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**OF CONCERN AND COMMITMENT
MARCH 19, 1978**

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CHRISTIAN CONCERN LEADS TO COSTLY COMMITMENT

**TAX
DEDUCTIONS**

A heading like this always attracts, for all of us are interested in this subject. Gifts of money given to the Federal Aborigines Board's Fields at Carnarvon, Norseman and Roelands in Western Australia and at Eidsvold in Queensland are recognised as tax deductible donations, by the Taxation Department. A receipt designating the Aborigine Field and showing the Board's taxation reference number is required on each receipt.

Receipts can be issued by State Aborigine Committee or by the Federal Aborigines Board head office at 26 Marradong Street, Mt. Lawley W.A.

(State Committee contacts listed overleaf)

A gift given to the Lord's work amongst the Aborigine people reduces your taxable income and could place you in a lower tax bracket. Why not look into this?

1. It is approved by the Taxation Department.
2. It is a means of reducing your tax payment.
3. It is making your money work for God.
4. It is urgently needed by the Aborigines Board to maintain our Brotherhood's existing involvement.
5. It will help advance the cause of Christ to the Aborigine people.

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NEW PLACES — DIFFERENT PEOPLE

At the Annual Meeting of the Federal Aborigines Board held in Perth in 1975 it was agreed to place aboriginal Christian workers in three new areas in Australia.

1. Looma

In the far north of Western Australia, approximately half way between Derby and Fitzroy Crossing, and about 30 miles south of the main highway.

Looma is a totally aboriginal community run by a local aboriginal council. Under the supervision of the W.A. State Housing Commission the people began building their own homes and have now 45-50 homes erected plus a new store. In 1975 Churches of Christ missionaries visited the Looma people at their invitation. The result was a request to place an aboriginal Christian pastor and his wife in the community.

The people gave the missionaries the names of the pastor they would like to minister to them. At the same time God was working in the heart of Jim Bieundurry, aboriginal pastor, and his wife, Olive, with regard to a ministry amongst their own people in the north of Western Australia. A Board decision was then implemented and Mr and Mrs Jim Bieundurry moved to Looma to live and witness for Christ amongst their own people and relations.

God has faithfully and wonderfully blessed this step of faith. A church called "Ngaliwayan Church" (fountains or springs of water) is flourishing. Christians are being encouraged and built up in the faith and others have come to a saving knowledge of Christ. Sunday Schools and young people's activities are also a feature of the work at Looma.

2. Tamworth

The Board received a letter from Mr and Mrs Peter Jamieson, on the staff at Norseman Mission, offering to move to



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Tamworth. After further discussion and prayer, Peter Jamieson, with his wife, Vina, and family transferred to Tamworth from Norseman in February 1977.

And once again God has vindicated their step of faith in offering to go and the



Jim Bieundurry

Board's move to place an aboriginal pastor into the very needy city of Tamworth.

The work is spreading from Tamworth as the Centre to the surrounding districts and visits have been made to Walcha, Armidale, Moree, Guyra and Purfleet aboriginal community near Taree. Sunday School and other Christian meetings are also being held at Caroonna 45 miles from Tamworth. In the midst of difficulties and problems God is blessing His work amongst the aboriginal people of Tamworth and district.

3. Adelaide and Outreach

At the same time God was working on the hearts of an aboriginal pastor and his wife in Adelaide about the spiritual needs of the thousands of aboriginal folk in Adelaide and in South Australia. Bob Brown, the aboriginal pastor, made a tentative approach to the S.A. Aborigines Committee. Board members, State Committee members and missionaries were in prayer with Bob Brown in regard to his beginning of a venture of faith in South Australia. Because of the size of the con-



Mr & Mrs Peter Jamieson

tact and the initial work which had to be done it was felt that if possible two aboriginal pastors should be appointed.

Late in 1976 Frank Johnson, pastor of the aboriginal church at Katanning W.A., joined with Des Nelson, pastor of the South Perth Church of Christ, to bring a very effective ministry to an Inter-Mission Conference held at Carnarvon and attended by over 55 missionaries from various Mission Societies. Time was spent by the Board in conjunction with the S.A. Aborigines Committee talking with Mr and Mrs Johnson and Mr and Mrs Brown.

All concerned entered into a period of prayer seeking the Lord's leading about a call to Mr and Mrs Johnson to join with Mr and Mrs Brown in beginning a work for Christ amongst the aboriginal people of South Australia. This call to service was eventually extended to Mr and Mrs Frank Johnson and accepted.

These folk, with Mr and Mrs Brown, are engaged in a very busy program of presenting Christ to their own people in South Australia. An aboriginal church is operating with attendances in excess of 50, of which church Mr Johnson is the pastor. A very extensive outreach ministry has been planned.

The Christian outreach splits the State of S.A. into three areas. First the far north through Port Augusta via Oodnadatta and across the border to Alice Springs. Second the eastern outreach which includes visits to Peterborough, Yunta, across to Broken Hill, and Wilcannia in N.S.W., returning home via Dareton on the River Murray. Third the contact to the west taking in Port Lincoln, Steaky Bay, Ceduna, Koonibba and Yalata Aboriginal Reserves.

Yet it is very true that this sort of involvement and witness costs money. And we appeal to the Australian Brotherhood at the Annual Offering time to give gratefully to the Lord for these new opportunities to serve Him amongst the aboriginal people of Looma, Tamworth and South Australia.

STATE COMMITTEE CONTACTS FOR TAX DEDUCTIBLE RECEIPTS

Queensland — Mr W. Berlin, 2 Crawford Road, Redcliffe, Qld. 4020.

N.S.W. — Mr G. E. Knight, 19 Albert St., Petersham, N.S.W. 2049.

Vic. — Mr A. Bagot, 57 Warrigal Rd., Surrey Hills, Vic. 3127.

S.A. — Mr J. E. Wehr, 4 Cleo Street, Firls, S.A. 5070.

W.A. — Mrs C. Kilworth, 66 Robinson Road, Morley, W.A. 6022.

TRAINING OF ABORIGINALS

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— A FRESH EMPHASIS

The concept of training of aboriginal people has always been rated very highly on the various fields where our church operates. For years our workers have trained children and young people in work such as dress, appearance, social graces, kitchen and laundry, caring for little ones, garden, slaughtering and farmwork to name a few.

Many of these young people who have developed a work habit have gone on and are doing well in their own homes and in the community at large. Around ten years ago "Fairhaven" Girls training hostel in Esperance W.A. came into being specially to train aboriginal teenage girls for employment and for marriage. Over the years these courses, run in conjunction with the Education Dept. of W.A. have produced many fine, capable girls.

Some of the subjects that are taught include personal grooming and deportment, hair care, house work, cooking, washing, ironing, sewing, health hygiene, mothercraft, handling of money, singing, art and music, public speaking, social mixing, to name a few. This programme has been of immense benefit to the girls and even if some return home to a fully tribal area to many their training is not lost as they apply what they have learnt in their own tribal environment.

Then came a training workshop for teenage boys also at Esperance W.A. where boys are trained in the trade of panel beating, spray painting and welding. This training programme is assisted by the Adult Aboriginal Education Technical Division of the Education Department. There are six boys currently in training under our staff, Russ Rogan and his son, Wayne, both qualified tradesmen and teachers. The boys are very keen on their work, even wishing to forego their holidays in order to continue working. This workshop is proving to be popular with the boys and there are many others who are waiting to enrol.

SITUATIONS VACANT

There are vacancies existing on the Aborigine Mission Fields for Christian couples who have a love for children. Prospective applicants would need to be capable parents with an ability to run a home of 8-10 children.

Some of the children may be maladjusted and may require special care and attention. Some are orphans while others may come from broken homes.

The house father is home for meals and generally assists his wife in the home. It is general practice for the house father to be at home from 4 p.m. each day to help in after school activities and evening bathing, studying and devotional times. During the day the house father is engaged with the other men in the works programme of the Aborigine field. This may include farm work, dairying, attending to the poultry or pigs, tractor or truck driving, carpentry, repairing, mechanical work or electrical work, food store or office, to name a few.

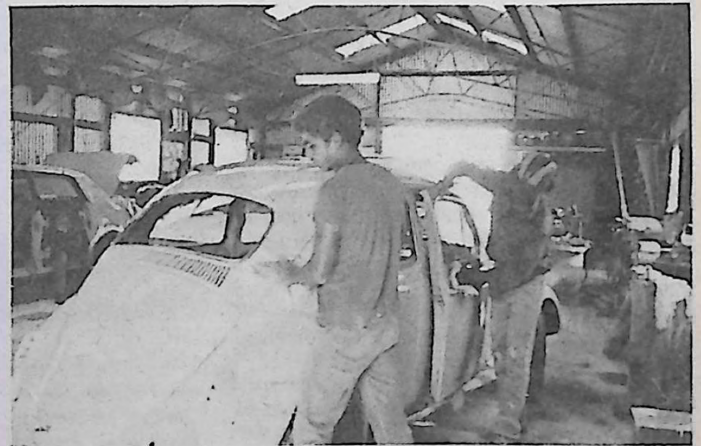
Roelands. A new venture in training has been operating at Roelands W.A. 100 miles south of Perth. Roelands Village, comprising around 1100 acres is set amongst beautiful rolling hills in farming and dairying country. There are ten boys engaged in all aspects of training including dairying, fencing, overhaul work, tractor driving, welding, mechanical work, carpentry and building.

This programme is assisted by Department of Aboriginal Affairs and the N.E.A.T. Scheme and the boys previously unemployed are showing great aptitude. After several months of training the boys are found jobs in the community commensurate with what they have learnt and new boys take their place and so the cycle begins again.

This requires a lot of patience and care and understanding by the staff in their teaching of the boys. Sometimes it is easier to go ahead and do the job yourselves but then the boys do not learn and take longer to develop a work habit and to reach a satisfactory state where they are ready for outside employment.

All this training is essential in order to prepare aboriginal young people to face the world of employment and business. Along with this training goes the witness for Christ as staff talk to the boys of Christ and witness by their lives of the difference knowing Christ makes. At Roelands the boys and the staff attend devotions and morning tea held each day and here again there is the great opportunity to show God's love and provision to them.

A practical ministry as well as a spiritual one.



Young men in training, Esperance, W.A.

Opportunities for spiritual work include Sunday School and religious instructions, Church life, visitation to aboriginal families, night meetings for witness and testimony, outreach work, as well as the great opportunity for spiritual work and witness in the home environment.

Applicants need to be well rounded personalities with a dedication to God and a desire to have their lives count for Him. An ability to get on with people is essential. It is no use considering such a position if by nature you are difficult to get on with, like to argue for your own point of view or have a closed mind.

Four weeks per year plus 17½ loading are the normal holidays. Every third year travel costs are paid by the Board to your home State. After nine years of service leave is extended to six weeks yearly on holiday salary.

If you fulfil the conditions above and have a genuine desire to have your life count for God you are invited to write to **Don Butler, Secretary Federal Aborigines Mission Board, 26 Marradong Street, Mt Lawley W.A., 6050**, or to your local State Aborigines Committee Secretary.

"IF I WERE 20 YEARS YOUNGER!"



Mr & Mrs Dave Marshman
Voluntary Workers from Geelong, Vic.

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How often people say this. "Oh if I were 20 years younger I would just love to do this or that. Nothing would stop me." But one cannot put the clock back. It is impossible and so frustrating for even though I am no longer young I can and still want to be useful.

There are so many people who are no longer young, saying this sort of thing. The man playing squash with his teenage son is forced finally to make remarks along this line. Many older folk have a feeling of being put to one side by a rushing, bustling world and yet they still know that they have something yet to give to society. And there is a certain wistful longing to be found useful in the autumn of their lives. Is there no avenue where years of experience can be utilized? Can they somehow have a sense of achievement and more than that of being wanted?

Well there certainly is an avenue of real service to society, to Christ and to the church for older retired people and there are many that have discovered it. And not only has there come a new joy in living and working but also these people have and are making a very significant and appreciated contribution to the work of Christ and the Australian Brotherhood. Let me tell you of some.

Harold Olney of Melbourne, Victoria, at the age of 67 years decided to visit Norseman Mission in the Goldfields of Western Australia. In the back of his mind he was wondering whether he could be used for three months helping at Norseman. "Uncle Olney" as he affectionately became known to the staff, the children and the aboriginal people, was a jack of all trades and was soon immersed in a programme of work. Moving at his own pace, resting and working as he felt like it, he soon discovered a new sense of achievement and a real purpose for living. The three months stretched to over 12 years of faithful service during which time old "Uncle" endeared himself in the hearts of the aboriginal people. He found the secret of combatting loneliness and old age and the Brotherhood benefitted.

Mr and Mrs Fred Combridge from N.S.W., originally went to Carnarvon to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Mr and Mrs Ian Foot, who were on the staff there. After seeing the work load and all that is entailed in operating a large centre like Carnarvon, Mr and Mrs Combridge offered to stay on and help as they were able. And this they did for about three years and then, feeling like a rest they moved to a unit at Carinya Lodge, Perth, which is one of the homes run so successfully by the Churches of Christ in W.A. Aged Persons Homes Board. It was not too long though before our brother began to think that he was in his words "beginning to vegetate" and so he and his wife of-

fered once again to help on one of the Aborigine fields. At the time the Federal Board was assuming control of Roelands Village and so it was that Mr and Mrs Combridge moved to Roelands where their help has once again been invaluable and a real service to the work of Christ and the Australian Brotherhood.

Mr and Mrs Colin Bell-Booth of Queensland applied for missionary service late in life. Their application was successful and they were appointed to Norseman where they served faithfully. After a couple of years of service they were able to obtain the Old Age Pension and instead of going back home they offered to stay on at Norseman and assist in a voluntary capacity. Their service has been of the highest order and, like "Uncle Olney" and Mr and Mrs Combridge, their years of experience and as Colin Bell-Booth says "learning in the school of hard knocks" have been wonderfully used by God to be a real blessing to the Aborigines work.

Others. There are many others, older people with a love for the Lord, and a love for people and a desire to be used who have gone to help out at one of the Aborigine Fields for shorter periods. There is a man from Victoria who escapes the cold and the wet by spending each winter at Carnarvon. There are several

ladies who visit and work at one of our Aborigine Centres for a month, three months or six months at a time. These folk are of tremendous benefit to the work and at the same time are greatly blessed themselves, not only spiritually but in a real physical sense also as they experience that warm inward awareness of being wanted, yes and achieving. Now you too may be wondering what the future holds for you in your old age. Your mind too may be full of questions such as "Am I being put on the shelf now?" "Is there nothing I can do?" "How do I combat loneliness and the awful feeling of nothing to do?"

Let me tell you that there is plenty you can do. Why not consider paying a visit to the Aborigine fields to assess the work and see how you may fit into a programme of assistance? It could open a whole new experience for you — one you will never forget. You can be useful for Christ and for the church, yes, even in old age. The opposite to frustration is satisfaction and many have found just that in doing something with and for others.

Write to Don Butler, Federal Aborigines Board Secretary, 26 Maradong Street, Mt. Lawley, and state your thoughts and interests and you will receive a prompt answer to your letter.

QUEENSLAND ABORIGINES

The aboriginal population of Queensland is one of the largest in Australia. The majority of the population outside of the Brisbane area lives on Government run 'missions' predominantly in the north of the State.

The Federal Aborigines Board has been asked on numerous occasions by churches and by the Queensland Government to become more involved in the field of aboriginal welfare in Queensland.

The work at Eidsvold which began ten years ago has now developed into a real Centre for the local aboriginal community which takes full advantage of the facilities provided. This includes kindergarten, ladies meetings, youth contacts, assistance in housing, unemployment, medical and welfare work, generally.

A Youth Hall is in constant use and the adjacent lounge room is continually utilised by both younger as well as older people. Mr and Mrs Robert Clancy, a student at Kenmore College doing the theological course there. He is currently doing his second year and enjoying it immensely.

Following invitation by the Queensland Government to continue and extend our field of activities in the State and at the request of the Queensland Aborigines Committee the Federal Secretary is planning to spend some time in Queensland next July, visiting with L. Morris of Eidsvold, aboriginal communities and settlements and looking at areas of need.

It is possible that out of this closer look at the needs of the Queensland aboriginal people and talking with them that a new work in Queensland may begin at the request of the people themselves and with hopefully, the support of the Queensland Government.

FEDERAL ABORIGINES MISSIONS THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA

By

A. D. PALLETT



We emphasise the word **on-going**, because many dedicated men and women are continuing to involve themselves in a vital way in this work. These men and women are prepared to take up the challenge and continue on from others who have initiated and continued on so faithfully over the years and have now left off, many having been called home too their reward in Glory. How we thank and praise God for their dedication and self-sacrifice.

We praise Him also not only for those who have been, and are, engaged actively in the mission fields of service, but also for those dear beloved souls back at home praying, doing and giving so that the needs of so many lonely, depressed and mistreated aborigines might feel the warmth, love and tenderness of the Lord Jesus Christ flooding into their lives and giving them new hope.

We praise God, too, for the devotion and loyalty of our Federal and State Boards. Men and women who have had the vision before them and with the aid of the overall brotherhood have gone on in faith, opening up new frontiers, nothing doubting, in their endeavours to bring about a sense of initiative and self-respect to those of our dark skinned brethren.

Scientists and mathematicians go to the blackboard for their calculus in meeting and changing our material and physical well-being. They are working on principles already laid down by the Master Designer Himself. They often make mistakes. Our Master Designer's guidebook on life is perfect. He can take a life defeated by sin and this world's corruption and create within that life a new birth that need not know corruption.

How limited and puny are man's endeavours against the reality of our perfect God. Those of us who are in the work thrill at the new possibilities. The arm of the Lord is not shortened that it cannot save. It is not the time to throw up our hands in despair.

Now is the time for the rearguard to fill in any breaches in the wall and through much prayer and "Praise to God" support your front line in the continued sword-drawn action against the enemy of souls. Strengthen the arm that wields the sword against the subtle attacks of the enemy. Alcoholism, indifference, racial prejudice and immorality. Unbelief and doubt on the part of the Christian only comes through an ineffectual prayer life. "Praise His Name", our God is waiting to point out the correct strategy. Let us wait on Him and then go on in faith and assurance.

We have witnessed miracles in the past. We are not a defeated force. We must face the future, stand up and be counted and

praise His name for the opportunity to be used by Him in the winner of souls. We know and know very well the battle is not only on the mission field. The mission field is wherever we as Christians are involved. However, we continue to plead your support in Aboriginal endeavour that they with us might be one in Christ who is Lord over all.

There are many areas of a person's life that the Gospel must reach before his life can be said to be a properly balanced and responsible one. This not only applies to Aborigines but to Europeans as well. The following headings and sub-headings are areas of opportunity and involvement that we as Churches of Christ are vitally concerned with at this present time.

1. Child care.
2. Christian Centre contact.
3. Social welfare programmes and assistance.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CARNARVON: Ingada Village, Box 438, Carnarvon W.A. 6701. Mr and Mrs R. Roberts, Field Superintendent.

Mission Homes and Hostels: Mr and Mrs L. Davies, Mr and Mrs H. Edwards, Mr and Mrs D. Hayman, Mr and Mrs V. Hoskin, Mr and Mrs P. McLennon, Mr and Mrs H. Moses, Mr and Mrs R. Norling, Mr and Mrs F. Riches, Mr and Mrs J. Tahija, Mr T. McGregor, Mr D. Street, Miss A. Buckmaster, Miss C. Garlett, Miss E. Lincoln, Miss O. Laird, Miss G. Thornton.

Looma: Mr and Mrs J. Bieundurry.

NORSEMAN: Box 156, Norseman W.A. 6443. Mr and Mrs S. Graham Field Superintendent.

Mission Homes and Hostels: Mr and Mrs L. Beach, Mr and Mrs C. Bell-Booth, Mr and Mrs K. Birch, Mr and Mrs J. Harrison, Mr and Mrs R. Mahaffey, Mr and Mrs A. Moyle, Mr and Mrs T. Rankmore, Mr and Mrs E. Waddy, Miss B. O'Bryan.

Christian Centre: Mr and Mrs J. Dorsman.

Outreach: Mr and Mrs A. Allett, Mr Joe Lannigan.

Roelands Village: ROELANDS W.A. 6226. Field Superintendent Mr and Mrs G. Butler..

Mission Homes and Hostels: Mr and Mrs A. Baills, Mr and Mrs C. Cambridge, Mr and Mrs N. Ewart, Mr and Mrs P. Jackson, Mr and Mrs

4. Training programmes.
5. Tribal contact.
6. Tribal culture and our relationship to it.
7. Christian work and witness — how done?
8. Results of all these seen in development, leadership and self-determination.

End of part one.
In later editions of "The Christian" we will go through these eight headings and break them down one at a time.

POSTAL DIRECTORY ABORIGINAL MISSIONS

R. Pitts, Mr and Mrs H. Parker, Mr and Mrs G. Sawley, Mr and Mrs D. Stephens, Mr and Mrs Young, Miss M. Damer, Miss C. Denniss, Miss F. Blackwell, Miss M. Rule, Mr W. Hetherington.

Esperance: Box 384 Esperance W.A. 6450

Fairhaven Girls Hostel: Hostel Managers Mr and Mrs H. Roose, staff Miss H. Miller, Miss S. Rankine.

Training Workshop Mr and Mrs R. Rogan.

Bamburra Training Hostel. 211 Swan Street, Yokine. Mr and Mrs J. Van Veen Hostel Managers.

Perth Metropolitan Outreach: Mr R. Schmitt.

VICTORIA

Cummeragunja: Echuca Church.
Mooroopna: Mr and Mrs R. H. Clydesdale

QUEENSLAND

Eidsvold Q. Moreton Street, Eidsvold Q. 4627: Mr and Mrs L. Morris, Mr and Mrs E. Paddick, Miss J. Christensen, Miss L. Cunningham, Miss M. Holt.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Tamworth N.S.W. Mr and Mrs Peter Jamieson.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

S.A. Outreach: Mr and Mrs Bob Brown, Mr and Mrs Frank Johnson.
Kalgoorlie W.A.: Mr and Mrs Ben Mason.

"QUEENSLAND ROUND-UP"

CAMPING:

Both **Midgets** (7-9 years) with 171 and **Junior** (10-12 years) with 155 campers were overbooked and unfortunately a large number had to be refused. Puppet shows, drama, studies as well as the usual fun and learning experiences made the camps memorable.

Tweenagers (13-15). 100 enjoyed the activities arranged that were appropriate for this emerging young adult age-group. Miss Tweenager was **Judi Radel**, Toowoomba and Master Tweenager was **Robert Gibbs** of Maryborough.

Seniors (15+). 70 shared in studies on pressing social needs. Two young men made their decision for Christ and were baptized close inshore to the beach in a very moving service.

An army of volunteer leaders, helpers and cooks added to those who shared in the camping experiences at Camp Cal, this Christmas and New Year. The Department appreciates all the help it receives in its strategic outreach to youth.

MINISTERIAL MOVEMENTS:

Retirements: E. T. Hart, Social Services Director — will be conducting a brief interim Ministry at Nelson, New Zealand. H. G. Finger, Kingaroy.

Changes: Frank Beale, Townsville (Assistant) to Christian Education Director, Youth and Christian Education Department. **Merv Gibson**, Marg/Lowood to Boondall. **Vic Boettcher**, West Moreton circuit. **Dr Phil Jauncey**, Boondall.

Students: Malcolm Chandler to Pine Rivers; Norm Flett to Mackay, Norm Gilbert to Marburg/Linwood, Jim Nichole (Q.B.I) to Leichhardt.

SOCIAL SERVICE:

Lady Small Haven on the Gold Coast to be officially opened by the Premier, Mr Joh Bjelke Petersen, at 2.30 p.m., March 4.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS:

Missionary Rally March 4, with guest speaker, Christian Education Director Frank Beale, and Russell Mutze to screen slides of Indonesian Missionary activity.

HOME MISSIONS:

City Wide crusade with world famous Dale Evans appearing each night, Sep. 10-15.

COLLEGE:

23 new students (12 married) 18 men and 5 women. College total, 55.

Prof. Harvey Beard of Pacific Christian College Long Beach, Los Angeles, has arrived for interim lectureship.

YOUTH DEPT:

Lyle Muller — Youth Activities coordinator will be conducting rallies and assisting youth leaders in local churches. **Swim Carnival** planned for March 18. **Family Units Scheme** — \$1000 enables an "investor" to secure a self-contained unit within 400 metres of the Sunshine Coast surf for two weeks a year for seven years at Christmas/New Year, two weeks a year May or August holidays for 10 years or three weeks a year for 15 years "off peak." Multiples of \$1000 providing duplication of benefits. Confidential enquiries can be directed to the Hon. Director of Youth and Christian Education Dept. of Queensland, 428 Ann Street, Brisbane, Qld. or phone (07) 221 0727.

PHILIPPINE PRISONERS WRITE TO WCC

Some 60 political prisoners from the Bicutan Rehabilitation Centre in the Philippines have written to the World Council of Churches following the cable sent by WCC General Secretary Philip Potter to President Marcos in September last year.

The writers' express their deepest thanks to the WCC for the concern revealed in the cable which referred to the continued detention on political grounds, to torture and to the suppression of people's movements. — E.P.S.

OUR SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

PREPARATION

When Moses led Israel out of Egypt's bondage he was instructed by God to present the Passover (Exo. 12). From the night of their sudden call from Egypt it was determined that the Passover should be an annual event to remind the people of God of their deliverance by God.

It was at the Passover meal that Jesus was betrayed. It was here during the meal when they remembered God's deliverance from bondage, that Jesus introduced his Disciples to the meal that would remind them of the new covenant, the celebration of their deliverance from sin which would be accomplished through his death on the Cross the next day.

As the lamb's blood had saved the first born in Egypt and they had been delivered from death into the promised land, so Jesus instituted a meal to remind his followers that they had been saved from the death of sin, through the shedding of his blood, and had been granted the promise of eternal life.

The Church consequently met together daily in remembrance of Him (Acts 2:44-47). The day of the Resurrection, the first day of week, became the weekly observance of the early Church (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20; 16:2). To break the bread and drink the wine in the presence of the risen Lord became the central part of the Christian celebration.

During the first three centuries, the Lord's Supper was observed weekly or more frequently. By the 6th Century it was customary to observe the Lord's Supper three times a year. In 1215 the fourth Lateran Council convoked by Innocent the III. argued for an annual observance of the Lord's Supper and for the first time the word "transubstantiation" the central doctrine of the Catholic Mass was mentioned.

In the 16th Century the Protestant reformers were disturbed by the doctrine of the Mass and of the infrequency of remembering the Lord. Calvin said "Once a year was the contrivance of the devil. Every week at least the table of the Lord should be spread." Luther personally celebrated the sacrament every Sunday. Wesley said "I also advise Elders to administer

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Communion

the Supper of the Lord on every Lord's Day" when he wrote in his letter to America to give guidance to the early Methodist Church.

When we meet weekly to share at the Lord's Table we are sharing in:

1. A memorial to Him for we do this in remembrance of Him at His request.
2. We share in a thanksgiving, as Jesus gave thanks, so we give thanks to the Father for His life, death and resurrection and our freedom from sin.
3. We share in a Communion with each other and with God.
4. We share in a sacrifice where Christ once and for all gave himself for the sins of the world, and where we present ourselves as a living sacrifice, wholly and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship. (Rom. 12:1).

PROCLAMATION

In April 1964 almost 14 years ago, I preached my first sermon at the Cheltenham Church of Christ. Its title was "The Significance of our Communion." I felt then that the highlight of our meeting together must always be, our meeting with the Lord.

On the 7th February 304, 49 men, women and children were brought before the Pro-Counsel of the Roman Empire in Carthage, North Africa, charged with illegal assembly. Their crime was attending the administration of the Lord's Supper in the village of Abitina. Each one was asked by the Pro-Counsel "Why did you hold a meeting contrary to the Imperial Edict?" Each one answered "We cannot do without the Lord's Supper. It is a foolish question, as if anyone could be a Christian without the Lord's Supper. As there can be no Lord's Supper without Christians, so there can be no Christians without the Lord's Supper."

Would to God that Christians took the seriousness of meeting together around the Lord's Table in such fashion to-

MUSTARD SEEDS

BY ALAN AUSTIN



NOW the dust arising from Sir John Kerr's appointment to Paris has settled somewhat there remains one lingering problem. Why does our Prime Minister persist in saying things that clearly are not true?

Why, for instance, while there was any doubt at all about Mr Lynch remaining federal Treasurer, did Mr Fraser indicate (on November 18, 1977) that Mr Lynch would keep the job? Why did he promise to support wage indexation, the universal health insurance scheme, funds for Aboriginal assistance and urban programs (to name a few) when he was clearly intent on doing precisely the opposite? And why on earth did Mr Fraser state just a few weeks ago that the appointment of Sir John Kerr to a diplomatic post was "not under consideration"?

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BRIEFLY, as I see it, the basis from Scripture for the Christian's concern over the deceitfulness of our leaders includes:

1. Our commitment to honesty, integrity and truth because we are followers of the One who said "I am the Truth."
2. From Romans 13:3&4 God's plan clearly is that governments are ordained to promote good and to prevent evil. Under a dictatorship the responsibility before God for this is the dictator's. In a democracy, is not this responsibility ours?!
3. The prophetic warnings right throughout the Bible, such as "The villain devises wicked plans to ruin the poor with his lies and deny justice to the needy", (Isaiah 32:7)

4. Our loving concern for our neighbour who is the victim of deception and injustice.

5. Our loving concern for those who implement the deception and injustice.

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ONE response we can make is to write to members of the government: to our local MP, to government MPs who share our Christian faith, or to the Prime Minister himself.

Questions we might ask are:

- * In view of Mr Fraser's record of broken election promises and other commitments how can we know what to believe in the future?
- * What steps are you taking towards having the present leader of the government replaced by someone whose word can be trusted?
- * What steps are you taking towards seeing that the promises not yet kept will soon be honoured? (Attach list, e.g. unemployment, wage indexation, indexation of personal income tax, maintenance of the Australian Assistance Plan, maintenance of education spending and health and welfare funding.)

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READERS interested further in the truth regarding the untruths can get a copy of a list of Mr Fraser's major broken promises by writing to me, care of this paper. No charge.

But I don't recommend it. It's very depressing reading.

THE following item, from Jim Killen's reminiscences on his legal career, is presented with acknowledgement to Mr Killen and apologies to readers who may have read it before.

The scene is somewhere in northern Queensland where rustling is the local tradition. The evidence against the man in the dock is, to say the least, impressive. Yet when the jury returns from a brief retirement, the foreman announces the following verdict: "Not guilty if he gives back the sheep."

Having replaced a wig dislodged by shock and hammered at the bench with his gavel, the judge protests that such a finding is unacceptable. He demands that the jury retire once more and reconsider.

A few minutes later, they file back into court. In answer to the judge's query, the foreman rises and says: "Not guilty. And he can keep the sheep."

INPUT

from Rev Campbell Egan

We live in a democracy. That means we have the opportunity as free citizens of placing our point of view before those elected by the people to make the laws of the land.

By and large Australia is an apathetic country so far as the political process is concerned. Minorities determine policies.

The (church) has a real opportunity of contributing to the national good by influencing issues that affect the welfare of the nation.

My experience is that legislators show a keen interest in statements by the church on moral and social issues of the day ...

We need to study the Scriptures, reflect on social and moral issues within the corporate life of the church, and pray for the guidance of the Spirit.

When occasion arises we should speak frankly and firmly as individuals and from our assemblies. Let us do so in the manner of the prophets of the Old Testament who never feared to declare: "Thus saith the Lord."

JASON'S HOUSE

OH LORD, WE BESEECH THEE, THAT THOU MAYEST HELP US IN THIS CONFERENCE TO LEARN NOT TO USE PIOUS CLICHES AS WE MINISTER UNTO THE BUDS OF THE FLOCK...

BUT RATHER A SPEECH LEAVENED AND CONCISE AND A FRAGRANCE UNTO THE SOUL SO THEY MAY STUMBLE NOT UPON THE ROCKY GROUND BUT BLOSSOM INTO PILLARS OF THE CHURCH...





GOVERNOR AND SENATOR AT GLENELG

An Australia Day Service was held in the Glenelg Church of Christ on Jan. 29. His Excellency, The Governor of South Australia, Mr Keith Seaman, O.B.E., K.St. J. attended and read the Scripture. The service was sponsored by the Glenelg and District Inter Church Council of which the minister, Jim Wright, is chairman. The worship was led by Mr Wright and the Catholic Parish priest, Father John Chambers. Senator Gordon Davidson, President of the Parliament Christian Fellowship in Canberra, delivered the address to a congregation of nearly 300.

Photo by courtesy of "The Southern Cross."

In picture: Father Chambers, Senator Davidson, Mr Wright.

CHURCHES SUPPORT BOLIVIAN STRIKERS

A victory for human rights was how the participants and supporters of the Bolivian hunger strike described the capitulation of President Hugo Banzer to the demands of 1383 people who took part in a hunger strike throughout Bolivia recently, in particular the unrestricted amnesty for political prisoners and exiles.

The strike was sparked-off by a pre-Christmas partial amnesty for political exiles. Relatives of some of the people excluded from the decree began a hunger strike in the office of the Archbishop of La Paz near Government Palace — their example was quickly copied in other parts of the city and in other Bolivian towns.

The government's subsequent show of force only went to increase the strikers demands to include a political amnesty without restrictions, the withdrawal of soldiers from mining towns, permission to conduct full union activity and the reinstatement of dismissed miners. Most of the demands have now been accepted by the government, and a commission has been set-up to negotiate the outstanding questions.

The strong church-sponsored Permanent Assembly for Human Rights, presided over by Bolivian ex-President Adolfo Siles Salinas, who also took part in the hunger strike, was heavily engaged in providing juridical, moral and pastoral support to the men and women in various church parishes and buildings throughout the country. — E.P.S.

WELCOME AT CROYDON Church welcomed Mr and Mrs Dewberry and family at packed congregation. E. L. Williams conducted induction service, which was followed by luncheon . . . A few members worked as volunteers to complete manse extensions . . . Some elderly folk have been hospitalized, but improving.

SUMMER CAMPING

During the December-January holiday period, camping programmes sponsored by the Vic/Tas Department of Mission, Education and Development had some hundreds of enthusiastic participants.

The Banksia Family Camp under the leadership of past Department Field Director, Howard Weedon, proved popular with over 100 people participating. Howard Weedon described the experience as one strong on relaxation in a Christian family atmosphere. There was a wide variety of adventure, hobby and study-type electives. Just after the camp concluded the site was devastated by bushfires.

Youth Camps. An enthusiastic group of young people shared in another camp at Banksia with leaders Brian Spencer, Trevor Giles and Ian Tippett. Cheryl Johnson and a team of leaders directed a Teens Camp at Hall's Gap.

Adventure Treks Record. Two other groups were on treks in the Victorian Alps and New Zealand. A record number of young people were involved in the two programmes organised by the Department's Adventure Committee. The New Zealand Adventure had 42 participants and embarked upon a two-week visit which included walking the famous Heaphy Track. Fellowship with various churches was appreciated. The Alpine Trek was similarly successful. These programmes are developing an increasing number of young people able to offer excellent leadership help to the Department and the churches.

Spiritual Response. All the camps and treks report a high level of worship, study and spiritual enrichment. A number of primary commitments of faith were recorded in the various camps and these have all been followed up with local churches.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

"JUST ANOTHER BAPTISM"

To the Editor,

I write as one whose attendance at church nights is largely motivated by my wife's conscience, and I'm mighty glad that she's got a conscience that's good enough for both of us.

The other night we had several baptisms. The attendance was disgusting. The young people were baptised into Christ, and he was there to receive them. They were baptised into the body of Christ and a few representatives of that eternal institution were there to receive them. But they were certainly not baptised into our local church because part of it was still worshipping God at the beach or theologising about the current TV programmes.

When a child is born into one of the families represented at my work there is a big celebration with cigar smoke confusing the sprinkler system. On initiation night at lodge, even the spasmodic attenders turn up. When graduates from colleges and universities are launched into the world the academic halls are packed. But when a young person is born of the Spirit, or initiated into the Body of Christ, or launched into the world as a new Christian, it seems that it is "just another baptism"! Of course every one has seen a baptism so that every new one is a repeat performance. So they stay home and watch ancient third rate movies.

Maybe other churches aren't like ours in this respect and ours may be going through a bad patch. However I must confess that I'm afraid that some minister-hungry church might just approach our minister after such a performance and find him ripe for the plucking.

Hoping you are the same,

TERTIUS

INTER-ISLAND YOUTH CAMP

— NEW HEBRIDES

It is some years since we have held an inter-island Youth Camp, and this time the whole thing was organised by John Liu, Principal of Banmatmat Bible College, and Pastor Wilson, who has been the chaplain at Ranwadi High School and this year is taking the position of Youth Minister.

The Baker family and I went to the youth camp, just to be available if needed, but things were very well organised and there was little help

by Kay Williams

needed. I also took books from our Bookroom and had a bookstall there too.

I think there were 165 campers, John wasn't quite sure of the final count. Most of them slept in the school. A newly completed church, which almost fitted in all the campers and village people, was used for the meetings.

The camp was a great blessing and the Holy Spirit worked in the lives of many of the young people in bringing them to a closer knowledge of Him. The young people are certainly keen. They were up at 4.30 a.m. for prayer meeting, then breakfast about 7 and then they went into the church and sang until the study started at 8 a.m. This also happened after tea, when they would go straight into the church and sing till the evening service started. It was no wonder that a number of them almost lost their voices. There was a wonderful spirit of co-operation and togetherness all through. The theme chorus was 'Christ is the Answer', but 'We are family, we are one' was a very close second.

John Liu gave the studies each morning and these were really excellent. They were on 'Jesus is the Answer'. The first, 'Jesus

is the answer to the whole man', then 'Jesus is the answer through His life, through His death, through His resurrection and through His ascension'. John also preached a couple of nights, following which people went forward for baptism or for re-commitment.

Following these two services the baptisms were held at a sheltered little bay. That is, the service and counselling would finish about 9.30 p.m., then we all went down to the bay, about 10 minutes walk, with the young people singing as they went, carrying pressure lights and torches, with those to be baptised leading the way. The little bay, with a small wharf, made a semi-circle of light around those who were baptised. I think it will be a time that those young people will never forget. There were 19 people baptised, one of whom was Joyanne Baker. We praise the Lord for the way in which He worked in these people's lives. Many young people were home from school or college for the holidays, and brought some new choruses with them.

Korean Church Paper Closed Down

— Action by the Korean Government in confiscating all copies of the October issue of Dialogue is given as the chief reason for ceasing publication of the magazine. The Korean Government on Sept. 16 ordered the Korean Christian Academy; the publishers, to retrieve all October issues on the ground that some articles of the magazine violated Emergency Decree number 9.

In advising subscribers of this event the Editor wrote that "We know that this is the only magazine in Korea which reaches the wage earners, youth, farmers and Christians with the express purpose of enlightening them. Also, we believe that this publication has helped fulfil the expectations of many leaders who work with those groups. We realize the frustration of the 10,000 subscribers and readers at this suspension of publication and hope to be able to continue publication later."

The magazine is the official publication of the Korean Christian Academy where Dr Won Yong Kang is the Director, Until last Assembly, Dr Kang was one of the Presidents of the CCA.

FIELD DIRECTOR INDUCTED



JULIE RIED

(Vic.) Miss Julie Reid, T.P.T.C. newly appointed field director for the Vic.-Tas. Dept. of Mission, Education and Development was inducted in a service at Monbulk Chapel on Feb. 13. The service was preceded by a welcome dinner attended by Department members, auxiliary and committee representatives and Conference Officers.

Julie Reid's new role in the Department's educational services to churches carries special responsibilities for children's ministry and family life. Already an itinerary of Tasmanian churches is being planned and requests from Victorian metropolitan and country churches are coming to hand for her to act as a consultant on children's work programming. She is also directing the expansion of the Cell Group in Theology program and will seek to work in close contact with the Good Companions executive. Current trends indicate a very full year of field work.

**ABORIGINES
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day. Then there would be no neglecting to meet together as is the habit of some (Heb.10:19-25).

Churches of Christ were born round the Communion Table. In 1809 Thomas Campbell committed the sin (which led to his being forced to resign from the ministry) of allowing Presbyterians who belonged to another section of the Presbyterian Church to partake of the Communion. For this he was censured and eventually prohibited from preaching or presiding at the Communion by the Synod of North America. At the same time in Glasgow his son, Alexander Campbell, passed back the lead token which was distributed by Elders only to people thought worthy to partake of Communion in protest against the belief that only those who belonged to the Anti-Burgher Seceder branch of the Presbyterian Church of Northern Ireland were the only Christians.

These two dramatic movements united father and son in a unity of understanding which led eventually with many others to the formation of our Brotherhood. Today I possess a similar

lead Communion token to remind me of this historic moment. Our American Churches have adopted as their symbol a Communion Chalice with the Cross of St. Andrew on it to remind them it was at the Communion Table our Brotherhood was born and it was from Presbyterian stock that we came.

PRESENTATION

A month ago I addressed the executive of one of Australia's largest companies, a company that had handled in total \$6,000,000 of business in 1977. I told those men of our need for spiritual resources as husbands, fathers, businessmen and as children of God. Sitting in the midst was a brilliant young man who, two days later, was diagnosed as possessing terminal cancer. The shock of that prognosis, plus the impact of the address only days earlier, turned him back to the Faith. Later, as he shared in a hospital Communion he discovered as Christians in all generations have known, that at the Table of the Lord we find nourishment and strength to cope with whatever comes.

GORDON MOYES

BELGRAVE HEIGHTS DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Belgrave Heights Convention (Vic.) is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee year and at the Easter Convention, three overseas speakers will be featured. The Rev. Tom Houston, who will be leading the Bible Studies, is Executive Director of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Prior to his appointment with the Bible Society he was Pastor for twelve years of the Nairobi Baptist Church.

Alan Nute is from England where he is well known for his Bible expository and Convention ministry. He has spoken at the 'Keswick' Convention in England on three occasions.

Canon John Chapman will be of special interest to young people. He is Director of the Department of Evangelism for the Anglican Diocese of Sydney. Of particular interest will be the ministry of Dr Sheela Gupta of India, at present touring Australia on behalf of the Christian Women's Convention International. Dr Gupta is a worker with the Pandita

Ramabai Mukti Mission in India. The Associate Pastor of the Blackburn North Baptist Church Mr Graeme Smith well known Australian evangelist and Bible teacher will also be speaking from the Convention platform.

The Convention centre, 45 kilometres from Melbourne, has a setting of gum trees, bush, ornamental shrubs. Ample parking space, good picnic facilities and provision of light refreshments and tea service.

Upwards of 2,000 visitors gather for the program featuring morning Bible studies, Convention and Missionary meetings, Children's and Young Teenage program. Meetings are daily at 10.45 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m. A fully equipped Play Centre operates for the younger members of the family.

Further information regarding the Convention may be obtained from the Convention office. Phone (03) 836 6839.

GOLDEN WEDDING

(Qld.) Mr and Mrs Alex Pieper of Redcliffe Church, celebrated fifty years of marriage on Feb. 1.

Present at an informal family dinner in the Orchid Room, Hotel Canberra, Brisbane, were their eldest daughter, Eila, husband Stan Domrow, and two sons, Bradley and Russell of Rosewood; their youngest daughter Juanita, her husband Alan Hilford and their four sons, Philip, Mark, Robert and David of Margate, and their only son Maurie, with his wife Deidre, and their youngest daughter Christine of Taree, N.S.W.

The Golden Wedding cake was decorated by Eila. Suitable gifts were presented by the families and Maurie expressed the appreciation of all present for the loving care, guidance and Christian example of the guests of honour as parents and grandparents over many years.

Mr and Mrs Pieper were key pioneer workers in the church at Fernvale after their marriage at Marburg, where as Alex-

ander Pieper and Alma Boettcher they were married by the late Evangelist W. J. Campbell. When the work moved to Lowood in 1949 they continued to give vigorous leadership with Mr Pieper sharing the pulpit ministry and Mrs Pieper as regular organist. Moving to Ipswich in 1953, Mr Pieper was appointed elder of that church and both were very actively involved in the fellowship. In the last ten years they have ministered as elder and church organist at Redcliffe.

BOARD REQUIRED

YOUNG CHRISTIAN GIRL Elizabeth Ashley (aged 17) is joining Australian Ballet School (Flemington, Melbourne) at end of February and requires board and accommodation, preferably near school. If you can assist kindly phone A. E. White 379 1219 (Melb.) A.H. 337 8316.

MARCH 19th

CHRISTIAN CONCERN

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JAY'S QUIZ

Three Feasts

1. Which king gave a seven-day feast in his garden?
2. Who told people that at a feast they should eat what was on the table and ask no questions?
3. Which publican (tax-collector) gave a feast with Jesus as the guest of honour?

STRENGTH

What is the strongest material made by a living creature?

You probably guessed wrong — it is the "dragline" spun by a spider, and some draglines have higher tensile strength than steel.

You can brush a dragline in two only because it is so remarkably fine. A human hair is about 1/250 of an inch thick, but it bulks like a course cable compared to the delicate fineness of some spiders' webs — up to 1/50,000 of an inch thick!

The dragline of a spider is the one that she hangs from, the one she uses as a bridge, the one she uses as the main support of her web. All her life, she travels with a bit of that dragline trailing behind her, and some have even been "milked" by technicians needing cross hairs for high-powered optical instruments. One spider produced 1,000 feet of dragline as fast as it could be drawn from her body!

Mummy: An Egyptian pressed for time.



"Well, let's take it off and see if a Martian can live in our atmosphere."

DON STEWART

By MALCOLM GRAY



The tide is turning. Three states (Tasmania 5%, W.A. 4%, Queensland 3%) have shown definite membership gains, while loss rates have declined sharply in S.A., Victoria and N.S.W. to under 2%.

From the resurgence are emerging new leaders and pioneers in Church Growth. Amongst them, a latter day Stephen Cheek!

"The Sir John Morris Memorial Award has been won by Don Stewart of Club 1, Hobart." With that announcement by the State President of Rostrum Public Speaking Clubs, Don Stewart received recognition as Tasmania's champion public speaking competitor for 1977.

Before a capacity crowd in Launceston, Don had delivered a 10 minute prepared speech entitled "A Second Chance", and an impromptu on the topic "Compromise".

The speak-offs leading to the state finals were his first attempts at competitive speaking!

But Don is no stranger to public speaking . . . he is, in fact, one of the most

capable preachers and bible teachers currently operating in our Australian Brotherhood, and as a Church Growth Strategist has no peer.

Reversing the Steps of a Pioneer

Several of our Tasmanian churches were launched by the young school teacher Stephen Cheek. In 1882 Stephen moved to Queensland, and before he died at 31 had established another four congregations.

Don Stewart was a Queensland Lecturer in Engineering who started one church in Queensland, and landed in Tasmania exactly one hundred years after Stephen Cheek left. And like his pioneer predecessor, Don Stewart is busily planting strong, energetic congregations.

Church Growth Pioneer

When Win Arn brought Church Growth concepts to Australia in 1975, Don was uniquely poised to pioneer the new movement in our churches.

A church renewal programme at Hobart

had opened the congregations "church growth eyes" to the contemporary activity of God.

With the letters B.A., B.D., Dip. M & E after his name, Don was able to undertake intense in-depth study of the research behind church growth.

With the Hobart Bridge down, one-third of his congregation was trapped on the Eastern Shore with no church in easy reach.

Both Don and his congregation had a strong, adventuresome and mature faith in Christ (John 15:5).

Growth

The new church at Howrah has 100 people actively involved after only two years. Collins Street church has regained the attendances it was achieving prior to the commencement of Howrah, and is poised for bigger things. Plans and goals are set for the next 5, 10 and 25 years.

Brotherhood

As President-elect of our Tasmanian Conference, Don is providing leadership at one of the most exciting times in the State's history.

He organised the churches of the Huon in a co-operative work that has revitalised hope in that area.

Community Service

His love of positive ideas had led "Lifeline" out of the doldrums. Hobart Lifeline now has a staff of eight, and is financially healthy. As Don is fond of saying, Church Growth concepts, and positive thinking apply wherever God is.

Little wonder that the newspaper "Derwent Clipper" which goes free to all homes in the Hobart area, has Don guest-writing a column headed "From A Christian Point Of View"!

BOOKS TO READ

THE TERMINAL GENERATION

by Hal Lindsey (Fleming H. Revell)

This book is generally regarded as a fair expression of the Christian hope, and is an acceptable presentation of the Christian message for evangelistic purposes. There is also, in line with the title, a statement about the fulfillment of prophecy related to the coming again of Christ. Lindsey says, "It is my unwavering conviction that this is the Terminal Generation. By this I mean that this generation is witnessing . . . the exact pattern that Jesus and the other prophets predicted would immediately precede his return." When Lindsey was reminded that Mark 13:32 says that it is impossible for us to know the time of Christ's return, Lindsey replied that although you can't know the day nor the hour, you can know the generation. But to say that the day of Christ's return is to be found within a particular generation is just as much a time-fixing act. Among the current pointers are, says Lindsey, the rebirth of the state of Israel, the growth of Arab and black African nations (King of the South); Israel's enemy to the north; Russia; Kings of the East, i.e. China and Oriental forces; a ten-nation confederacy of countries which once comprised the Roman Empire (Lindsay believes this could be the European Common Market, now nine nations, but with Greece soon to be added); there is widespread crime; there are famines and earthquakes increasing in frequency; there will be an increase in the occult, false religions and the supernatural.

There will ultimately be a terminal generation but there have

been some in every generation since the middle of last century, and maybe earlier, who asserted that they were a part of the generation that would see Christ return. Lindsey may be right, but earlier time fixers were just as certain that they were right, and they were wrong.

KIDNAPPED

by Eunice Diment (Paternoster Press)

Miss Diment was a missionary with Wycliffe Bible Translators in the southern Philippines. In 1976 she was kidnapped by Muslims and held as a hostage for three weeks. This is her own story of the adventure and of her belief that she was kept safe through the ordeal by the prayers of many around the world.

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

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"I've tried going along with your idea to set your congregation an example of modesty in material possessions, but this is ridiculous!"

Diary

March

19 Annual Offering,
Aborigines Missions

NEW SOUTH WALES

March

18-19 Illawarra Reg.
Conf.

24-28 Easter Camp

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

AP. 26-30 State
Conference.

VICTORIA

March

5 S.W. Dist. Conf, Bel-
mont.

11-13 Explorer Sr.
Adventure Camp.

15 C.W.F. March Ef-
fort, Melb. Town Hall.

QUEENSLAND

March

18 Swim Carnival

April

14-16 Women's
Camp, Camp Cal.

SEPTEMBER

8-10 Men's Camp,
Camp Cal.

10-15 City wide
Crusade with Dale
Evans

HAPPENINGS

It is reported that President Carter plans, after his team of office, to become an overseas missionary to witness for Christ.

A lawyer for a teenager charged with murder in Florida, U.S.A., said that the 15 year old boy had become insane from watching too much crime and violence on television. He claimed that the boy was "suffering from and acted under the influence of prolonged, involuntary, subliminal television intoxication."

Roman Catholic Cardinal Hume rejected calls for immediate full communion between Catholics and members of the Church of England. The Cardinal said, "We recognise that there are other questions to be resolved before we can, as churches, approach the altar of the Lord together."

New research in the U.S. indicates that alcoholism might be linked with heredity. Dr Goodwin, chairman of the psychiatry department of Kansas Medical Centre, said that children of alcoholics, both daughters and sons, were found to be four times more likely to become alcoholics in their early 30's than were those in a group where no parents were alcoholics.

The World Bank thinks that about one thousand million hectares of land in developing countries could be made arable and used to help the world's growing demand for food and fibres. But new land would be more expensive to develop.

The founder of the Worldwide Church of God, Herbert W. Armstrong, 84, was married to Ramona Martin, 40, a former WCG secretary. Garner Ted Armstrong performed the ceremony. Armstrong's first wife died ten years ago. Mrs Martin's first marriage ended in divorce but the WCG ruled that it was an annulment. In other news about the church led by the Armstrongs, 500 children of WCG members have been forbidden by their parents to receive inoculations against measles in California schools. School officials say that the parents' refusal is unfair to other children whose health is jeopardized.

The Aust. Foundation on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence gives these figures (supported by other surveys) on the association of alcohol with human tragedy: one in two road deaths; one in five hospital admissions; one in five child bashings; two in five divorces and separations; and three in four criminal assaults.

W.C.C. AIDS ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE

The World Council of Church has made a grant of \$25,000 (U.S.) to the Port Augusta Aboriginal Medical Service. The grant from the WCC Christian Medical Commission was made in response to a request from the Medical Service through the Federal Council of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.

The Port Augusta Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS) was established in August 1976 by members of the Aboriginal communities of Port Augusta and Davenport reserve. According to Mr Lance Coulthard, the Chairman of the AMS, "The existing health services failed to deal adequately with the health problems of these communities."

The World Council grant will assist in paying salaries and administration expenses as well as assist in purchasing much needed equipment.

● Correction

CHAIRMAN NO. 4

The author of "Come — India is Waiting" in "A.C." for 4.2.1978, Ken Patterson, writes to say that he was in error in saying that Lin Fitzgerald was the first O/seas Mission Board Chairman to visit our Indian mission field. Mr Patterson advises that the Hon. W. Morro, M.L.C., as Chairman of the Board made two visits to India, one in 1916 and the other in 1920.

A. L. Reed, was also Chairman of the Board when he paid a visit to our Indian field in 1939.

INNER SPRINGS

ONE DAY AT A TIME



"Hello world, what does this New Year hold for me?"

The little babe that evoked this headline in the daily paper lay sleeping in her mother's arms blissfully unaware of the date on the calendar. Her concerns were only the needs of the moment. Will Rogers, the cowboy philosopher, was asked "If you had only forty-eight hours to live, how would you live them?" He replied, "One at a time."

Jesus voiced it differently but His meaning was the same. "Take no thought, no anxious thought for the morrow." And throughout the enduring serenity of His own life, He taught us there is no better way to live.

Yet this does not mean that our lives should be without thought or plan. Already many of our calendars are marked with forthcoming commitments and cherished hopes. But these things should be held lightly as in a cupped hand ready to yield them if need be. To live one day at a time is enough for each of us and it may be all we have! There is no guarantee of tomorrow.

Therefore we have a responsibility to live each day as a precious gift and our only one. To be aware of and use its every opportunity for service, to extract every ounce of joy and sweetness that it has to offer, to face its dark hours with quiet trust, to do whatever is our task as unto Him, and to enter often into His Presence with thanksgiving is to live with that peace in our hearts that keeps us from rushing headlong through our days, heedless of their wonder.

His Word covers all our needs "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." Strength for each day — one at a time.

Dear Lord help me to live this day
Quietly, easily;
To lean upon Thy great strength
Trustfully, restfully;

To wait for the unfolding of Thy will,
Patiently, serenely;
To meet others'
Peacefully, joyously;
To face tomorrow
Confidently, courageously.

Matt. 6:25-34

Amen

Florence Rosier

BRINGING THE BIBLE ALIVE

A new way of presenting biblical history is now being marketed in Australia by the Joint Board of Christian Education. It is called **Bible News** and is a set of cassettes in the format of 15 minute BBC news broadcasts and commentaries. The immediate impact these broadcasts make is dramatic and leave the listener with a feeling of immediacy and involvement with the biblical event. The professional quality of the audio presentation is thoroughly effective in gaining the listeners' attention and allowing them to enter into the experience of 'on the spot' broadcast and news commentary of biblical events.

Currently ten programmes, in one set,

have been produced covering the Old Testament period from Abraham to King Saul. Twenty more covering the rest of the Old Testament, the New Testament and the life of Christ are in production.

The **Bible News** cassette set is an excellent resource for use in schools, churches, study groups, Sunday schools, and youth camps, as well as for family listening. Although designed primarily for use in Christian education setting, adults as well as children will enjoy listening to **Bible News** in the family circle. **Bible News** would be a valuable addition to a home cassette library to which listeners will often return. Ministers will find the cassettes an excellent way to introduce biblical content into sermons, services of worship, study groups and religious education classes in schools.

Bible News is the product of a London businessman, John Wagner, who wanted to develop a fresh approach to biblical history without indulging in novelty for novelty's sake.

Before agreeing to market the **Bible**

News cassettes nationally throughout Australia, the Joint Board of Christian Education sought the opinion of several Australian theological and Christian educators, as to the theological and biblical accuracy and their usefulness in Australian churches, schools and homes. Their response was enthusiastic.

Principal Robert Anderson, of the United Faculty of Theology, wrote after listening to **Bible News**: "What soon becomes obvious is the remarkable accuracy of the presentation. This is so in respect to both the biblical and extra-biblical material. Both have been used imaginatively and with integrity. The comments from the experts are scholarly but unobtrusive."

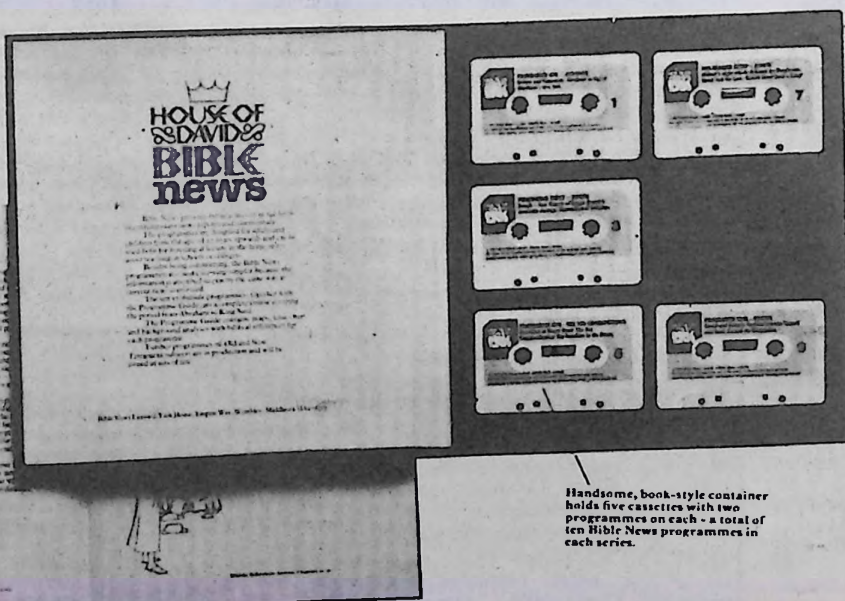
The Reverend John Howells, the director of The Council for Christian Education in Schools in Victoria, commented: "I have greatly enjoyed listening to these tapes. Each news bulletin has that matter of fact authority and professional verve so familiar to anyone who listens to current

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Hear it now as it was then...
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Record Numbers at College

There are 28 new full time students and four new part time students enrolled in 1978, which is a record. The total enrolment of 68 full time students and six part time students with a total of 74 is also a record. There is a record number of women students, 16 full time and 5 part time. The problem of housing 41 married students and 27 single students seemed formidable, but accommodation has been found for all of them.

The state representation of new students is Victoria 17, South Australia 6, Western Australia 3, New South Wales 3, New Zealand 2, and Pakistan 1.

Orientation Camp

New students and the wives of those married shared with the faculty in a weekend camp at Monbulk before the College year commenced. A highlight of the camp was the statement of each student concerning the way in which God led him or her towards training for service.

Inaugural Garden Party

Between four and five hundred people took advantage of a warm sunny day to picnic on the College lawns for the annual garden party. Among the guests were Hariba and Shalini Waghmode of India, Graham Butler of the Roelands Mission, and Secretary of the S.A. Home Mission Dept., Ted Heard who led in prayer. College Board Chairman, Frank Chipper-

field, presided over the final service during which new students and their families were introduced. He referred to the probability of the freeway link making it necessary to relocate the College within the next ten years and sought the prayers of the Brotherhood for insight and wisdom for the Board as they faced this new situation. Dr Keith Bowes, College Principal, referred to the additions to the faculty in 1979 of Keith Farmer and Robin Haskell.

Good Companions Gift

At the Garden Party it was announced that the Good Companions of Victoria and Tasmania had raised \$2,100 for renovations of the College kitchen, part payment for a new heavy duty gas stove (the students provided \$500) and for a number of important resource books for the library. The work on the kitchen had been completed earlier in the year and was inspected by Good Companions at their field day at the College.

Rod Brown

During Orientation Camp word had come through that 1977 student president, Rod Brown had met with an accident in New Zealand and was seriously hurt Lois and the family who were also in the car escaped with abrasions. The College community joined members of Rod's former student churches, Williamstown and Wattle Park in prayer for the Browns. By opening day word had come that Rod was out of danger and further improvement was announced at the Garden Party. With two badly fractured legs Rod has a long way to go and the prayers of the Brotherhood are sought. — G. R. S.

DISCOVERY (Glen Waverley, R. B. Elbourne). Church has commenced Discovery Groups, meeting weekly for six weeks, to study "Life is Relationships" . . . A dedication of club and auxiliary leaders, and church school teachers was included in morning service . . . Three of our church tennis teams reached the final series . . . Good Companions recommenced with attendance of 65 girls at a combined meeting of all four groups.

FIRST MINISTER (Tootgarook) On Feb. 19 Don Smith conducted induction service for David Hovey, our first full-time minister. Series of nine evenings being held when members and friends will meet Mr and Mrs Hovey in manse in social gatherings . . . The church has sent \$300 to help support Barry and Maureen Jenkins and family in their missionary service in India . . . Guest speaker at C.W.F. was Mrs Baxter from "Winlaton" Training Centre. 30 ladies were present.

L.I.F.E. (Bendigo, M. D. Keatch). Church is preparing for Lay Institute for Evangelism week end led by M. Conry . . . Alan Graham is Chairman of the Board for 1978 . . . Sympathy extended to Mr and Mrs Beckwith and Mrs Briggs in

OBITUARY

BUCKLEY, Ivor Henry (20.1.1978) Ivor Henry Buckley died after many years of illness and some seven weeks in the Royal Melbourne Hospital. Born in Footscray in 1909, Ivor spent most of his years in Footscray and was a much loved member of the Footscray Church. A cabinet-maker by trade Ivor shared his talent and his love with those around him. In November 1935 Ivor married Hazel Gilmour at Footscray. 50 years a member of the Footscray Church, he served as a deacon and took his place in the leading of worship. Until ill health prevented it, he was a keen worker with young people in boys club work, camping and in the Kappa's group. His great sense of humor always allowed him to enjoy a joke, and appreciate the laughter of others. He is sadly missed at Footscray, and the love of the congregation is expressed to his loving, and faithful wife. — I. A. T.

MEREDITH, Alma (19.1.1978) The church at East Bentleigh gives thanks for the life and witness of Mrs Alma Meredith. Born at Clifton Hill in 1903, her 74 years were lived with dedication and faith in God and the church. She died after nine weeks in the Queen Victoria Hospital, Melbourne, during which time she underwent the amputation of her right leg. Her early church years were spent in active involvement with the Collingwood Tabernacle where she was baptized in 1917. She was married at Kew in 1928 to William Josiah, who died in 1960. Mrs Meredith was a stalwart member of the East Bentleigh church where she gave freely of herself in her latter life. Her love of the garden typified her gratitude for God's gift of nature. She showed concern for people and this quality was aided by her gracious ability to put others before herself. Her friend and past minister, Trevor Robinson, conducted services at the Bathurst chapel and the Springvale Crematorium. We express our love and care to her daughter Wilma, and her grandchildren David and Andrew. — M. J. Dunn.

their recent bereavements . . . C.W.A.F. Workshop held for approx. 55 ladies from ten of our churches and from Melbourne attended. Speakers included Mrs Rackemann (Visiting), Mrs Witt (Finance), Mrs. Dow (Programme planning), and Mrs Morris (Leadership). A. Draney, PNG missionary, also spoke.

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CHURCH NEWS

NEW CHURCH PROPOSED

(Vic.) Members living in Melbourne's northern suburb of Bundoora met on Feb. 22 to consider possible new church development in the growing areas to the north. The meeting was held under the sponsorship of area churches and the Church Location Committee.

Local members resolved to commence four trial house meetings on April 16, 23, 30 and May 7 at the home of Ron and Marion Weir, 38 Noorong Avenue, Bundoora (Phone 467 1516) at 10.30 a.m. Information concerning members and contacts in the general area should be forwarded to Ron Weir. The Secretary of the Church Location Committee, Don Smith, would be pleased to hear from any church interested in assisting the project in any way in the future.

INTERIM (Balwyn) Harold Steele is conducting an interim ministry. Also assisting is Greg Shaw, C.O.B. Student, recently arrived from W.A. with his wife, Jenny, and children, Donovan and Bronwyn. They are living in manse . . . Calisthenics class caters for 50 girls and ladies . . . Church members enthusiastically involved in preparation of musical to be presented at conference "Let My People Go."

SHARED MINISTRY (Epping, Keith Farmer) Paul and Mandy Cameron were welcomed by about 250 people at a dinner at Epping Church. They are to divide their ministry between the new church at Castle Hill and Epping (assisting Keith Farmer). Initially they will live opposite Epping Church and will move to Castle Hill later this year when the manse there is completed.

BIRTHDAY 90 (Wangaratta, D. Stevens) Mrs Patrick celebrated her 90th birthday . . . A dedication service was held on Feb. 12, for parents, babies, and teachers as they commenced year of teaching . . . Mr Stevens visited Portland church as part of in-service training. He has commenced honorary part-time chaplaincy with Wangaratta Technical College . . . Mr and Mrs Studd on furlough from Irian Jaya were speakers on Feb. 19.

PROJECT 77 (Thornbury, G. J. Crossman) Project 77 was "Talking Books for the Blind" and the response was \$2162.00 . . . The church board has appointed Peter Zweirs, a Baptist layman, actively involved with L.I.F.E., to a two years' ministry from late 1978.

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One of the commercial television companies, Southern Television, recently considered following the Swedish example and inviting viewers to place bread and wine by their television sets to be consecrated by, as it were, remote control. But it has now decided that the difficulties and dangers are too great.

"I cannot see any possible way by which you can consecrate by remote control," said Stephen Wade, Southern Television's head of religious programmes. Such an attempt at an electronic eucharist would, he discovered, flout at least nine of the Church of England's canons, while

there would be no safeguard against abuse — for example by those who dabble in black magic.

While there has as yet been no attempt in Britain to stage a televised eucharist with the celebrant purporting to consecrate bread and wine in viewers' homes, there have been one or two examples of what might be termed a broadcast agape. The Bishop of Bradford, the Rt. Rev. Ross Hook, invited listeners to a local radio station on Christmas Eve to share with him in a religious meditation by breaking bread and drinking water in their homes. The personal view of the Bishop of St Albans, the Rt. Rev. Robert Runcie, who is chairman of CRAC, is that communion means people coming together not in an abstract but in a concrete way. Communion via the television set would in his view be parallel to White South Africans claiming they were united in holy communion with their Black brethren despite the two groups celebrating the eucharist separately in separate buildings. — E.P.S.

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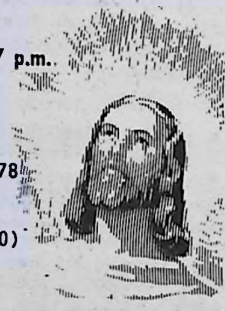
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DANIEL-HEIER, Lynne and Terry together with their parents Mr and Mrs T. Daniel, Forth, Tasmania and Mr and Mrs C. Heier, Mowbray, Tasmania, have pleasure in announcing their engagement.

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BEASY-BALITZ The marriage of Alyson, daughter of Doug, and Alys Beasy, St. Arnaud, Vic., with Gary, son of Roy and Eunice Dalitz of Dimboola, will be celebrated at the Church of Christ, St. Arnaud on March 18 at 4.30 p.m.

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VACATION PROGRAM (North Fitzroy, B. F. Duff). School Holiday Program with Salvation Army, using both halls, involved 21 helpers and 85 children. An average attendance of 53 enjoyed "Adventure Time", Craft, Games, Table Tennis, Pool, TV, Coffee Shop and outings for New Games in the Park, Zoo, Baths, Luna Park, and Lion Park. Evening programs were Concert and Drop In Centre, a regular weekly feature. The program was funded through the "Creative Holiday Program" and the Dept. of Youth, Sport and Recreation, via Fitzroy City Council.

FROM N.S.W. (Manifold Heights) Peter Pitts commenced his ministry on Feb. 12. The induction service was conducted by Dr Cliff Warmbrunn of Belmont. A buffet luncheon followed where members met Peter and Heather and their four children. A series of "Meet the Minister" house parties is taking place . . . Gary Simper is new S.S. Supt. . . . A dedication service for the S.S. Staff was held on Feb. 19 . . . Guest speaker on Feb. 5 was Paul Downey, newly appointed Director, Geelong Youth for Christ.

NEW CHURCH (Ocean Grove, B. Williams) Bruce and Joy Williams were welcomed into their student ministry on Feb. 12 with a dedication service . . . Study groups recommenced in homes of members . . . A presidents' and readers' programme held on Feb. 25, led by Gordon Stirling . . . Mrs P. McDougall welcomed into membership on Feb. 19 . . . Letter box drop was carried out in dis-

trict by members prior to student minister coming.

CHURCH LUNCHEON (Hampton) On Feb. 5 a church luncheon was held when new minister, David Murray, with his wife, Sandra, and family were welcomed. Warren Talbot continues in ministry team . . . Annual meeting showed increase of eight. All officers re-elected . . . Ladies raised \$983 during year. A committee has planned services for most of the year and included a Mini Mission. Good Companions commenced with record attendances.

WITH V.C.A. (Strathmore, S. K. Bannon) During January we combined with the Uniting Churches around Strathmore area . . . While minister was absent our speaker was Bruce Skillicorn . . . The S.S. is adding two new staff



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members, Mr & Mrs Spiker . . . Some church members went to family camp to Lake Eppalock for long weekend . . . Mr Spiker is also assisting Mr Bannon and taking part with the Youth Club.

GOOD START (Ararat, A. E. Stevens) S.S. teachers were thrilled to have 57 scholars present at first meeting. In addition to usual classes Young Adults group commenced for 14 years and upwards . . . The CWF Cuppa 'N' Chat Drop-In Centre will now operate in a hall off the main street, a more convenient venue for people to "drop in" whilst shopping . . . Church library has had some additions thanks to librarian, Miss Kery Searle.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

MISSION TO TRUCKIES (Bowral, Warren Hamilton). New minister, Warren Hamilton, welcomed and inducted by State Conf. Sec., Kevin Crawford. Combined tea held for Junior Endeavourers graduating to Y.P. Group. Greg Van Dyne (C.E. State Council) made presentation to each graduate. "Transport for Christ In Australia". The mission to the trucking industry, completed its mobile chapel and got it on the road early this year. Four years ago this ministry was unknown in Australia. Co-founder, and present director, Grahame Wheeler, is a member of the church. The Mobile Chapel is fully equipped semi-trailer with living quarters and chapel. It will usually be at Sydney Truck Terminals.

STUDIES (Chadswood, C. G. Taylor). Series of studies on Tuesday nights held with visiting lecturers, J. Bacik, J. Shaw, J. Henderson, Dr D. Berecny and K. Farmer. . . . C. G. Taylor to conclude 14 years' ministry at Chadswood in March. . . . Mrs Millie Taylor has made good recovery from heart surgery. . . . Three ladies, Mesdames McElvenny, Turton and Overall, have taken up residence at the new C. of C. Hostel at Forestville. . . . C.Y.F. presented Youth Service.

LOSS AT HAMILTON (F. D. Craig). Mrs Elspeth Mackenzie collapsed in her seat with a severe heart attack during the morning service on January 15 and died shortly afterwards in hospital. Deepest sympathy is extended to her family, Bill, Ian, Janet (wife of Robert Combridge, Minister of Wollongong Church) and Anne in England. . . . Don Craig has been appointed to the ministry for twelve months, or until a full-time preacher is available.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

GOVERNOR AT GLENELG (C. H. J. Wright). Annual Service of the Glenelg Inter-Church Council held. The Governor of S.A. read the scripture. Also attending were the Mayor of Glenelg and Aldermen and Councillors. Senator Gordon Davidson was preacher and Worship was led by Mr Wright and Father Chambers. . . . Mr and Mrs Don Beiler flew to Washington to attend the 26th National Prayer Breakfast with the President of the U.S.A. and other national leaders. . . . There have been a baptism and two decisions.

ELECTIONS (Forestville, John Byrnes). Y.P. presented Christmas Program. . . . Church met for Carol singing at Christmas and for Watchnight service on New Year's Eve.

16 BAPTISMS (Naracoorte) Over past few weeks most gospel services have been baptismal services. 16 have made commitment and have been baptised. . . .

Church held a family tea to farewell Mr and Mrs Hovey and Nathan as they leave to serve the church at Tootgarook. A. Binning spoke on behalf of the church and made a presentation. . . . South East Dist. Womens' Conf. picnic held at Naracoorte Swimming Lake. . . . J.C.E. held Open Day. Mrs M. Blake continues as leader. Many young people attended C.E. camp at Mr Barker and also camp reunion. Mr Hovey was the Camp Commandant and Mr and Mrs W. Pomery, leaders.

MARION INAUGURAL (R. Clymer, A. G. Mathieson) The inaugural service of Marion Church of Christ was held on Feb. 12 in Clovelly Pk. building with 220 present. Neil Bright, Conf. Pres., inducted the ministers, R. Clymer and A. G. Mathieson. A. G. Mathieson led the pastoral prayer. Ed. Roffey, Sec. of Conference, gave the charge to the congregation. Mrs Bev. Brittain contributed a solo. Mr and Mrs Colin Dredge were welcomed into fellowship. A quartet was given by Mrs Lynne Roberts, Miss Merrill Clymer, Terry Pomeroy and John Crowley. Peter Roberts was accompanist. . . . A special meeting was called to consider the proposed Constitution for the new church, which was adopted almost unanimously, with a few minor amendments.



QUEENSLAND

NEW FOR MACKAY Highlight of Mackay's activity was Norm Flett's arrival with his family to minister here. . . . Frank Beale conducted a most meaningful induction service. During Frank's week stay with the church, he and Norm have been looking at all branches of activity and possible improvement.

MISSIONARIES TO CHILDREN (Ann St. Brisbane) C. G. Flood, interim minister, conducted the dedication service for the Supt. (Ray Smith) and teachers of the B.S. . . . There have been three further baptisms. . . . The first of the year's social gatherings was a barbecue and social evening at the home of Mr and

Mrs Ian Woodward. . . . Bruce Roberts, Director of Home Missions, was a recent speaker.



TASMANIA

COMMENCEMENT (Launceston, M.D. Hamilton) Church celebrated "Commencement Sunday" on Feb. 19 when BS teachers, youth and auxiliary leaders and congregation shared in dedication service. . . . Much sickness during holidays and Mrs Williams' health still causing concern. . . . "Worship Commission" is seeking members' views on morning service pattern as it relates to place of children and family in worship.

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TIDY GARDEN (Bunbury, Barry Ryall). Recent speakers have been Graham Butler, Roelands Mission, and elders, Roy Bain and Keith Peterson . . . B. S. supt. is Mary Gwyne; C.W.F. president is Daph Allva . . . Uwe Thiel is to commence ministry studies at Woolwich. Elanora Villas won State award for best community garden in the Tidy Towns competition . . . Roma Bain and helpers raised \$150 towards a new carpet for the church by catering for a supper party.

FAMILY NIGHT (Nollamara, A. J. Anderson & N. Head) Girls' & Boys' Brigades have been replaced by Church Family night embracing groups from Grade 1 to Adults. 120 attended inaugural meeting. Groups meet in both church halls and primary school rooms . . . Over 100 members attended church banquet to hear details of planned activities for year . . . Adult Bible class attendance at Primary School increasing . . . Clem Kinsman home after wandering around Middle East and Europe . . . Jeff and Judy Pope farewelled to Kenmore College and Brian Hewitt to Missionary Training College. Howell family farewelled to continue U.A.M. work in new station at Giles near S.A. border . . . Church lawns and gardens being maintained with volunteer roster.

SUCCESS (Dianella, J. Sommerville) R. Baird, A. Jackson, K. Sommerville and J. Bennett had successes in Australia Day Tennis Tournament . . . Church farewelled Gething family to Kalgoorlie and D. Lamont, who will spend 12 months in America. Kevin Caulton, new D.C.E. Director and his wife, Carol, have been welcomed into fellowship . . . Combined morning service with North Perth was followed by picnic lunch at Hyde Park.

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NEW MINISTER (Mildura, Barry Brown). Barry Brown inducted into ministry and fellowship tea held at Robinson home to get to know the Brown family . . . Paul Cameron preacher for three Sundays in January . . . Men have started an Odd Job team, proceeds to go to new building fund . . . Some members attended fellowship tea at Red Cliffs to farewell the Perkins family . . . C.W.F. have bottled fruit for C.O.B. . . . While Red Cliffs is without a preacher close association is taking place . . . C.M.F. began year with a barbecue at Nankivell's . . . Contribution to Christmas Bowl was \$293 . . . B.S. donated \$50 for Aborigine student, \$50 for student in PNG, and \$86 through love loaves to World Vision.

THREE STUDENTS (Surrey Hills, K. Wray) Peter Wing Tang, Michael Stevens and Brian Tunks have enrolled at C.O.B., a record for Surrey. Peter is continuing at Surrey as student minister, working with Ken Wray . . . Dedication service held for ministers and auxiliary leaders . . . Mr and Mrs Hume Gilmour have moved to Emmaus after 56 years at Surrey Hills but will continue to worship at Surrey.

MINISTER FAREWELLED (Red Cliffs). Tea and service on lawns of "Vineyard", home of Mr and Mrs H. S. Cook, held to farewell Mr and Mrs Cliff Perkins and family after five years' ministry. Other churches represented and presentation made . . . Paul Cameron has ministered for a month . . . Gideons conducted service Feb. 12, L. John, speaker.

ANNIVERSARY PICNIC (Shepparton, P. Kavanagh). 96th Church Anniversary Service followed by church and B.S. picnic at Congupna . . . Review Planned Giving Program held . . . Dianne Cooksley told of work in New Hebrides . . . Short communion service is held after B.S. for teachers and pupils . . . Teenager, Glen Wittick, chosen to train with State Gymnast Squad . . . Van Laar family given a farewell presentation on moving to Mon-

bulk . . . Outboard motor for PNG purchased by ladies as 1977 Project . . . Mr and Mrs Kavanagh welcomed and elders conducted induction service Feb. 5.

MEN'S BREAKFASTS (Portland, Noel Mitaxa). C.M.F. Breakfast held once a month . . . Christian Stand planned at local show with films, books etc . . . Reg Attwood's tape ministry has grown to over 100 tapes for sick and elderly . . . Christian Bookshop in Town Centre sales growing . . . Portland Convention guest speaker Rev. Ron Bottomley.

COMMISSIONING (Box Hill, S. Downie). Commissioning Service held for Julie and Keith Ware who have been accepted by U.A.M. for Fitzroy Crossing, W.A. . . . Team members took part in Cricket Club Parade . . . Dr Wilmer Brown, U.S.A. with musical saw, accompanied on piano by wife Irene . . . Y.P. held social evening . . . Melodettes from Mt Evelyn featured at service . . . G. Grainger conducted O.T. Bible Studies during January.

OPEN DOOR (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes, S. Wilson, M. Humphries). "Open Door" with craft and other activities started for ladies . . . Chairman Don Stokie and his wife Julie visited their World Vision sponsored children in Philippines . . . 24 Adult courses being conducted in Continuing Education . . . Special service on theme "early retirement" packed church . . . Youth group commenced to cater for ages between C.Y.F. and Y.A.F. . . . Roy Whitelock 83, Christina Larsen 89, and Mary Judd 88, celebrated birthdays . . . Sheppard's pool now as well-known in the church as the Pool of Siloam . . . Ann Witchell graduated from Word of Life Bible College and Pam Kirke passed B.App.Sc. (Occupational Therapy).

FAREWELL (Boronia, A. Taylor-Davis). Church farwelled Percival A. Jordan as he moved to Fairhaven after 46 years faithful service . . . Minister not to continue his ministry beyond end of present term, Dec. 1978 . . . Two morning services commenced at 9.15 and 11 a.m. The 9.15 family service incorporates church school

. . . Iris Lawson (C.O.B.) will assist minister during year . . . Christmas Bowl offering \$1065.

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cosmonauts went into space, explored it, "experienced" it, we learned a great deal more. The experience was theirs. We believe them of course, even though we know it would be possible for film and TV studios to simulate all of the pictures and sounds we saw and heard.

Lots of people learned a great deal about God through reason and because of that knowledge they placed their faith in him.

There were some people who had a special, even miraculous personal experience of God. They were confronted by Him. He revealed himself to them in many ways: to Moses in the burning bush, to Elijah, to Isaiah in the Temple, to Mary, to Joseph in a dream, to Paul, to Peter, to Wesley, to Father Damien, to George Muller. Their experiences were their's not ours, but because we believe in them our own faith has been strengthened.

While we accept those experiences readily, we are not so happy with the "revelations" made to Mary Baker Eddy (Seventh Day Adventist leader) or to Joseph Smith (the prophet of Mormonism). We don't mind accepting things that go beyond reason but we object to accepting those that go against reason.

I think this is a necessary background to a discussion of the question of spiritual gifts for our day. These gifts are claimed to be direct experiences of the Holy Spirit in the lives of today's disciples. They are revelations of God himself.

We know that spiritual gifts did exist in the early church. Paul named them and described some of them. It must be admitted then, that in N.T. days, reason and faith required the additional evidence of the spiritual gifts. Were those gifts to be permanent or were they temporary?

Next issue: Permanent or temporary?

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The charismatic movement — what it is and what does it mean for Churches of Christ?

Part 2: Reason, Faith and Experience.

A recent book is entitled: "Let's Quit Fighting about the Holy Spirit," by P. E. Gillquist (S. John Bacon). The author remarks on the irony of our day when, after decades of praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the church cannot agree if that prayer is being answered or not.

Church members are fighting about the Holy Spirit and whenever that happens it will divide the church, whether in old Corinth or New Melbourne.

Some of my correspondents claim to have found in spiritual gifts a new and exciting confirmation of the presence of Christ in their lives and they seek to share the experience with others. Some of the others, after a lifetime of faithful membership, of witnessing and service, say that they are suddenly made to feel like 2nd or 3rd class Christians because they lack the gifts of the Spirit.

There are three great divisions of knowledge for a Christian, faith, reason, and revelation. Faith and reason are closely related and even revelation (or special experience) is tested by reason.

To give room to reason is not to diminish the importance of faith. It is by faith that we live in Him, and by faith we know the victory that overcomes the world. What we are emphasising is that the Christian faith is rational.

Reason alone cannot bring a person

into relationship with God, and faith cannot accept that which is declared by the mind to be unreasonable. The old saying, "Faith is believing what you know ain't true," couldn't be more wrong. One simply cannot believe in something which the mind says is impossible. Faith is the companion of truth, not of unreason. The objects of faith are to be subjected to the tests of reason. The ancient Greeks had faith in the gods of Mt Olympus, but reason eventually emptied that mount of its "divine" occupants.

In addition to reason and faith there is experience. There are common experiences for the Christian. We can all experience the presence of the Holy Spirit through the love, joy, peace and hope that he brings. But the experience of one person cannot be directly communicated to another. The validity of another's experience may be "accepted" by faith in the integrity and competence of the one who claims the experience. We may even be so impressed that we seek to have such an experience for ourselves, but we cannot enter into another person's experience.

There are many things we experience in our every day lives. The use of water is one. We know a lot about water from what the physicist tells us of its properties, but it is our personal experience of water that is vital to us. We know the feel of it, the taste of it, the joys of drinking it when we are thirsty or plunging into it when we are hot.

On the other hand, some experiences are denied to us. For example, space travel. We learned a great deal about space from the reasoning of scientists. We believed in their descriptions and in their conclusions, because they made sense and fitted into other knowledge we have of our universe. When the

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THE LAST WORD...

What is terribly missing is the experience of "body life," that warm fellowship of Christian with Christian which the New Testament calls *koinonia*, and which was an essential part of early Christianity. The N.T. lays heavy emphasis upon the need for Christians to know each other closely.

— Ray Stadman.

NEW DAY

Lord, may I enter this day without hurry;
May I bear its burdens without complaint.
May I face its tasks without fear,
May I meet its temptations without dishonor.
May I rest at its close without shame.
And this prayer I make to thee, let thy Kingdom come today in me.

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