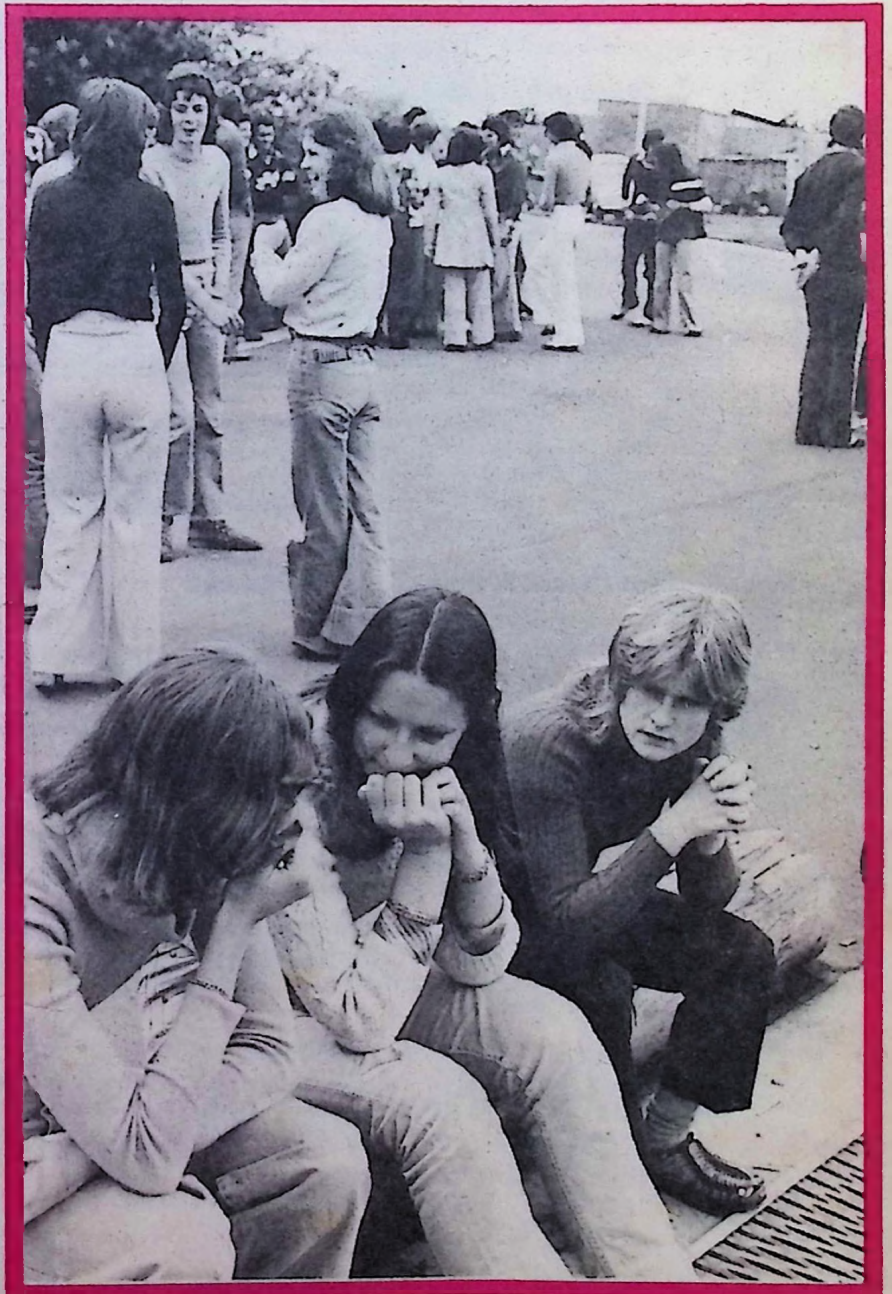


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# **THE FEDERAL BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

## **REPORT TO THE CHURCHES**

The Federal Board of Christian Education has appreciated the support of the churches which has been evident through increased financial giving to the Board, increased purchasing of the CLC curriculum and other resources materials and a continuing stream of correspondence and invitations for the director to participate in church programs. This support has been appreciated.

The main areas of the Board's work have continued to be: The provision of the Christian Life Curriculum for use in Sunday schools and churches. The development of, and making available, other resources for use in the educational ministry of the church. The provision of resources and programs for use in youth work, and serving the various state Departments involved in Christian education.

### **1. Curriculum development**

The Revised Christian Life Curriculum is continuing to receive wide acceptance within the churches. Because of a continuing evaluation program and constant revision, the CLC is now meeting the expectations of an overwhelming majority of users. The materials are obviously biblically based and maintained teacher and pupil interest. The CLC work of the Board is performed in partnership with the Joint Board of Christian Education of Australia and New Zealand, with the result that our Churches of Christ have an Australian curriculum that is of a high quality in educational and theological competence, and produced at an economic cost to the churches.

### **2. All-age learning and worship**

The Joint Board of Christian Education, in consultation with the Churches of Christ Federal Board and other partner agencies, is developing a program of Christian education which will focus on the link between learning and worship.

Such an approach will be in addition to the Christian Life Curriculum, which will continue to be updated and improved, as an effective age-graded curriculum for Christian education for all ages.

### **3. Youth programs**

During 1977 the highly successful 8th National Youth Convention was held in Tasmania. Two hundred people participated in a seven day experience which included extensive and intensive study-action programs on various aspects of the Christian Faith, Worship events and Recreational Tours. All who participated appreciated the convention and its unique program. The National Youth Conventions cannot be over-estimated in the life of our Australian brotherhood, because of their function in bringing youth together across state brotherhood boundaries, the identity building as members of Churches of Christ and the continuing relationships which have their beginnings at a Youth Convention.

Program and arrangements details are now well advanced for the "Barrowings" 9th National Youth Convention, which will be held in South Australia from December 29th, 1978 to January 5th, 1979. Youth are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

The Sharing Venture programs of Mission and Development education, when youth are able to share with members of our churches in other countries, are proceeding. It is anticipated that an Indian Sharing Venture will be conducted during December 1979 and January 1980. Initial plans are now being made.

During the year the Federal Board of Christian Education director is involved in a number of youth programs conducted by our churches and other agencies and participates through various leadership roles.

In January 1978, a group of Australian Churches of Christ youth, sponsored by the Federal Board and led by Gerald Rose, attended the Youth Convention conducted by our New Zealand churches. Such visits strengthen the sense of brotherhood as well as the Christian experience of the participants.

### **4. Educational resource development**

#### **Family and Inter-generational Ministry**

A major concern with our churches has been to more effectively minister to and with families. Resources for Family Camps, Family Clusters, Family Worship and Family Learning experiences are now available for the churches. While these have generally been produced by other church agencies the Federal Board has been active in their promotion, development and use within Churches of Christ. Much growth and interest in this aspect of ministry is anticipated in the future.

#### **The Child in the Church**

A major study into the status of children in Churches of Christ is being undertaken. A detailed report will be available for presentation to the 1978 Annual Conference of the Federal Board in July. Areas to be covered include, Baptism and children; A theology of the child; Children and the Lord's Supper; What are appropriate forms of children's ministry for Churches of Christ? And many others.

#### **Youth work?**

A constant enquiry from churches is for resources and program ideas for youth work in the local church. The Federal Board through its involvement with the Joint Board of Christian Education has produced a wide range of study, program and other resource material for use in camps, clubs and other settings. Youth leaders are encouraged to contact the Board or their state department of Christian Education for assistance as required.

### **5. General**

The Board has relocated its offices on the 6th Floor, 177 Collins Street, Melbourne. This enables a closer co-operative working relationship with the Joint Board but does not involve any change to the autonomy of the Federal Board as an agency of the Churches of Christ in Australia and responsible only to the Churches of Christ. We look forward to continuing to serve the churches.

**I. E. Allsop (Director)**  
**K. D. Horne (Chairman)**

# "LIFE-GIVING" MINISTRY

Christian Education is the "Life Giving" Ministry of the Church. "I am come that they might have life, life in all its fullness". John 10:10.

Christianity is all about **life** — natural life as God created it and eternal life as he recreates us.

In every human being there is the divine image — "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness" (Gen. 1:26). But the divine image has been marred by the intrusion of selfishness into the human scene. Despite this disfiguring, humans have not lost their essential humanity and dignity, because they remain God's creatures still bearing the stamp of his likeness. What humans have lost is an awareness of their own true spirituality, a dimension of their own nature which can be sustained only by God.

It is the 'good news' of Jesus which challenges this spiritual inertia. The vital events of Jesus life, death and resurrection have opened up a new possibility for humans. No longer do they have to live in spiritual exile and personal alienation. The living Christ summons them to live in relationship to Him so as to recover fully their own spiritual natures.

Christian Education is another term for people growing to their full potential. This potential is measured by the fullness of Christ's own maturity (Ephes. 4:13). In Him we see the divine image (Col. 2:9-10, Col. 1:15-17) not marred, disfigured nor concealed, but clearly manifested.

This then is the goal for Christians.

**TO GROW IN EVERY WAY TO BE WHAT THEY ARE CREATED TO BE.**

This involves:

The work and ministry of Jesus; He makes it possible for us to be reconciled to God — The Living Word.

A growing knowledge of Scriptures; The record of God's dealings with us — The Written Word.

Being confronted with the implications for life of the "gospel"; — The Spoken Word.

Exploring and responding to the inner dimensions of our God given natures — Meditation and Spiritual Discipline.

Putting into practice in all relationships the reconciling love of God — Learning how to get along with others and be of use to the Community.

Does a Christian person learn in the same ways as a non Christian? YES. What was lost through humanity's disobedience to God was not the essential ways in which we learn and mature. What was lost was spiritual insight and awareness. As these are restored to us by the Holy Spirit new motivation and power are provided. All the usual ways of learning and maturing remain. Neglect these and the Christian will become frustrated or superficial.

Learning requires:-

Helpful methods,  
Understanding,  
Sympathetic support,  
Practical workouts,  
Information and stimulus.

Christian Education provides these through:-

Resources,  
Leadership training, Camps,  
Programmes for  
Parents, children, youth,  
across the generation.

By **GERALD ROSE**, Director,  
Department of Christian Education  
South Australia



## NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND

Barbara Stephens, has just commenced working for the Department of Christian Education in New Zealand. This is a part-time appointment as she is also minister of the St Albans Church, Christchurch.

By means of this appointment the Department hopes to extend its activities with churches. Some of the new concepts in Christian Education such as intergenerational

activities, the place of children in the church, and worship/education programmes should become more easily available to churches.

The New Zealand Department appreciates its links with the Federal Board. The visit to a number of churches last year by Ian Allsop and having a group of Australians share in the Second New Zealand Youth Convention are real benefits gained by these links.

# THE QUEENSLAND SCENE

The Director since 1965, A. C. Male, B.A., B.Ed. St., Dip. R.E., has become Honorary Director, after many years on \$10 a week salary, plus House and Car allowances.

This allows finance for a greater expansion of Christian effort through the appointment of a Christian Education Director.

## Missionary with a New Mission

Frank Beale is a former missionary in the New Hebrides and pioneer missionary with Harold Finger in New Guinea.

He will be specializing in Christian education with the Churches, in the form of a week's intensive activity with each Church, named "Christian Enrichment Programmes." He will teach Church School teachers, consult with the minister and key decision makers, and generally conduct an in-depth survey of the Church and the effectiveness of the congregation in that particular community.

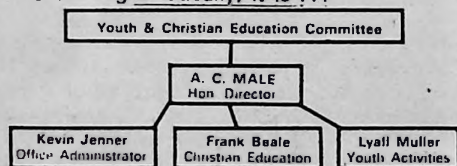
## Youth Activities a Separate Division

Lyall Muller, a student at Kenmore and former missionary to the New Hebrides is Youth Activities Co-ordinator. His role is to specialize in encouraging youth groups and promoting the Departmental camping programmes which cover all ages in Queensland.

## The Secretary has a Beard

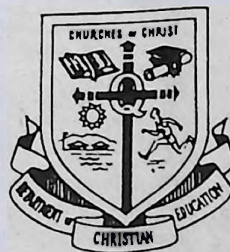
Kevin Jenner is a graduate of Woolwich and former minister at Mackay, Gladstone and Wingham. He is the Office Administrator, and specializes in the office routine and details of administration.

Queensland Youth & Christian Education Department is alive and well! Diagrammatically, it is . . .



Our Symbol says it all . . .

## YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



We have never wavered from our express aim of presenting Jesus Christ as Son of God and the only example for youth and adults in a changing world. Our unique symbol is based on Luke 2:52 where the physician with great insight into the Divine/Human nature of Our Lord and Saviour, succinctly stated, Jesus "increased in wisdom, stature, in favour with God and man."

The whole detail of the symbol is

as follows —

The arrows from the centre-piece and the arms of the cross represent "Upwards and Outwards from the Cross."

Luke 2:52 is depicted in the four square aspects of LIFE — "Jesus increased in wisdom," mortarboard and diploma — "in stature", the athlete — "in favour with God", Bible — "and man", socialising through interaction with others.

The neatly designed symbol is embraced by the shield of faith.

Our aim is to develop wholly integrated personalities reflecting the One whose life portrayed the full-orbed personality.

These four aspects of the symbol are "earthed" into practical demonstrations of God's love by the Youth and Christian Education Committee to whom we record our deep gratitude for their support and encouragement in the midst of strenuous personal commitments in many areas of life.

## NEW LIFE

### IN VICTORIAN AND TASMANIAN DEPARTMENT OF MISSION, EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

by Julie Reid

God is continually seeking to inject new life into the work and life of His church. It is exciting to see that new life working out in the new Department of Mission, Education and Development, with its many facets of ministry. This department of the Victorian-Tasmanian churches was formed at the annual conference last year from the merging of the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism and the Department of Christian Education.



New Challenge in Children's Ministry

In the field of the educational services being offered to churches, and particularly in regard to the churches' ministry to children, new directions are taking shape. The appointment of myself as a full-time worker in childrens' work, and the ready response of people to the new challenges in working with children, make it evident that we are beginning to take children more seriously in our church life. It is perhaps significant that 1979 has been declared "International Year of The Child" by the United Nations. Are we in God's Kingdom also declaring that children are important in the united body of Christ?

As I move around the brotherhood I see evidence of a new awakening in education in the Christian faith. Not only are Sunday School teachers and youth leaders discussing the role of the child in the church, but church boards and congregations are also opening up to see new ways of involving young people in the community of faith. More and more I hope to be sharing with



church boards and ministers, the need to program for family services, to link children of clubs with the church and to be aware of the most creative ways of communicating the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"God wants his church to grow" and what beautiful ways we are seeing this happening, when children and adults alike are being allowed to experience that they really do belong to the body of Christ! Certainly, this role of mine is a very exciting and challenging one — being a catalyst amongst others in a movement of new life throughout the churches of Victoria and Tasmania.

## NEW DIRECTOR INDUCTED IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

This article is the response by Kevin Caulton following his induction to the position of Director, Department of Christian Education.

I firmly believe the work of Christian Education to be a "ministry of the Word." The church's ministry of Christian Education stems from an understanding of our responsibility before God to teach the faith as we see it revealed in the Bible. At this point there is one thing that must be stated. Christian Education is Education for Life — not Education for Knowledge, or at least not knowledge alone.

Christian Education is more than the number of Scripture verses we can repeat, more than reciting the books of the Bible, more than the regularity of our Church attendance. It is experiencing a relationship with a personal God, more often than not born out of a personal relationship with a fellow human being, resulting in a faith that proves itself in day to day experiences.

The role of Christian Education is to investigate the process of Christians growing in: — humility, commitment, obedience, and maturity.

This can best be done when we teach Christ to be our example.

Christian Education, in the local church or on a wider basis must be linked with the Church. Indeed the ministry of Chris-

tian Education dovetails into all other areas of ministry.

### EVANGELISM

Evangelism and Christian Education cannot be separated. The content of Christian Education is the Gospel, the good news of God. I have always said that the gospel is preached as much in our morning services as our evening services. How can we be teaching matters of Faith without the very process also being evangelistic? And it must also be said that the long term effectiveness of our Evangelism depends on the quality of our Christian Education. Evangelism and Church Growth ultimately depend on the church taking seriously its responsibility in developing realistic Christian Education.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth ministry and Christian Education overlap significantly. It is in Youth that a person reaches the height of reasoning ability — and our church life shows that it is also during Youth that the greatest percentage of Christian commitments occur. This is not to say that once we reach 30 — there is no need for learning or no chance of conversion. I am suggesting that the church's ministry to youth must



run parallel to its Christian Education ministry. Young people more and more ask that we must be intellectually honest.

### WORSHIP

Christian Education is also interwoven with the ministry of Worship: — a fact that is often not fully appreciated. We need to take our worship seriously and to see it as a contributing factor to the education of the Christian faith. Our worship is also an expression of that which we have learned.

### PASTORAL CARE

Christian Education is closely linked with the ministry of Pastoral Care. The most effective Pastoral Care is preventative. The church's responsibility is to prepare people to cope with potential crises. Christian Education contributes to this end.

The learning process should be life orientated. What faith we receive from our learning should assist us to be victorious Christians — to have what it takes when the crisis comes — or rather, to know God who supplies the strength needed for the dilemmas and tragedies that can come into our experiences.

I am saying that Christian Education must be —

**Bible-based  
Christ-centred,  
and Life-oriented.**

It must be —

**Biblical  
Christological,  
and Practical.**

I commit myself to this ministry of Christian Education, and my prayer is that God will be my strength.

## NEW SOUTH WALES CAMPS DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Over the past few years D.C.E. in N.S.W. has experienced an infusion of new life in one of its traditional ministries — camping.

It is significant that the number of local church camps has increased at the same time. Add to this the fact that the D.C.E. has increased the number and variety of camping experiences available to old and young and one could expect that numbers in our traditional camps would have levelled out or fallen. This has not been the case. The opposite in fact is true — more and more young people in the 16+ age group are coming to Easter and October camp at Stanwell Tops. 'Minis' and Junior High Camps are generating greater interest.

Often staff members are asked the reasons for the renewal of interest in Christian camping. Some observations that leaders and campers have made on this point have been:

— a multi-choice approach, with alternative programmes being offered for most of the day.



Worship Time Mini Midgets 1977

Mini Midgets 1977



— a focus on the spiritual needs of young people but with emphasis on real life implications and application.

— creative experience in worship, singing, prayer and communication.

— an expectation of being able to develop significant sharing relationships in structured and unstructured camp activities.

One of the most encouraging aspects of the renewal of interest in camping has been the anticipation and enthusiasm generated. This is evident before camp among church youth groups. It is also expressed after camp in many churches as young people strive to integrate what they have discovered at camp into the local churches and in the real world in which they live.

To the D.C.E. in N.S.W. it is of vital importance that camping be related to the spiritual growth of campers throughout the year and that the camping experience does not become simply an unrelated "high point" in the young people's lives.

We are grateful to God that we have had some success in achieving this.

## IN MY OPINION ... WOMEN TAKING PART IN OUTSIDE ORGANISA- TIONS

Having held many positions in Organisations outside the Church, I feel that I can speak from experience on this subject.

We should be willing to move out of our Church circle and take the Christian spirit into other Organisations. Our Lord moved among people. Most of His followers were drawn from the streets and seashore. Christianity must be practical, but we must live up to our Christian principles. We will find that there will always be another Christian woman to stand by us when we make our witness for the Lord, and He is always by our side.

So more women should grasp opportunities and accept positions in Outside Organisations for it is only thus that we will make our influence felt. By our lives and by our influence for good we will be able to show those who have not accepted Christ what it means to live close to Him. Find out what YOU can do to advance His Kingdom. If we see a job that we feel we can do, let's offer to do it. When a position of responsibility is accepted we will find that so many opportunities come to us, sometimes quite unexpectedly, when we will be able to let the world know that we are on the Lord's side.

Christianity will only lead the way when Christians accept their responsibilities as citizens and take their places as leaders of our community.

D. Potter. (Qld.)

### MY WORLD IS CONFINED

My world was wide and free  
Sun and sky and stars and wind,  
The amber fire of sunset,  
The freshness of each dawn,  
Gumtrees in silhouette against the moon.  
That was my world.  
Now the world is angular,  
All squared unnatural shapes  
Scaled down and down through  
Bars and mesh and screen,  
Pinning me to its dreary graph.  
This is not my world.  
But I shall return to my world  
To lie in the soft leaf-forms of grass,  
Hear the wind gusting in the trees,  
Unfettered, uncubed and sweet,  
And see again the sunset from the hill.  
Then it will be my world.

Jill.

Written from prison.

### W.A.

Snippet from the President's monthly message.

"Some people are surprised that love can overcome hate. Some lives are lived in a state of hatred, malice, ill-will, or confusion so that people are genuinely surprised when love does overcome. Easter proves that hate is not the last word."  
Betty Sewell. W.A.

"For I cried to Him for help, with praises ready on my tongue. He listened, He heard my prayer. He paid attention to it."

Psalms 66: 17-19 Living Bible. Tas.



JULIE DAVEY SEQUEL

Women's Bible Study were discussing 1 Peter 1:1,2, 3-9. Starting off with pens and paper and then comments and discussion, relating to sharing our troubles as the early Christians did as refugees. We started with the interview as written in the Women's page of the 'Christian'. The women were impressed by Julie's real faith and willingness to ask help from other Christians.

J. Morris. A.C.T.

## IN MY OPINION ... WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH SMALL C.W.F. GROUPS?

Secretary to President: "I've put the notice in the Church paper ... wonder if we will get any response from other ladies — we've tried, but still only six or seven turn up. I wonder if it is worthwhile?"

President: "Yes, I've wondered about that too, but this is the way I see the situation."

"We are only a small number, but we can do an effective work. The lack these days, seems to be that nobody wishes to accept responsibility, and yet in our group everybody is a specialist, and does that job well, but each seems to be saddled with the same position year after year.

In a small group each one is aware that the other person is needing support and encouragement and the whole group is dependent on one another.

In a larger group there tends to be more fringe members who leave it to the others. They excuse themselves by thinking they are not needed nor missed. Even in a larger group it is difficult to find persons willing to perform certain duties, but this can be remedied by the Leader ensuring that each member has a part to play.

Small groups can be effective, close-knit, upholding one another with a sense of loyalty to the honour and glory of God. Larger groups, with total involvement could be more productive. It is only when members of any sized group are not prepared to "do as unto the Lord," that we see an ineffective work and an unenthusiastic outlook which retards any effort."

## NEWS Victoria.

February and March Council meetings have continued with the President's themes "Love in Communication" and "Love Through Prayer." Speakers were Miss Joanna Waite, Co-ordinator Home Tutor Scheme, and Mrs Lippmann, representing Community and Race Relations. Women's World Day of Prayer Service was led by Prayer Committee.

Meeting personally with Aileen Draney and Shalini Waghmode our Living Links, have strengthened our ties and support for New Guinea and India. We will share with the President, Mrs Freda Morris during the service for "Thanksgiving for Love" at the April Council, prior to Women's Conference, Thursday, 27th April at Moorabbin Town Hall.

Council meeting venue is now the Uniting Church Centre, 1st floor, 130 Lt. Collins St., Melbourne.

M. Bismire. Vic.

## NEWS LAUNCESTON

Music played an important part in the C.W.F. Easter Devotions when more than 100 ladies shared in the service led by the President, MRS G. HARRISON, on 20th March.

The tone of the service was set by the organ solo, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" played by Mrs B. Gibson and the entrance, softly singing and carrying lighted candles, of the group of teenage girls, "FRIENDS."

The programme led step by step to the solo by MRS K. YOUNGER "Were you there?" and was climaxed by a Communion service.

In this meeting ladies representing all denominations shared in a very moving way, and the singing of the "FRIENDS" was a real inspiration.

Later, fellowship was continued in the school hall and the feeling of oneness was manifested in the way stranger talked with stranger and was no longer a stranger.

A particularly welcome guest was Mrs Dow, President-Elect of Vic-Tas Women's Conference who had shared in the State Convention at the weekend.

P. Harrison, Tas.



## S.A. State C.W.F. President

Mrs Margaret Pollard has been President of the State Women's work during 1977-8. She is the mother of 4 teenage sons, is a member of the Lenswood Church, and her Theme for the past year has been "Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God."

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# MUSTARD SEEDS

BY ALAN AUSTIN

OUR MELBOURNE city church received some favourable publicity during last week's hearings of the Federal Royal Commission on drugs.

Kevin Beach, who was described in the press as 'a reformed heroin addict and former Hell's Angels member', told the Royal Commission of the drug scene.

Beach said he first took amphetamines in 1963 when he was still at school. This continued when he worked for a drug company in Melbourne and held a second job as a bouncer at a jazz club.

At 16, he moved to Sydney, then to other cities. When he moved back to Sydney he began using opiates and heroin. Money for the drugs was obtained by rolling drunks and stealing cars, he said. He then joined the Hell's Angels motorcycle club and the Nazi Party and got to know prominent Sydney criminals.

Beach said he returned to Melbourne in 1970 and the following year became leader of the "City Square Gang" of 80 to 100 drug addicts. They pooled money to buy drugs in bulk.

Beach said he was arrested a few times — once for the attempted larceny of a battery from a police car — and certified five times as a result of drug overuse. Many of his gang — they would hang around the city square — had small plantations of marijuana plants. Two crops of up to 20 plants were on the roof of city buildings.

"We were just continually drugged, night and day", he said. Eventually he went "cold turkey" to kick the heroin habit during an eight week stretch in Pentridge jail.

Beach then testified that in 1974 he became involved with the Swanston Street Church of Christ and was able to break from the drug scene.

Subsequently he studied the treatments available for drug users and, with the support of others, including church

people and businessmen, formed his own group to assist other drug users.

Kevin Beach is now the director of the Abuse and Referral Therapy Foundation. ■

IN RECENT years impending doom has often been predicted on the basis of projecting present trends into the future. One reason, I suspect, why many of these forecasts have (fortunately) remained unfulfilled is their failure to take into account man's seemingly inexhaustible inventiveness.

The following item, which should cheer the heart of any dairy farmers feeling the pinch of butterfat prices on the one hand and the energy crisis on the other, is an example.

According to *Newsweek*, and American company has launched a full-scale effort to produce household methane gas from cattle manure.

For \$3 a ton, the company "harvests" the waste of cattle near its Oklahoma plant. It then extracts the fibrous content and feeds the liquefied remainder into tanks filled with bacteria. This yields ammonia, carbon dioxide and methane gas. A cleaning process refines the gas which is then piped to the gas company which uses it in nearby Chicago.

Finally, the mineral-rich by-products are converted into food supplements to feed the cattle and liquid fertilizers.

The name of the process? Calorific Recovery Anaerobic Process, Inc., what else? ■

AN ANZAC DAY thought for the day: The world war after the next one will be fought with rocks. (Albert Einstein). ■

THE Australian Mining Industry Council's annual dinner last week provided some revealing glimpses into the minds of some of that industry's most prominent leaders.



The knighted director of a string of mining companies (and managing director of BHP) opened his speech with the assertion that Northern Territory Aborigines were carrying on as if they owned the uranium under their feet. In fact, he said, they were the Government's minerals.

His second point was that once the mining industry dug up some minerals, the Government had no-right to step in and rip off any of the proceeds via a special resources tax.

This act was followed by Peko Wall-send's General Manager (Exploration) who claimed "From the earliest times there has been a willingness to grant land (to Aborigines) but unfortunately coupled with this has been a recognition of the Aboriginal disinclination to use it". Aborigines, he said, "have known nothing but despondency and essential idleness."

Let's hope this gentleman is a little better at finding minerals than he is at history or sociology.

I've been reading lately in Proverbs and Ecclesiastes about the wisdom and understanding of those who seek after riches without due regard for the poor in their midst. I wonder if Solomon ever attended a Mining Industry Council annual dinner . . . ■

ERROR. Last issue's Input, credited to John Powell, was in fact from Ian S. Williams.

## INPUT

from Morris West

"I've thought about it often," said Leone heavily. "If I didn't marry — and I'm not sure but that's what I needed to make me half-way human — I'd be a country priest with just enough theology to hear confession, and just enough Latin to get through Mass. But with heart enough to know what griped in the hearts of other men, and made them cry into their pillows at night. I'd sit in front of my church on a summer evening and read my office and talk with the poor and the humble and unhappy ones. You know what I am now? A walking encyclopaedia of dogma and theological controversy. And who cares about theology except the theologians? We are necessary, but less important than we think. The Church is Christ — Christ and the people. And all the people want to know is whether there is a God, and what is His relationship with them, and how they can get back to Him when they stray."

"Large questions," said Rinaldi gently. from "Shoes of the Fisherman"

## JASON'S HOUSE

THOSE ARE NICE-LOOKING VEGIES, JASON.

DO YOU CULTIVATE THEM YOURSELF?

NO. I CULTIVATE FRIENDS WHO DO INSTEAD.



# OPEN FORUM

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

## CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT

To the Editor,

The Questing column of recent weeks has made very interesting reading, but I respectfully suggest that it has been a little "flat".

The articles seem to lack experience, or understanding of the so-called "charismatic" movement.

The letter written by Mr Savage, quoting men of a past age has little relevance to present, real, experience.

Let me assure all readers that if they had shared my experience of participation in a "charismatic" service; a gathering of members from all sections of the Christian Church, and felt the presence of the Lord there and seen evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit, they would cease trying to put "whys" and "wherefores" on paper.

They would be content to declare, as I do, "it is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes".

May Barnett, Vic.

## MUSTARD SEEDS

To the Editor,

I never expected to read such blatant political Labor propoganda in the "Christian" by Alan Austin of March 4, 1978. It shows bias and a complete lack of knowledge of government in Australia.

We have a Federal Government, a separate Senate, and each State has a separate government and some have upper Houses. The Commonwealth and the States have different wage tribunals. Governments can only present a case, the same as unions, they cannot direct a tribunal.

The Prime Minister is the leader of the Liberal Political Party. Policy is decided by the party machine after resolutions are received from local branches, discussed and improved. After agreement by the Liberal Party they must then pass a meeting of the combined Liberal and National parties before being presented to Parliament.

The Prime Minister does not rule by decree. It takes a lot of time to arrive at a law, good or bad. Resolutions are received, committees are formed, and contacts made with interested organisations. At each stage there is opportunity to look at proposals and make recommendations.

To state that our leaders are deceitful is completely unjust.

Norman F. White, Vic.

## WHERE TO FROM HERE?

To the Editor,

Often I listen to the critical attacks of the younger members of our churches on the format of the services, structures programmes and those in authority.

It is rare indeed to find someone young who is willing to develop some constructively critical approaches to the contemporary church scene without portraying the image of the "angry young man".

On the other hand it is as difficult to find those with lengthy membership who are prepared to ask such questions as: What has Christ called us to do? Are we doing it? Is it effective? If not, why not? What can we do? What could we do? What will we do?

Probably the biggest question facing both groups is: Are we serving our own ends, feeding our own assumptions, or beating our own drums? Or is it possi-

ble that we are being what God has called us to be, in this generation?

Whatever group we identify with, for both are instruments of God to offset one another, let us pray that we can be sensitive tools in the hands of the re-creator as he extends his kingdom in a spiritually stricken and morally bankrupt world.

Brian Tunks, Vic.

## CANCER

To the Editor,

A. C. Male concludes his article on Milan Brych with the words, "All of us pray to God for an irrefutable cure for cancer."

I submit that the irrefutable cure is now available and consists of three things:

## TWO PERSONS AND CULTURES JOIN

by Ian Allsop

On March 18 an impressive marriage service was performed at the Red Hill Church of Christ. It was unique. Two ministers, Hariba Waghmode and Ray McKenzie, both well known in Australian and Indian Churches of Christ, shared in the task of marrying their son and daughter in a service that was full of Christian beauty and loving emotion. Two cultural backgrounds were featured in the service, Indian and Western, which was rich with the presence of Christian witness and symbolism and presented in a colourful and dignified way to give meaning to the close fellowship we have together in Jesus Christ. Two young adults, Fran McKenzie and Sunny Waghmode, both well known to the young people of our Victorian Churches through their prominence in so many aspects of youth ministry, dramatically and with dignity commenced their wedding service by singing to each other.

1. Stop causing it. Cancer is the effect of a cause. There are people in Pakistan who do not get cancer or any other disease and live to 100 or 120 years free from any sickness. In civilised countries the incidence of cancer is increasing rapidly. The cause of cancer is in the eating and drinking habits of civilised countries.

2. Cleanse the bloodstream of accumulated toxins. Cancer cannot exist in a purified bloodstream.

3. Supply superior nutrition to enable the body to repair damaged tissue.

When the disciples of Jesus could not heal a diseased man, Jesus said, "this cometh out only by prayer and fasting." (Mark 9:29) Fasting (1) stops the operating cause; and (2) allows the body to eliminate poisons.

Prayer promotes faith in the omniscient Creator and demands obedience to his laws and action. Prayer alone is not sufficient.

C. K. Milne, Vic.

Hariba announced that at this time a group of Indian relatives and friends from the Conference of Churches of Christ in Western India, was meeting in prayer for Sunny and Fran. We prayed with them. After prayer, the sharing of Bible readings and a mutual commitment to each other, Fran and Sunny exchanged Indian symbols and wedding rings as they became joined together in Christian marriage. We felt their oneness spanning the two cultures. Fran's bridal gown was a white sari with an Australian veil. It beautifully expressed her Australian heritage yet linked her with India. Sunny looked impressive, dressed in an Indian suit and wearing a crimson turban. Ray announced that the first act for Sunny and Fran, as a married couple, would be to share together in the Lord's supper.

At the reception, as we listened to the tape recordings of the greetings from Indian friends and relatives the meaning of an extended family became real. Sunny and Fran belong to a large church family sharing love and support for their future together.

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### A MINISTER'S PRAYER

To the Editor,

Our minister's job must be hard with our lot with all of our different ideas about church attendance, services, sermons, programmes, women in the church, the second coming, and what a minister is supposed to be and do and think. If I were a minister I'd be praying something like this . . .

"Lord, let me be called to a church with the same theology as mine, or at least tolerant of it. Let the members have no odd ideas, queer obsessions or awkward ways. May they have the health and inclination to attend all services and functions. Let the Board be progressive, open minded and willing to accept all of my ideas with enthusiasm and support. Grant that the members will be the sort who go round eagerly getting people to come to church to hear the gospel and to join the auxiliaries. Let it be a church that understands my frailties, disillusionments, and feelings of self pity, and makes allowances for them. May it be a church that expects nothing from my wife! AMEN."

There's only one trouble about such a prayer. A church like that wouldn't need a minister! And probably a minister who would pray a prayer like that wouldn't need a church!

Sympathetically yours,

TERTIUS.

## MRS. BARBARA MACKAY At Frankston Church of Christ

On March 12, the Frankston Church of Christ moved its evening service to St. Andrew's Uniting Church.

The special occasion was the visit of Mrs Barbara Mackay, wife of Donald Mackay, allegedly murdered because of his opposition to the drug traffic in Griffith, N.S.W.

Ron Shepherd, Director of the Sherbrooke Drug Counselling Centre shared the platform with Mrs Mackay. Mrs Mackay highlighted the fact that the growing of narcotic plants in and around Griffith is really big business. One crop alone was estimated at being worth over eighty million dollars. The families concerned who are well known throughout the district would seem to be just as dangerous as the drugs they peddle and produce. Whilst many people in the town believe they know who was involved in her husband's murder, it is believed that hired killers were employed for the job and the culprits might never be brought to justice. From what Mrs Mackay said and from a television programme con-

ducted by David Frost, it would seem that a number of people in high places are involved.

To nearly 500 people Mrs Mackay acquitted herself as a great Australian and also as a woman with a great witness. As a result of Donald Mackay's death a Royal Commission has been organised. Whilst some action has been taken against those who grow and produce the plants, the townspeople are very angry over the fact that so little progress has been made in the investigations to bring to justice those guilty for his death.

A. A. Avery the minister, chaired the meeting with the Rev. Tom Howells and the Rev. Wes Vial participating.

## TREVOR GILES FOR S.A.

Trevor Giles, field director with the Dept. of Mission, Education and Development, will complete a much appreciated six year term at the end of 1979. He has accepted the invitation of the Blackwood, S.A. church for ministry to commence Feb. 1980.

## ZIMBABWE SETTLEMENT WELCOMED

The internal settlement reached in Salisbury, Rhodesia, between Ian Smith and the three African leaders — Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole and Chief Jeremiah Chirau — has been welcomed by an official Anglican body as "a first step towards establishing a multi-racial Rhodesia-Zimbabwe".

The International Affairs Committee of the Church of England's Board for Social Responsibility also said it would welcome all efforts to encourage those standing apart from the internal settlement — such as the leaders of the Patriotic Front, Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, as well as those white elements that did not accept Mr Smith's leadership — to reconsider their participation.

This endorsement by English Anglicans (almost certain to be opposed by other English Anglicans) of an agreement that many others in Britain regard with at best coolness was made public at the same time as news came from Rhodesia of the Anglican Church there lending its support to the new regime.

—E.P.S.

## WORD TALK

NO. 174

### PREPARATION.

Everyone has heard of the various Greek words which have the one English word "love" inadequately translating them. Hence in English we can love a spouse, a spruce, a spaniel, a sphinx and a spire, all simultaneously and with different meanings!

But the Greeks used "eros" to speak of love between the sexes; "storge" to describe family affection; "philia" to express cherished friendship; and "agape" to describe our deepest Christian concern for another.

This Christian love, the seeking for the very best for another, is almost an exclusively N.T. word, and certainly is exclusive in its Christian content. Only those who knew that God was in Christ could fully appreciate what this agape love meant.

Paul Tillich stresses that Christians know all four meanings of love. In fact as we mature as Christians we go through the various stages of love. We begin by seeking primarily physical pleasure (eros); then live in personal relationships (storge); then enjoy certain people (philos). But the crowning love of the Christian person is in the agape love that transcends them all, and gives the others their deepest content.

Only as we know God can we lose the selfishness in our own love and become fully concerned for another (agape). Only as we know of God's seeking love in the redeeming Christ can we be fully concerned for the welfare of others.

Only through agape-love can men be united fully with God and with our fellow creatures.

### PROCLAMATION.

There is an expensiveness about Christian love. It is the high cost of loving that is the reason why so many people cannot afford to fully give themselves to another. Yet the extravagance of love is its most remembered quality.

We remember the famous short story of O. Henry who told of the Christmas gifts bought by a poverty stricken young couple when he sold his only possession — a gold watch in order to buy two special combs for his wife's proudest possession — her beautiful long hair, only to find that she had sold her hair to a wigmaker to buy a gold watch-chain for his watch!

What waste! Yet what beauty of sacrifice in that love.

In John 12 we read of the extravagance of Mary when spon-

## OUR SPIRITUAL RESOURCES.

taneously she poured out expensive ointment over the feet of Jesus. Judas objected to the extravagance of it indicating that it could have been sold with the proceeds going to the poor. Jesus commended the extravagance of that love.

1. There is an extravagant love when God creates. Billions of stars in the heavens indicate his extravagance. Every hay fever sufferer knows the millions of pollen grains released from each tree. But God always is extravagant in his creations.

2. There is an extravagant love when God cares. The beauties of the sunset and of the early morning sky come day after day over aeons of time. When the prodigal son returned home lavish was his reception. God cares abundantly: "My cup runneth over."

3. There is an extravagant love when God saves. When Jesus died upon the Cross it was for "whosoever believes." His love was sufficient for all the hundreds of millions of people around the world who would turn in faith to Him. The love of God is beyond limit. This love "Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends."

### PRESENTATION.

Erich Fromm, one of the leading writers concerning love in the 20th century, writes "The deepest need of man is the need to overcome separateness, to leave the prison of his aloneness."

In our generation we have seen the rise of society's substitutes for true love. Massage parlours proliferate the city streets offering satisfaction. Clubs of all sorts are formed to provide friendship around common interests. Groups of people who were previously married meet together for dances in order to help people find new partners. There is within the community a desperate, hungry search to find true love.

Visit any city dance hall and you will find people going from partner to partner in a desperate search for second-hand, pre-loved, people.

The Christian Church has the most urgent task on its hands — to express all forms of love towards those who are desperately lonely, and whose lives are empty. Nothing must keep the Church from its major purpose of helping people find the deep fulfilment of true love.

GORDON MOYES.

# TASMANIAN CONVENTION

The 84th Convention of Churches of Christ Tasmania opened under the chairmanship of Geoff Foot at Launceston on March 18. As the first item of business a new constitution for Tasmania was adopted, one provision of which will mean that future presidents of Convention will hold that office for two years instead of one.

Special guests for Convention were Dr Trevor Banks, President, Vic. - Tas. Conference, and Mrs Jean Dow, President-Elect, Vic. - Tas. C.W.F.

Encouraging reports were received that showed continued growth. The appointment of Alan Horne as minister of Ulverstone was noted when he brought the devotions. Also, the report of the appointment of Stan Hince as minister of the Huon Community churches was received.

Because a number of Churches in Tasmania are looking to the establishment of units for elderly people it was decided to ask the Executive to set up a consultative committee on work with elderly citizens.

Changes in the situation with regard to children's homes brought on a major discussion on Bethany Children's Home. The home is continuing as normal while the committee considers some far-reaching ideas on the whole area in church work. On Sunday morning, 300 people gathered for the morning worship

in Margaret Street Church where the new president, Don Stewart, minister of Hobart Church led the service with Dr Banks as the preacher.

On Sunday afternoon, Women's Conference met under the leadership of Margaret Stewart. Mrs Dow led the devotions. Mrs Glenys Hamilton is the new president of Women's Conference.

## MARY WHITEHOUSE IN AUSTRALIA

The dates for Mary Whitehouse's Australian Tour will be Sept. 1 to 25 this year.

Mrs Whitehouse helped to launch the Festival of Light in Oct. 1973. This year she will concentrate upon the following areas:

1. The Year of the Child and the exploitation of children through pornography and homosexuality, etc.
2. The quality of TV and the need to reduce violence and obscenity.
3. The British controversy over the relevance of blasphemy in the 20th century.

The State dates are N.S.W. Sept. 1-4; TAS. 5, 6; S.A. 7-11; W.A. 12, 13; A.C.T. 14; VIC. 15-17; QLD. 18-19; N.S.W. 21-25.

## INNER SPRINGS

### BE SILENT BEFORE THE LORD



Visiting a city Cathedral, it was disappointing to find the hum of conversation preceding the service as is found in most churches. Some quality was lost that would have transformed a lovely service into a memorable one.

Why is it that we humans find it so difficult to sit still in silence? Perhaps failure to practise it when alone accounts for much of it and fear of offending when together is another reason. Yet isn't a warm smile of greeting given and returned sufficient in God's house and in His Presence? To sit still in utter quietude of soul is an experience in itself. It prepares out hearts and opens our minds "Take heed how you listen," is a divine word and there is no part of the service where it doesn't apply, if the Father of our spirits is to speak to us through words or silence.

There must be a reverence, and expectancy, and readiness to follow hard after truth and beauty and goodness.

There is great strength in being still inwardly, no matter what the circumstances are without, that enables us to face the storms of life without losing our spiritual balance.

When we come into God's Presence all odds and ends spiritually, and remain that way, is it surprising that we come away empty? Being in church ought to mean a rich experience in worship between the Preacher; his people and their God — together.

"O soul, keep silence on the mount of God,  
Though cares and needs throb around thee  
like a sea;

From supplications and desires unshod,  
Be still and hear what God shall say to thee."

Our Father, we are so full of ourselves that we find it difficult to empty ourselves in order to be refilled and refreshed. Help us to remember that only as our minds are stayed on Thee shall we know Thy perfect peace and quietness of mind. Amen.

Zech. 2:13

Florence Rosier

# JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

## JAY'S QUIZ

### THREE DIDN'T EAT

1. Who didn't eat when his child became very ill?
2. Who went without food for three days after he lost his sight?
3. Who was tempted to change stones into bread after he fasted for 40 days and nights? (see page 18).

## LIGHT

When you need light all you do is turn a switch and your room is bright. But it took man a long time to learn how to do it.

Not so long ago, in fact, Indians of the North Pacific coast made light by lighting a wick and sticking it down the throat of a dead, dried, fat fish and letting the fish oil feed the flame.

In Biblical times, light was often produced by letting a wick protrude from the spout of a bowl filled with fish oil.

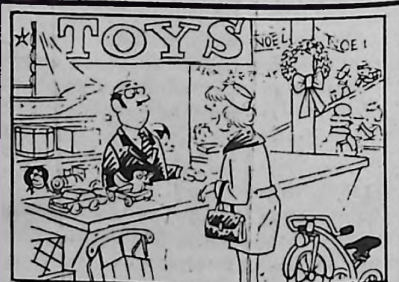
Later, lanterns were developed, but they were just candles protected from the wind by a metal guard with holes cut out for the light to shine through. Two or three centuries ago, the metal guards were gradually replaced by ones made of animal horn — and that's where we get the lantern's name: "lanthorn."

Man has spent all his existence trying to see in the dark, but for the greatest light of all he has only to turn to the Word of God, where the way to salvation shines forth with divine brilliance for all to see.

Professor: I want the class to know that I am compiling a dictionary. Voice from the rear: Be sure to put in a good word for me, prof.

"There, there, little man," said the kindly woman to the boy beside her in the surf, "you mustn't be afraid — why don't you just splash right in and swim?"

"I would," was the timid reply, "but you're standing on my flippers."



"Their ages are 7, 9 and 44."

## THE CHANGING MOODS

Ralph  
Petty  
Photo



Over the last few years a major development has occurred throughout Australia's Churches. Contemporary gospel music has emerged as being a leading form of presenting God's message, and is becoming increasingly popular.

The Changing Moods is a group of young people from Melbourne who present Jesus Christ in this popular form. They began in 1969 and as the name suggests there have been many changes in their style and presentation. Music, speech, choreography and lighting are now combined into programs that tell a Christian message.

The Changing Moods sing all over Melbourne, large country centres and Interstate locations. Recent venues have included Berwick, Moorabbin Town Hall, Hurstbridge, Shepparton, Canberra and various homes for children and the handicapped. A lot of time and preparation goes into the programs which are compiled by various members, and credit must be

passed on to all members for their constant enthusiasm, dedication and support. Special talents are provided by Cheryl Leach (Piano), Phil Davey (Guitar), Bronwyn Booth (Choreography), Trever Booth (Drums), Kevin White (Lighting), Marjorie Plummer (Audio), and Roslyn Howden (Vocal Production).

Conductor Harold Plummer is quick to point out that 9 years and 150 performances have resulted in a steady improvement to a level of first class presentations. Two E.P. records have been produced in recent years

and this also shows the potential of the group. 1978 looks like being a great year. Many exciting engagements have been planned, including a performance at the Melbourne Town Hall Annual Conference Rally on April 30. Membership is drawn from the Melbourne suburban area, with members coming from as far afield as Frankston, Craigieburn, Thornbury and Hoppers Crossing to practice at Doncaster Church of Christ. Any young people interested in joining the group should contact President Dallas Leach (749 4220) or the Conductor (848 1093). — Phil Davey (Secretary).

## RENEWAL CONFERENCES PUT EMPHASIS ON STRONG CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Twenty thousand people attended five charismatic conferences across Australia recently. The vast majority came from mainline churches to receive teaching from Australian and overseas clergy.

Most delegates came from Anglican, Catholic, classic Pentecostal and Uniting churches. But Congregational, Presbyterian and self-styled evangelical churches were also noticeably represented.

In all centres — Townsville, Perth, Canberra (where a leader's conference was held, Melbourne and Hobart — there was a marked maturity among the delegates, according to NSW UC minister the Rev. Alan Langstaff. Mr Langstaff is director of the transdenominational Temple Trust which sponsored and arranged the conferences.

The first national charismatic conference in Sydney five years ago attracted less than 500 delegates. That 20,000 people should be involved this year indicates a hunger for Bible teaching which is not being provided in the churches, said a Temple Trust worker during the Melbourne conference.

The conferences also allowed people involved in the renewal to meet together for praise and fellowship away from the hostility often expressed by local clergy, elders and congregations, he said.

The dominant theme at all five conferences was maturity and discipleship so that the local congregations might become strong for both witness and ministry. Mutual ministry within the congregation was seen as the chief source of building up.

Delegates were encouraged to use spiritual gifts and graces in public worship where this was possible. Alongside this was a frequent admonition against any tendency to criticise those not involved in the renewal.

Christian community was also seen as a legitimate expression of the renewal. But warnings were issued that community living was only for those who were so called by God.

Most speakers drew attention to the need for constant and continuing repentance. With this was a need for forgiveness of others. There was strong teaching on the damage to renewal, both personal and corporate, where there were resentments.

In 1979 the Temple Trust will mount the second international conference on the Holy Spirit and the Church. It will be held in Sydney, where the showground had been booked. This is the only complex large enough to cope with the expected 15,000 registered delegates, Mr Langstaff said. A big team of teachers

from several countries will support local teachers in the electives and in the eight rallies which will be open to the public.

In conjunction with the conference Temple Trust will conduct a three-week youth outreach (including a 'Leaders of Tomorrow' training school), a conference for ministers and wives, and a conference on Christian schools. For information on 1979 programs write: The Temple Trust, P.O. Box 63, Waverley, NSW 2024 — from which address a catalog of tapes of 1978 conferences is available.

— Church and Nation

**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR** (Cheltenham, G. Moyes, S. Wilson, M. Humphries) . . . Gordon Moyes honoured as local Citizen of the Year in Moorabbin Town Hall ceremony . . . Palm crosses imported from Africa and distributed to members . . . Maundy Thursday communion attended by record number . . . Members attended dawn service on Easter day at Table Top Rock . . . Choir presented Peterson's Easter Cantata "Behold Your King" . . . Lowanna Singers gave concert at Morwell . . . Glen Tate and Kim Stokie captained premierships teams in the summer tennis competition . . . Andrew Palmer elected Youth of the Year for area . . . C.Y.F. collected over \$300 in Red Cross Calling . . . Church members donated \$50 to Christian Foundation for the Blind and church budgeted donation of over \$1000 for Aborigines work . . . Phil and Cherie Bradley welcomed to student ministry, particularly to youth . . . Several hundred went on Puffing Billy for S.S. picnic.

## VICTORIA-TASMANIA CONFERENCE

### Combined Reception

The two Presidents: **Dr Trevor Banks** (President of Vic.-Tas. Conference), and **Freda Morris** (Vic.-Tas. C.W.F. President), decided to get together and have arranged a Combined Presidents' Reception at the Moorabbin Town Hall, on Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m.

Everybody is invited, men, women, young people.

### Business Venue Change

Delegates and church members should note that the business sessions of Conference (usually held at Nicholas Hall) will be held this year in the **Lower Melbourne Town Hall**: April 28, 7.30 p.m.; April 29, 10 a.m., 2.15 p.m., 7.30 p.m. (See page 19).

## ROBERT COLMAN TO TOUR WITH EVIE

Former male lead of the hit musical "Irene", Robert Colman, will sing with Evie during her Australia tour.

Concerts featuring both Evie and Robert will take place on the following dates.

April 14, 15, 16 — Brisbane; 20 — Sydney Opera House; 21 — Melbourne Festival Hall; 22 — Sydney Opera House; 23 — Adelaide Festival Theatre.

Robert Colman has also released a new LP entitled "Let Me Introduce You" with orchestra conducted by Doug Surmon. The album has achieved excellent initial sales since its release and is rated as one of the highest quality Christian Lps ever recorded in Australia. The LP has also received favourable reviews in the secular press including a very positive comment by the Sun Herald and negotiations are presently underway for release of the album in the U.S.

## Diary

### VICTORIA

April  
18 C.M.F. Rally  
27 C.W.F. Conference  
27-30 Vic.-Tas.  
Conference  
May  
4-14 Week of Prayer  
(Christian Unity)

### QUEENSLAND

April  
14-16 Women's Camp,  
Camp Cal

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

April  
26-30 State Conference

### NEW SOUTH WALES

April  
17-20 Ministers  
Refresher  
20 DCE Youth Day,  
Easter Camp Reunion  
May  
5-13 DCE Car Camp  
26-28 Men's Camp,  
Haamaroo  
June  
17-18 Wagga Regional  
Convention

## PAULINE HUBNER IN S.A.

The D.C.E. of Churches of Christ in S.A. is conducting a seminar on Saturday, May 6 with Pauline Hubner.

Pauline is a trained teacher working with the Uniting Church in Qld. She conducts a children's program on commercial TV in Brisbane each Sunday. The program is aimed at children who do not go to Sunday school. She also conducts Saturday morning children's programs (in suburban shopping centres).

Her "Youth Quake" events for teenagers attract more than 1000 each month. Her emphasis at the seminar will be on worship and evangelism.

In addition, there will be 13 workshops on the general theme "The Year of the Child". (See opposite page).

## UK BIBLE MAN LEADS SEMINARS

An expert on communicating God's message to the modern world will lead seminars in Australia until May 14.

The Rev. Tom Houston, Executive Director of the British and Foreign Bible Society, London, is being sponsored by the Australian Evangelical Alliance. Mr Houston will conduct seminars on church

growth and on communicating God's World today, taking into account language, culture, media and message.

At the end of last year he warned that the churches in Britain faced a grim future if they did not rediscover evangelism.

"If we do not learn how to do this faster than we lose Christians through death or other causes, the future of Christianity in our country is bleak," he told last year's annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society. He concluded by saying that a return to evangelism and the Bible could reverse the direction for Christian churches.

During his time in Melbourne, Mr Houston will attend the annual meeting of the Bible Society's Australian Council.

His remaining itinerary is: Adelaide, April 14-21; Tasmania, April 21-26; Victoria, April 27-May 12; Canberra, May 13-14.

## TWO LOST IN ROAD ACCIDENT

Two young people of the Goonellabah Church of Christ, N.S.W., were killed in a road accident on Easter Saturday.

They were Geoffrey Murray, 19, and Shannon Rickert, 17. An obituary notice will be published in the next issue.

## TELOPEA ON TV

The service at Telopea Church of Christ will be taped on April 23 and will be telecast in the Eastern States on Sunday morning May 7.

The sermon will be delivered by the minister, Jay Bacik.

# HAPPENINGS

The complete Bible is now available in the Nepali language, the official language of the Himalayan kingdom of Nepal. 12 translators worked for 20 years under the auspices of the United Bible Societies.

At the Fifth National People's Congress in Peking, Chinese church leaders emerged from the obscurity of 14 years, appeared in public and took a leading part in the Congress proceedings. They included Roman Catholic Archbishop Ignatius Pi Shu-Shih (Chairman of the Chinese Catholic Patriotic Assoc. who disappeared 16 years ago); Y. T. Wu (one of the Deputy-Chairmen of the Congress, who once worked with Chou-en Lai on the principles of church activity in the Communist state); K. H. Ting, Pres. of Nanking United Theological Seminary; Liu Liang-mo and Lo Kuan-Isung (both of the Y.M.C.A.) and Yen Chia-lee, an elder of the Little Flock of Jesus in Peking (which was founded by Watchman Nee).

Despite all the evidence that capital punishment is not a deterrent to the crime of murder, Victoria's recent wave of violent crimes has brought a call by some members of parliament and other citizens to reintroduce the death penalty.

A scrutiny of the Melbourne "Age" for a week failed to find any significant news item or comment on the church or its service with one exception reporting that Roman Catholic bishops in Ireland have eased their bitter opposition to the sale of contraceptives.

In Korea, Hankuk Seminary students, sentenced from two to three years' goal for reading a Statement in Lent 1977 in the college chapel, have had the sentences extended for writing "prayer concerns" on their solitary cell walls with red-pepper sauce — such as "Restoration of Democracy", and "Down with the Park Dictatorship".

A spokesman for the Save the Children fund points out that the \$20 million which the Fund spends in a year is about the equivalent to about three seconds of the world's annual armaments bill.

More than a million people are hungry or homeless because of famine, war and floods, in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and Djibouti.

History was made on April 2 when Canon Mary Simpson of the American Episcopal Church preached the sermon in Westminster Abbey. She was the first woman to preach in the famous Abbey which was completed in 1740.

## VIOLENCE CONDEMNED FOLLOWING MIDDLE EAST FLARE-UP

Following the invasion of Lebanon by Israeli forces the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) in Beirut and the World Council of Churches (WCC) expressed "indignation at the massive Israeli invasion of Lebanon" and the attacks on Palestinian refugee camps. Pointing out the futility of violence perpetrated by both sides of the conflict", the WCC said "we cannot conceive that this vicious circle of violence will ever be solved unless all parties involved insist equally both upon the need to respect secure and recognised borders for the state of Israel and upon the need to recognise and implement Palestinians' rights to self-determination and to their own homeland."

The MECC said "Israel should realise once and for all that its security and peace

in the region cannot be fulfilled" by these means.

The statements were made in an exchange of cables between Gabriel Habib, general secretary of the MECC, and Leopoldo Nilus, director of the WCC's Commission of the Churches on International Affairs. (CCIA).

In a move to help alleviate the suffering caused by the fighting WCC's Churches Commission on Inter-Church, Refugee and World Service (CICARWS) issued an appeal for \$200,000 cash in order to buy blankets, kitchen utensils, plastic sandals and provide medical care. Material aid such as high protein food, dry beans, milk and food for young children, was also requested.

—E.P.S.

**ELDERS** (Ararat, A. Stevens). R. Selwood and F. Gason were elected as elders at annual meeting. New deacons are A. Hamond, K. Wileman and J. Searle . . . 40 shared in sing-along at manse after evening service . . . Junior Girls Club has Miss Kerry Searle and Mrs Joyce Searle as leaders . . . C.M.F. Fellowship Tea was followed by slides shown by F. Gason of his recent overseas trip . . . It has been decided to invite female members to take part in church reading plan . . . "Good News" Easter newspaper delivered to every home in Ararat. Feedback showed good interest.

## V.C.C. CONFERENCE

The "Pivot City" was the name given to the venue for the Victorian Council of Churches Conference 1978, in Geelong, March, 31-April 2. It served as the pivot of ecumenical encounter in Victoria.

The emphasis was on "Discipleship". Athol Gill (Dean of Whitley College) led two Bible Studies — "the Call to Discipleship" and "the Cost of Discipleship". This emphasis on discipleship was further developed as Rev. H. Christie Johnston outlined plans for the holding of a Conference on World Mission and Evangelism in Melbourne in May, 1980.

Other activities included the presentation of reports of the various commissions of the V.C.C. The Faith and Order Commission reported the preparation of a kit on "The Lord's Supper" to enable various denominations to share their own understanding of this sacrament. W. Tabbernee has prepared a paper for Churches of Christ.

Consideration was given to the church in Geelong, its frustrations and its involvement. Discussion time showed again the need to present people in the community with a personal challenge to commitment to Christ.

On Sunday various churches had visiting delegates preach at morning services. Belmont Church of Christ was one church which accepted this offer of V.C.C.

**FAMILY CELEBRATION** (Dandenong, J. Edwards). "Celebrate the Family" was theme of family camp at Belgrave Heights . . . 140 attended our Parish Sunday casserole tea followed by the film "The Nail" . . . Harvest festival display was given to College of Bible . . . Miss Roslyn Williams, field secretary of our mission in P.N.G., was recent guest speaker . . . Robin Harrison, student minister, Dandenong North, is assisting fortnightly in evening service and 16+ Growth group . . . Rev. Norman Pell, Director, Melbourne Reachout, was also recent speaker.

Churches of Christ have always had a commitment to union and for those who represented our people it was a challenge to be again faced with the statement from the Commission of Local Ecumenicism. "Not Church Unit, but Christian Unity". As we think of the cost of discipleship as a brotherhood we should perhaps think not of what we give up, but rather of what adventures are before us as we follow Christ to the place where we "all may be one".

T.A. Banks, Honorary Secretary, Dept. of Christian Union.

## JULIE REID VISITS LAUNCESTON

Teachers from the Invermay and Margaret Street Bible Schools and some Brigade Leaders met on April 1, when Julie Reid exhibited and demonstrated old and new teaching aids, and we explored the possibilities of using the C.L.C. material more creatively.

Team teaching was defined and discussed. The climax was a practical exercise in which three teams prepared and presented a lesson on a given subject, using aids and resource book provided by Julie.

On April 2, Julie reported to the B.S. Executives on her visits to the schools that morning. A meeting with the Christian Education and Workshop Committee and the Worship Commission followed, when she discussed possible ways of involving children and adults in creative worship and creative learning.

The weekend closed with a Family Worship service at the Invermay Centre, led by Julie. Nearly 100 people were involved in a stimulating and joyful act of creative learning and worship.

## SEMINAR ON DRUGS

(Vic.) A one-day seminar for ministers and other church workers will be held on May 31, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Uniting Church Centre, 130 Little Collins St., Melbourne.

The subject is "People and Drugs — Responsible Education." The seminar is organised by the Interchurch Committee on Alcoholism. Registration fee is \$5 with students free. Enquiries to Mrs A. Pallett phone 63 2919 (Melb.).

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# OBITUARY

**ROFE Miss A. G. J. (Jennie)** (9.3.1978) Miss Jennie Rofe died at Cole House, Pendle Hill, after a long illness and a private service was conducted at Northern Suburbs Crematorium by J. Shaw. Born in 1889, Jennie Rofe was the eldest child of Mr and Mrs C. A. Rofe. Her brother, Harold (father of Jack Rofe and grandfather of Rosalie Rofe, PNG) and her sister, Hazel, both predeceased her. Her father was a foundation member and officer of the Church at Enmore and Supt. of the S.S., while her mother was a daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Andrews who, with H. A. Western, were instrumental in commencing the church at Taree in 1863. It is hardly surprising that with such a background Miss Jennie Rofe's life, from the time she was baptised by the late G. T. Walden at an early age, should be centred around the church and its auxiliaries. Never one to seek the limelight she mostly worked in unobtrusive ways, usually behind the scenes, but her faithful and loyal support of the church and all its activities never wavered. She was an Associate of the London College of Music and, as well as teaching music, gave many years of service as a pianist to various church auxiliaries. Over the years she was in membership with the churches at Enmore, Lane Cove, North Sydney and Chatswood and for a period served on the N.S.W. Overseas Missions Committee. Jennie and her sister, Hazel, were always hospitable and ready to welcome guests into their home and it is perhaps as an accomplished and gracious hostess that many missionaries, church members and friends now scattered throughout the world will long remember her with love, respect and gratitude. — G.P.

**STURGESS, Henry James** (25.3.1978) Jim Sturgess was born at Hawthorn, Vic., the youngest of five children. He and his wife, Ella, were longstanding members of the East Kew Church. Jim helped at the Lord's table, served as property steward, was enthusiastic at working bees, looked after the church garden, and was also always available for practical help. He was a gardener by profession and for 31 years cared for the garden of a large home in Camberwell. Then for 15 years, until he retired, he was head gardener at the Fairfield Hospital. Jim and Ella were always together and had a lovely relationship. They were only a few weeks away from their golden wedding anniversary when they were separated. They have two sons, Jim Jr, and Alex, and four grandchildren. Jim's life was marked by loyalty, good humour, a readiness for making friends, and, above all a strong and clear faith. He was greatly respected by the East Kew church where he and Ella were deeply loved. The church offers sympathy and assurance to the family.

## DARWIN

Federal Home Evangelism Secretary, A. E. White, will visit Darwin in June.  
If you know of any of our church people living there, please write, P.O. Box 101, Essendon North, Vic. 3041.

## OVERSEAS MISSIONS EASTER BUNNIES

By Valerie Main

Festivals play an important part in Indian life, and religion and culture are bound up together. In the Hindu calendar there is a festival every 15 days, a major one every month. Festivals relate to all aspects of life: Diwali — the festival of lights when the Hindu new year begins; Dassera — when each person worships his tools or means of livelihood; Ganpatti — when for a week cultural programmes are performed before the idol; Sankrant — when the seasons change and the days become longer; Holi and Rangpanchmi — when you get rid of your bad feelings against your neighbour by throwing buckets of coloured dye at him and everyone else! All of them are closely related to religion, and processions through the streets, visits to the temples and special offerings to the gods are integral parts of them.

In this setting the Christian festivals of Easter and Christmas take on a new significance, and to a Westerner the observance of them may seem surprising.

Yesterday was Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Church attendance is an important part of the week's observance and the churches are usually crowded. Potted palms are placed inside and palm fronds are used to decorate the doors, pillars, seats etc.

John had been asked to speak at the 7.30 a.m. service at St. Mary's, the church across the road from us. It is ex-Anglican, now part of the Church of North India. Nobody had explained to us their special Palm Sunday ritual so it rather took us by surprise. At the start everyone went in turn to the front and kneeling, was given a leaf of a palm frond twisted to form a cross. A hymn was announced and then, led by the minister and the choir boys, everyone filed out of the church and marched right around the outside once, then came back to their original places.

At 9 a.m. I went on to Sunday School at the Methodist church. Here the usual practice is that the children process into the church for the service at 10.30 waving palm fronds and singing Hosanna, and the service is particularly geared for them. This year however it was different, and instead the Sunday School took the whole of the evening service. It was good, but some people of course missed the traditional observance.

John had been at Daund the day before and learnt there of the preparations being made for the S. S. children and teachers to go out in procession through the town at 5.30, waving palm fronds and singing, stopping every little while to preach about the meaning of it all.

All over India, wherever Christians were meeting, Palm Sunday would have been celebrated in their own particular way.

While not the practice in our Conference churches, in many churches Maundy Thursday is observed with a special Communion service.

Good Friday is an important day and observed almost everywhere by a three hour service, either from 9 to 12, or 12 to 3 during the hottest hours of the day. To a

newcomer it is quite an endurance test, and even after 14 years the hard wooden benches have not become any softer! It is traditional to have seven sermons on the seven sayings from the Cross. Tradition — yes, but I have never heard an Indian complain about it; and challenging! How many of us ever spend three hours thinking about all that Christ endured.

In Pune, members of the English speaking churches join together in a sunrise service out on a nearby hill and afterwards share together a simple breakfast of buns and coffee.

The Lord is risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**LOSSES AT EAST KEW** (A. E. White, A. V. Symes) When Jim Stan Carmichael died suddenly in New Zealand on April 6 while on a holiday tour with his wife, Irma. This is the second recent loss to the church. Jim Sturgess, also a member of long standing, died on March 25 at St. Vincent's Hosp. after a short illness . . . Don Barnett recently spoke to the church on Aborigines' Missions . . . A progressive dinner on April 8 was organised by the ladies to support missions . . . The play group is giving effective service.

**MISSIONARY** (Ormond, C. P. Clayden) Miss Rosalyn Williams of our PNG mission was recent speaker . . . Scripture Union groups meet each Wed. evening for Bible study . . . "Meals on Wheels" is calling at our Drop In Centre to provide a hot meal . . . B.S. bus picnic was held at Mornington . . . Proceeds from ladies' street cake stall to be channelled to our Sth. Melb. appeal. Ladies attended Sth. Melb.- Middle Park birthday . . . C.W.F. ladies arranged bus trip to Churnside homestead estate at Werribee . . . Mr Clayden was speaker at Wangaratta at Riverina and Nth. Eastern Dist. Conf. March 31-April 2. A. Knee was speaker at Ormond . . . New rotary clothesline has been installed at manse.

**CARAVAN CAMP** (Blackburn, E. Keating, P. Burnham) Many church families attended a Family Caravan Camp at Warragul. Ted Keating conducted the Good Friday service at Warragul and Gordon Scambler and Mr Keating participated in the Sunday service. Terry Lane conducted the Blackburn Good Friday service . . . Youth 1 camp at Cowes was led by Ken Robe and Paul Burnham . . . Marg. and Jack Henwood have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary . . . A Sharing and Study program is being launched in May with small groups in homes.

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## CHURCH NEWS

**MISSIONARY FEATURES** (Horsham, R. Roberts) A family camp was held at Hall's Gap, March 11-13, led by Bill Merriweather of A.P.C.M. . . . Speakers on March 19 were A. Jenkins of Aborigines Mission Board, and Miss Rosslyn Williams, missionary in Papua New Guinea . . . Guest speakers on March 26 were Hariba and Shalini Waghmode of India . . . An elderly member has donated \$1000 . . . A youth was baptized on April 2 when the Y.P. conducted the whole service.

**CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE OPENS** (Glen Waverley, R. B. Elbourne). On April 9, the Glen Waverley church held the official opening and dedication service for the new Christian Community Centre . . . 150 members of our church family, including 42 teenagers, attended an Easter Camp at Cape Paterson . . . Cricket Club won premierships in two sections . . . Junior Tennis team won premiership in Summer Season . . . Youth Group led recent evening service . . . Six Discovery Groups meeting weekly to talk on "Life is relationships" . . . Glenairs presented "The Glory of Easter" at morning worship service.

**BURWOOD A.G.M.** (R. Brown). At church A.G.M. C. Miller was appointed secretary; deacons are R. Jeffares, N. Kenning; J. Sturgess is chairman of the board . . . C.W.F. has W. Keilar as leader, Sec; D. Bussey . . . Church members involved in local Discipleship program . . . Dr T. Banks preached on April 2 . . . Young people from nearby institutions invited to final performance of "Blue Miracle" . . . Cricket Team were "runners up" in S.S.C.C.A . . . New equipment installed to improve amplification system . . . Delivery of telephone directories raised \$220, which will be used for kitchen renovations . . . After hospitalization and surgery Belinda Brown is progressing satisfactorily . . . Evelyn Peterson commenced course at C.O.B . . . Sympathy expressed to Ken Knight on the death of his father.

### OUTDOOR COMMUNION SERVICE

A recent 11 a.m. service of the Manifold Heights Church of Christ was conducted on a farm in a paddock. This annual event attracted 100 people to the farm of Mr & Mrs Harwood Mountjoy at Anakie, to sit on bales of hay and observe the Lord's Supper and the normal morning service under the open sky.

The occasion was the annual Harvest Thanksgiving service. During the service people brought their gifts to the Lord and a display of groceries and vegetables, fruit and produce, was built up beside the bales of hay that formed the Communion table. The Harvest was dedicated and later presented to Glastonbury Orphanage.

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**SWIFT** (Byrnes) Stephen and Bronwyn praise and glorify God for the arrival of their first child, Adam Stephen Lenard, on March 27, 1978, at Castlemaine, Vic.

**WINDSOR** (Pyne) To Pat, Roger, Bradley (dec.) Brett & Jennifer, God's gift of a daughter & sister, Julie Ann, born March 3rd, 1978.

### ENGAGEMENTS

**CONNING-ZEILINSKI** Beth and George, together with their parents, are happy to announce their engagement and their wedding plans for July 1.

**KENNETT-HILL** Glenda and Wes are happy to announce their engagement on March 23rd. Their parents, Joan and Ben Kennett of Condon Court, Hamilton, and Connie and Ivan Hill of "Woodbrook" Nareen, wish them much happiness.

### 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**WILLIAMS-ELLIS** (Bon and May). Congratulations Mum and Dad on your 40th Wedding Anniversary celebrated at Horsham Church of Christ, April 14, 1938. Love from Max, Irene and family, Marg., Errol and family, Rob., Barb., and family.

### GOLDEN WEDDING

**BAKER-PHILLIPS** Ray and Beverley (Mrs T. Beaman) are happy to announce their parents' 50th Wedding Anniversary. Arthur Baker married Freda Phillips at Moreland Church of Christ, Vic., on 19th April, 1928, J.E. Webb officiating. We thank God for His many blessings. Present address: 8 Gallipoli Ave., Ettalong, N.S.W. 2257.

**MARKS** (Balloch) Mr and Mrs B. C. Marks of 16 Foam St., Rosebud, Vic., 3939, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on May 12. Congratulations!

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## VICTORIA

**L.I.F.E.** (Bendigo, M.D. Keatch). Lay Institute for Evangelism meetings were led by M. Conry . . . Recent "Family Tea" and fellowship session held . . . At combined Easter service at Baptist church Mr Keatch was speaker . . . D. Barnett from the Aborigines Mission Committee was recent speaker . . . Viv Martin was speaker at C.W.E.F. His theme was "Book World" . . . Missionary projects in N.H., a kitchen at Londau, and literature work at Santo costing \$200 each have been completed . . . Mr and Mrs R. Freemantle have celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary . . . Elizabeth Hanger obtained a two year scholarship for her studies at the University . . . At A.G.M. those elected included elders G. Doolan and C.F. Houston, Sec., Mrs C.F. Houston, and Treas. A. Graham.

**PICNIC** (Croydon, L. Dewberry) "In-between" Group shared in the long weekend at Safety Beach on the Monday by the church for a picnic . . . A rock concert in the local hall attended by many Y.P. from the surrounding area.

**CONTINUATION** (Footscray, I. Tippett) Mr Tippett to continue as minister for further two years until 1980 . . . Planned giving program resulted in increase of 54% . . . Church sponsoring a Migrant English Briefing One to One Program. 30 from community and district churches attending . . . Combined service led by East Keilor Church . . . Upper Room communion service held . . . Good Friday service held with Uniting and Baptist Churches . . . Several Y.P. being counselled . . . Good attendance at weekly Bible Study of Revelation . . . Church saddened by death of Miss Alice Wicking, (Auntie Al).

**EASTER MUSIC** (The Patch, R. Wesley). Choral Group from Cheltenham rendered excerpts from "The Easter Story" on Anniversary Day when T.A. Banks (Conf. Pres.) was speaker . . . Jeff Weston has entered College and is our assistant minister and youth club leader . . . Minister conducted Maundy Service prior

to Good Friday, extra seating required on Easter Sunday . . . Dick Prideaux, Bill and Jean Thompson elected to Board of Officers at A.G.M. Membership now stands at 57 . . . Visitation programme has made contacts and gained new Kinder and Primary Scholars . . . Produce from Harvest Thanksgiving forwarded to C.O.B. . . . Sympathy expressed to Mrs C. Hurren in death of her brother.

**FOR CIRCUIT** (Warracknabeal, Brim, Dimboola). W. Marshall will take up the ministry of the circuit on July 2. In the interim, ministers of the Uniting Church and Baptist Church have helped in services and pastoral care. Visiting speakers have been Fred Combridge, Miss Julie Reid, and Miss Rosalyn Williams, P.N.G. Horsham local speakers have also filled the pulpits of the three churches . . . Working bees are renovating the manse in readiness for the coming of Mr Marshall. Mrs Thorpe has been in hospital for eight weeks with both arms broken . . . The churches were saddened by the death of Mrs Alma Chivell on March 9.

**W.W.D. OF PRAYER** (St. Arnaud, Miss Pam Bowers). Women's World Day

of Prayer was held in the Catholic Church with all other churches participating. The attendance and offering were the best yet . . . Combined Good Friday service was held in the Uniting Church. Folk from various churches took part. At 5 p.m. a Procession of Witness was held through the streets of St Arnaud . . . Joe Clark is ill in hospital.

**300 COMMUNICANTS** (Swanston St., A. L. Webb), March was particularly significant in the life of the church with a communicant average of 300, nine new members added and six confessions of faith . . . Two of our furloughing missionaries John and Joy Sandefur shared in some seven small group home meetings and two large group student nights . . . Weekly Bible study at LaTrobe University now averages 45 overseas students . . . Encouraging reports received from many returned students now serving in South East Asia . . . Church is planning an Abundant Life Seminar with L.I.F.E. (Lay Institute for Evangelism) in May and a mini-mission with Rex Ellis in June.

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**ADULT C.E.** (Modbury, K. Fechner) Adult Christian Education Program instituted . . . Church received invitation from Modbury Uniting Church to take part in discussions forming a United Church . . . Family picnic held after morning service . . . Gordon Helgeson elected Administrator . . . Successful Gospel Rock Festival presented at the local Y.M.C.A. . . . Collen Toy re-appointed G.B. Captain . . . Six women attended State women's camp at Longwood . . . Church taking part in Saturday School for Church Growth at Murray Bridge . . . Barry Prior has successfully undergone eye surgery.

**RENEWAL PROGRAM** (Brooklyn Park, G.D. Agnew) Keith Horne guest speaker at Stewardship Church Renewal program. Weekend included church tea, breakfast for church leaders and two Sunday services. . . . Prior to program 48 members participated in 24 hour prayer vigil. . . . Annual Palm Sunday procession through local streets climaxed with ecumenical service at which Richard Lawron was speaker . . . Playgroup have record 100 family units involved in activities . . . Tennis Club had successful season with nine out of ten teams reaching finals. . . . Recent speakers were John Schaper of Adelaide Reachout and Gerald Rose of D.C.E. . . . Board to be divided into three groups to concentrate on Outreach, Evangelism, Church Life and Education.

**COMBINED** (Cowardilla, R.W. Saunders). C.M.S. and C.W.F. combined for first meeting of the year, following men's tea with speaker from Flying Doctor Service . . . S.S. having best year for some time. Don Holmesby supt. . . . Annual meeting held. Elders are R. McLean, K. Dawson . . . Boys' Brigade Section 1 had Enrolment evening with parents, also tea and church parade. At B.B. Section 2 church parade Paul Schenscher appointed as Warrant Officer . . . Mrs Saunders preached March 19. Mr Saunders was acting as Chaplain at State Boys' Brigade Section Camp at Cudlee Creek with 200 boys and leaders. . . . Gene McLean is conducting Bible Studies for "Cell Group" Y.P. each Sunday over tea.

**LINGUIST** (Kensington Park, R.L. Oke). Miss Dorothy Hackett, working with the U.A.M. linguistic program in the Warburton Ranges, W.A., spoke . . . Special pre-Easter choral service held with church choir led by Olive Moore. Mrs Helen Austin was guest soloist . . . On Easter Sunday night slides of Israel were shown by Mr and Mrs Ira Raymond.

**TWENTY-FIRST** (Elizabeth, N. Hall, D. Tandy) At church 21st anniversary services greetings were brought by Terry Hemmings, Mayor of Elizabeth, and Ted Heard from Conf. Executive . . . Mrs Pat Russell has retired after 22 years of leadership in the Girls' Brigade. Members of Girls' and Boys' Brigades took part in a letter box drop to publicise Brigade work . . . Elder, Barry Gear, Chairman of

Home Missions, nominated as President-elect of S.A. Conf . . . Pre-Easter studies included Expository Pulpit conducted by H. Long from Grote St . . . Church Directory listing names and addresses of all members and contacts published . . . 40 Y.P. attended Easter camp under canvas at Kersbrook.

**NEW TARGET** (Marion, A.G. Mathieson, R. Clymer). The average offering for the past five weeks was \$587, the new budget is set at \$611 . . . 90 attended Good Friday service at 9.30 a.m. . . . Cricket team won "B" grade premiership . . . Bruce Ninnis was presented with a bible on becoming a life member of S.A., C. of C. Men's Basketball Assoc . . . The following have had hospital treatment: Mrs Pam Beaumont, Mrs Roma Simpson and Miss Alison Crowley . . . A recorder group has been formed, led by Dean Drilling . . . Miss Carleen Tannebring spoke on April 2 of her experiences in India and P.N.G.



## NEW SOUTH WALES

**CRUSADE** (Wagga Wagga, E.W. Taylor) Church officers held retreat at Gocup, near Tumut, to plan for year. Major decision to concentrate on fellowship groups following united "Bill Glass Crusade". The crusade is a "one only" in Australia and Wagga churches have adopted a budget of \$7000 for local expenses. The crusade has been made possible by the gift of a Sydney business man and the Bill Glass Evangelistic Committee in the U.S.

**NEW MINISTRY** (Dareton) Brian and Margaret Spencer commenced their ministry on Jan. 29 . . . Church fruit block yielded six and a half tonnes of dried sultanas . . . Document of co-operation with the Uniting Church has been ratified . . . Mini-Camp held for the Youth Club beside Murray River . . . Wentworth Football Club has appointed the minister as the U17's coach.

**EASTER AT ALBURY** The Easter Services at Albury, climaxed with an Easter Musical presented by top Albury singers, some of whom won awards in arias, produced by Mrs. Muriel Samson and Mrs Wilma Friedlieb who have sung on the European circuit. The Easter message was presented to an overflow crowd. The Good Friday and Easter Sunday morning services also attracted large numbers. The President of the Singles Club, Barry Strauss, has been baptized and gave his Christian testimony in the water before the baptism. Barry came to the church through the Singles Club, and now takes a leadership role in Family Church and is active in many other programmes.

**PROMOTION SERVICE** (Thornleigh, D.W. Mansell). B.S. held Annual Promotion Service on Feb. 12 . . . There has been an increase in the numbers of scholars in the school. . . . The Young People conducted and shared in the service on March 19. The first Family Service was held on same day . . . Since January there has been an increase in the number attending services. Miss M. Yeaman, a member of the church and a third year

student at Croydon Bible College, is assisting the church on a part time basis for 1978.

**SERVICES COMMENCED** (Wyoming, E.K. Morrison). Berkeley Vale church commenced services on Feb. 26 in new Berkeley Vale Community Hall. Attendance 28. Ian Morton, 3rd year student from W. B.C. is assisting. Plans for district survey by W.B.C. students from May 1 - 7 include Senior Citizens Dinner, Family Barbecue, Youth Night and "Getting To Know You" dinner on May 7. Plans for church building have been approved by Council. Land purchase now in progress . . . Wyoming growing with new couples moving into district. Increased attendance at prayer meeting and Y.P. group . . . Board appointed Mal Leask as assist. minister. Church completed six weeks studies on "Learning and Living" under his leadership. Mal is former Director of "Life-line" in Sydney.

**ADVENTURE TIME** (Warrawong, Ian Richer). Progressive expanding of horizons recently started with one week's Adventure Time with Judy Gordon and opening contacts to 40 families . . . One teenager added following confession and baptism . . . Illawarra Regional Convention shared with four sister churches and Conference representatives . . . Missionary Convention held with Ray Roberts, Roy Dixon and Colin Saxby . . . Terry and Patti Rankmore of Norseman shared fellowship with us . . . Elder David Medlow and Rees family improving after recent illness.



## QUEENSLAND

**GROWTH PROGRAMME** (Roma, A.F. Griffiths). The Growth Committee has drawn up list of activities to involve all members . . . The Y.P. meet Friday nights and recently held camp out meeting on the Balone River . . . The S.S. started its year with "A Come to Breakfast School". Scholars are raising money for Eidsvold . . . The manse carpet and drive have been recently concreted by the men. The C.W.F. held an Easter morning tea for members and their friends . . . A mission is planned for September with the Revival Fires team.

**ABUNDANT LIFE** (Gladstone, R.N. Hawkins). The Gladstone church shared with Mr and Mrs R. Bennett in an Abundant Life Seminar, March 4, 5 . . . As part of an Inter-church Council we sought to reach folk over the Easter Harbour Festival. The Covenant Players and Coffee House witness being the main thrust . . . Mrs D. Christiansen baptised on Easter Sunday.

**LAND PURCHASE** (Burleigh Heads, G.C. Hyman) Church in process of purchasing land in Burleigh Heads . . . Record attendance of 170 at Sunday evening final meeting of Anniversary services . . . Church has doubled its membership in its two years . . . Sunday B.S. has been cancelled in favour of new Wednesday afternoon K.A.T.S. (Kids' Activity Times) Group . . . Geoff Charles, final-year Kenmore student, assistant minister.

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## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**FAMILY CAMP** (Bunbury, B. Ryall) Family camp held at Baptist camp site at Busselton . . . C.W.F. from south west churches met for B.A.C. picnic at Wellington Weir. Miss Hazell Skuce and Miss Kath Taylor were guests. Miss Skuce told of her work in India . . . Miss Skuce was also guest speaker following evening at Bunbury . . . Church represented at Kerwick Convention at Roelands Mission . . . Sincere sympathy extended to Bill Green and family in the death of a wife and mother.

**STUDY** (Warwick, G.B. Carslake) 90 enrolled for seven weeks' study using "In the Spirit of Love" by Leighton Ford. Eight homes being used as study centres . . . Keith Burton painted three scenes featuring the Easter message for Easter services . . . Local members involved in brotherhood affairs, holding 16 positions. . . A P.E.T. course sponsored by church has 22 attending . . . A Sat. tennis club has 20 — 25 attending . . . The ladies group, with Freda Carslake as president, is moving into study groups, coffee meetings and outreach nights . . . The Church has elected seven deacons to lead the church.

**FROM AMERICA** (Scarborough) Leroy Randell of Truman, Minnesota, U.S.A., has accepted call to ministry . . . J.K. Robinson spoke on Aboriginal work. Other speakers included Alan Norris and representative of African Inland Mission . . . International Gospel singers Dave and Barbara Anderson appeared at Karinyup Cultural Centre, proceeds in aid of Youth and Family Centre Gateway. Honeytree and Mike Warnke also donated their talents on another occasion . . . Mrs Anne Perzamonos to coach senior netballers. Mrs Corinne Donaldson to act as representative to Netball Association.

**FIRST YEAR** (Bullcreek, A.S. Fletcher) Highlights of first year of growth included 25% attendance increase; family-oriented worship/Christian education program; effective and energetic outreach by women's auxiliary, young adults, youth; social, musical and sporting activities; community-based "Sunday Conferences" on local and relevant social issues; family camp with 85% of church family attending and challenged to undertake personal evangelism, first A.G.M. held in March, with church office-bearers re-elected for further year and minister's initial appointment extended to five years.

**FLOODS** (Merredin/Bruce Rock, D. Good). During the floods which went through the district in late February, no members homes were flooded . . . Child Thanksgiving and Parent Dedication services have been held in both churches . . . Merredin C.W.F. were hosts to Eastern Wheatbelt Women's Conf. President was Mrs Gloria Banks . . . Good Friday and Easter Sunday services held in both towns, again combining with the Uniting Church.

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# VICTORIA

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY** (Tootgarook, D. Hovey) Morning Coffee held at C.W.F. President's home to aid Red Cross. Miss Thelma Littlejohn (red Hill) showed slides of India including the opening of the C.O.C. Bombay Centre. Mr Hovey to start a ministry to young adults and young families . . . Miss Anne Kihlman and Mr Besson are home after treatment in hospital. Mrs Tipping able to attend services after illness.

**NEW SUPT.** (Harcourt, P. Galliford). New B.S. Supt. is Geoff Pellas. C. Rice has retired after many years . . . Study on Eldership was held, combining with the Uniting Church Elders . . . Representative from the Leprosy Mission showed a film at monthly united service . . . Bendigo C.W.F. visited us for C.W.F. March meeting and presented the interesting program . . . 12 members of the Croydon, S.A., Y.C. church hosted by Harcourt Y.C. for Easter. Croydon youth took part in morning service.

**MISSION FEATURES** (Bayswater, R.B. Waldron, D. Armstrong). Mission has been the recent theme featuring speakers from Gambia, Papua New Guinea, and Peru. Mission around the church was also studied at Combined "Faith" Service at the Uniting Church and at a Men's Prayer Breakfast . . . Easter Week had services featuring Searchlights, C. Austin, M. Darlow, D. Hills, D. Stout and many others. Highlight was Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Bayswater Park . . . Church Family Camp held at Lake Fyans . . . Explorers have won three flags — Inters at Swimming and Outdoor Sports. Ten Senior and four leaders spent Easter on a canoeing trip in N.S.W. . . . Plans un-

derway for Mini-Mission in July, and Pilot Group of Cell-Group leaders completed.

**CHAPLAIN RETIRES** (Preston/East Preston, J. Manallack). Fol. Morgan has retired after 15 years as chaplain, counsellor and adviser at Preston Technical College . . . Preston Church of Christ cricket team have won their first premierships since the inception of the cricket club in 1924 . . . Good Companions attended Zone Worship service at Northcote . . . Recent Church Family Camp was held at "Clevedon" The Basin.

**SUMMER PROGRAM** (Warragul, R. Pritchard) Annual meeting held following a luncheon . . . The Summer Program — Three Friday Nights held in the Show Grounds and Centre Point Arcade have given the church more contacts . . . Blackburn Church spent week-end in Warragul over Easter and conducted services on Friday and Sunday, Gordon Scambler and Ted Keating were speakers. 200 at morning service . . . Ladies met in home of Lesley Harris as part of a program in communication . . . Dianne Gibson in Prince Henry's Hospital after car accident.

## QUESTING from Page 24

Peter E. Gillquist in his book "Let's Quit Fighting About the Holy Spirit," (S. John Bacon) has the gift of evangelism. He does not speak in tongues and has no desire for the gift but he has no difficulty in accepting as brothers and sisters those who do practise the gift. He has a lot of wisdom to share about harmony in the Spirit. He quotes a lovely story about the way that men of goodwill can be divided by the very things that should unite them:

It's late in the second year of Jesus' public ministry, and He is teaching a group of His followers on a Judean hillside. Among those in the crowd are two men who

have not met before and who happen to be seated next to each other.

While the Lord is revealing the things of God to the throng, the one man nudges the other and remarks, "Isn't He wonderful?"

"He certainly is," whispers the second. "He healed me of blindness, you know."

"He did!" says the first with surprise. "He healed me of blindness, too!"

"That's amazing," the second man remarks, motioning to his new friend to pull away from the crowd a bit so their talking will not cause disturbance. "How did it happen?"

"Well, this friend of mine — who was also blind — and I were sitting by the edge of the road just outside of Jericho. We could tell from the voices of an approaching crowd that the Lord was coming our way and would soon pass us on the road.

"When He was within earshot, we yelled up to Him something like, 'Oh Lord, Son of David, give us Your mercy.'

"Jesus called over to us and said, 'What do you want Me to do for you?'

"We said, 'Lord, we just want to be able to see.' And in a flash, we both had our eyesight restored."

"Wait a minute!" says the second man, with a note of contempt in his voice. "There's no way it could have happened like that."

"What are you talking about?" replies the first.

"You've got to have mud," says the other. "See, first you spit into your hands, then you stoop down and get some dirt, and go to a pool and wash the mud from your . . ."

And there you have it, folks. The start of the world's first two denominations. The Mudites and the Anti-Mudites.

Children of God, His new creation has no useful purpose in standing divided, fighting over the gifts, arguing over experiences, trying to make each other do it "our" way, while the world laughs proudly as the devil eggs us on.

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

## The Spirit of Unity and Reconciliation.

There is no doubt that speaking with tongues has brought division to some of our churches. In the past few years as the new charismatic movement has gained momentum, even I have received letters and phone calls telling me of disturbance in churches because of the practice.

"Even I" is used because I have not been involved in the movement and until now have not commented on it. Ministers have told me that they would deeply regret the coming of "tongues" into their congregations.

If there is division resulting from speaking in tongues it may not necessarily be caused by those who practise the "gift." Clark H. Pinnock in "Perspectives of the New Pentecostalism" says that blame for division "may be attributed to the (charismatic) movement for failing to show that all its emphases are unequivocally biblical." But he goes on to say that the "greater problem lies with the non-Pentecostal evangelicals themselves." They have not taken the movement seriously as a work of the Spirit of God. "At best we have tolerated New Pentecostals in our churches, at worst driven them out."

It seems to me that Christians have no warrant to disfellow those who have

views different from them about the ministry of the Holy Spirit. The very fact that they are seeking the fullness of the Spirit should excite our goodwill.

In most Latin American countries Pentecostals are said to outnumber traditional Protestants four to one. In Chile, 700,000 of the country's 835,000 Protestants are Pentecostals. The New Pentecostal movement is growing in all of the traditional churches in the Western world, including Australia.

It is worth asking the question why there is this strong surge of interest in the work of the Spirit, and surely none can fail to be impressed by the way the new movement has brought together so many from across church boundaries.

There are many arguments against the use of speaking in tongues in the churches today, but this should not lead us to be unchristian in our attitudes to those who do.

Christians differ on many other questions also, such as baptism, pacifism, the Second Coming, capital punishment, the role of women, freedom, justice, and a hundred more. All of these could conceivably divide a church.

I believe that the elders of a church have the right to ask members not to provoke division on any of these matters, including speaking in tongues. When members feel strongly about the need to promote doctrines as a matter of Christian conscience, there is no simple solution. The church will have to resolve the matter with love and prayer. To differ is not necessarily to divide.

On the tongues issue, in the absence of clear scripture presenting it as normal experience for Christians, those who practise it and see it is harming their brethren, have a clear responsibility to follow the advice of Paul in 1 Cor. 14:12.

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There's nothing the matter with

God's good world —

It's only the people in it.

We all might remedy that if we would;

I'll try, with myself, to begin it!

— Beth Robertson

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Everyone can give pleasure in some way. One person may do it by coming into a room, and another by going out.

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## Frozen Assets

I marvel at the modern girl

Who cooks without a flaw.

Then likes to sit and brag because

It's the best she ever thaw.

Lorene Workman.

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One city bus driver never seemed to have trouble with his passengers; they moved back to the rear of the car and sat down, and that was that. One day an inspector got on the bus and learned why. The fellow was saying to the passengers as they paid their fares, "Please regard my bus as the church of your choice."

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Those of you who think you know all about everything are mighty irritating to those of us who do.

