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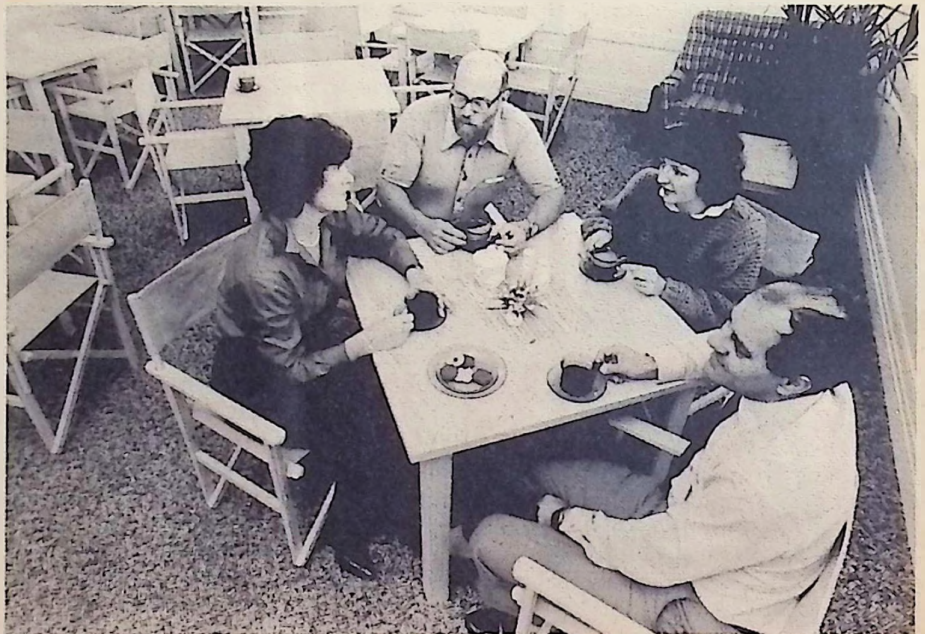
An old, tired vestry at the Maylands, S.A., church has been transformed into a cosy, comfortable coffee lounge, with pine tables, attractive green-gray steamer chairs, potted palms and wall prints. An adjacent store room with a sink has been transformed into a kitchen with cooker, frig., um and folding bench.

The room is open as a community coffee lounge each Saturday night between 7.30 and 11.30. It is expected that it will take six to nine months for the word to get around, but publicity is going out through a sandwich board on the pavement, local newspapers, posters in shopping centres and a number of radio spots.

Light snacks and drinks are served, tasteful background music is played, table games are available and the rostered staff are available to talk to customers if they want to,

The lounge is also used for Sunday lunches where a three course meal is served for \$2.50. The lunch was offered especially for people who come to church and go home to eat on their own, but is having a wider appeal to couples and family groups. So the church fellowship is extended in a delightful way. Visitors are immediately invited to stay.

The room is permanently set up as a coffee lounge and does not have to be tediously set up and dismantled each week. It has also been used for meetings of the board and other groups (with cof-



Dawn Lawton, Ashley Ross, Mary Johnson and Richard Lawton in the coffee lounge.

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fee laid on).

The minister, Richard Lawton, says that the transformation of the room cost some \$3,500, most of which came from donations. Timber for the tables was cut out by Neville Day (in his 20's) and the tables were then expertly crafted by 82 year old Fred Daniel.

Food is prepared and served at the tables by a number of people on a roster system.

The coffee lounge is a part of the church's outreach and fellowship program.

Christ the Fool!!

You fool!

You let your treasurer betray you!
You let church leaders hassle and accuse you!
You let the crowd mock and jeer you!
You let your disciples desert you!

You fool!

You allowed yourself the agony of thorns piercing your head!
You allowed yourself the scourging of lashes of the whip!
You allowed nails to be hammered into your hands and feet!
You allowed your side to be pierced by a spear!

O, beloved fool!

You endured the cross!
You forgave your enemies!
You died for the love of human kind!
You died and rose again so that we may live forever!

The foolishness of unacceptance, Lord is ours.

— Beth Butler

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GUEST EDITORIAL



ON THE CREST OF THE "THIRD WAVE"!



Allan R. Norling

Allan Norling graduated from Woolwich Bible College in 1946 and obtained a B.Sc. (Applied Psychology) from the University of N.S.W. in 1968. He is a member of the Australian Psychological Society. Allan had ministries at Hawthorne/Sunnybank and Kedron in Queensland and at Inverell, Hurstville and North Sydney in New South Wales. After retiring he has mainly been involved in pastoral counselling and writing. He is currently honorary pastor to the pastors in New South Wales, resides at Beecroft and is in membership at Epping. He is married to Alice and they have three married children, David, Jennifer and Mark, and seven grandchildren.

God has given many of us in Churches of Christ a hunger for, and sometimes a taste of a Holy Spirit empowered life and ministry.

We are not alone in this. Many Christians throughout the world are experiencing the same thing. God is opening hearts and minds of increasing numbers to the truth that Jesus Christ is still working in miraculous and powerful ways through the Holy Spirit, and that all "the gifts of the Spirit" apply today. yet, as Peter Wagner, Professor at Fuller Theological Seminary, declares "they were not, nor did they wish to become, either Pentecostal or Charismatic". he therefore coined the term "Third Wave" to distinguish this current movement of Holy Spirit power in the 20th Century, from Pentecostalism—the first wave, and Charismatic Renewal—the second wave. He believes that the third wave began around 1980 with the opening of an increasing number of traditional evangelical churches and institutions to the supernatural working of the Holy Spirit.

One of the forerunners of the "Third Wave" movement is John Wimber, a former lecturer and consultant on Church Growth at Fuller Seminary. In 1977 he was challenged to return to the pastorate. He was committed to give the church over to Jesus Christ, to be in complete control, no matter the cost. He introduced divine healing into their regular services. He began with a group of 17 Christians. They grew, and took on the name Vineyard Christian Fellowship. Now over 5,000 attend Sunday services at Anaheim, California, and in addition there are over 200 Vineyard Christian Fellowships across North America. In 1982 he introduced the subjects "Signs, Wonders and Church Growth" to Fuller Seminary, and later wrote two books "Power Evangelism" and "Power Healing".

In a recent book "Riding the Third Wave" edited by Kevin Springer, Wimber in the Afterword describes some distinguishing characteristics of the "third wave":-

The majority involved do not use the term 'baptism', but rather 'filled with' or 'empowered by' the Holy Spirit. They see the need for continual fillings;

It includes those who do not speak in tongues, but who otherwise practise power ministry, through the gifts of the Spirit, in healing, deliverance, etc.;

The majority involved are conservative evangelicals;

All Christians are encouraged to pray for the sick and to experience all the gifts in ministering.

Last November a number of our ministers and members were among 4,000 who met in Canberra for the "Signs and Wonders, and Church Growth" Conference

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Warm Greetings from Normanton

God is working in Normanton, Qld. Following the recent Gulf Country Convention ("A.C." November 14) Nell Ewart further reports.

The Holy Spirit continues to convict people here and we are still seeing men and women accepting Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Unlike many of our fields where missionaries have been involved for many years with little results, Normanton seems to be experiencing a turning to the things of God.

The various outreach ministries of the church are reaping a bountiful harvest. The home meetings, held in the homes of non-Christians, outdoor meetings, held in the main street and other public areas, both are being wonderfully blessed. Anne and I have no direct role in either of these.

Church members are increasingly accepting responsibility which is a positive pointer for the future. We are planning the first ever AGM for Normanton in February. The various auxiliary leaders have submitted reports of the year's activities. This is creating a lot of interest as church members see that they are capable of carrying out many of the tasks previously carried out by the minister.

The men have begun a weekly prayer meeting on Monday mornings. For the past three weeks there have been 25 - 30 present of whom about half are not Christians.

The Bible study on Wednesday nights is another area where there has been growth. Adults, teenagers and young children all study at their own level. Last week there were 28 present.

Humanist of the Year

Phillip Adams has been named "Humanist of the Year". In presenting the award Dr Victor Bien, President of the N.S.W. Humanist Society, said that his group's aims are a society in which all can "fulfil their potential free from supernatural beliefs."

We are sure that no Christian would want to force "supernatural beliefs" on any humanist. We would hope that no humanist would want to take away the freedom of those individuals whose convictions make them hold to "supernatural beliefs."

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Nubeena Nursing Home opened

The new Nubeena Nursing Home was dedicated by Queensland Conference President Don Cranston on November 28. He was assisted by Bruce Armstrong (senior minister of the Toowoomba church), Darrel Thorpe (minister at Harlaxton) and Ian Alves (associate minister at Toowoomba).

Following the dedication the building was opened by Barry Wight, the newly appointed Queensland Manager for the Dept. of Community Services and Health as the representative of the Minister, the Hon. Dr. Neal Blewett

This 42 bed Nursing Home replaces the one that has temporarily occupied the hostel at Mylo House for a long period of time. The new home incorporates many

features designed to create a home like environment. One feature has been to name the corridors with street names thus giving all residents an address.

Don Stewart, Executive Director of the Queensland Churches of Christ Social Service Dept., was able to announce that the Department of Community Services and Health had approved an additional 22 hostel beds at Mylo House. These beds are available because of the move of the Nursing Home to the new Nubeena Nursing Home.

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with John Wimber. The majority present were from mainline evangelical churches. John was critical of Pentecostal and Charismatic excesses. He has taken the "hype" out of their approach to Holy Spirit empowered ministry. There was no gimmickry and no whipping up of emotions before ministering healing. They do not encourage "slaying in the Spirit", but rather physically support anyone when necessary. They simply say and do in faith, whatever they believe they are inspired to, in each situation, and trust the Lord to do his supernatural part. We were all encouraged to take a similar step of faith (they spell faith "r-i-s-k"). As we did it seemed as though laying hands on the sick, praying for them, speaking words of discernment, wisdom, knowledge and encouragement, and dispelling demons in the name of Jesus, were simply the normal/supernatural, Holy Spirit inspired, Christian thing to do.

We may not all agree entirely with all of Wimber's practices and theological explanations. However I believe we should consider the "third wave", in principle, as a welcome alternative to both the enthusiastic extremes of some Pentecostal/Charismatics, and to the relative deadness of some conservative evangelicals.

We can no longer ignore the startling statistics of church growth by those who embrace Holy Spirit empowered ministry, and who accept the miraculous and supernatural elements of Christianity. We must humbly reassess our traditional position regarding these issues in the light of Scripture.

As Churches of Christ we have both the character and the mandate to restore New Testament Christianity to the full. If we would complete our task, let us no longer be ashamed of Jesus and his word in relation to the miraculous. Let us put ourselves at "risk" to venture in faith with him "on the crest of the 'Third Wave'" of Holy Spirit empowered ministry and witness, in a way which will be both in accord with the revealed will of God, and honouring to the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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Gordon Stirling On The Move

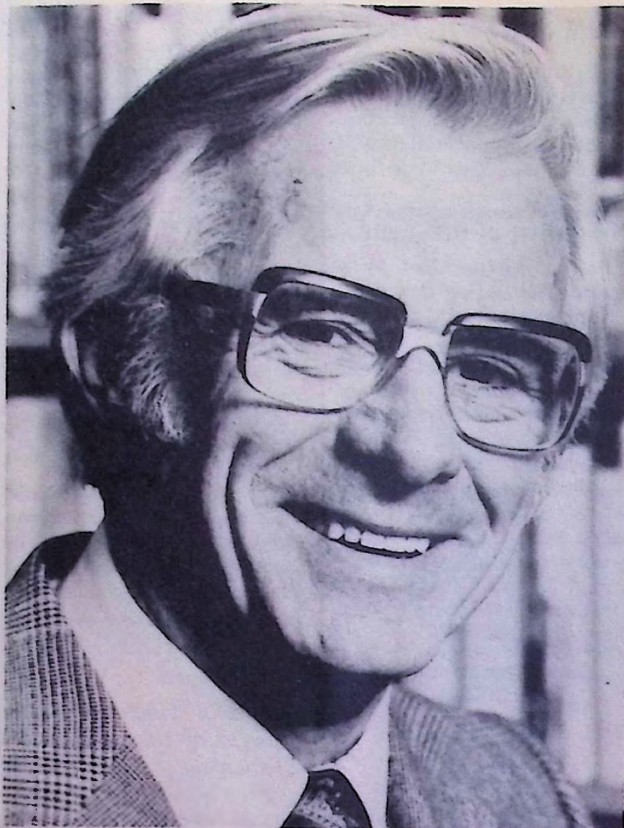
Someday, someone will say, "Have you heard? G.R.S. has retired!" The hearer will rush out to see if the sun is still shining and if north is still in the north. Such a declaration will not easily be believed—and with good cause!

There has been instead just another change of course and in December, the "Australian Christian" Board of Management and some friends of the "Christian" met to honour the departing Editor.

Will he now be reclining in some comfortable lounge chair reflecting on the past or contemplating his memoirs? He will not! He is ministering to the strategic church at Launceston, Tas. He volunteered to help when that church was facing a difficult situation but, if they had their choice they would have called him anyway. What church wouldn't!

Gordon, after distinguished service as youth leader in New Zealand and South Australia, became the first minister in our growing national capital. Later, he joined the faculty of the College of the Bible. He retired from that job (if retired is the word!) and became Editor of our national journal. Now he is on the move again.

Gordon was a natural youth leader. Such a leader needs vision to see the possibilities in young people, have the ideas to stimulate them, the courage to confront them, and the capacity to communicate with them. All of these



qualities were possessed by Gordon, but something more was needed. A leader must have that additional trait that can't be bought or taught, that gift from God which is the ability to inspire young people to follow one who is following the Lord. G.R.S. had this gift, has this gift and the young people responded.

I know about this because I succeeded Gordon in New Zealand. It was like going into bat after Bradman had departed the

wicket. Many of the present church leaders in New Zealand owe so much to Gordon.

Gordon became a role model for younger ministers. He preached a practical gospel, relates as well to older folk as to the

young, keeps in touch with modern writers without losing touch with the ancient, and he scorns the parsonic gobbledegook jargon that turns people off. He uses clear direct speech that ordinary folk can understand and that the learned can value. These qualities he brought to the Editor's chair.

He also brought the harvest of his long experience to the College of the Bible and a new generation of students. It was in the area of practical church work that his contribution was most effective. When one has studied the insights of the theologians and the arguments of the philosophers, after probing the meanings of Hebrew and Greek words and phrases, after analysing the history of the church in the world, and after arguing for the truth against the critics - there is still the business of leading the church and exalting the Lord among the people.

It was Gordon's job to equip his students to translate lecture room theory into local church practice, to strengthen the church and build up the Christian life. I wasn't there, but I can almost hear him saying, "You are not going out there to the churches to show them your diploma or degree. You are there to show them the Light of the Lord! Get out there and work!"

This piece is supposed to be about Gordon, the Editor. It is! You cannot appreciate his role as

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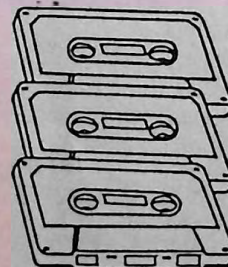
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Golden Jubilee of Tennis Association

To mark its 50th anniversary the Victorian Baptist and Churches of Christ Tennis Association are holding the following events:-

A church service at the Greensborough Baptist Church on March 27 at 3 p.m.; a square dance at the Nunawading Church of Christ on June 4 at 8 p.m. and a family picnic at Werribee Park on October 15.

The Association was started in 1938 by the Churches of Christ North District. They were joined by the South District in 1940. They operated as autonomous districts of the Victorian Churches of Christ Tennis Association from 1940 - 1946. In 1943 the Baptist churches joined the competition following an executive resolution which read: "We desire to see greater fellowship promoted between Baptist and Churches of Christ youth with a view to contributing to the cause of unity between the churches." As a result the Victorian Baptist and Churches of Christ Tennis association (VBCCTA) was formed in 1946.

The primary purpose of the VBCCTA is to promote the spirit of Christian fellowship by arranging and managing inter-club tennis matches, promoting tournaments, arranging combined church parades and conducting such social and other undertakings as considered appropriate.

Amongst successful functions held over the years have been the Easter tournaments at Nhill, Koondrook-Barham and Ton-

gala. Also the Association has competed in the Finchley Shield (inter-church competition) which it won in 1965.

The Association still consists of three districts — North (which includes the West), South and East.

Further details can be obtained from the VBCCTA General Secretary Ian Albury on (03) 729.3506 or the President Lance Jackman on (03) 870.4594.

Farewell

A large crowd gathered in the Goolwa, S.A., church for a public farewell to Rick and Bev Sercombe, as they completed seven years of ministry in the town.

Evidence of the help they gave to many branches of community life was expressed in appreciation from representatives from the following organisations: South Coast Minister's Fraternal, Country Fire Service, Heritage Club, Neighbour Aid, Inter-Church Council, Church Bookshop and Lenten Study groups. Involvement in these groups were some of their commitments, besides their council and ministry and home and hospital visiting.

The church thanked Rick for his faithful conveying of God's word and carrying that faith through into actions of care and compassion. Bev was thanked for the wonderful support she gave to Rick, making it a real team partnership, and for the love and compassion shown to her church family, often at the cost of her own health.

Luncheon and Carols



Helping themselves to lunch

Gordon Stirling

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God's penman without knowing the man who sat in the Editor's chair. Gordon is Gordon. He is the fellow who ran the youth camps, who brought sane judgment to church conferences, the Gordon who visited, who counselled, who preached. He is an all-round all-purpose communicator. As Editor, his main concern was still practical church work. The difference was that with pen and print he had a wider audience.

If you asked me to underline one thing among the many with which Gordon has enriched us all I would offer this: No one has done more to keep alive the spirit and insights of the pioneers of the Restoration Movement. But where others have seen the personalities and events of the past as monuments to be revered and preserved, for Gordon they were but milestones on a journey not yet completed and a destiny not yet achieved. For Gordon, the Movement still moves!

Thanks Gordon, for what you have done and for what you are doing! And thanks, too, to Lesley who has not only been your partner and supporter but who, in her own way and in her own right has been a leader.

This is not a farewell. It is a celebration of another milestone!

On December 11 the staff at Camp Cal, Neville and Louise Green and cook Tony Dulbory and folk from the Caloundra, Qld., church entertained 82 elderly folk from around the area to a smorgasbord lunch and carol singing. Spencer Clarke on accordion, Wes Edwards on piano and Margaret Weldon and Sharron Willbraham made up the musical team.

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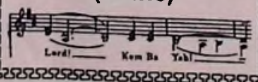
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Geoff. Whiting Retiring

At 24, Geoff. Whiting left his parents' farm at Balaklava, S.A., and entered the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic., to train for the ministry. In January, 1945, on completion of his course, he married Marjorie McCallum, a daughter of the manse, and three weeks later they went to W.A., where Geoff. became the first full-time minister of the church at Wembley. During his six year ministry there he took part-time studies at the University of Western Australia and completed a B.A. degree with a double major in psychology and philosophy.

In 1951 Geoff. and Marj. returned to Adelaide and commenced a ministry at Dulwich. Three years later he was appointed Director of Christian Education for our churches in South Australia. In this work he had contact with others who had been overseas for special training. He could see the value of their study and wanted to explore this field. So, in 1958, he and his wife and two children, Margaret and David, moved to the U.S.A. where they lived for four years. During this period Geoff. completed a Master of Religious Education at Christian Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Education with a major in Adult Education, at Indiana University. Included in his work for the Masters degree was an advanced course in counselling. This was followed by an advanced course in educational psychology at the Doctoral level. When he returned to Australia he was eligible to become a member of the Australian Psychological Society and is registered as a counselling and educational psychologist.

Geoff. and Marj. and family returned to Australia in 1962 and Geoff. ministered to the Hartwell, Vic., church until he was appointed to the Federal Board of Christian Education. This was followed by an appointment in 1968 to the Hawthorn Institute of Education (then the Technical Teachers College) as a lecturer in educational psychology with some time given to counselling. After three years he was appointed a full-time counsellor,



Geoff & Marj Whiting

a position he held until the beginning of 1982 when he had to officially retire at the age of 65.

In 1984 Geoff. was asked to join the ministry team of the Doncaster, Vic., church to help with the pastoral and counselling work and to assist students with study.

Throughout his ministry Geoff. has been involved in Brotherhood activities. He served on the South Australian Conference Executive and as a President of the South Australian Conference. For almost 20 years he was a member of the Board of the College of the Bible, and for several years was a member of the Adult Committee of the Victorian Department of Christian Education. For a number of years he has also represented Churches of Christ on the

Council for Chaplaincies in Tertiary Institutions. Geoff. has also been a member of the Victorian Association for Mental Health and is a Life Member of that Association.

Over the years Geoff. has been involved in a wide range of counselling and has also conducted many teaching programs in education for living, education for parenting and handling stress, for kindergarten mothers' clubs, teacher-parent associations, family camps, service groups and church groups.

Throughout his ministry, Marj. has been a constant companion and a great secretary. She has done most of his typing and helped in many other ways.

Now, after four years of minis-

try at Doncaster, Geoff. is looking ahead to his second retirement!

The Doncaster church will farewell Geoff and Marj at worship services at 9.00 and 11.15 a.m. on February 14 followed by a luncheon at 12.30 p.m.

A Woman of Courage

A Tribute to Iris Evelyn Schilling

The name of Iris Schilling (nee Smalley) may not be well known to a great many in Churches of Christ. She didn't attend Conventions or Conferences, serve on State Departments or move widely throughout the churches. But to a small group of family and friends in two States she was certainly regarded as a great woman of courage. In her early years of motherhood Iris developed rheumatoid arthritis, an extremely painful disease with increasing physical disability.

Baptised at the Burnley, Vic., church on November 4, 1934 Iris began her Christian pilgrimage of love and concern for others. She married Harry Schilling on July 13, 1940 and later moved to Dandenong where they were actively involved in membership from 1945 - 1951. As a foundation member at Morwell, Vic., from 1951 Harry and Iris worked tirelessly contributing to the growth of the church both in membership and in a building program. In addition she was amongst the first Life Line counsellors in the Latrobe Valley. The home also was refuge for women who were vic-

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BI-CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

To the Editor,

I refer to the passage "European settlers claimed the country as if it belonged to nobody" in the comments of the South Australian Social Justice Committee ("A.C." October 31). We continue to demoralise the part Aboriginal by telling them that they own the country and that we robbed them of it. I pose the question did we take it or did God take it off them in line with the Parable of the Talents (Matt. 25:28)?

Those who claim that the Aborigines had it for 40,000 years and could only make it support 600,000 must admit that they did nothing with it to make it support people. I read in the Bible that at least six times God told his people to go forth and multiply and replenish the earth.

At about the time of Captain Cook, when he left the comforts of England and home to face privation, hardship and danger, in India baby girls were being thrown to the crocodiles to try and keep down India's population because they were overcrowded. But 600,000 Aborigines roamed the whole of Australia. Does any right thinking Christian imagine that just and loving God could let this continue. I believe that it was God who inspired Captain Cook to discover Australia to end this unjust position and to create the circumstance where his commands would be brought about. God did it with the nations in the Old Testament to the people and nations who ignored him.

It is a bit impractical to say that the Aborigines should be allowed to live as they were 200 years ago especially as they have the same opportunities as we have to live the same lives as we do. Those who accept the inevitable circumstances are expecting us to hand them an easy life.

— R.D. Clark
(Chinchilla, Qld.)

PHAM FAMILY

To the Editor,

I was very interested to read the front page article (December 19 issue) on the Pham family from Vietnam. After all their struggles they are now together again, and in my daily prayer to God I thank him for bringing this family together again. God directed Mr Pham to the right Christian people and may they continue to enjoy Christian fellowship in their new country. As the young people grow up may they find Christian fellowship in their new homeland.

I wish them much happiness in the years that lie ahead.

— W.J. Williams
(Ridgehaven, S.A.)

NEGLECTED ISSUES

To the Editor,

There are many so called social issues on which the voice of the church seems to be rather silent. Issues such as those raised by the NACAIDS Committee are an example. I see little or no reports on this in Christian publications.

Also, I see little Churches of Christ response to Bicentennial issues, both black and white, which really have nothing to do with what happened in the past, but what is happening now to help us all come to terms with a plethora of events.

Perhaps one of the issues on which this nation has hedged itself with political grandstanding has been the failure of any party to recognise the plight of the Timorese. Their heritage was taken from them by the superpowers, including Australia, when they were no longer given diplomatic recognition by us. They now live in limbo. I met some the other day when trying to find an address in Melbourne and they were most helpful. But be it Whitlam or Fraser, they have all given away these people for a mess of pottage. It is more than time that Australia stood up for their rights in their own country, as we would expect others to do for us. Maybe for once the church should speak out in a loud and clear voice as it recognises their work and worth.

— Bruce Burn
(Morwell, Vic.)

WONDER, HUMOUR AND MYSTERY AT CHRISTMAS

To the Editor,

Our four year old grandson from Brisbane, not often in church, went with his mother for Brighton's Christmas Day service. He settled down, looked all about, then with eyes to the roof said "By the way Mummy, where is God?"

About the same time in a Uniting Church in Bentleigh, a Sunday School class were listening to the beautiful story of Joseph taking his wife to Bethlehem for the census and birth of the baby Jesus. When the inn keeper told the couple that there was no room in the inn, a boy of about five said: "He was not very nice to do that." Then a girl, all of five, said very thoughtfully: "Well, Really, I blame Joseph; he should have booked ahead."

On the way from Queensland to have Christmas with us our daughter visited a friend in South Australia! From the friend she learnt how her 16 year old son had had a serious fall in gymnasium work and was taken to hospital unconscious. Many days later at home he said that he had experienced being in a great white room; then someone said 'you have to go back'. His mother, who knew the doctor, rang through to him and asked "Did you lose Nicky?" To which the doctor replied: "Yes we did, just for a short time."

— David Allison
(Sandringham, Vic.)

ABORTION CHOICES

To the Editor,

Christians, like all other taxpayers, know their taxes are used to pay for abortions. We might say it's unfair of the government to force us to subsidise something so contrary to our beliefs.

But can we honestly blame the
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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

My Venture into Spirituality

To the Editor,

I never feel totally at ease in our Bible study group. The rest of them are so much more spiritual than I am.

I decided to do something about it and to become as spiritual as I could. I learned how to use some of the spiritual phrases, and remembered to bring the Lord's name into the conversation as often as I could. I am usually the last to pray at prayer circle time, and sometimes don't pray at all. I made a point of getting in early, and sometimes having a second turn. And when any one complimented me on anything I did, I replied quickly, "It wasn't me, it was the Lord," like I'd heard others say. I thought that I was doing pretty well.

It was then that Jim Anderson pricked my bubble. He said, "Don't try so hard, Tertius. It's not like you." Then I knew what I was doing. I was not really as interested in being spiritual as I was in having a reputation for being spiritual.

Then I thought about Ted Harris. He's the most spiritual of the lot of us. But it is natural for him ... and not a bit "put on" like some of us. Then I realised that he doesn't know that he is spiritual and he doesn't try to be. He just gets on with loving the Lord and caring about other people, and never thinks of having a reputation for spirituality.

TERTIUS

New Beginnings

Officially "The Australian Christian" has a new Editor from January 1. However I am not totally new to the situation as I have now been involved with "The Australian Christian" for the past nine years under Gordon Stirling's editorship.

When you look at this first issue of our 91st year of publication many of you will not notice many differences. This is because the Board have determined that "The Australian Christian" will continue as primarily a news magazine. We hope to share with our readers the exciting events that are happening in the lives of our churches.

We are also intending to share with you the disasters that do and will occur in churches. We need to bring this news to readers so that they can gain a true picture of the church, to share the pain with those who are hurting, and also to learn the lessons from each of these experiences so that hopefully they are not repeated.

Whilst "The Australian Christian" will be primarily a news magazine we are aware that our readers also have other needs from us. We hope to continually bring articles and columns in our pages that will stimulate readers to think and work through the implications of their faith in all areas of their lives. We will be endeavouring to print stimulating and thoughtful devotional material. However we are aware that due to the wide diversity of our readers not all this material will meet everybody's needs.

We are also looking at running articles on the way that various church's are operating innovative programs. We would hope that this would encourage others to develop similar programs so that people are won to Christ and grow in their spiritual life.

During this new regime we are hoping also to comment on issues that face us in Australia. We are planning to run regular editorials, which will be unsigned, which may well comment on current social and political issues facing us in

our society. I will take full responsibility for any comment made in these editorials, however I may be asking people from around Australia to write this material.

Of course our pages are always open for readers to express their opinions on any of the material we have printed or on any issues or news that they believe we should be covering. Suggestions for articles and information about news items that would be of interest to readers would be greatly appreciated. As you may be aware we only have a small staff and funds do not allow us to travel widely around Australia gathering new items so that any assistance we receive in this area will be greatly appreciated.

At the moment we are leaving the format and design of "The Australian Christian" basically the same as that which it has had for the past few years. We will be looking at new columns and also at design changes over the next few months. As you will be aware we have recently purchased new Desk Top Publishing equipment (with the assistance of the Vic.-Tas. Christian Women's Fellowship and the Queensland I.C.A. scheme). As we master this equipment and the possibilities of the programs we hope to introduce new design layouts that will aid our readers.

I would like to thank many readers for their expressions of support as I commence this new role with "the Australian Christian". The goodwill of many within our churches is important for us to be able to be truly the national magazine of Churches of Christ. To be this we need to represent the variety of views and methods of operation that exist within our churches. We also need to help stimulate our churches to grow otherwise we as a Movement will be out of business.

I look forward to you support, your encouragement, your suggestions, your criticisms and your prayers.

Chris Ambrose

"Turning the World Right Side Up"

Taking advantage of their antipodean position on the map, the "down-under" New Zealanders have given the theme "Turning the World Right Side Up" to the 12th Assembly of the World Convention of Churches of Christ, to be held in Auckland from November 2 — 6, 1988.

The program for the Convention has now been published.

Mornings commence with Heritage Breakfasts from 7.30 to 9 each day. They are called that because they will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Alexander Campbell. They will look at where we have been as a people and where we are going, with the material prepared by a good friend of many Australians, Hiram Lester of Bethany Col-

lege.

From 10 a.m. each morning there will be an assembly with lots of special music and the Bader Lectures presented by world renowned preacher Dr Lloyd Oglvie, as well as features entitled "Our Global Fellowship", highlighting places round the world where we are at work.

Afternoons will be free for sightseeing, conducted tours or just poking round Auckland.

The night sessions will be the usual "extravaganzas" of mini-concerts, cultural colour and top flight preaching, including among the preachers our own Dr Bill Tabbernee on the Friday night.

The climax of it all will be the communion service on the Sun-

day morning. There will also be opportunity for conventioners to spend an afternoon with New Zealand Christian families.

Some Australians will be going to New Zealand just for the Convention. Some will be using campervans for leisurely tours of the Dominion. Many will be on pre-convention or post-convention bus tours, some long and some short. These W.C.C.C. tours in the past have resulted in many life long friendships being formed.

Most church secretaries still have supplies of the Convention brochure, but these have been updated since. So any of our people who have not yet registered and plan to go to Convention should contact the Australian secretariat promptly. This in-

cludes those who are thinking of it as a possibility and want some information. At this stage, just under a year away, it needs to be known that early registration and payments often mean a substantial saving in our inflated economy. Inquiries to Ed Roffey, 21 Walwa St., Mitcham 3132.

After 3 years of harassment from local authorities the Grace and Truth Christian congregation in Rehovot, Israel, is now meeting publicly for worship. Opposition 3 years ago led to the refusing of a licence to meet in a public building and the fellowship was forced to meet in homes and in woods and fields.

Bicentenary Book Imports

Six publications from College Press, Joplin, Missouri, U.S. will be available during 1988 to mark the bicentenary of the birth of Alexander Campbell in 1788. The books range from two historical novels on pioneer figures, Alexander Campbell — "The Fool of God", and John Smith — "Raccoon John Smith", a Thomas Campbell biography to a history of the Movement and collections of historical documents and debate reports. The volumes are in hard cover and well presented. All would be most suitable for a church library. The two novels give an outstanding picture of life in the early days of the Movement. "Campbell and Controversy" has been published to especially mark the Bicentenary. It outlines the context and setting for the famous debates and surveys the issues debated. Of particular interest are descriptions of Campbell's great controversy with Robert Owen, the foremost secularist and humanist of the time. All but one of the books are under \$20. The importing is a Joint Federal Board of Christian Education — Department of Mission, Education and Development project. Enquiries and orders should be directed to 52 LaTrobe Street, Melbourne 3000. A separate advertisement in this issue gives additional information on costing and titles.

BOOKS

GETTING THINGS DONE

by Lyle E. Schaller (Abingdon) \$23.25.

I have long been a fan of Lyle Schaller who is a truly prolific writer on the many practical matters of church life. It is absolutely amazing how he can continue to come up with new and fresh insights into ways in which we can be more effective in our work for Christ within the church.

His work is truly "how to" material. In this 1985 book he deals with the issues of how to get things done. At the onset he points out that getting things done is a different thing depending upon the situation or grouping in which you are wanting to get something to happen. He talks about tribes, movements and organisations and the differences that each makes.

He talks about leaders knowing how to organise and in the process drops some interesting questions about women's work in the church. Leading versus manipulation is dealt with and some central characteristics of leadership are discussed. New ideas are always important as was the case of the 27,000 cookies!

After looking at the importance of allies, coalitions and the role of meetings in getting things done he concludes with a chapter on "What do we seek in our next minister?"

This book is another valuable book of vintage Schaller. If you are looking for help in getting things done around your church I would be most surprised if you did not find this one helpful.

— Don E. Stewart.

THE CROWN VERSUS CHAMBERLAIN 1980 — 1987 by Ken Crispin (Albatross Books) \$12.95.

The author was one of three barristers appearing for Lindy and Michael Chamberlain before Justice Morling at the Commission of Inquiry, which was held in Darwin and Sydney in 1986 and 1987. He tells the story of Australia's most puzzling mystery — from the events at Ayers Rock onwards. It focusses on the Morling Inquiry and asks why it took seven years, two inquests, one trial, two appeals and one inquiry to decide in favour of Lindy and Michael Chamberlain. He takes the reader through

the complex scientific evidence and makes it clear and understandable. He looks at how the beliefs of the Chamberlains coloured their actions and attitudes throughout their trials. I feel Ken Crispin is extremely sympathetic to the Chamberlains and I wonder about the significance of the Aborigine "Dreamtime" stories he includes. It is a most interesting book and keeps the readers attention even in the areas of science and law. Ken Crispin also makes the point that there is a risk that our laws might condemn the innocent and suggests some changes to our institutions and attitudes — changes which would protect us all.

— S.W.

HANDBOOK OF LIFE IN BIBLE TIMES

by J.A. Thompson (Inter-Varsity Press).

This is an excellent book that should be in any church library and on every ministers shelf. At a cost of around \$40 it is a little expensive but the production value is one of the best I have seen.

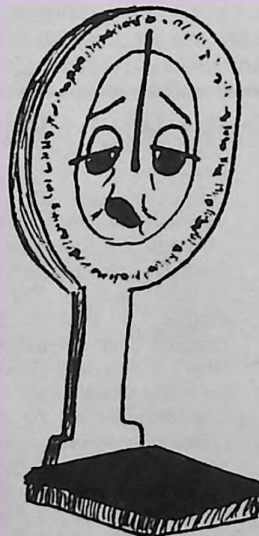
As the publishers note this book has three purposes. The first is to make available, in non-technical and easily understood form, a selection of the discoveries of modern archaeology from the lands of the Bible. The second purpose is to bring these discoveries to life. The third purpose is to show how this reality of life underlies the narrative of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

The whole spectrum of life in biblical times is covered under seven sections: an introduction, people at home, food and drink, industry and commerce, culture and health, warfare and religion. In each section various sub-topics are covered. Dr John Thompson has provided a very readable text that really brings to life the everyday life of people in biblical times. The use of excellent graphics and colour photographs at appropriate places enhances the readers understanding of the times. All the biblical references are supplied, in the margins where they do not break up the text but where they are easily spotted for follow up.

The design of pages and the illustrations are excellent. There is a very comprehensive index which would enable readers to find material on the particular issue they wish to read. This volume would supply any preachers, teachers and instructors good background material on biblical times that would really help them make their material relevant to their listeners.

I have no hesitation at all to recommend people buying this book even if the price seems high. An essential reference book.

— C.R.A.




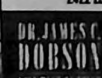

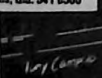
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60th Anniversary of Opening of Ashwood Memorial Hospital



-Bruce Coventry.

To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee, special meetings were held at Daund November 14-16 1987. During the meetings, past and present workers were honoured and tributes paid to all who had contributed in making the hospital what it is today.

When the hospital was opened in 1927, the British Governor of Bombay State performed the opening ceremony. For the Diamond Jubilee we were privileged to have the Australian Consul General (from Bombay), Gavin Bromlrow, as one of the special guests. Reverend Francis Sunderaj, the Secretary of the Evangelical Fellowship of India, brought the daily Bible Studies. The final guest speaker was the Hon. Sharadchandraji Pawar (former Chief Minister of Maharashtra State), and one of the leading men in the present government. He spoke on the Monday night to an audience of approximately 3,000.

The present staff at Ashwood Memorial Hospital

"The Daund land; what a sight! A mass of ups and downs, with tiny rivulets going into the river a few hundred yards distant, and not much flat ground for buildings."

So recorded Miss Edna Vawser for her first sighting of the future Daund Hospital site when she arrived in early 1926. Besides other missionaries, the party that arrived in India also included Miss Ashwood from New South Wales. Miss Ashwood was to provide the needed money for the erection of the hospital buildings.

Even when the first buildings had been erected the situation had not greatly improved, for Miss Vawser wrote, "A narrow path, rather precarious and certainly unsafe to negotiate without a lantern on a moonless night, linked the hospital buildings with the doctors' and nurses' residence... a garage for the anticipated ambulance was built as soon as the

residences were completed, and it was in the garage that Dr Oldfield commenced his dispensary work. For the in-patients, a temporary ward with three rooms was erected and later became known as B Ward."

When the main ward block was eventually opened it had provisions for 20 in-patients. With the passage of time the verandahs were used to accommodate additional patients when there was need. More recently these verandahs have been widened and completely enclosed. With a new private ward block the hospital today (now known as the Ashwood Memorial Hospital), provides for 50 in-patients.

Future planned developments make provision for a special maternity section and the upgrading of the laboratory and the dispensary. There has also been discussion on making the hospital a small nursing training hospital.

Dr Thornley Thomas (the present Chairman of the Overseas Mission Board), was the last Australian doctor to serve at the hospital. He, along with his wife, retired in 1970.

There have been a number of Indian doctors who have served there during the past 17 years. We were particularly delighted when one of our own young men, Philemon Pawar (a grandson of the man who had been deeply involved in the building work in earlier years) graduated from the Miraj Medical Centre, and joined the hospital staff in January 1982.

During the years that Philemon Pawar trained, Dr Rajnikant Kolhatkar (also one of our own men) was the Director of the Centre, and he was the son of one of the doctors who had assisted Dr Oldfield in the early years of the work.

In mid-1983 Dr Philemon Pawar was asked to become the new Medical Superintendent. It became evident soon after this that unless some new directions were undertaken at the hospital, its future would be most uncertain. Dr Kolhatkar, having resigned from the Miraj Medical Centre, had taken up residence in Pune, and was more than ready to do all he could to assist in plans for working through these new directions. Several specialists including Dr Kolhatkar, visit the hospital from Pune each week greatly adding to the services that the hospital provides.

A national conference on church growth ministry will be held in Melbourne May 3-5. "Growing the Church through Small Groups" will be held at the Syndal Baptist Church, Glen Waverley. It is being jointly sponsored by Serendipity Christian Resources Australia, Scripture Union Australia and World Vision International. Dr Roberta Hestenes from the US will be the keynote speaker. Details and registration forms from Serendipity Christian Resources, GPO Box 1944, Adelaide 5001. Phone (08) 278.3953.

55% of American Catholic priests are in favour of priestly marriages with only 35% opposed according to a recent "New York Times/CBS News" poll. The same poll revealed that priests are evenly split 43-43% on women's ordination.

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Giving to the church by America's Roman Catholics has dropped to roughly half of the support level of 25 years ago while contributions by Protestants remained steady.

An increased demand for Islamic banking is beginning to facilitate a global network of banks based on the principles laid down in the Koran. As defined by Islamic law, the provider of capital and the user of capital are to share equally in the risk of investments. The Koran prohibits the use of a guaranteed interest payment on cash advances or on deposits.

According to Gallup Polls, 61% of those polled in the US in 1987 said they had "a great deal" or "a lot" of confidence in the church or organised religion, up from 57% in 1986.

The money needed to give everyone in the world adequate food, water, education, health and housing has been estimated at \$17,000 million a year. This is about as much as the world spends on military arms every 2 weeks.

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana and the Presbyterian Church of (South) Korea have approved co-operation in education and agricultural mission and other areas as needed.

The length of compulsory military service in Hungary for theological students has been reduced to 12 months from 18 making it comparable to that for other university students.

The Christian Council of Mozambique reports that "once again" a massacre has occurred on November 28. This time 3 buses and 32 vehicles with relief goods were destroyed along with the murder of 63 and the injury of 78.

The Inter-church aid commission (CICARWS) of the World Council of Churches has announced an appeal for \$3.35 million US to respond to the drought and the situation of displaced persons in Ethiopia.

Argentinian born evangelist Alberto Mottesi saw nearly 5,000 Guatemalans accept Christ during his Guatemala City "Golden Anniversary" crusade Nov. 2 — 8. All the rallies were also broadcast live on 3 radio stations with the final 2 services also being carried live on a television station in Guatemala City.

Melbourne artist Jennie Flack's children's music is being promoted in 1988 in America through Dr James Dobson's "Focus on the Family" organisation. Dr Dobson broadcasts on over 1,000 radio stations each week.

The Sudanese Church of Christ, with 60,000 members in over 200 congregations, has only 6 pastors following the killing of Pastor Matta El Nur by armed Arabs. The Sudan People's Liberation Army has caused SCOC congregations in the remote Nuba mountains much hardship recently.

Sonshine FM, Australia's newest Christian broadcaster, is due to begin transmissions on January 26 as a metropolitan-wide public broadcasting radio station in Perth. Their call sign will be 6SON.

6 armed arsonists fire bombed the Radio Lumiere transmitters servicing the Haitian capital Port-au-Prince on Nov. 21. The damage costs of \$80,000 were inflicted just 8 days prior to the scheduled free elections, the first in at least 30 years. The group responsible was widely believed to be a network of military and former National Volunteer Service

(Tonton Macoutes) members opposing free elections. On election day these groups massacred many voters causing the elections to be postponed.

Former Soviet religious prisoner Valeri Barinov finally left the Soviet Union on Nov. 22. He was accompanied by his wife Tanya and their two children Zhanna and Marina.

According to the European Baptist Press Service some 560 children participated in 13 regional and national summer camps organised by the Polish Baptist Union in 1987. About one third were from families in which neither parent is Baptist.

It is reported that only 8 or 10 candidates were accepted for the Protestant United Theological Institute in Romania. There were 82 applications for the Lutheran and Reformed churches in Romania, showing a great interest in full-time ministry, but the authorities limited the number of places to one fifth of the required 50 trainee pastors needed to maintain the level of pastors in these churches.

A survey by the Federal Office of Road Safety indicates that 98% of Australians restrict drinking or do not drink at all if they are driving. The survey also shows that 94% of Australians agree with random breath testing compared with 88% 12 months earlier.

Of the 93% of all Americans that own at least one Bible 42% own a King James Version while 21% own a New King James Version according to a recent survey.

A fanatical Nigerian Muslim movement has threatened to destroy a regional television station if it gives "any undue coverage to the Christmas festival."

Close to 1 million innocent children have perished in southern Africa during this decade through war related famine. Many believe that this is the result of the destabilisation policy of the region by the South African government.

In England a C S Lewis Centre has been set up to act as an inter-church group studying current moral and social issues in the light of a Gospel based Trinitarian theology.

50,000 copies of an interdenominational edition of the New Testament sold out in a matter of days in Czechoslovakia recently.

In 1986 less than 27% of the adult population in the US smoked. This was down nearly 4% from the 1985 level. In 1964, the year the US Surgeon General issued the landmark health warning about smoking 40% of the adult population smoked.

In the US in the first half of 1987 the number of inmates in prison grew by 4.7% with more than 570,519 convicts in correctional facilities. Prison officials were forced to add about 1,000 new beds each week to keep up with the influx.

One in five adult Americans sought medical or other professional help to combat a drinking problem involving the individual or a member of their family. A current survey shows that 41% of adult Americans say they have suffered physical, psychological, or social harm because of someone else's drinking.

For the first time since the Communist government reorganised Vietnam's Catholic Church a second seminary has been reopened to train candidates for the priesthood. Fewer than 2,500 priests serve Vietnam's 4.5 million

Catholics. At least 200 priests have been arrested in the southern part of the country since it came under Communist rule in 1975.

The Pentagon acknowledges that at least 27 nuclear accidents occurred in the US between 1950 and 1980.

The Vatican and the Czechoslovakian government continue to be deadlocked over appointments of bishops for the vacant 9 of 13 Czechoslovak Roman Catholic diocese without them. The government has blocked appointments of Roman Catholic bishops since 4 were named in 1973.

According to the latest reports Africa records 75 million out of the world's 95 million clinical cases of malaria annually. This is due to the lack of clean drinking water and appropriate sanitation.

On December 16 Mrs Ann Stockton, aged 32, an English missionary with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship in the Philippines, was robbed and stabbed while at home in Lemery, Batangas. She died later in hospital. A man is being held over the incident. The reason for the attack is believed to be robbery and does not seem to have a political motivation.

Security police raided the offices of the South African Council of Churches on December 21, the day after the organization's General Secretary denounced what he called the government's "inhuman policy of detention without trial".

The synod of the (Anglican) Church of the Province of West Africa in Ghana has voted that each of its dioceses is free to make its own decision about whether or not to ordain women priests.

R.P. Morris — Obituary

Rowland Price Morris was baptised in the Brighton, Vic., church in 1915 when he was 11 years of age. A long period of activity in the local church and a wider community followed. A fruitful Christian life closed when he died peacefully, after a short illness, on December 13, 1987.

Training and natural ability made him very successful in the world of material values but his life was shaped by undergirding and overriding loyalty to eternal spiritual values. Faith, hope and love, rooted in the acceptance of Christ as Saviour and Lord, provided the unseen foundation of his life and were woven into the fibre of his being. In a variety of ways it was evident that whatever necessary business commitments involved him, his real business was the Kingdom of God.

In earlier days he served at Conference level as the Chairman of what was known as the Young Peoples' Department and later served as a member of the Board of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris. He was to the fore with others in the vision and practical commitment that led to the purchase of the Monbulk site and the development of the Waterman Memorial Youth Camp. The same was true later when a Brotherhood Centre was established in Lonsdale Street and later in La-



Trobe Street, Melbourne. As a pioneer member of the Department of Christian Unity and Ecumenical Affairs in 1936, he served as Secretary for 29 years. Enthusiastic commitment involved him in the development of the Campbell Edwards Trust Fund, the Morris Family Trust and the Austral Charitable Trust, which reach out in a widespread practical ministry in Churches of Christ and beyond.

While he was ever ready to tell others that they inspired him, many are ready to say that he inspired them. An eagerness to express gratitude and appreciation of others was a part of his positive creative attitude to all in all relationships. His concern and generous care for others endowed him with the greatness of those

Don Stewart receives Doctor of Ministry

Don Stewart, the Executive Director of the Queensland Social Service Dept., has been awarded the Degree of Doctor of Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary, California. Dr. Stewart has centred his studies on the area of organisational development and care delivery. His dissertation was written on the Queensland Social Service Dept. focussing on the issues of theology and organisational development.

Dr. Stewart, who was made a fellow of the Australian Institute of Management earlier this year, has been nominated by the Queensland Conference Executive as the Federal Conference President for the 1990 Federal Conference in Brisbane. Don is a graduate of Kenmore Christian College and had ministries at Traralgon, Vic., and Collins St., Hobart, Tas., before being ap-



pointed as Director of the Social Service Department. During his nine years as Director about \$18 million of new capital works involving aged care Nursing Homes, Hostels and units, Childrens Homes and Childrens Day Care Centres have been completed by the Department.

Don has been invited to give the Dean E. Walker Lecture at the World Convention of Churches of Christ in Auckland this year by the European Evangelistic Society which is based in the U.S.A.

Don is married to Margaret
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who serve. In practice he reflected the ideal of the words: "There is criticism enough in the world, Let's try some encouragement instead."

The deep sense of loss experienced by loved ones and a wide circle of friends is matched by a depth of gratitude for a long and enriching life.

— E L Williams.

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Bring along your picnic tea, tea and coffee will be provided.



New Ministry commenced

The Churches of Christ in Queensland Social Service Department have appointed Bob and Joy Walton to set up a new alcohol and drug rehabilitation program which is to be called the Branch-Out Program.

Bob and Joy have been working in this field in the Mancare Community Centre in Canberra over the past 10 years and have gained an international reputation for their work in this field. Both have been awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for their work. Bob Walton is a recovered alcoholic who has developed a particular approach to the tasks of rehabilitation which brings with it an important spiritual dimension.

The gap in alcohol and drug rehabilitation programs in Queensland has been identified as being on the Sunshine Coast so the decision has been made to



Bob and Judy Walton OAM

base the new ministry there. Consideration is being given to the use of a 16 acre property owned by the Social Service Department at Nambour. This property has the potential to provide an horticultural program as part of the rehabilitation process. The Nambour Hospital has a Detoxification Unit which will be an important assistance to the program.

The aim of the program will be to provide a residential rehabilitation program and also provide some places for long term brain damaged residents.

Dr. Don Stewart, Executive Director of the Department, said that the Department was delighted that at last it was able to begin some important work in this very needy and difficult area of care.

Don Stewart

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who is a social worker with the Queensland Department of Family Services and Housing Welfare. They have three children, David who is studying for a Ph.D. at the University of Queensland, Anne who is married to John Wedmaier with two children and Paul a student at Bremer High School, Ipswich.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY ARARAT

Church of Christ

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Campsite Project Completed.

December 1987 saw the completion of a 10 year development program at the Department of Mission, Education and Development Halls Gap camping centre. The program was initiated with the formation of the new Department in 1977. During the period old dormitories and toilet facilities were demolished and new units built. The existing kitchen and hall areas underwent major redevelopment and extension. The final stage of the program was the renovation of the one remaining small dormitory unit. This has been converted into overnight accommodation, as a base for adventure camping and larger camps. Frank Richards completed this unit along with extensive alterations to adjacent toilet facilities with the help of local tradesmen. Ray Drayton has been the supervising architect throughout the project.

Stuart and Sylvia Peterson have given themselves enthusiastically to the Centre's operation during their five year term which they will complete in January 1988. The Centre is fully booked throughout the year with many hirers returning each year. A Victorian Primary School Principal recently wrote highly commending the facilities and describing the catering as the best experience in 25 years of school camping.



Main Centre Halls Gap

Local conservation groups have commended the blending of the Centre with the magnificent mountain environment in which it is set. This is a tribute to R.L.Drayton's design and the hard work by the Petersons in creating such an attractive bush garden setting. The Properties Corporation has financed the extensive borrowings necessary to finance the redevelopment program. Further initiatives are under consideration but no immediate new work is planned.

Camp Banksia on Lake Victoria in East Gippsland has also received attention during 1986-87. Frank Richards has led this program. The central core block has been completely renovated. An attractive kitchen and scullery area has been completed and the dining room and activities hall

panelled with Australian timbers. New window arrangements, fans and an outside patio and large pergola have been added. Family campers and young people involved in the summer camping program noticed a big difference. A further addition planned is the replacement of wooden sliding doors in the activities area with glass sliding doors giving better access to the patio area.

With the encouragement of Russ Pearce new initiatives have been taken with experiments in the planting of drought resistant grass especially suitable for the

area. This program follows recommendations from a scientific report on a soil development and seeding program by Nunawading member, Richard Evans. Graeme McIntyre of Doncaster church has also assisted with advice on appropriate fertilizers. The site is in excellent condition and is attracting widening use by schools and churches.

Russ and Thelma Pearce have also been active in assisting the successful development of the new East Gippsland church centred in Bairnsdale.

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A.C.C. FIELD OFFICER

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DEUBLE To Jeff and Pam, on Christmas Eve, the precious gift of a little boy, Joshua Spencer. A brother for Stephen and David.

NEWTON (GARRETT). Jenny and Ian thank God for the safe arrival of Glenn Anthony on Christmas Day. "Unto us a son is given."
WEINER (JENKINS). On Jan. 3, 1988. To Pamela & Michael, a son, Anthony James. First grandchild to Glenda & Peter and first great grandchild to Edna Brough.

ENGAGEMENTS

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45TH WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARY

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DEATHS

FLOATE Arthur Edward passed away Dec. 20th peacefully at Frankston Hospital. Loved husband of Dulcie. Fond brother-in-law of Verna, Jim (Dec.), Gwen, Marjorie (Dec.), Fred, Bette, Norman and Elsa. Fond memories.

PINCHES Kenneth James, "Terralgal" 75 Smiths Road, Templestowe, on Christmas morning 1987. Dearly loved and loving husband of Joy. Loving Dad to David and Joy, Neil and Julie, Sue, Philip. Loving Pappa Ken to Cameron and Brendan, Tristan and Kasey. Ken enriched our lives by his very presence, shared with us an insatiable search for knowledge and yearning for perfection. He enriched our lives with his appreciation of art and music. We admired his determination and will to live. All these qualities have left an indelible mark upon our lives forever. Time is not measured by years but by deeds we do and joy we give. So while Ken sleeps and his voice is still, his spirit goes on and it always will in the lives of his family. Ken planned his own triumphant service which was conducted at Doncaster Church by Dr Geoff Whiting and Dr Lew Born on Tuesday December 29, 1987.

PINCHES Ken. Loved son-in-law, workmate and friend of Norm Lang and Lily (dec.). Loved brother-in-law of Doug & Beryl, Gordon (dec) Stewart & Mary, Gloria & Jim, Elaine & Allan, Heather & Gary. Loved Uncle to Robyn & Ron, Gayle & Fred, Glennis & David, Tracey & Brenton, Wayne, Greg & Sharon, Fiona & Tom, Katrina & Stephen, Sonia, Lynette, Wendy & Michael, Glenn, Paul, Russell, Vickie and Lisa. Sleep peacefully dear Ken in God's garden of Tulips.

WATSON Lillah Lydia. At St Andrews Hospital, Adelaide on December 15th after a short illness. Loving wife of Cecil (deceased). Mother to Ken.. Mother-in-law to Lorraine. Grandmother to Roland, Craig and Bruce. We give thanks to God for a life well lived in the service of her Lord.

WATSON On 15.12.1987. Peacefully in Adelaide. Lillah, loved sister-in-law and aunt of Ted and Jess (both deceased); Bert and Merle (deceased) and Grace; Elva and Howard (Barnden); Alan and Eleanor and their families.

WATSON Lillah. On December 15th 1987 in Adelaide. Dearly loved and loving wife of Cecil (deceased) and everloving mother of Ken and family. "For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" Joshua 1.

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CP-1000 - Reports

CP1000 has opened the door of opportunity and is pointing the way to new possibilities for Churches of Christ in Australia.

The Chairman of the Christian Projects Trustees, Ian Henry, has submitted a report from the selection committee invited to deal with the first batch of applications for the CP1000 awards. It is obvious that it will take some time before final guide lines are fixed. Nevertheless the Committee was able to select some applications which had real merit and which in their opinion justified the support of CP. It is clearly not possible to assist every applicant. The money available is limited in this three year trial period to \$50,000 per annum. The aim is to distribute \$500,000 each year.

Awards Granted

1. The Montrose, Vic., church asked for assistance in meeting the costs of a College of the Bible Graduate Diploma of Ministry course, for the minister Nell Galbraith. The Montrose church struggled for many years but has



Ian Henry.

recently enjoyed a rate of growth in common with the area which it serves. It holds the promise of a great potential. The Committee considered the investment worthy of support. Amount voted \$500.

2. The Albury, N.S.W. church requested assistance for their venture in faith. They were given assistance to the extent of \$1000 for fares and fees.

3. A most unusual and imaginative application was received from the Chadstone, Vic., church. Chadstone has been a struggling cause for three generations. It has persisted in its witness but is now resolved to obtain the services of a full-time minister and leader who can transform its record. The church is committed to a self-help lawn mowing and gardening service by which it can meet these new costs. They were awarded \$1400 to enable them to

start the service. It could serve as a model and an example of the type of activity suitable for many other small and struggling churches.

4. The Wollongong, N.S.W., church asked for assistance in the establishment of a new church in the fast growing Narellan area. They aim to introduce the church to the community and are gathering the resources for such a venture. Representatives of The Institute for Contemporary Church Leadership will take the responsibility for developing the new cause. It is an outreach worthy of so successful a church as Wollongong and much will be expected from it. The work in this growing area will be closely monitored, especially as it will demonstrate the ability of a teaching Institute to show that its lecture room procedures are also practicable in the field. \$500 was provided.

5. East Kellor, Vic., was awarded \$750 for an in-depth plan to develop goals in worship and witness, and to bridge the gaps which isolate the church from the community. This church is set in an area of growing density where ethnic groups predominate. The experiment will be carefully watched.

6. The South Perth, W.A., church asked for assistance in a proposal to print material to assist their program in the Curtin University. This was considered outside current guidelines but an

amount of \$250 was granted for their pastoral work at that University.

7. The Portland, Vic., church presented an extremely well documented and researched proposal. It is directed to the reduction of alcohol by young people in that area and has the support of other Christian groups and town-folk. Probably nothing is more important than the reaction to the exposure of churches to the social ills of the area in which they live and work. A CP1000 grant of \$1000 was made available.

8. Prior to the decisions of the Selection Committee the Summit Conference in September endorsed the establishment of The Christian Projectors. \$1000 was allocated for this purpose.

9. The Trustees had previously recommended that an amount of \$4000 be approved for the Australian Christian Encouragement Award. This award seeks to encourage leadership qualities in members of Churches of Christ in Australia. Preference is to be given to lay persons, under the age of 35 years, who have demonstrated an ability to gain significant and practical results in one or more approved Christian activities. It is really a Junior addition of the CP Overseas scholarship. This recommendation was approved by the Selections Committee.

It is a condition of the Awards that a representative of the Trus-

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Campsite project

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With major work now completed at Halls Gap and Banksia, important new projects will be commenced at Camp Waterman. Major works are also planned in 1988 for Seaview Camp at Bichen, Tasmania. The Department accepted responsibility for this project in early 1987. Each centre is making a contribution to local church and statewide camping programs.



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OBITUARY



Obituaries limited to 100 words.

ACKLON, Violet

(31.10.87). Violet Acklom died at the Oakleigh Guest Home, where she had been for five years. Before her marriage she was Violet Ward. Few, if other than one, of those who knew her in the church at Moreland, Vic., remain to the present time. Vi, as she was known, taught in the Kindergarten of the Bible School at Moreland. As a member of the choir there, Vi also sang frequently in gospel services. Following her days at Moreland her membership was transferred to Gardiner, her home then being at Glen Iris. A very capable young woman Vi was employed in the office of Mitchell's Brushware. Her son Brook pays tribute to his mother's ability, and acknowledges her understanding and advice in his own business success. Having worked with Violet in now far away days, I acknowledge her service in the church and the quality of her life.

— A.B.W.

BAKER, Leslie Ernest

(6.12.87). Les was born at Heatherton (13.5.1908) and attended the Cheltenham, Vic., church where he was baptised at the age of 15 by the late Dan Wakely. Les entered the College of the Bible just before he turned 21. He had student ministries with the South Richmond and East Doncaster churches. Following graduation Les ministered to the Boort and Red Hill churches. He married Florence Hall in the Camberwell church, the late Dick Williams officiating. After a ministry with the Castlemaine church Les left the ministry to work on the land in Boneo. His association with the Tootgarook church began in 1956 and he served loyally in several positions. Apart from the church Les had a strong interest in politics and local council besides being involved with many community groups. The writer conducted a service of thanksgiving.

— Mal Giezendanner.

FERRIS, Mrs Hilda

(12.12.87). Without exception the members of the Hawthorn, S.A., church were saddened when their most senior member Mrs Hilda Ferris was called home to be with her husband who passed away a month before. Mrs Ferris was born at Unley on December 1, 1897. The daughter of Walter and Emily Johnston she joined the Park St church in 1909 during the ministry of T.J. Gore. After the death of her mother in 1916 the family moved to Glenelg where she became Kindergarten leader and was a keen tennis player. In 1927 she married Walter Ferris. They lived at Angus Rd., Hawthorn for 52 years. Mrs Ferris was involved with Girls Club and C.W.F. During the war and for many years afterwards she worked with the Volunteer Services Dept. under the Red Cross at Daws Rd. Hospital. When the Rest Home was established at Glen Osmond she gave invaluable help to Matron Harkness and served on the Board for 10 years. When the Everard

Park Home was established she helped Matrons Richards and McKeoh. In 1979 they moved to Glen Osmond but continued to attend services and the Friendship Hour at Hawthorn.

— Geoff McKay.

FLEMING, Audrey Estelle

(2.12.87). Audrey died suddenly in PANCH casualty after celebrating Christmas with Preston, Vic., Open Door members at Tatra Hut on the previous day. Born in Dubbo in 1923, Audrey grew up in North Melbourne. She and her girlfriend met and married two brothers. She and Jock moved to Reservoir soon after the marriage. Audrey joined the East Preston church and took an active role in the life of the congregation. Following the birth of her first son, David, Audrey experienced continued ill-health but never allowed her physical condition to control her life. Another son, William, was born two years later. She gave herself to work in the church, the bowling club, Stewart Lodge, Open Door and to helping single and separated parents. The Preston church was filled to overflowing for the service. Her cheerful attitude whatever her physical condition will be sorely missed.

ILLINGWORTH, C.P. (Perc)

(4.1.88). Perc was born in England in 1904, later migrating to Canada to join his family working on a wheat farm. He studied electrical engineering at Toronto University and then returned to the U.K. and worked with the defence forces during World War II. He married Dora in the U.K. in 1938 where their two children were born. He came to Australia in 1949, followed later by his family, and joined the Dept. of Civil Aviation, finally retiring from the public service in 1969. Church associations in Melbourne were at Balwyn Baptist, North Balwyn and Glen Waverley Churches of Christ. He was a man of strong convictions, kind and dependable. We commend his wife Dora, and children Wendy and Chris to the love and compassion of our Lord.

— L Croxford

McCORMICK, Charles Joseph

(6.12.87). Charles died at the Golden Age Nursing Home aged 90 years. He was one of identical twins born in Gympie, Qld., to Edith McCormick shortly after the death of her husband. He inherited many of his father's outstanding qualities. He served his country in Gallipoli and France. After travelling around Queensland he married Eva Catherine Denman on December 22, 1925. He settled in Boonah. Four sons were born. Later he became a member of the Boonah church during the ministry of Eric Hart who encouraged him to use his oratory in the pulpit. He enlisted again in World War II but served only in Queensland. Following the death of his step-father and the illness of his mother he moved to the family home at Booval in 1946 and was actively involved with the East Ipswich church until moving into the Golden Age Village in 1974. Residents knew him for his singing, his love of music,

poetry, public speaking and his sense of humour. He leaves a widow, three sons, 11 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

OLDMEADOW, James Sebastian

Just two weeks before his third birthday, James, beloved son of Fenton and Gweneth (nee Read), and brother of Rebecca died. A remarkable little man James was born genetically impaired. Hospitalised for over two years he came through the many surgical procedures with incredible zest and brightness. These included an awesome heart operation which brought him within sight of normalcy. He was eventual discharged as an in-patient. He was breathing and feeding normally. His zest and joy in life was beautiful to see. No reason could be found for the sudden cessation of breathing. His paternal grandfather and uncle, Drs Don and Michael Oldmeadow shared with the minister Don Shepherd in an appreciated ministry. Other mourners included grandparents Joyce Oldmeadow, Gladys and Lloyd Read and an extensive wider family.

— L.G. Read.

WATSON, Lillian Lydia

(15.12.87) Born into the home of Mr and Mrs Arthur Kelly, actively associated with the church at Latrobe Terrace, Geelong, Vic., Lil was involved with Churches of Christ all her life. When the family moved to Melbourne she became involved with the church at Moreland where she met Cecil Watson who she was later to marry and share in ministry. Her husband combined his work as a printer with Morris and Walker with some part-time ministries at East Preston and Reservoir churches. When he entered full-time service as an Industrial Chaplain and later ministries with the churches at Echuca, Hobart, Albert Park and Nailsforth, Lil became a loyal and hard working supporter of her husband. In retirement to be near Ken (an only son) and Lorraine and grandchildren, Roland, Craig and Bruce they returned to Melbourne. After Cec's death Lil moved back to Adelaide and became a resident at St Georges and Everard Park Rest Homes. In her life time Lil filled many roles within the church including President of the S.A. Conference of C.W.F., Secretary of the Billy Graham Crusade (Hobart) and a leader in Girls Brigade. Her membership was with the church at Marion, S.A.,

where she was always an encourager of the ministry team. A few months before her death the family arranged an 80th birthday celebration. The funeral service expressed the confidence and faith of a lady for whom death held no fear.

— K.D.Home

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BALAKLAVA (Graham Lawrie). Graham Lawrie attended Wimber Seminar in Canberra ... Judith Lawrie & volunteers had a rewarding year with Day Care program for elderly citizens of district ... Craft display & Christmas party concluded year for Sunshine Club where many new contacts are made ... Bible School year ended with children's work displayed, luncheon & present distribution & farewell for Smith family moving to Canberra.

NARACOORTE (Grant Simpson). The Young Adults Fellowship held "It's A Knock Out" night in the church grounds. Youth group members were in teams of six. Many hilarious events were played. The winning team leader was presented with a trophy. It is hoped this will be an annual event. Evening closed with devotions "The Race of Life" followed by supper.

GOOLWA Christmas services all well attended ... Combined churches Carols by Candlelight service held at our church, with choir & special items by children ... Ladies' Fellowship gave a Christmas party for children ... Richard Berry & Bob Bell recent guest speakers ... Clarice & Bill Walladge showed slides on Vanuatu trip ... Farewell held for Bev & Rick Sercombe as they conclude seven year ministry with us.

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NSW Theological College Graduation

November 27 saw the graduation service to mark the close of the NSW Theological College year. The auditorium at Burwood Girls' High was crowded.

11 students graduated with Diplomas and shared, with their families, in a prayer of commission as they entered full-time work. Susan Banks is currently negotiating an area of service, David Barber will go to Armidale and East Tamworth, Tracey Carr to Carlingbah, Ron Green is negotiating with a church in Queensland, Marilyn Hinton to Cheltenham, Vic., Paul Kerrison to Narraweena, Robert Mason to Ballarat, Vic., Ian Phillips to Lismore, Harry Quick to Auburn, Graeme Spice to Canley Heights and Greg Willis to Doonside. In addition Paul McLelland received the Certificate of Church Leadership.

The service was a blend of praise and challenge. The College Choir, Mrs Anne Bigelow



Graduating Students.

and Fourth Year students brought musical contributions. Barrie McMurtre gave a practical and challenging address which applied to both the graduating students and church members.

There are already 16 students enrolled for 1988 giving the College an even larger student body than 1987.

The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has voted to build or lease new headquarters offices in Indianapolis.

Policy changes by the South Korean government mean the end of a 7 year ban on news and current affairs programs by the Christian Broadcasting System.

CP 1000 Reports

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tees presents the Award at a church service, and that in due course a report on the results and benefits of the award be made by the recipient. The CP1000 concept is an experiment in giving. It harbors no departmental or corporate aspirations. It is merely the beginning of a plan, which if supported will enable an amount of \$10,000 per week (not a mere \$1000) to be made available for Churches of Christ programs which will reach out to the Australian populace.

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government? All it has done is to give us two choices: we can choose to pay our taxes and accept the consequences (which include becoming accomplices to multiple murders) or we can choose not to pay and accept the consequences (these are unknown but could include jail).

What we can't say is that we have no choice.

If our money is used to abort babies it's because we have chosen to let it happen.

— Arnold Jago
(Mildura, Vic.)

QUESTIONS FOR THE RESTORATION MOVEMENT

To the Editor,

Questions facing Australians during this Bi-centennial year are numerous. There are also many questions confronting Christians who are part of the Restoration Movement — questions of unity, evangelism, ministry and church growth.

Specific questions which need to be answered in 1988 are:—

1. Is the Restoration Movement relevant to today's religious climate in terms of its purpose — the evangelisation of the world; its plea — the unity of all Christians; and its program — the restoration of the church according to the New Testament pattern?

2. Is continued affiliation with the World Council of Churches hindering the work of the Restoration Movement in so far as denominationalism is upheld and defended and that there is a tendency towards detrimental compromise?

3. Is the role of women in the church in keeping with New Testament teaching especially in view of the statements of Paul, who is considered by some to be an inspired apostle and by others as a male chauvinist?

4. Is acceptance of the "pious unimmersed" to be taken that believer's baptism is unimportant and that a "faith only" doctrine is sufficient?

These are some of the questions that people serious about

the Restoration Movement need to answer in 1988.

— F.D. Craig
(Newcastle, N.S.W.)

BOOK WANTED

To the Editor,

I was wondering if any reader of "The Australian Christian" would have a copy of "Early Recollections" by Sir Joseph Verco?

If one is available for purchase or a loan I can be contacted at 59 Burg St., East Maitland 2323 or by phone on (049) 33.6983.

— Ray Hawkins

CHURCH AND BUSINESS

To the Editor,

When Jay Bacik is finished laughing at others, he might have a giggle at his misquote ("A.C." December 19). The reason for his mirth, he says, was my reference to the public service ("A.C." November 14). I made no such reference, but referred to the New Testament writers' use of the Greek word for a public (community) service. (Greenfield's Greek-English Lexicon to the N.T. Page 109: "leitourgia — a public service discharged by a citizen at his own expense"; the Bible Society's translator Nigel Turner in "Christian Words" Page 389: "the discharge of honorary civic office, or a public work"; Barclay "New Testament Words" Page 176: "A voluntary service, spontaneously shouldered".)

I was pointing out that free enterprise is competitive and for gain, whereas Christian service is non-competitive and giving. Building the church's life on secular business concepts, as some ministers advocate, diverts the church from its real business: the bringing of God's kingdom on earth, as Jesus taught.

I am at one with Gordon Stirling's final editorial (December 19), especially point 5.

— Bruce McIntosh
(Boronia, Vic.)

WHICH RIBBON?

To the Editor,

I'm confused!

On the second night of the recent Charismatic Convention in Adelaide, Dr Robert Schuller

gave a very effective message about God's desire to fill us with his love and power in order that we might become the people he intends us to be. He explained that all this is possible through faith in Christ and he concluded with an invitation for people to come forward and make their public commitment.

As the hymn commenced there were immediate responses. It was in the second verse that I became confused. Dr Barry Chant made a remarkable statement: "... one thing that hasn't been mentioned tonight — if you would like to be filled with the Holy Spirit, we also invite you to come forward."

My confusion was further compounded when at the end of the hymn, Dr Chant asked those who wanted to receive Christ to go with a counsellor wearing a blue ribbon, and those who wanted to be filled with the Holy Spirit to go with a counsellor wearing a red ribbon. I began to really feel for the person who'd responded to the simple invitation, expecting to receive "the full package". Which ribbon were they going to choose?

I don't believe they had ribbons on the day of Pentecost! The power of the message revolved around a clear invitation and promise: "Repent and be baptised and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

That's it! Maybe another study

of Acts will help to ease my confusion?

— Graham Agnew
(Marion, S.A.)

The Government of Singapore on December 30 ordered the expulsion of the Christian Conference of Asia. Among the allegations made were that CCA has used Singapore as a base to support liberation movements in Asia and has funded pro-communist movements; CCA News has promoted radical political activities and liberation theology and that CCA has provided covert support for radical activists in Singapore.

The (Lutheran) Church of Sweden is considering using lay people as assistant pastors (because of the current clergy shortage of about 200) and installing anonymous confessional boxes (like those common in Roman Catholicism) to "meet the increasing need among people to talk about their troubles and anxiety".

The Kensington Park, S.A., church has received a \$500 Federal Government grant which will be used to expand kitchen facilities and improve community lunches. Once a month a Council bus takes a number of elderly people to the church for a low cost lunch followed by entertainment or talks.

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Andrew has had a lifetime association with the Carnegie, Vic., church and is currently Board Chairman.

In recent years he has worked at developing an active youth group in the local church. A consistent aim has been to contact young people outside the church and pursue an active discipling program.



Andrew Ball

Andrew has been involved in Department camping first as a participant and of more recent years as a leader. He prepared and led the studies at the recent Banksia Youth Camp.

A graduate of Monash University (B.Sc. Hons.) he has worked for a number of years with the Victorian Government. He has recently been involved in an extensive review of chemicals, drugs, poisons and controlled substances and travelled widely interstate with senior government staff to discuss proposed new regulations and their Australia-wide implications.

The Department believes he will bring a wide range of skills and strong leadership to the youth

ministry area. Andrew has been active in preaching in his local church and been invited to speak at various youth events in Victoria. He has recently participated with Graham Hyman in a youth leadership training course in Tasmania which won strong support from the Tasmanian Government.

After commencement he will be involved in new Department sponsored youth projects which have been backed by both Victorian and Tasmanian Governments.

Andrew will marry Wendy Batchelor in March 1988.

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A Record?



Is this a record? At the end of November six men who graduated from Woolwich College 20 years ago met together to celebrate. From "The Class of '67" only Bill Whitton, who died a few years ago, was absent. All of the remaining six (they used to be called the Magnificent Seven) are in ministry in Churches of Christ in Australia.

Is there another graduating class of 20 years or longer whose

members are all currently in ministry?

Pictured are (left to right - standing) Bob Whan (Wagga Wagga, N.S.W.), Lyle Morris (Queensland Social Service Department), Kelth Farmer (Principal of Carlingford College) and Bill Flett (Hamilton, Newcastle, N.S.W.); (front) Kevin Caulton (Canberra, A.C.T.) and Jay Bacik (Northside, N.S.W.).

For the Record

Those who file "Australian Christian" articles might like to make a correction to the December 19 issue. It is on "Page Thirteen", the second paragraph under "Salvation" and the last sentence in that paragraph. It should read:

"Salvation is God building into

us the stuff of eternity, so that at the end of life death cannot stop us."

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Ballarat Christian Convention

The Churches of Christ in Ballarat are launching out into something exciting in 1988. The Ballarat Christian Convention is being planned for the weekend of March 19 and 20. The four Ballarat area churches (Dawson Street, Mount Clear, Peel Street and York Street) are planning a program which features challenging Bible messages, international acclaimed gospel artists, and plenty of warm Christian fellowship. It is timed to coincide with the final weekend of the Ballarat Begonia Festival.

Guest speaker for the weekend will be Geoff Morrow, Director of Ministries for Wycliffe Bible Translators, Australia. Geoff is a native of Western Victoria, having been raised in the town of Nhill. He joined Wycliffe in 1975 and has served in both the Australian Aborigines and the Indonesian branches. He was the National Wycliffe Youth Director for eight years and has been Director of Ministries for the past three years.

Also appearing on the program will be top Christian singing group, Endless Praise and Canberra singer - songwriter, Steve Grace.

Endless Praise is a talented group of young people with a musical approach that is refreshingly positive to life and that is

very appealing to all age groups. Though not tied to any church organisation, they have shared their special ministry in several Churches of Christ around the nation. Endless Praise will be performing in the combined Gospel Celebration Rally on Sunday evening.

Steve Grace is a former truck driver who has committed himself to singing for God. He is a guitarist, singer and songwriter with a unique appeal to Australians. After his conversion to Christ, Steve started singing in hotels and other secular settings around the New South Wales coast, communicating the Gospel. He has sung with Christian youth organisations, Fusion and Youth With a Mission. Steve will be singing at the Youth Rally on Saturday evening.

The Ballarat Christian Convention aims to have "something for everyone."

The two days of activities will include: teaching sessions and workshops, a couples' breakfast, a Youth Rally, the Gospel Celebration Rally (combining all four Ballarat area churches), a ministers' pulpit swap (Sunday morning), an Elders' and Deacons' session, as well as free time to visit the beautiful Ballarat Botanic Gardens and scenic Lake

Wendouree and to watch the Begonia Festival Procession (Sunday afternoon).

Geoff Morrow has chosen the theme "Move Out" for the Convention, with reference to this theme he writes: - "I've a number of burdens: (1) For marrieds - a deep concern about Aussie men and the attack against maleness and femaleness and its effect on the family. (2) For Christians - a dreadful confusion as to the difference between an Aussie vs Biblical world view and how that effects our lifestyle and commitment. (3) For young people - that they might capture a non-media

view of what is happening in our world and want to link up with God and taste some of the action for themselves. (4) For the church to rediscover what we are here for - not to run a comfortable religious club, but a hospital where the sick get well and then reach out to the world."

More information regarding registration and details of the various programs will be available in the next few weeks. Watch the "Australian Christian" or direct any inquiries to John Strong, Secretary, Regional Board Executive, 105 Gear Avenue, Mt. Helen, 3350.

Iris Schilling

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tims of domestic violence. This care was extended to the establishment of a half-way house for mothers and children.

Harry and Iris moved to Nowra, N.S.W., in 1970. Once again as foundation members they threw themselves into the life of the church. The rheumatoid arthritis was well advanced and contributed to her building up other associated illnesses. In spite of all this her spirit was inspiring and over-ruled her physical handicaps. She continued to sing in the choir and to keep a busy as possible within the life of the church.

On October 12, 1987, at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, she passed away. Thank-

fully it is the end to her pain and suffering.

This tribute has been written at the request of her long standing friend and companion, her sister Mavis Gilles.

— Trevor Giles.

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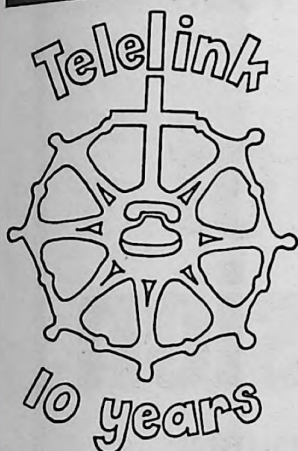
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The Kedron, Qld., church is entering its 11th year of ministry with its Telelink program filled with enthusiasm and thankfulness to God.

The 10th anniversary celebrations were like a back to Kedron weekend with Jim and Kath Dow from Adelaide (Jim was the founder of Telelink when he ministered at Kedron 10 years ago), Laurie Thomas from Sydney (former leader) and Muriel and Ted Brumby from Townsville attended. (Ted was church organist in 1978 and shared his music with the very first Telelink 'Get together'). Jim Dow launched the booklet which was published for the occasion. Many past Kedron members also returned for the weekend including a number of the Young Marrieds' Group who 10 years ago were responsible for organising the getting together of



Jim Dow (founder) and Nan Malden (oldest original Telelinker) cutting anniversary cake.

Telelinkers from all over Brisbane to enjoy meeting each other after they had only been voices on the phone in the first year of operation.

Robyn Heath (nee Allen), who was the first Editor of the Telelink magazine, took part in the program as did Karen Stevens who was one of the first soloists at a get together. Keith Enchelmeir, who was MC at the first get together, again gave capable leadership.

The celebrations continued on the Sunday morning when Jim Dow was guest speaker at a special thanksgiving service and dedication of the Telelink leadership. 120 attended this service.

The church is looking forward to ensuring that Telelink will continue to share God's love with the many sick, elderly, shut in and lonely people all over Brisbane. Since the publication of the booklet one more Telelink has been commenced in Brisbane with the possibility of two more commencing in early 1988.

Copies of the booklet "Telelink — A caring Ministry", or information on how your church could commence this outreach work can be obtained by contacting the Convener Marj Stevens, C/- Kedron Church of Christ, P.O. Box 129, Kedron 4031. Phone (07) 264.1682.

The Main Wedding of the Year

It will be in the Stirling, S.A., Church of Christ in February. Jenni Main of Adelaide will marry David Main of Scotland. David's father, another David Main, will act as groomsman. Jenni's bridesmaid will be her sister Liz Main. The Stirling minister will officiate. His name is John Main.

Index

Free copies of the 1987 Index to "The Australian Christian" are now available from the office. All who have requested a copy in the past will be sent the 1987 index. If you would like a copy of the index please contact "The Australian Christian" at P.O. Box 101, Essendon North 3041 or phone (03) 379.1219.

C.O.B. New Campus campaign reaches \$250,000

When Glynthea Finger, C.O.B. Publicity and Promotions Co-ordinator, opened her mail on December 16 she was delighted to discover a number of substantial cheques. These were receipted and letters of thanks sent. When Cathy Bradley, the College Registrar, entered the figures she discovered that the New Campus Campaign had passed the quarter of a million dollar mark.

A total of \$254,523 has been raised of which \$165,601 is part



Glynthea Finger

of the key giver scheme. Another \$34,000 key gift money has been pledged. In addition a number of churches have indicated that they are going to sponsor parts of the new buildings. Hence the College is well on the way to reaching the target of \$1 million needed to build stage one of the Mulgrave Campus.

In terms of planning the College would appreciate hearing from individuals and churches who are intending to contribute during 1988.

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CARNARVON (Don Bone). Conf. Pres. Ken Duffy visited Carnarvon & with Avon Moyle & Ray Schmitt visited FAMB fields North ... Bert Stuleley elected deacon ... Pastor Bone given message over local radiostation & visited Denham Christian Community.

WARWICK (G. Carslake, B. Eagles, L. Devlin, L. Sara). Two Christmas day services held with over 850 attending. Featured John MacMurchie on bagpipes ... Christmas musical "Everlasting Light" had 1,200 attend over three nights ... Eight young people attended National Youth Convention in Sydney ... Linda Pilton was farewelled following her acceptance to study at College of the Bible in 1988 ... Ray Ollerton returning to COB after an Internship at Warwick.

WEMBLEY DOWNS (John Somerville). Board Chairman Dr David Hawks & Elder Alan Cant shared their knowledge & experience in recent series entitled "Living with Teenagers". Areas covered were values conflict, guiding behaviour, lifestyles & communication. Other speaker was psychologist Sue Ashe (Baptist) ... Saturday before Christmas at local shopping centre shoppers were encouraged to bring cans of food to build a stable. Youth group singers & musicians entertained. Food given to Christian Welfare Centre for hampers.

FREMANTLE (D. Good). A pre-Christmas "special" was the cantata "Everlasting Light" sung by the Bicton U.C. Choir ... CWF talent money totalled \$1,282 ... Regretfully the Bible School has had to close after 90+ years service ... Resignation of D. Plenty (treasurer) due to ill-health ... Jenny McDougall (WEC) sharing with us during furlough from Senegal ... F & M Gason (Ararat) visited for family wedding.

The US Armed Forces Chaplains Board has notified the Buddhist Churches of America that Buddhists in the armed forces may now be ministered to by chaplains of their faith.. This is the first time a group outside of the Judeo-Christian tradition has been recognised.

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QLD

CAMP HILL (D.F. Smith). Minister preached at SE Region rally at Wynnum ... CWF garage sale raised \$659 towards new tables ... Girl's Brigade "auctioned" girls as slaves to raise funds for their project in India ... AGM election of officers: Elders — D. Cranston, D. McLucas, G. Large; Secretary — D. McLucas; Treasurer — P. Cranston; Chairman — J. Sheriff ... CWF election of officers: President — E. Smith; Vice-Pres — E. Cranston; Sec — P. Scamp; Treas — B. Perkins ... Extra special evening services have had piano accordion quartette; Sherwood Baptist Youth Choir; CWF taking complete service.

MACKAY (Norm Flett). Father & 10 year old daughter baptised into Christ ... Glenys Mountney returned after two years service with Operation Mobilization ... Jenny Cann in India with Youth With A Mission ... Church asked to run Carols by Candlelight at local Neighbourhood Centre; also took part in Inter-Church Festival of Christmas Trees ... Kel Purdue, Chris Smith & Chris Van Houweninge assisting Southport building project.

BONGEEN (B.M. Nowltzke). 10th church anniversary celebrated with tea on Saturday night & special services Sunday. Guest speaker Jeff Welden of Caloundra ... Sunday School finished year with picnic, a concert & Christmas tree ... CWF break-up also held ... AGM elected Keith Daff chairman, Joan Pedler secretary & Greg Pedler treasurer ... Prayer chain commenced among members & it is proving to be a real blessing to all.

HAWTHORNE (W.J.H. Davidson). Minister just completed first year and has agreed to remain another 12 months ... Nov. 20 five young people baptised ... Under able direction of Miss F. Soper the Sunday School has 25 in regular attendance ... Youth Fellowship regularly attracting up to two dozen youngsters each Friday night under leadership of Jim Header & Brian & Gary Cazzulino ... Len Collings, 83 years young, youth ministry leader. Each Monday evening Disci-

pliship Training Class continue to equip those in leadership. **CAIRNS (Bruce Warwick).** "Good News" mission with Ken Bond proved to be a real strengthening time in Nov. Five commitments made during mission. Several baptisms followed in the weeks after ... Preparation work commenced for new chapel. Toilets & kitchen area must be built within existing chapel area to make way for new building ... Gabriel Babare completed term in January. He will minister at Kenmore, Brisbane church & continue studies at a later date ... Induction service for Bruce Warwick held on Jan. 17.

NSW

BOWRAL (David Jones). Congregation at morning service Dec. 13 rejoiced to dedicate new 180 seat chapel completed rear existing buildings debt free following 20 months regular working bees mainly on Saturdays. Lord's blessing of this work evidenced

by his provision of materials, good weather & absence serious accidents. Stage two of building project proceeding 1988 including new minister's study & toilet block.

EPPING (S.Curkpatrick). The church has voted to return to having only one Sunday morning service at 9.30 am from Dec. 27 ... Over 250 attended a farewell to Ron & Shirley Hewitt, combined with Christmas party ... Sunday evening celebrations of Christmas have included 'Carols in the Park' (held in the church hall due to rain) & a combination of choir items, solos & drama (giving the full gospel story).

MANNING VALLEY (Barry Rice). Christmas cards distributed to community ... Choir used for Christmas services ... Outdoor carol service held ... Increased attendances leading up to Christmas ... Minister involved in TV & FM radio ... Lianne Emerton accepted for Wollongong Church Institute, Ken & Rozanna Wright to Rhema Townsville ... Informal

barbecues held during holiday period to integrate new contacts ... 74 attended "Men's only night". **NARRAWEENA (Paul Kerrison).** Church farewelled Ken & Dal Mason, commencing ministry at Telopea, also Jeff & Margaret Swan moving to Canberra ... Paul & Elizabeth Kerrison & family commence ministry Feb. 1. Induction Feb. 21, speaker Dr Keith Farmer ... Dec. activities: Con. Pres. Warren Murray spoke; a coffee & dessert night held with film "Truce in the Night"; carols at Alexander Campbell House.

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ARARAT (S.Bannon). At annual meeting first woman deacon elected, Mrs Gwen Searle ... New manse being built next to church. Two longest serving members, Mrs Ross & Mr Ewin, turned first sod. Mrs Ross, who lives in Glen-thompson, has retained membership at Ararat since the beginning in the now demolished theatre. Mr Ewin who first attended over 70 years ago, is the regular organist.

GARDINER (Harold Steele). Contributions to continuing College Campus appeal, \$4365, will be allocated to K.A. Jones memorial Room. Other churches & friends welcome to contribute. Keith Jones was College Board Secretary for many years & had pastoral oversight of students ... Recent appointments - Harold Steele minister (two years); Alma Jones Chairman Officers' Board; Win Enderby CWF Pres ... Annual picnic lunch at Hedgeley Dene.

WARRAGUL (Debbie & David Buesnel). 35 children dressed up for a Noah's Ark drama for the Sunday School anniversary ... Church fete raised over \$1,400; CWF stall \$560 ... 30 men attended fellowship breakfast with guest G. Chapman ... Brian White held a Care Seminar ... Christmas

dinner for 28 retired folk from church & contacts was prepared by CWF ... Reverse Christmas Tree held for Fitzroy needy ... Gippsland pulpit exchange held.

CROYDON (W.Gibney). On Dec. 20 a Christmas pageant attracted many visitors to our morning service ... In the evening Denis Lown was baptised & his wife shared how God had been working in their family ... Building was crowded again for Christmas Day service ... Monthly prayer meetings for Bill Newman Crusade held in our chapel. Our members also involved in the Crusade choir.

KYNETON. Part-time minister Rob Frazer was farewelled by the members on Dec. 20 at a luncheon ... Ray Smith, minister at Gisborne, will be the overseer for Kyneton until such time that other arrangements are made ... There has been arrangements for various speakers to officiate at our morning service.

CHELSEA (T.Frazer). At after-church barbecue Howard Barnden cut the cake for his 78th birthday ... CWF Opportunity Shop, held in church annexe one day a week, raised \$1,333 during church year ... Year long "Talents Drive", using member's talents, has earned \$1,345 for church funds ... Ruth Smith re-elected as board

chairperson. New church secretary is Karen Milan ... Arthur Floate died in Frankston Hospital on Sunday before Christmas.

BURWOOD (Peter Wing-Tang). Board held annual retreat at Cheltenham Retreat House ... Two young deacons Barry Stone & Paul Webber to enter COB this year ... About 100 attended annual CWF Christmas banquet where opportunity was taken to make presentation to George & Nance Beard for 30 years of faithful service ... At Explorer break-up presentation made to Rex Fiddler in appreciation for 22 years as leader.

PEEL ST., BALLARAT (David Woodward). Since return of Woodward family from USA David has preached at all services ... Andrew White made decision & baptised ... John & Irene Towers welcomed into fellowship by transfer ... Church saddened by death of Betty Johnson ... Church letter box drop to 1,000 homes entitled "It'll be Home for Christmas" ... Church entered 1988 with positive goals in mind for Bicentennial year.

LATROBE TERRACE, GEE-LONG (Dr C.J. Mackenzie). Good attendance Christmas Day ... Many away since then on holidays ... Elders taking services whilst Dr Mackenzie is away ...

Ian & Jenny Schneider & family farewelled as Ian is to take up duties as Chaplain at Puckapunyal ... Miss Maddern spent some time in hospital.

THE PATCH (Glynthea Finger). Three special Sunday services leading up to Christmas. Sunday School participated in one of the services ... Christmas Day service held with good attendance ... Christmas break-up held at Bill & Jean Thompson's home ... Combined church service was held in Monbulk Community Hall recently. Christopher Dean was one of the scripture readers ... Minister is holidaying overseas.

DANDENONG (P.Plitts, F.Rees, M.Esbensen). Church picnic held Cup Day at Camp Waterman, Monbulk ... Barbara Pitts & Evelyn Rowe conducted evening service with music & harmony ... CYF ran evening service presenting drama entitled "Elijah & the Voice of God" ... Salvation Army presented Christmas Celebration in Song. Bronwyn & Carolyn Thane presented items ... Four young people went on bike hike conducted by Dept. MED.

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Skillicorn Family Saga



Ruth and Keith Skillicorn

Today, January 19, for the first time in over four months, we have been able to fully unpack our suitcases. We are now established at 8 Glen Cres., Vista, S.A., in the home of Rose and Noel Magor, with whom we worked in Bangladesh. Hopefully we shall remain here until just after June 1988 when Keith will retire from The Leprosy Mission.

Our long flight started on September 9, 1987, when we went to Vellore, South India, to spend nearly three weeks with Nikhil Bhattacharjee, whose renal surgery has been a wonderful success. However he will still need to take care to live aseptically and continue the costly treatment to prevent his immune system rejecting his mother's donated kidney. Nikhil is back at work as Administration Officer of the Kamalganj Leprosy Hospital and for this we thank God who had a big hand in his recovery.

After that time we returned to Dhaka, Bangladesh, and Kamalganj to pack our possessions for shipping to Australia. Then, once more, we set off for India, this time to visit our adopted Indian family with whom we spent a happy week. We then flew to London for two weeks with Sue and her children in Wales.

After time back in Dhaka we finally arrived in the "Lucky Country" on November 27. Our two week stay in Perth gave us the opportunity to meet the Maylands and Warwick

churches. On December 11 we flew to Sydney and spent Christmas in Newcastle with Bruce and Joy and our three beautiful grandchildren.

Irma and Alan Rackemann (Irma is Ruth's youngest sister) helped us see the New Year in. Our week in Melbourne was overshadowed by the tragic death of Nell Rackemann's wife, Mandy, who at only 21, died of a sudden and violent attack of asthma. Because of this trauma we canceled visits to many of our Melbourne friends. As if this wasn't enough we were rammed from the rear while stationary at a red light, and only hours after we took delivery of our Leprosy Mission car which suffered over \$2,400 worth of damage. On the brighter side Ruth Rackemann has been remarkably healed of M.E. after years of intense suffering.

After visiting family and friends and staying with Brighton church friends we finally arrived in Adelaide to take up our final assignment for The Leprosy Mission. Pray that we may be sensitive to the Lord's leading concerning our "retirement" projects, wherever they may be — Bangladesh, Australia or the U.S.A.???

— Ruth and Keith Skillicorn

(Editors note: In the Australia Day honours both Ruth and Keith Skillicorn were awarded honours as Members of the Order of Australia (A.M.) for service to agriculture and to the management of leprosy in India and Bangladesh.)

THE LAST WORD

To take the wind out of an angry man's sails, stay calm.

The tourist bus was driving through an enormous outback property. As it passed the far boundary one of the tourists turned to the driver and said:

"They've got a lot of cattle. I counted 40,578 head."

"Hey," said the driver, "That's amazing. I happen to know that there are 40,578 head of cattle on the property. How ever did you manage to count them all so quickly?"

"Easy," said the passenger, "I just counted their legs and divided by four."

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The phone call was answered by a secretary.

"I'm sorry," she said, "Mr Jones is not in. May I tell him who called?"

"Yes," said the man, "I'm Mr Wilson. W-I-L-S-O-N."

"I'm sorry, Could you spell that out again, please?"

"W for watch, I for instant, L for London ..." And the secretary said "I'm sorry, sir. L for what?"

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The competition between two rival garages, which faced each other across a street, erupted into a petrol war. All day prices went down and down, as each tried to out-do the other. Late in the day prices were ridiculously low at both stations and the owner of the west side garage lowered them for the last time. When the owner of the other station reduced prices even further, his competitor got in his truck, drove across the street, and filled his tank.



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