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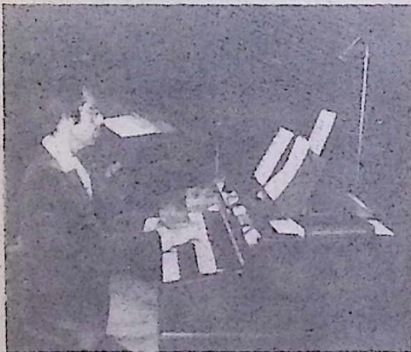
N.S.W. CONFERENCE DEPARTMENTS

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK

WHERE NOW? FOR US QUEENSLAND ABORIGINES



Paul Burnham (Song Leader) with Malcolm Gray (compere) at the Melbourne Town Hall Rally.



Jeff Cheal at the organ on the Town Hall stage.



These girls from Bethany Children's Home, Tasmania, sang at the C.W.F. Conference.

VICTORIA-TASMANIA CONFERENCE



President's Three (from left) Keith Horne (Vic.-Tas. 1978-1979), Dr Trevor Banks (1977-1978), Gordon Stirling (Federal conference 1976-1979).



C.W.F. Conference, Moorabbin Town Hall, (from left) Lois Smith (Secretary), Betty Dow (president, 1978-1979), Freda Morris (President, 1977-1978).

DON STEWART TO LEAD QUEENSLAND SOCIAL SERVICE

The Queensland Conference Executive acting on the recommendation of the Queensland Social Service Committee announces that Don E. Stewart, B.A., B.D., Dip. M. & E. Eng. has accepted the position of Director of the Committee's work.

Mr Stewart is presently the senior Minister of the Churches of Christ, Hobart. However he is no stranger to Queensland. Don is a Queenslander from the Ipswich church and was one of the first graduates from Kenmore Christian College. Whilst teaching in Maryborough he was involved in the commencement of the work at Hervey Bay and later while a college student attached to Stafford was instrumental in the commencement of the church at Arana Hills.

Don emerged from Kenmore as the College's first honours graduate and went to minister in the new church at Traralgon in Victoria. In 1973 he accepted the ministry of the Hobart church in Tasmania. While there he has seen the commencement of a new work at Howrah, a suburb of Hobart. He is currently Tasmanian Conference President.



During the 10 years he has spent in Victoria and Tasmania he has found time to serve as an Honorary Probation Officer, part-time Army chaplain, Chairman of Life Line, Latrobe Valley, a member of the founding committee of Life Line, Hobart, and its president for the past four years. During this time its staff has grown from one to eight. In 1975 he served as a Migration Chaplain on a voyage from Southampton to Sydney, prior to which he toured Israel and Europe.

Don has also written two pamphlets for the "Pamphlet Club" and numerous articles for the "Australian Christian". He is presently awaiting the publication of his

first booklet which is a church growth study on the book of Acts, called "The Expanding Church."

In 1977 he was awarded the "Sir John Morris Memorial Prize" for public speaking. This is Tasmanian Rostrum's highest award for public speaking. Don is married to Margaret who is a double certificated nurse and has an A.Mus.A. qualification for music. They have three children, David (16), Anne (13) and Paul (6).

Mr Stewart is to take up his appointment in February 1979.

Since Eric Hart vacated office on Jan. 31, 1978, and during the interim period Mrs Beryl Wiltshire, of the committee headquarters staff and daughter of foundation director, C. R. Burdeu, carried out the director's duties for some two months until the appointment of Charles Tucker who will serve until Don Stewart takes office.

Mr Tucker was, until his early retirement in January 1978, Manager of the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane; was Conference President, 1975/76, and recently replaced Starb Hoens (now Deputy Chairman) as Chairman of the Social Service Committee.

The Queensland Social Service Committee has Aged Persons Homes at Brisbane City, Annerley, Yeronga, New Farm, Kedron, Bribe Island, Southport, Boonah, Marburg, Toowoomba and Maryborough caring for nearly 800 persons. Children's Homes are established at two centres, Mackay and Maryborough.

N.S.W. MEN

The N.S.W. Department of Men's Work this year has conducted services at Penhurst, Wagga Wagga, Caringbah, Marrickville & Pendle Hill; with invitations to Narraweenah, and Wentworth Falls.

At the request of the Conference Executive A Service Directory is being prepared, to list professional persons, tradesmen and others who desire to place their names for calls when a qualified person or worker is needed by members to undertake work at standard rates of remuneration.

This is on account of the economic depression and high unemployment that prevails, and thus it will help "those of the household of faith."

BURWOOD'S 20th (R. Brown). At church's 20th anniversary, guest speaker was Des Nelson (Perth). He preached at Inspirational Rally on April 8 and on April 9 at morning and evening services. He also conducted Bible Study at C.W.F. meeting . . . Hartwell members conducted service on April 16 . . . Preceding evening service, many members, both past and present, attended "barbeque". Those who assisted at these services were Highmount Chorus, Jack Butcher, F. McCarty (Salv. Army), E. Hancock (Hartwell), Changing Moods, N. Brown, B. Jacques . . . A revised church history was compiled by minister . . . Members of C.W.F. Executive led first meeting for '78 . . . Eight ladies regularly assist at Nursing Home.

INNER SPRINGS

WHAT IS A MOTHER?



Mothers leave an indelible memory. Whether revered as a good one, or condemned as a bad one, the influence she wields is lasting.

She is expected to be sweetly reasonable when she is tired out and everyone needs her at once. She must be an authority on every subject under the sun and be able to cure everything from toothache to heartache. She must be a guide, comforter, money-lender and finder of all lost property. She is not expected to be sick, or, be selfish enough to want a little time of her own. She must not ask awkward questions, or want to know too much. Her patience and love must be inexhaustible. She is often expected to be what she is not — a perfect mother!

Mercifully, God does not expect us to be perfect. He does ask that we be good mothers. This is demanding and costly — and yet there is something of wonder in it too. Of all the ways God could have chosen to send His Son into the world, He chose as partner for this divine task, a woman.

Every life given into our keeping becomes a sacred responsibility. For He knows, that to guide, we shall need guidance, to comfort, we need to be comforted and to love when our hearts are filled with despair, we need to be linked to the greatest love of all.

God made man of the good red dust,
And out of man's very own
He fashioned a woman whose love and trust
Made her a Queen on a throne.

But out of His own great faithful heart —
His own, and never another —
He chose the inner and tenderest part
And made a mother.

Prayer: Eternal Father, thou knowest all my needs. Help me to remember my dependence on Thee and to look to Thee for guidance. Help me to meet all the needs of my children as you meet mine, with love and compassion and understanding. When I would be strong, teach me to seek the strength that comes from Thee, that I may do Thy will at all times, and in so doing, leave behind a memory that honours Thee. Amen.

Luke 1:26-35

Florence Rosier

NEW LIFE FOR A NEW DAY

By Eugene Brink

There are those who feel that Churches of Christ (Disciples of Christ) have had it, and considerable statistical evidence exists that this is so. Our participating membership is only about half what it was twenty years ago. There is no way to rationalize that staggering reality. We can say that we are being more honest now, but too many of us can remember when our congregations were larger than they now are. Too many of us have agonized over closing churches that once were thriving congregations.

Such unpleasant facts seem to demonstrate that our Disciple kind of religion is out of step with this generation. These are conservative times. We remember well what a conservative image Jimmy Carter projected in his campaign for the Presidency.

In the religious sector, it is the conservative churches that are growing. It is fundamentalistic preaching that you get on radio and television. Such preachers pick and choose among biblical texts to prove their own concepts, when the truth is that much of the time they have not made the slightest effort to let the Bible speak for itself. It seems to me that our real trouble as a brotherhood is here: we are out of step with our time.

I keep hearing people say, in one way or another, that we ought to become like everybody else. We ought to get in step. If we want our churches to grow, we had better start singing the "old hymns", pounding our Bibles and raising another generation of Billy Sundays. We ought to forget our conviction that God is love and go back to scaring the sin out of folk. If that is what people want, I am told, that is what we should give them.

I for one, can't do that. My walk with the Lord has led me to repudiate religion as a big, fuzzy feeling. It is a commitment of my will to a way of life. My religion isn't an emotional binge. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart," yes; but also with "all your mind and soul and strength." I cannot turn my back on all that has made faith real and vital and alive for me just because it doesn't seem to be the current religious fad.

Too often we feel like Elijah, after he had killed the prophets of Baal and fled to the cave near Mount Horeb. He started whimpering to the Lord that he was the only man of faith still left. I think we are like that.

We Disciples are in difficulty because we are out of step with our time. It is equally true that our brotherhood came into being at a time remarkably like our own. Barton W. Stone was minister at Cane Ridge. He was involved there in a wild charismatic revival which was the climax of a great fundamentalist groundswell that spanned most of a century. Church historians call it the Second Great Awakening. It was so extremely Calvinistic that it makes modern conservatives look like shining liberals.

But the point is that, in the very beginning of the Christian Church, our leaders knew they had a better alternative to that kind of faith. Religion isn't a wild orgy at a camp meeting. It is a bending of our wills to God's will. When the Campbells and Stone and Walter Scott applied solid New Testament religion to that kind of stuff, they found a ringing affirmation in thousands of persons.

Mr Brink is area minister, the Dallas (Texas) Area Association of Christian Churches.

Why all this delving into history? I hope the reason is plain. The religious climate of our time is remarkably like theirs; therefore our opportunity for growth is remarkably like theirs. The Campbell-Scott movement was forged as an answer to the fundamentalistic-charismatic spirit of the Great Awakening. People who had been hemmed in by various standards of orthodoxy rejoiced in the freedom of our movement, where there was "no creed but Christ." People who had tired of simplistic answers rejoiced in the freedom to search the Scriptures. People who had been scared into the church rejoiced to discover the depth of grace that makes the gospel "good news".

After the Campbells were immersed, they looked like Baptists. The record indicates that about 20,000 members of the Campbell-Scott movement became Baptists. When the Baptists learned that these new associates were not like them, we were asked to leave one association after another. That was only about fifteen years later, and some 200,000 of us emerged!

I am contending that our most fertile field for evangelism is among the growing host of people who have received an introduction to the Christian faith at a Billy Graham-like revival and are ready to learn more. I maintain we will find an eager hearing among the masses of folk who were attracted to conservative churches by easy answers, but who soon found that those answers were not adequate. We have a significant witness to those who have received the gift of tongues but realize that there are other gifts as well.

If you want to test my thesis, you might take a minute in Sunday (adult) class next Sunday to check the religious origins of the class members. I think you will be amazed at how many of them were once members of more conservative churches. These are people who would have left the church if someone could not have given them a wider and deeper vision of the gospel.

I would like to convince you that the conservative explosion around us is not a threat, but an opportunity. It does not sound the death-knell for Disciples, but provides the milieu in which our plea is most welcome. I am saying that we are surrounded by neighbors and friends who have already been introduced to Christianity and are ready for what our congregations have to offer.

This means that we have to do a better job of learning to share the freedom we have found in Christ. It means that we have to stop doing evangelism only with folk who are already members of Christian Churches. It means we have to quit our Elijah-like whimpering and get on with the witness God has given us to make.

Yes, there is hope for the Disciples! I am convinced that God has forged us for just such a time as this.

From "The Disciple"

BERWICK ON SUNDAY

Our church has been committed to multiple Sunday Services for 2 years. When we launched our second morning service in February, 1976, our attendances saw an immediate lift and have grown from that time on.

We believe not only in providing a variety of times for worship, but also a variety in styles of worship. We commenced the second morning service, and designed it to be informal and to appeal to non-churchgoers. This gave us a whole range of new people to approach.

This year we commenced a new series of worship services. These are designed to appeal to different tastes in worship style and to different groups within our community.

Our Sunday programme is:

8 a.m. Morning Prayer (30 minutes)

This service follows a written script which borrows from both modern and traditional concepts. Prayer plays a central part. We kneel to pray and use some of the most beautiful prayers of the Christian faith. Little background music is used and the silence is genuinely therapeutic. The service is designed for those who enjoy worshipping in a quiet traditional manner. The attendance ranges from 12-18.

9 a.m. Family Worship — Informal (60 minutes)

The Service begins with families gathering for the Puppet Theatre and singing. Children love this Service.

Then the children leave for creche or Sunday School. The creche is led by mothers who will contact you if your child needs you.

Parents remain for 50 minutes of informal worship which features modern hymns, prayer, record review, communion and a presentation by message or drama on some relevant topic. This Service was designed for people who in the past found that church was boring and irrelevant. We gained over 100 new worshippers in the first year of this Service. Attendances average 140.

10.30 a.m. Family Worship — Traditional (60 minutes)

This service features the best in traditional worship. Families gather in the chapel for 15 minutes of story and



worship. Then the children of State School age leave for Sunday School. Their programme will include puppets, stories, games and lessons. Meanwhile the Service continues. It features our robed choir, Communion, prayer and the Scriptures.

The 15 minute Message is on some practical aspect of the Christian faith. Attendance averages 90.

7 p.m. Celebration (60 minutes)

This is a Christian celebration rather than a church service. Music plays a major part with 10 minutes of singing each week. The hymns are mainly modern and a musical group backs the singing. Most weeks we feature a guest group or soloist. The programme is varied and includes films, discussion, messages, drama and panel nights.

This Service is designed for those who feel Christianity is meant to be enjoyed. Attendance averages 120.

In the last 3 years our total Sunday attendances have grown from 110 to exceed 350. This is in spite of a limited population (9,000 in a 4 mile radius) and little transfer growth (13 members).

Our Services are not extreme nor experimental. Very careful planning goes into each Service with every detail planned to complement the theme. Our timing is exact. Our Morning Services are built on the New Testament foundation of "The Apostles' doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayers."

Our message hasn't changed — but the enthusiasm of our membership and the size of our congregations certainly have!

MANAGER

AGED PERSONS' RETIREMENT VILLAGE

The Agency: Judge Book Memorial Village, Eltham, of which Community Welfare Foundation is the parent body.

The Position: Management oversight and pastoral care.

- 230 persons in S.C. Units and Hostels.
- 45 persons in Nursing Home care.
- Community Day Hospital.
- Staff of 45 persons.

Qualifications: Formal qualifications and previous experience are an advantage but not essential. The appointee will have proven skills in administration, team leadership potential and pastoral concern.

Salary: Salary is negotiable but will probably approximate \$15,000 per annum less cottage rental, if appropriate.

Closing Date: 30th June, 1978.

Written applications with References, to :

The Director,
Community Welfare Foundation,
Post office box 26, North Fitzroy, Vic. 3068.

JOHN WESLEY'S HEARTWARMING

John Wesley left 12 diaries behind him, but they were in code. Richard P. Heitzenrater, while doing research in London, stumbled across the key to Wesley's code and is currently decoding the diaries at Perkin School of Theology, in Texas.

A very familiar incident in Wesley's life is that in 1738 when at a meeting in Aldersgate St., London, where Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans was being read. Wesley wrote "I felt my heart strangely warmed."

This experience has sometimes been treated as one of conversion, but Heitzenrater denies this. "Conversion implies changing from non-Christian to Christian," said Dr Heitzenrater. "The diaries and letters of Wesley reflect a sophisticated process of theological and religious development in which Aldersgate was only one crucial step."

American Methodists, he added, have usually regarded the Aldersgate experience in 19th century frontier revival terms, rather than seeing Wesley as an 18th century man who was an Anglican priest.

TOWARDS SPIRITUAL MATURITY

The 81st annual conference of Churches of Christ in W.A. was held from April 4-9, 1978, under the presidency of N.B. Wells. His happy, relaxed and alert chairmanship was deeply appreciated. He gave evidence of spiritual power. The secretary, J.R.F. Fabry, gave good support.

The whole programme of conference moved with smoothness and spiritual harmony. There was also a pleasing element of informality. These results are not achieved without preparation and thanks are due to all who helped to shape the pattern.

Theme:

The development of the conference theme "Towards Spiritual Maturity" through the set addresses and resultant private discussions fixed "the eyes of our hearts" on lofty perspectives. G. Smith's subject at the Good Friday devotional service was "Maturity through Suffering". Guest preacher was G.R. Stirling, vice-principal of the College of the Bible. His messages were: "Maturity in Jesus", "Maturity in Prayer", "Come to Jesus" and "Jesus Liberates". He also addressed the ministers' seminar on "Alternative Ministries" and "The Contemporary G.P. Ministry". M.G. Randall brought a message on "Steadfast in Love" to the evening session of the Women's Conference. We thank God for this ministry of inspired preaching. Recordings of Mr Stirling's addresses on cassette tapes may be ordered from the church office.

Business:

On April 7, conference reports and other business were discussed by 15 Deliberative Groups. After the session closed representatives of the Committees concerned, with a team of typists and duplicator operators, worked till the small hours of the morning preparing written answers to questions and comments of the groups. These were available to delegates and others when they met for the plenary sessions at 8.30 a.m. on the Saturday.

The presentation and adoption of the reports, with other business, occupied conference until 3 p.m. Two devotional sessions were conducted by A. Browne and C. Wheat respectively.

Constitution Amendments:

On the motion of the Conference Executive some amendments were made to the Conference constitution. The largest and most detailed of these was to open the way for the Aged Persons Homes Board to become an Incorporated body in its own right and to take the name of "Churches of Christ Homes Incorporated". This was agreed to by Conference.

Other amendments accepted were:-

1. The secretary, assistant secretary and treasurer of Conference shall each hold office for three years. This is to apply from next annual Conference.

2. The Conference Executive to consist of the officers of Conference plus six

members elected by Conference who shall each serve for two years, three of whom shall retire annually and be eligible for re-election.

3. By-law 5(c) was amended to make it clear that only persons who are members in good standing of a constituent church of the Association may be nominated for positions on Boards and Committees.

Commission on Brotherhood Assets:

One of the Deliberative Groups proposed the following motion, which was carried:-

"In view of the question of land ownership the Executive and Properties Committee appoint a Commission to study the whole question of who owns the Brotherhood's assets, particularly with respect to —

- (a) the question of Incorporation
- (b) the demise of older churches and the disposal of assets
- (c) the protection of Brotherhood assets created by the establishment of new churches by prior Brotherhood planning, prior purchase, low interest funding of land and buildings and provision of subsidised Home Mission ministry,

such Commission to report to Conference 1979."

Chaplaincy for Aged Person Homes:

Conference decided to put before the Brotherhood a proposal to appoint a full-time chaplain for our Aged Persons Homes and the Conference Executive has set up a subcommittee to investigate the matter.

Conference Officers and Committees

Executive

L.T. Jones (President), D.K. Croot (Pres. Elect), J.K. Robinson (Sec.), Miss M.J. Peacock (Asst. Sec.), G.S. Ladner (Treas), K.J. Patterson (State Organiser), J.R. Bond, R.H. Davey, K.C. Denton, J.R.F. Fabry, G.J. Hall.

Aborigines Committee

R. Abbott, T. Blakemore, R.T. Cook, H. Folland, S. Holman, F.H. Griffiths, Mrs J. Heuvink, Mrs C. Kilworth, L. Komerowski, Mrs V. Pallot, L.H. Park, Mrs C. Wise.

Advisory Committee

A.J. Anderson, T.G. Banks, G.J. Hall, K.J. Patterson (H.M. Sec.), J.K. Robinson, R. Vingent, N.B. Wells.

Christian Centre Board of Management

J.S. Bridge, J.R.F. Fabry, K.J. Patterson, Miss M.J. Peacock, G.R. Povey, A.D. Pyne, R. Taylor, R. Thomson, A.H. Walkington.

Christian Union Committee

R.L. Baxter, Miss V. Dean, J. Patterson, D.J. Ryle, J.W. Somerville, J. Western, Mrs L. Wishart.

Christian Welfare Centre & Counselling Services:

J.J. Collingwood, Miss V. Dean, Mrs M. Donovan, D. Edwards, G.F. Hewitt, D. Ladbrook, Mrs R. Monson, R. Ruscoe, D.J. Ryle.

Churches of Christ Homes Inc.

T.G. Banks, R. Beard, L. Crawford, L.T. Jones (proxy, N.B. Wells), A.W. Maloney, A.W. Morris, Mrs G. Roberts, I. Stewart, W. Yeomans.

College of the Bible Committee

W.E. Bennett, A.F. Cant, G.B. Carslake, K.C. Denton, R.A. Ryall, P. Shannon.

Home Missionary Committee

K.J. Patterson (Sec.), L.T. Jones (Conf. Pres.), D.K. Croot (Pres. Elect), J.K. Robinson (Conf. Sec.), D.P. Butler, Geo. Carslake, L.W. Donaldson, N. Ewart, E.D. Hogben, L.H. Park, Mrs V. Pollock, G.E. Powell, D.M. Pyne, C.W. Robartson, B. Stitt, Mrs D. Sonsee, Mrs R. Taylor, A.H. Walkington.

Overseas Missions Committee

T.G. Banks, J. Bolton, Mrs J. Bolton, Mrs D. Gordon, Miss A. Hardie, Mrs M. Fletcher, F. Stanford, J. Stephens, Mrs E. Stephens.

Properties Committee Inc.

W.C. Barratt, E.L. Berry, G.E. Black, J.J. Collingwood, R. Gregory, R.J. Gewster, G.F. Hewitt, K.J. Patterson, J.A. Riches, A.W. Smyth, T.R. Streeton, R.G. Wishart.

Training Committee

R. Cousins, A.S. Fletcher, F.H. Griffiths, R. Sutcliffe, N.B. Wells, K.A. Caulton (Yth & C.Ed.)

Youth & Christian Education Committee

G.B. Carslake, G. Chapman, P. Edwards, N. Head, Mrs W. Hewitt, Mrs J. Hughes, Miss J. Hutchison, K. Leedon, T. Mackaay, Miss K. Monson, J. Patterson, J.W. Somerville, G. Strack, K. Verge, R. G. Wishart, Miss C. Workman, W.A. Van Leen.

Social Questions Committee

(Appointed by Executive) R.L. Baxter, A.F. Cant, A.S. Fletcher, Miss K. Hall, D. Hosking, R. Ruscoe, M. Savage, R. Vincent, Mrs J. Vincent.

Officers Retiring

Appreciation was expressed to A.E. Chatfield, L.H.A., F.A.S.A., A.C.I.S., for ten years service as Conference Treasurer and to J.R.F. Fabry, A.A.S.A., for his term of service as Conference Secretary. Both of these brethren found it necessary to retire.

Next Conference

It was resolved that the next annual Conference be held April 3-8 1979.

We would encourage all church members to set these dates apart now and all ministers and church board to alert their churches about the value of Conference Involvement.

● European Summit:

"CONVERSION BY CONVERSATION"

The ecumenical encounter held at Chantilly, near Paris, 10-13 April, 1978, brought together European Christian leaders from "the Atlantic to the Urals" and represented a "historic summit" for European Christians. It was the first time that such high representatives of Protestant, Orthodox, Anglican and Catholic Churches met at such a level. It was organised by the Conference of European Churches (CEC) and the Council of European Episcopal Conferences.

At the end of their meeting, the 80 delegates representing the Catholic Church and the Conference of European Churches, with 110 member churches, addressed a message to all European Chris-

tians, which expressed "pain especially in our inability to go together to the table of the Lord, and to give an undivided witness to our Lord." The main topic of the discussion was the unity of the Churches and it was stated that: "Our ways of thinking and speaking about the unity we seek are different. Together we can say that we hope and strive for a communion in Christ which is free, full and manifold." As full communion it will overcome all divisions, and bring to fullness what has been given to us already, said the message.

The message from Chantilly also calls "on all who bear responsibility in this world to end the unholy acceleration in

the arms race and to replace the balance of terror by a balance of trust." It goes on: "We ask all those who honestly strive for peace and detente, for security and co-operation in Europe not to lose heart in face of the difficulties of the way, but to advance further from the first steps taken in Helsinki and Belgrade." Finally the message concludes: "Let us try patiently to discover ever new possibilities to strive for human rights. Let us particularly strengthen the courage of those who seek for non-violent solutions in situations where violence is used under different religious allegiances," a direct allusion concerning Northern Ireland.

A Catholic participant of the meeting commented that the Chantilly meeting was "conversion through conversation."

— E.P.S.

WORD TALK

NO. 176

OUR SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Courage

PREPARATION

In every generation people have valued courage as a great virtue. The Greeks ranked it among the four cardinal virtues. The Bible likewise stresses the significance of courage and emphasizes the role of courage in battle and in martyrdom. However, the Biblical courage is something that is given by God and is not just extended bravery. There are 50 references in the Bible.

In the O.T. courage is used in the sense of "Be strong and of good courage". Great men of valour like the patriarchs and the famous heroes of Israel, were people of courage. David's victory over Goliath, Israel's victory over greater enemies, Daniel's victory over the lions — all of these are examples of courage that have come about because of the presence and help of God.

In the N.T. "courageous" is found 1 Cor. 16:13, and the verb "be of good courage" in Matt. 9:2; 14:27, Jn 16:33. These are the only N.T. references.

Yet the N.T. is filled with the concept of courage as part of the strength that comes to the Christian through the presence of the Holy Spirit enabling the believer to cope with any situation. The Christian has courage and confidence with undaunted faith allowing him to speak the truth despite persecution and abuse.

Jesus' own life facing the Cross was an example of courage to all believers. Peter and John courageously faced the Sanhedrin. Stephen goes to death praying for those that kill him. Paul faces antagonism with confidence.

The point that is made in the N.T. is that courage isn't something that we naturally possess. Courage is the result of the confidence that comes from the presence of God within. With God all things are possible. By his power we can face any situation. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13).

PROCLAMATION.

Robert Mandry sailed across the Atlantic in a 13 foot sailing boat single handed. A friend remembering the disaster of the "Titanic" gave him a gramophone and the record "Nearer my God to Thee" to play in the event of his tiny craft sinking!

It takes a great deal of courage to sing as you go down in the dark.

"When the forest is choked with ashes, while still the flame around its old nest flashes, 'tis a brave bird, that sits on a charred limb, and sings!"

When Paul and Silas were in prison "About midnight, they were praying and singing hymns." That is the courage of Christian people in action.

1. It is part of life to spend some time in the dark. Nationally we know of dark days, and personally we know of the darkness of sin, of suffering and of death. Yet "even though we walk through the valley of the shadows . . . I will fear no evil for thou art with me."

2. It takes a man of God to sing in the dark. The courage of God's presence gives us comfort, enables witness to our faith, encourages others and pleases God.

3. Singing in the dark can bring light to the heart. When Paul and Silas sang their songs in the night it opened the door of salvation to the jailor who closed the doors of the prison on them. When he saw the courage of the believers he asked "What must I do to be saved?"

Our courage in times of darkness and difficulty can be the means of other people coming out of darkness into His light.

PRESENTATION.

In Melbourne a well known brand of beer which is advertised widely, is called "Courage". When this new brewery commenced operations it searched for a name of its product to encourage people to believe that they would obtain as a result of drinking their alcohol. "Courage" was regarded as one of the most needful qualities of character in the community and very skilfully the advertisers tried to spin the lie that by drinking its beer a person could get "courage".

Consequently it played havoc with some of our hymns. It is now not easy to sing the hymn line "Take courage brother and do not stumble!"

Yet tragically many within the community drink alcohol in order to find inner fortitude. Paul said "Do not get drunk which will only ruin you; instead be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18; 5:18).

That presence of the Spirit of God is the assurance that we have the confidence and capacity to cope with whatever comes.

Hebrews 11 is a great roll-call of valiant martyrs and believers. That roll must go on into our generation. In my roll-call of heroes within my congregation I would place the woman who constantly struggles with twisted limbs and broken bones yet is a benediction to all who know her; the man who with Emphysema in his lungs still struggles to worship weekly; that young vibrant Christian at University who makes constantly an intellectual defence of the Gospel; that middle-aged couple who will not provide alcohol at their daughter's wedding because of the pressures of their new in-laws and their friends. These people all have courage — a spiritual resource that enables them to cope.

GORDON MOYES

MUSTARD SEEDS

BY ALAN AUSTIN



The problems of trade union militancy, we observed last issue, are complex ones indeed. As we find with corruption or abuse of power elsewhere there is not a lot we can do.

As a framework within which we may attempt a Christian response, may I suggest the following:

1. As Christians we are not only concerned with the ends of our social or political actions but also with the means.

God has set out in Scripture clear principles to guide our conduct. We should be looking to Scripture not only for the goals we are to be praying and working towards but also for guidance as to how we should work towards these goals.

2. As Christians, the foremost motive for any industrial action we may take, or for that matter the motive for our refusal to take industrial action, must be love. Love for those on both sides of the dispute and love also for any third parties who may be affected.

So often, regrettably, the motive is simply one of selfishness and greed.

May I add that I believe this principle of motivation by love ought apply just as much to our reaction to industrial action by others! When we get self-righteously indignant at strike action, why do we feel outraged? Is it because of our loving concern for the downtrodden? Or is it perhaps that our own lifestyle or rights or income are threatened?

3. Christ's call to His people is to acknowledge the coming of His kingdom and its justice. As His followers we are to pray and work for its coming here on earth.

4. The followers of Jesus must stand in solidarity with the oppressed, the poor, the dispossessed. In the Rev. David Shepard's words, "Christian mission must

always take seriously the special relationship which Jesus had with the poor. His terms of reference for His own mission were: 'to announce good news to the poor, to proclaim release for prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the broken victims go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

"These words must not be spiritualised away. His healing ministry, for instance, shows that He wanted there to be actual changes in people's present situation."■

May I wind up my side of this whole issue by moving from the general to the particular with a further real situation.

It was not out of any ambition for political power or any noble desire to be a 'voice of moderation' that my Christian friend, Ralf, became a union official. The teachers at his suburban high school simply wanted someone reliable to handle the teachers' association (VSTA) business for them and organise their meetings. Ralf was known to be conscientious, was nominated, and accepted.

Never having actually known personally a real live union organizer before, your correspondent, then a conservative, fresh-faced undergraduate, was keen to watch Ralf's progress in his awe-inspiring position of power.

The attributes Ralf brought to the task were the simple ones of reliability in attending to business matters and an attitude in all dealings with others of respect and Christian caring.

He was fair and reasonable in conducting meetings. He took particular care to keep the association notice board up to date and even went so far as to make it interesting. All action taken and letters despatched were promptly reported on the notice board.

Some of the results to become apparent were:

The voice of that branch of the VSTA was largely a voice of moderation and rational good sense.

In chairing meetings Ralf was able to expert considerable influence over the drift of proceedings and thereby restrict the undue influence of vocal minorities. Sometimes this resulted in a less militant stance being taken than may have otherwise prevailed. Occasionally, a more forceful resolution was the outcome. Always the result was a reflection of the majority feeling. Well, nearly always.

Confrontations with the school administration were fewer. When disputes did arise they were handled in such a manner as to minimize discord and ill-feeling.

Gradually, as he earned the trust of other members, more and more of the drafting of letters and even the decision-making was left to Ralf's discretion.■

Your correspondent's conclusions drawn from this admittedly isolated example are:

1. We will be far more likely to see responsible, reasonable people in key positions if Christian unionists exercise sensibly our rights as union members. This at the very least will mean voting intelligently. But it may also mean attendance at meetings (which are notoriously poorly attended, playing right into the hands of the extremist minorities). It may mean speaking out at meetings. It may mean standing for office.

2. If we Christians can demonstrate that we are conscientious, not afraid to shoulder responsibility and care about the concerns of our colleagues, then I'm sure many more of us could achieve the heights reached by Ralf and only too few other Christian workers. (Which are not all that dizzy really.)

3. If we then discharge faithfully any responsibility we are given we will very likely be rewarded with a greater degree of power or influence.

Please note that power in itself is not what we're after. What we are striving for is to more effectively be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

4. If we are not unionists ourselves, let's encourage and prayerfully support those within our fellowships who are.■

JASON'S HOUSE

... AND THE FACULTY'S STILL GOT PROBLEMS OVER ADMITTING WOMEN AS TRAINEE PRIESTS.

BUT I THOUGHT YOU'D RESOLVED THE THEOLOGICAL OBSTACLES AT ST. Q'S...

YEAH WELL, IT'S NOT THE THEOLOGY - IT'S THE PLUMBING.



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.

MISSION PARTNERSHIP

To the Editor,

In the Missionary News Special Edition "Partnership in World Mission", I was encouraged by the review of our missionary work and the flexibility shown by the O.M.B. in looking towards a diversity of future ministries. The support of the Board for the work we are doing here in South India is one example of the response by the Australian churches to the invitation from one Indian congregation.

I would like to emphasise one of the reports' recommendations; that Australians ought to pray for and write to National Christian workers on the same basis as they support missionaries. Otherwise we are (unconsciously) supporting a view of racial superiority. The mission boards and missionary letters equally ought to promote the national workers.

Another area which the report did not touch is in relation to secular workers who are frequently welcome in developing countries when missionaries are restricted. Many Christians are working in Muslim states and are making a valuable contribution to the national churches. The school for missionaries' children in Ootacamund (where we are located) at present needs maths, music, physics and geography teachers in the senior school and has one male primary school vacancy from later in the year.

Missionary visas are not required for these appointments and there are many opportunities available to encourage the Indian churches. More details about these teaching vacancies can be obtained from The Principal, Hebron School, Ootacamund, 643001 South India.

Opportunities for nurses, chemists, accountants and other professional people can often be obtained from B.M.M.F. (Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship).

It is good to be involved in "Partnership in World Mission."

Barry & Maureen Jenkins, India.

MUSTARD SEEDS

To the Editor,

I write in defence of Alan Austin and his column, Mustard Seeds, although I am sure Alan feels his column is worthwhile when all the criticism so far has been so far from the mark of what he is really saying. He has yet to be convincingly countered.

Alan feels the burden the O.T. prophets felt about hypocrisy and wrong-doing in their community. He feels what ought to be a burden on all of us, that individuals and groups, especially those in power and leadership in business and government, should not be allowed to indulge in greed and deception without some comment or rebuke. Are these only sinful when practised by pornographers or the liquor industry? Alan is speaking out firmly in the tradition of our councils of churches in commenting on social, moral and political issues.

It is sad to see his critics, upset at what they see as his political bias (have they really read his column?), revealing their own and seeming to defend actions and attitudes that are surely indefensible by any, let alone Christian standards.

John Morris, N.S.W.

CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT

To the Editor,

May Barnett in her own words seems to present 'another Gospel' teaching with her comment on a personal experience as a sufficient authority to override the direction of The Word of God, even if unintentional.

The un-authorised delegation to self of being 'Charismatic' and other Christians unloving is egoistic, for the motivation of all God's people added to the Church by the Lord Jesus Christ is because they have responded to the 'Charisma' of God and have been obedient to His requirements.

All His sheep hear His voice and follow Him . . . with the Spirit's groanings that cannot be uttered . . . and these are much in contrast to the uncontrolled groanings which are uttered.

One of the gifts of the spirit which are ignored too much, is self control, which would void the Word of God if preference is 'an experience'.

We may be sure that any leading which contradicts the Word is by the leading of a spirit, but should not be confused with the Holy Spirit who gave the Unchangeable Word.

H. H. Large, Qld.

THE FULL GOSPEL

To the Editor,

As "Churches of Christ" we present and preach the full gospel. The Bible way of obtaining salvation and becoming a Christian is so clear, why are our churches inviting different organizations to assist them?

A life-saving prescription may contain five or more different medicines. It would be folly to leave some out. Likewise there are nine fruits of the Spirit, why be satisfied with one or two?

There are five groups of Bible passages which need to be kept before us:

1. Belief in the person, Jesus Christ. John 3:16; 5:24; Acts 16: 30, 31; Rom. 5:1.
2. Repentance. Luke 13:3; Acts 3:19, Acts 26: 18-20; Heb. 10:29.
3. Following Christ. Matt. 16:24, 18:3; Luke 14:27; John 3:36 (RV); Jas. 2:24.
4. Confession. Matt. 10:32, 33. Rom. 10:9 (RV); 1 John 34:15.
5. Baptism. Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 41, Acts 8:36, 37.

It is time for us to take a good look at ourselves to see if today we are right in saying we are a N. T. church. The N. T. church had an obedient faith, the full gospel. We should ask ourselves why we are calling for outside help when we have received such excellent material as "Getting started with Class 2 Leaders." from the Dept. of Mission, Educ. & Development.

H. L. Pietzsch, Vic.

LONG SUBSCRIPTION

To the Editor,

With reference to "Time is Mounting," in "A.C." for March 18, 1978, my first subscription began in 1908, and has continued ever since.

The church agent distributed the paper to the subscribers and spare copies were sold for a penny. F.G. Dunn was editor. An old issue I have contained 48 advertisements, including two full page ads.

In October next I shall have been a regular subscriber for 70 years. 66 of these have been in the ministry. Am still preaching and conduct a tape ministry.

Roy Raymond, W.A.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

BLACK SPOT

To the Editor,

This is not a dissertation on disease in rose bushes. Last Sunday our minister gave a talk to the children. He showed them a big white card with a small black spot in the middle. "What is that?" he said. They chorused, "It's a black spot." "No it isn't," he said. "It's a big white card with a small black spot on it." He went on to tell us how we always seem to see the black spots in people instead of seeing everything else about them as well.

There's a lot of truth in what he says. For instance my wife thinks that I'm stupid, when really I'm only stupid about four times a day. The rest of the time I'm fairly sane. She's suffering from "black spot disease". Of course I'm afflicted with it too. I think she's a nagger. Really she's not. She only nags me about six times a week, four of which I deserve. The rest of the time she's quite nice. But I miss most of that because I'm so uptight about the nagging.

We seem to be afflicted with "black spot disease" at our church. They say that the minister preaches long sermons. It's not true. Only the bit at the end is too long. They say that the secretary always wants his own way. Really he only wants his own way on a few things which makes him sound as though he wants his own way all of the time. They say that the boys' club wrecks the hall. Last year they only broke three windows, one wall panel and six globes, which isn't the whole hall. Some say that our church is dead. Actually only a few of us are a bit numb sometimes. I think Jesus said something about not taking black spots out of other people's eyes but rather taking them out of our own so that we can see the whole scene.

By the way I noticed three misprints in the last issue of your paper: you ought to proof read more carefully!

TERTIUS

A YEAR OF TIME

- A year of time to deepen the ties of C.W.F.
- A year of time to know when to speak and when to be silent.
- A year of time to enjoy the present and to look ahead.
- A year of time to be enriched by sorrow and suffering.
- A year of time to have a caring concern for others.
- A year of time to share in the power of prayer.
- A year of time to discover the blessing of a thankful heart.
- A year of time — Life's Greatest Gift.

From Roma Qld.



C.W.F. Handbook . . . with a difference!

This year's Leaflets for the Resource Kit are out. If you haven't received yours yet . . . see your C.W.F. State Secretary. You have already paid for them.

HOW DO I PRAY?

How do I talk to God? Sometimes I worship Him as almighty King, great Creator; sometimes I seek Him as Counsellor for guidance for my life; sometimes I talk to Him as loving and gracious Father; and at other times, as my dear Friend. Always I come to God through Jesus, and am very conscious of the presence of His Spirit within me. Almost invariably I come "into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise".

The oft quoted phrase "practising the Presence of God" is very meaningful to me, and by doing this I find that I have no difficulty in believing that God is interested in and concerned about every detail of my daily life and the lives of others for whom I seek His help. Another God given blessing received previously was from Fr Caussade and 18th Century Jesuit, "the sacrament of the present moment". The writer of the book, who quoted this, interprets it as being "an active acceptance, a vigilant awareness of all that happens, as it happens, as from God."

I find that many Scripture verses are most helpful to me as I pray; e.g. Heb. 5:16 . . . "Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence that we might receive mercy and grace to help in time of need". I am a keen reader and I find that a passage I am reading leads me quite naturally into a time of prayer.

Many and varied are the ways I pray, but most important of all, I have asked Jesus to teach me to worship God "in spirit and in truth". He is doing this. Praise God!

Doroth Hartham. TAS.

TODAY'S WOMEN



QUEENSLAND C.W.F. CAMP

The Q.C.W.F. Camp was held at "Camp Cal" on the Sunshine Coast 14-16th April. It was attended by 150 campers, and for Saturday approximately 160. Fifty were First-Timers.

Nola Woodward assisted by the Camp Committee, centered the programme around "A New Happiness".

Mary Hawkins and Win Beale led the studies. They truly have the Joy of the Lord in their lives. We found that true Joy and Happiness adds and multiplies as we divide it with others. Laughter is a gift from God, evident in the talent displayed at the Concert on Saturday night.

Mr and Mrs Potter and Miss Cane showed slides of their respective trips to the Holy Land.

Guests included Prof. Wilson who gave us a talk on "The Christian View of Uranium", and Captain Brunt spoke on the work of "The Haven" at Coorparoo, a family type home for the rehabilitation of drug addicts between the ages of 15-25.

Camp provided an opportunity for us to get to know women from many parts of Q'ld., and to share ideas of Fellowships. There was no age limit, young and young-olds joined together for a wonderful time of fellowship.

The Dawn Prayer meeting conducted by Mrs Potter was very uplifting. Laurel Henderson conducted the Communion service in the Open Air Chapel, and each one was drawn very close to God.

Lorna Holt, Qld.

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." John 14:6 A.V.

S.A. C.W.F. CAMP

Meditation, mirth, solitude, peace, rich fellowship, uncomfortable heat, refreshing rain, delicious food, the scent of pine trees — and the awareness of the presence of God — these were the ingredients of a wonderful weekend together sharing as Christian women. Moss Arnott (Brighton Gardens) led us in a prayer retreat on

prayer posture; prayer places; prayer power:
 "Prayer is putting ourselves into the Father's hands, surrendering to Him, opening ourselves to receive His gifts."
 "When we dwell on the greatness, love, mercy, care, presence and power of God, we are lifted above our own limitations."
 Thank you D.C.E. committee and the 60 ladies who shared together in this Camp.
 (J. Drilling) S.A.

C.W.F. CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS IN THE WEST

Mrs Sewell, whose Theme was "Steadfast in Love", presided over Conference when 206 ladies attended.

Some of the highlights of the Conference were the Floral decorations, special Greetings to eight new Ministers' wives, to Mrs Beavis (returned from America), and Mrs Haddow (Vic.), Meditations on the Theme, Musical items, "Roses for Remembrance", Recognition of 80 year old Ladies, Feature on "Visiting Overseas Missions" and Mr Stirling's message "Maturity in Prayer". As committee reports were presented, coloured ribbons were placed on a map of Australia showing the extent of the work and the places involved.



Mrs Alice Saunders conducted a very good Bible study at the South Australian C.W.F. Camp. The study is available at the cost of 50 cents. Apply to Mrs J. Searle, 33 Diosma Drive, COROMANDEL VALLEY. S.A.

KIM'S STORY

My brother wrote to me last year from Perth concerning Kim, a young man in his mid-twenties, newly married, who was dying of Leukaemia. The doctors had given him two weeks to live. Sadly, neither Kim nor his parents were Christians. We were led to pray for Kim, for the cleansing of his blood, and for the opportunity to speak to him about the Lord. Two months later, I heard again from my brother that Kim's health had improved, and that he had been able to talk to Kim about Jesus.

Some time later, my brother wrote, "Kim continues to improve in health, and he has given his heart to the Lord. The latest tests show that his blood is completely free from leukaemia, although it is still showing in the marrow. He has taken a part time job, and looks well. The doctors cannot account for his condition. Others who had been in hospital with him had died months ago. We have given him a Bible, and are keeping in close touch. Praise the Lord."

Recently I had a further message. Kim had died, the leukaemia recurred, and the Lord took him quickly. But, praise His Name. He gave Kim seven more months of life, his funeral was a triumph, because he is with the Lord. Already blessings have come from his death. Kim's best friend, with his wife and three children have committed their lives to the Lord because of Kim's conversion, and Kim's mother has begun reading Kim's Bible.

So praise God, whatever may happen, God will be faithful and will turn sadness into blessing. Praise His wonderful Name.

C.E. Battle. S.A.

BUILDERS WITH A MISSION

At their own expense, Builders with a Mission went to Papua New Guinea for a 25 day building program with the South Seas Evangelical Church and the Churches of Christ mission.

Prior to the arrival of the team, plans had been made for them to build a teacher's house at Chungribu, make some renovations to the original mission house, and perform other urgent practical tasks within the mission area.

Whilst the builders are aware that not all can go, giving time and muscle; they found there in New Guinea, Missionaries, giving their lives unstintingly in service for Christ, and feel that the brotherhood should rise to the challenge for greater support in Prayer and Financial aid, so that this valued effort may not again be lost to our brotherhood.

Their view of the flocks of National people moving to the rented house in Madang, will not easily be forgotten. 200 to 300 and only 15 per cent of them knowing Christ with High Schools and Paramedical School in Madang the de-

mand upon us is unprecedented. What opportunity for outreach with these fields "white unto harvest"!

As one of the team I urge every man, woman and responsible young person, to Pray about it and if possible, to give regularly one day's pay a year to break through in this field while opportunity remains with us.

The land is there, a beautiful area and in a most opportune section of the town, to make Madang a worthy base for our missionary enterprise in Papua New Guinea. There is immediate need for a chapel and other accommodation for national Christians and missionaries.

Graeme Taber
Southport, Qld.

SERVING CONFERENCE (Thornleigh, D. W. Mansell) The following members were elected to serve on Committees at recent State Conference: R. Batholomew (Advisory Board), J. Monk and Ed. Newton (Dunmore House), and J. Ellerby (Social Service) . . . A teenage girl was baptized by Mr Mansell on April 23 . . . Church camp held for over 60 at Blue Gum Lodge, Springwood, April 20, 28-30. Ron Hewitt was study leader.

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Department of Home Missions and Evangelism: Director to end of 1981, O. Wainwright.

MISSIONARIES AT HOME

The Australian Churches of Christ Overseas Mission Board advises that missionaries from Papua New Guinea will be visiting Australian churches as follows: —

Greg Law, N.S.W., Aug. 20 - Sept. 17.

Bill and Ria Keddie, Queensland, Aug. 20 - Sept. 10.

Ria Keddie (only), West. Aust., Nov. 5 - 26.

Bill Keddie (only), N.S.W., Nov. 5 - 26 (to be confirmed).

Bill and Ria Keddie, Victoria, Dec. 1 - 14.

JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

JAY'S QUIZ

THREE BIG THINGS

1. Which king had a big iron bed?
2. Who made a golden image nine feet tall and set it up on a plain?
3. Who was inside a big fish for three days and nights? (see page 19).

SEEING STARS

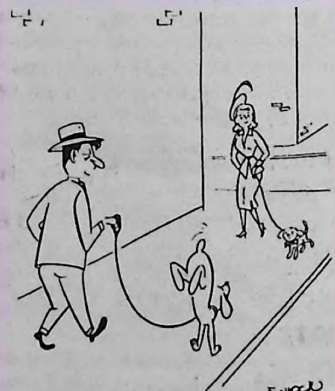
You know, when looking at the sky on a cloudless night, you can see millions of stars? Well you can't! Not millions. The most you can see without a telescope is about three thousand. All the stars you can see are in our own galaxy, the Milky Way. There are some hundred million stars in that galaxy, and there are millions of galaxies in the universe. One bright star is so far away that if it exploded now, we wouldn't see the explosion until about 1983. It is a very big universe that God has made and we only know a little about a small part of it.

Kid brother: "Do you know how I keep my head above water?"
Brother: — Sure — wood floats."

For several days, four-year-old Johnny had been complaining to his dad that one of the neighborhood children had been picking on him. Deciding it was time to teach Johnny some self-defense, his father showed him how to make a fist and let fly the next time his rowdy little playmate picked on him.

That afternoon the door burst open and Johnny rushed in, his eyes shining with triumph.

"Daddy," he shouted, "I did it! I hit her!"



"Quit showing off!"

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK

MAY 21-28 1979

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

BORN AGAIN

... by Charles W. Colson
... is a book that many non Christians and a number of Christians will not be able to stomach, because it presents a stiff challenge. Australian cynics will have a field day attributing much of what has been written to American sensationalism or sentimentality. Most readers, however, will not be able to escape the ringing authenticity on every page.

Charles Colson writes of his own political experiences and Christian pilgrimage, but the story emerges as a gripping account of God's very active presence in the most difficult and unlikely situations. This is not so much the story of a man and a political crisis as a testimony to the true nature of the body of Christ.

The church as an institution is very secondary to the vital and supportive brotherhood of believers made up of differing creeds, opposing political views, varied personalities and every station in life from poor illiterates to top senators. Yet this is what the church is all about. And when Christians recognise this, the church becomes a powerful movement of God's Spirit in a world where humanistic ideals are applaudable, but impotent.

As a fascinating insight into Watergate and the very human side of great politicians, and as a positive testimony to victorious spiritual warfare, the book can be highly recommended for Christian and non-Christian readers alike. (Hodder & Stoughton) \$3.95

"ALIAS JUNGLE DOCTOR"

Autobiography of Dr Paul White

God's guidance holds together this book. By a delightful style Dr Paul White keeps reader's interest throughout with one qualification: there is an unfortunate disjointed structure in parts of the book.

Sport, spiritual awakening and education with a locum in Queensland's outback prepare Africa's doctor. Book writing, radio and T.V. bring us up to date on his activity. Great reading (S.U.) \$4.95

TESTAMENT OF FAITH

by William Barclay

Dr William Barclay died earlier this year and with his death we lost probably the most popular Biblical scholar of our day. Most readers will have been helped and enlightened by his Daily Study Bible Series and books of prayers. In "Testament of Faith" we gain a little insight into the real personality and essential faith and humility of the man behind the writings. More a commentary on life as he sees it than an Autobiography, the author frankly and openly discusses his personal beliefs and ideas about many subjects and we see how he applied them in his own experience. The concluding chapter alone, in which he states his beliefs about Man, Love, Marriage, The Home, Family and The Church, makes the book extremely good value for just under \$2.00. (Mowbray Paperback) \$1.95

"TODAY'S STORY OF JESUS"

This excellent publication combines good text — from "Good News For Modern Man" (abridged by David Edwards) with easy to read print, superb illustrations and durable laminated cover — probably the best children's Bible Story Book for its price available today. (Collins) \$6.95

BOOTS AND ALL

by Ngaire M. Walhout

Here is a gripping new book for all those who face life. "Boots and All" is a story that must be told for the sake of those who are grappling with the eternal problem of pain and suffering ... those who are reaching out for a Hand to grasp as they grope their way through the valley

of shadows ... those who are seeking a faith that will give them courage to face the very worst that life can do to them.

Ngaire Walhout has written a graphic account of spiritual victory over physical adversity. It is more than just her own testimony of the pilgrimage of E.J. Miles — a pilgrimage from farm boy to theological college, from suburban pulpit to tropical jungle battlefields and hospital ship chaplaincy, from vigorous health to enforced invalidism.

This book is a powerful inspiration and a gentle help — once you begin to read you will not want to put it down until you have finished. (Vital Publications) \$3.25.

LOVE IN ACTION

by Alan Walker

Love in Action is primarily the story of the work and influence of the Wesley Central Mission in Sydney with its "Church-in-the-Theatre"; Wesley Centre complex; and twenty-three homes, hospitals, and social agencies.

In successive chapters the author tells the history of each aspect, of the church's ministry, how needs were realised and met, problems overcome and dreams realised. He writes of Daniel's Den-the-youth complex; the School for Seniors; the Singles' Society and the Cosmos Society which caters for persons of many nationalities. There are thrilling accounts of the work for homeless men, the special work among the Sydney based Pacific Islanders, the College for Christians, and the vision, formation and world-wide growth of "Lifeline".

An exciting account of social action and concern and real church growth in an Australian city. (Collins) \$2.25.

DISCIPLE

by Juan Carlos Ortiz

Juan Carlos Ortiz is a pastor in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He was one of the most dynamic speakers at Lausanne, and this same hard-hitting style is evident in "Disciple".

Writing from the experience and perspective of a citizen of the Third World he believes that Christian love must issue in real, no-nonsense practical down-to-earth discipleship. He sees a distinction between "members" and "disciples". We shall probably not agree with all that he writes. His emphasis, for example, on "instant baptism" and not going on to study a new Bible passage until the group is practising the one currently being studied. This would make for very slow progress. Nevertheless, much of the book is like a fresh breeze, bringing with it new insights into old themes. The sentences are short, the illustrations real and personal, and the impact considerable. (Creation House Press) \$2.25.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

by Keith Pearson & Ian Allsop

This is an excellent resource book for intergenerational worship at home and church. A wide range of ideas. (Joint Board of Christian Education) \$3.00.

I BELIEVE IN THE HISTORICAL JESUS

by I. Howard Marshall

This sizeable paperback (247 pages in large format) is one of a series under the general editorship of Michael Green. Howard Marshall is a recognised biblical scholar in his own right and here attempts a survey and to appraise a great deal of modern discussion concerning the search for the historical Jesus. Not all will agree wholly with the theological and Christological conclusions he arrives at nor, perhaps, with his evaluation of the works of other writers, but this work is a good starting point for a serious study of who Jesus is. He includes an excellent bibliography for further reference. (Hodder & Stoughton) \$7.95.

(See advertisement on page 17)

FOOTSCRAY CENTENARY

The week-end of April 22-23 was the celebration of 100 years of worship and witness by Churches of Christ in the City of Footscray. The celebrations commenced with a buffet tea at which nearly 300 members, past members and friends, were in attendance. At the meal, Don Johnson, Baptist minister, brought greetings from the Footscray Inter-Church Council. A centenary cake was cut by our oldest member, Mrs Lucke, and our longest reigning member, Mrs Ivory. Special mention was made of Mrs Stewart (wife of the late Dan Stewart, a past minister of Footscray) who was present with us.

The evening programme was transferred to the Uniting Church Hall owing to the large crowd. A concert programme featured local talent and a passing parade of fashions by the girls' club. Greetings from local churches and past members were read.

240 people filled the worship centre for the morning Worship Service. Dr. Trevor Banks, Vic.-Tas. Conference President, presided, and Bruce Alcorn, the minister at Sunshine Church and a past minister

of Footscray spoke on the theme "A Church for all Ages". The Centenary choir say the anthem "King of Kings."

A musical programme led by Jeff Cheal from Swanston St. Church filled the afternoon. Mr Cheal, on piano and organ, thrilled us with his music. He brought with him four young men, the "Hong Kong Quartet" from Swanston Street, who delighted us with their singing.

The evening meal at the church was followed by a time of singing and reminiscing about the Kappa Sigma Pi clubs with Max Carter. The evening service was led by Ian Tippett and featured the choir, some looking back by past members, and the soloist was Miss Loris Carter. Among the many who were thanked for their years of dedicated service are Mrs Iris Carter, who has served at the organ for many years, and the late Aunty Al Wickling, with her encouragement to so many over a long period.

The whole weekend was one of thanksgiving to God for his blessings of the past and present and of anticipation for the future.

The offerings for the weekend have been placed in a new fund created this year for the establishment by the church of a home for the frail elderly in Footscray.

DO-IT-YOURSELF CHURCH BUILT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Some 200,000 man-hours went into the construction of a new church building for the Church of the Brethren (Congregational), which has recently been opened in Bratislava (Czechoslovakia)

The work, which took about two years to complete, was carried out entirely by volunteer labour involving almost all members of the congregation, as well as help from three neighbouring congregations. The volunteers ranged from 10 year-olds to people over 70.

The worship area, which seats about 350 people, is part of a larger complex housing the denomination's district administrative offices, and apartments.

Complicated negotiations with government authorities preceded the start of the project for which financial support was received from sources within Czechoslovakia as well as abroad. The World Council of Churches also acted as intermediary for an amount of US \$45,000. EPS.

Diary

NEW SOUTH WALES May

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17-21 D.C.E. Nth.
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HAPPENINGS

A new application of Paul's word to Timothy, "suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over a man" (1 Tim. 2:12), came when Garnet Morris Bryant was fired from a Ford car plant in Kentucky for refusing to work under a woman supervisor. Bryant mused that his church, United Christian, did not help him much. It has 3000 ministers and about one-third are women.

The U.S. Labor Dept. reports that unemployment among black youths in the U.S. is a record 34.8%, compared with 24.8% ten years ago. The rate for white youths rose from 11.8% to 12.6%.

David Watson, head of the religious education at Rickmansworth Comprehensive School near London, was dismissed because he refused to teach an official school syllabus that described the creation accounts in Genesis as "myths, legends and religious folk lore."

One of the more extraordinary sections of the report on Victoria's liquor laws to the Victorian Government on the State's liquor laws was a major finding that the extent on alcoholism and alcohol related problems was not great enough to warrant restrictions on alcohol! No wonder that the Government's top alcohol and drug expert, Dr Gerald Milner, said that what he had heard of the report made him "unfit for work." The report is the work of J. D. Davies Q.C., and predictably was welcomed by the Australian Hotels Association and the Returned Service League. Most of the rest of us are aghast.

Evangelist Oral Roberts has announced plans to build a \$100 million medical centre in Tulsa at which both medical expertise and prayer will be used for healing.

Established churches in Britain are all losing membership according to a handbook published by the Evangelical Alliance. But there is a 10.8% gain in other religions (including Buddhist, Hindu, Moslem, and Sikh). There have been smaller gains among holiness churches, Lutheran churches and Pentecostal groups.

A group of 50 "traditional" Roman Catholics, who hold forbidden Latin Masses at secret places around Brisbane, have predicted that the Catholic Church will be destroyed by "liberal innovators" by the end of the century.

Microfossils of blue-green algae and bacteria, thought to be about 3500 million years old, have been found at Pilbara, W.A.

Pope Paul recently urged viewers, listeners and readers to talk back at the media and force them to do away with violence, eroticism, and vulgarity. (That public pressures can be effective is seen in BTV 6 Ballarat taking Graham Kennedy's "Blankety Blanks" off air after receiving hundreds of complaints about the crudity of the show.)

A growing number of young people are becoming alcoholics on the streets of Melbourne aged from 14 to 16. This information comes from an expert: Robert is 21 and has been a chronic alcoholic since he was 15, one of a growing number of young people forced onto the streets and turning to a life of metho-drinking, petty crime and loneliness.

ABORIGINES IN NORTH QUEENSLAND

At the Victoria-Tasmania Conference of Churches of Christ, a motion was presented expressing concern for the Aborigines of Arakun and Mornington Island in northern Queensland.

Some delegates were reluctant to vote on a motion without adequate background information. This is understandable — and even now we are not aware of the implications of the bill before the Queensland Parliament dealing with this question.

But there is one thing very plain, and that one thing alone justifies Christians everywhere expressing deep concern.

That one thing is the conviction of Arakun and Mornington Island Aborigines that they are not being adequately consulted in what is being planned for their communities.

A settlement is being negotiated between the Federal and Queensland Governments but when a delegation of Arakun leaders met with the Prime Minister and the Aboriginal Affairs Minister, Mr Viner, on May 4, the two Government leaders refused to give the delegation any details of the talks between the two Governments because the details were "confidential."

Confidential from whom? Surely not from the very people the planned legislation will affect!

We may not be able to say that the demands of the Aborigine are all practicable and reasonable, but we can say that any solution arrived at which ignores the rights and dignity of the Aborigines will be found to be harmful to us all, whatever short term advantages there may appear to be.

The Arakun leaders now say to the Prime Minister, "We have lost faith in you ... consultation has been a joke."

The declared policy of the Federal Government is for consultation, self-determination, and land rights within Australia for Aboriginal people, and we can sympathise with Mr Fraser in the difficulties he faces in effecting changes to the Queensland policies with which he has publicly disagreed. If, however, after the recent firm stand and strong words by the Prime Minister, there is a retreat from his declared position, it will be much harder next time.

The Uniting Church's Commission for World Mission has described the latest agreement between the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments as completely unacceptable, because the agreement fails to meet the chief desires of the Aborigines.

GOOD GRIEF. Yesterday we received a parcel of books from Hawaii. The postage was \$1.80. To send the same parcel to Sydney would cost \$2.50; to send it to Perth would cost \$4.10; and to send it back to Hawaii would cost \$5.60!!!! And the firm word from Canberra is that postal charges are going up!!!! Another happy thing about Australia Post is that if we pack up four copies of "Letters from Tertius" and send them to Brisbane, the postage will be \$2.15. If we make two packets of two copies each: we wrap two packets, we address two packets, we post two packets; Australia Post sorts two packets, and delivers two packets: the cost is 60c each packet, a total of \$1.20. Good grief!!!

STEADY GROWTH (Perth City, R. Taylor). The Annual Report showed steady all-round growth in church life. Among features helping to build fellowship was social evening shared with Slavic church ... Fortnightly House Parties have included as speakers: Miss H. Skuce (India); T. Wdife (P.B.I. Golden Jubilee); L. Semple (U.N.O.) ... Girls' Brigade has increased to three groups. Junior Boys' Club started; also Junior Youth Club. Senior Youth Club popular ... D. Bridge from Bangladesh, reports Bible study group increase from eight to 35, with Christian, Moslems and Hindus

in equal numbers ... C.W.F. had house-warming party at the Ingles' home ... Ladies' Care & Share group meet weekly ... Church gave generously to Cyclone Relief Appeal.

CELL GROUPS (Blackburn, E. C. Keating, P. Burnham) Cell groups meet in various homes for sharing programme ... Cabaret evening service held with musical items and testimonies ... Prayer-breakfasts organised by C.W.F. continue to attract interest ... Many new members welcomed at special service.

HALF-YEARLY CONVENTION

The Qld. Half-Yearly Convention was held at Maryborough, April 29 - May 1. The theme was "Joint Heirs with Christ".

Guest speakers, both from the U.S.A., at present lecturing at Kenmore Christian College, were Professor Harvey Beard and Randall Edwards. Jim Ferguson, elder at Maryborough, is this year's conference president.

An average of 200 attended the sessions and church services. Offerings received were for Home Missions in Nth. Qld., and Kenmore Christian College.

On Monday, delegates visited Hervey Bay and toured the local Social Service Homes, Fairhaven and Frank Gilson House.

M.E.D. AT WERRIBEE (L. Keatch). Don Smith, Dept. M.E.D., spoke at morning service, he then shared with members for a B.B.Q. lunch ... Special features of C.W.F. have included guest speaker Mrs J. Witt, Treasurer of Women's Conference and Fellowship night with Sunshine ladies ... Planning Meeting held with all members and Camp at Torquay being organised.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

(Swanston St., Melb., A. L. Webb). Some 2500 attended the ten meetings of the Missionary Convention, with an average of 250. Five commitments were made, three primary decisions and one couple for missionary service. Both offering targets were exceeded. The Love Offering reached \$9300 (target \$9000) and Faith Promise Renewal Offering for support of Swanston St. missionaries \$435 (target \$400). The Convention was highlighted by the preaching of Max Hall, Mayfield, N.S.W. on the themes of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, and on the experiences of Prophet Jonah. Four turloughing missionaries shared with us: Ruth Wescombe, Glenyce Lovett, Joy & John Sandefur.

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OBITUARY

ENGLISH, Mrs Marguarite (8.4.1978). Mrs Marguarite English died suddenly at Auckland, N.Z., at the age of 58 years. Funeral services were held in chapels at North Turramurra, N.S.W. and the Northern Suburbs Crematorium, on April 13. Mrs English was brought up in Victoria. Her family attended the Church of Christ at Frankston, where she would be better known as Mrs Bentley, mother of Ian and David. After her marriage to Tom English, of Frankston, Marg. moved with the family to N.S.W. In N.S.W. the family attended services at Hornsby, Chatswood and North Turramurra. Some seven years ago, Tom and Marg. English moved overseas where Tom was engaged in business. After three years in Hong Kong, they moved to Auckland, N.Z. While at Chatswood, Mrs English was associated in the work of "Meals-on-Wheels". At North Turramurra, the visitation of patients in the district Convalescent Home was her ministry. In Hong Kong her social work was appreciated by its poor. At Auckland, Marg. helped in a shop to raise funds to assist the needy. Tom and Marg. English had planned to take up residence in St. Ives, N.S.W., and attend the church at North Turramurra. To Tom English, to David, to Anne, and to other relatives both in N.S.W. and Victoria, deepest sympathy was expressed at the well-attended service held at North Turramurra.—A.W.S.

MAGENNIS, Grace.

(19.4.78). Mrs Grace Magennis had her 90th birthday the day before she died, after a long period of ill-health. She was born in the country town of Youanmite and spent her early years in the country. She came to Footscray nearly 70 years ago after having been married at Carlton. She had two children, Jack, who pre-deceased her by eight years, and Robert. She was the grandmother of five children and had nine great-grand children. Her life centred around her family and her church which she faithfully supported, and was a much loved member at Footscray. She loved community singing and was involved through her sons in the Scouting movement. She was sure of her faith and was continually in the presence of her Lord. We praise God for her Christian witness of patience and long-suffering. — I.A.T.

MORRIS Norman D.

(4.3.1978) Norman Morris was born at Flemington, Vic., in 1898. He was one of a large family who all worshipped for over 70 years at City Temple, Sydney. He was a S. S. teacher, church treasurer, and for the past 25 years, secretary and treasurer. He was for many years a deacon of the church, presided at the Lord's Table, preached the gospel, read the scriptures, and offered prayers for most of his life at City Temple. He married Doreen Harward, daughter of one of our most prominent early preachers, H.G. Harward. Norman Morris was very active throughout his lifetime in brotherhood work. He was a member of the Preachers' Advisory Board and Home Missions Committee for many years, was a member of the Property Trust from its inception, and Vice-Chairman for many years. He was a member of the Chapel Extension Committee and



STAN NEIGHBOUR

Representatives from churches all over South Australia and from Melbourne and Hobart filled the Glenelg church for Stan Neighbour's funeral service. There were also representatives of other communions. The service was conducted by Jim Wright, minister of the church, assisted by John Chivell and W. W. Saunders, both Stan's College mates.

Stan Neighbour was born at Goolwa, S.A. in 1904. He began a ministry at Kingaroy, Queensland, at the age of 20, and preached his last sermon in the Glenelg church on March 5, 1978. He suffered a heart attack immediately following the sermon, and died on Good Friday, 1978, at the age of 73.

Stan Neighbour was a graduate of the College of the Bible, and also attended Melbourne University where he graduated in Arts. On leaving College his first ministry was at Essendon, Victoria, and whilst there he married Beatrice Bone, who shared fully in his ministry for 43 years. Ministries fol-

lowed at Hawthorn, Oakleigh, and Blackburn in Victoria, and at Prospect, Dulwich, Mount Gambier and Henley Beach in S.A. before retiring to Glenelg at the beginning of 1977.

held the distinguished position of N.S.W. Conference President in 1947-48. Norman was a keen debater at Conference sessions, with a trained and analytical mind, keen sense of humour, a man highly esteemed, loved, admired and respected by all. When the City Temple worship services closed Mr and Mrs Morris and his sister transferred to Paddington church in early 1977. Those who knew Norm will never forget him. — J.T.T.

TRENGOVE, Arthur Bray.

(15.4.78). The churches at East Preston and Northcote were saddened by the sudden death of Arthur Trengove. A son of Samuel and Helen Trengove he was born in Bendigo in 1904. In 1925 he married his wife, Stella, who pre-deceased him ten months ago. Sympathy is offered to his children, Margaret, (Mrs Ken Body) and John and to his seven grandchildren. Arthur Trengove began his working life in a bookshop and then entered Melbourne Tramway service where he worked for 47 years. He joined East Preston church in 1932 under the ministry of Cec. Watson. He was a good Christian and a loyal member of the church, serving as a platform helper and as doorkeeper. He was a man of strong convictions, dedication, loyalty, and firm friendship. During the past 14 months he worshipped at Northcote church but maintained a keen interest in East Preston. The ministers of both churches, Jack Manallack and Tom Weir, conducted the funeral service at Fawkner Crematorium. — T.V.W.

VERCO, Miss Doreen M.A.

(16.4.1978). After a brief period of illness, Miss Doreen M. A. Verco died at the age of 71 years. Her parents were well-known members of Churches of Christ. Her father, Dr. C. Verco, came from S.A. to N.S.W. to study. Doreen was a sister of the late David

Verco. The Verco family was, for a period, in membership with the church at Enmore. After moving to the Sydney North Shore, the Church at Chatswood became their church-home. Owing to her mother's ill-health, Doreen spent much of her earlier life caring for her parents. However, an interest in Braille opened an avenue of service. After much experience, Miss Verco became a highly regarded professional Braille expert, and was appointed by the N.S.W. Education Department to take charge of the more difficult Braille work, including setting examinations in Braille. In more recent years, Miss Verco used her ability to assist children in a small Roman Catholic College for blind children. Representatives of the College were present at the funeral service. Miss Verco was also appreciated for her work as a member of the Chatswood Dorcas Society. To Mrs Marg Verco (a sister-in-law) and to her family (for whom Doreen proved to be a beloved aunt) and to relatives in many States, deepest sympathy was extended at a private service held in a chapel at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium.—A.W.S.

MINISTRY PLANS (Maryborough, S. Warwick) Kerry and Helen Haythorpe will begin a ministry with Maryborough 1979 . . . Following a Church Growth and management weekend with L.I.F.E., Maryborough now has a Church Growth Committee . . . Our S.S. is experiencing a very rapid growth . . . Mr and Mrs Keith Skillicorn shared slides and experiences from 25 years with the leprosy mission . . . Miss Helen Johnstone of the Sudan Interior Mission showed slides of her work as a nurse in Ethiopia.

FAMILIES IN TENSION

Modern families face greater challenges than ever before, according to Dr Clifford Wright.

Dr Wright is an authority on the subject. He is chairman of the National Marriage and Family Week Council.

His work concerns the problems of modern families and the promotion of "effective parenting."

The council represents all major churches and many community groups in promoting National Marriage and Family Week, to be held from May 7 to 14.

The voluntary project aims to encourage families to tackle their problems and to take an active role in improving community life.

"A narrowly introverted family is an unhealthy family," Dr Wright said.

"Too many families are living together on a purely superficial level. They never share in each other's hopes, fears and experiences.

"We need to break the silence barrier."

He described the family unit as "the great shock absorber," but said it was undergoing great shocks itself at present.

But it was still the best system for promoting strong human relationships. Because of that it needed encouragement.

"I don't mean we should cling to old habits but we need to see the emergence

of a new type of liberated family.

"Old patterns of male domination, for instance, have to be done away with.

"Families must move forward into new patterns. Instead of waiting for things to happen, they need to take initiatives to create the future themselves.

"By involving themselves in social action, outside the often selfish limits of their own circle, families can strengthen themselves and others," he said.

The National Marriage and Family Week Council encourages people to firstly analyse their personal, family and community problems.

It then advises people to consider what can be done to improve their situation, and finally seeks to involve them in appropriate action.

"In the case of marriage strains, they should go to a marriage guidance counsellor, but it is important not to leave it too late," Dr Wright said.

Every family needed assistance at some time and they must be humble enough to accept this, Dr Wright said.

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SOCIAL CONCERN (Berwick Regional, B. McMurtie, D. McLeod) Social Concern committee has commenced a Drop In Centre . . . Young teenagers spent weekend at Shiloh Ranch . . . A busload went to the "Evie" concert . . . Young marrieds plus some produced the musical "Life" for 7 p.m. Celebration Service. The play "What would Jesus do?" serialised also for Celebration services. It is based on Sheldon's "In His Steps." . . . With services at 8 a.m.; 9 a.m. (with puppets), 10.30 a.m. and 6.50 p.m., average attendance each Sunday is over 300.

BRADY BUNCH (Bentleigh East, M. Dunn, A. Tanner) Jesus Brady Bunch picnic held at Mill Valley Ranch on Anzac Day . . . Pulpit exchange with Hampton held on Brotherhood Sunday . . . David Murray recent speaker . . . A new fence has been erected in conjunction with Playgroup . . . A barbecue and worship service held at College of the Bible.

CHURCH LEAFLETS (Blackwood, L.G. Cooke) 1400 leaflets were delivered in two areas advertising church activities . . . At A.G.M. Helen Oatley was elected to the Board. Dr Thornley Thomas is chairman, May Searle is secretary, and Geof. Palmer, treasurer . . . Seven families camped at Goolwa during Easter. 13 Fellowship ladies visited Goolwa ladies. Goolwa is our City/Country Link . . . Many travelled by train to National Park for B.S. picnic . . . Girls' Brigade Cadets and Boys' Brigade No. 1 Section members treated to Sunday tea by leaders and shown excellent audio-visual on local church. B.B. held enrolment service. . . Sick have included Mrs Pearl Hoskin and Ed. Frost.



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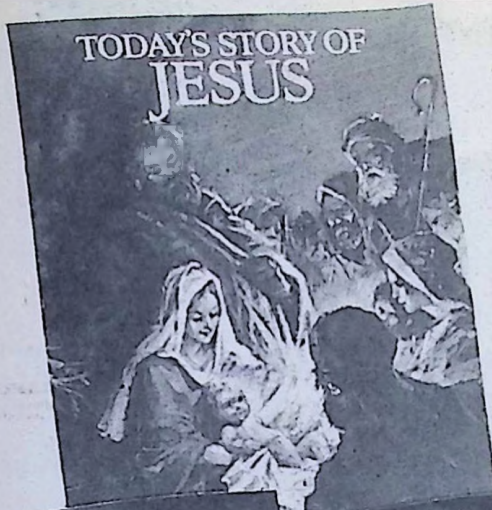
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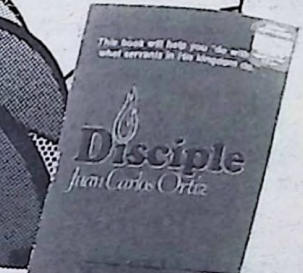
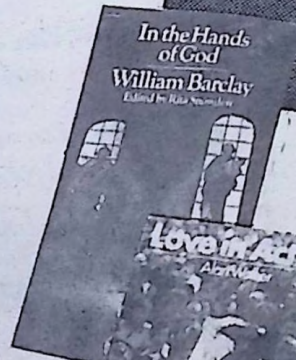
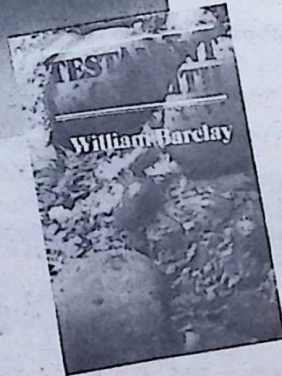
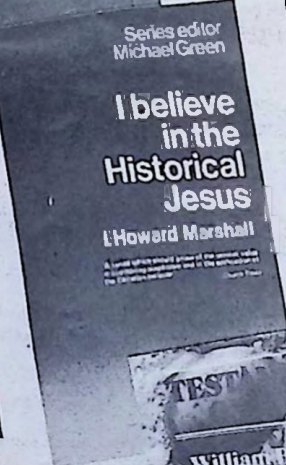
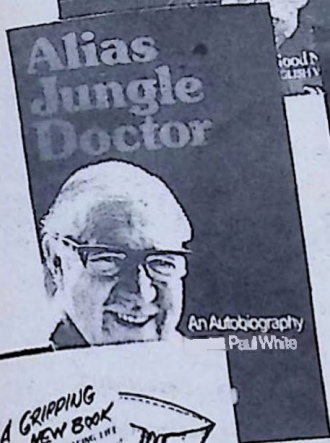
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TAYLOR (Davidge) Christine and Russell of 2 Connell Court, Balwyn, Vic., welcome with love and announce the arrival of Erica Jane, born May 2, 1978.

IN MEMORIAM.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ARSON (Scarborough). Early on April 12 old tyres used by "Playgroups" were piled against a wooden side door of the church and ignited. A youth raised the alarm waking the Donaldson family next door. Men folk rushed to rescue what they could and the Fire Brigade soon extinguished the flames. Damage is estimated at \$10,000 — but the building was saved. Services are being held in the halls during restoration work . . . Perth's new Ethnic Welfare and Community Centre at Gateway family and youth centre was opened by the Attorney-General, Mr Medcalf, who released a flock of pigeons symbolizing migration. Ethnic food stalls, artefacts, arts, crafts, national dancing, music and singing were enjoyed by hundreds. The centre will operate Monday to Friday . . . Len Jones was inducted as W.A. Conf. Pres.

SERPENTINE CAMP (Applecross, K. Denton). Church Family Camp, combined with Manning held at Serpentine . . . There have been 16 baptisms since the beginning of the year, three conducted in the Canning River . . . Keith and Julie Ware and family worshipping with church until departure for Mission Service with the U.A.M., Fitzroy Crossing . . . "Life. Be In It" Program in April included interviews with Jeff Hopp and George Smith on family-related issues.

CROWDED CHAPEL (Bunbury, B. Ryall) 220 attended morning worship on Easter Sunday . . . C.W.F. organised a concert on March 31, \$119 was raised towards new carpet for chapel . . . A B.B.Q. tea held at Roelands Village on April 15, followed by rally with Doug Willis as speaker. The Rostvit Twins sang and used their ventriloquial dolls. On 16th the Twins shared at Bunbury church and Elanora Villas . . . Neil Ewart, S.W. Pres., from Roelands; Recent speaker Barbara Ottrey, Ladies' S.W. Pres., from Harvey spoke to C.W.F. . . . At a church picnic at Ludlow Lark on Anzac Day, the "oldies" defeated the youngsters at football before the B.B.Q. tea.

TO WITTENOOM (Carnarvon) Some 300 folk, representing 120 families, travelled to Wittenoorm for a weekend convention. They came from such centres as Port Hedland, Newman, Roebourne, Tom Price and Carnarvon. Guest speaker was

Professor Brian Hill of Murdoch University . . . Miss Win and Viv Hoskin have been transferred to Roelands Village new Bunbury. Alex McKay of Mandurah will take Viv's place at "Ingada" here in Carnarvon.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

RECOGNITION (Glenelg, C.H.J. Wright). Recognition Service held for Mark Henley, newly appointed Youth Leader . . . Church Family Camp held at Longwood . . . Mr and Mrs Don Beiler told of experiences at the 26th National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, U.S.A. . . . Home Bible Study Groups held during April . . . Mr and Mrs R. Pittman celebrated Diamond wedding anniversary and Mr and Mrs Lou Curtis their Golden wedding anniversary . . . Church saddened by death of Stan Neighbour. Also by news of serious car accident in which Mrs Solly and Miss Barbara Woodroffe died, and Miss Jean Freebairn and Mrs Connie Woodroffe are in hospital recovering from injuries . . . Minister is incoming Pres. of S.A. Conf.

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS (Bordertown, B. Reid). Church mourns with Merle Biddle and family in tragic death of Darryl . . . Four teenagers baptised . . . Fellowship renewed with Kazuo Sekine, now pastor in Japan. He and wife Keiko gave gospel message and items . . . Alf Tiley progressing after eye surgery . . . Presentation made to Christinat family who are returning to Switzerland . . . Asst. Sec., John Trappett, left for Texas to participate in International Hospital Federation Study tour of hospitals . . . Sue Maddern farewelled prior to leaving on overseas study tour . . . Special Outreach Effort, with Des Nelson (W.A.) planned for October.

NEW AT FLINDERS PARK (Geoff & Joan Fewster). Monthly average at evening service is 144. Several new members were welcomed into fellowship. On April 23 two young people were baptised and on the 30th a young couple were baptised. There has thus been both transfer and conversion growth from the Kidman Park area, near the new manse . . . On April 22, 25 young people shared in a camp at Pt Sturt, during which one teenager accepted Christ.

A.A. AT PARADE (Elizabeth, Miss N. Hall, D. Tandy) At Church parade of Girls' and Boys' Brigades, three men from Alcoholics Anonymous spoke of their experiences . . . Miss Hazel Skuce addressed a Missionary meeting . . . 30 of Women's fellowship attended a Retreat with Miss Ruth Buxton as speaker . . . Church has entered five teams in Elizabeth Netball Assoc. for winter season . . . The film "The Warlord" screened on April 30 . . . The first baptism for Salisbury East Church of Christ was held in Elizabeth Church.



NEW SOUTH WALES

NEW MINISTER (Bexley North, F. J. Davis). Induction service held for new Minister, Fred Davis, from Kenmore. C.W.F. presented Mrs Davis with a floral arrangement and provided supper after the service . . . Ladies' Tues. morning Bible study led by Gwen Forest . . . Church joins the Cravens in the sad loss of life Elder, John Saville. Phillip Craven graduated from Univ. of New England . . . Minister led St George Hospital Sunday service in their new chapel . . . 90 at S.S. meeting of parents and scholars to meet new minister . . . Youth service and coffee shop held with Belmore Corban Music Group.



QUEENSLAND

REWARDING WASHOUT (Kedron, James Dow). April Fair held and despite rain in torrents crowds turned up and a profit made of \$1100 . . . Letter box drop undertaken for Easter Service . . . Hec Weil organised games and trophy presentation night for young church league cricketers . . . Michelle Bensted has passed exams to become officially the G.B. Captain . . . Mr Bailey showed slides of U.K. at family tea . . . C.W.F. had Lady Mayoress, Mrs Sleeman, speak about her charity work in Brisbane . . . Street stall held . . . Men visited Woodland Timber factory to see making of particle board . . . John and Bernice Hicks have undertaken joint leadership of B.S.



TASMANIA

MAINLAND VISITORS (Nubeena, C. Neville) Recent visitors have included Mr & Mrs Hariba Waghmode, R. S. A. McLean, and Miss Julie Read . . . Youth group has been putting covers on church hymn books . . . Elderly Citizens units, of which church is founder donor of one unit (with members raising \$5,100), were opened by Max Burr, M.H.R. Afternoon tea was served at the church . . . Anzac Day service conducted by minister at Cenotaph . . . Boys' Brigade, Brownies and Guides held church parade . . . 53 were at first of regular monthly fellowship meetings.

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NORTHCOTE COMPLEX (Preston/East Preston, J. Manallack). 84 were present at C.W.F. Luncheon with Miriam Holloway speaking on New Geriatric

Complex at Northcote. Proceeds of \$170 presented to Miriam for the complex . . . "Open Door" has celebrated its 3rd Birthday. Over this period 205 different people have attended . . . The young people all walked in local C.A.A. Walk-A-Thon with leader Doug Morffew . . . Church saddened at the death of Arthur Trengove and Mrs Lexie Weatherhead.

FAREWELL AND WELCOME (Gardiner, C. G. Taylor). After Church supper held to farewell and thank Claude Candy for his Interim Ministry . . . Induction service for C. G. Taylor led by A. E. White and evening service followed by a special welcoming program and supper . . . Informal evenings and coffee afternoons being held to meet Mr and Mrs Taylor . . . Church held picnic in grounds of Scotch College . . . C.Y.F. were joined by the Ashburton/Chadstone C.Y.F. in

walkathon to aid the Leprosy Mission . . . Church saddened at the death of Ern. Beament.

POLICE VISIT (Horsham, R. Roberts). Church visited by Christian Police Association, April 15-16. Saturday's Youth rally followed by members contributing to Sunday service. Luncheon and afternoon meeting followed . . . Members shared in M.A.F. Field Day at Horsham Aerodrome on 22nd and public meeting at night. Team members spoke at Sunday service. There was a fellowship luncheon . . . Casserole tea preceded concert by "Sonrise" of Geelong on April 29 . . . Speakers on April 30 were Graham Kitchen, local surgeon and Miss Janet Freeman of Wycliffe Bible Translators . . . Mr and Mrs Roberts attended State Conference.

COMMITMENT (Tootgarook, David Hovey). Two young women have committed their lives to Christ . . . C.W.F. held a street stall in Rosebud shopping area, May 11 . . . A number attended Women's Conference services . . . There was an exchange of leaders with Red-Hill Church on May 7 . . . The film "Survival" screened . . . A Tennis Club slide night held at Mr & Mrs Lee-Archer's home . . . Mrs Betty Adams improving after a fall.

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VICTORIA

CONCERT (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes, S. Wilson, M. Humphries). B. S. Concert raised \$300 for communion furniture at church at Santo . . . Over 100 attended family camp at Monbulk . . . Malcolm Humphries shared in School of Prayer run by Medico/Clergy Organization . . . Members help regularly at Kingston Centre for handicapped . . . Church expresses sympathy to Ferris and Woodroffe families over serious car accident, and to the Hardy and Robinson families over the death of William Hardy . . . Gordon Moyes spoke at Businessmen's Conference in Brisbane . . . Tennis Association members attended annual church parade and received premiership pennants. Completely renovated courts now ready for winter competition . . . Jennifer Sheppard welcomed to the Board as first lady deacon.

PICNIC (Morwell, I. Cartmel) Church picnic held at Hazelwood Pondage. Activities including sailing and cricket . . . Youth work is expanding, with over 20 teenagers attending Friday nights. . . . 9.30 a.m. family worship service has Oscar the Grouch, "Sesame Street" puppet, as regular feature . . . During recent "Latrobe Valley Festival" the Church sponsored concert by the Lowana Singers. Donations to charity of \$130 made from proceeds.

"BOOTS AND ALL" (Oakleigh, Dr C.J. Mackenzie). "Boots and All", written by member, Ngaire Walhout, is the intriguing title of recently published biography of former minister, E. J. Miles . . . Annual meeting resolved continued support for Mrs Nola Baker, our missionary in the New Hebrides . . . Mrs Betty Dow, Vic./Tas. C.W.F. President-

Elect, welcomed back after deputation work in Tasmania . . . Girls' Brigade participated in combined Swimming Carnival at Frankston . . . C.W.F. raised \$340 from a stall at the Chadstone Shopping Centre on Community-Charity Day. This sum included \$25 given to sponsors of the most attractive stall . . . Church saddened by the death of a long-standing faithful member, Fred Gillespie, after a serious illness.

SPORTS (Croydon, L. Dewberry). Our Explorers did well at outdoor sports . . . Saturday evening Youth Group attended square dance organized by the Youth Ministry Committee . . . G. Barnett, Chaplain at Box Hill High School spoke at both morning services on April 9 . . . Friday night C.Y.F. Group attended "Happening '78" at Belgrave Heights.

EASTER GOOD COMPANIONS. (Mitcham, Ross McLean). Eastern Zone Easter Worship Service of Good Companions at Box Hill attended by 25 girls from Mitcham . . . Combined Surrey Hills and Mitcham church family camp held at Monbulk . . . Three Boys' basketball teams entered in District Winter Competition led by Steven Ogden . . . Wives of students at C.O.B. led C.W.E.F. meeting . . . Outer Eastern Churches combined worship service held at Norwood H.S. . . . Ross McLean to finish his ministry with Mitcham at the end of 1978.

CONFERENCE (Shepparton, P. Kavanagh). Members attended North-Eastern and Riverina District Conf. at Wangaratta . . . Audio-visual of work in P.N.G. given by Rosalyn Williams . . . Ladies participated in Women's World Day of Prayer services in Shepparton, Numurkah and Nathalia . . . Bi-monthly Opportunity Shops successful . . . Mrs Wignell showed movies of trip to England.

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Stoughton, 1976), where a father tells of his daughter who contracted leukemia. The climax came at Burrswood, where the Resident Chaplain laid his hands on Elizabeth, prayed, and healing came. The very next day a blood test showed that the blood was normal, with no malignant cells. The doctor said, "It is all very astonishing!"

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The modern charismatic movement, so far as I can see, does not make extravagant claims for healing, and the stage managed flamboyant "healing missions" would be offensive to most Christians, including charismatics. It is not healing but tongues that is provoking tension in the churches through the growth of Neo-Pentecostalism.

Don Hillis in "Tongues, Healing and You" (Baker) argues that the healings in the church today are in line with James 5 rather than 1. Cor. 12 and that the healing miracles in Acts were spasmodic and temporary rather than continual.

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Healing in the Charismatic Movement

The present charismatic movement does not confine its emphasis on the gifts of the Holy Spirit to the gift of speaking in tongues. The nine gifts to the early church are said to be available to the church today, because it is the same Spirit who gives them.

One of the gifts is that of healing. But in the book "Perspectives on the New Pentecostalism" (Baker, 1976), there is almost no mention of healing. A great deal is said about speaking in tongues and, whether the movement desires it or not, it is speaking in tongues that has become the badge of the charismatics.

The church has always believed in healing and the church has recognised that within its ministry is the gift of healing. (For a short comment on this, see William Barclay's commentary on James 5:13-15). Roman Catholics have credited many saints with healing miracles. The charismatic movement is emphasising a rediscovery of the fullness of spiritual gifts, "of tongues, of prophecy, of healing."

I know of no survey or evidence that establishes that there are, in fact, more healing miracles taking place today than there have been over the centuries. There

are cases of genuine restoration to health which can only be accounted for on the basis of the power of God. Healing does not come in every instance and to argue that radiant health is the right of every Christian is to deny the very real grace of God within sickness and suffering. Not every "thorn in the flesh" (2 Cor. 12:17) is removed by God.

There are plenty of examples of modern healing in the charismatic movement. Here is one of them: A particle entered the right eye of a dental technician as she was working. Rushed to a doctor, she was told that she had lost the sight of that eye and could lose it in the other. The girl shared with a group of "conservative, nice Christians", and a man asked the group how many believed that prayer and the laying on of hands would heal. Five ladies responded. The girl sat on a chair and the six laid hands on her and "claimed that she be healed in Jesus' name. When we finished praying, she took off the bandages, somebody handed her a dictionary to read, and she could see perfectly!" ("Let's Quit Fighting about the Holy Spirit," Gilquist, S. John Bacon, p.71).

No one can prove that such a healing did not take place, but it is not treating the subject flippantly to ask: If it is that easy, why are there not more healings?

The healing of the mind and spirit are even more important than the healing of the body, and the healing ministry is expressed in its deep caring and concern. Most ministers have experienced examples of healing in body, mind, and spirit which they attribute in part at least, to the ministry of love in the fellowship of the church.

Healings do take place. I recently read the story, "Elizabeth: Journey to a Miracle" by Ralph Stanbury (Hodder and

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THE LAST WORD...

We have learnt from Neibuhr that we should have the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other. The Bible enabled us to have a criterion for understanding and judging events, and the newspaper helped us to appreciate the relevance and contemporary nature of the Bible.

— Phillip Potter

LOVE

"Seek Love in the pity of another's woe, In the gentle relief of another's care, In the darkness of the night and the winter's snow, In the naked and outcast, seek Love there."

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Some speakers stick to serious themes, Others like humor, so it seems. But that one is the biggest flop, Who knows not when it's time to stop.

J. O. PEARSON

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When the grass looks green on the other side of the fence, it may be that they take better care of it over there.

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"My wife has taken up riding to reduce. These days she seldom gets off horseback."

"Any visible effect?"

"Oh, yes. The horse lost 45 pounds in one week."

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Father to small son: "When I was your age, our family was very poor and we never had such nice things to eat."

"You're lucky, Daddy, that you're living with us now and can always have good meals."



"When I was home, remember how I was always saying, 'wish I had more time so I could read the Bible?'"

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