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Monday, Jan. 8, 7.45 p.m.
COLLINS ST. BAPTIST CHURCH
PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION
 G. R. Stirling preaching
 "Rejoicing in the People of God"

CWF CONFERENCE
 Tuesday, Jan. 9, 9.45-2 p.m.
 (including lunch)
MELBOURNE TOWN HALL
 Speaker: Cheryl Johnson

CMF CONFERENCE
 Tuesday, Jan. 9, 10 a.m.
PHARMACY COLLEGE
 381 Royal Parade,
 Speaker: Ron Hewitt

WORSHIP
in the
Colleges
 8.30-9 a.m.
 Communion
 Leaders

St. Hilda's
 Queen's
 Newman

Tuesday
 G. Fewster
 A. Niven
 R. Lloyd

Wednesday
 R. Lawton
 L. Van Laar
 Bill Keddie

Thursday
 A. Fletcher
 G. Wegner
 M. Suter

Friday
 G. Carslake
 D. Ryle
 P. Nelson

Saturday
 D. Stevens
 B. Newton
 R. Haskell

SINGSPIRATION
 Sing with Ron Hewitt
 at Queen's
TUESDAY, JAN. 9, 7.30 p.m.

ABORIGINES' TUESDAY CONFERENCE
TUESDAY at 7.30 a.m. at NEWMAN
DON BUTLER, BEN MASON, BOB BROWN on Land
 Rights, Mining, Self-Management

THE KING'S BUSINESS

Wed. & Thurs.
 Jan. 10,11

20 small groups, 9.30-12.30
 at St. Hilda's, Queen's and Newman
 Talk about
 Notices of Motion
 & Brotherhood Reports

COLLINS ST. BAPTIST CHURCH

**"NEW LIFE
 IN CHRIST"**

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 7.30-9 p.m.

Speakers: Barry Ryall, W.A.,
 Pam Bowers, Vic., Graham Agnew, S.A.

Friday, Jan. 12, 7.30-9 p.m.

Speakers: Don Stewart, Tas.
 Jay Bacik, N.S.W., Dianne Feasey, N.S.W.

AT THE BLACK STUMP

Where anybody can talk about
 anything, but not for Long!
 Compere: Alf White
 at Queen's
 Thursday, Jan. 11, 7.30 p.m.

MEALS

Limited facilities
 at Colleges for
 visitors.

CHILDREN

cared for during
 Conference sessions.

TOURS

Tues: Penguin Parade, Wed: City Sights
 Thurs: Penguin Parade, Fri: Healesville.
 Sat: Mornington Peninsula.

**FESTIVAL
 OF FAITH**

Saturday, Jan. 13, 7.30 p.m.
MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

A night for rejoicing with
 The Covenant Players
 Balwyn Musical Drama
 The Changing Moods

"DECISION TIME"

for
 Notices of Motion
 and the work of
 The Brotherhood

PLENARY SESSIONS

PHARMACY COLLEGE
381 ROYAL PARADE
 Friday, Jan. 12, 9.30-12.30
 Saturday, Jan. 13, 9.15-12.45

Sunday is Fellowship Day
 Delegates attend local churches
 and are guests for lunch & tea
 Jan. 14.



EVANGELISTIC RALLY

Sunday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m.

MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

GORDON MOYES preaching

"Salvation in Christ"

POSTAL INCREASES ALARM RELIGIOUS PRESS

Increased postal charges which will apply from Jan. 1, have alarmed the publishers of religious newspapers throughout Australia, many of which fear their readership will be eroded and some of which believe their existence will be threatened by inability to bear heavier distribution costs.

The Australian Religious Press Association (which comprises more than 50 newspapers of all denominations and some interdenominational) intends to make strong representations to the Federal Government, seeking a review of these charges by the Australian Postal Commission.

As a preliminary the ARPA, through its secretary, Canon Frank Lowe, of Morwell, Victoria, sent a questionnaire to its members to ascertain the affect on each of them of increased postal costs over the past four years.

Some strong points for special consideration for religious papers, which are not profit-making enterprises like the commercial press, have emerged from the responses to this questionnaire.

The national publications director of the Bible Society, Mr Bruce Upton, whose headquarters in Canberra, said postage on the society's quarterly publication, the "Sower", in 1974 was 26 per cent of total costs; today it was 56 per cent.

"The more we pay for postage the less there is available for our real work," he said. "The missionary outreach of the society (and no doubt of other missionary and charitable organisations) depends to a great extent on fund-raising through our members and, therefore, this requires us to have regular communications with them. We believe that funds to organisations such as ours would be drastically reduced if a regular flow of information and requests for support were curtailed through high postage costs."

The editor of the Church of Christ's "Australian Christian", A. E. White, of Melbourne, said the increase in postal rates on that journal over the past four years had been 229 per cent.

"We lose subscribers every time the subscription rate is increased," he said. "Further increases in postal rates will cause us either to reduce the size of the journal, its frequency of publication or its quality."

"There are some services for which the community should pay collectively in whole or in part. Obviously defence, education, health and transport are among these. Communication is another cost that must be subsidised by the community. Small journals are an essential part of a community's development. The small journals already have problems in coping with inflation and the postal cost increases are making survival ever more difficult."

The Editor of the "Australian Baptist", the Reverend T. J. Cardwell, of Sydney,

said the postal costs paid from 1975 to 1978 were respectively \$6,546; \$5,812; \$7,973; and \$8,058. The paper was published weekly in 1975 but went fortnightly in 1976 because of increased costs (wages and postal). Each time the subscription rate was increased (mainly through postal increases) subscriptions were cancelled. Already some pensioners were complaining that the cost of the paper was too much for them.

The editor of the Adventist publication, "Signs of the Times", Mr Robert Parr, of Warburton, Victoria, said postal costs had increased by 29.6 per cent in the past four years. While circulation had been increasing previously, there had been only one slight annual increase in the past four years and a decrease in the other years, which was attributed to postal costs. If there were further postal increases he expected subscriptions would decrease sharply as he believed subscribers were finding the burden of increasing postal charges to be almost intolerable.

The editor of the Roman Catholic Journal, the "Record", Father Pat Cunningham, of Perth, said: "My principle concern about the viability of the religious

press is that we are the only organs that have the will to survive as alternative media in the face of the horrendous monopolisation of papers. Maybe the world at large only hears peripherally that Churches are sounding off in their own press, but it is going to be an even noisier vacuum, even in the public form, if even that peripheral thunder is not being heard — if only occasionally."

The editor of another Roman Catholic Paper, the "Majellan", Father J. J. Baker of Brighton, Victoria, said that the new postal charges would mean an increase of 110 per cent in the past four years for his publication. Eventually this would jeopardise the publication, but at present it was subsidised by other printing ventures. Any magazine with spiralling costs would go out of existence if the cover price had to be raised so high as to bring about buyer resistance.

ABORIGINES LACK RIGHTS

Aborigines have never been given the fundamental right to reject mining, said a statement issued by the Victorian Council of Churches' Commission on Community & Race Relations. In reiterating its earlier stands on land rights, the Commission said that Aborigines should be permitted to reach their own decisions in their own time, and in accordance with their own decision-making process. It expressed concern that the Federal Government had failed to abide by those principles in dealing with the Northern Land Council.

INNER SPRINGS

FOR GOD SO LOVED — WHO?



The minister wandered into the Primary Department where preparations for Christmas were being made. He looked at the manger scene, not quite complete. "I am looking for some pine branches," I said. For a moment he made no comment, then with a twinkle, "Why don't you use blackberry bushes and give it an Australian flavour?"

Later, as I reflected on his suggestion, although without intent to act upon it, I rejoiced that the lovely spirit of Christmas is not the prerogative of any one person, neither can it be confined to any one culture or country. It is a universal gift given without reservation and without discrimination to all mankind. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." That whosoever is all embracing, all inclusive! There is no room in the great heart of God for the kind of spirit that says...

We are God's favoured few
All others will be damned

There is no place in heaven for you
We can't have heaven crammed.

We look at others and see only what makes us feel safely superior — their faults, their failings, their culture, their habit of dress, their skin colour, anything that differs from what we consider is acceptable. Mercifully God does not. His loving heart reaches out to all and says with infinite tenderness "Come unto Me." "We are none of us too poor, or stupid, or lowly — it was the simple shepherds who saw Him first. We are none of us too great, or learned or rich — it was the three wise Kings who came next and offered gifts. We are none of us too young ... or too old. There is only one thing against most of us — we are too proud."

For God so loved — who?
You!

Priceless, wondrous thought!

Prayer: Thank you, dear God, that regardless of who we are, or how we have fallen, the door to your Kingdom is open to all. We have only to be responsive to find love beyond our deserving and the peace that passes all understanding.

Amen
John 3:16-17

Florence Rosier



BETHLEHEM AND JERUSALEM

— HOW CLOSE!

BY CLARK W. HUNT
(ADAPTED)

It is not far from Bethlehem to Jerusalem.

Miles

It is not far in terms of miles. The way the road winds between the two places, it is perhaps nine miles. As the crow flies, it is little more than five miles. As you ponder the Christmas stories in the Bible it comes to you that the Wise Men didn't have far to go, once they had reached Jerusalem and asked Herod for directions.

It was a very short distance between the place where Jesus was born and the place where his earthly ministry was finished. The Holy Family did, of course, go back to Nazareth, 75 miles north of Jerusalem. Jesus spent most of his ministry around the Sea of Galilee. Once, we are told, he got as far north as Tyre and Sidon, outside of Palestine into Phoenicia, and this was 130 miles from Jerusalem. But always there was the pull towards the heart of Israel, Jerusalem.

His parents took him to the city when he was twelve and it was probably an annual event.

During the three or four years of his active ministry he was completely at home in the Holy City, familiar with the Pool of Bethesda, well acquainted with the Temple and its profit-mad money changers.

Then one spring day he came to the city and from the Mount of Olives, looked out over Jerusalem, and there began his valedictory "How often would I . . . and you would not."

I wonder, did he look out in the direction of Bethlehem that day and reflect what a short distance it was from the place where he was born. Because it isn't far from Bethlehem to Jerusalem, in terms of miles!

Years

It is not far from Bethlehem to Jerusalem in terms of years.

Thirty-three years, we are told, between the cradle of Bethlehem and the cross of Jerusalem. This is a fact that we are apt to overlook as we think of the meaning of Christmas in terms of a baby.

Eleanor Slater has indicted us for our nearsightedness in her words addressed to Christ, entitled "December Twenty-Fourth."

"Tomorrow you are born again,
Who died so many times.
Do you like the candle-light,
Do you like the chimes?
"Do you stop to wonder
Why men never see
How very closely Bethlehem
Approaches Calvary?"

Everybody loves a baby, and part of the wonder and joy of Christmas is in the fact that God came down the stairs of heaven with a child in his arms.

But how unrealistic and how unimportant Christmas is if that is all there is to it. How often at Christmas do we deify the baby Jesus, only to deny the man Jesus. People so readily make a fuss about the baby Jesus, only to turn their backs upon the spirit of the Lord Jesus.

The great Christmas question is not so much what we may think about the little baby asleep in Bethlehem's manger, but rather what the strange and noble figure outside of Jerusalem might think about us. To the degree that we welcome Christ as the Judge and Lord of all life, just so do we grow with him in the years between Bethlehem and Jerusalem — for it was not very far or very long!

Theology

It is not far from Bethlehem to Jerusalem in terms of theology.

To put it another way, it is not far from the Incarnation to the Resurrection. So short a distance in fact, that you cannot see the former without the light of the latter. James Cleland, dean of the chapel at Duke University, puts it in these words: "In a sense, Easter creates Christmas; no Resurrection, no Incarnation. The Resurrection made the church ask questions about God and Jesus that the Incarnation sought to answer."

If Jesus' life had ended on Calvary's hill there would be no real meaning to Christmas. We might have some dim and dusty traditions about an exceptionally good man who turned the other cheek and went the second mile, but who was at length inevitably done in and finished by the forces of evil who strung him up on a cross. But just when men were confident they had written "The End," God stepped into the picture and wrote, "To be continued."

And because of something that hap-

pened in Joseph's lovely garden in Jerusalem on an Easter morning, there is eternal point and power and purpose in something that happened in Bethlehem's lowly manger on a Christmas morning.

We do well, in our thoughts at Christmas, to approach that little town of Bethlehem, to worship the new-born king. Yet it is not just to Bethlehem we go. It must be to Jerusalem as well, where, once and for all, God affirmed that "no darkness would ever be able to put out that light."

Then shall we begin to understand what the Incarnation, illuminated by the Resurrection, says to us — that God is here, is here to stay, is here with light enough to judge and to guide, with love enough to strengthen, with power enough to triumph.

I suppose that the Apostle Paul never heard of Christmas cards or Christmas greetings: yet in the deepest sense, all of his letters to his friends in the first century churches, are Christmas greetings, inspired by what God did in Christ, beginning in Bethlehem, climaxing in Jerusalem. How about this, for example, for the very clearest meaning of Christmas: "For I am sure that neither death, nor life . . . nor things present, nor things to come . . . nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Bethlehem is so close to Jerusalem!

THE EDITOR

AND THOSE WHO LOVE

"THE CHRISTIAN"

AND WHO WORK FOR IT

SEND

GREETINGS TO

THE CHRISTIANS

OF THE CHURCHES

TRIBUTE TO EXPLORER CHIEF

Over 70 Brotherhood leaders, Explorer Executive members and local club representatives gathered at Glen Waverley Church hall on Nov. 11 for a recognition dinner to mark the retirement of Lyndsay L. Smith as Explorer Chief.

The President of Conference, Keith Horne, and the Administrative Director of the Department of Mission, Education and Development, Don Smith, expressed the appreciation of the Brotherhood for the 19 years of service as the Explorer Movement's leader.

Executive Member, Warren Cutler, and a past secretary, Frank Jones, spoke on behalf of the Movement. John McDonald, the Deputy Chief, thanked Lyndsay Smith for his outstanding contribution to Explorer work over all the years of association and presented him with a watch.



Response

In response Mr. Smith noted with appreciation the leadership of past chiefs and those who were involved in the early years of development. He saw the major developments of recent years being in the areas of programme development and resource material. Fellowship and appreciation of the encouragement and support of Executive members and club leaders have made the years of leadership most worthwhile.

In looking at the future of the Movement he saw its continuance be-

ing dependent upon flexibility and having adequate programming concepts. He saw the Movement having significance in the Brotherhood because of its evangelistic and leadership potential. Mr. Smith will continue on the Executive as Past Chief.

Thanks were also expressed to Mrs. Ruth Smith for the support and encouragement given to her husband during the long term of Brotherhood ministry in Lyndsay's work.

PRESIDENT SADAT'S PEACE AWARD

— President Sadat of Egypt is to receive the Annual Peace Award of the World Methodist Council. The Award consists of US \$1,000 and an inscribed medallion. It is given to an individual who has shown courage, creativity and consistency in the cause of peace.

The officers of the Council asked President Sadat to accept the Award because of his initiative in visiting Jerusalem in order to break a long-established deadlock in the relations between Israel and Egypt. The proposal to make the Award to the President was made before the announcement of the granting of the Nobel Prize. — EPS

WORD TALK NO. 190

PREPARATION

There are a number of biblical words which mean "rest". Generally speaking in the O.T. it means to rest, or to settle down, or to be at peace. Usually this rest is purely physical, such as when the ark rested upon Ararat. With that physical rest there was the sense of security and inner peace; because God gave the people their own land they were able to rest in peace. Solomon was called a man of rest, not because he was a quiet man, but because God gave him rest from the enemies about him.

Naomi desired for her widowed daughter-in-law a rest i.e. security and comfort of a good marriage. (Ruth 1:9; 3:1).

The Sabbath rest was simply freedom from ordinary work allowing recreation of the person, his servant, and even his cattle. God rested on the seventh day (Exodus 31:12-18) and the Sabbath rest became one of the distinguishing marks of the Hebrew people. Job refers to the rest of death (Job 3:17-19).

The two passages usually quoted to signify inner peace (Jeremiah 6:16, Psalm 37:7) are difficult to substantiate as modern translations will show.

They probably mean just rest from activity.

In the N.T. there are few references to rest and most of them concern cessation from physical activity. Paul (1 Cor. 16:18) in four different places uses the word rest to indicate refreshment. This was also the simplest understanding of the promise of Jesus (Matt. 11:28-29) that those who are heavy laden and weary shall find relief and refreshment through him. Men have indicated that the burdens under which people have become weary are both the burden of sin, and the burden of Jewish law.

The author of Hebrews (Heb. 3:7 - 4:11) has a long passage arguing about the rest that the Christian discovers. Through God's grace, the Christian enters into a rest both here and now, and which will go into all eternity. This is the fullest concept of the Sabbath rest. The author of the Revelation of John (14:13) indicate that the dead rest from their labours.

The biblical use of rest generally means cessation from activity, with the ease and peace that that brings. In the 20th century we usually interpret this to also mean "inner peace", and "serenity of mind".

PROCLAMATION

We all have to learn the rest — rhythm of life. Jesus coped creatively under pressure (Mk 6:30-31, 45, 53 - 56). People pressured him

OUR SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

constantly yet he withdrew with his disciples to a lonely place to rest. He dismissed the crowd and went into the hills to pray. We can learn from Jesus how to gain the spiritual, emotional, and physical re-creation of true rest.

1. We must learn to stop. Jesus urged Martha to cease from being anxious and troubled and to stop and sit down. When the needs of the crowds were greatest, Jesus stopped for rest before further activity.
2. We must learn to keep a Sabbath. God rested and his people knew the therapeutic value of rest (Exo. 20:8-10). Every time we come to Communion we are having a re-creation of our own spirit.
3. We must learn to pray. Prayer that brings us into touch with God, that enables us to see ourselves in perspective, and brings God's power into our lives, enables us to live in his peace. (Isa. 26:3; Mk 6:46).
4. We must learn to be unafraid of solitude. Silence and solitude is part of God's strengthening forces. When we are still we can know God (Ps. 46:10).
5. We must learn to ignore tomorrow's problems. We can cope with today's problems, but we cannot if the pressures of tomorrow are added. (Matt. 6:34).
6. We must learn to tap power from the Holy Spirit who strengthens us. Jesus promised the spirit to strengthen us. (John 14:26-27).

Christians have to learn to rest in order to cope with pressure. We need to retreat to advance, to rest before work, to pray before service, to have solitude before the multitude. "In returning and in rest you will be saved, in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." (Isa. 30:15).

PRESENTATION

I have met among the membership of my Churches many significant people who work under pressure, but who have learnt the rest — rhythm of life. One top-class athlete used to "free-wheel" at one point in the midst of every race to marshal his effort for the final thrust. One psychiatrist eased tension by keeping bees. A computer engineer moved from transistors to mixing concrete blocks for his holiday house. A businessman paints landscapes.

Creative people who are constantly giving out must also rest to take in.

When we come Sunday by Sunday around the Lord's Table, we are not "fiddling while Rome burns." We are discovering inner strength and rest to equip us to take the pressures of life.

GORDON MOYES.

Rest

VICTORIAN CHURCHES AND DISASTERS

Plans have been announced for a churches' steering committee on disasters. The move follows a recent consultation in which Victorian churches met with the State Emergency Service and considered how best to respond to State-level plans.

The Secretary of the Victorian Council of Churches, the Rev. Douglas Dargaville, said that the Council had been asked to arrange for such a committee on the widest possible basis. Member churches of the Council had expressed interest in providing both short-term care and in long-range rehabilitation, he said.

WEMBLEY IS 39 (D. K. Croot). At 39th Church Anniversary on Nov. 19 Roy Raymond spoke at morning service. He was also speaker at first church service. Luncheon held in church hall. A young man was baptised at evening service . . . Girls' Brigade "Presentation of Awards" held Nov. 28. Girls brought items. Supper followed . . . Elders' and wives' seminar held at Kum Ba Yah . . . Church saddened by death of Mrs. Florence Ward, a faithful member over many years.



(L-R) Keith Horne, Bill Tabbernee, Neil Hodgekiss, Ray McKenzie, Geoff Barnett, Jim Spiker, Fred Combridge, Jack McCormick, Stan Bannon, Ed Ots, Lawrie Barker.

● Chaplaincy

RECOGNITION OF WIDER MINISTRY

Within the Victorian Churches of Christ, there are 17 men who serve full-time in what is called "Chaplaincy". The majority serve as School Chaplains but several serve within industry.

The President of Conference, Keith Horne, is also the Minister of the Doncaster Church of Christ, and on Nov. 12, the Doncaster Church hosted the men who serve our Brotherhood in these special ministries.

In spite of the petrol strike, which prevented men from country centres attending, nine of the Chaplains were present at the Family Dinner at which Ray McKenzie, (ITIM), conducted a sharing

session at the service that followed, a capacity congregation participated in an evening full of inspiration and challenge. Bill Tabbernee, (Associate Minister), shared with the minister the service. The emphasis made was on the total ministry of the Church. The grateful appreciation of a Brotherhood to these men, who virtually serve in a "mission field" within our own country was expressed, and a challenge to a congregation to find its own place in the ministry of the Church was presented.

Keith Horne said, "I believe a service such as this should be an annual event within the life of our Brotherhood."

CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL

The 1978 national Christmas Bowl Appeal was launched in Sydney, on Nov. 15 at a special lunch time service.

The service was attended by Sydney church leaders and representatives from the Australian Council of Churches which organizes the appeal on behalf of member churches. Theme for the 1978 Appeal is "Break Down the Walls, We Belong Together."

The Christmas Bowl is an annual joint church appeal for funds for emergency disaster relief, development assistance for the Third World and for development education and awareness-raising within Australia. Money raised is spent through national church bodies and development assistance agencies working within the Third World countries. Income supports development projects in Asia, Africa, the Pacific, the Middle East and Latin America.

The target for this year's Christmas Bowl Appeal is one million dollars. The Christmas 1977 Appeal raised \$936,000.

Churches throughout Australia will distribute special appeal envelopes during December with a special focus on Christmas Day.

In Adelaide, the Christmas Bowl Appeal was launched by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Andrew Peacock, on Dec. 4th in the Adelaide Town Hall. In Brisbane, Queensland's Deputy Premier and Minister for Health,

Dr. Llew-Edwards, launched the Queensland Appeal.

DR. THIELICKE FOR MELBOURNE

The Victorian Council of Churches announced the visit to Melbourne of the famous Lutheran pastor and theologian, Dr. Helmut Thielicke. Dr. Thielicke will preach at the Collins Street Uniting Church on March 18 and lead a ministers' seminar in Melbourne on March 20 on the subject "The Task of the Pastor Today".

MANSE (Ulverstone, Alan Horne). Minister and family have moved into manse which has had major renovations and extensions . . . Good News Clubs held concert with three children making decisions . . . Minister spoke at Howrah's third anniversary . . . Yoorami Girls' Club held presentation dinner . . . 60 attended C.W.F. Friendship Dinner. Items included puppets . . . Officers held planning day . . . Youth Club camp studied the Second Coming.

LENGTHY SERVICE (Launceston, M. D. Hamilton). Miss S. Gibson has retired from Kindergarten Superintendency after 27 years . . . Encounter Group members had get-together after evening service on Dec. 3 to discuss plans for next year . . . Cradle Roll recognition service held Dec. 3 . . . 60 attended Family Camp at Clayton Rivulet on weekend of Nov. 25.



LIFE LINE DIRECTOR

The Wesley Central Mission is seeking to appoint a dedicated Christian, either a Minister or lay person, to assume responsibilities as the Director of the Sydney Life Line Centre.

This key position presents an excellent opportunity for a mature person, preferably with skills in Christian counselling, pastoral relations, psychology and administration. It would be an ideal position for a Christian seeking to find challenge and fulfillment in this area of service by being able and willing to identify with the spirit and purpose of the Mission.

The position carries responsibility to the Mission for the leadership of the Life Line movement in Sydney and the work of the Centre. The Director is responsible for the oversight of the professional counselling staff, development and leadership of training programmes for all Life Line volunteer counsellors together with responsibility for general administrative oversight of the total work of the Life Line Centre. The Director also undertakes some personal counselling.

A salary commensurate with the responsibilities of this important position will be negotiated.

Family accommodation and the opportunity to participate in a generous superannuation scheme are available.

The successful applicant would be expected to commence duties on the 1st March, 1979.

Applications in writing setting out a brief resume of experience and qualifications, should be addressed to —

The General Manager,
Wesley Central Mission
210 Pitt St
Sydney, N.S.W. 2000.

GOVERNMENT REJECTS EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

The Prime Minister has refused to continue financing the Sydney City Mission's employment scheme for young people at Green Valley.

In a letter to the Associate Executive Director, Mrs Merle Hurcomb, Mr Fraser said: "Unfortunately budgetary constraints and government policy on unemployment relief schemes ensure that the decision (to continue funding the Mission's Vocational Employment Training Scheme) cannot be reviewed".

A similar approach to the Premier, Mr Wran, three weeks ago has also met with "stony silence", said Mrs Hurcomb today.

"We have no alternative but to ask business and industry to fund this most successful project.

"We will be asking 125 companies to each donate \$1,000 to fund the VETS project for the next year.

"Donors can be assured that their money will be well spent", said Mrs Hurcomb, "because at the completion of the first programme 90 per cent of the young people have obtained jobs.

"Not only have they been successful in getting work, but because of the extensive 32 week course, society has gained 45 better educated job skilled young people, who have been equipped to live fulfilled, responsible and worthwhile lives", said Mrs Hurcomb.

When the Sydney City Mission's VETS programme was announced in January of this year, Employment and Industrial Relations Minister, Mr Street, acclaimed the project, yet now the government have declined to continue funding it.

The VETS project is situated in Green Valley, the Sydney suburb near Liverpool, which has the highest youth unemployment in Australia.

Mrs Hurcomb said: "It is tragic that an excellent staff, brought together less than a year ago to provide a most vital community service, is languishing in a sea of uncertainty as to whether the VETS project will exist next year. Those seeking to help the unemployed may well be unemployed themselves if nothing is done to save the situation."

Mrs Hurcomb said that any companies or organisations wishing to make a donation to the fund, should send it in an envelope marked: VETS Fund, Sydney City Mission, 103 Bathurst Street, Sydney, 2000. Donations are tax deductible.

A HALF-CENTURY OF WORK AND WITNESS

Imagine, 50 years a minister! All of his ministries in Queensland! Second term as Conference President for Queensland this year with 33 years between incumbencies! The man deserves a medal!

Well, Victor George Boettcher (V.G.) received more than a medal — he and his wife were given a Golden Jubilee Dinner and Thanksgiving Dinner on Oct. 28, 1978.

Thanksgiving

A crowd of 300 packed the Marburg church complex to give thanks to God for the incredible amount of effort for Christ and His church by Mr & Mrs Boettcher.

Visitors attended from churches where "V.G." had previously served — Rockhampton, Roma and points in between. Sir Charles and Lady Adermann from Kingaroy, A.C. and Kath Male were official guests and principal speakers. A.C. Male officiated as Chairman and commented on the fact that Vic. Boettcher was "a character, an individual, and in a world that seeks conformity and mediocrity to feel less threatened, he stood out as a 'character' for Christ's sake."

Sir Charles Adermann described Vic as "in every way a good Christian citizen". His keen sense of citizenship extended to spheres outside the church, Sir Charles said.

Proceeds

In typical fashion — that flair for being "different" as a Christian citizen, the proceeds of \$1,000 from the night of celebration were given to "Shiloh", the Churches of Christ Social Service units that V.G. helped to establish at Marburg.

A three-tiered Golden Jubilee Cake was made by a daughter, Dorothy (Mrs B. D. Smallwood) as a gift and Ken (eldest son) and Shirley his wife, on an overseas tour at the time, sent \$100 as a donation to Shiloh. The Marburg ladies catered for the function with their usual efficient country hospitality.



Before receiving congratulations from more than 300 people on their 50 year association with Churches of Christ, Pastor Vic Boettcher and Mrs Boettcher (centre) welcomed Sir Charles and Lady Adermann (left) and Mr and Mrs A. C. Male (right).

ENGAGED COUPLES COURSE

(Vic.) Nine engaged couples shared in an afternoon and evening course conducted by the Dept. of Mission, Educ. and Dev. in October at the La Trobe Street Centre. These sessions have become a regular ministry to young people approaching marriage.

Louis and Marty van Laar, who are both trained marriage counsellors, led a session on communication and the spiritual values of marriage. This was followed by a session on leasing, rental and house purchase. Ray Trompf, a real estate agent, and Peter Burden, a solicitor, answered many questions on these themes.

In the evening, Dr Cliff Warmbrunn lectured and led a discussion time on the issues of human sexuality.

Each of the couples was enthusiastic about the course and expressed interest in some sort of follow-up programme after marriage. The Department is looking at this possibility.

The next Engaged Couples Course will be on April 1, 1979.

Louis van Laar in discussion with the group.

CAULFIELD SADDENED. (K. Christensen). Church saddened by the deaths of Mrs Lily Saunders, Mr F. Buckingham and Richard Maxwell . . . W. Brown recovering after heart attack . . . Marg & Lyall Beer celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary . . . \$55 donated to C. of C. Missions in India from two slide evenings . . . Thanksgiving offering \$1090 . . . Phillip Maxwell accepted at C.O.B. for 1979.

Ministries

V.G.'s ministry spanning the half century has encompassed 14 churches or circuits and in some cases twice and three times returning for repeat ministries at Roma, Rockhampton and Ma Ma Creek in particular. V.G. graduated from the College of the Bible after student ministries at Gore St., Fitzroy, Pakenham, Camberwell and Bambra Rd., Caulfield.

The Queensland Brotherhood salutes their current President who is truly an "Old Boy" in every sense and thanks God for his drive, determination and dedication — a truly 3-dimensional character.

— A. C. Male.

RICHARDS ON THE MOVE (AGAIN)

The Uniting Church had plans to build a 60 bed dormitory at the Geo. Brown H.S. at Keravat, New Britain.

Arrangements went well. They had an administrator, two carpenters, and 12 other workers. In fact, everybody they need, except a builder to put it all together!

Someone in the U.C.A. heard about F.R. who shouldn't have been troubled at this time of the year. He was preparing to go to Federal Conference where his interest in our Overseas Missions would have had priority. But they did ask him and Frank, truly loyal to Churches of Christ, said No!

However, he made the mistake of thinking more about it and wondered if he had given the right answer. He got in touch with the U.C.A. and found that they were on the point of calling off the whole project. But they had also handed the problem over to their prayer committee, which may explain why Frank was still troubled about it.

The second time around Frank said Yes! and on December 28 he will leave to spend the New Year in New Britain. We wish Frank God speed and good building.

WORLD FAMOUS CHURCH TEAM TO VISIT VICTORIA

Don and Gloria McClanen, husband and wife team from the Church of the Saviour, Washington D.C. are to visit Victoria early next year (Feb. 3-11) under the auspices of the Medico-Clergy Foundation.

Don and Gloria will conduct a residential "Orientation" programme based on the Church of the Saviour structures and Mission Group disciplines.

Through the writings of Elizabeth O'Connor in such books as "Call to Commitment", "Journey Inward — Journey Outward", "Search for Silence" and others, this church and its goals and life styles have become well-known to many Australian Christians.

The visit of the McClanens will enable those interested in such an approach to spiritual growth and service, to experience the Orientation Programme, which is conducted by the Wellspring Mission Group of the Church of the Saviour in the United States.

Gordon Cosby — Pastor of this world famous church describes a Mission Group as —

"a small group of people (five to twelve) conscious of the action of the Holy Spirit in their lives, enabling them to hear the Call of God through Christ, to belong in love to one another, and to offer the gift of

NEW MINISTER (Latrobe Tce., Geelong, Kevin Rankin). Kevin Rankin will begin ministry on Dec. 17 . . . Church is building new manse on the old site . . . Annual Church Business meeting elected J. Smail, Elder Emeritus, and S. Jacimuc from Slavic Church as Elder . . . C.O.B. student will help in ministry at Thompson . . . Ladies raised \$577 for School Chaplains' appeal by garden party and mannequin parade . . . Stephen Williams is going to New York as Rotary Exchange student for one year . . . Bethel Biblical overview beginning congregational phase next year.

their corporate life for the world's healing and unity."

Don and Gloria McClanen have for some years been deeply involved in the Wellspring Mission Group for church growth, and have much to share of their experience in living significantly for Christ.

A "Money Workshop" is planned for a weekend retreat which will explore the Christian pathway to freedom and vitality in the use of money. Don has much to say about money as a symbol of power for oppression and destruction or freedom and creativity.

The Workshop will cover the challenge to place material possessions under the Lordship of Christ.

Included in the visit will also be a Prayer Breakfast and Public Rally.

NEW LIFE — BE IN IT

The theme of the Crusade for Christ at Bordertown, from Oct. 15-29 was "New Life — Be In It".

A large tent was erected among the beautiful surroundings in the Bordertown Parklands. The tent provided a neutral ground for religious beliefs and a different atmosphere from a church building.

Des Nelson, from South Perth Church of Christ, was guest speaker. He was supported by Ray Gillies of Perth, who made a lasting impression on the people with his style of music. Robert Holt from Toowoomba Qld., was song leader. The local minister Barry Reid shared in counselling and visitation.

During the two weeks, daytime coffee groups and hospital services were well supported.

Barry Reid said "The Crusade has had a greater penetration and impact than any other crusade in my experience, because of the large response of the community.

Attendances for the meeting were approximately 200 people on most nights and in excess of 380 on the final night. There were 41 responses during the Crusade, 18 being primary decisions. Many others made decisions in the 12 months prior to the Crusade which is a tremendous challenge to the Church.

The Crusade was the culmination of a Year of Outreach in the Bordertown/Keith area.

A mission at Keith with Jack Bond early in the year and a series of Men's Dinners and an Inner Church Mission led by Brian White from Hawthorn prepared the church for the Crusade.

MISSIONARIES ON DEPUTATION IN VICTORIA/TASMANIA 1979

Alan and Nola Baker from New Hebrides March 1-31
Dorothy Geyer from India April 1-May 6
August and Maelene Ben from New Guinea May 7-27

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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.

To the Editor, **SHOCK INDEED!**

Could you please pass on to the organisers my disappointment at the cancellation of the "Summer School of Present Shock" at Federal Conference.

It is a sad commentary on the direction our brotherhood is headed if the decision-makers of the future are not prepared to sit down and work through the issues facing us now and likely to threaten us in the future.

Maybe it is an indicator that our brotherhood is no longer a "Restoration Movement," but is prepared to sit back in the retirement of being a denomination — content only to become more administratively efficient at promoting the issues of God's Kingdom which were relevant to a society that no longer exists.

Peter Strack, Vic.

UNEMPLOYED — A Christian Response

To the Editor,

A major step has been taken by business men members of service organisations such as Rotary, Lions, etc. As a practical attempt to ease unemployment of young people they have decided to forego some profit during 1979 and employ out of work youth. It seems on appropriate time for the business men of our churches to take up a similar challenge and lead the field in this area. Any profit loss would be temporary and the overall gain to the community quite significant. The confidence of our young people will not be strengthened by lengthy government or community conferences but by investment of job opportunities and faith in our youth that they are willing and able to work. Who is willing to be the first?

T. H. Giles,

Field Director, Dept. of Mission,
Education & Development, Vic.-Tas.

To the Editor, **GOSPEL: MESSAGE & METHOD**

I could not let the letter, "Old-fashioned Gospel" in Open Forum ("A.C." 11.11.78) go unchallenged.

It is with praise and thankfulness to God that we read of the numerical results in such places as Nambour etc. However we need to be careful that we do not falsely deduce that one method is superior to another if the same Lord is being honoured and glorified.

One of the great criticisms of Roman Catholicism is that Church tradition has taken supremacy over the Word of God. As evening services are not scripturally obligatory they therefore must be regarded as traditional, and hence there is nothing special about the evening service apart from the proclamation of the Word of God and the attitude of the Christians present. This being so, then it does not matter what form the proclamation takes, but rather that it reaches the unsaved. After all, the gospel message should not be limited to the traditional gospel service.

If we believe in the "priesthood of all believers" then we should be continually preaching the gospel and loving one another which will result in the building up of the Body of Christ.

**"THE CHRISTIAN"
IS A SPLENDID GIFT
SEE P. 24**

I too believe in the old-fashioned Gospel, but my concern is that there are some within our Brotherhood who have confused the method with the message. There is a most distinct difference.

Where Christ reigns supreme in the hearts and lives of individual people as well as congregations, then whatever method is used blessing will be the consequence.

Warren Hamilton, N.S.W.

W.R.O.C. GOES TO MELTON

(Melb) The Western Region Outreach churches held a convention at Melton Oct. 21. Representatives of North Essendon, Footscray, East Keilor, Maidstone, Strathmore and Sunshine churches supported the Melton fellowship in its involvement in the town's Community Services Week. Christian literature was distributed by the Melton members. Visitors joined in the parade featuring a Melton Church of Christ banner and the Master's words: "I am the way, the truth and the life".

After a fellowship lunch an inspirational rally was held in which Graeme Chapman gave the address. A musical group from Ballarat contributed.

Changes in ministries in the W.R.O.C. churches will see W. Newton of Essendon going to Bayswater and Russell Allison of North Essendon going to Launceston. Robyn Schaeffer North Perth will commence at North Essendon in February.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

A MERRY POLITICAL CHRISTMAS

To the Editor,

Our minister seldom preaches politics. Only when his sense of justice is outraged does he do it. Such a case was when he thundered like a prophet about a premier who suspended a trachoma program amongst Aborigines because he didn't like the politics of some of the field workers. But when he does strike a pulpit blow for justice a few of our people get upset and whisper darkly the sinister words, "Labor taint," although I don't think our minister has voted Labor all his life. The whisperers say that they are opposed to mixing Christianity and politics. In that case I wonder how they manage to cope with Christmas.

All of this came to mind when I was preparing my reading for Sunday morning. It was Mary's song after the angel announced her virgin birth of Jesus. It was a very political song to come from the lips of an unsophisticated young girl, unless of course you believe that the Holy Spirit inspired her. It includes such phrases as, "he has brought down rulers from their thrones, but the humble he has lifted high. The hungry he has satisfied with good things, but the rich he has sent empty away." So the first Christmas was heralded with a song about God's concern for political justice. And if God is changeless it would seem that his people will be concerned about political justice this Christmas, for Aborigines, our local "have-nots," unemployed school leavers, Vietnamese refugees, and people everywhere who are "getting it in the neck." Unless of course our party politics takes precedence over our Christian compassion.

TERTIUS

MUSTARD SEEDS

BY ALAN AUSTIN



We all know the facts. Hunger and starvation plague the earth. Millions of people die of starvation each year. Even the most conservative statistics reflect a horrifying situation. One billion people have stunted bodies or damaged brains because of inadequate food.

And we know the story behind these facts. Thirty percent of the world's population lives in developed countries such as Australia. This minority of less than a third eats three quarters of the world's protein each year. We in Australia and the USA use 191 times as much energy per person as the average Nigerian. Air conditioners alone in the United States use as much energy as does the entire country of China with its 740 million people.

We know that every day 12,000 people are allowed to starve to death. We know that this is not because there is insufficient food to go around. It is because the rich nations prefer to overfeed themselves and their pets and prefer to use fertile land to grow tobacco, coffee, tea and crops which produce alcohol.

In Australia we currently spend \$100 million on pet food, \$360 million on entertainment, \$590 million on tobacco and \$1400 million on alcohol every year.

These figures are constantly rising. Our overseas aid budget, which has never been adequate, has in the past three years been slashed ruthlessly.

We know that in the exploited developing lands the educational and spiritual poverty is just as severe as the economic poverty.

And we know this situation is worsening. The richer we in the developing countries become, the

worse off are the poorer lands. This is a basic fact of global economics. One of the effects of the rising standard of living and affluence in North America, Europe, Australasia and Japan in the early seventies was the enormous rise in the cost of food for export. According to Ronald J Sider in "Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger," when poor nations searched desperately for grain to feed their hungry masses in 1974, they had to pay three times as much as two years earlier. For some of the millions and millions of people who were already spending 80 percent of their incomes on food, there was only one possible outcome — starvation. Millions died. Who is it who determines prices, quotas and other controls on international trade? It's the rich nations of course. ■

We can respond to this situation in one of four different ways.

First, we can reason that as the fundamental causes of the suffering is the exploitation and greed of the rich minority nations (predominantly white, capitalist and Christian) then the only solution is to have these unjust landlords overthrown. Our present practice of token handouts via aid programs and famine relief is actually serving to prop up this basically unjust global system and postpone the inevitable wars of redistribution. Handouts may ease middle-class consciences but in reality they only serve to worsen the situation by hiding the real causes and effects.

The only real hope for future freedom from starvation is to coerce the greedy grasping minority Western nations to undertake a massive transfer of wealth and power to the poverty-stricken world.

If we ascribe to this view we will end the token charity and work instead towards global revolution.

Second, we may take the view that if people are starving then it must be their own fault, or the fault of their parents, before them. If they bothered to work as hard as we do and if they didn't have so many children they wouldn't be so badly off.

Third, we can acknowledge the tragedy and express our deep deep sorrow. Those poor little kiddies with their bloated tummies. It really is such a shame. Still, charity begins at home, and we really do need a holiday this summer. It seems ages since we last got away to the mountains. Besides, with inflation the way it is, the chrispy presents will cost a fortune this year. Not to mention the food bill. What I'm saying is, it's not that we don't care. I mean, it's not our fault if we can't afford a Christmas bowl this year. Still, things should be better next year and, after all, we gave over \$30 last Christmas.

Fourth, before God and a billion hungry neighbours, we can rethink our values regarding our present standard of living and sacrificially work towards a more just distribution of the world's resources. Or, to quote the 1974 Lausanne Covenant, "those of us who live in affluent circumstances must accept our duty to develop a simple lifestyle in order to contribute more generously towards both relief and evangelism."

The rich must live more simply, wrote Dr. Charles Birch, so that the poor may simply live. ■

If our attitude towards our neighbours around us was truly one of love and concern then we would unhesitatingly and untiringly be embracing the fourth alternative above. If we truly understood the clear message of Scripture and were genuinely committed to obedience to that message we would be continually making greater and greater sacrifices.

If, however, our attitude to the plight of our physically and spiritually starving neighbours was any of the first three, we would be cutting back our giving to overseas missions, overseas aid and educational programs.

As has been announced elsewhere in this publication, the Overseas Mission Board of the Churches of Christ has reduced field budgets by 15% and all staff salaries by 20%. The budgeted amount of income to be received from the Brotherhood has not been attained.

JASON'S HOUSE

WHAT'S THE MATTER, JASON?
HE'S CALLED YOU A TRENDY
PSEUDO-INTELLECTUAL
NAMBY-PAMBY LEFTIST
DO-GOODER BEFORE, HASN'T HE?

YEAH, BUT HE'S
NO LONGER CALLING
ME A GUILT-RIDDEN
BLEEDING-HEART
RADICAL PINKO
AGITATOR!

WHERE
HAVE I
GONE
WRONG?

LOOK,
DON'T
WORRY!
MAYBE
IT'S JUST
CHRISTMAS
SPIRIT!



STORMS DEVASTATE SOUTH INDIA

By Barry Jenkins.

Devastating storms caused havoc in Tamil Nad and Kerala during the first week in November. The Nilgiri Hills were severely hit by unprecedented rains. After several hours of unbelievably heavy rain, the town of Ootacamund blacked out at 6 p.m. on Nov. 4. At the same time, the steam running through the town centre rose and flooded the surrounding streets to a height of ten feet above its normal level. The surrounding hills all seemed to slip into the valleys, carrying with them cars, houses and people.

When Sunday morning broke, Nov. 5, the town was in ruins. 100 Homes had been completely demolished by landslips and flood waters. 800 Homes had been submerged in water. Perhaps 70 lives had been lost during the night. All services, lights, water and sewerage were severely disrupted. The three main ghat roads out of the town were all closed by landslides, as were most of the local roads.

As news came through it meant an escalation of the death toll. Villages also suffered, mostly from landslips. Perhaps a dozen houses have been buried under rubble on the main road down to the plains. Hundreds of travellers spent the night stranded on the roads waiting for the next landslide which threatened to take them with it.

A very small congregation gathered at Union Church on Sunday morning. We had already agreed, at the request of the Evangelical Fellowship in India, to make Nov. 5 a day of prayer and fasting for Christians who are suffering persecution in Aranchal Pradesh and so we were experiencing suffering with them.

Amazingly, further heavy rains did not come and by Monday, after the truckloads of bodies had been taken down the street for mass burial, the hard work of cleaning up began. The homeless are housed in schools and are being fed by the Municipality. The army has now cleared the roads and the water (but not the mud) has receded. Scores of students and factory workers are cleaning out houses. Medical teams are innoculating all against cholera. The work seems endless.

70 Dead out of a population of 50,000. Perhaps the disaster is not so unlike Cyclone Tracy when Darwin was struck with such a tragedy. The difference here is that there are no newspaper headlines; no great hopes of a quick recovery. Yes, there will be aid from many agencies (including

CASA EFICOR and maybe even COCOA) but essentially the poor will get poorer — there is little hope that 900 families will get anything more than the barest essentials to replace their whole worldly possessions, which have now been washed away. If money could be sent from COCOA funds, we would use it to buy blankets, cooking pots and clothing for people who lost everything in the flood.

What was the cause of this flood? In the early days of settlement, the Ooty Valley was covered by a lake. This was drained by the British, who made part of the reclamation a racecourse. Eventually the other parts became part of the town settlement. Population pressure, even in a rural centre like Ootacamund, forces people to build on mountain sides and river valleys which are potentially dangerous in times of storms. As we face the reality of these facts, we must simply expect, in lands such as India, that one calamity will follow another; the relief agencies will constantly be on call. What will be the response of the Western Churches? I trust they will not become hardened by our constant appeals for help.

(When news from Barry Jenkins concerning the devastating floods in South India reached the Overseas Mission Board Office, arrangements were made to immediately forward \$1000 from C.O.C.O.A. as an initial grant. Further assistance will follow as finance becomes available).

ASIAN FLOODS

In the wake of the worst floods for many decades, the people of Asia from Pakistan in the west to Vietnam in the east, are beginning to rebuild their homes, their farms and their lives.

Part of the 1978 Christmas Bowl Appeal income will assist these people in the flood affected areas. To date, the ACC has given \$10,000 to the Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA) in India and \$5,000 to the Christian Conference of Asia for flood relief work in Vietnam. In mid-October the ACC also launched a joint Asian Flood Appeal with Australian Catholic Relief.

The mail arriving at the Australian Council of Churches brings stories of massive destruction and the tragic human suffering caused by the record floods.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

Churches have been asked to feature special family services relating to the celebration of IYC.

IYC is sponsored by the United Nations Organization to focus attention on children in 1979, the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child. It is supported by all members of the UN to promote lasting action to improve the lives of children everywhere.

All kinds of events and projects are being planned and the Australian organizers of IYC will be glad to send material and information to enquirers. Address: Miss Libby Lucas, IYC Unit, P.O. Box 1, Woden, A.C.T. 2606.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

Who Am I?

I was the eldest son of the first king of Israel. I was a close friend of the man who was my rival. All my life my people were at war with a powerful enemy, and at last I was killed by them in battle. Who am I?

SOLDIER & WRITER

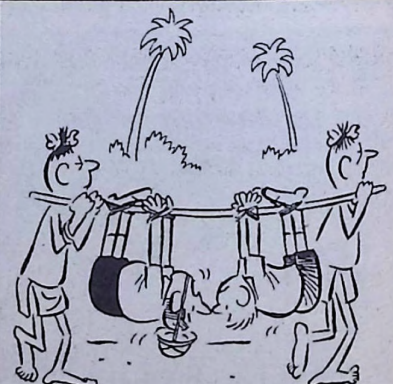
He was a soldier at first, and a good one. He served in the army of John of Gaunt, and then with that of King Edward III when that leader took his troops to France. He married well — the sister-in-law of John of Gaunt — and his high connections enabled him to go on several successful diplomatic missions throughout Europe, including three visits to Italy. His experience finally qualified him for a number of other high positions, which he handled well. Eventually he represented the shire of Kent in Parliament at Westminster. He served his country long and faithfully and died honored and respected at the age of seventy. Yet Geoffrey Chaucer might well be unremembered today by most people had he not produced one of the greatest pieces of English literature — the Canterbury Tales. It is difficult to know for what people will remember us; we must use our efforts in the best Christian way so that our memory will always be a glory for God.

The train stopped suddenly. A lady picked herself up off the floor and asked what happened.

"We hit a cow" the conductor told her.

"Was it on the tracks?"

"No, we had to chase it across a paddock."



Wouldn't you say this sort of thing points up the great need for expanding foreign missions?

BOOKS TO READ

DYNAMIC RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS

Edited by David J. Hesselgrave (Baker)

Not long ago, it was being said that religion was on the way out, that God is dead, and that the churches have no future. This book shows how wrong all that was; there is a wave of new religions sweeping the world. This volume analyses some of those that are rapid growers. Among them are The African Zionist Churches, Kimbanguism, also in Africa: The New Apostolic Church in Europe; Iglesia Ni Cristo which began in the Philippines; The Unification Church ("The Moonies"), one of 250 new religions born in Korea; Japanese offshoots of Buddhism; Islamic renewal in the Middle East; long established but still aggressive sects such as Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormonism; The united Pentecostal Church of Colombia and the Brazilian spiritist church Umbanda. Caodaism in South Vietnam was begun in 1926 and now has 2,000,000 members. The final chapter is headed, "What causes religious movements to grow?" and it has some conclusions that might say something to Christian churches which are not growing. — A.E.W.

THREE BOOKS ON RECREATION

Games & Parties for all Occasions by James W. Kemmerer & Eva May Brickett (Baker).

Indoor and outdoor games; old, new, and old up-dated; trick and mystery games, charades and stunts, songs and musical games.

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Descriptions of 450 games without requiring special equipment. For home, club, youth and adult groups and church socials. Also a section of creative play for the youngster playing alone or with one or two companions.

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER (a biography)

by Eberhard Bethge (Fountain Books) \$7.95

A paperback edition of the definitive biography of a thinker, man of action, martyr, and theologian. The author was Bonhoeffer's closest friend and it was to him that the famous prisoner wrote "Letters and Papers from Prison (S.C.M. 1967). Bonhoeffer's writings were fragmentary and his potential contribution to theology was probably greatly reduced because of his involvement in politics. While he was a pastor he was also a conspirator against Hitler and was a partner in the plot that very nearly succeeded in killing Hitler but which instead led to the execution of Bonhoeffer. The book traces the development of one of the most influential theologians of the 20th century.

ON BEING A CHRISTIAN

by Hans Kung (Collins Fount Books) \$5.95

Despite the calls by many Roman Catholics for the excommunication of Hans Kung for the views expressed in this book, Kung is still a Catholic within the Church, and that itself is a sign of a much more tolerant attitude by the R.C. Church to criticism from within. It is an absorbing analysis of the doctrines of the Church. Kung said he wrote it for those who "want to know what Christianity, what being a Christian really means. It is written also for those who do not believe . . . who did believe . . . who do believe but feel insecure in their faith, who are at a loss, between belief and unbelief . . . it is written then for Christians and atheists, Gnostics and agnostics, . . . Protestants and Orthodox." He does not set out to attack his church. Instead he is making a sincere enquiry and if special doctrines of the Church are questioned along the way, then that's the way it ought to be. His method has been to start with man's questions from human experience. "We cannot appeal to the Bible to dismiss the basic problems of the uncertainty of reality and of human experience; and in the face of atheism we cannot appeal to the Bible in order merely to assert the reality of God!" He looks at Christianity from the standpoints of history, science, theology, philosophy and in the light of challenges from other faiths.

SCRIPTURAL WORSHIP AIDS

by Leroy Koopman (Baker) \$U.S. 2.95

This is a collection of scripture passages, without any commentary but grouped in sections for use in worship: Calls to Worship, Offertory sentences, Prayers of Confession, Assurance of Pardon, Readings for Communion.

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ABORIGINAL CHRISTIAN LEADERS AT CONFERENCE SESSION

One of the many outstanding programmes at Federal Conference in Jan., will be the "Tuesday Night Conference" at which Aboriginal leaders will discuss Christian responses to the issues that are exciting great attention throughout Australia: uranium mining; land rights, and self-determination. The leaders include:

Mr & Mrs Sonny Graham. Mr Graham is in his third year as Superintendent of our brotherhood in the Goldfields of W.A. At 7 years of age he entered our Norseman Mission and was one of the first Aboriginal children to attend the Norseman High School. He trained at the College of the Bible, Glen Iris.

Mr & Mrs Bob Brown. An aboriginal pastor working with his people in S.A. serving full time with the Federal Aborigines' Mission Board. Before that he was four years lecturer and vice-principal of the Aboriginal Community College, Adelaide, a section of the Torrens College of Advanced Education. His Bible training was at Singleton Bible College.

Mr & Mrs Ben Mason. Mr Mason also attended Singleton Bible College and was associated for a time with Ambassadors for Christ. Mr Mason served as an elected member of the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee (N.A.C.C.), 1973, 1977. He is currently director of Aboriginal Hostels Ltd., and is a personal adviser to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs. He is a member of the Aboriginal Health Council, and is vice-chairman of the Council for Aboriginal Development (C.A.D.) which acts in a direct advising and policy making body to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs. He is Federal Presi-

dent of the Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship, and **Miss Maureen Rule.** Miss Rule, like Sonny Graham, spent her early years at Norseman Mission, W.A., and attended Singleton Bible College. She has musical ability and has served at Norseman, Fairhaven, and Roelands, W.A. She is currently employed by the Irragull Aboriginal Community, Norseman.

The Tuesday Conference will be a splendid opportunity to hear the answers to the questions everyone is asking about the Aborigines.

NEW LIFE MISSION (Hamilton, Ron White). Baptist Church combined with us for 2nd series "New life for all" with Noel Smith, culminating with combined worship service . . . Church dinner followed by Annual Business Meeting . . . Mrs Hadden retired after many years as Deaconess . . . Pulpit exchange with Portland . . . Men's Fellowship held working bees for widows and separated mothers . . . Mayor Soulsby attended farewell dinner to Ron and Esther White, and Cannon Family . . . Fashion parade for Leprosy Mission and farewell morning coffee for Mrs White & Mrs Cannon held by Afternoon and Evening Fellowships . . . Several boxes of gifts sent to Royal Children's Hosp. . . C.W.A.F. held "Secret of Happiness" afternoon with Portland ladies . . . Tom Rivett, Tom Davey and Gwen Becker all recently hospitalized . . . Renovations to interior of manse completed . . . Church Family dedication followed baptismal service . . . After church Fellowship hour held following gospel services.



ULVERSTONE, Tas. Three generations were represented in one baptismal service when Granville Ling, his son Athol, and Athol's children, Estelle and Dennis, were baptized.

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OBITUARY

PRICE, Edward Morris (13.11.1978) **Morrie Price**, the greatly beloved elder and trustee of the Swanston Street Church, was born at Ballarat in 1912. At the age of 11 he was baptised at the Dawson Street Church of Christ in 1923. Early in his business career he came to Melbourne with the family company, E. Lucas & Co. Pty. Ltd., and joined the Swanston Street Church in 1937. Thus began an association with the Swanston Street Church which extends over some 41 years. Throughout these years, he has faithfully served as a Deacon, Trustee and Elder. To many he has been a spiritual father, counsellor, advisor and encourager in the Lord. Among his many outstanding attributes three in particular were highlighted at his funeral service which was attended by more than 300 relatives and friends — 1) his faithful prayer life — Morrie was a great man of prayer. Rarely did he ever miss a church prayer meeting and always he would pray with such intensity, fervency and intimacy; 2) his steadfast example — Morrie was a real pillar and stalwart of the faith, a man who inspired tremendous strength and confidence in others; 3) his humble service — Morrie demonstrated his true spiritual greatness through his willingness to serve others. No task was ever too humble or menial for him to perform. His service extended far beyond the borders of the Church. For over 30 years he served on the Board of Management of the College of the Bible and also as a Director of the Community Welfare Foundation of Victoria. Perhaps the love and esteem in which he was held is best reflected in a letter which was sent by 12 of the overseas graduates of the Church who are now present in Malaysia — "The memory of his towering physical and spiritual stature still lingers fresh in our minds." Indeed it does! To his wife Margaret and to his four sons, David, Geoffrey, John and Robert we extend our loving sympathy. — A.L.W.

FOLLAND, John George and Mavis Jane. (Oct. 1978). John was born in 1923 and joined Norwood Church, S.A., in his teens. He was active until Norwood closed. He married Mavis Carroll in 1947 and she also joined with Norwood. There were four children, Julie, Peter, Anne and Graham. When Norwood closed they joined Stepney Christian and were active workers. John was treasurer and a youth leader and Mavis was a true helpmate. John died suddenly on Oct. 13 aged 55 years, and Mavis aged 53 years followed him on Oct. 16. John was very active in Boys' Brigade work for 26 years being for a time president of Battalion Council and at the time of his death was vice-president of State Council. Members of both churches will miss them very much and so will his brother, Howard and his wife, Betty (W.A.); his sisters Dorothy (Mrs Hope) and Gladys and brother-in-law Murray Daniel. — M. H. Daniel.

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● Social Services

GUEST HOME GARDEN PARTY

There was heavy rain during the Garden Party at the Christian Guest Home on Nov. 18, but despite this was a happy occasion and the attendance was good.

The completion of the previous commitment made in 1959 by The Christian Womens' Fellowship for the additions to the Christian Guest Home in 1959 was reached in 1977 with a total of \$80,970 raised in 18 years. This money helped provide additional hostel care.

In future there will be a continuing and perhaps growing need for accommodation for the aged in our community. As the birthrate drops the proportion of aged

people increases above those of the younger generations. At present the ever increasing need is for care for the frail and sick aged.

Plans for a hostel and nursing home complex at Northcote had to be revised due to Government planning so the nursing home section only was commenced with an anticipated completion date of Dec. 21, 1978. However due to delays this is now April, 1979.

Christian Womens' Fellowships are now working for the Churches of Christ Geriatric Home at Northcote and have

undertaken to furnish a four bed ward, at a cost of \$12,900 including all facilities, in three years. The offering, stalls and donations provided a total of \$4,156.33 for 1978.

The chairman, members of the Department and members of Womens' Social Service Committee thank all who have contributed in any way.

Future extensions to the Northcote complex include the erection of a 50 bed hostel for frail aged. Plans have been submitted to the Department of Social Security but due to financial cutbacks at government level we are uncertain when we may expect to commence this section.

CHURCH STATION WINS AWARD

Radio Station 2CH in Sydney was recently awarded the "Wales Award" for community services. The award is a recognition of the range of community services provided by commercial radio stations in Australia.

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SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM

A School of Evangelism will be held in Sydney May 8 - 11 next year during the Sydney Billy Graham Crusade.

The School will be held at St. Andrew's Cathedral and the dean of the School will be Bishop Donald Cameron, of the Sydney Anglican Diocese. Members of the Billy Graham Team will speak on evangelism and church growth. Dr. Graham will probably open the School with an address, and well-known English evangelical, the Rev. John Stott, will give three major lectures.

Schools of Evangelism have been features of Graham Crusades for more than a decade. The Sydney school will be open to clergy, students from theological and missionary colleges, deaconesses and people in full-time work with para-church organisations.

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OBITUARY

CORLETT, Thurza Doris.

Doris Hall along with her sister and parents were for very many years active members of the North Auburn church where she served in the role of BS teacher, soloist and organist. Later she was connected with the Lidcombe church and then the Burwood fellowship. She had known B. G. Corlett when he first came to minister in NSW and later in life when he was widowed, they were united in marriage and together served in ministry at Belmore church. She had an immense capacity for friendship and love and perfectly complemented the ministry of her husband. Dot Corlett took a most active role among the women of the churches and was honoured by the task of presidency one year. She gave herself fully first to the Lord and then to people. She shared her husband's tremendous interest in and service for the Home Mission Dept. and the Bible College. For many years she led the College Women's Committee and was known and loved by all associated with the College. A fitting memorial was made to the service of Mr & Mrs Corlett in the naming of Corlett Hall. A service of remembrance and thanksgiving was shared by Alan Rae, Colin Bowser, Dr. Allen Elliot and Dr. Lloyd Jones. Deepest sympathy is extended to her sister, Mrs Glad Gwynne, and other close relatives. — L.E.J.

MARTIN, Mrs Edith.

(5.11.1978) Edith Ann Martin was born at Brighton, Vic., and would have been 79 on Dec. 19. She was the eldest of the family of Mr & Mrs G. Russell. The other members of the family are Alice (Mrs C.W. Pedersen) and Albert (Tom). Edith came to Warragul with her family when six years of age. She joined the church when 14 during a mission conducted by Day and Clay. For 65 years Mrs Martin gave practical service to her Lord and the church at Warragul. She was Church and S.S. organiste for several years. She cooked and knitted and contributed to the church. Worship at the church on the Lord's Day was her first priority. Her husband pre-deceased her by 10 years. Mrs Martin had three sons, George, Fred (Pat) and Peter, and one daughter, Jessie (Mrs Clements). She had 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren who in turn loved and supported her. She had been in bad health but was always cheerful. The last three months she was in and out of hospital. The church at Warragul has suffered a great loss, and sympathises with her family. The service at the Church was conducted by the minister, R. Pritchard, assisted by T.V. Weir, before moving to the Warragul Lawn Cemetery. — R.E.P.

GOLDSTEEN, Basil F.

(12-11-78) Minister of the West Preston Church of Christ and friend and pastor of many. Basil was born at Richmond, England, in 1920 and at the age of 4 emigrated with his parents to Bondi. He became employed in office work, completing a sheetmetal apprenticeship in his spare time. At Bondi he became a proficient swimmer, oarsman and surf-life-saving instructor. During World War 2 he served with the Army in the Philippines and in 1944 met his wife Nancy working with the Army in Brisbane and married her at Swanston St. (Melbourne) in 1946. Their daughter, Robyn, born in 1950, is now a nursing sister in Darwin. Basil was baptised in 1944 at Kedron Church of Christ and whilst working as an estimating engineer and later in management, took on several part-time ministries in N.S.W. and Victoria including Caringbah, Bankstown, Padstow, Earlwood, Prahran, Sunshine, Nth. Williamstown, Glen

Waverley, South Yarra, Berwick and Hurstbridge. His two full-time ministries were at East Kew and West Preston (1976). Basil was chaplain at 3 engineering works, 3 hospitals, the Freemasons Lodge Antioch and was also a member of Vic/Tas Conference Executive. An avid reader, he owned a large library. Other interests included mathematics, sound recording for the blind, organ playing and boating. Basil took ill on one of his pastoral visits and after suffering several heart attacks in the Austin Hospital, went to his Lord early on Nov. 12. The West Preston chapel overflowed at the funeral service conducted by Jack Manalack and the extent and intensity of his ministry was shown by the attendance of people from all walks of life. Keith Horne paid a fitting tribute to a strong man of God. Our thoughts and prayers are with Nancy, Robyn and granddaughter Karen, as we praise God for Basil's life and witness. — R.J.R.

VIC. — TAS. — C.M.F.

The Victorian & Tasmanian C.M.F. held their annual dinner and rally at the Blackburn Church of Christ hall on Nov. 21.

Many suburban and country churches were represented as over 90 men enjoyed good fellowship and an excellent meal, followed by singing and entertainment by Telford Jackson to the accompaniment of Leslie Miers, who also rendered some splendid piano items.

A strong challenge was brought to the men by our Conference President, who spoke on the subject "Don't let the world

push you around."

C.M.F. President, Vic Philpotts, reported that \$5,500.00. was now invested for the Gas for New Guinea & New Hebrides fund.

Men's Breakfasts.

On the first Saturday in November, Doncaster, Strathmore and Burwood, held breakfasts which were attended by many men from the areas.

All reported good gatherings and all enjoyed the fellowship and the program.

David Parkin attended the Burwood breakfast and read the scripture reading.

MINI MISSION (Portland, N. Mitaxa) Church held mini mission with G. Stirling . . . Eight members visited Oakleigh and took morning service and also went to Myer Music Bowl for Leighton Ford crusade . . . Platform exchange with Hamilton . . . Sth West Dist. Fellowship held concert at Portland . . . Secretary attended farewell evening at Hamilton for R. White . . . Board meets once a week for prayer . . . N. Mitaxa appointed for three years from end of 1979.

SIX BAPTISMS (Warwick, G. B. Carslake) Recent baptisms included local school principal and his wife . . . 20 Y.P. attended camp at Kum Ba Yah . . . Church hosted W.A. Ministers' and Wives' Tea (50 attended) . . . Women's group raised \$500 . . . Elsie Hornsby is 1979 president of women's work . . . Dr David Beavis will be guest speaker during January . . . Nearly 600 use building each week . . . Minister invited to continue ministry.

52 ANNIVERSARY Sunshine, (F. B. Alcorn). 52 Anniversary celebrated on Nov. 12 with Don Smith as guest speaker. Thank offering of \$824 will go to Missions. B.S. anniversary held at Glengala at night preceded by tea. Children gave items . . . Y.P. group held recent letter drop of 1200 notices in Glengala area . . . Seven of our men attended prayer breakfast at Strathmore . . . S.S. picnic held at Fitzroy Gardens on 25th . . .

MINISTER FAREWELLED (Boronia, A. Taylor-Davis) Service held to farewell minister and his wife on completion of three-year ministry. Service was followed by lunch . . . Church saddened by death of Miss Lil Shields . . . In co-operation with Uniting Church, series of meetings held "Facing Death and Bereavement" with Hospital chaplain, solicitor, funeral director, and minister . . . C.O.B. student minister, Lois Lawson, to continue in 1979.

DRAWING ROOM EVENING (Scarborough, Leroy Randall). 'Back to the Drawing Room' evening held . . . Club '78 anniversary celebrated . . . Cricket team formed and competing in Salvation Army League . . . Intermediates participated in progressive supper, Rabbit Chase and Halloween Night . . . Home Missions Audio visual screened . . . C.W.F. visited Cottesloe and heard speakers from Al-Anon . . . Gateway Youth and Family Centre activities included films "The Story of Ruth" and "The Cross and the Switchblade", Gospel Groups "The Wanderers", "Life Stream", and Covenant".

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GRADUATION 1978

Over 800 people filled the Blackman Hall, Hawthorn (Vic) for the annual Graduation of the College of the Bible. They came from W.A., S.A., Tasmania and Victoria country and city. The lively songs of the College Singers set the tone for the night. 13 exit students and their families were interviewed by the Principal, Dr K. R. Bowes, and W. Tabbernee. Frank Chipperfield, Chairman of the Board of Management of the College, presented diplomas and certificates as follows:

Honours Diplomas

Chris Ambrose, B. Ec., B.D., A.A.S.A. (Tas.),

Harvey Miller, A.A.S.A. (Sen.), (Vic.),
Russell Wesley, Dip. Theol. (Vic.)

Diplomas

Larry Gibb, L. Th. (W.A.),
David Murray, L.Th. (W.A.),
Dorothy (Des) Symes (Vic.)

Certificate

Peter Galliford (S.A.)

Selected Course Certificates

Jacqueline Bowden (S.A.),
Helbe Cuss (Vic.),
David Holden (Qld.),
Bronwyn Crisp (Tas.),
Paul Hodgson (S.A.),
Beverley Maxwell, B.A. (S.A.)

Principal-Emeritus E. L. Williams addressed the graduating students.

Ordination

The Graduation Service was followed by the Ordination Service conducted by the Federal Conference Executive and presided over by Gordon Stirling, President of the Federal Conference. The ordinands were:

Chris Ambrose (to the "Australian Christian"), Peter Galliford (to Hartwell, Vic.), Larry Gibb (to Kalgoolie, W.A.), Harvey Miller (to Boronia, Vic.), David Murray (to Dianella, W.A.), Des Symes (to Traralgon, Vic.), and Russell Wesley (to Hamilton,

Vic.). The ordinands who represented the Australian Churches in the laying on of hands were Walter Bartlett of Adelaide, Brice Wells of Perth, Richard Williams of Geelong, and Betty Dow, Lance Fisher, Bill Gaunson and June St. Aubyn of Melbourne.

The 1979 College Year

The Public Opening of the 1979 College year will be in the College Chapel on Feb. 20 at 9.30 a.m. The Inaugural Garden Party will be on Feb. 24 in the College grounds, 5 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. During the Garden Party the new Registrar, Robin Haskell, and the new Lecturer, Keith Farmer, will be welcomed. To date 29 new students have been enrolled for 1979, the total expected enrolment being a record 85 students.

BELGRAVE HEIGHTS CHRISTMAS CONVENTION

This year the Belgrave Heights Convention will be celebrating its 61st Christmas Convention.

Since its inception at Upwey and then the move to Belgrave Heights in the early 50's, the Convention has steadily grown in popularity and impact. The Convention Grounds are in the Dandenong Ranges only 45 kilometres east of Melbourne in a setting of bush, gum trees and ornamental shrubs.

Speakers for this Christmas Convention will be the Most Rev. Sir Marcus Loane, Archbishop of Sydney, Rev. George Duncan, well-known Keswick speaker from England and Rev. Alan Catchpoole, Director of the Capernway Missionary Fellowship. Also participating will be Graeme Smith of Blackburn North Baptist Church and Pastor Allan Webb of Swanston Street Church of Christ.

The Convention will commence on Tues. morning, Dec. 26, and conclude on Monday afternoon, Jan. 1. Meetings in the large open-sided Auditorium with seating capacity for almost 2000 are held

Handbooks

The new College of the Bible Handbook is now available from the College of the Bible, 7 Elm Road, Glen Iris, 3146. The 1978 Evangelical Theological Association Handbook for those interested in the Bachelor of Theology degree is also available at the cost of \$1.50.

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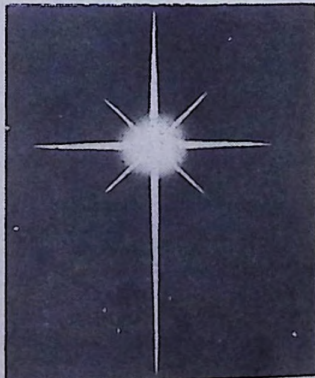
A deputation from the Board of Management was sympathetically and helpfully received by the Secretary of the Ministry of Planning. He informed the deputation that no decisions about College relocation can be made until the road reservation has been amended, possibly in a year's time. When this is completed negotiations will be undertaken with the College with a view to relocation with a property comparable to the present one. It would appear that relocation could be taking place at some time after the next two or three years. — G. R. S.

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Further information and programme details may be obtained by contacting the Convention Office, P.O. Box 4, Canterbury, 3126, phone 836 6839 (Melb.).

FILM SERIES (Northam, M. Randell). Dr Francis Schaeffer's 10 part film "How should we then live?" was presented by the Northam branch of the Bible Society to combined churches. Northam branch of the Bible Society raised \$1257 this year ... Four couples with baby daughters participated in parent dedication service ... Mr Randell visits Cunderdin each month ... Trevor Wolfe returned to Indonesia ... S. S. anniversary held Oct. 22.



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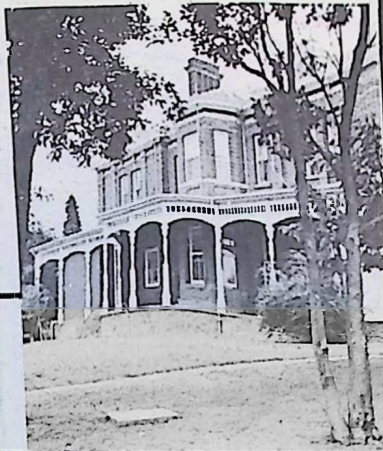
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SPENCER (Lawson) To Jan and Noel, a daughter, Joanne Lorraine, sister for Scott, 25th November. Both well.

ENGAGEMENTS

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APPROACHING MARRIAGE

BENTON-MacKENZIE: "And the two shall become one." Pam and Chris look forward to being united in marriage on December 30, 1978, at the Church of Christ, Copwaddilla, S.A. at 4 p.m.

MARRIAGE

JONES-WAKELEY, Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones and Mr and Mrs Ron Wakeley, of Sydney, announce with prayerful joy the marriage of Wendy and Geoff on Friday, December 8, 1978, at the Church of Christ, Epping, N.S.W.

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DEATHS

FLOWER, Arthur William: Passed away 17.10.1978. Loved husband of Gert, father of Neville, Shirley and Beverley. Pop of 11 grandchildren. Rest in Peace.

McCOLL On Nov. 26th, Alexandra Victoria (Drena), late of Lygon Street. Dearly loved wife of the late James Roy, loved mother of May and Max, and dear mother-in-law of Geoff and Betty. Wonderful Nanna of Don, Christine, Peter, Philip and Paul. Robert, Gay and Judith. Loved Great-nanna of 10 great grandchildren.

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MINISTRY EXTENDED (Preston/East Preston, J. Manallack). Doug Morffew, C.O.B. student, will continue for 1979 on an extended basis . . . 40 folk held a day at Monbulk, going by bus and having B.B.Q. lunch.

CHAPEL REOPENED (Mildura, Barry Brown). 300 at re-opening of Chapel . . . Mrs H. Cameron, oldest member, turned the key in the door. Past ministers, D. Thomas, J. Chivell and C. Cunningham, took part in the service. Also present were C. Ward, Conference Sec., A. Haskell and A. Emmett, Church Extension and R. Drayton, architect. Dinner followed dedication service . . . C.W.F. annual meeting elected M. L. Stafford, president,

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M. Fisher, sec., P. Diggle, treas. . . . Tween group held weekend camp at Koorlong . . . "Kaleidoscope", theatre group, visited Ballarat for Half-yearly Conference . . . 49 collectors from church raised \$1700 for Freedom from Hunger. This was 41% of District total . . . Wesley Girvan spoke on behalf of Bible Society . . . Church was host to Sunraysia Conference for half-yearly convention.

CRUSADE DECISIONS (Briar Hill). Four of youth group made decisions for Christ at Leighton Ford Crusade . . . B.S. held demonstration day . . . Family afternoon services being conducted . . . CWF had street stall in Greensbrough also, had a Jewellery display . . . Church annual meeting held . . . 57 (18 families) attended family camp at Cowes over four day Cup weekend . . . 40 were at Progressive Dinner . . . Good Companions raised \$75 in a Bake-a-thon for Bombay Christian Centre . . . Young people led morning service . . .

MAXI-MARKET (Tootgarook, David Hovey). The "Maxi-market" resulted in over \$2000. Mr and Mrs Stan Allison held Garden Party to raise funds for "maxi-market" . . . CWF Annual picnic held at Arthur's Seat . . . May Smith is confined to home with a broken leg . . . Graham Bryant was in charge of Explorers' weekend Camp . . . Pat Moore resigning as B.S. Supt. . . . Election of officers held . . . Nov. 19 featured "Ten most popular Hymns Night".

DECISION (Gardiner, C. G. Taylor) Teenage girl made decision during B.S. class . . . Girls' Club attended Thanksgiving night at Glen Waverley . . . Betty Dow visited E.C.W.F. and Friendship Club . . . Mini Mart held to aid Time and Talent . . . A.B.M. held following basket lunch . . . Committee formed to find ways of encouraging new scholars for S.S. . . . Church saddened at the death of Elder, L. E. Stevens.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

AMERICAN VISITORS (Edwardstown, E.P.C. Hollard). Church welcomed many visitors from Tulsa, U.S.A., friends of our minister . . . C.W.F. entertained guests at Everard Park Rest Home . . . Mrs. Hollard broke her ankle, convalescing satisfactorily . . . Youth group redecorated centre hall . . . Small group went canoeing.

STUDY (Colonel Light Gardens, R.V. Holmes) Reachout study, "In the Spirit of Love", being used by eight groups during week and on Sunday mornings as sermon theme . . . "Talent-a-Fair" displayed and sold members' arts and crafts . . . Action groups reported to special Board Conference on various areas of church activity. Plans and adjustments made for 1979 . . . Committee met representatives of Balaklava church to arrange city-country link activities for next year . . . Bob Clymer will commence a ministry at the beginning of 1980 when Ron Holmes moves to Narracorte.

FRIENDSHIP DISPLAY (Maylands, N. S. Moore). Our Friendship Centre held Craft and Art Display on Nov. 3, of work completed during year. On Nov. 28, the final meeting of year was given over to Craft work, carol singing and lunch . . . A working bee painted and repaired two vestries, kitchen and junior room . . . The six monthly return from the Leprosy Mission Boxes amounted to \$76 . . . Mr. & Mrs. H. Pearson now residing at Everard Park Rest Home recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary . . . On Dec. 3 combined service in our chapel with district Uniting Church whose choir supplied several items . . . We record with sadness the deaths of Jim Jenkinson, Mrs. Vera Beasley and Mrs. Elsie Williams.

BAPTISMS (Flinders Park/Torrensville, Geoff & Joan Fewster). 23 people have been baptised this year . . . Recent speakers have been Richard Berry from Solisound and Dick Innes from ACTS . . . Gospel services continue to be 20% better attended than morning services. On Oct. 29 there was joint worship and baptismal service with Kidman Park CRC Church in our chapel . . . B.S. Church picnic held at Paracombe oval . . . Three special services at Torrensville associated with literature distribution . . . The local Anglican priest preached at recent gospel service. Several of his parishioners also attended to witness a baptismal service.

DECISIONS AT STIRLING (B. V. Coventry). Special Decision Sunday, Nov. 19, nine made decisions. C.E. Orchestra and Choir assisted in service . . . 60 journeyed to Strathalbyn for exchange service on Nov. 26 . . . Members brought friends to Friendship Service on Dec. 3. B. V. Coventry concludes ministry on Dec. 31. Mr & Mrs Jim Carroll, U.S.A., commence a 12 month ministry in Jan. . . . Second morning service at 9.30 a.m. commenced in Sept. for study of "In the Spirit of Love". Several mid-week study groups started . . . 60 attended Family Camp over Oct. long weekend . . . Temple Day Oct. 26, \$2168 received.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

CALL TO MINISTRY (Auburn Dist.) After 18 years in itinerant and interim ministries, Doug Willis has accepted a call to minister to this church in the Western suburbs of Sydney. The church has agreed to release Mr. Willis to continue his evangelistic interest in overseas countries, and for a limited number of missions within Australia. The Church has very extensive modern facilities for group activities and a chapel for seating 200, though present attendance is only 50.

RE-APPOINTMENT (Chatswood, R.P. Hayman & T. Butler). Terry Butler re-appointed to joint ministry on part time basis for a further 12 months . . . Small groups studying epistle of James from notes prepared by R. P. Hayman . . . Church members honoured Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Hayward on occasion of their golden wedding. Mrs. Hayward is a daughter of the late T. W. Bagley, the first minister of Chatswood church (1914-1918).

DECISIONS (Belrose/N. Balgowlah, M. McArthur). At recent Gospel service young man made his decisions . . . "Revival Fires" held 5-day Mission resulting in three decisions. Team consisted of Mr & Mrs Murl Jones and Jim Garrett . . . M. McArthur to begin full-time ministry next year.

RUBY ANNIVERSARY (Georgetown, N. Proellocks) S.S. celebrated 40th anniversary with John Jones, from "Word of Life", as speaker . . . Church continues to support three college students and gives 10% of income to Steve and Fay Rogers at Mareeba, Queensland. "Galeiah" Crusade commenced.



QUEENSLAND

L.I.F.E. AT DALBY (B. Thygesen). A L.I.F.E. programme was held in Oct. in conjunction with annual meeting . . . Fruitful Christian Living Course attended by seven ladies . . . Branch View Church held its first Annual Meeting. A planning committee was formed, with representatives to the Board of Officers at Dalby who supervise both churches . . . Recent guest speakers were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beale, Brian Willersdorf and Bob Dakers . . . 100 members travelled to Chinchilla to take part in the Western Districts Fellowships . . . 110 ladies attended Annual Rally Day. Gatton conducted programme.

FOLLOW UP (Nambour, A. G. Leane) As follow-up from mission, evening service featured 10 weeks series "How Then Shall We Live?" films by Dr Schaeffer . . . Guest speaker at C.W.F. 22nd anniversary was Mrs B. Wylie. Soloists, Mrs F. Barber, with recitation by Mrs B. Owens . . . Junior B.S. pupils visited Bribie Island Retirement Village with musical programme . . . "Youthquake" in concert featured Sydney musical group, "Country Sound." Also "Country Way." . . . Further 23 received into membership by baptism and three by transfer (see

"A.C." Nov. 11 for names) . . . Church saddened by death of C. Kingston, foundation member.

TELELINKERS MEET (Kedron, J. Dow). The young married group brought Telelinkers to the church to meet each other for the first time. The 50 elderly shut-in folk spent time together . . . B.S. barbecue picnic was held at Bunyaville State Forest Park, with Max Fallon as organiser . . . Barbara Bosworth commissioned as Lieutenant of Girl's Brigade . . . C.W.F. in conjunction with Albion, purchased two hand sewing machines and buttonholers, for New Hebridean Mission. Slide evening by Len and Joan Brookes and a street stall raised the funds . . . Choir busy preparing Christmas Cantata . . . The church saddened by the death of Mrs. Kollmar.

ANNIVERSARY (Mackay, N. Flett) 41st Anniversary celebrated with dinner Saturday night and guest speaker at all services, Ray Hawkins of Gladstone. S.S. pupils and teachers presented a program and received book awards at Sunday evening rally . . . New house parents, Gwen and Alan Weedon, from Townsville, welcomed to Family Group Home.

BETHEL CLASS. (Ipswich, Barry Rice, Chris O'Dempsey). 10 students graduated as teachers from first Bethel class. Bill and Elsie Baker, Aust. Directors of

Bethel, presented certificates to graduating students . . . Noel Newton, Southport church, speaker at East Ipswich church anniversary. Seven baptisms and three decisions at gospel service conducted by Covenant Players . . . Chris O'Dempsey commenced as second full time minister following graduation from Kenmore . . . Stafford Williams recent speaker at Youth service . . . Tweenage Y.P. held combined outing to Sonshine Ranch at Mindon . . . Mike and Viv Hibbert and Richard Oddie presented musical concert at G.B. award night . . . This year 55 new members added by faith and baptism.

GRADUATION (Hartwell, Larry D. Gibb). Friends from W.A. joined members at Graduation & Ordination of present student minister, Larry Gibb, and future minister, Peter Galliford at College of Bible ceremony, and later at church supper to mark occasion . . . Members held church social farewell to student minister for last year, John Clapp, and Eira . . . Hartwell joined other churches in Inter-Church Progressive dinner. \$1,380 was raised for Training Centre for retarded children and a centre for quadraplegics in the district . . . Friendship Group held day's bus outing to Geelong, with lunch and fellowship provided by Latrobe Terrace C.W.F.

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MELTON COMMUNITY (J. Midgley). Church participated in Melton's Community Services Week with a literature stand, in a Town parade, hosting a W.R.O.C. convention, and joining in a combined-churches service. A banner, "I am the Way the Truth, and the Life," was a positive witness . . . A "Cup Day" church picnic to Cobble Dick's Ford held . . . Craig Cooke, Laraine Harford, and Flora Gimber discharged from hospital. Mark Midgley suffered fractured ankle . . . Members following up contact of literature-drop sponsored by ACTS International . . . Mr Midgley has indicated willingness to minister until Dec. 1979.

NEW MINISTRY (Peel St. Ballarat) Jim Cunningham will minister from Feb. 4, 1979. An innovation is that the ministry will be a continuing one with the option of one year's sabbatical leave after each six years. A graduate of Ozark Bible College, Joplin, Missouri, Jim has ministered at Toowoomba, Qld. and Doonside, N.S.W., and specialised in youth outreach programmes. His wife, Leanne, and their baby, Ken, complete the family. The present minister, Harvey Clark, will be farewelled on Dec. 17 prior to commencing a ministry at Horsham, Vic.

25th ANNIVERSARY (Glen Waverley, R. B. Elbourne). 350 attended 25th worship celebration, followed by lunch, P.S.A., bus tour of Glen Waverley for visitors, tea, and evening service with audio-visual "21." Guest preacher was Graeme Chapman . . . "Gallery of Treasures" and morning tea presented by ladies' groups, including painting demonstration by Robert Miller . . . Good Companions organized Summer Fashion Parade . . . 28 adults and 20 juniors played in full-day tennis tournament.

CONVENANT PLAYERS (Blackburn, E. Keating, P. Burnham). Family Service Nov. 5 featured Covenant Players from S. A. . . Fete realised over \$3,000. Presentations were made to World Vision, C.O.C.O.A. and Reach Out to Kids. Mayor of Nunawading attended service for presentation . . . S.S. picnic held in hall owing to weather . . . Calisthenics Display held . . . Nov. 19 evening service featured the Survivors, winners of Youth for Christ Talent Quest.



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FAMILY DAY (Tootgarook, D. Hovey) Miss Julie Reid (Dept. M.E.D.) led the 9.30 a.m. 2nd Family Service on Nov. 12. A young married woman was baptised at night . . . Bev. Nash and Reg. Bolduan are both out of hospital . . . Temple Offering was \$800 and proceeds from the "maxi-market" were more than from other previous such ventures . . . D. Hovey attended training seminar at Berwick, Nov. 19.

PRAYER CALENDAR (Stawell, Pam Bowers). A prayer calendar has been produced enabling us to remember one family of our fellowship each day, together with Missionaries and Conference Departments . . . As part of the celebrations opening Stawell's Gold Reef Mall, our church participated in combined churches service in Stawell. About 1,000 people attended the open air service in the Mall . . . The church is negotiating for a minister in 1980. Pam Bowers has been appointed to Kaniva . . . Our C.W.F. raised \$100 at a musical afternoon towards the purchase of a new stove for the manse.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE (Werribee Dist., L.C. Keatch) Worship Committee in full swing organising evening services and Bible studies held in alternate weeks in homes . . . Morning guest speakers include A.R. Haskell and C. Wilson from Williamstown Nth . . . Cake stall and lamington drive held by C.W.F. a great success . . . Dallas and Sue home after trips to hospital.

FUSION (Warragul, R. Pritchard). "Fusion" held a Coffee Shop in church hall Nov. 4 & 5. "Fusion" Team also took part in the service on Nov. 5 . . . On Nov. 12 the intermediate class from the War-

ragul Church school presented a musical "Joy and Peace" led by Jacky Bowden and Robert Jeffrey . . . C.W.A.F. birthday was celebrated on Nov. 8. Guest speaker was Mrs Baxter who has had 20 years experience at Winlaton . . . Coffee morning held at home of Dot and Arthur Winterton with guest speaker Mrs Heather Williams.

GUEST (Maryborough, S. Warwick). Albert Graham guest speaker for S.S. Anniversary . . . Youth group now has 35 . . . Six members are doing Survey of Biblical Doctrine course at Woolwich . . . Three baptisms . . . Church Bargain Centre continues.

IN-BETWEENS (Croydon, L. S. Dewberry) Our "In-Betweens" had a family picnic day to which were invited a few girls from Winlaton . . . After a Boys' Sunday Dads & Lads tea, The Vic. Police Christian Assoc. took part in service . . . Many worked hard to make the annual concert a great success . . . Geo. Grainger, associate minister at Box Hill, was guest speaker at Anniversary and Thanksgiving service. After lunch, A. E. White was speaker at P.S.A.

FLOWER SHOW (Dareton, B. Spencer). Wentworth District Uniting Parish (Church of Christ in co-operation) held annual Flower Show and raised \$1100 . . . Bibles and Bible aids worth \$200 sold at Book Stall . . . Church saddened at sudden death of Alan Rainbow, church treasurer and elder . . . Women's Bible study and morning coffee held at manse with 13 attending . . . 110 attended ecumenical picnic at Loch Lawns, Wentworth, N.S.W. . . . S.S. picnic held at Dareton . . . Sunraysia Women's Rally held at Dareton, Mr. & Mrs. Fitzgerald guest speakers . . . Social cricket match held between Dareton and Curliwaa congregation . . . Mildura Men's Society met at Dareton for tea meeting. Bill Alexander spoke on the work of Legacy . . . 45 attended film "Jesus of Nazareth".

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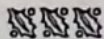
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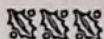
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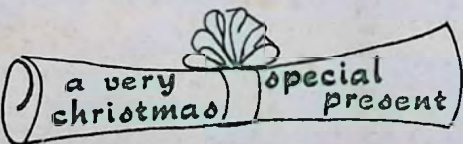


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