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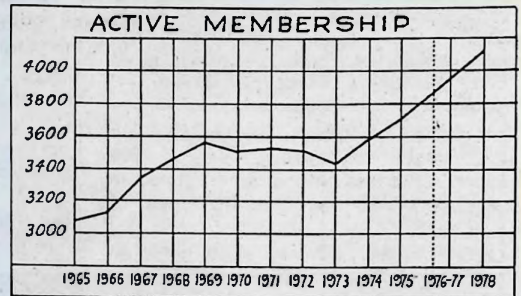
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Queensland Home Missions

The Queensland Brotherhood is experiencing an exciting era of growth (3422 active members in 1973 to 4138 in 1978) and a growth unparalleled by Churches of Christ in any other state over this period.

The challenge now to Queensland is to keep growing. We praise God for giving to Home Missions a small part in this growth, realising many have been sowing the seed and watering it, but it is God who has given the increase. (1700 baptisms in 5 years).



NEW CHURCH AT ALEXANDRA HILLS

A new suburb east of Brisbane. (53 churches in 1973 — now 61 churches in 1978. Not only a membership growth but a significant church growth).

On December 4th, 1977, a special meeting of members moving into this area of Alexandra Hills was called. (25 adults and 10 children present).

March 9th, 1978, the first mid-week Bible Study was held in the State School buildings (14 present). In May, Roger Wall, a student of Kenmore Christian College, was assigned to assist the Home Missions Director.



Initial Meeting at Alexandra Hills

June 4th, the first monthly gospel service with 58 present, including children and visitors. In the month of September the programme was built up to include two special gospel meetings a month. October 7th was a special barbeque and planning meeting when it was decided to commence as a Church of Christ in Alexandra Hills with a weekly, morning worship and communion service and a weekly gospel outreach meeting on Sunday 4th February, 1979. (Churches commenced with Home Missions assistance over the past five years all have full-time ministers — Springwood, Pine Rivers and Burleigh Heads).

GOSPEL CRUSADES IN QUEENSLAND

At least one third of the Queensland Churches of Christ have during 1978 held a special evangelistic gospel preaching crusade. Fourteen of these were conducted by our American brethren who visited us during the month of September resulting in 102 decisions. At the same time Cecil Todd of Revival Fires (an evangelistic association within our American brotherhood) led the Brisbane City Wide "Reach Out For Life" Crusade, the first ever city-wide crusade conducted by Churches of Christ in Brisbane.

Over 4,000 people attended the six nights, 61 people came forward in commitment to Jesus christ and truly wonderful gospel singing by the Good Twins and Vance Greek of America, together with the crusade choir, the Joytones and Richard and Shirely Pearce. (Not only did our American brethren lead this crusade with great preaching and singing — they met their own travel costs, salaries and accommodation as well as underwriting the cost of the crusade with a gift of \$US5,000).

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Sunday Night at City Hall, Brisbane

HOME MISSION OFFERING NOVEMBER 26

EVANGELISM PRIORITIES

The Priorities selected by the Home Mission Committee for 1978.

Priority 1.

Promotion of CHURCH GROWTH by the application of Church Growth principles to the outreach programme of each congregation.

Priority 2.

The initiation of the FOUR KILOMETRES PROJECT among our twelve Inner Suburban churches of Adelaide, to explore the situation and shape a policy.

Priority 3.

The Active Support for ADELAIDE REACHOUT and promotion of the Reachout Process among our churches, in association with all the Churches of Adelaide.

While these priorities were listed in order, the order changed as each activity was pursued. The excellent Church Growth material built into the Reachout process meant that Church Growth was promoted mainly through the resources of Adelaide Reachout.

The 4 Km. Churches project was also strengthened as the inner suburban churches used the many resources for outreach which Adelaide Reachout provided

GROWING EDGE OF ADELAIDE

At Modbury Keith Fechner has built a second congregation around Sunday School parents. The Sunday School commenced at Salisbury East is running out of space. AT West Lakes the Church Growth programme has meant this united parish has crowded out its new building. Christies Beach have acquired the use of a Drive-In Theatre for open air services under Morrie Munyard's progressive ministry.

PROVINCIAL CENTRES

The Home Mission Department is pleased to share the announcement with the Mt. Gambier Church that Roger Brown will commence a one year ministry.

Rod Lloyd has worked to consolidate the church there. Brian Hill has worked in the large Riverland parish in his first year of ministry to build a joint elders group.

CHURCHES IN THE 4 KILOMETRE AREA

The renewal project for the inner suburban churches has given strength to them all. Through combined rallies with inspirational speakers and the conscious support and interest of members in neighbouring churches the signs of renewal are appearing. Regular prayer and share breakfasts for ministers and quarterly consultations between church board representatives have helped to raise the expectations and level of outreach activities. In '79 a wider interest of members of the South Australian churches in the needs and programmes of these churches is sought.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA HOME MISSIONS

SUPPORTING Adelaide Reachout

and the Showground Rallies 12th-18th March,
1979 at Wayville with Leighton Ford.

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REACHOUT RESOURCES

1. Goals Discovery Plan

Some 10 churches have used the Discovery Plan for Congregation Goals and other churches will use this resource to set up growth goals for 1979. The Mile End Church used the kit as a basis for a community analysis to discover that one third of their community were new settlers, Italians and Greeks and one third were English migrant families.



A happy moment at the 4 Km Churches Consultation.

Front: K. G. Dawson and R. W. Saunders. Back: Mrs J. Luff, F. Reynolds and H. M. Long.



Roger and Judy Brown will minister at Mt. Gambier in '79.

On the Western side — Croydon, Hindmarsh, Torrensville, Mile End, Cowandilla and Forestville. On the Eastern side — Prospect, Maylands, Kensington Park, Dulwich, Fullarton and Unley.

2. "In The Spirit of Love"

When 8000 copies of a book sell in Adelaide it is a best seller. When 8000 of a religious book sell then it is an exciting book.

But when it is a Bible study about evangelism and it sells over 11,000 copies the sales show it is a very good book. Some 2,600 copies of the Reachout resource "In The Spirit of Love" have been sold to churches of Christ members. This represents a vast outreach potential as we learn to "Say it with Love."

3. Reachout Telephone Survey

Several churches like Murray Bridge and Croydon have used the Telephone Survey to make fresh contacts with their immediate community. The Hampstead Gardens church made 300 contacts in the Manningham area. There was a good general response. Some 160 open contacts were established and 70 visits to these homes have been made. The churches community centre Bright Spot has gained new participants. The Reachout Co-ordinator gave excellent training help and the questions used were very helpful.

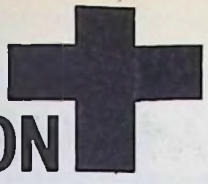
CHURCHES IN THE MINERAL TRIANGLE

Iron Ore from Whyalla; lead and silver from Broken Hill processed at Port Pirie and each has a thriving church witness. Cliff Perkins has made a good start to ministry at Whyalla. Trevor Meares is involved with ministry elder John Curtis in a wide range of community outreach at Broken Hill and Dean Sanders is building community interest groups with the church at Port Pirie.



Dr. Leighton Ford will preach at the Wayville Showgrounds March, 1979.

MISSION EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT



From our largest to our smallest churches we are becoming aware of a new spirit of optimism, advance and growth.

The Department of Mission, Education and Development formed at Conference 1977 is integral to total Brotherhood development in our two states. Our new department is proceeding with enthusiasm, confidence and widespread support. Its entire resources are committed to local church development.

As the Department gears for major Brotherhood growth in the 1980's we need the interest, prayer and financial backing of our total membership. New ideas, fresh initiatives, openness to change, sound policies and an unswerving commitment to the Gospel are central to our ongoing programme.

FIELD WORK EMPHASIS IN 1979

The basic emphasis of the Department is to provide wide-ranging field services to all Victorian-Tasmanian churches. The appointment of George Warren and Jeffrey Deuble is a major step in policy implementation.



George Warren



Jeffrey Deuble

George Warren comes from a five-year ministry in the new church at Belconnen, A.C.T., to take up a field director's role in 1979. He will have special responsibilities in the Department's educational services programme. His practical experience in a new church, his teaching background and further recent studies in education will equip him for his new position. Other responsibilities will include liaison with inner area churches and assistance as required in other field services.

Jeffrey Deuble is originally from Toowoomba church and completes theological studies at Woolwich this year. His major emphasis will be in youth ministry and outreach. This move represents a significant new policy move. Jeff will be available to local churches in a consultative role. This year the Department is preparing its Youth Ministry Committee members to share with Jeff in visitation of churches and clubs to conduct various programmes. He will also undertake other field responsibilities.

Replacement for Trevor Giles

Trevor Giles completes a six-year term in 1979 and will move to Blackwood, S.A. Ian Tippet, L.Th., Dip. R.E... currently minister of Footscray church replaces him as a field director from 1980. This appointment will complete the Department's field staff arrangements. Ian will have particular responsibility for services in Church Growth, evangelism and planned giving.



Some of the members of Gisborne Regional Church where Dare Stevens will commence a ministry in 1980. This appointment represents an outreach move among new Western Region churches.



NEWS BRIEFS

Record for Adventure Activity. Over 120 young people will take part in the Tassie Trek, Canoe Expedition and Murray Marathon — an all-time record.

Woman Minister for Traralgon. Miss Des Symes, a Glen Iris exit student, commences part-time ministry in 1979 with Department help.

40th Year for Girls' Work. Good Companions celebrate 40 years of ministry to girls at a special function at North Fitzroy on November 26.

Storm Damage Help. Red Cliffs church will receive Department assistance to call Bill Keddie as minister in 1979. A devastating storm in late 1977 destroyed members' grape crops and seriously affected finances.

Camp Re-Building Programme. A new six-room dormitory to house 36 persons will be opened at Hall's Gap in early 1979. This marks the beginning of a major re-building programme.

Country Help Sustained. Financial and special consultative services have been strongly sustained to Tasmanian and Victorian churches. These include Ulverstone, Huon Region, Colac, Toora, Wodonga, Albury, Tootgarook, Hamilton and Warracknabeal-Brim-Dimboola during 1978.

Children's Work Expansion. Field Director, Julie Reid, has visited over 50 churches this year. Major new initiatives including a resources bulletin, training day on Anzac Day, regional visits and a special focus on family ministry and worship are planned for 1979.

Inner Areas Outreach. In 1978 special funding was granted to Ascot Vale for new outreach. New Projects in other churches are planned for 1979.

I'm helping churches spread God's justice and love . . .

HOME MISSIONS

ANNUAL OFFERING

26th NOVEMBER, 1978

. . . I want the people of the West to know



Bullcreek Secretary and Home Mission Committeemen confer.

Home Missions Committeemen with Mandurah officers at tea.



Bullcreek Musical Group "Image"



Whitfords at Worship, Oct. 22.



After Worship at Balga, Oct. 15.



Home Missions Committeemen near Bullcreek sign, Oct. 21.



Practical Programmes and Resources Seminar, Oct. 14.

NEW SOUTH WALES HOME MISSIONS

WHAT IS TOTAL EVANGELISM?

Director:
OWEN
WAINWRIGHT



It is a means of providing every willing worker in every church with the opportunity to serve Christ in some worthwhile capacity, at the level of development they feel they have reached.

It is based upon the fact that every Christian wants to serve Christ.

How are the members of the Department of Home Missions & Evangelism able to help through TOTAL EVANGELISM?

1. They prove that God has given to each Christian some particular ability especially for the service of Jesus Christ.
2. They help each Christian discover and recognize that ability.
3. Every person is encouraged to offer those talents or gifts to God.
4. Churches wanting assistance are helped to provide programmes that involve the employment of every willing Christian.
5. Programmes are designed to cover every aspect of church work from contacting the prospects right through to shepherding and training the Christians.

No church with a desire for real lasting growth can afford to neglect TOTAL EVANGELISM: the practical application of the principles of Church Growth.

NEW CAUSES

The birth of a child is always an exciting event in the lives of all the relatives. The N.S.W. Conference can look forward with joyful anticipation to the birth of several baby churches in the near future.

The work at **BERKLEY VALE** was commenced by Wyoming. They had a vision which resulted in the commencement of meetings and the purchase of two large blocks of land. Woolwich College has provided Ian Morton, and the help of other students from time to time, in the establishment of the work and plans for a new building are in hand.

The Manse and Christian Centre at **CASTLE HILL** is almost completed and occupation is expected before the end of this

year. A Team Ministry of Keith Farmer, Don Smallbone and Paul Cameron was formed to serve both Castle Hill and Epping, which is sponsoring the new work. The Home Missions' Committee is most grateful to other churches also who contributed with gifts and loans towards the buildings.

The other centre which is also growing rapidly is in the **LOWER BLUE MOUNTAINS**. Penrith started a work there a couple of years ago and the new church is expected to be incorporated next year.

Attendances and membership reflect the enthusiasm and dedication of the Christians in all these new works and we praise God for His wonderful blessings.

RESOURCE LIBRARY

There is considerable pressure on churches to make their services interesting and attractive. The use of audio-visuals can help. The Department of Home Missions & Evangelism is gathering

together a library of material for use by the churches. Catalogues have been supplied to churches in the State and fresh shipments are expected shortly when up-to-date catalogues of all audio-visuals will

be circulated. An occasional background film-strip or slides can provide a change of pace in the programme and give an educational and interesting interlude that can enhance the normal service.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, Home Missions seeks out areas of need so as to develop our Brotherhood into effective service for Jesus Christ.

Your practical support through prayer, labour and finance, enables Home Missions to:

PROVIDE BETTER REPRESENTATION THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

Travellers, and people who go to live in other places, need to be able to remember their Lord around His Table each Sunday. (1 Cor: 11: 23-30) We need Christians or Churches in every centre, to permit our brethren to obey their Lord in this way.

The Brotherhood needs consecrated Christians in every large town so the local inhabitants may have the opportunity of hearing the true Gospel. (Gal. 1: 6-12). As those who have been given the responsibility of preaching the gospel which had been preached by Peter and Paul, we are committed to this task.

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and through your
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PREPARATION

Hospitality was a Jewish virtue. The early Church grew because of its use of the home and Christian hospitality. Christians today need to realize that one of their greatest spiritual resources lies in the use of their home.

The Christian's home is probably their financial asset, and if they are aware of how God wants them to use their home, it can also become one of their greatest spiritual assets.

God had only one son, and He entrusted Jesus to the home of a man and woman. Jesus grew up in a home where, to judge by many of his parables, hospitality to strangers and visitors was a regular feature. In turn Jesus found hospitality in the home of Peter, Mary and Martha, and of John Mark's mother. During the itinerant teaching days of our Lord he frequently shared the hospitality of believers.

In the N.T. the early Church begins in the Upper Room of a home opened in hospitality to the Disciples. It expands through the homes of Cornelius (Acts 10), Lydia and the Philippian gaoler (Acts 16), Titius Justus and Crispus (Acts 18:7-8), Gaius (Rom.16:23), Priscilla and Aquilla (Acts 18:2,18, 26, Rom. 16:3).

We have the lovely example of Lydia (Acts 16:14-15) who first of all opened her heart to the Lord and then opened her home.

In Acts we see how hospitality played an important part in the growth of the Church. The home was used for prayer meetings (Acts 12:12); for an evening of Christian fellowship (21:7); for Communion Services (2:46); for a night of prayer, worship and instruction (20:7); for evangelistic gatherings (16:32); for planned gospel services (10:22); for following up enquirers about the faith (18:26); for organised teaching of the faith (5:42).

There are many passages in the Bible, particularly in the N.T., exhorting Christians to provide hospitality as their own responsibility. Church leaders are instructed to provide hospitality to strangers (1. Tim.3:2); Elders must have demonstrated their ability as a host in providing hospitality to be elected (Titus 1:8), widows in order to receive help from the congregation must work good deeds and have shown hospitality to strangers (1. Tim.5:10) and Church Members were urged to open their homes to each other without complaining (1. Peter 4:9). The Church today must rediscover how to use the homes of members in its evangelistic and fellowship programme.

PROCLAMATION

Who is the least known person in the world's best known story? In the story of the Good Samaritan everyone knows of the work he did. Preachers praise the Good Samaritan and urge his deeds constantly. Newspapers always report assaults and robberies upon travellers. TV news programmes always have films of assault victims lying beside the road. Radio commentators castigate lawyers, politicians and

legislators, who walk by on the other side of the road. But have you ever heard a sermon, or read a book, or heard praise for the innkeeper who opened his house, provided hospitality and cared for the injured man?

Behind every Good Samaritan there is always someone who opens the home and provides hospitality. Most families have known the Good Samaritan in the shape of a small boy who climbed through a filthy gutter under the road to rescue a poor trapped kitten, who brought it home in his jumper and then said to Mum (in the words of the Good Samaritan) "Take care of him." Mum does the caring behind the Good Samaritan's deed.

Abraham invited guests in, but asked Sarah to bake the cakes! (Gen. 18). The woman of Shunem (2 Kings 4) invited Elisha to stay in her house, but instructed her husband to build the extra room. Paul had many people visiting him in the home of Titius Justus but guess who kept making the cups of tea!

The early Church grew through the hospitality of its members, and growing Churches today always have strong hospitality programmes where visitors are made welcome, strangers are invited home, and meals are shared together.

In one large Church in Korea I know that over 5000 homes are opened in that one congregation each week! In Sao Paulo in one Church which has 60,000 members, over 5000 homes are opened in hospitality again each week. In the west where there is so much breakdown of family life, many people need the friendship and hospitality that comes from kindly Christians. Paul indicated (Rom.12:13) that hospitality was one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is not a spectacular gift like preaching, teaching or working miracles, but the gift of hospitality is one of those supportive gifts that makes much growth within the Church possible.

PRESENTATION

Our Church purchased a large house nearby, furnished it, and set up craft facilities in various rooms and uses that home to provide friendship, craft activity, and informal counselling to any who require hospitality. It is called "The Open Door." That title should be appropriated by each Christian who uses his home to provide hospitality.

In a recent evangelistic mission in Geelong, each night at 10.30 p.m. after the Crusade meeting finished, large homes were opened in hospitality to selected groups of people. One builder invited scores of other businessmen with whom he works to meet the evangelist and to listen to the gospel. One doctor invited 30 others in the medical profession to his home to likewise share in a presentation of the gospel.

God can greatly use open homes.

Gordon Moyes

QUEENSLAND HOME MISSIONS

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Cecil Todd

Our own Australian evangelists have been mightily used of the Lord in the Sunshine State this year. John Timms conducted his fifth crusade in Queensland earlier this year at Chinchilla when 39 responded to the gospel. Jack Bond returned to Queensland in September for a crusade at Nambour with 67 commitments to Christ. We commend these evangelists to the churches.

STILL GREAT CHALLENGE TO BE MET

The vast state of Queensland continues to present great areas of challenge. Cairns in North Queensland needs a

minister, Mareeba needs a minister, Charters Towers needs a minister, Mt. Isa needs a minister. (Sunday October 1st, 40 present at the Mt. Isa service and eight baptisms), Gladstone needs a minister — in fact Queensland's number one need is for more able ministers, men who preach the gospel, men who will equip the membership and who are restoration minded.

SOME 1979 GOALS

For the stronger churches to Sponsor new churches, small churches, northern and isolated churches. Already some are doing such sponsoring but much more needs to be done in the area.

Small Group Clinics are planned for mid 1979 with Graeme and Helen Chapman as leaders.

Continuing investigations of new areas. Every area needs the witness of Churches of Christ.

SPECIAL OUTREACH BY CHURCHES

It is most encouraging to see churches reaching out to neighbouring areas. Dalby have commenced services at Branch View, Ipswich at Redbank Plains, Springwood at Beenleigh, Redcliffe with a Bible School at Kippa Ring and Hervey Bay with a monthly Sunday meeting at Burrum Heads.

MUSTARD SEEDS

BY ALAN AUSTIN

I wonder what Mr Strong and his followers in the outback of New South Wales are thinking now.

From 1971 to 1973 Melbourne businessman John Strong wrote a book which 'proved' from Biblical prophecy that the Soviet Union would devastate Australia with nuclear weaponry in October 1978. The dates were to be the 2nd or the 14th or the 31st. The predictions were based on material from the book of Daniel. The specific dates emerged after long, complicated mathematical calculations.

The basic thesis of the book, 'The Domsday Globe', is that the Soviet Union is dedicated to destroying the Western world. In an attempt at this, the Russians were to have unleashed a nuclear war which would have wiped out half the population of Australia.

"The terrible thing is that perhaps one Friday afternoon when everybody is busy conducting business as usual, a sudden whistling will be heard in the sky and then — BOOM — the end for cities all over the world," the book says.

"Perhaps four or five bombs per city, which will mean an instantaneous eruption of unbelievable heat and energy and instantaneous death for the population of that city.

"Every man, woman and child would be killed.

"All this would happen in one hour, without any warning whatsoever."

Such was the force of the argument of the book and of Strong's personality that between 70 and 80 people have joined him in a Domsday City, well, village anyway, 120 km from Bourke.

According to reporters who visited the top-secret community, Strong has taken food to last a year and has been

building underground bunkers. Each of the adults is reported to have paid Strong \$500 to stay on the property. This is to provide meat and milk until the catastrophe hits and then underground rations for 12 months. ■

Aside from the question of the financial acumen of such an enterprise there are several issues this raises.

Dr Leon Morris from Melbourne aptly puts this situation in its wider context. Writing in *On Being* recently, he stated, "When I became a Christian, back in the 1930s, I recall coming into contact with believers who were sure that the Coming would be very soon, probably within a year or two. They had made a close study of Daniel and Revelation and quoted texts to prove it. I did not know then but have since found out, that they have had their counterparts in every age. Always there are Christians who calculate from the prophecies of the Bible the date of the Coming. Curiously, the dates have almost always been just a little ahead of the calculators.

"And up till now they have always been wrong. Of course, if Christians keep on doing this, in the end, one generation will be right. But until our Lord comes we will have no way of knowing it. And in view of the countless calculations which have gone wrong we must view all such attempts with suspicion." ■

As well as viewing Strong's predictions with suspicion, there are surely grounds for fairly deep concern.

Firstly, what does this doomsday mentality of people who exhibit an obviously high regard for the authority of Scripture tell the rest of our community about the Bible? What does it tell the community about the credibility of Bible-believing Christians?



Secondly, what will be the effects of the whole traumatic experience on those people who have sold everything and left everyone to join the settlement? What will be their attitude to the Bible, to their friends and families and to our Lord when they realize they have been victims of false-teaching, however well-intentioned? Already it is reported that several folk have left the property, disillusioned with Strong's predictions. (I am aware that this objection will lapse if Strong's predictions are shortly proven correct. But given the track record of similar predictions over the last two thousand years or so, I'll take the chance.)

The third cause of serious concern is the issue of obedience to commands God has clearly set out in Scripture.

We are told, for instance, to be in the world and to be the salt of the earth. (I believe Jesus really did say precisely this, in case you were wondering after last time!) What is the basis for being in the world only until the signs of the times indicate we should make good our escape? Didn't Jesus and Paul both make it clear that we would not know when Christ's coming would be?

What Paul told the Thessalonians "The day should not take you by surprise like a thief" did he mean we were to be literally shored up in a fallout-proof air-raid shelter? Or did he mean we were to live our daily lives walking with Jesus in love and obedience so that when he returns there will be no need for flight or fear? ■

The eschatological view which I believe is most in harmony with the whole of Scripture is this: that one day Jesus Christ is coming back to establish His reign forever. We must be ready to meet Him when He comes. Because we don't know when that will be we must be ready at all times. Our lives must be lived as if He may return tomorrow and, at the same time, as if He may wait another two thousand years.

If we really must have some more definite date than that, then for most of us, it is probably safe to work on a maximum of three score years plus ten!

JASON'S HOUSE

... AND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO MEMBERS OF THE LAW SOCIETY FOR THEIR ANNUAL CHURCH PARADE.



AND NOW OUR NEW TESTAMENT TESTIMONY COMES FROM THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE EYE-WITNESS EVIDENCE ACCORDING TO LUKE, SECTION 2, SUBSECTION III, PARAGRAPH 4 (jll), 2 (c)...



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.

NEW EDITOR

To the Editor,

The Board of Management of the College of the Bible congratulates Gordon Stirling on his appointment as Editor of the Australian Christian. He will bring great gifts to the task.

Readers of your announcement (A.C. 28.10.78) who do not know of his tremendous output of work will be forgiven if they concluded that Gordon Stirling would not be continuing to serve the College as Vice-Principal. Because he ceases to be Federal Conference President in January, and because next year both Robin Haskell and Keith Farmer will relieve him of some of his present responsibilities at College, in 1979 he will have that kind of work load that most people would call "full time". Thus Gordon Stirling will continue as Vice-Principal of the College as well as fulfilling the important and demanding responsibility of Editor.

The College Board is grateful also that Gordon Stirling is willing to continue as a faculty member of the College after he "retires" officially at the end of 1979, until a new faculty member is appointed — and commences work "full time".

K.R. Bowes, Principal.

N.W. C.W.F. CONFERENCE

The North West District C.W.F. Conference Fellowship Day was held at Stawell on September 12.

Miss Pam Bowers, District Conference President, presided. Mr Stidwell was Secretary.

Forty-seven ladies from Ararat, Stawell, Brim, Dimboola, Warracknabeal, Horsham, Haven and Kaniva shared fellowship.

Mrs Betty Dow spoke about workshops on program and worship planning. Mrs Olwyn McNeice, Country Representative, spoke on her experiences and encouraged us to use our talents in our church and community. Mrs Helen Banks took us on a trip to the Quadrennial Assembly, Indianapolis, U.S.A.

Reports revealed a remarkable lot of service being done by each group in the district.

Camp at Hall's Gap next year will be on March 30, 31 and April 1. Warracknabeal Brim-Dimboola Circuit will be responsible for arrangements.

Conference next year will be at Warracknabeal with Mrs Evelyn Harmer as President and Mrs Mary Jonasson as Secretary.

ANNUAL C.W.F. CAMP

(Vic.) 80 ladies attended C.W.F. Camp at Monbulk on consecutive weekends in September. On Saturday and Sunday mornings the Study Leader, Mrs Lii Main, led a study on the Beatitudes.

The Missionary Committee arranged a Focus on Missions featuring the work of Missionaries and where they are stationed. Mr and Mrs Keatch gave a focus on the new Church being established at Werribee.

The Victorian C.W.F. President, Mrs Betty Dow, led the Communion on Sunday morning.

OLD-FASHIONED GOSPEL

I was interested to read in "Mustard Seeds" ("A.C." 18/10/78) about "structuring" and "doing something different with Sunday evenings." Dear me, we are behind the times in Nambour, because the Gospel is proclaimed faithfully here, as we fondly enough believe that the Gospel of Christ is the Power of God unto Salvation. That's how we fill in our Sunday evenings. We cling to the odd and old-fashioned idea that the Gospel has not lost its power and that the world is hungry for it. We also have the idea that the trouble may be that, in many places, the Gospel is not being preached, but that men are running around "structuring" it, "adapting" it to modern times and wondering why there is no fruit.

Yet, you know, our old-fashioned, outdated approach somehow seems to work and God seems to keep his promises. Eight baptisms last Sunday morning — three last Sunday night — in fact baptisms almost every Sunday — men and women confessing Christ as Lord and Saviour — having to look at yet another building extension because the Chapel is bursting at the seams again, even though we've extended it already a couple of times.

I'm sure "Mustard Seeds" article on structuring etc. was academically excellent and quite splendid. The trouble is we haven't got time here to try it — we are concentrating on preaching that same old Gospel, which we have received and finding out how limitless is the promise that the Gospel is the Power of God unto Salvation.

There's a lot of love in our Church too and that's a help. We really care about people and their eternal salvation and perhaps we don't shape up much as psychiatrists but somehow that love and concern seems to point men and women to Jesus. It worked that way in the first century A.D. and, you know, it still seems to work in the twentieth century . . .

"Mustard Seeds", perhaps our way might just be worth trying. It sure beats "structuring".

Evan Adermann, M.P., Canberra

OPERATION TOURISM

To the Editor,

With the exciting growth and development of Canberra our Canberra churches are faced with a "Home Mission" problem. New congregations will need to be established, new buildings provided, and existing programmes extended.

The Canberra churches are responding well to this situation. There is inter-congregational and mutual support, and a new and expanding ministry concept is being introduced.

Outreach into new areas requires dedicated sacrificial service, and also considerable finance. From its inception, our work in the A.C.T. has been consistently and generously supported by Federal Home Evangelism. We pray that this support will continue. As a result of the help given three churches have been established, two are self-supporting and the third is well on the way to achieving this goal. But now further advances must be made.

One imaginative way of financing advances is "operation Tourism." Members of our churches are opening their homes to folk visiting Canberra and providing accommodation in a homely Christian atmosphere at a cost much below that for motels, etc. There will also be those extra personal touches that only Christian fellowship can give.

There is an advert in this issue. Come and visit us.

Bill Howard

(W. D. Howard is minister of our South Canberra church. Next Jan. he will become the Co-ordinator of the Ministry Team serving the A.C.T.)

FIVE DECISIONS (Ma Ma Creek, D. W. Telfer). Five decisions made recently . . . Members journeyed to Marburg for Dinner to honour Mr & Mrs V. Boettcher's 50 years' anniversary in the ministry. Several years were spent at Ma Ma Creek . . . A street stall held in aid of "Amaroo" Retirement Village.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

UNION AND UNITY

To the Editor,

Our church doesn't have any fellowship with the Church of Christ down the road. The problem between us goes back into history. But we have union with them because we are in the same conference and have the same name.

Our church does lots of things together with the Uniting Church and Baptists. The women have common projects. The men have a combined group. We have united evangelism. We don't have union with them, but we do have unity.

It seems that union depends on belonging to the same conference or organization and wearing the same name. Unity seems to depend on learning to work together.

Could it be that there could be a conference or synod of churches that could do two things? First, decide to call all churches by the same name. Second, work out ways of co-operation at national, state and local levels. Theological and other differences would remain, but we would all be co-operating under one name, and we would have unity.

And this unity would virtually be union, because we'd all have one name and we'd all be affiliated at national state and local levels with working conferences or synods of churches.

Does any one want more union than that?

TERTIUS

CHRISTIAN SUMMIT CONVOCATION

Over 400 Christian leaders from 40 nations gathered in Singapore for a Christian Summit Convocation at the Sea View Hotel, Sept. 12-17. The Convocation included Roman Catholics, mainline Protestants churches, and Pentecostal churches. There were no big and little brethren there. Archbishops, bishops, priests, ministers, evangelists, Christian workers, black and white were all able to speak and share and worship as one.

Time was spent to wait upon God and to daily dialogue in vital issues regarding the manifest unity of the Body of Christ and world evangelism. The verse of Scripture that was the basis for the gathering was John 17:21.

It was because of a belief that there can be unity in diversity under the Lordship of Jesus Christ that the attempt was made for all streams of Christian belief to participate in the Convocation. It consisted predominately of Charismatic Christians but there was a good cross section of mainline evangelicals present.

Key note addresses were given by Dr David du Plessis, U.S.A. Rev. Greg. Tingson, Baptist Evangelist, the Philip-pines and the Rev. Alan Langstaff, Uniting Church Australia. The whole Convocation was divided up into 21 groups of 15-20 people which met for four hours each morning in worship, meditation, sharing and discussion on the theme of the day.

No world shattering statement came out of the conference but God spoke to every leader. The stimulous and enrichment as leader met leader cannot be measured. All received a challenge from the wider vision of the vast suffering and injustice in the world and the urgency of the task to uphold God's people all around the world. All were encouraged by the realisation of the extent to which God is reviving and renewing His church round the world.

I believe all returned to seek to make unity more visible in their area.

Kevin Christenson, minister, Caulfield Church, Gordon Moyes, senior minister of the Cheltenham Church and his wife Beverley, and Ken Clinton, senior lecturer at the College of the Bible attended the convocation.

— K. J. Clinton.

DENNIS RYLE FOR CANBERRA

Currently serving at Freemantle, W.A., Dennis J. Ryle will join the Churches of Christ Ministry Team at Canberra in August 1979.

The other members in the Team to serve the three Canberra churches are W. D. Howard, Greg Strack (now at Dalkeith Rd., Perth) and, until Dec. 1978, George Warren. R. N. Gilmore, the present minister at Ainslie will also assist the Team.

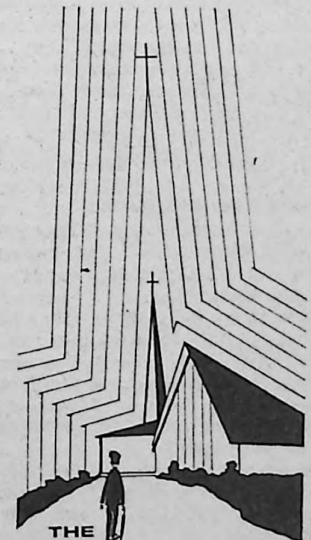
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INNER SPRINGS

BE STILL AND KNOW



A Cambridge naturalist tells of an experiment he once made with a pigeon. The bird had been born in a cage, and had never been free; one day his owner took the bird out onto the porch of the house and flung it into the air. To the naturalist's surprise the bird's capacity for flight was perfect. Round and round it flew as if born in the air; but soon its flight grew excited, panting and the circles grew smaller, until at last the bird dashed full against its master's breast and fell to the ground. What did it mean? It meant that, although the bird had inherited the instinct of flight it had not inherited the capacity to stop, and if it had not risked the shock of a sudden halt the little life would have panted out in the air. Isn't that a parable of many a modern life: endowed with the instinct of action, but without the capacity to stop? Round and round we go in an endless circle of activity, convinced that we are doing His will. "It is very difficult" said one, to stop, when you are used to going all the time".

Difficult, but needful. Otherwise God may see fit to bring us to a sudden halt, through some experience, some crisis, or physical disability. Then He would have us look again at the One whose life was a perfect balance between activity and rest. Who withdrew from the crowd into His Father's Presence to find refreshment and strength to meet His own and the needs of others.

When, spurred by tasks unceasing or
undone,
You would seek rest afar
And cannot, though repose be rightly
won —
Rest where you are.

Neglect the needless; sanctify the
rest;
Move without stress or jar;
With quiet of a spirit self-possessed
Rest where you are.

Prayer: Almighty and Eternal God, grant us the wisdom to seek Thy presence and be still. Speak to us in the quietness in ways that we can understand, so that we may know how to live a balanced life. — Amen.

Mark 6:31,48

Florence Rosier

OLD HOUSE, NEW HOUSE

By GORDON STIRLING

Santo is a busy commercial and trading centre. Copra comes in from the islands. Big container vessels berth there. And there is a huge Japanese fish export terminal. Taiwanese boats catch the tuna and shark. Machines unload it and transfer it to the big Japanese "mother ship." It is taken to Japan and processed and canned. The mother ships bring hundreds of tons of it back to Santo where with rice and lap lap it has become part of the staple diet. Why catch the fish yourself when the high price of copra enables you to depend on others to catch and can it for you?

Santo Main Street

The main street of Santo has all of the appearance of neglect and busyness. Shops are innocent of paint. Some are ancient relics of the "American occupation." The only prestigious building is B.P. (Burns Philp). But inside, the shops are clean, well ordered, heavily stocked and a boon for those wanting "Duty free" goods and souvenirs. Prices are high because everything is imported and the price of copra is high.

The Americans made coral roads in the early 1940's. Nothing has been done to them since. The weather was very dry and local cars are battered and dusty. They race up and down the main street driving on the right. Every second car seems to be a taxi and tiny utilities chugged along crammed with New Hebrideans, often singing, always laughing, and greeting their friends.

The New Church House

Santo is by the sea and this gives it whatever beauty it has. The new church house is on a rise above a small wharf. The view from the pulpit through the louvred sides is magnificent. The church house itself holds some two hundred people and is in rendered concrete brick. It does Churches of Christ credit. The word that was coming through to me was that it is unofficially the "Alan Baker Memorial Building." It was largely because of his drive and his capacity as a builder that the building is there, not forgetting the

excellent work done by "Builders with a Mission," a Christian group who gave a fortnight of their time. Alan Baker was also the "man behind the works" of the excellent Christian Centre in Vila. When we arrived in Santo he was thin and tired and scarcely stopped to eat or sleep throughout the big week. At 5.30 a.m. on the day before the opening he was finishing the furniture and hanging the inevitable brass bell. Eric Lewis from Brighton who ventured into Santo for a few days was enlisted to get the bell polished and to wield a paint brush. The Bakers are going to leave a big hole behind them when they return to Australia at the end of the year.

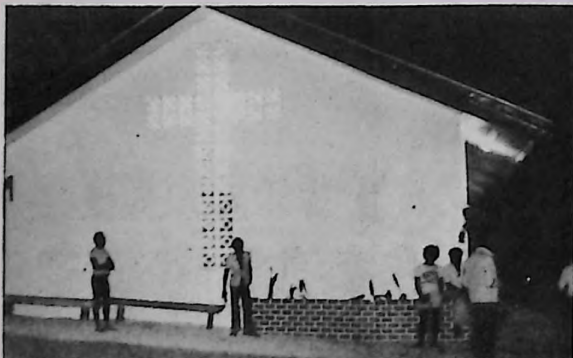
The Old Church House

Twenty five years ago the Aoban Churches of Christ pioneered the work in Santo. Many of them were moving there for work, as were members from other islands. The small group commenced services in an old quonset hut, a legacy from the Americans. Like most of our New Hebridean churches, the communion table is large, high and reminiscent of an altar in a more liturgical church. Some of them are made of solid concrete and will certainly last "until he come"! The only impressive thing about the old church house is its table. The floor is full of holes, some patched and some not. The lining is falling away from timber that can no longer hold it.

On the Friday night before the Saturday of the opening the final service was held in it led by Manasseh one of the "old fellows." When one attains to the dignity of white hair he is automatically an "old fellow." Lesley and I were instantly accepted into "The club"! Abel Barni commenting on my white hair prophesied that because I was so old I would probably not be back in the New Hebrides, but that they hoped to meet me in heaven.

The service started an hour late, but right on the second bell. After an hour we retired to the new building, before it was

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SANTO
New
Church
House
at night

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

Who Am I?

I was a giant and when I was armed with shield, helmet, sword and spear, everybody was scared of me. That is, everyone except one boy. I laughed at him, but he defeated me. Who am I?

THE NECKLACE REVOLUTION

A swindle in 1785 helped set the stage for the French Revolution. The Countess de La Motte somehow convinced the Archbishop of Strasbourg that Marie Antoinette wished him to represent her in obtaining a famous \$300,000 diamond necklace. At the Versailles Palace, he met a woman named Mademoiselle Olivia, who pretended to be the queen. The cardinal, completely hoaxed, went to the jewelry firm of Boehmer and Bassenge. They delivered the necklace to him. He, in turn, took it to the home of the countess and gave it to a man pretending to be a servant of the queen. The necklace and the husband of the countess were never seen again. The cardinal and the countess were arrested. He was eventually acquitted, but she was sentenced to life imprisonment and later escaped to England. The scandal helped crystallize the hatred of the people against the aristocracy and helped feed the flames that led to the French Revolution.

An old gentleman searching for his hat was profuse in his thanks to the woman who pointed out that it was on his head. "But for you, Madam," he said, "I would have had to go without it."



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REVIEWS

THE CONCEPT OF GOD

by Keith Ward (Collins/Fount) \$3.50

A very well developed and presented study of the idea of God. It is not at all easy going, but is clearly expressed and tackles profound questions about God with honesty and by a wide-ranging mind. The book says nothing about the author or his background and that means the book has to stand by itself. Many of the doctrines associated with belief in the Christian God are extraordinarily complex and most of us are too busy living our lives of discipleship to question the assumptions by which we hold our faith. This book does ask questions and tries to give answers. Some of the headings of chapters are: Experiential Context of Belief in God, Credal Context of Belief, The Object of Faith, God in Morality and Art, God as the Ground of Being, God and Revelation, God as Incarnate, God as Redeemer, the Concept of the Trinitarian God. Mind stretching and searching. — A.E.W.

SERMON STARTERS

by Martin Suter

To be printed on quarto-size loose leaves for easy filling this 100 page publication comprises the detailed analysis of 25 Old Testament texts (each from a different book), gives their historical setting and develops their themes through the eyes of the New Testament.

Anybody who ever preaches would benefit at least from an inspection of a free sample (of the analysis of one text) available from the author on his receipt of a stamped, long, self-addressed envelope at Box 55, Kenmore, Qld., 4069.

MY CALVARY ROAD

by Roy Hession (Hodder & Stoughton) \$3.20

The autobiography of an evangelist who, working alongside but not within the churches, has had a considerable influence in revivalism in Britain (in the U.S.A. and Africa, too). He preached a gospel of repentance to Christians which was not always happily received by them and had many ups and downs. Through the downs he learned ways of sharing his faith that resulted in a wide recognition as a leader of revivals: He sought and received guidance that is denied to many Christians, indeed, guidance that many of us would be embarrassed to seek. When Hession and his wife were driving home from a conference, a lorry crashed through a divided highway and Mrs Revel Hession was killed. Roy was badly injured. Her doctors, however, revealed that Revel had a dangerous blood pressure which had been offset only by the compensation of an overloaded heart. They said that eventually she would have had a

stroke and her work, and Roy's, would have stopped because he would have had to care for her. Roy writes "I saw the kindness of the Lord. Her mission was accomplished, and she was called home instantaneously, while I was spared because, apparently, the Lord had further work for me. All that was in the loving, almighty hands of Jesus and He had done what He had with infinite courtesy." Most of us would not look for God guiding in that way. For the rest of Hession's life, I guess the proof of it is in the fruit. — A.E.W.

IN THE HANDS OF GOD

William Barclay (selected by Rita Snowden) (Collins) \$2.25

One of the things which used to make the "British Weekly" so welcome was the regular contribution by William Barclay. Always a hoarder, I used to cut them out and file them. Now, Rita Snowden, who also wrote for the "B.W.", has collected many of the articles in book form.

A HISTORY OF EVANGELISTIC HYMNODY

by James Sallee (Baker)

A brief study of the development of the use of gospel music from the crusades of Wesley and Whitley to Billy Graham. Sallee says that as the methods and the message of the evangelists have not changed much over the last hundred years, the music is also nearly the same, although there are more songs of rejoicing today and fewer about death, judgment and heaven. There can be no doubt of the importance of songs and singing in evangelism. Not of great general interest, but valuable for those with special involvement in gospel music. — A.E.W.

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HAPPENINGS

The Darwin Church of Christ will have George Powell as minister from Nov. 10-27. He has been granted leave by his church at Whitfords, W.A. and will serve in Darwin on behalf of Federal Home Evangelism. Visitors to Darwin are reminded that services are held each Sunday at 8.30 a.m. in the Wanguri State School. Phone contacts are 27 3031 (day) and 85 4872 (A.H.) STD is 089.

A Roman Catholic priest recently returned to Europe from South America reports that Mary's Song of Praise (The Magnificat of Luke 2:46ff) cannot be sung in Argentina. The military junta which rules the country considers it "dangerously disrespectful of human authority."

Because there are more school trips and

regular family holidays there is not so much response to church camps. The Uniting Church in Victoria is reviewing the position and its youth ministry unit is facing a "moment of truth" as the numbers this year will determine whether or not the summer camping programme for 12-14 year olds will continue.

The Uniting Church Synod in Victoria has limited the terms of office for all Synod appointments, except for professors of theology who are appointed until retirement or resignation. It was argued that the professional competence required a long time commitment. It was declared in opposition that the exception for theology professors was going against the trend in universities which were now making appointments on limited tenure. It was

argued that an error in appointment could continue for 30 years or more if the wrong choice were made.

The Church of England national newspaper "Church Scene" will appear weekly as from this month. It is published in Melbourne by private enterprise, and has been published fortnightly.

The insertion of an advertisement for the Haggard Institute in "Church and Nation" (Uniting Church) was questioned by church members who argued that the advertisement implied approval and encouraged financial support for outside organisations in competition with the UC mission programme. Others argued that mission could not be restricted to mainstream denominations and to confine ads to denominational interests would be too narrow. (The same advertisement was inserted in the "A.C.").

The New Hebrides Council of Churches issued a statement on Oct.

6 calling on government, political, and church leaders "to submit themselves to the guidance of the Lord Jesus Christ... to find the way that God wants to use to bring our people back into unity." The statement follows a new proposal by the French Government for independence with the immediate setting up of a representative body to draw up a constitution. Previously the French had resisted the pressures for independence and severely repressed the strongest indigenous party, Vanuaaka.

However, continuing suspicion of French motives has resulted only in cautious approval by the churches. But it is a small step towards independence and to an end to the rule of the two colonial powers, Britain and France, which has resulted in two education systems, two health services, two police forces, two customs and immigration departments and so on.

Diary

NEW SOUTH WALES
November
17-19 DCE Gilgandra Camp
18 Opening Forestville Retirement Settlement
24 College Graduation
25-26 Far North Coast Regional Conference
26 Home Missions Offering December
16-21 Mini Midget Adventure Camp

VICTORIA
November
17 C.O.B. Graduation
18 Soc. Serv. Homes Garden Party
21 CFA Annual Meeting
21 CMF Dinner & Rally
26 Annual Offering MED December
3 Explorer Final Rally
9 CMF Board Break-Up
9 Youth Ministry Committee Social Programme
26 Summer Camps commence
28 9th National Youth Convention commences

NATIONAL
November
26 Home Missions Offering January
8-14 37th Federal Conference Melbourne

CHRISTIAN RADIO REJECTED

(Vic.) Melbourne Christian Radio applied for one of three Public Broadcast Licences to be awarded by the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal.

Two of the licences were offered to two existing experimental stations and the third licence was offered to Progressive Broadcasting Service (Jazz-Folk-Rock) who presently have 250 supporters.

Melb. Christian Radio had written support from 4,340 who promised \$71,255 toward the project. 536 persons offered

voluntary participation to help run the station. This level of interest, finance, and voluntary participation was greater than any other application within Australia.

No reason was given by the Tribunal for the rejection of the Christian Radio application, and supporters of Christian Radio are urged to write to the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, the Hon. A. A. Staley, the Prime Minister, or the Leader of the Opposition, asking for a reason for the rejection.

Quaker Group Supports/W.C.C. Aid to Patriotic Front

The Race Relations Committee of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) wishes to express its full and unreserved support for the World Council of Churches' decision to fund the humanitarian work of the Patriotic Front. In making this statement we are extremely conscious of the fundamental Quaker position as a "peace church". This conviction has led to a total rejection of violence and a tradition of helping victims of conflict, irrespective of the stand taken by their leaders.

There are now over 100,000 black Zimbabweans living as refugees in adjoining countries. A large proportion are women and children, some hundreds of whom have died in attacks by the Rhodesian army, events hardly mentioned in the Australian press. The poor quality of

media coverage of this conflict reduces the Zimbabwean struggle in the public mind to one between "civilised Europeans and Marxist terrorists". We do not accept this view and are heartened to see the World Council of Churches offering practical assistance to the suffering.

OCTOPUS (Blackburn, E. Keating/P. Burnham). S. S. Anniversary celebration featured "Octopus", written by Paul Burnham and presented in the Blackburn High School Assembly Hall. It told the story of the life of Jesus in acting and singing... Oct. 22 Guest singing group "Harmony" from Salvation Army participated in service... A. W. Fellowship entertained friends from Lakeside Lodge Deaf Mute Centre at barbecue picnic at Monbulk... Reunion held of 'Old Yaffers'... Unhitched Club Fun and Fellowship Square Dance held.

OLD HOUSE, NEW HOUSE

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officially opened, for the rest of the service. The singing in both places enthralled us. (Singing in the New Hebrides churches is usually unaccompanied. Occasionally there is a guitar). Here was genuine praise and response to God in exhilarating worship and celebration. The sermon was preached by Principal John Liu of Banmatmat Bible College. It was biblical, powerful, authoritative, and persuasive, and one of the best sermons I have heard, albeit it was in Bislama. Several men responded in commitment to Christ.

Kai Kai

During the day we had seen bullocks being slaughtered for the opening day kai. We had seen heaps of yams, sweet potatoes, bananas and taro being assembled, with half a ton of rice. There were pigs and fowls about to end their careers.

As we left the church house to go home, the smoke was rising from many great pits filled with hot stones. All night long the cooking of meat, lap lap and rice went on. The cooks and their friends sat reminiscing by the "ovens" and koinonia was real. We resisted the temptation to join them and managed a short night's sleep before the marathon of opening day, commencing on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and going on until 11 p.m.

(to be continued in future issues)

SCHOOL TEACHERS TO TEACH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

State school teachers will be able to give religious education under legislation before State Parliament (Victoria).

The legislation will repeal a 106-year-old restriction on religious teaching.

The Education Minister, Mr Thompson, made it clear the legislation would not be passed until next year to allow time for public debate.

Mr Thompson said he hoped the bill would open up the "difficult and often controversial issue" of religious education in State schools.

The Victorian Teachers' Union came out strongly against the move.

Opposed by Union

The VTU president, Mr Lester Rootsey, said the union would recommend that teachers ignore the legislation.

"It takes a darned experienced teacher with a very broad background to teach

religion and give a fair minded approach," he said.

"The various religious groups would also eventually take umbrage."

Mr Rootsey said it was not the role of Education Department teachers to give religious education.

The Education (Religious Instruction) Bill will allow teachers to give religious education only if they volunteer.

Mr Thompson said there was an emerging consensus among churches in Victoria on the place of religion in State schools.

He said the churches agreed that education authorities should accept a responsibility for religious education.

The churches now saw a need to give "secular instruction", a twentieth century definition.

Anglican and Catholic archbishops would meet later this month to discuss the issue. (Michael Doyle in "The Age.")

FRANKSTON CHURCH RETIREMENT VILLAGE

On Aug. 20, the Frankston congregation officially accepted the invitation of the Greenways Nominee Company to manage the Greenways Retirement Village — Stage Two in Frankston. The Church has also been invited to take over the Management of Stage One from the Cheltenham Church of Christ, which was completed some two years ago.

Stage Two will include a twenty bedsitter hostel, and amenities block, which will include dining area, T.V. room, craft area, administration centre, and a green house for garden enthusiasts. The hostel will also include a live-in Manager's Unit.

Over 100 residents will occupy the village, which will have one of the most up to date facilities for the care of elderly people. The residents will also own their own bus for tours, picnics and shopping.

Terry Vickerman, a member of the Frankston congregation, and Secretary of the Cranbourne Council, has been asked to be Chairman of the Board of Management for the Retirement Centre. — Allan Avery.

GOLDEN WEDDING AT BENDIGO

Harold Langley and Rene Eddy were married at Bendigo (Vic.) on Oct. 27, 1928, by the late A. E. Hurren. Rene's sister, Mavis, was bridesmaid, and Wally Pearce (now of Warrnambool), was Best Man. The bridal party was complete again on Oct. 27, 1978.

The Langley family and friends entertained Harold and Rene at the Golden Hills Motel and the present minister at Bendigo, Maurice Keatch, presided.

Harold has served the Bendigo Church of Christ as Secretary for 21 years. He and Rene have served the church for a total of 117 years between them. Mrs Langley is currently Deaconess Emeritus, was a regular hospital visitor, and served on the catering committee for 25 years.

Harold and his two sons, John and Austin, assisted the establishment of the churches at Spring Gully and Kangaroo Flat.

The Bendigo church fellowship congratulates the couple who are still serving regularly, Harold as doorkeeper and Rene is visiting and offering hospitality. — C. F. Houston, Elder.

MIME TOUR

The Scripture Union is sponsoring a National Tour of Circus Mime Artist Peter Gray, as part of its contribution to the International Year of the Child in 1979. Peter will be travelling with a team of three people.

At the moment the team is in urgent need of help in some areas. First of all, a truck which can be hired, borrowed or bought (at a reasonable price) for use throughout the entire tour. Secondly a caravan which can be borrowed for the Victorian legs of the tour, Nov. 78 to Feb. 79.

If you are able to help in any way, contact John Lane, Scripture Union, 2A Waltham Street, Richmond, 3121, telephone 42 4934 (Melb.).

CHRISTIAN SINGLES

(Vic.) Over 100 Christian Singles in the 25 & over age group meet for Bible Study Fellowship on the first Saturday each month. There are also social activities such as houseparties, holiday programs, tours and a safaris. Any interested may receive further details from Mr and Mrs A. Waugh, 11 Bowman Ave., Mount Waverley, Vic. 3149. Phone (03) 277 5192.

NO. 67 (Hampton, D. Murray/W. Talbot). 67th Church Anniversary celebrated on Oct. 8 with Dr. Keith Bowes as guest preacher. A basket lunch was held. At night Miss Pam Benton was soloist . . . Good Companions, led by Mrs Grace Hoggett, shared in evening service on Girls' Sunday . . . On Oct. 29 church joined Black Rock for fellowship tea and service when Covenant Players presented programme . . . C.W.F. raised \$210 at Mini Fete. Youth Group had record of 19 present on Oct. 22.

GROWTH OUTREACH DIRECTOR

Bill Mills, currently minister of the Church of Christ at Yarrowonga, has been appointed Director of Growth Outreach and Development at the Frankston Church.

After studying at Woolwich Bible College, Mr Mills ministered at Peel St., Ballarat, before moving to Yarrowonga. He was also a journalist whose articles appeared in many magazines all over the world.

The Frankston congregation met Mr Mills and his wife, Mary, at a Planned Giving Review supper on Oct. 20.

Mr Mills' main area of work will be with the hundreds of people who attend the church each week for the different services offered to the community. Frankston has a population of over 80,000 and is one of the fastest growing communities in Melbourne.

Over the past few years, 140 have been welcomed into the fellowship of the church but it is believed that a greater impact could be made in the whole field of mission and evangelism and outreach.

FAMILY GOSPEL MUSICAL

(Melb.) Written by a Victorian, Marjorie Spicer, and performed by The Avenue Players of the Blackburn Uniting Church, the musical "Come to the River" has been acclaimed an outstanding spiritual experience.

Its message concerns a river flowing from the heart of God to His people and the hearers are invited to immerse themselves in that river in order to find new purpose and power for living.

The Avenue Players have been engaged in a musical ministry since 1965. "Come to the River" is the ninth musical composed by Marjorie Spicer and involves 65 people in various roles. It has been performed many times before audiences as large as 5000 and was staged at the Dallas Brooks Hall, Melb.

The next performance will be on Sunday, Nov. 19, 8 p.m., at Church of All Nations, Cr., Lygon and Palmerston Streets, Carlton.

Aid Indian Flood Victims

The Australian Council of Churches made an initial grant of \$10,000 for reconstruction work in the flood devastated areas of Northern India.

Some 8.5 million people in 21,108 villages spread over 47 districts of Uttar Pradesh were affected by the floods. At least 377 people died, 5.3 million acres, including 2½ million acres of standing crops have been damaged. Roads, telephone and electricity transmission lines and a power house have also been damaged. The reconstruction task after these "unprecedented" floods is enormous.

The ACC grant was sent through Council's Indian counterpart, CASA, the Church's Auxillary for Social Action. In announcing the grant, the Rev. Martin Chittleborough (Secretary for World Christian Action) said "We hope all church people will respond generously to this immense human need and enable to ACC to make a larger grant on behalf of Australian churches."

OBITUARY

KINGSTON, Colin Edward James.

Col. Kingston was born in Brisbane in 1908, the second child of a family of eight. At the age of 13, Col accepted Christ in a mission conducted by P.J. Pond at Cudjera Creek on Tweed River in N.S.W. The family worked on farms in several States including Western Australia, trying their hands at every facet of farming from bananas to cereal crops. They finally returned to Eumundi, Qld., and then to neighbouring Gympie. At Gympie Col married Enid Gladys Hay in 1943. There were two daughters, Dorothy and Margaret. After 14 years at the dairy, they moved to Woombye to try pineapple farming and citrus fruit for the next 15 years. When the late Noel Bull heard of the Kingstons' connection with the Churches of Christ he sought them out, together with pioneer families Labinsky, Voss, Cardinal and Mr Bourn. As a result meetings were commenced in the Kingston home at Woombye in 1945. Thus Mr and Mrs Kingston were foundation members of the Nambour Church. We honour them for assisting in the heritage which is ours today. We know that Col and his brothers were mainly responsible for the provision of the first chapel in Coronation Avenue. They moved to a dairy farm in Lismore in N.S.W. After 12 years there they answered a need to return to Nambour to care for Colin's aged and ailing father. Col. had unbroken active fellowship in the Church, serving as Deacon and Elder at Lismore and a Deacon at Nambour. He has been greatly loved as doorman in this congregation, not only by his contemporaries, but also by the young

people. Loving sympathy is extended to his wife Enid, to his children, Dorothy and Adrian Risson, and Margaret and Geoff Risson, his grandchildren, and to other members of his family. We thank God for his life. — A.G.L.

MURRAY, Gwladys Violet Kelsa.

As Camp Chief Cook Mrs Murray was better known as "Aunt Fillus" at Narrabeen and Illawarra camps. Born in 1883, she was involved in Presbyterian work until 1926 when through her sisters, Molly and Heather Douglas of Enmore church, she joined Churches of Christ. She married Oscar Steele Murray in 1916. The family including the children Keith, Alan and Jean, were involved with the Ashfield church, and in later years with Burwood, Telopea and Taree. Mrs Murray had a keen sense of responsibility to the local need and was B.S. teacher, C.E. leader, Phi Beta Pi leader at Ashfield, was in the choir and was soloist at services. She did considerable voluntary work in the years of P.J. Pond, Frank Hunting and myself, always ready to drop home chores to help in the office. She was responsible for camp and Conference catering for several years. Her main interest was young people and she delighted to cook, wash and clean and sew for Jean, her daughter, to enable her to be released to work with the Youth Department and various church groups. Apart from the church she helped in a voluntary capacity at Western Suburbs Hospital and later at the 113th General Hospital at Concord West. Her faith was simple but constant, her actions took the place of verbal witness. Roy Greenhalgh conducted a private family service at Beresfield, Crematorium, Newcastle, on Oct. 17. — R. Greenhalgh.

HOUSE-WARMING (York St. Ballarat, D.J. Gurney, L.G. Martin) Mr and Mrs Ray Veal and family invited entire congregation to Sunday afternoon tea in thanks for help towards building of their new home on their return from India . . . D. Gurney guest speaker at Manifold Heights mission . . . P. De Wildt, Clayton, conducted "Come Alive" evangelism in conjunction with Church Anniversary. Seven made commitment or rededication . . . Two representatives from Christian Mission to the Communist World were at combined mid-week evening . . . York St. and Peel St. combined to play football against Dawson St. and Mt Clear, who won . . . Brother and sister baptised . . . Church host to Mid-Year Convention, with "Kalaidoscopes" from Mildura presenting musical for evening program.

EXTENDED MINISTRY (Bendigo, M.D. Keatch). Mr & Mrs Keatch have accepted the church's invitation for another year of ministry after present term expires . . . Trevor Giles recent speaker at church and later spoke to Board . . . There have been six rededications and one baptism . . . Mr & Mrs J.K. Martin and Mr & Mrs Langley have celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversaries . . . Good Companions Club shared in recent service. Good Companions and Explorers shared in camp at Axedale . . . R. Broad has been elected to official board . . . Miss Lilburn and Mrs. Mudford have left hospital . . . Mr & Mrs Turner have given two arm chairs for use in minister's study . . . Mrs E. Randall is in hospital following operation.

VISITORS TO WANGARATTA (D. Stevens). Yarrawonga ladies shared our C.W.F. meeting. Devotion and games were led by Maureen Clark . . . 26 from Ormond Church spend week end with us, billeted in homes from Friday evening. Features were B.B.Q. in Merriwa Park, Sat. afternoon at the "Rose Festival", Benalla, and scenic drives to Beechworth and Bright. Ormond entertained on Sat. night with "The Olde Time Music Hall." Our own group "His" and Andy & Irene from Benalla gave items. On Sunday Doug McGregor have his testimony prior to baptism. Carl Clayden, minister of Ormond, was speaker. Before departing there was a casserole luncheon . . . Baby Lee Keenan goes soon to Melbourne for major surgery . . . Resealing of our tennis court to be done by Hansen and Yuncken because of damage by contractors during building of Woolworths next door to Church . . . Evangelism Course nearing the end of Studies. Homes have been visited and faith shared.

CARE GROUPS (Glen Waverley, R.B. Elbourne). Special Care Groups held weekly to cater for: people enjoying craft and friendship, frail elderly, retarded children, mothers with young children, share/support for parents with handicapped children . . . Third series of Discovery Groups for 1978 commenced, entitled "Encounters with Christ" . . . Girls and leaders of Good Companions led Girls' Sunday worship service. . . Recent guest speaker was S. Lucas, Gideons . . . C.W.F. presented programme and afternoon tea at Oakleigh Guest Home.



VICTORIA

EXTENSIONS (Red Hill, A. Pigdon). Church hall and porch extended and extra car parking space landscaped . . . B. McKenzie led all day Seminar on Temperance on Oct. 1. 100 attended . . . G. & H. Price. L. Travill were soloists at gospel service . . . E. Baxter does interim ministry at Kaniva . . . R. Smith visited V. & D. Smith at Aborigines Mission in W.A. . . . Youth Club held Square Dance and raised \$200 for missions in P.N.G. youth also led gospel service.

SIXTH GENERATION (Cheltenham, G.K. Moyes, S. Wilson, M. Humphries) Maybe not a record for the Guinness Book, but certainly in the Book of Life — Robyn Ward, a sixth generation member of the Judd family (No. 1 member) was baptised during our centenary building celebration . . . Alf., Beverley and Rosemary White welcomed at a get-together with the church board and wives . . . Ken Coombs has new task as "Bus director" in use, charter, service and maintenance of retirement centre bus . . . Bill Ferrisey, 78, gave praise to the Lord on his baptism. Every week recently there have been baptisms through all generations . . . School supt., Rex Wythe organised camp for scholars and teachers in grades 4, 5 and 6, at Belgrave South . . . Tirrike Trio entertained our retired folk

with Musicale Morning, raising \$36 for Oakleigh Retarded Children's Centre . . . 35 conducted through the retirement centre complex. The two new sections now taking shape.

COMBINED ANNIVERSARY (Preston/East Preston, J. Manallack). 100 friends celebrated our First Combined Church Anniversary on Oct. 1st. Geoff Crossman was guest speaker at morning service. Most stayed to lunch. The P.S.A. featured the Frankston Choristers led by Kevin Hillier. \$661.00 from the offering donated to the Northcote Geriatric Centre . . . The Good Companions participated in morning service on Girls' Sunday . . . Young people spent a weekend away with Val, Eric & Geoff Best and Doug Morffew in 4-wheel drive country.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER (Sunshine, F.B. Alcorn). Elaine West engaged as part time Associate Minister starting in February for one year . . . Miss Jean McCormick spoke to the church recently on her work with Japan Evangelistic Band . . . Ladies made \$254 at recent street stall. The church building is being renovated . . . Mrs Lou Welsh involved in an accident necessitating a lengthy stay in hospital . . . Many members attended Leighton Ford Crusade meetings . . . The film "To Russia with Love" shown by Ivan Bell at Glengala gospel service . . . Annual Church Meeting contributed to "Voice of the Gospel" radio broadcasting to communist countries . . . Cassette tapes to be prepared for those unable to attend through illness.

FEDERAL PRESIDENT INVITES ... HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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June St Aubyn.



"GLORY TO GOD

NEWS IN BRIEF

Victoria.

Country Council meetings so far have been with Churches more than 100 years old. October saw history in the making as Council met at Gisborne, only this year affiliated with Conference.

130 members from City and country members from Gisborne, Castlemaine, Ballarat, Geelong, Boort and WROC attended. Mrs Helen Banks spoke on her visit to Quadrennial Assembly at Indiana, U.S.A.

Heather Miller

N.S.W.

C.W.F. Harbour Cruise was attended by 83 women, in cold, wet weather. Lunch was enjoyed at Clark Is. Plenty of singing and chatting made the Fellowship good and the weather bearable. Some C.W.F. women are attending the Camp held in Canberra organised by the Canberra C.W.F.

Nance Brown.

A.C.T.

Women of the A.C.T. met for their C.W.F. Conference recently. They raised \$300 in their Golden Bag appeal for Edna Lincoln. The Fellowships are in good health and doing a good work. It was a joy to be their guest.

IN THE HIGHEST,



ON EARTH PEACE AMONG MEN".

Luke 2:14.

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BOOKS WOMEN AND OUTREACH

by Win Morgan

Bibles open on the coffee table, tiny tots being nursed while young mothers consider the Word. Sitting on the dusty church hall floor discussing with the teenagers the relevance of God in today's society, handing out invitations on the street for a special service, are some ways in which women take part in reaching out with God's Good News today.

How do you measure a woman? So asks Gene A. Getz in his book, "THE MEASURE OF A WOMAN", and goes on to look at the question from God's perspective. The basis for reaching out on behalf of our Lord is to know ourselves, take our message and then move.

With an awareness of our gifts and skills, we then need to make the best use of our times and abilities. Dayton and Engstrom in their book "STRATEGY FOR LIVING" gives us guidelines in setting goals, priorities and planning.

Perhaps the Lord gives us opportunities to speak to groups? "HOW TO SPEAK SO PEOPLE WILL LISTEN" is the intriguing title of a little book to help communicate more effectively.

If speaking is not our gift, it is quite likely that listening is and John Drakeford, in his exciting book "THE AWESOME POWER OF THE LISTENING EAR" clearly explains how we can master the art of listening. As mothers, wives, counsellors or communicators we will never be the same after reading this book. A whole new world will be revealed on effective reaching out to people desperately needing to be listened to.

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The sister in the Ward where my son was seriously ill added to my despair by refusing to allow me to cuddle or touch him. When I confessed my anger and resentment to my Heavenly Father and asked Him to bless her, a remarkable thing happened. The following day the Dr. in charge of the case declared to the Sister that he was trying a new tack and wanted me to handle and do for my son for as many hours as I could remain at the hospital. Coincidence? Who guided the thinking of the only person who had authority to make the Sister change her methods?

Time and again I have experienced split-second timing in the answers to prayer — perfection from an all-knowing, all-loving Father. At other times the answers have come bit by bit and spread out over many months as happened twice in our family concerning healing — one miraculously — one through the skills of Surgeons. If the healings had been instantaneous then we would have missed so many valuable lessons learned through seeking our Father's will more and more earnestly.

Don't be discouraged if signs look bad after following what you believed to be God's leading in your prayers. So often things look impossible and improbable only to completely change and fall into line with His will. Confirming to me that our Father is too wise to make a mistake and too loving to be unkind!

Petrea Johnson, S.A.

"CAMP IRWIN"

Fourteen full-time campers, including four from Brisbane and three day visitors, one Marlene Mitchell missionary from Nepal, shared in the C.W.F. camp at "Camp Irwin", Magnetic Island, Qld.

Opening session was "Getting to know you" as campers paired off and shared about themselves. Slides of camps in the old buildings prior to Cyclone Althea were shown. Humorous items were presented by local and visiting talent during Saturday night Fun Programme. Studies and Discussions from "The Art of True Happiness" by Dr James Jauncey were prepared and led by two guests from local Baptist and Brethren Women's Groups. Conclusions reached were that a woman finds true happiness in God's purpose for her as a woman, and when her maximum potential is harnessed to God's power. Personal knowledge of, and total commitment to Christ puts an end to inner conflicts and fears.

Happiness in family relationships, and encouraging people in Christ is influenced by a genuine interest and concern for one another, a forgiving spirit, honesty in confessing faults, and bridling of the tongue. Communicate with God before speaking, when misunderstood or wrongly accused. Practical instruction was given in ways of communicating with and the art of listening to others.

H. Wilbraham, Qld.

4km RALLY (Cowandilla, R.W. Saunders) Members shared in 4 km. Rally (of 12 churches within 4 km. of city) at Mile End on Oct. 28., sponsored by H.M. Dept., Dean Drayton chairman of Adelaide Reachout was speaker . . . R. V. Holmes spoke to congregation on behalf of Home Missions, on Oct. 29, while Mr Saunders took the H.M. message to Semaphore . . . Minister, a State Chaplain, was on saluting base for Boys' Brigade Annual State march and Church Parade which our Captain Neil McLean

and boys attended. The S.A. Governor, the Rev. Keith Seaman was speaker. **MISSIONARY CONVENTION** (Thornleigh, D.W. Mansell). Missionary Convention held Oct. 20-22 depicted Australian Churches of Christ Overseas Mission work in India, New Hebrides, New Guinea and Indonesia. Guest speakers were R. McLeon, Federal O.M. Secretary, D. Eagling, N.S.W. State Secretary, and Miss D. Feeney, Promotion Officer of N.S.W. Committee . . . The Junior Fellowship conducted a Coffee

Shop on Oct. 13 . . . At Annual Meeting & Cabaret of C.F.A. on Oct. 13, F. Atkins was appointed a Director of C.F.A. **VISIT TO HARCOURT** (Hartwell, L. Gibb). Hartwell members visited Harcourt and experienced another day of Christian fellowship and worship with Harcourt members . . . W.E.F. held Induction Service for Office Bearers for coming year. Guest speaker Mrs Freda Morris shared her experiences as C.W.F. President . . . Friendship Group had 117 present at last meeting . . . At family service, Oct. 29 S.S. children and Boys' and Girls' Clubs took part. Display of children's hand work shown in narthex . . . Annual Church Business Meeting held in afternoon.

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WALSHE (nee Cleaver). Julie and John proudly announce the arrival of Emily's brother, Nicholas John, on October 2nd, at Hobart.

ENGAGEMENTS

BATES — ALLSOP. Mr and Mrs K. D. Bates of Glen Waverley, together with Mr and Mrs E. L. Allsop of Glen Iris, happily announce the engagement of Bronwyn and Max.

BAYARD — TIPPETT. Mr and Mrs E. Bayard of West Footscray and Mr and Mrs R. Tippett of Forest Hill are happy to announce the engagement of Carol and Ian on 18th October 1978.

WALLIS — COOKE. Mr and Mrs J. Wallis of Newport (Footscray Church) and Mr and Mrs A. Cooke of Maidstone, announce with pleasure the engagement of Kerry and Graeme on 23rd October 1978.

DEATHS

FLOWER Arthur. Fond memories of a loved brother. Called home, 17.10.1978. "In God's care" — Ern and family.

MITCHELL Alexander Thomas. On October 26th, loved son of the late Charles and Catherine, loved brother of Hazel, Jean, Frank, Albert, and the late George, Florence, Katie, Roy, and Arthur.

SILVER WEDDING

DAVIS (nee Rosenberg) Tom and Gwenda celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on 3rd October. Their wedding took place at Ma Ma Creek Church of Christ by Mr W. J. Davidson. Present address: 30 Charlotte Ave., Bellara, Bribie Is. 4507.

HILBIG — Peter and David and Ian and Kerrie have pleasure in announcing the 25th anniversary of their parents' wedding. Pat and Graham were married on 21st November 1953 by Mr Stanton Wilson at Hampton, Vic. Their family and friends join in extending their love and best wishes. May God bless the rest of their lives together.

RUBY WEDDING

ROFE (Butler) Phyllis and Jack married 19th Nov., 1938, at Church of Christ, Lane Cove, N.S.W. Congratulations and love Mum and Dad, from Rosalie (P.N.G.), Val and Stuart (Dapto), and Harry and Helen (Canberra) and from grandchildren Lynda and Grant. God bless you both and may there be more happy years yet.

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JAY'S QUIZ

Answer: (see page 10) Goliath.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MINISTRY DIFFICULTY (Long Plains/Owen, John Elliott). Because of full-time commitment to Scripture Union, John Elliott cannot extend his part-time ministry beyond Dec. 1978 . . . John Elliott and 30 young people from Brighton Gardens conducted Praise Service at Owen . . . John and Mern Harkness celebrated their Ruby Wedding . . . At reunion of the Daniel family, 115 attended Memorial Service in Long Plains Chapel; Preacher: Jeff May (Balaklava); President: Murray Daniel (Long Plains); Readers: Lesley Harris (Warragul); Brenda Heier (Adelaide); and Organist: Mervyn Jenkin (Mallala), all family members.

STEWARDSHIP (Modbury, K. Fechner) Stewardship campaign resulted in offering reaching \$350 per week . . . Jean Maddison and Allan Frost elected as elders . . . 83 attended family camp at Longwood . . . Girls' Brigade cycling achievement on local bike tracks . . . Six baptised and five more made decisions at same service . . . Discovery Day was day of setting goals and celebrating past goals . . . Christian Life and Witness meeting was part of Adelaide Reachout, God Squad spoke at both morning services . . . Folk collected for Freedom from Hunger campaign . . . 23 ladies attended study day at Longwood.

HAPPENINGS (Williamstown, E. Stevens) Ladies visiting Elderly and shut-ins . . . Prayer and praise held alternate Thursdays with Bible Study group other week . . . Song and Drama group formed and gave its first presentation. They have been invited to Kadina and Albert Park Churches . . . Y.P. and mixed Choir presenting items at evening services . . . Three baptised recently.

FRIENDSHIP (Flinders Park-Torrens, Geoff and Joan Fewater). Gospel tea and service conducted by Friendship Club to which local Senior Citizens Assoc. members were invited . . . Four baptisms conducted during September . . . 91 people attended a family camp at Balaklava. One woman made commitment to Christ at the camp service . . . B.S. scheme teaches worship and leadership skills as well as bible skills. Awards to be presented . . . Anglican minister shared in gospel service and preached . . . Two YP baptised at service.

INDUSTRIAL SUNDAY (Maylands, N. S. Moore). Industrial Sunday held . . . One day's pay offering amounted to \$478 . . . Helen Caterer Sunday Mail Columnist visited Friendship Centre . . . Ross Atwell represented church in Cyclethon in aid of the Heart Foundation Appeal, riding 153 Km for \$180.00 . . . Reachout program of the church planned . . . Members joined in the "Freedom from Hunder Campaign" and from our area \$235 collected . . . Wednesday Evening Children's Club and leaders held weekend Camp at Macclesfield . . . Cake Stall for St. Georges Rest Home open afternoon . . . Church saddened by death of L. Bungey.

VISITING (Marion, R. Clymer, G. Mathieson) Peter Beaumont and wife, Pam, have been visiting his brother and sister-in-law, who are with the Wycliff Bible Translators in P.N.G. . . . Flea market raised \$630 . . . New choir gave two items and Young People's Music Group, singers, recorders and trumpet, contributed to service . . . Bill Edgar, Fed. Sec. Leprosy Mission, showed slides and gave a talk.

QUEENSTOWN IS 109 (E. Cremin). President of Conference, C. H. J. Wright, addressed church at 109th Church Anniversary on Oct. 30. Mr Cremin addressed evening service, at which the Choir sang special anthems, under direction of Mr Cave . . . Fellowship was enjoyed by many members on October holiday, at Strathalbyn . . . C.W.F. celebrated their 24th birthday. The programme was given by Woodville C.W.A. Choir . . . The annual business meeting on Oct. 24 was preceded by tea meeting.

85th ANNIVERSARY (Prospect, R.H. Sercombe). The church was full for morning and evening services . . . New Singles Club is unmarried, divorced, widowed of all ages. B.B.Q. arranged . . . C.W.F. donated \$35 for additional pot plants in the church . . . Social afternoon and doll display held at home of Mrs Dix, followed by a trading table . . . Mrs R. MacKenzie won two first prizes out of three entries in the Northern Horticulture & Floral Art Society's Spring Show . . . Women's Keep Fit class has resumed.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

FAMILY CAMP (Northam, R. M. Randell) LeRoy Randell was speaker at Family Camp at Kum Ba Yah. Fellowship enjoyed with Hariba and Shalina Wagmode . . . C.W.F. made presentation to Mrs Selma Martin prior to her moving away after 50 years . . . Ray Elery, F.O.L., guest speaker at Friendship meeting . . . High School Seminar organised by Ministers' Fraternal and Jesus People . . . Robt. Lane brought a.m. message for first time . . . Y.P. conducted service, Oct. 15. Gary Homes speaker.

FAMILY CAMP (Eastern Wheatbelt Conference). 4th Eastern Wheatbelt Conference Family Camp held on the farming property of Brian and June Sprigg near Narembeen. There were 109 adults and children from Narembeen, Bruce Rock, Merredin, Mukinbudin, Midland, Warwick and Girrawheen Baptist Church. Camp leader was Doug Good and study leader Graham Carslake from Warwick. Children's program led by a local teacher Chris du Boulay. Ian Moyses, Collie helped with music aided by Cliff Smith.

MINISTER (Subiaco) Nigel Merrick, from Maryborough, Qld., commences ministry January 1980 . . . 20 at Youth camp at Busselton . . . C.W.F. "Open Night" with Dr. Geoff Dixon, Christian psychiatrist . . . C.W.F. outreach ministry "Happy Hour" held tea for approx. 70 elderly folk, who afterwards attended service.



NEW SOUTH WALES

GOALS REACHED (Telopea, Jay R. Bacik) Annual business meeting confirmed that the growth goals for 1978 were exceeded. Morning attendance goal was 120, achieved average was 135. Evening average goal was 100, achieved average was 124. Encouraged by the participation of many non-church members. A number of adults have committed their lives to Christ . . . After distinguished service, Secretary, Len Fittell, and Treasurer, Fred Wilton, stepped down and were replaced by John Dickins (Sec.) and Joan Thompson (Treas.) . . . Mr Bacik's term of ministry was extended to 1985 . . . **KEITH FARMER TO MOVE** (Epping, K. Farmer, P. Cameron, D. Smallbone). The Annual Meeting expressed deep appreciation to Keith Farmer and family, who move to Doncaster church after 8 Years' valuable ministry. Bob Whan, now serving in New Guinea will commence a ministry in 1980. An interim ministry, as co-ordinator and administrator, is to be provided during 1979 by Kevin Crawford . . . The Music and Drama Group recently presented, on two successive nights, the full-length drama "M.B." a modern version of the book of Job . . . A musical account of the Fruits of the Spirit was given in the S.S. presentation of "The Music Machine"

MISSIONARIES (Burwood, P. Moyle). Alan Checkley, Africa Inland Mission, Ken Booth, W.E.C., Peter Back, formerly Red Sea Mission, and Greg Law, Church of Christ mission at Bunapas, P.N.G. speakers . . . C.W.F. staged Concert and Film Night and raised \$320 for chapel carpet . . . B.S. and church picnic held . . . Korean church meets in the chapel Sunday afternoons. Some shared in concert, Yoon Jun Oh played a piano solo . . . FM broadcasting licence granted to Christian Broadcasting Association. Manager Ben Whitnall hopes station will function by Christmas . . . Sympathy extended to Dick Wavelley in the death of his wife Elsie . . . Members completed Woolwich T.E.E. courses. Miss Meredith Rogers recovering after operation and Mrs. Shoobridge and Mrs. Gale have been in hospital . . . Baptism recently.



TASMANIA

GROWTH PROGRAMME (Launceston M. D. Hamilton). Church preparing for Growth programme in 1979, with the commencement of team ministry with Russell Allison . . . Annual Meeting reported a membership growth and increased attendances. Deficit budget approved for 1979 to enable Brotherhood giving to be maintained . . . Church more efficient in essential N.T. ministries . . . Bible Schools now under one administration . . . Detailed questionnaire re members' attitude towards Sunday afternoon/evening services conducted . . . Readers' Seminar held . . . Girls' Brigade conducted Mini Fair . . . Prayer Fellowship has commenced on Saturday mornings.

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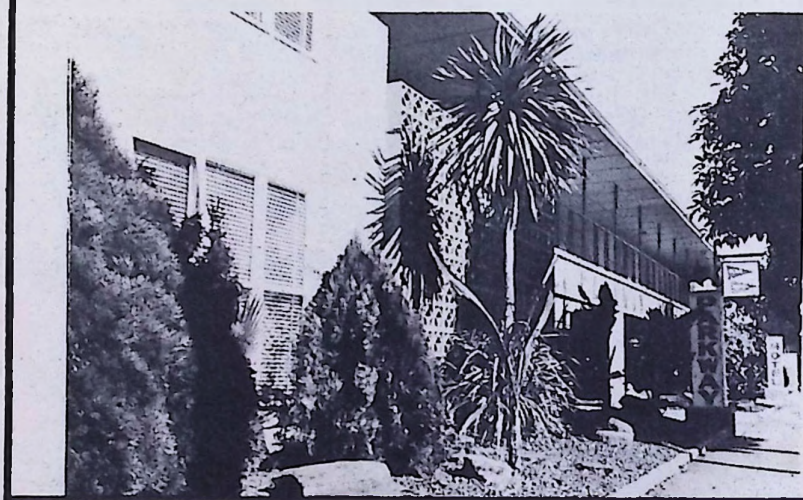
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VICTORIA

FASHION (Gardiner, C. G. Taylor). Ladies held fashion parade to aid Time and Talent project . . . C. Candy recent guest preacher . . . M. Taylor sang at 64th Church anniversary morning service. Family tea preceded evening service . . . Members of Mid-week Fellowship attended Leighton Ford Crusade.

PORTLAND TO OAKLEIGH (Dr. C. J. Mackenzie). Portland members led by their minister Noel Mitaxa were recent weekend guests and conducted morning service . . . Missionary Project supported by \$2400 from annual "Jewells & Junk" and Temple Day offering . . . Girls Brigade held Lamington Drive and combined with S.S. in Family Service . . . Mrs Clencie has been admitted to Emmaus Guest Home . . . Secretary Andy Brown has been made Life Governor of Burwood Children's Home . . . Members supported Leighton Ford Crusade . . . Six Y.P. from North Dandenong desire further counselling . . . 62 Church Anniversary had Alan Avery as speaker. Geoff Cheal assisted by Chinese students from Swanston St., presented P.S.A. program. Tea table service included singing from North Dandenong Y.P.

OP. SHOP (Wattle Park, D. Prestidge, D. Hamilton). C.W.F. manned local "Op" Shop for two weeks. Share of takings over \$200 . . . Explorers held working-bee in Church grounds. Boys also led service for Boys' Sunday . . . At Church Anniversary Bill Tabernee was speaker, Kevin Smith, guest soloist. Agape Meal shared . . . "Fish", Y.P. group, led service. They performed a play . . . Good Companions led morning service directed by leader Elizabeth James . . . Y.P. commenced after-Church evening group . . . Mrs L. James represented

church as a soloist at the special music service held by Burwood and District Inter-Church Council.

SPEAKERS (Wedderburn). Doug and Julie Wallage, C.O.B., spend one week-end a month, Ballarat supply once each alternate month. Other services have lay speakers. C. Ward and K Skillicorn were recent speakers. Evening services take form of Youth or Film nights . . . Prayer and Study Group, also Ladies Morning study group held . . . S.S. help Camp at Lake Eppalock during vacation . . . Church host to Central and Northern Dist. Conf. . . . Buildings painted inside and out and new electric organ purchased in memory of Mrs. M. Gregson . . . C.W.F. ladies sponsor two overseas children . . . Representatives from Melbourne C.W.F. visited.

A.G. MEETING (Castlemaine, P. Haylock). Annual Meeting held . . . Hospitality luncheons held on monthly basis . . . Youth Group led the meeting with singing, testimonies and sermonettes by two of the senior members . . . Baptism recently.

SHARED MINISTRY (Chadstone, A.B. Clark). Church meeting agreed to board's proposal concerning shared ministry with Ashburton . . . Explorer Boys had Display and Presentation night when 100 attended . . . Billy Sally one of the Explorer Boys played young Irish boy in "Against the Wind" . . . Geoff Phillips from Freedom from Hunger was recent speaker . . . George Evans foundation member, died recently . . . C.W.F. raised \$220 with cake stall, had an evening with Carnegie C.W.F., and celebrated 23rd birthday entertained by the Williamstown United Churches Minstrel Group . . . Oakleigh Church now combining with Chadstone Tennis Club . . . Chadstone church took evening service at Christian Guest Home for September . . . Robert Willis spoke at recent Friendship Club meeting . . .

FAMILY WORSHIP (Montrose, Louisa van Laar). At recent Church School Family worship service Paul Burnham was speaker . . . Average attendance at church school now 67 . . . Weekly "Drop in Centre" celebrated third birthday on Oct. 3 . . . On Girls' Sunday girls and leaders of the "Good Companions" took part in the service . . . At Church Annual Business Meeting on Oct. 24 constitutional change allowed for the recognition of "Christians in Fellowship" . . . At 101st Anniversary of church on Oct. 29 adults and children from Blackburn High School, presented the musical "It's Cool in the Furnace".

FAMILY SERVICE (Shepparton, P.T. Kavanagh) After meetings of congregation, Board and teachers, with Julie Reid three youngest groups continue with combined S.S. all others join with church for family service . . . Recent speakers: J. Rathbone, Evangelical Alliance mission in Sth Korea, and a team from C.O.B. . . . 206 heard Dr. Harold Slusher Creation Research Institute, U.S.A., speak on "A Scientist Looks at Creation" . . . Youth had day at Mt Buffalo . . . Frank Ruler, Chairman, Drug Awareness, spoke at C.W.E.F. . . . Ladies attended day convention of C.W.C. . . . C.W.A.F. birthday celebrated with luncheon when many shut-in members were able to see old friends again.

LEMON PICKERS (The Patch, R. Wesley) Youth Club arranged Lemon Picking Bee for a charity project . . . 23 Y.P. attended Leighton Ford Crusade . . . S.S. corresponding with an Aboriginal boy at Carnarvon . . . Ladies held afternoon with Betty Dow, C.W.F. State Pres. . . . Tom Frazer, Julie Reid and Gordon Stirling recent guest speakers at morning services . . . Rustic Wayside Information Board made by Colin Handasyde . . . Eva Bramley and Arthur Reed progressing well after hospitalization.

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QUESTING

WITH A.E. WHITE.

Our study group was discussing ways of helping others but found that our help was largely limited to general prayers and making our offerings so that our minister at home and our missionaries abroad could help the needy. The rest of us hardly ever meet them. How can the church get started helping people on the local scene?

You've got to be putting me on! I find it hard to believe that any group of people that wants to lift burdens can't find any burdens to lift.

This would mean that there are no lonely people, no sick, none with marriage tensions, none with money troubles, none worried about their children, none lacking the capacity to cope with life. I just don't believe it. Most churches find all of these folk inside the church and Christians are the folk who should be best able to cope.

A counselling V.I.P. once told some of us that in every group of people at least one in very ten is facing a major problem, difficulty, or crisis. The operative word is "major". Everything I've seen confirms this. Even in your own group it is probable that one or more persons needs the sympathetic understanding and caring support that others can give.

It is possible, of course, to be in a group

and not know what others are thinking or feeling. Sometimes Christians don't want others to know that they are not handling life all that well. They even hide things from their minister. Maybe they don't want to bother him (he's too busy!), or maybe they will shock him if they told him their real troubles (he's so good!), or maybe they think that he can't help anyway (he's so remote!) These reasons are not fair to ministers. There are very few who are unable, or unwilling, or too busy, or shockable.

The best way to get started in helping the "needy" in the community outside the church is to build a caring community inside. Start by caring for one another. Many Christians today are learning again how to share themselves with each other, to drop their masks off self-sufficiency and independence and to carry one another's burdens (Gal. 6:2), to laugh and play

together and maybe cry together (Rom. 12:15), even confessing their sins to each other (James 5:16). A warm binding fellowship was one of the marks of the early church and it is just as important today. Start talking to people and, more importantly, do more listening. Be ready to share yourself with others and you will find that they will share themselves with you.

There is a book which your group could read with profit. Called "How to be a People Helper" by Dr Gary Collins and published by Vision House it was a recommended book in this year's Federal Literature Department's book week list.

The book won't turn your group into a bunch of practising psychiatrists overnight. It is not intended to do that, and it would be a mistake to move right into heavy counselling on the strength of reading a couple of chapters.

Used sensibly, however, and by discussing the principles and the issues raised you will start seeing people as persons and yourself as a part of the answer to the real needs that are all around you.

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

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The thing that commands the most interest around our house is the mortgage.

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Granddad noticed his five-year-old grand-daughter out in the backyard brushing the family dog's teeth. When he asked her what in the world she was doing, she replied quickly, "I'm brushing Scotty's teeth. But don't worry Grandpa, I'll put your toothbrush back, like I always have."

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Psychiatrist: "Congratulations, you're cured."

Patient: "Some cure. Before I came to you, I was Napoleon. Now I'm just another nobody!"

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New Employee: I knew there was a catch to it!

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