia is facing in persuading Aborigines to agree to uranium min-

ing, there is further bad news for that mining industry. The U.S. has put off new reactor orders for three years, in Western Europe there have been cancellations or deferrals of reactor orders, in Japan there has been a 60% cut-back in the forecasts of nuclear capacity for 1985, India and Iran have announced cut-backs in their nuclear programmes. Some of this reversal is due to safety fears and to concern over proliferation of weapons, but the cost of installing reactors and doubts of the industry to live up to its promise are also factors.

Leighton Ford, now in Australia, has spoken of a possible "great Christian awakening from the Communist countries." And in Africa, he says, the number of Christians is increasing at three to four times the general population growth.

Dr Judianne Densen-Gerber, an American expert on drug rehabilitation, has severely criticised Victoria's treatment of addicts. Particularly, she claims that methadone, now legally prescribed for 70% of Victorian addicts, is the leading cause of drug deaths in New York City. The use of methadone is simply replacing a very dangerous drug with a less dangerous, but still dangerous drug. She said "The individual is still not learning to deal with the underlying problems of life ... is not learning how to cope with stress without using substances." Dr Densen-Gerber is here to help open an Odyssey House, a drug free rehabilitation centre, in Vic. next March. One is already operating in Sydney.

Following a report in the magazine "Alcoholism and Drug Dependence" that cigarette addiction cost Australia \$625 million a year, Senator Hamer (Lib. Vic.) asked the Federal Government to levy cigarette manufacturers to pay for an anti-smoking campaign on television. This is reasonable and could as justly be extended to anti-alcohol advertising.

GIVING TO "G.O."

NEEDS SUPPORT

"G.O." is the General Outreach of Gospel Outreach fund for Overseas Missions. It is from this fund that the day to day expenses of Overseas Missions are paid. At the Annual Meeting of the Overseas Mission Board last June, it was agreed that to meet increases in field budgets and missionaries field allowances, \$323,270 would be needed this financial year for the 'G.O.' fund from the Churches. This means that for the first quarter, July - September \$80,818 was needed, but the amount received from the Brotherhood was \$67,064. This is \$13,764 less than the amount required.

The Board has no reserve funds except the Contingency fund which is used to provide for urgent capital

needs. This fund has had to be used to meet the deficit in the 'G.O.' fund. Our workers overseas are being advised that no additional finance for capital expenditure is available. As no other reserve funds are available, and unless giving increases for the 'G.O.' Fund, the Overseas Mission Board may, out of necessity, have to reduce field budgets and allowances, as it is only possible to work within the finance available.

The Overseas Mission Board in no way wants to restrict the ministry of our Missionaries and their National Co-workers, or to place burdens upon them because of insufficient finance. We believe that it is possible for a concerned Brotherhood to so give that the promised field budgets and salaries will be provided.

BROADCASTING (Springvale, Reg C. Combridge). Neil Wescombe, Far East Broadcasting Co. spoke to Men's Fellowship . . . Procession of Christians from all denominations next Palm Sunday planned . . . Friendship Corner closed down . . . Springvale German Lutheran Church Y.P. presented musical "Jonah Man Jazz" at evening service . . . B. S., Kinders and Cradle Roll Anniversary held . . . Interdenominational Fellowship heard J. Hunting from Jewish Evangelical Witness . . . Irvine Goudie in hospital at Brighton for minor surgery . . . Rob Williams has resigned as assistant minister and returned to Sydney.

THIRD MANSE (Blackburn, T. Keating, P. Burnham). Third manse purchased for Keating Family as present manse will be converted to administrative centre next year. Third manse is leased helping to repay loan from Properties Corporation . . . Dr. Keith Bowes, Principal, C.O.B., guest speaker at morning services . . . Evening service featured the Burnham Brothers, Paul and Peter, and Peter's wife and family participating . . . Ted Keating in Tasmania conducting mission as Nubeena.

VISITORS (Briar Hill). Visiting speakers David Hamilton, Louie Van Laar, and Dr. Geoff Whiting . . . 11 ladies attended C.W.F. camp at Monbulk . . . Prayer meetings held Wednesday mornings . . . Square dance at Montmorency H.S. hall held . . . Men's Breakfast held monthly.

QLD. CONFERENCE

Churches held their 95th State Conference, Oct. 11-15.

The Conference Report reveals two new churches applied for affiliation bringing the total to 61. 30 of these churches established during the 1950's and succeeding years.

The average number of weekly communicants represents more than 86% of active membership.

During the 2½ years covered by the last two conference periods, active membership has increased by 11%.

821 baptisms were reported during this period, 210 baptised believers received into membership and 95 restored to active membership.

S.A. C.M.S. ANNUAL DINNER

150 attended the annual dinner of the Christian Men's Society at Glenelg Church on Sept. 25.

John Williams, Executive Officer of the People for Alcohol Concern and Education gave an address on "Drug Problems in Australia — an Intoxicated Society?"

Concern was expressed that nearly a year had passed since the report from the senate standing committee had been tabled in Parliament and none of the recommendations had been acted upon.

Our Home Mission Director Ted Heard, successfully sought a resolution from the men authorising the secretary to write to the Minister for Health enquiring as to when these recommendations will be implemented. The men were also encouraged to contact their Federal politicians seeking some action in this matter.

MOVE (Carnarvon). Ross and Helen Norling moved to Port Hedland to take charge of a Government hostel and establish centre of Christian witness . . . Miss Edna Lincoln, on staff of "Ingada" Village (Federal Aborigine Mission Board) for the past 23 years, is home in Sydney to convalesce following an operation . . . Ladies' Fellowship held outreach meeting to ladies in the town. Guest speaker was State Conf. Pres. Mrs Norma Ellement.

MINI-MISSION (Ulverstone, Alan Horne). Mr & Mrs Gordon Stirling, Jan and Mark Dunn, and David Murray from C.O.B. conducted Mini-Mission, combined with Devonport church . . . In holidays Child Evangelism Fellowship conducted training for eight Y.P. In afternoons these trainees and instructors held "Five Day Clubs" in five homes and two country halls. Total of 95 children enrolled. Family Night with children and parents. Good News Clubs now held in three members' homes after school each week.

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All former members are invited to contribute towards the provision of a bed at Northcote Nursing Home to perpetuate the memory of the Moreland Church. Donation may be forwarded to MR G. W. HARMAN, 80 Dresden St., Heidelberg W. 3081, or handed to him on the day.

ALAN JENKINS,
Convener.

OBITUARY

BUTLER, Clarice Maude

(1.10.1978) Mrs Clarice Butler, a well loved and respected member of the church, died aged 84 years. She is survived by her daughter, Miss Dorothy, and step-children: Duncan, Arthur and Mame (Mrs W. Burrell). Mrs Butler was born at Mittagong, N.S.W., and with her parents, Mr and Mrs John Mudford, moved to Ballimore. When she was eight years old the family moved to "Pinedale", Breealong. In 1918 Clarice Mudford married Duncan Butler and they lived at "Warwick", Gilgandra. During these early years a Christian Fellowship was commenced in the homes of the Mudford and Butler families. The Butler family had earlier moved from Horsham. This group of Christians later became known as the Church of Christ, Mrs Butler being one of the foundation members. She was a teacher in the S.S. and when the church was established in the township she helped in commencing the Kindergarten. She was predeceased by her husband. Mrs Butler was a friend to many both young and old. Her life was a fine Christian example and witness.

KAYE, Mrs. Clare,

(10.9.1978) The Footscray Church remembers the family of Mrs. Clare Kaye. She had served in this church for 47 years. Mrs. Kaye was Secretary of the C.W.F. Day Group for 40 years, was a hospital visitor to Prince Henry's Hospital, and later to the Children's Ward of Western General — a work she dearly loved. She served as a deaconess, visiting various members, driven by her late husband, Vic Kaye, who felt that this was a ministry for him. Mrs. Kaye's commitment to Jesus Christ was very real, and God's church and its work were of first importance in her life. To Ray and Linda, Les and Jean, Alan and Dot, and their families — we express our love.—Daphne F. Ashlin.

JOYCE, Mavis

(21.9.1978). Mrs Mavis Joyce of Warracknabeal Church died after a long illness. Born in Warracknabeal in 1903, she was baptized by the late Will Combridge in the Brim chapel when 12 years of age. In 1925 she transferred to the Warracknabeal Church and that year married the late Les Joyce. In her earlier years, she taught in the S.S. and was Secretary of the Ladies Guild for many years. Mrs Joyce was always regular at the Church service and was on the official Board until a stroke forced her retirement. For a long period, she worked at the hospital, where she helped in administration and was highly regarded. The full chapel was a fitting testimony to her work; how she loved people, her Lord and the church. Sympathy is extended to her three surviving children, Dorothy (Mrs. Pollard), Faye (Mrs. Nix) and Keith. Services at the Chapel and graveside were conducted by the writer and Mrs. Joyce's brother, John Chivell, of Adelaide.—R. Will Marshall.

PETERS Donald Charles (Don)

(4.9.1978) Don was an employee of the Main Roads Dept. aged 41 years, and was tragically killed while at work by a car careering out of control across the highway. One of Don's workmates was also instantly killed while another was seriously injured, together with the driver of the car who was the only occupant. Don was born at Wondal in 1937, and was an only child of Mr and

Mrs Henry Peters. Early in life he, with his parents, came to live at Haigslea, near Marburg. Don's father predeceased him some eight months ago. During the writer's ministry in the West Moreton Circuit Don attended at worship, and in 1957, he married Miss Judith Jenner. In Jan., 1958, Don made his decision and was admitted into church membership. There were four children of the marriage: Bruce, Linda (Mrs R. E. Stanfield), Gordon and Lance. Gordon recently made his decision. Don was of a quiet disposition but was always ready to serve the church. He is greatly missed. Evidence of the high respect in which he

was held in the town and district was one of the largest attended funerals ever held. 500 to 600 people came to pay their tribute and their last respects.

An In Memoriam service was held at Marburg on Sept. 17th. The service in the chapel, at the graveside, together with the In Memoriam service, were conducted by the writer assisted by the minister of the Marbury-Lowood Churches, Norman G. Gilbert. To Judith's mother, Mrs A. Jenner, to Don's mother, Mrs J. Peters, and to the whole family we convey our sincere Christian sympathy.

— V.G. Boettcher.

WOLLONGONG FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

By Robert Combridge

It amazes me to think that a body of believers so intent on restoring New Testament Christianity have for such a long time ignored, to a large degree, one of the characteristics of the very early church.

One of the first crises that arose in the New Testament situation was a problem created because of the compassion and concern of the apostles for the welfare of people they ministered to and amongst. The account in Acts 6 gives us a glimpse of this total ministry of the apostles. The problem arose when their concern and ministry to the needs of the people began to overwhelm them. Yet only when a caring ministry was established in the fellowship were they again free to devote themselves to prayer and preaching.

In the later stages of 1977 Wollongong Church of Christ in conjunction with the N.S.W. Social Service Department entered into a threefold caring ministry. It was organized to meet the needs of three areas.

1. The Senior Citizen.
2. The lonely, shy, socially alienated person.
3. The Single Adult.

These three ministries have been functioning for approximately twelve months and it is a most exciting area of outreach.

Committed, dedicated and reliable disciples are required to run the programmes, organise and do the setting up and mundane running around, and just simply to be there and care. Yet the impact this programme has had on the community in Wollongong is impossible to gauge.

It took six months of careful ministry to earn credibility among the helping agencies around the area, but now people from

the Health Commission, GROW, Lifeline, and the hospital welfare agencies are referred to our Centre.

The various programmes are not designed for Christians but are geared toward developing confidence, and meeting the need for companionship and community. They are given every opportunity to express belief and faith, on a voluntary basis, and because of this non-threatening environment they discuss their hopes and fears and open themselves to a real ministry of caring and Christian love.

Three weeks ago I was invited to the Tuesday Group (the shy and socially isolated people) to lead in an Encounter morning. Because of my casual and varied involvement in the programmes of this group the encounter turned to an hour and a half's invitation from them to talk about our church, our faith, our hope, and our concern for them.

The ladies of the church supported by Doug Holloway and Mrs Ellis from the Social Service Department have been able to minister to the Senior Citizens of the church and community. Their programmes are creative, productive, and geared toward establishing friendship and stimulating involvement.

The Singles Group has come to accept me as both a person and a minister. They come for counselling, send loved ones to us for help and advice, turn to us in times of crises and trouble. Some have come to church, others have moved into special Bible Study Encounter Groups, and from there into the general small groups programme of the church.

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E. F. COLE OF MA MA CREEK

By V. G. Boettcher



The story of Ernest Francis Cole (known affectionately as Ernie) was nearly not written! Ernie's father, Edward Cole, while sailing from England in 1873 on the ship "South-Hampton" was washed overboard but managed to cling to a trailing rope by which means he was pulled aboard. His sole possession on landing at Moreton Bay was a ship's trunk which is still a prized possession of the family.

After working some years as a drover's cook, Edward selected virgin land in the Mt Sylvia district which had to be cleared and fenced by hand. Here Edward Cole met Catherine Wacker, who with her family, had migrated from Germany. He built a home, and then after marriage, started a dairy farm. They were the first settlers in the district to own a cream separator and neighbors brought their milk to be separated.

During the ministry of W. H. Nighingale, after the turn of century, in a circuit comprising Toowoomba — Warwick — West Moreton — Ma Ma Creek district, the Cole family came into contact with churches of Christ. Generally, no prior notice of church (cottage) meetings could be given, and when the preacher arrived on horse-back the "Cole Boys" (George, Ernie and Harry) were sent in all directions to announce the meeting! Folk came in drays, wagons, spring carts, sulkies, horse-back (while some walked).

To enable the children to attend Sunday School and church services with their parents and that schooling might be available, in 1906 a move was made to Mt Whitestone where Ernie and his wife still live. The old homestead affectionately known as "Buckingham Palace" was demolished some years later, but "Kincapel" where Edward and Catherine Cole retired still remains.

Ernie was sent each Monday to spend the week caring for the cattle. He loaded his horse with the pack-saddles and set off for what he still says, "was a lonely trip." When he unpacked he found that his mother had enclosed a Bible. Ernie said: "I liked reading, so I started at the beginning" (Genesis) and got completely fuddled — the awful things that happened — the 10 Commandments — How could I keep them?" "Remember," he said, "I was working things out, or trying to; then I turned to the New Testament, and prayed for light and understanding. Through my loneliness and deep meditation and especially the need of a friend — I worked out what was required for my soul's Salvation; and at the age of 13 I was baptised. I have proved true what Jesus said: 'Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all things will be added.' This has been my experience all through my life and has been everything to me — it established my whole outlook in life."

In 1925 Ernie was married to Isabella Bailey, a local school teacher. Mrs Cole became Ernie's true helpmate in life. Together they worked in the church at Ma Ma Creek, where Ernie was secretary for some 30 years and Mrs Cole was C.W.F. secretary. Mrs Cole also taught at Mt Whitestone, Fordsdale, and even journeyed to Warwick in the early days. The new chapel at Ma Ma Creek, opened in 1965, fulfilled their deepest desire, and gave a new impetus to the church. Ernie also was officially involved in 1955 in establishing the new cause in Gatton by the erection of the chapel, although it was as far back as 1936 that the writer first commenced holding services in the township.

Ernie was also active in public affairs: Water Conservation and Main Road committees, Farmers' Union, Butter and Bacon Factory Chairman, is a life Member of the P.A.F.S.O.A. and also of both Burdeu (Brisbane) and Mylo

GALIEHS AT MAYFIELD CHURCH

(g.n.s.w.) George and Rita Galieh have had a most successful Crusade of nine days at the Mayfield, N.S.W. Over 1300 people attended the meetings and 25 people made public response to the preaching. Of these 16 were primary commitments.

Preparation for the Crusade consisted of a letter box drop of some 6,000 Encounter 20/20 "Evie" leaflets with a Crusade pamphlet interleaved. The whole of the Mayfield postcode 2304 and part of the Waratah postcode 2298 was covered in this way. The Galiehs were very well received and probably the most popular night was the "Country and Western Gospel Night" when many folk came in western dress. Attendances were down a little on last year's Crusade since many of the young people associated with the University and College of Advanced Education were supporting the Dr G. D. James Rally on at the same time. Response on the Campuses was also very good. Preparation there centered on the Young People sharing Christ by way of the "Four Laws" booklet with at least five non Christians. About 150 on campus had the Gospel shared in this way, and there were about a dozen responses to the preaching. The Faith Promise Missionary Offering has continued to grow since the Convention last month with Dr James. It now stands at \$11,300.00 for the next twelve months. The Church is continuing to grow with Active Membership now over 130. The Church is actively seeking the assistance of an Associate Pastor to ensure the continued growth. The present Minister is Pastor Maxwell Hall.

(Toowoomba) Homes for the Aged. Ernie and Isabella have five children: Laurel (Mrs Robt. Dewar) of Annerley; Maureen (Mrs J. Steele) secretary of the church at Tweed Heads; Norma (Mrs H. Sargent) Brisbane; Robt. (Sec. of the Church at Ma Ma Creek) and Frances (Mrs J. Chadwick) Brisbane. Laurel, Norma and Frances are all nursing Sisters; Frances having given voluntary mission services in the New Herbrides. Maureen, before marriage, was a school teacher.

Recently, Ernie celebrated his 80th birthday when all the family (18 grand children and two great grand-children), neighbors, friends near and far, paid their tribute to a grand Christian gentleman and his wife for the kind and gracious hospitality over the long years past, and all wished them God's richest blessings for the future.

At 80 Ernie still retains Eldership in the Church, still rides his horse and drives his car, and is every ready to testify to the goodness of the Lord. All who know Ernie and Isabella will readily agree that they are living examples of what God can do in the lives of those who are completely surrendered to His Will.

PREACHER ON LOAN (St. Arnaud, Miss Pam Bowers) Church grateful to Ballarat for supplying a preacher for first Sunday every two months. He goes on to Wedderburn for 3 p.m. service . . . Baptismal service held Oct. 15 for Craig Beasy . . . C.W.F. has commenced Coffee Afternoons with discussion groups led by Pam Bowers in members' homes.

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WORLD WIDE CRUSADE (Gilgandra, A. Franzen). Members of the World Wide Evangelical Crusade shared with us on weekend, Oct. 14-15 . . . Mrs Clarice Butler died on Oct. 1 after a long illness . . . Attendances are good and work continuing.

FAMILY SOCIAL (Burwood, R. Brown). S.S. arranged family social and conducted a.m. service . . . Carinya Singers entertained C.W.F. Proceeds to clothe Indian boy . . . Balwyn Group presented "Let My People Go" . . . Visiting speakers have been P. DeWildt, F. Combridge, J. Sutton, Carolyn Baker, T. Robinson, N. Garner, J. Sturgess . . . Senior Explorers won State Volley Ball final . . . Senior Men's Basketball team runners up, with Stuart Bussey receiving two Trophies . . . Explorers, parents and friends attended barbecue, followed by special service led by G. Beard with leaders and boys participating . . . Film night for Explorer and Good Companion service projects.

FAREWELL (Reservoir, K. H. Pitt). Church farewelled John and Gail Middleton and family to Echuca . . . A. E. White guest speaker at 44th Church Anniversary . . . Norman Pell was guest speaker on special Reach Out Sunday . . . A family "Coffee 'n Dessert" social brought 100 members and contacts together. Convention pianiste (Merle Watkins) was guest artist, and a parade of wedding gowns through the years was presented . . . Julie Reid (Dept. M.E.D.) guest speaker for the S.S. Intergenerational worship service . . . The Ichthus group (young people) held youth service on theme — "The Gospel According to 'Pop'" Ichthus group also held "Back to Fifties" night . . . Mrs Crossfield is making progress following surgery.

JUNIOR CAMP (Inverell, R. Powell). Junior Camp conducted at Copeton Dam. 25 children attended . . . Visit from Alex and Sybil Shaw coincided with 73rd Anniversary . . . \$650 distributed to various missionary projects.

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QUEENSLAND

FATHERS' TEA (Barolin St. Bundaberg, B. M. Nowitzke) Men of the church were entertained by ladies at Fathers' Day Tea... Malcolm Pohle S.S. Supt. ... C.W.F. travelled to Maryborough for annual combined Day of Fellowship with Gympie, Maryborough and Bundaberg C.W.Fs. Special speaker was American evangelist with Reach Out for Life Crusade... Church saddened by sudden death of Mrs E. Davies.

CRUSADE (Maryborough, N. Merrick) David Thomas (U.S.A.) evangelist at 5-day crusade. Dick and Carolyn gave solos and duets. There was one rededication and one young married couple were baptised... Crusade team also took part in C.W.F.'s annual combined Day of Fellowship with Gympie and Bundaberg... 70 travelled to Inskip Point and Rainbow Beach for picnic and visit to Fraser Island... Church has purchased new organ.

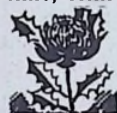
GOPEL (Ipswich, B. Rice) 25 baptisms pending... First gospel service held at Redbank Plains — 30 present... Two first decisions and 22 re-dedications at gospel service with Bill Newman as speaker... 200 attended family day at Baills' farm, Mt Walker... Minister concluded term as State Chaplain of Girls' Brigade... Church offered use of 42-seat bus for outreach work. Drivers being trained... Bible study group commenced Redbank Plains...

WOMEN STUDY (Kenmore, Delroy Brown). Mrs G. Butler is hospital with injuries following car accident... Women's Know Your Bible studies held... Girls' and Boys' Brigades continue... Randy Edwards, Youth Minister, with student help, conducts youth activities.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY (Centenary). Church celebrated first anniversary with special morning service with guest speaker, Les Armstrong... Progressive Dinner held at homes of five members... Roadside Stall held... Young athletes represented at Youth Dept. Athletic Sports Day... First A.G.M. appointed as Elders, Charles Kimber and Marjory Chapman... Recent guest speakers have been A. C. Male, Rod Tippett, Haydn Sargent, Geoff Beel, Philip Jauncey, Frank Beale, Eric Hart and Lyle Morris.

CHANGES AT BRIBIE ISLAND.

Minister has been Ross Wissman, final year student, assisted by Mark Powlesland, first year student, of Kenmore College. The church has added five members by transfer, and six by faith and baptism. The S.S. is a credit to the staff... At Retirement Village, Eric and Thelma Cornwell, from McKay children's home, have taken over the management from Ralph and Lan Edwards, who although retired, maintain an active interest... A committee is raising funds to be ready when government permission will allow building of nursing home, a much needed facility. A start has been made on the building of two bedroom units under the equity housing plan, and can be built as tenants require them. Two units will be ready early in 1979, one taken, but one still available... There is a need at the church and village for a part time, semi-retired minister.



NEW SOUTH WALES

D.C.E. CAMP (Thornleigh, D.W. Mansell) Over the Labour Day week-end 31 of the Y.P. shared in D.C.E. camp at Stanwell Tops... Speakers on Sept. 24 were O. Wainwright, Director of H.M. Dept. and Ron Bartholomew... On Sept. 19 Mrs. Eason, a loyal and faithful member of the church since 1942, died after short illness in hospital.

ELDERS (Wagga Wagga, W. Taylor — T. Grant). Two additional elders, Merv Howard and Rob Martin, were elected at Annual Meeting... Faith-giving missionary project for last three months of 1978 to provide \$2000 for tape recorder for new Studies of Far East Broadcasting Co. in Manila. This project is a major outreach to millions in the Far East... \$156 was given by men to provide fuel for New Guinea mission field... There were 18 new members added to the fellowship during past year.

BACK TO HAMILTON (F. D. Craig). Fifty-fifth anniversary celebrated with a "Back to Hamilton" weekend. There was a special dinner on the Saturday evening, when tribute was paid to long serving Elder and Church Secretary for 35 years, Norman J. Fraser. At the Sunday morning service the title of Elder Emeritus was conferred upon Norman. Guest speaker was Lloyd G. Read, former minister, now Director of Gold Coast Lifeline. Visitors came from as far afield as Adelaide.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

BUS (Bunbury, Barry Ryall) Elanora Villas held a fete. \$3000 raised towards a bus to transport residents. Bus is used to take folk to church... C.W.F. visited Roelands Mission... Ken Clinton guest speaker at 76th Anniversary service... Film: Conversion of Col. Bottomly shown... Roma and Ray Bain, with Mrs Smith and Mrs Pridmore on working holiday to Carnarvon Mission.

EIGHTIETH (Subiaco) 80th anniversary concluded with services with Ron McLean (Sec. Fed. O'Seas Missions Board) and Mr Waghmode, India... C.W.F. Open Night and Youth meeting incorporated special lighting and contributions from Scarborough and South Perth Y.P.... Robert Taylor of City church led Bible study. Many former "Suby-ites" shared in luncheon and reminiscences after morning service.

HOCKEY WINNER (Warwick, G. B. Carslake). The church's minister won the fairest and best award for the Kalamunda Veterans' Hockey team playing in the W.A.H.A.... Excellent meetings held with Ken Clinton on Archaeology and the Bible. Mr. Carslake travelled with Mr. Clinton to Morawa and Carnarvon churches in a Cessna plane flown by Trevor Booth... A work party gave their school holiday time to renovate a home at Carnarvon Mission. A team led the morning service at Roelands Mission... Financial assistance is being given to the Balga church. Pastoral oversight is provided for North Beach church. A new series of integrated Bible studies have commenced... Hariba and Shalini Waghmode spoke to a ladies group, the church and the Wednesday B.S.

FAMILY FEAST (Wembley, D.K. Croot) 160 attended buffet tea, organised by Y.P., followed by a concert in which many participated... "Seed" Coffee House was good outreach when open for second week of holidays. One young man accepted Christ as Lord... Church held Crusade in Sept. with Kevin Denton. There were three decisions. Film "He Restored My Soul" was shown... Y.P. raised \$750 by delivering 16,500 telephone books. Girls Senior C Netball team won Grand Final... Mrs. Elaine Beavis spoke to C.W.F. on "Experiences in U.S.A."... Kinder and Primary S.S. anniversary held during family church service. Children brought items and received prizes.

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TEMPLE DAY (Manifold Heights, P. A. Pitts). \$2,600 was given for Temple Day offering. Forms were also filled in indicating where each member would be willing to serve and use talents. At night, "The Roper Family Bell Ringers" from Bentleigh presented gospel hymns on hand bells . . . A Fete in church grounds netted \$800. This, with Temple Day offering, will go to building fund . . . A young man, made a re-dedication . . . Associate Minister, Graeme Titter, preached at La-Trobe Terrace on Oct. 15 .

FILM (Box Hill S. Downie). C.W.A.F. had film and speaker from Multiple Sclerosis Society . . . Yukana Singers were guest artists at service . . . On Boys Sunday, Explorers participated in services . . . C.W.A.F. heard talks on various towns in Victoria by eight ladies . . . C.W.F. held thanksgiving night . . . Y.P.C.E. gave program at Oakleigh Guest Home . . . G. Grainger inducted as second minister . . . "Christ in a Concrete City" drama presented . . . Jean Studham — guest speaker at C.W.A.F. . . . Cherie Farmer speaker at Kinders & Primary Sessions of S.S. Anniversary .

MINISTER ILL (West Preston, B. F. Goldsteen). Mr Goldsteen is improving in hospital after heart attack . . . Mrs Ethel Wood has moved to South Australia . . . Roy Cook suffered mild stroke just after his move to Inglewood . . . Joan Ross is home after serving the Lord in England for six years . . . 80 at tea and 100 at evening service for Christian Association for Blind organized by local Blind Fellowship . . . Viney Longthorpe (former W. Preston B.S. scholar) spoke at B.S. anniversary . . . C. W. Hart making gradual progress and Alan Devlin recovering after surgery . . . New constitution approved . . . Sympathy to June and Ray Hall in death of their baby granddaughter.

GROWING FAMILY (Glen Waverley, R. B. Elbourne). Over past two weeks we welcomed 10 new members into church family, plus two decisions for Christ . . . Elders and Deacons met for full-day planning conference to establish long and short-term goals . . . This was followed by 11 house meetings for information and fellowship . . . New hymn books now in use . . . Second Olde Tyme Pancake Parlour for year raised \$637.50 for Furnishing Fund . . . Explorer boys and leaders led Boys Sunday worship service, followed by barbecue and clean up of local reserve.

FUN NIGHT (Ashburton, H. Miller) Fun night in form of "Civic Reception" great success . . . Dr Garrett, Whitley College, speaker at church anniversary . . . Prayer cell groups formed . . . Evening services have featured "Right-Ons" from Bayswater, "Montrose Miracle," and special youth music . . . Morning service guests have been Jean Roberts, Co-ordinator Alamein Community Centre, and Graeme Gibbons, Chaplain Austin Hosp. . . . Home entertainment scheme being carried out . . . H. Miller received book award from Strathmore church . . . C.W.F. purchased carpet for kinder room.



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VICTORIA

INTERVIEW (Wangaratta, D. Stevens)

Adrian and Maureen Clark interviewed. Adrian has applied to enter C.O.B. . . . Evangelism course members visit homes to share their faith . . . Focus has resumed . . . Birthday social held . . . Minister appointed to Gisborne in 1980 . . . Kindergarten Supt. Minnie's husband died recently . . . Two members represent us on newly formed Inter Church Council.

BOYS AND MEN (Parkdale, R.E. Hillbrich) 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.

C.O.B. VISIT (Mildura, Barry Brown) C.O.B. team visited for week-end and took meetings . . . Evening Family services have been taken by Tweens and Youth groups and Mansell families . . . New elders elected are I. Nankivell and C. Muller; deaconess: N. McAllister and deacon, L. Stafford . . . "Kaleidoscope" Theatre group donated \$200 each to B. & F.B.S. and Mildura Chaplaincy Committee . . . A group of Y.P. visited Footscray Y.P. for week-end . . . Old time singing night held at Vic. Marr's home . . . O.A.C. were recent speakers . . . Members took part in Freedom from Hunger collection . . . Excellent progress made with renovation of church building.

SPECIALS AT 7 (Bayswater, B. Waldron, D. Armstrong) Specials at Seven have been featured. Good Companions and Explorers led two specials, which included a film, "The Promise", and visiting speaker, Bob Boucher, Sen. Sgt. with Vic. Police Force . . . "Superminister", a film produced at the C.O.B.,

was screened . . . C.W.F. held church luncheon followed by display of Indonesian goods. Ladies have been making bed socks for Moruya Hospital . . . Eight senior Explorer boys and two leaders spent a night camping at foot of Cathedral Ranges, Taggerty. They collected rubbish and disposed of it as part of their service project for 1978 .

ILLNESS (Cheltenham, G.K. Moyes, S. Wilson, M. Humphries) Stanton Wilson welcomed back after illness and Malcolm Humphries developed rubella the same week . . . Gordon and Bev. Moyes attending Christian Conf. in Asia, then visiting Thailand, Hong Kong, and Philippines . . . Kaniva church paid return visit to Cheltenham . . . Ron Strongman of Social Services Dept. presented with budget cheque . . . Neville Soncum and Eric Longmuir helped building of Bible College for Aboriginal pastors at Cootamundra . . . Philip Bradley for Primary Dept . . . Course on Philosophy of Christian Womanhood to be conducted by Christine Conry and Beth Humphries.

HOUR OF JOY (Ararat, A. Stevens). First of three Hour of Joy Services compered by Vic Berry of Ballarat. Soloists were Rod Tonkin of the Ararat Musical Society and our own Mrs. Bev Stevens . . . Good Companions Club led by Kerrie Searle raised \$100 at their Fun Parade, money to go to Missions . . . Explorer boys were host to Uniting Boys' Club recently . . . With Mrs. Bev Stevens on the piano sing-a-long nights have been held at the Manse . . . Family Service featured young people of the B.S.

MIDDLE EAST SITUATION (Blackburn, T. Keating, P. Burnham) Paul Burnham interviewed Antoinne - Nsair on the Middle East today . . . Weight Watchers group commenced . . . Unhitched group provides programs for singles . . . E.W.F. Breakfast Prayer group continues . . . A.W.F. Ladies' group visited Will H. Clay Nursing Home and participated in program . . . Ted Keating interviewed Neil Wescombe, on radio broadcasts to China. Christine Stewart, guest soloist, accompanied by sister Rosemary.

COMMITMENT (Horsham, R. Roberts). A married lady and son recently made commitments . . . C.W.A.F. attended N.W.D. Ladies' Conference at Stawell and several members attended N.W.D. Conference camp at Hall's Gap . . . Church picnic held at Mt. Arapiles . . . Y.P.C.E. conducted p.m. service on Oct. 1 and all clubs paraded.

AMALGAMATION (Blackburn, T. Keating, P. Burnham). Negotiations proceeding regarding amalgamation of Mitcham and Blackburn churches. Exchange of presidents and readers during November . . . Good Companions are working towards \$2500 to furnish Youth Hostel at a Christian Centre, Bombay, India . . . Fete raised \$3000 for Reach Out to Kids, World Vision and C.O.C.O.A.

FAMILY WORSHIP (Tootgarook, D. Hovey) Family Worship service held 9.30 a.m., Oct. 15, with minister as leader . . . C.W.F. treasurer received members' "talents." Street stall raised over \$360. C.W.F. saddened at deaths of Mrs Coral McFarlane and the husband of Mrs Muriel Williams . . . Reg Bolduan is in Dandenong Hosp. recovering from broken hip.

CHILD UNDERSTANDING (Swan Hill, J. A. Caporn). Two doctors, a child psychologist, a teacher and a social worker were speakers at "Understanding Your Child" Seminar conducted by church as community service . . . 65 adults and children shared in a family barbecue outing at Anderson's farm . . . Concert held.

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resources in order to come together in Christian fellowship.

Registration forms have been sent to every church and there is still plenty of time to plan to rejoice in the Lord at our summer Conference in Melbourne in January next. If you can't be there, we still want you to register. We need your support.

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QUESTING

WITH A.E. WHITE.

About Federal Conference. Whose idea was it to have a Conference in the summer holidays? Isn't too much to ask folk to give up their holidays to go to some dull business meetings and pay all that money for accommodation?

These were questions in two phone calls last week. The answer to the first is that recently we sought a wide range of opinion as to the kind of Conference we should have and there was strong support for a summer live-in Federal Conference. Not every time, of course. It was declared that there should be a variety of forms of Conference, but the summer conference idea (first used at Canberra in 1975 where it was a great success) was firmly endorsed.

No, I don't think it is asking too much of Christians to use part of their holidays to share together in fellowship and I don't think that the cost is too high.

First We belong to a fellowship and we need to come together, to do things together, to worship, to have fun, to make Christian decisions about the world and the church. We are a family and every family needs to come together.

Second We need to enthuse together. We mustn't lose sight of our mission. Our early growth was due in part to an infectious enthusiasm. The religious groups which are growing today have no trouble in calling together large numbers of folk to sing and praise and work and worship. We need to do it (not because others do or because it is our duty, which is a cold

word) because we encourage one another in the faith.

Three The summer holiday season is the only time when the majority of our folk can share in this kind of fellowship. Most of the men and women who have the privilege and responsibility of giving leadership in the local churches cannot get away from work if Conference is held during the year.

Four The cost is not too high. Hundreds of thousands will spend far more for their holidays this summer. It is a question of first things first. The dollars we spend on Christian fellowship in a live-in experience is a small price to pay for a great privilege.

Five I don't agree that the business of conference is dull — not the way we do it now. We start off in small groups of 20 or so and before any business goes to the larger meetings for decision, it is discussed — questions are recorded and comments made. Everything that happens in the small groups will shape the attitudes and decisions of the whole conference.

Sixth Conference is the only opportunity we have to come together in significant numbers in a wide fellowship. The States don't have live-in conferences. Then, too, Conference is held only once in

two years, and the host State has Conference only once in every ten years.

Seventh Folk are encouraged to live-in even if they live only a few miles from the Conference centre. There are great benefits in being together in rallies, but there are greater benefits in being together in a live-in fellowship.

Eighth Decisions are made that affect the church — about overseas and Aborigines missions, about the ministry, about evangelism and the care of the aged, about Christian education and discipleship. Every one of our churches should have representatives there to help make those decisions.

Ninth Some churches assist their minister to attend Conference and the same principle of assistance could be used for others.

Tenth All of our witness is helped by our being together. The Federal departments and agencies, the State leaders and their programmes, the local churches and their ministers — all are encouraged.

Eleventh Conference is also a learning occasion and twenty electives will help develop capacities for service in many areas.

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THE LAST WORD.

Amid endless galaxies surrounding us, man is not an insignificant being. Despite his seemingly limitless capacity for acts of folly and perversity, man remains a being of infinite worth.

— M. N. Beck

Many Regrets

How I regret I didn't look — Now I am blind
I didn't listen — Now I am deaf
I didn't speak — Now I am dumb.
How I regret I didn't walk — Now I am lame
I didn't feel — Now I am numb
I didn't search for God — for the Devil found me.
Now I regret I didn't decide,
for decisions are made for me.
I didn't love — I live in hatred.
I didn't find life — Now I am dead.

— Phil Bass (Buzz Magazine)

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Growl all day and you're sure to be dog-tired at night.

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An Eskimo mother was sitting in the igloo reading from a storybook to her small son. "Little Jack Horner," she read, "sat in a corner."

"Mother," asked the boy, "what's a corner?"

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The nursery school teacher was checking the drawings of her four-year-olds.

Gazing at a blank sheet of paper, she asked its owner, "What's that?"

"It's a boat."

"I don't see any boat."

"It sank."

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Your conscience hurting you, or something?

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He: No woman ever made me look stupid.

She: Who did then?

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Patient—Well, doc, tell me this: Would you decide that one is necessary, if I couldn't afford to pay for it?

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