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W.A. CELEBRATIONS

PRINCIPAL JOHN LIU IN AUSTRALIA

The visit to Australia in July of Principal John Liu of the New Hebrides is of special significance for several reasons.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE NEW HEBRIDES?

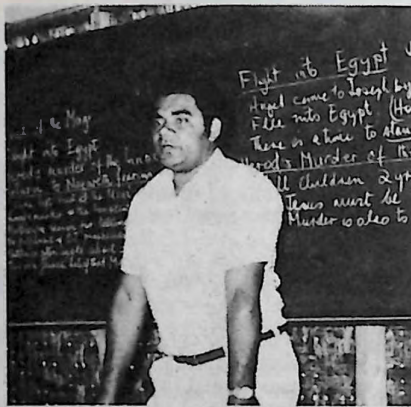
First of all he will be able to help Australians to get the feel of what is happening in the complexity of life that is the New Hebrides as it moves towards independence, with trouble spots in Tanna, Santo and elsewhere. Amongst the welter of western opinion in the media we will be able to hear an authentic word from a significant New Hebridean.

THE NEW LEADERSHIP

With the ageing and passing of respected elders who led the church for half a century, the future depends on generations of capable young men and women of whom John Liu must be the outstanding example. It is going to be good for him and us to experience each other as a means of a continuing understanding and positive partnership between Australian and New Hebridean Churches.

THE MAN HIMSELF

Perhaps theological education has been the last stronghold of the western missionary in what was once called the "mission field". Today leadership in theological education is increasingly in the hands of nationals, with westerners



Principal John Liu of the Banmatmat Bible College.

working in partnership where they are needed. It will be good for us to experience the competence of this able leader. John is a graduate of the N.S.W. Bible College and the South Pacific Theological Seminary.

DATES

John Liu will be accompanied by his wife Adlean. They will be in N.S.W. from July 10-18, Victoria from July 18-25, in S.A. from July 25-31 and in Queensland from July 31. An advertisement elsewhere in this issue gives details of the Victorian meetings.

A.C.T. CONFERENCE LEADS THE WAY AGAIN

The A.C.T. Conference has already featured as a trail blazer in its experiment in team ministry with a group of churches.

Now the Conference has completed another successful experiment, designed not to help its churches but to help the Australian Brotherhood in the area of ministerial training. It is an internship program designed to give a wide but compacted field work experience to a selected group of ministry students.

TWO COLLEGES INVOLVED

The A.C.T. Conference has in mind the continuation of the internship program in partnership with its two nearest Colleges, the N.S.W. Bible College and the College of the Bible. It invited the latter to send three students during the May vacation to work with the Canberra churches in the initial experiment. The three selected students were Alison Mackaay, Stephen Curkpatrick, and Peter Wells.

WHAT IS AN INTERSHIP PROGRAM?

The first internship program commenced with a day of geographical and sociological orientation as the party travelled over Canberra, calling at all of its major centres of government, education, church life and commerce. Any who are familiar with Canberra will understand the need for such an orientation.

The students worked with the ministry team of Will Howard, Greg Strack and Dennis Ryle in forward planning, and with the A.C.T. Conference committees in long term programming. They were impressed by the enthusiasm and creativity of the Conference leadership.

AMONGST THE CHURCHES

The student-interns not only preached at Sunday Services, but also had the opportunity to listen to preaching. They attended worship services, youth events in



Student-interns with two of A.C.T. ministry team. L. to R. Dennis Ryle, Alison Mackaay, Peter Wells, Stephen Curkpatrick, and Greg Strack.

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ON MY MIND

THE FAMILY OF GOD:

Bob Clymer

After nine years in Queensland, Bob Clymer has spent the past 21 years ministering with churches in South Australia. He has served at Kensington Park, Magill, Ascot Park (which combined with Clovelly Park to become Marion) and is presently ministering at Colonel Light Gardens. At the 1980 State Conference he was inducted as President.

I still remember, quite vividly, my first Communion Service. It was at Earlwood in N.S.W. It was a sleepy wet morning when even the rain couldn't be bothered making a noise. The organist was playing a hymn which has also stayed with me throughout my ministry.

My Father, this I ask of Thee,
Knowing that Thou wilt grant the plea,
For this, and only this, I pray
Strength for today, just for today.

I was only 17 at the time but I had the distinct feeling that I was at home. I was part of the family of God.

A SENSE OF IDENTITY

I love the church! It has given me so much. So many beautiful people are my brothers and sisters in Christ. I know who I am, for they have helped me to discover myself. I know whose I am, because I have come to know Christ. There are so many people who have no sense of identity and who have no sense of belonging. As the family of God we have to have enough love and compassion to care for these people.

THIS WORD "BROTHERHOOD."

When I entered the pastoral ministry this word first came to my attention. I guess it was there before, but it was out of focus. I belonged to a body of churches known as Churches of Christ. They (or should I say "we") had elected men and women to specialise in some areas of activity that individual churches could not do by themselves. Their service was called Brotherhood work. I have served on Brotherhood committees and came to admire the hard-working Directors, Secretaries, and members. They don't get the same opportunity to be close to the congregation as I do, but they are real "Brotherhood" men and women and they need our loving support.

THE WIDER FAMILY

An exciting phase of my growth has been the opportunity to share on occasions with men and women of other Communions. I found a wider circle of caring, concerned, accepting Christians who have respected me and supported me as a brother in Christ. I thank God for this wider family, especially for the times they have challenged me to think by asking me to tell them about my beliefs.

There are differences in the Family of God. We have different outlooks on many things. In my family there were four people and mostly four opinions! There was also love, respect and acceptance. This made our differences a positive contribution to the family's growth. They became our strengths and we thank God for them.

As we covenant for World Evangelism in the 80's let us find our family strengths and dedicate them to God so that we may be big enough for the task. The world is full of people who need to feel at home.

A TRIBUTE TO ALLEN ELLIOTT

Previously we announced in the "A.C." the death of Dr Allen Elliott, a past Principal of the N.S.W. Bible College. We said that a tribute would follow. It has come to us from the pen of his former colleague at the College, Principal-Emeritus A. W. Stephenson.

The course of Allen George Elliott's life crossed mine again and again. I knew him for a lifetime. We were in fellowship in the historic Lake Street Church at Perth. I knew his parents and also members of the Ewers family. These families became closely linked by marriage. Allen married Dorrie, daughter of Rob Ewers. She supported Allen with love, devotion and encouragement, and they were an ideal ministry team.

INTO THE MINISTRY

Allen Elliott had been trained as a teacher and had gained high academic qualifications. When he was called to serve a church, he left the security of the Education Department to accept the uncertain financial future of the ministry.

When I was editor of the "Australian Christian", early in the 1940's, Allen Elliott supplied me with articles. These were Bible-centred, thoughtful and well written. I was glad to make use of them. From that time, he wrote often for the Australian journal and for the N.S.W. "Christian Messenger". In later years he became the State editor for the "Australian Christian".

CALLED TO COLLEGE

When A. W. Ladbrook returned to what was then called Rhodesia to serve on the mission fields, the N.S.W. College Board invited Allen Elliott to take his place on the faculty. Later, when H. J. Patterson decided to return to Victoria, I was invited to serve as Principal. Thus, together, we faced the crisis at the College since two senior men had left at the same time. We were able to meet the situation and bring the college through a difficult time.

In 1955 he went to England to continue his studies and gained a Doctor of Philosophy degree.

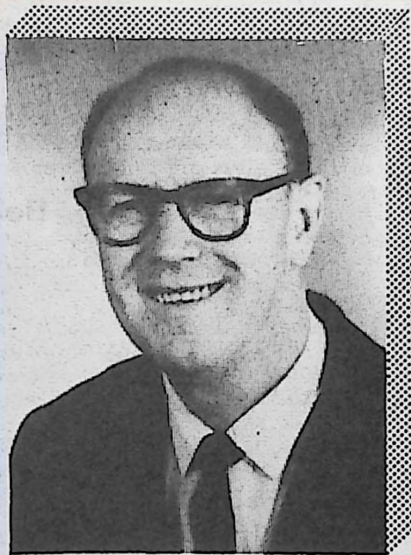
On his return to Sydney, he was elected Conference President, and Vice Principal of the College.

NEW CHAPEL OPENING

The opening of the new chapel at Kalgoorlie on June 1 was an occasion for great rejoicing. Many visitors, mainly ex-Kalgoorlie members returned from all parts of the State for the weekend. Among these were three ex-ministers, Frank Griffiths, Harold Fitch and Robert Taylor.

A Thanksgiving Banquet was held at a local motel on May 31. An historical display and an audio-visual showing aspects of the church's life from 1898 were interesting features.

The last communion service in the old chapel was held on the morning of June 1 with 180 attending. Robert Taylor was the preacher and the Sunday School participated.



FULL TIME TEACHING

As the College position had improved in numbers and in financial strength, it was possible for Dr Elliott to take up full-time teaching. Up to this time, he had ministries at Kingsford and Burwood. The college built a residence on the campus for the Vice-Principal.

We were glad for Allen Elliott to take charge of the library which had been reorganised in a newly erected building.

By 1970, when I resigned as Principal, the College Board appointed him to that position. The responsibilities of all these duties so affected his health so that, in 1975, he resigned.

Not only had he given himself to the Lord's work, but his two sons followed his lead. Franklyn is engaged in a specialised evangelistic program and George is serving in the field of Biblical translation.

WELL DONE

Allen Elliott fought a good fight, he finished the course, hence there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness.

The large company of friends and former students at the memorial service at Burwood on May 25 testified to the influence Allen Elliott had at the College and on the Brotherhood.

The official opening of the new chapel was attended by 250 people representatives from the Ministers' Fraternal and the Kalgoorlie-Boulder civic leaders were present. Greetings from all over Australia were brought by Tom Banks who is the nephew of H. J. Banks, who commenced the ministry in Kalgoorlie in 1898. Frank Griffiths led the prayer of dedication and also gave the address.

At the evening service 155 were present. Harold Fitch preached the sermon and communion was taken for the first time in the new chapel, being presided over by the Chairman of the Board, Cyril Wright.

The first Baptismal service in the new chapel was held on June 8 and conducted by the minister Larry Gibb.

EXPANSION IN UNEXPECTED AREAS

The need to up-grade car parking facilities plus an adequate hall to cater for youth and auxiliary activities, has led the Croydon church to lift its planning horizon somewhat further than first intended. An opportunity to purchase an adjoining property at 276 Dorset Road arose and from there the idea that several needs could be met in the building of a Christian Retirement Village.

Building is now to commence on a 21 unit village (18 single, 3 double bedroom units.) The future residents will also have use of a new hall and recreation rooms to be built adjoining the existing main church building.

The whole project is to cost about \$700,000 and will be privately financed under a scheme called 'resident funding'. This involves a loan to the church which entitles residents to a unit for the rest of their life or until they decide to leave. This ingoing loan is returned to the resident or his estate less a percentage depending upon the length of stay at the village.

Interest in the project has already been shown from a number of people who own their homes and are looking to move to something smaller, free from maintenance worries and involving a different life style. The location close to the Croydon business and transport centre is a further attraction. Overall management of the village will be carried out by the Croydon Church who have appointed Stan Lacey as resident manager. Community support and medical services will be arranged according to individual needs.

HOW MANY BIBLES HAVE YOU?

The Bible League has published and distributed more than 130 million Bibles in the past 40 years. The skyrocketing costs of paper and printing, however, threatens to slow down the League's mission. Each New Bible costs \$2.75 with an additional 30c to 50c charge for shipping overseas. Revalidating and recirculating used bibles requires only the shipping charges. Volunteer workers will handle the task of collecting, sorting and packing donated bibles. In the Philippines the bibles will be distributed through the local church.

Send your spare bibles to: J. C. Peet, 32 Highview Road, Blacktown (N.S.W.) or J. Thierry, Chapel Street, Whittington, Geelong (Vic.).

BETHEDSA APPOINTMENT

The Board of Management of Bethesda Hospital Inc. is pleased to announce that L.W. Donaldson has been appointed as Administrator of the hospital in a full-time capacity. Mr Donaldson has had considerable administrative experience in the pharmaceutical field and is well known for his involvement in Brotherhood activities in W.A. including fulltime ministries at Corrigin, Fremantle and Scarborough.

WORSHIP

Read Psalm 23
Why do we pray?
PRAYER Praise God for ... one line each.
Read Psalm 8
How close am I to God?
Start time of Meditation ... Thanks for blessings (name one each)
Read Matt. 6:43,48.
How do I feel about others?
Those close to me — Those acquaintances?
PRAYER FOR OTHERS Short prayers all round.
Read John 17
How does prayer bring us closer together?
Kneel circle, hold hands, short prayer all round.

A.C.T.

"ARE YOU FUN TO LIVE WITH?"

After unsuccessful attempts at Bible Study we found the book, "Are you fun to live with?" We read one chapter each week, and discussed it, comparing our attitudes and reactions, looking for God's way. We talked about honesty within our families, setting our children free to be themselves, communicating with our husbands. Many other things came out as we shared our fears and failures, ideas and experiences, and how we coped with situations.

There was no group leader, we took it in turns to read and lead the discussion, but the confident one had to keep pushing the shy ones, and each reaffirmed the other's worth as people. A Chinese friend joined us. When we felt we had talked out our husband-relationships, we invited a divorced friend to join.

We listened to each other, and became concerned about how others felt. We tried conversational prayer and experimented with Bible Study method. During this time, a need was expressed for personal prayer and study, so we tried Scripture Union "Daily Bread" and the Weekly Study guides.

We had an agreement to be honest with each other and not to talk about people outside the group, unless in prayer. Often we had no 'out-loud' prayer, because we didn't feel we could or should. We had 3 pre-schoolers who wandered around playing, accepted by all of us. We met at the same place each week, so all helped with coffee and biscuits, each contributing 5 cents a day to help a friend on a limited income.

We all knew it was time for our group to finish, which we did with a progressive dinner including our men. We are all richer for having shared with one another for over a year, maturer as Christian persons. Perhaps a little discreet pushing will be needed to encourage us to form new groups this year, to give to and receive from other women in our fellowship.

Gail Saxby, N.S.W.

Fourth in the Series of Activities done by C.W.F. women and which come under "C.W.F. Umbrella Name".

"ALCOHOL — GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY"

Mrs Nancy Garth a member of Preston Church of Christ, and the W.C.T.U. will represent Australia in a world speech contest in England in July. Her subject is "Alcohol — Guilty or Not Guilty". She has been selected from a number of Australians who contested in Adelaide, and will be among 30-40 Australian delegates. Good luck Mrs Garth! (From an article in the City of Preston Post Times)

SIXTY YEARS OF DEDICATION

This year Mrs. Grace Waterman celebrates 60 years association with the College of the Bible, as Student, with Hospitality, and on the Women's Committee. Returning from China Mission field in 1934, her service to the college was renewed. Two students inquired about Tibet; she referred them to Mary Thompson, pioneer missionary to India, who was staying with Grace at the time. Grace arranged for a group of missionary students to meet Mary. This was to be the first of many such meetings. Other annual events arranged by Grace were — Chinese meals for Missionary Students, and Exit Students, Australian meals for "Freshers" (1st year) students, Missionary meetings for missionaries from different countries, and she made scones for College Garden Parties (and still does). In return for gardening done by students, she voluntarily washed and ironed their clothes. She was unofficial counsellor to many students, and provided accommodation from time to time.

Her participation on the Women's Committee has an interesting history. On returning from China, though not on the Dorcas Committee, she assisted the women when they answered an S.O.S. from the College to mend the dilapidated mattresses and pillows in the Students' rooms. The women were so concerned about the state of the bedding that they formed a Committee of 3 or 4 women to help annually. Grace was one of these, and has been involved ever since. The C.O.B. Women's Committee was officially appointed by the Victorian Women's Conference in 1953, and later approved by Federal Women's Conference.

Faculty, Board, and Students are deeply appreciative of the years of dedicated service by Grace Waterman. We thank God for the help and encouragement given to so many by this loved woman.

"INFECTIOUS JOY"

There are times when we have the absolute joy and privilege of meeting someone who has a charisma about them that immediately draws us to them. Such was my experience when I met Mrs. Barbara Mackay.

Barbara, whose whole life changed nearly 3 years ago when her husband, Don disappeared, presumed dead, as a result of his involvement with a campaign to eradicate the cultivation and trafficking of Marijuana in and around the Griffith area in N.S.W.

She is a remarkable young woman who has suffered greatly, but as you talk with her, an inner strength is apparent, which she readily attributes to her faith in Jesus Christ.

To me she is a living testimony to what God can do. The world of Psalm 46 took on even greater significance as I saw in Barbara Mackay someone who has been hurt badly, but not destroyed by the evil of this world.

I may never meet her again, but she will remain in my memory as a capable speaker and a compassionate lady.

June StAubyn, Vic.

(B. Mackay, mother of 4 children, Physiotherapist, currently holding pre-natal classes at Griffith Hospital, member of Uniting church, church organist, and instigator of Don Mackay Life Education Foundation) — proceeds from sale of book "The Appalling Silence" goes to this Foundation. —



S.A. WOMEN' CONFERENCE.

"Make His Love our Aim" theme of Conference, was evident in the Solos. Devotional thoughts presented by Margaret Battersby President. Southern Districts Conference President Laurel Wilson, and highlights from C.W.F. groups. Judy and Paul Williams, on furlough from P.N.G. were interviewed on their work. During the morning session, the constitution was amended to change voting procedures and it was agreed that the present format of bi-monthly day meetings at Grote St. church with regional rallies on alternative months, be continued. Mrs. Judith Roberts, members of the 12 member National Women's Advisory Council provided a thought-provoking resume of the work of that Council representing 7 million women, in dealing with many social issues.

1980/81 executive was inducted and the new President Phyl McLean, presented her theme "Living in Union with Christ".
A. Saunders, S.A.

THINK ABOUT IT

Matthew 13:53-58. "Is not this the Carpenter's Son?"
Who asked this question, and what provoked it?

Look at Jesus' message — how was it different?

Why should working miracles anger the people? v.54.

PAUSE and THINK about it.

What was behind the people's question? Was it prejudice, jealousy, because Jospoh was a working man, or because Jesus message 'hit home'?

What reaction would Jesus get today?

PRAYER ... For a generous spirit to others.

A.C.T. REPORT

A.C.T. combined Women's Fellowship commenced the year with Praise Day which has become an annual event. Each of three Fellowships contributed items of Praise. 60 ladies attended. Pat Kerr, Belconnen, presided, South Canberra choir contributed three items. Many enjoyed fellowship over afternoon tea after program. Fair organised by S. Canberra C.W.F. raised over \$1100 for building fund. Each Fellowship organised stalls. Several ladies travelled to "Gilbulla" for N.S.W. C.W.F. camp, renewing many friendships. A.C.T. Women's Conference Executive organised and catered for Men's dinner. Another planned for August. Three Fellowships functioning well.

Olive Cannon, A.C.T.

TODAYS WOMEN



MUSTARD SEEDS

BY ALAN AUSTIN



As this is written 53 Americans are enduring their eighth month of imprisonment in Iran. Nothing President Carter has tried has succeeded in securing their release.

Bluster failed. Diplomacy failed. So did mass expulsions and economic sanctions. Pleas from world leaders — Moslems as well as infidels — have failed. A commando rescue mission failed tragically. Patient waiting has been equally fruitless.

As the months pass, one alternative approach suggested early in the piece but rejected out of hand by President Carter, appears deserving of urgent reconsideration.

Last January, Sojourners magazine published a powerful editorial by Jim Wallis headed "We could just ask them to forgive us." (Sojourners is an American Christian magazine. Editor Jim Wallis was amongst Time Magazine's recent list of young Americans most likely to play a significant part in the country's future.)

According to Wallis, most Americans are genuinely astonished at the depth of the Iranian people's anger towards them. Confused and defensive, they appear quite unable to understand why their country has been singled out for such vehement attack. Hence they wonder out loud, "Who do these people think they are?"

This, Wallis suggests, may be the most significant thing to recognize in the present crisis. It demonstrates that Americans have not come to terms with the role of their government and its allies (including Australia) in the world.

Wallis presented a brief historical backdrop: In August of 1953, the nationalist prime minister of Iran, Mohammed Mossedegh, was overthrown. The coup was organized

by Kermit Roosevelt of the Central Intelligence Agency. Having gained power, a grateful Shah Reza Pahlavi told Mr Roosevelt, "I owe my throne to God, my people, my army — and to you."

From that day until he was forced to flee his country by a popular uprising in early 1979, the Shah's principal backer was the United States — politically, economically and militarily.

In exchange, the Shah supported American political and military interests in the area while pursuing Western-style capitalist development. Every Iranian knows this.

The chief beneficiaries of the arrangements were the Shah's family, and the multinational corporations which did business in Iran. Corruption became a way of life as the royal family amassed a fortune estimated in the billions of dollars, while the majority remained in poverty.

The Shah's regime was brutal and dictatorial. It has been said that every family in Iran was touched by the Shah's tyranny. Dissent from the government was not tolerated. All opposition was crushed or exiled. Shah Reza Pahlavi personally ordered the torture and execution of many thousands of his own people. The evidence documenting his atrocities is incontrovertible.

This is what Wallis sees as the root cause of the present crisis. Hence to isolate the taking of hostages as the only issue involved insults the Iranian people and puts the hostages in greater jeopardy. And to retaliate against the Iranians economically, diplomatically and with military threats only exacerbates the situation further.

The solution Wallis proposes is an honest recognition of the truth of the

past. He suggests that the biblical virtues of confession and repentance have an obvious political relevance. "Nothing could more potentially ease the conflict and redeem the situation than a genuine acceptance of our responsibility in the great suffering of the Iranian people.

"What if we asked them to forgive us for installing and maintaining the Shah, for interfering in their country, for profiting from their poverty, for corrupting their traditional values, for equipping and training the police that tortured and killed them?"

"The United States pressed for an international legal process at Nuremberg to try Nazi leaders for their crimes. Will the U.S. now support an international tribunal in which the Iranians could make their case to the world against the Shah and his U.S. supporters?"

The answer, as more recent events have confirmed, is no. President Carter has resisted calls for such a tribunal, despite public indications from Iranian officials that such a forum could well break the impasse and see the hostages released.

"Apparently," says Jim Wallis, "Americans still don't want to face the fact that we have become consistent supporters of dictatorships around the world. We still don't want to recognize what it means for the United States' best friends to be men like the Shah, or Somoza of Nicaragua, Park of South Korea, Marcos of the Philippines, Pinochet of Chile and a host of others.

"We should learn from the Iranian crisis that to support oppressive regimes is to ensure that our nation becomes a target of these peoples' hatred.

"It is no longer possible to say that anti-American feelings are motivated by communism. Iranian Moslems are fiercely anti-communist.

"The Bible says if we sow the wind we will reap the whirlwind. If we don't change our course, the Iranian crisis will be repeated in different forms and circumstances around the world. If we could face the truth now being so painfully revealed, it could be a turning point in U.S. foreign relations.

"However, the U.S. political climate is not very congenial to the spirit of reflection and repentance. Instead, the cry is to get tough and show the world that we can't be pushed around.

"If our national pride and arrogance prevail over reason and compassion," Wallis concludes, "we will indeed reap the whirlwind."

JASON'S HOUSE

JASON, YOU KNOW HOW YOU WERE SAYING THAT IF WE'RE FAITHFUL, GOD WILL PROTECT US AND SUPPLY ALL OUR NEEDS ABUNDANTLY?

WELL I'M SERIOUSLY THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A MOSLEM...



YEP, THAT'S RIGHT!



U.S. FIRED IN IRAN
CRUDE OIL PRICE RISES
IRAGHANS
MORE RUSSIANS KILLED



Brian Willersdorf

Photo Ramon Williams

"Never be the same again — Go Explo '80", so the advertising went about the recently held convention on personal evangelism and witnessing held in Brisbane.

The program was quite tightly organized. On Sunday, May 11 the convention began with a rally that was open to the general public. (Brian Willersdorf had just completed a city-wide crusade). The Sunday rally set the scene for the ones held each night until the following Friday. These rallies were times of celebration and teaching. At each there were two speakers, a musical presentation and singing led by Robert Colman. The speakers included Gordon Moyes, Reg Kliminock and Mal Garvin. The musical highlight was the utempo yet worshipful sound of Leon Patillo, who was formerly lead singer and keyboard player for the rock band Santana.

At 9 a.m. each day seven regional centres around Brisbane began to fill with delegates. They gathered together for lectures, into seminar groups of 25 and into prayer cells of 5. Basically Lay Involvement for Evangelism materials, concepts and methods were followed. Two afternoons were spent witnessing — around Brisbane and on the Gold and Sunshine Coasts.

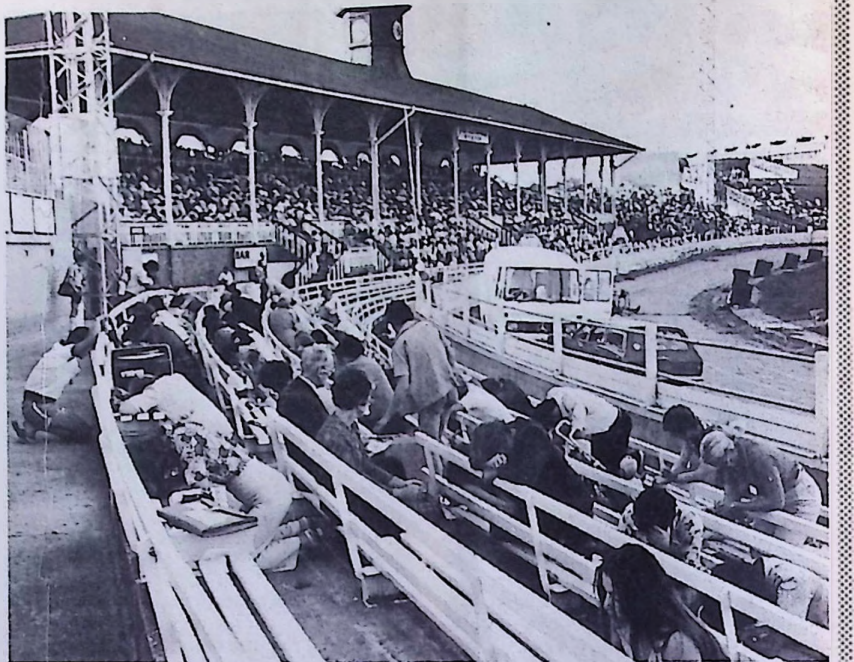
My personal response can be expressed in two words. Firstly, I was reminded again of the urgency of being obedient to Christ by sharing Him, His love and His salvation with people. Secondly, I rediscovered the need for us all to have reality in our relationship with Him. The urgency says to me that I, my church and our brotherhood must catch the vision of sharing Christ through our whole lives, as we go through life. The reality suggests that our relationship with Jesus isn't to be "pie in the sky" shallow cliché ridden words; but rather to be in terms of 1 John 1:1-4. This latter point is something that I, my church and our brotherhood must also explore, especially with regards to our worship, our lifestyle and in our expression and expectancy of God working in and through our lives each day.

The following are some other personal responses.

EXPLO '80 —

some personal reflections

Paul Cameron



5,500 kneeling in prayer at Explo 80 opening

Photo Ramon Williams

*** Kathy Holmes, a student teacher: "I didn't really think Explo would change me — but it did. I now feel more equipped to share God's word. I didn't think it would be such an intensive week, but it was a tremendous week. As well as learning a lot, we had a lot of fun."

*** Chris Wrigley, a student teacher: "We all realized what it was to live the abundant Christian life in the power of the Holy Spirit, and how to walk and witness in His power. We were taught the importance of our daily Quiet Time. We were taught and were convinced of the urgency of sharing our faith with others as one of the greatest acts of obedience to Christ. We were taught how to follow up people and how to effectively lead a discipleship group — I'm sure everyone was blessed through Explo."

*** Michael York, university student: "I went to Explo because I was attracted to the idea of bringing spiritual revival to Australia; I wanted to grow in my relationship with God; I enjoy the unity of Christian fellowship and because God wanted me there. I learnt much about the present and future situation in Australia. At Explo I realized it is only the Holy Spirit that can heal the gap that has developed between the church and the people. Australians at present don't see the church as having any power to solve the many problems entrenched in our society. We must therefore improve the image of the church. This can only be done if individual Christians will improve his/her image by taking on the image of Christ. That is, our love for the Australian People must be fair dinkm, so that we can break through their self defence system."

Much of the above was new to me . . . the slogan for Explo was "never be the same again, and I pray that I won't."

These are the responses of just three of the over 3,000 young people who were in Brisbane for Explo '80. They won't be the same again!! The future of Australia isn't bright. Life is not going to get any easier. It's not going to get any easier to live and witness as we Christians are called to do by God. But in the power of the Holy Spirit, we must seek to be obedient to Christ in all ways. It is possible that Explo '80 was the beginning of that revival, let's not be the ones that stop God from working . . .

P.S. Further Explo's are in the planning stages — Perth in 1981 and Melbourne in 1982.

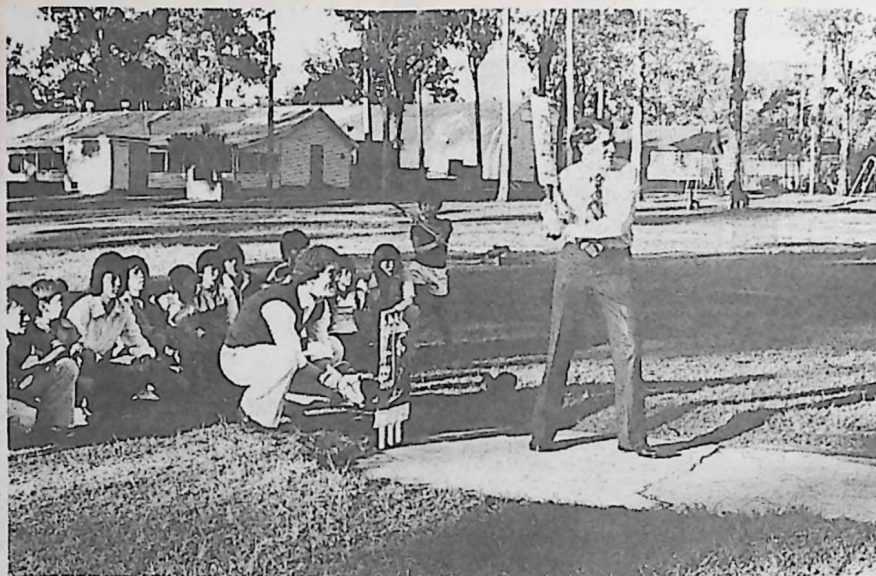
PAT BOONE RECORDS TO AID NEEDY CHILDREN

Pat Boone has produced a record made especially about the needs of underprivileged children. The disc, released by the international child-care agency, Compassion, features two tracks, 'The Little Ones' and 'Do You Ever Take Time?'

It was recorded by Pat as a preview to the Australian premiere of a Pat Boone Television Special to be screened later this year. Pat and his wife Shirley have sponsored children through Compassion for many years.

Compassion is a Christian child-care organisation established for over 28 years and working with over 55,000 sponsored children in 32 countries.

QUEENSLAND'S UNUSUAL CRICKET MATCH



Have you ever seen so many wicket-keepers? Alan Male hits a four only to be caught by a small Vietnamese Boy.

Alan Male captained a team of clergy-cricketers against Geoff Dymock's X1 to highlight the needs of the world's 14 million refugees.

Alan supplemented his team with Vietnamese refugees and while Geoff Dymock, the test bowler, fielded a number of Queensland Shield players, most of his team consisted of refugees... The match was organised by World Vision. Pastor Alan Male and Geoff Dymock will be fasting in the 40 hour refugee famine.

The highlight of the day was when 12

year old Vietnamese refugee, Xuong Trong, playing in Alan's team, sent a full toss down to Geoff Dymock, bowling the test star for a duck. Later Xuong Trong presented Geoff with a rubber duck.

Proceeds from this year's famine will go into large programs that World Vision is funding in Kampuchea and Somalia. In a crisis that is growing daily, more than one and a half million refugees are crowded into crude camps on the Somalia-Ethiopian border. They have been driven into Somalia by a civil war in Ethiopia.

A.C.T. CONFERENCE LEADS THE WAY

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cluding the "Lyons Den" coffee shop, week of prayer services, a C.W.F. concert, and a gospel celebration.

They were able to be present for the monthly combined communion service between the Belconnen church and the Belconnen Anglicans who use the same school for services and conduct there a united Sunday School. They had a long and helpful session with David Clark the evangelical Anglican rector.

There were numerous ecumenical experiences including visits to the Churches Centres at Woden and Belconnen and Bible House.

INTERVIEWS

Opportunities were made for the students to interview significant people such as University and Royal Military College (Duntroon) chaplains, and the Matron of Calvary Hospital who discussed with them pastoral care of the sick, medic-minister relationships and patient-minister relationships. There were further discussions with key people at "The Canberra Times" and with Churches of Christ people, such as Arthur McMichael, who are also key people in government positions.

DOOR-TO-DOOR

Other experiences included door to door canvassing and sharing with the refugee families who are being sponsored by the A.C.T. Conference. There was also a little free time.

Significant student comments were that they "felt caught up in the life of the place" and that the days in the A.C.T. provided for them "a reservoir of experience".

THE BOYS' BRIGADE LAUNCHES NEW BOOK

The Boys' Brigade Australia has officially launched their new book, "Boys, Urchins, Men", by Dr Michael E. Hoare, with special ceremonies held within each State. The book is a history of The Boys' Brigade in Australia and Papua-New Guinea from 1882 to 1976 and the author critically analyses the development of the Brigade movement and traces the Australian adaptation of an idea.

The Boys' Brigade, formed in Glasgow in 1883, is the oldest voluntary uniformed movement for boys, imitated by many similar organisations for youth down the years, and was an important influence upon Baden-Powell's scouting movement, which it predated by 25 years.

This book is the first fully researched study of the work of The Boys' Brigade in any of the 60 countries or territories in which it is currently active around the world.

GIRLS' BRIGADE UNEARTH DOCUMENTS

In preparation for Golden Jubilee Celebrations to be held in 1990, The Girls' Brigade had initiated extensive research into its early history and it now appears that we will be celebrating our Diamond Jubilee in 1987! The Western Australian State Council has presented documents which show that the first Company affiliated in Australia was the 1st Wyalkatchem Coy., in 1927 at the Wyalkatchem Methodist Church. At this time the movement was known as The Girls' Life Brigade and it was not until 1965 when the movement amalgamated with The Girls' Brigade of Ireland and The Girls' Guildry of Scotland that it became known as The Girls' Brigade. For many years it was thought that The Girls' Brigade had its first beginnings in New South Wales at the Leichhardt Baptist Church in 1940 with the formation of the 1st Sydney Company, which holds the record as the oldest Company in Australia as it is still functioning, and takes a very active part in Brigade activities.

CHRISTMAS BOWL REVEALS DRAMATIC INCREASE

The Christmas Bowl Appeal of the Australian churches has increased its 1980 income by 43% on the previous year. Highest increases were recorded in Tasmania (80%) and Western Australia (77%) followed by New South Wales (48%).

Commenting on the increase, the Rev. Martin Chittleborough, co-ordinator for the Christmas Bowl Appeal, said, "The Kampuchean crisis certainly increased awareness within the community of the suffering and need in the developing countries and partly the increase in income reflects this fact. However, the churches also gave generously to the Kampuchea Appeal and less than 10% of the Christmas Bowl income was earmarked for Kampuchea."

The Christmas Bowl is the annual appeal by the 12 member churches of the ACC for funds for development assistance, refugee resettlement and development education.

— A.C.C.

OPEN FORUM

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

RAMPS AND HANDRAILS

To the Editor,

How about a warm word of commendation for Swan Hill Firstly for the achievement of their long-term aims for their buildings. Secondly for the great news in "A.C." May 17 that the whole complex is accessible to handicapped persons in wheel-chairs!

Perhaps the idea was triggered by someone in the church family whom they love and who moves about in a wheel-chair. Physical handicaps vary from person to person — need for independence is inherent in us all. We were all small children with short legs once, likewise some of us will surely become old folks with unsteady gait sometime, so it is an exercise in self-help to design community centres which offer dignity and ease of access to both the fortunate and whole-bodied.

So ramps and handrails and wide doors are such a positive step — and steps are out! Lovely news! I hope the idea snowballs.

— Isabel Little, (Glen Waverley, Vic.)

W.C.C. AND AID FOR ELIMINATION OF RACISM

To The Editor.

Murrah for the W.C.C.I So they have hit the jackpot in supporting Mugabe.

I'm glad that Keith Horne has written in their support. For a long time I've wanted some questions answered about them, but who is the W.C.C. spokesman in our denomination? At last he has emerged.

Obviously Keith has studied this whole matter before venturing an opinion. Therefore he can tell us about all of the other guerrilla groups supported by W.C.C. funds. Are they all honourable too?

And a host of other questions spring to mind. Why is the W.C.C. so selective? I notice that they always detail the oppression in western society, South Africa, and by multi-nationals. But why the deafening silence on Russian and Communist oppression? Do they say that it is nonexistent in these places? Or do they claim that we exaggerate it? Or what? Please let's have an answer: I really want to know.

— Len Martin, (Ballarat, Vic.)

MISSING "MUSTARD SEEDS"

To the Editor,

It seems to me that I am being robbed of one of the more valuable segments in the "A.C." For a time there was a page of Mustard Seeds in virtually every issue. Of late, however, I notice quite a few copies from which Mustard Seeds is missing. Surely Alan's comments ought to be included in every copy — or are they "too close to the bone" for some of the "A.C.'S" readers?

— Gary L. Primo (Vic)

(We are unable for space reasons to run all of our features in every issue. "Mustard Seeds" is in three quarters of them. — Ed.)

DRIVING CHRISTIANS

To the Editor,

After reading in the "A.C." recently about the Christian's responsibility towards taxation and then hearing an address by our minister Mr Withers about how we are encouraged in the Bible to be vexed about sin, I'm moved to write to see if you could include an article about the Christian's responsibility to obey the laws and rules of the motor code and es-

pecially if the vehicle has a bumper sticker or such advertising material about Christ and his love for us all. We should show this love with our courteous attitudes to other drivers because to advertise God's love and to act out a different attitude does nothing to help the spread of the Christian word.

Bill Burgess (Footscray, Vic.)

(What need of an article when Bill has said it so succinctly in his letter — Ed.)

CARNARVON FLOODS

A quick phone call on the morning that the "A.C." went to print (June 23) from Don Butler gave the latest news about the situation in the floods at Carnarvon.

The Gascoyne River has flooded the mission and water is flowing through the mission at a speed of 15 knots. Several houses are under water. Some of the children and staff have been evacuated from the Ingada Village to higher ground.

The dining room is under a foot of water. Apparently they are all right for food and if things get worse they can always kill some hens.

Miss Edna Lincoln has been evacuated. Yesterday (Sunday 22) five aboriginal old people were flown out by helicopter (two of these were crippled). The old folks cottage was also evacuated.

At the time of Don ringing us there was no power on the mission and several houses were still threatened. At 8 a.m. this morning (Monday June 23) the flood water was still rising but it is due to drop this afternoon. However the forecast is that there will be further heavy rain in the area tomorrow.

A full report of the situation will be given in the next issue of the "Australian Christian"

QUALITY COLOUR SLIDES FOR CHURCH SERVICES

Geoff Doust of Dunedin (N.Z.) is dedicating his retiring years to making slides of well-known hymns for use in services. They are beautifully illustrated with suitable scenic backgrounds and in some cases from his "Life of Christ" series. There are 80 slides in the "Life of Christ" set.

AVAILABLE AT COST

There are 254 slides making up the verses of 70 of the most widely used hymns. There are some newer hymns such as "A New Commandment", "He is Lord", "This is the Day", and "How Great Thou Art". Geoff Doust believes that people sing better when they are looking up and are open to the beauty of the backgrounds to the hymn words.

The slides from both the hymn series and the "Life of Christ" set may be purchased for 25c (N.Z.) each. Purchases may be made of any number from a single slide to the lot. Geoff's address is Lewis St., Deborah Bay, Pt. Chalmers, N.Z.

SOMALIAN REFUGEES

The United Nations High Commission on Refugees has called the Somalian refugee situation the biggest in the world. More than one and a half million people are crowded into crude camps near the Ethiopian border. World Vision has set up a major program and has rushed in a medical and a transportation team.

About 1000 people are crossing into Somalia daily to escape the fighting in Ethiopia. In one area, a World Vision survey team found 1000 people. They were mainly women and children surviving in the desert without shelter and a meager ration of food.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

IT'S NOT FAIR!

To the Editor,

The forgiveness of God worries me. It doesn't seem quite fair. For instance Judas lapsed after being a faithful disciple for three years and went off to suicide and hell, yet the criminal on the cross was forgiven at the last minute.

And sometimes it seems all too easy. A murderer can be forgiven if he asks God, and God won't hold it against him any more. How much does that help the poor relatives of the victim?

And God's forgiveness is so total. I could handle it better if people who are forgiven for very bad sins could be put on probation for a while by the church. I think the church could manage the job very well. It doesn't seem right that forgiveness is total both for the person who uses a little swear word and the person who wrecks some one else's life. But the Bible seems to tell us that that's the way it is.

The hardest part of course is that when God forgives and forgets, he expects us to do the same. How on earth is that possible when every time you see or hear about certain persons you immediately remember their past? God might be able to accept them as though they had never sinned, but he is God and all things are possible to him. But it's a bit rough to expect that we should do the same.

That's why I think that the forgiveness of God is unfair that is until I remember how much he has forgiven me.

Yours thankfully,
TERTIUS

"A.C." SUBSCRIBERS SAVE A DOLLAR

For three years the price of "The Australian Christian" has remained at \$7.50 per year. This was maintained in spite of increases in printing and postage costs of 25%.

HOW DID WE MANAGE IT?

We managed to keep the price down by increased advertising, ruthless cost-cutting, and increased numbers of subscriptions. We broke the "5000 barrier" and passed it by some 250 subscribers during 1980.

BALANCING THE BUDGET

However almost immediately there will be a 25% rise in printing costs. Other costs have jumped. So the Board at its meeting on Saturday, June 7, had before it a budget for 1980 that involved an increase in subscriptions to \$10. This only barely balanced the budget. The increased printing alone would bring the subscription rate to \$9.37.

BUT HOW DO WE SAVE A DOLLAR?

The Board went to work on the budget and with some further economies and with faith that we could keep subscription numbers rising, decided to set the cost for 1981 at \$9 instead of \$10. That is how "A.C." subscribers are saving a dollar.

At \$9 per year the "A.C." subscription is still cheaper than any comparable journal in Australia.

From now on it will be the policy of the "A.C." simply to keep pace with inflation rather than having no-increase plateau followed by sharp rise price hikes.

WE ARE CONFIDENT

We are confident that the rise will not deter our subscribers from continuing with us. In fact we are working towards 6000 subscribers. But could we suggest that churches might like to subsidise subscribers who are on the minimum pension, especially single pensioners. (Ed.)

FAMILY SUNDAY PROPOSAL

A special "Family Sunday" should be set aside during the year to highlight the importance of the family in Australian society, South Australia's Minister of Community Welfare, John Burdett, said. "We have Mother's and Father's Days and other special days during the year celebrating various religious and social functions from Christmas to the Adelaide Cup Day. But there is no clear recognition and celebration of the importance of the family unit in our society."

"THE MAGIC TOYSHOP"

This year's activity at the Carnegie (Vic) church is called "The Magic Toyshop". Each week from mid-May to the end of August an episode of "The Magic Toyshop" is presented during evening service. Each episode goes for about 20 minutes and involves puppets, acting, singing and an attempt to spell out Christian truths in the story.

The activities are a major part of the witness of the Carnegie church into its community. The start of the activities occurred in the May school holidays when children came each day between 10 and 12 to help construct the scenery and other props to be used in the production.

"The Magic Toyshop" is scripted by the minister at Carnegie and his wife, Russell and Margaret Ritchie, along with Stuart Crane. Joy Phillips from Warragul, but living in Melbourne during the week, helps when she is able. Stuart Crane came to the church just 12 months ago to help with last year's production of "The Snow Village". It was his idea to develop the singing pipe organ of birds used in each week's episode.

The children and families who come to the afternoon service are encouraged in craft activities as well as the story. Each week the children also take home work

papers with stories and other activities related to the week's story in "the Magic Toyshop".

All the scripts and acting are contributed by the young adult group of the church. This group has really started because of these yearly productions. Now about 20 meet each week for study and discussion as well as recording scripts of the story. They have also formed a singing group "leftover" to perform each week during the story segment.

One new feature this year is the addition of acting and dialogue to give the production more life. Parts of the week's scripts are still pre-recorded and played during the service.

I was interested to find out that the children are encouraged to think of others. Last year each child brought a gift to be given to a child in hospital at Christmas time. The C.W.F. Visitation Committee were the recipients last year. The children also had the experience of seeing Santa Claus a little early (August).

The elaborate work that goes into this production is achieved by the enthusiasm of Russell Ritchie and others with queries on how they could operate a similar program would no doubt be assisted by him.

BALLARAT CHURCHES WORSHIP

A challenging address by Jim Cunningham on the theme "Jesus is Lord" was the finale of the 1980 Ballarat Churches of Christ Begonia Festival Worship and Communion Service.

With Ballarat alive with visitors to its 28th Begonia Festival, the four Churches of Christ demonstrated their life and faith in a combined 600-strong congregation meeting in the Memorial Theatre, the home of Royal South Street Society.

President for the occasion David Gurney, Minister of the York Street church, welcomed His Worship the Mayor of Ballarat, Cr J. F. McKay and Mrs McKay; the 1980 Begonia Queen, Miss Leanne Cummins; and the Chairman of the Begonia Festival Committee, Ron Harris and Mrs Harris.

The recently inducted minister of the Mt Clear church Mark Dunn, was introduced to the congregation.

The service focussed on "The Witness of the Communion". Ballarat's five ministers participated in leadership of the service. Graeme Chapman (Dawson St.) gave the historical background to communion, Len Martin (York St.) and Mark Dunn read selected Bible passages, David Gurney presided, and Jim Cunningham (Peel St.) gave the address.

Three members representing different age spans — Miss Sue Coates (Peel St.), Mrs Helen Chapman (Dawson St.) and Bob Feary (York St.) spoke on their personal experiences in communion.

Rousing singing of both contemporary and traditional hymns was a highlight of an inspiring worship experience.

FEDERAL CONFERENCE — ABORIGINAL ELECTIVE

The Federal Aborigines Board delegation to Federal Conference this year will be almost all aboriginal. Those expected to attend will be Sonny Graham, Norseman Superintendent W.A.; Bob Brown, Adelaide and outreach; Frank Johnson, Lecturer Bimbadeen Bible College, N.S.W.; Jim Bleundurry, National Aborigines Congress representative Kimberley Area W.A.; Miss Edna Lincoln, Federal C.W.F. Living Link; Don Butler, Secretary and L. Morris, Superintendent Normanton Queensland.

The Aborigine Elective at the last Federal Conference held in Melbourne was an outstanding success because it touched the areas of Christian justice.

With such a team of aboriginal Christian leaders attending the Sydney Conference the Board is anxious to again provide an elective worthy of similar or even more interest than previously. Accordingly the Federal Aborigines Board would be pleased to know just what subjects people would like discussed at the Aborigine Elective in October?

The Federal Board in co-operation with those attending will then look at what the Brotherhood is asking to be discussed and will select from the Aborigine panel speakers to deal with various subjects. Time for questions and comment from the floor will be afforded.

Please write stating the subject you would like discussed to the Secretary, Federal Aborigines Mission Board Inc., 26 Marradong Street, Mt Lawley, W.A. 6050.

LOVE MAHARASHTRA CAMPAIGN

Maharashtra has a population of 64 million people and there are 226 languages and dialects in the State. There are more than four times the number of people living in Maharashtra than in Australia. At the end of last year a committee was set up to work out the strategy for penetrating Maharashtra with the gospel.

A survey team has already been commissioned — this team has already spent time in prayer and getting to know each other and at present this team is touring Maharashtra. The team's primary purpose in travelling around the State is to find out the needs of each place: make a survey: give information to various local churches and pastors: and minister God's word to Christians challenging them to intercession and prayer for revival.



Survey team for Love Maharashtra Outreach

Maybe there are some Sunday schools, Y.P. groups, churches or even individuals who will feel that the Lord wants them to stand behind us in this outreach; This is the first time in history that an outreach like this has been in Maharashtra. One dollar will enable us to enrol a new student and for him/her to receive the lessons and a gospel. This may be the part that the Lord will have you play in this "Love Maharashtra" outreach.

We need your prayers for the teams, the office staff and follow up workers so together our request to you is "Brethren Pray for Us."

At this time we think of the words of William Carey, the great missionary statesman to India. "Attempt great things for God; Expect great things from God"

— Hazel L. Skuce

GOOD NEWS FROM THE STAGE

Over 1,200 people saw the Good News of Jesus presented live on stage in two Victorian suburban theatres in April/May this year. The Victorian Christian Theatre Group has just completed its first theatrical season — three one-act plays.

The group of over 50 members worked for three months to prepare the plays for production. Although not heavy in scriptural content, the plays did present positive answers to problems we face in everyday life.

The group is moving with plans for Season Two which is to be performed in September. Season Two will be made up of three one-act plays.

One major problem facing the Victorian Christian Theatre Group is the lack of suitable material to perform. If you have written a play or know of one that may be suitable, please contact the group's Secretary Glenda Addicott on (03) 818 2538, or write to 7/28 Riversdale Road, Hawthorn, Victoria, 3122. Ultimately, the group would like to perform mainly Australian material. To help in this, a writing group has been formed and lessons will commence shortly for those interested.

The group is currently: recording material for Melbourne Christian Radio test transmissions, presenting Christian puppet shows in churches around Melbourne, training people interested in acting who have little experience, presenting plays with a message as part of church services, holding regular playreadings and finally, sharing with others in a range of social activities.

The earnest prayer of "Love Maharashtra" Committee to God is that he will revive his people here in Maharashtra and that there will be a great awakening in the churches as he pours out his spirit upon us.

Preparation for the printing of literature which is to be distributed during the campaign has already begun. The Bible Society has been asked to prepare 8 Lakh (800,000) Gospel packets. Each packet will contain one gospel portion and six sheets of scripture selections. We as a Bible Correspondence School Centre will also have an important role in the campaign. We will have our address on 5 lakh (500,000) of scripture selections and the reader will be asked to contact us for Bible studies on the Christian life. We will also be involved in follow up work from special meetings. We realize that this campaign will put a great pressure on us. Not only do we have to meet the new challenge that "Love Maharashtra" will present, but we also will need to keep up the normal running of the office.

We have already started getting extra lessons printed and extra gospels in stock.

Financially it is going to be a very heavy burden, not only with the extra printing that is being prepared, but our postage account will be enormous, but in faith we said that we will go forward with "Love Maharashtra" campaign.

Hymns for Special People on Special Occasions

Hymn for Golfers: "There is a Green Hill Far Away"

Hymn for Old Maids: "God, Send Us Men"

Hymn for Cannibals: "Servant of God, Well Done"

Hymn for Traffic Police: "Mid All the Traffic of the Ways"

Hymn for German Bankers: "How Beauteous Were the Marks"

Hymn for Ambassadors who Have Been Fired: "Come, Ye Disconsolate"

Hymn for Teachers: "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

Hymn for Credit Card Users: "A Charge to Keep I Have"

Hymn for Those who Must Sit Through Boring Sermons: "In the Hour of

Trial"

Hymn for a Woman Wearing Mascara: "O Sometimes the Shadows Are Deep"

Hymn for the State Land Commissioner: "When I Survey"

Hymn for the Stock Broker: "And Can It Be that I Should Gain"

Hymn for Debt Collectors: "The Old Account Settled"

Hymn for Oil Drillers: "Deeper, Deeper"

Hymn for Dry Cleaners: "I'm Pressing On"

Hymn for a Jogger: "The Last Mile of the Way"

Hymn for Someone Whose T.V. has Gone on the Blink: "Blessed Quietness"

Hymn for a Politician Running for Office: "Standing on the Promises"

Hymn for Someone on Medicine: "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Hymn for Someone Getting Their Electric Bill: "Let the Lower Lights be Burning"

Hymn for a Fishing Boat Captain: "Bring Them In"

Hymn for Illegal Aliens: "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

Hymn for the Boxing Referee: "Fight the Good Fight"

Hymn for the Guide Dog: "Be Thou My Vision"

Hymn for the Lawyer: "Come My Soul Thy Suit Prepare"

BOOKS TO READ

A MANY FACETED JEWEL

by E. M. Hawkins

The church has been assailed from both left and right. There was a period when radicals ridiculed it and not only predicted but welcomed the possibility of its death, to be replaced hopefully by a variety of para-churches. On the right the church is despised as being the great inhibitor of evangelical Christianity, and likewise doomed, while a pure individualistic brand of Christianity survives in select groups. Yet Christ loved the church and gave himself for it.

Elza Hawkins reminds us of this great fact in his book "A Many Faceted Jewel". In warm, lively and scholarly style he introduces us, not to theories about the church, but rather to what the Scriptures say about the church, and what it all means to us now. Its 160 pages are refreshing reading both for those who love the church and for those who may have a love-hate relationship with it. It is a good book for study groups. Lay people can manage it easily. And there are plenty of sermon starters in it for ministers.

Elza Hawkins is a retired professor of church history and has been helping at the College of the Bible with his wife Lois for the past six months.

"A Many Faceted Jewel" is available from the College of the Bible for \$4.75 plus postage.

THE MAN FROM IDA GROVE

Harold E. Hughes (Hodder & Stoughton) \$4.95

The story of Harold Hughes is the phenomenal story of how God works in the life of one of America's powerful political figures. Every chapter is crisp and exciting and leads automatically on to the next one so that it takes weak eyesight or a resolute will to put the book down before the 320 pages are finished.

Harold Hughes was born in absolute poverty, shared with his parents in a scratched-out existence during the Depression, went as a boy soldier into World War II and endured incredible hardships, became a hopeless alcoholic and ruined not only his own life but that of others as well, yet by the grace of God became an effective organiser of independent truck owners, eventually a political power, the Governor of his State, a Senator of the United States, and a contender for the Presidential nominee for the Democratic Party.

At each high point of his career he left success because he believed God was moving him on to something else, and at a point when he was being actively supported for a Presidential nomination, accepts a job with no financial security helping business and political leaders cope with their alcohol problems and spiritual uncertainties. Harold Hughes represents all that is best and worst in the American dream of progress from the log cabin to the White House.

This book reinforces the idea that God is alive and at work in the hearts of men today as much as He was in the days of the early church.

— Gordon Moyes

SUNDAY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

by Dolores K. Hutton (Baker)

This is a highly recommended book for Sunday School teachers. Many of the activities suggested in this book are imaginative and teachers of older children should have no difficulty in adapting some of them for their group.

The author clearly outlines the materials needed and the steps to be followed to complete each activity. Along with the activity are suggested Bible verses which can be used to reinforce the connection between story and lesson.

Activities are carefully arranged under significant headings for easy location. Teachers will also find a chapter devoted to the listing of Bible verses suitable for children.

Those who purchase this book should be suitably impressed with the ideas and activities and find it an invaluable aid for planning and preparing for the lessons taught to young Sunday School children.

— P. Holliday

A CHALLENGE TO HOLINESS

by Elliot T. Rien (Bethshan Book Depot) \$2.25

This very easy to read book is officially the autobiography of Elliot John Rien but it could almost be the story of the "Bethshan" Holiness Mission which he established. Elliot Rien only finished this edition of his father's life shortly before his own death. Perhaps the son overlooks some of his father's faults but it is always good to read of a lifetime spent dedicated to the Lord. I particularly enjoyed the way each character seems so real and life like in contrast to the "Super Saints" we find in so many similar autobiographies.

— J. Urquhart

PASTORAL CARE WITH HANDICAPPED PERSONS

by Lowell G. Colston (Fortress Press)

This is another addition to the valuable Creative Pastoral Care and Counselling Series. Colston does not write as an observer of handicapped people, he is himself handicapped and spends some 18 hours per week on a kidney machine. He is also well qualified to discuss this area of Pastoral Care, being the professor of Pastoral Care at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

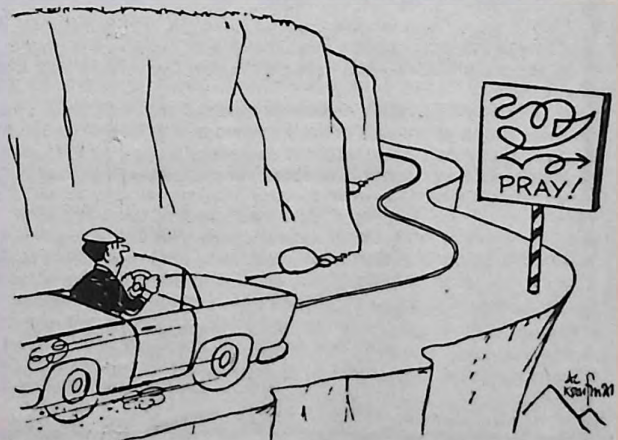
What delighted me in reading this little book was that after describing the sort of needs that handicapped people have, he takes time to explain to pastors what their best roles can be in each situation.

Ministers and other helping people in the church are often uncertain of what to do and how to handle the situation with the newly handicapped. This book can be a valuable asset, giving simple, but clear guidance. There are also some clear statements about how the church can help.

Don E. Stewart.

Two interesting papers received from the Zadok Centre, 13 Edgar St., Ainslie, A.C.T. 2602 are "Christianity in Australian Society" by Dr David Millikan and "Rock N Roll is Music Now" by Noel Giblet. The first paper is a series on the gospel in Australia and looks at current information on the church in Australia, examines the Australian culture and how the church is relating to these characteristics. Areas covered include egalitarianism, wowsersism and the influence of secularism. Papers in other areas are available from the Zadok Centre and are recommended for anyone with any interest in contemporary views by Christians in Australia.

Unless otherwise stated, books reviewed on this page may be obtained from: The Baptist Book Store, 162 Russell St., Melb. 3000; N.S.W. Churches of Christ Book Shop, 9 Endeavour Arcade, The Kingsway, Caringbah, 2229; United Church Bookroom, 15 Mathers Lane, Hobart, 7000.



HAPPENINGS

The 30th General Meeting of the A.C.C. will be held in Sydney July 4-8 on the theme "Signs of the Kingdom". The meeting will elect a new President to follow the late Bishop Graham Delbridge, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland, who was killed in a road accident, along with his daughter, on June 8.

Alcohol and tobacco advertising has been banned from New Zealand's Christchurch Airport by the City Council. This follows pressure from New Zealand's Campaign for Integrity, an organisation similar to Festival of Light.

The Rocndale vicar who fell into a grave has stepped into history. Canon Fred Hoyle has been told that he is the first vicar to claim industrial injury after a funeral. The accident occurred when a plank gave way under the canon as he walked across a prepared grave.

The Israeli Cabinet has changed the country's unit of currency from the pound to the shekel. The shekel, first used in Babylon five millennia ago, was a unit of weight — not a coin — equivalent to about half an ounce.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) after nearly a decade of informal relationships, will explore ways of working together with the Christian Pentecostal Church of Cuba. Such exploration could lead to the Cuban church's becoming a related church through the Disciples' Division of Overseas Ministries.

Just 10 months after being sentenced to five years hard labour, Vladimir Shelkov, 84 year-old leader of the Adventists in the Soviet Union, has died. He died in the strict regime labour camp in Yakutia. His wife was told by telegram — with no indication of the cause of death.

Reports coming out of Namibia suggest that churches have been the target of escalating interference and harassment by South African security forces in recent months. It is reported that church services have been disrupted by military raids and congregations submitted to body searches.

Bethlehem may go bankrupt unless Arab countries give aid quickly, the town's mayor has revealed. He said the town was losing around \$5,000 a week.

Laotian refugee representatives gave formal approval to the project to resettle them in Guyana. The consortium of evangelical relief agencies that proposed the project has chartered a ship owned by Youth With A Mission, with a capacity of 700 passengers, for transporting the Hmong tribal people. The Hmong were pressing to expand the agreed-upon pilot project from 1500 persons to 10,000.

Seven Soviet soldiers who refused orders to fire on Afghans were summarily executed by firing squad, according to a report in the National Catholic Reporter. Sources indicated that all were conscientious objectors from Tashkent, in the Turkmen Soviet Socialist Republic, and members of unregistered Baptist churches there.

Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu, general secretary the South African Council of Churches, was ordered by the Department of the Interior to surrender his passport. In February the SACC recommended that black Christians next year form a "confessing church" similar to that organized by anti-Nazis in Germany in the

1930s. It also asked churches to withdraw their ministers as marriage officers to protest laws against inter-racial marriage, and to cease participation in religious programs of the South African Broadcasting Company because it branded them "a vehicle for racist propaganda."

A British organisation that promotes euthanasia, or "mercy killing," has doubled its membership after announcing publication of a booklet on how to commit suicide. The Voluntary Euthanasia Society has decided to change its name to Exit — The Society for the right to Die with Dignity.

Six church groups are again meeting in Phnom Penh, the capital of Kampuchea, according to the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Four pastors and two laymen are leading the congregations in house meetings, but it is anticipated the government will soon return two former church buildings.

Swiss voters rejected separation of church and state in a national referendum by a margin of three to one. Most Swiss cantons currently provide direct aid to churches or allow them to collect their own taxes; at the same time the churches provide many social services.

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Reports from Tanzania say there are exciting developments in the southern Baptist area with 2,000 new believers and 48 congregations born out of one effort alone.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Melbourne City Mission is looking for volunteers for its new Harold McCracken Nursing Home in North Fitzroy. Sensitive, understanding men and women are needed to spend time with the frail, aged people. Volunteers may do the shopping for a resident or sit and read to him or her. People with skills in craft work or music will be specially welcome.

- The Nursing Home will:
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Those interested in helping should contact the Director of Nursing, sister Katherine Kingsbury, 6 Church Street, North Fitzroy, 3068. Phone (03) 481 2155.

25 Years Ago

The front cover of the issue of June 28, 1955, featured the golden jubilee of the Chinese church in Melbourne. The original work was started in the home of F. McClean to teach the Chinese. The Foreign Mission Committee built a chapel in Queensbury St., for them.

A South Australian newsletter reported the addition of a new wing to the Christian Rest Home which was officially opened by the Hon. Norman Makin. A short report was given on the Magarey Lectures delivered that year by F. Hunting, Dawson St., Ballarat. Hindmarsh was reported as celebrating its centenary. Kadina had opened a new manse and Ralph Oko had commenced a full-time ministry at Mt. Compass-Goolwa.

G. J. Andrews, Albion, Qld., wrote on "Required Reading"

"Let us mark well that Jesus requires us to read three books. Then first book that Jesus requires us to read is the book of Scripture. Jesus knew the Holy Scripture of his day, the Old Testament, to be the very text-book of life provided by the heavenly Father.

The second book that Jesus requires us to read is the book of our own selves, or the book of our heart.

The third book Jesus requires us to read is the book of living signs. We should become as "history-wise" as we are often "weather-wise".

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SUNDAY NIGHT?

It is only three or four decades ago that almost all of our evangelistic eggs were put into the Sunday night gospel service basket . . . except of course for special missions. In fact the only way into Churches of Christ was to attend a Sunday night service and to go down to the front during the invitation hymn, and there to make a confession of faith, and then to return on the following Sunday night to be baptized.

"NOT SUNDAY NIGHT, LORD!"

Now, with few exceptions, Sunday night services are pathetic shadows of what they once were, and in many churches they have been abandoned. And large numbers of the faithful, including elders and deacons and ministers seem to be saying, "Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to thee, but not Sunday night!" It would seem good sense then that we should bow to the inevitable and deliver a final "coup-de-grace" to the Sunday night service . . . except that we do not seem to have found ways and means of preserving some of the important things that the gospel service did for us in its hey-day.

Perhaps it would be useful to recall what a gospel service looked and felt like. Most of our people under 35 have probably never experienced one. And the chances are that today's liberated and uninhibited "church kids" would really "dig" the atmosphere of the "old time gospel service" that their grandparents nostalgically reminisce about.

SUNDAY NIGHT WAS DIFFERENT

The night service was as different from the morning service as chalk is from cheese. Sunday night hymns would never do for Sunday morning and vice versa. Sunday morning was super-reverent and designed only for the faithful. Sunday night was uninhibited and lively and stimulated the whole range of human emotions. And this was long before the "charismatics" attempted to "ginger up" the church.

People came with an air of excitement and anticipation. They expected to see souls won every Sunday night. In Adelaide in those days the ministers met at Grote St. every Monday morning to report on their "results" and to rejoice with each other. As no one ever reported failure one can only assume that those who had a bad Sunday night never turned up on the following morning.

SUNDAY NIGHT FOR TEA

Church people did not come alone to gospel services. They brought what we used to call "strangers" with them. (There were only three kinds of people at the services . . . the baptized, strangers who had been "brought within the sound of the gospel", and the "gospel hardened" who had learned to tune out from the impassioned appeals.) Church families all had large tables and hospitality had not become so sophisticated and competitive that it priced itself out of existence, and they invited friends and neighbours

and acquaintances to tea and the service. In those days they did not stay at home on Sunday night because visitors had dropped in. They gave them tea and took them to the service.

The services were a warm and lively "show case" for strangers to get the feel of what we were on about. Most of them liked it, although a few of the liturgically minded felt that it was more like a concert. Every Sunday night there were decisions and on many Sunday nights there were baptisms. Statistics of those days indicate that many converts did not "stick". But there was always the heady excitement of seeing responses to the gospel and having weekly evidence of its power to save.

SUNDAY NIGHT BAPTISMS

Baptismal services were the highlight. They did not take place in the curtained respectability of an architecturally tasteful hole in the wall, where for a brief moment one is able to see a spotlighted minister and candidate, before the curtain moves again and the light is dimmed.

The ritual then was a lively song service while the candidates changed. During the singing a team of practised helpers lifted down the platform railings or undid the curtains, and moved the pulpit and communion table and chairs. At the climactic moment the floor was literally lifted and pegged back against the wall, as the steam from the subterranean tank rose like incense before the Lord. In some cases the steam cleared to reveal an artist's conception of the River Jordan, painted inside the lid. The mood of death, burial and resurrection could be felt. Before each baptism there was the subdued singing of "Lo in the grave he lay". Then as the candidate re-appeared there was the triumphant singing of "Up from the grave he arose" and every one felt the power of the resurrection taking place.

SUNDAY NIGHT PREACHING

The preaching was lively and uninhibited. For some preachers the pulpit was a base for their peripatetic pacings. Tears were shed without shame as pathos gripped both preacher and congregation. Soloists sang about "the ninety and nine" and "Where is my wandering boy tonight?" and "Will you meet me at the fountain?" And the invitation hymn was continually interrupted so that no stranger could say that we were not concerned about his eternal soul. And there were always enough strangers there to make it worth while.

THE DECLINE OF SUNDAY NIGHT

Gradually it all changed. We became respectable and sophisticated. We were embarrassed about the term "gospel service". It sounded religiously "ocker" alongside of "evensong" or "evening worship". So we started "worshipping" on Sunday night and eventually the only difference between morning and evening services was the time at which they were held. As the excitement and life went out of the night services peo-

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ROCK MUSIC — OF GOD OR THE DEVIL?

★ PAUL CAMERON

Bob Dylan ... Donna Summer ... Stevie Wright ... Leon Patillo ... Dan Peek ... Members of Little River Band and Earth, Wind and Fire ... Jackson Browne ... these are some of the rock stars who have become "born-again" Christians over recent months. What does it all mean? Of course in the past we've had stars like Pat Boone and Cliff Richard stand up and be counted for Christ, but these are real rock stars, not just saccharine-sweet pop singers. What does it mean?

— BOB DYLAN — ROCK STAR

Leon Patillo, who sang with the group Santana in 1974/75, said in an address at a church in Brisbane last year that the Spirit is really moving in the rock world. And that's the only way to describe it. There doesn't appear to be any pre-meditated attack on that area, except that as others join in, the snowball syndrome begins to take effect. In other words, the more witnesses there are within the rock world, the greater that world will hear about Christ, and therefore the greater the potential for others to respond. After all, seeing Bob Dylan sing "You've gotta serve somebody/It may be the Devil/It may be the Lord ..." before the guests of the rock world at the 1980 Grammy awards (and therefore) on television screens around the world, shows something of the potential this medium has for presenting the Good News. Dylan's second Christian album is believed to be simply titled "Saved".

— IS IT A GIMMICK?

Cynics may say, "Yes, but that is in America." or "They are jumping on the badwagon to keep a flagging career going." In reply to the former objection it must be said that it is happening in Australia as well. Included in this Australian group of Christian musos are three members of the Little River Band (probably Australia's top rock export, having had five Top 10 hits in the U.S.). In early 1979 bassist George McArdle left the Band to commence a Bible college course. The others (Beeb Birtles and Graham Goble) have recently completed a Christian album. Stevie Wright (who sang with one of Australia's legendary '60s bands — the Easybeats, and who hit the top again in the '70s with possibly the definitive song of the decade "Evie") is now a confessing Christian also. Caught on the downhill slide of addiction to heroin, he came into contact with a Salvation Army drug counselling clinic in Sydney. With help and counsel, he was able to defeat the addiction with the power of Jesus Christ. Stevie now works as a counsellor with the Salvos, as well as performing at a few Christian concerts. His two sentence testimony at the New-song Music Festival in Sydney spoke volumes about the reality of Christ and his power.

The second cynical comment doesn't carry any weight at all, because generally

these people have actually lost ground (in the world's understanding of success), because of their stand. Dan Peek and Leon Patillo both left lucrative jobs in top rock groups. George McArdle turned his back on his share of an \$8 million contract. At almost every concert the new Bob Dylan gives he is heckled, and people walk out. It is costing these people to be Christians.

— CAN ROCK AND CHRISTIANITY MIX?

But what of the more basic question — can rock music and Christianity mix? Isn't rock music satanic? Paul Stookey (the Paul of Peter, Paul and Mary, himself a Christian for about six years) says in a review of Dylan's "Slow Train Coming" L.P., in "Christianity Today," that the album is "a call into the bars, into the streets, into the world, a call to repentance to 'the man on the cross ... crucified for you'." Stookey also says "our Father is calling this musician into areas that are unreachable by the pastel suited, bouffant haired, highly stylized 'gospel singer'."

We have to face the fact though that some areas of the rock world are satanic, or at least satanically inspired. But so are some activities and attitudes within the education system, the financial sector, and in other areas of life. Do Christians within these areas withdraw? Is witnessing to be banned in these circles? There is great potential for Christian rock singers to continue to use that medium if God has given them the necessary gift to do so, and if they are sure that is where God wants them to be. The "salt and light" of Matthew 5:13-16 is needed as much in the rock arena as anywhere. This salt and light can be disseminated through the rock medium just as effectively as it is through the Christian literature medium.

— ROCK IN CHURCH !!!

I believe it is time for Christians to evaluate their use of music in services. Over recent years the gospel music scene has evolved from the traditional "barbershop quartet" concept to one that is better described as "contemporary Christian music". All types of music are now incorporated in this new Christian music — traditional, pop, soul, rock and folk. Do we really understand that in our churches? Do we attempt to utilize some of these types within the life of our churches? Historically music has always played a major part in great surges forward by Christianity. The shame is that generally we hold only to forms of music of previous centuries rather than experimenting with music that is more relevant.

— ROCK AND THE DEVIL

It is clear that rock music is one of the most popular and strategic art forms available to the church today. Let's not leave it to Satan to corrupt its listeners

with sex, drugs and relativistic philosophy. Why should the Devil have all the good music?

Today Christian musicians like Andrae Crouch, Barry McGuire, Janny Grine, Randy Stonehill, Chuck Girard, Larry Norman, Denny Correll, Keith Green, Tom Howard, Paul Clark, Terry Clark, the Resurrection Band, the Second Chapter of Acts, plus ones previously mentioned, are redefining the cultural concept of Christian music. Interestingly enough they often are facing the same resistance that Martin Luther, Isaac Watts and William Booth faced years ago when they used the popular music of the day to communicate Christ. Let's give these people a fair go, let's pray for them and support them, let's use them for witnessing, for worshipping and for encouraging one another.

★ Paul Cameron is a member of the ministry team at Epping. N.S.W.

NEW INITIATIVES IN CAMPING

This year has seen the introduction of new initiatives in Victoria for statewide camping. The most recent of these was the conducting of a **Young Adults' Camp** at Ocean Grove. The other has been the introduction of a statewide **Easter Youth Camp**. This was held at **Phillip Island** for those 16 and over. Both camps were most successful, and pave the way for further extension and development in the future.

The "Let's Get Together" weekend was supported by 40 young adults, representing over 20 churches. They enjoyed a program which allowed for fellowship and mutual encouragement, as well as providing inspiration for Christian living. Ian Tippett led the studies entitled "The Marks of Life". This was supplemented by Greg Deuble from Shepparton who led in a time of "Challenge and Response".

Responses to a questionnaire completed by those who attended indicated that many felt at an "in-between age" in the church. They were considered as neither youth or adults. Very little was geared specifically to their needs. Although they felt they had a lot to offer the church, they also expressed frustration because they were often not given the opportunities to use the gifts they had.

The Easter Camp program majored on the components of learning, recreation, and fellowship. Over 40 campers attended. Jeff Deuble had general oversight of the camp, and led the studies and quiet times on the Easter theme. A meaningful sunrise service was conducted by David Brooker. The value of both camping initiatives is seen in the increased opportunities to minister to young people, and the engendering of a brotherhood identity amongst them.

IS CHRIST CALLING US TO UNITY?

If Christians are to be really effective in relieving the suffering of God's oppressed and spreading the Gospel of Christ, then they have to seriously examine their commitment to unity within the Body of Christ.

World Vision's media director, Peter Philp, believes that Christ is showing his church, through the medium of the Third World, that unity is the only way.

"Overseas aid agencies can play an important role in supporting the local communities, but it is the Christian Church in these countries which must provide the dynamic lead in bringing about change. In some areas the churches are very active, but their effectiveness is limited by their disunity."

He says that in most of the countries he visited, Christians are pre-occupied with past bitterness between themselves, and are not ready to take seriously the Gospel message of love and forgiveness.

"Bishop Pellecer, a Guatemalan bishop, told me how the authorities felt threatened when a section of the Church went out to serve the poor. They looked for a way to discredit these Christians. It wasn't hard for them to see how they could use the disunity among the churches. The Bishop told me that Government officials managed to isolate conservative Catholics by striking the fear of communism into them.

Anybody who works that closely with the poor must be a subversive. The authorities, knowing that the evangelicals were a struggling section of the church, were successful in buying some of them off by promises of land and other privileges."

An effective ministry that brings development to the total man becomes retarded because Christians are divided by fears and suspicions.

"In Latin America I saw exciting ministries being carried out by Catholics and Evangelicals. If they had not been so separated and could have shared their

special gifts, the overall Christian ministry and witness would have been much more dynamic. It seems to me that Christ has given his church different gifts so that they can be shared together."

Peter Philp says that Pope John Paul II has called on the Catholic Church to evangelize the world, but as one Catholic bishop said, "The Protestants have got a special expertise in this area and we should be listening to them." A Baptist Pastor in Brazil told Peter that it was the Catholics who were doing most of the ministering to the poor in the slums.

"Instead of the competition, if Catholics, Evangelicals and Pentecostals could co-operate, still within their own traditions, what a greater outreach into a needy world could be made for the Kingdom."

We shouldn't get uptight with words like ecumenical, which some people call a dirty word.

"Let's talk about the Body of Christ coming together, and let no section of it decide who is a member and who isn't. That is the prerogative of Jesus Christ."

While people concern themselves with seeing one group as a threat, or too fundamental, or compromising, or whether a group is really Christian, others are suffering and are not being fed spiritually by the Word of God.

We in Australia must take the unity question more seriously and open ourselves, not only to those Christians who think the same way as we do, but to everybody who professes Jesus Christ.

"I believe we must witness to our mission societies and churches of the same tradition in Latin America, that only in unity can we successfully carry out Christ's great commission of going and making disciples of all nations; baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and leave behind the worldly traits of proselytism, competition, disunity and fear."

KOREAN CHRISTIANS SCHEDULE WORLD GATHERING

The World Evangelization Crusade, to be held in Seoul from August 12 to 15, will reflect increased Third World involvement in global evangelization and missionary outreach. The gathering will bring together Christian workers from 100 nations, and organizers are predicting that from two to three million will gather for the evening rallies.

19,000 South Korean churches are co-operating in the endeavor. Organizers see it as a launching pad for mobilization of the nation's seven million Protestants for evangelism, discipleship training, and missionary involvement.

19% of South Korea's population of 37 million are known Protestants. That ratio stands in sharp contrast to the overall religious complexion of Asia, where Christians form only about 2% of the 2.4 billion population.

The country has had a dramatic spiritual explosion during the past decade. It is estimated that, since 1974, the Christian population has increased by about four million. An average of six new churches are established daily in the small nation.

The largest Christian congregation in the world, Full Gospel Central Church, is located on Yoida Island in Seoul. In addition 60% of the soldiers in the South Korean army are professing Christians.

Evangelical leaders in South Korea are not resting on past laurels. They hope to see Korean church membership doubled by 1984, the centennial of missions in the country.

The nation's growing contingent of Christians is taking seriously its missionary obligation to the rest of the world. We expect 10,000 missionary volunteers from the Korean churches in 1980. Those volunteers would be available for cross-cultural missionary service elsewhere.

Sponsors of the August gathering expect about 50 thousand university students from every continent will attend. They will be challenged to enroll in teams as foreign students in universities where there is little or no Christian witness. The University of Peking and Japanese universities were cited as examples.

LEARNING FROM THE LEFT

The president of the Evangelical Committee for Relief and Development in Nicaragua says that Christians are supporting their new government in many of its programs. Gustavo Parajon says the government is involved in many reforms that the local church fully supports. He says that it has abolished the death penalty and has called for reconciliation between all peoples in Nicaragua.

Parajon says one of the government leaders, who suffered torture under the old Somoza regime, gave his torturers safe conduct out of the country. The evangelical leader says that some public statements from the government about forgiveness and reconciliation have been phrased in terms that could only be described as Christian.

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YOUR KINGDOM COME

World Council of Churches Conference of Mission and Evangelism

This world Conference was based on the theme outlined in the title which is part of the Lord's Prayer. The Conference followed in the line of those first held in Edinburgh in 1910. The International Missionary Council which conducted the first conferences was integrated into the World Council of Churches in 1958 and became the department titled Commission for World Mission and Evangelism.

The Conference brought together about 600 people from over 85 countries around the world to look at the areas of mission and evangelism. The wide variety of churches and people involved meant that the concept of mission and evangelism were for many different to that which we ourselves may hold from scripture. The conference gave an opportunity to exchange these ideas and to learn and grow together in our understanding of what it means for the church to be involved in mission and evangelism.

Australia had only six official delegates one of whom was Mrs Joan Fewster minister along with her husband Geoff to the churches at Flinders Park and Torrensville, S.A. Also attending as observers were Don Smith (Department of Mission, Education and Development - Vic.-Tas.) and Ted Heard (Home Missions Department - S.A.).

What about the Conference? Did it achieve anything? The answers to both questions would have to be yes but it would have to be qualified. The Conference was a tremendous time of sharing and learning. With the free time

and the great number of experts in various fields meant that ideas and actions could be talked over in opportunities that could not be gathered anywhere else. Participants had opportunities to share their faith and the way that God was working in their countries. There were also the challenging times when Christians who were suffering or deprived made us think of how we would live in that situation and what our faith would mean then.

Because of the wide variety of ideas of evangelism it would be impossible to expect great concrete plans to come from a Conference of this type. The things that will result are a willingness to look at other forms of witness and a greater understanding of what other groups are doing and why they tackle the task in that way.

The major emphasis was on the mission of the church in the world. There was a great concern expressed about oppression of people for their belief whether from dictators or regimes of the left or right. There was a greater emphasis on the "sins" of the right. As one talked with people who had been suffering beatings, goading, loss of rights, discrimination including opportunities for their children, one understands why Liberation theology has grown in acceptance in many Third World Christian groups. During the conference word was received of massive arrests in South Korea of Christian leaders and those present from that country were fully expecting the same fate as soon as they arrived home.

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Evangelicals should be heartened by the greater acceptance of their position at this conference than at the last two or three conferences. There was a greater willingness to listen to their position and there was a greater participation by evangelicals. There came from this Conference a greater call to the church to be involved in the announcement of the coming of the Kingdom of God with a challenge to repentance and an invitation to people wherever they are to believe in Jesus Christ.

MELBOURNE CHRISTIAN RADIO

Melbourne Christian Radio Ltd. reports that it has been successful in tendering for two second-hand transmitters. By the time this report appears in print all documentation will be completed.

A transport firm has generously offered to bring the equipment from N.S.W. to Melbourne. A team of workers is forming for the task of dismantling the equipment.

Readers are thanked for their prayer support, and are asked to pray on for a site where the transmitters can be stored and modified.

People desiring membership forms should write to Melbourne Christian Radio Ltd., P.O. Box 174, Reservoir, 3073 or phone (03) 469 2609.

MISSION IN AUSTRALIA-WIDE SEARCH OF ITS "ROOTS"

The Sydney City Mission, which is 118 years old this year, is seeking historical items, books, photographs and information about the Mission's early days, so it can establish a permanent historical display.

The Mission is appealing to members of the public to send any items regarding the Mission's history to: Historical Display, Sydney City Mission, 103 Bathurst Street, Sydney 2000.

Founder of the Mission was Benjamin Short, the AMP Society's first full-time insurance salesman and later a director of the company. Mr Short arrived from London in 1860 and saw the utter poverty and misery of many of the 90,000 population of Sydney. He decided a "non-sectarian mission" was needed, and with the help of community leaders like David Jones and John Fairfax, he began the mission on July 11, 1862.

Now with 15 major centres caring for thousands of needy people and an annual budget of over \$3 million, the Mission believes it is important that the Mission's "roots" — its heritage — is preserved for future Australians to share in.



Mary Lakers (Youth delegate Disciples of Christ), Ted Heard, Dr. William Hanna (Director of the Division of Evangelism and Ministry:- Disciples), and Joan Fewster.

At the Eighth Annual Conference of Churches of Christ in Western Australia in 1905, the Coastal and Goldfields Sunday School Unions were amalgamated and the Churches of Christ "W.A. Sunday School Union" came into existence. 15 Sunday Schools became members of the Union by paying an annual subscription and 62 individuals paid one shilling per annum and were described as "honorary members." The Union arranged activities, examinations and projects in which all the Schools were encouraged to participate and was responsible for organising the annual "Sunday School Demonstration" at Conference.



Members of the 1980 Committee.



Salaried Officers:- Merle Peacock (1958-1968), Miss Anne Anderson — Cutting cake, Kevin Caulton (Current Director).

"Nostalgic River Cruise" on the Swan River. The Committee first arranged a river cruise on the "S.S. Perth" in 1927. During the cruise Merle Peacock, Organising Secretary of the Youth Committee between 1958 and 1968, was honored with a surprise "This is Your Life" program. Tributes from some 15 people who had been associated with her over the years, together with photographs, were compiled into an album which was presented to her.

BIRTHDAY SUPPER

On May 3, all past and present members of the Committee were invited to a "birthday" supper at the Christian Centre. Committee members from all decades from the 1920s to the 1980s were present and greetings were received. Speakers referred to activities of the Committee over the years and a movie film of a camp at Watermans Bay in the 1940s and slides of historical events from the 1950s to the 1970s shown. Anne Anderson, elected to the Committee in 1921 and serving again for a number of years in the 1940s, cut the special 75th Anniversary cake. The supper was prepared by Bert and Ivy Blundell of Cottesloe who have been the cooks at Committee camps over the years.

CAMPING

Camping has been an important aspect of the Committee's work over the years from the first "Young Men's" Camp in 1922, the first "Mixed" Youth Camp at Darlington in 1933 and first "Young Women's" Camp at Mrs Digwood's Maylands home in 1938. Camp Reunions have been arranged at "Kum Ba Yah" (previously the site of the Watermans Bay J. Rhodes Camp Site, the Committee's first camping property).

W. R. HIBBURT AND THE FIRST CAMP

In 1909 the name was changed to "Bible School Union" and in 1912 to "Bible School Committee." The Committee then began accepting responsibility for other youth activities within the Brotherhood and in 1921 the name was changed to "Bible Schools' and Young People's Committee." W. R. Hibburt Organising Secretary for the Conference Executive initiated many new programs for youth in W.A., including the first Young Men's Training for Leadership Camp in 1922.

The Committee again changed its name in 1945 to simply "Youth Committee" but in 1962 as it found itself involved in educational programmes for adults as well as children and youth, changed to the current name of "Youth and Christian Education Committee."

75th ANNIVERSARY

1980 is the 75th Anniversary of this Brotherhood Committee so it was decided to celebrate during the year with a number of special events. The first was a

BACK TO LAKE ST.

Prior to the building of the Christian Centre in 1960, many combined youth activities were held in the Lake Street church hall in Aberdeen Street. This property is now a Greek Restaurant, the "Bouzoukia," and although it has been renovated considerably, the old "Lake Street hall" is still readily recognisable. For those who were "youth" before 1960, a dinner at the Bouzoukia has been planned for Monday, July 28.

SEMINAR WITH IAN ALLSOP

Has the thinking of "yesterday's youth" changed over the years? Where should Christian Education be heading in the future? With these questions in mind a day seminar is being planned for August during the visit to W.A. of Ian Allsop (a previous chairman of the Youth and Christian Education Committee and currently director of the Federal Board of Christian Education).

For "today's youth," a Sports Day (once a regular feature of the Easter Monday's Conference program in W.A.) is being arranged for October, and to culminate the year a Thanksgiving Service is planned for late November.

THE FUTURE

1980 has been a year for reminiscing. It is also a year for looking to the future with hope, enthusiasm and determination to make a distinctive witness to the faith and truth of the Church universal, united in the power of the Holy Spirit and the Word.

Kevin Caulton is the present Director of the Youth and Christian Education Committee.



These men served as chairmen — Jack Sewell, John Somerville, Graham Chapman, Gordon Ewers & Lewis Park.

OBITUARY

BECKER, Keith Buchanan. (16.5.80)

Keith was born in Richmond 65 years ago. One of six children his school consisted of attending the Hartwell Primary School and Swinburn Technical School. In his early working life, Keith took on seasonal occupations, and on the outbreak of the war in 1939 he joined the Airforce. Keith's abilities soon became evident and he was promoted to a very special branch of the armed forces. Keith distinguished himself in these secret operations. After the war Keith worked as a nurseman and in the construction of refrigeration cool stores. In 1941 he met and married Joan. They commenced their married life in Richmond. Here Keith turned to carpentry and building. It was here that his two sons, Lyall and Ian were born. In 1951 the family moved to Dromana where Keith continued his trade and where they opened a cafe. They sold the business in 1963 and moved to Mt Eliza. Keith later retired from building and took up as a courier with Golden Poultry. It was whilst engaged in the courier business that he sustained a very serious accident which resulted in head injuries. The accident changed Keith's whole lifestyle, but he was able to adjust to it in a remarkable way. In his early life Keith attended the Hartwell church becoming a Christian there. His loyalty to Christ continued all through his life. He linked up with Frankston in 1963. He was a Life member of the Dromana Angling Club — member and treasurer of the Frankston Better Hearing Group — a member of the Orchid Society and added to all this he was a genius with the slide camera, winning the national Kodak slide of the year on two separate occasions. One of Keith's great qualities was his firm and fierce loyalty to his family — his friends — his many societies, to his country and his church. We extend our sympathy to Joan, to Lyall and Dorothy, Ian and Bev and to the children.

— Allan A. Avery.

CATTERMOLE, Harold Godfrey.

(22.4.80) On his way to Horsham Harold Cattermole suffered another heart attack and passed to be with his Lord. Born at Renmark in 1895, he moved to Mildura with his parents in 1900. In 1918 he married but was widowed 13 years later with three children. Harold remarried in 1941 Maise Perkins of Red Cliffs. It was during the Hinricksen-Morris Mission of 1938 in Mildura that Harold made his decision and was welcomed into the church. Moving to Castlemaine he took an active interest in the life and witness of the church. For years he was on the door. He was also property steward, keeping the grounds and buildings in good order. Suffering many heart attacks, in ill health, he moved from Dimboola in 1975 where his son lived. While unable to take an active part in services only severe illness kept him away. He loved the church and his Saviour. We commend Mrs. Cattermole and family to the Father of all comfort. Cliff Perkins (minister at Whyalla), brother of Mrs. Cattermole, shared with the writer the service in the chapel.

— R. W. Marshall

HIGGS, Mrs Margaret

(24.5.80) Margaret was the mother of three children, grandmother of eight and great grandmother of 10. She was a dedicated wife and mother, an especially good cook and homemaker. She was loyal to her Lord. Margaret became a member of the Northam church in 1912 and remained a faithful member of the church for 68 years, longer than any other member of the Northam church. Margaret knew that she was in God's keeping. The minister M. Randall conducted the service in the chapel, when the attendance spoke of the high regard in which she was held, and then at the graveside.

— M. Randall

HOLLAND, Harry Errol

(17.5.80). One of the best known and loved Christians in the Wimmera was Harry Holland. Harry had a sudden heart attack on May 6 and was admitted to the Dimboola Hospital where he died. At the age of 26 Harry made his decision at the Hinrickson-Pratt Mission, Horsham, Feb. 1925, and was welcomed into the church at Pimpino where he commenced his service of God. In 1937 the Pimpino chapel was moved to Dimboola and Mr. and Mrs. Holland became foundation members of this church. He was always on the board and served faithfully as Secretary, Treasurer and Elder. He has been the backbone of the church at Dimboola over the years. Even at the age of 81 it was a delight to hear him preside. The chapel was so full for the service that a P.A. system had to be used. The family have been most fortunate in having such a God fearing father. To Harry's widow, Myrtle, the family, Ann (Mrs. Ward), Ron, Errol, May (Mrs. Barber), Norm, Elvie (Mrs. Colson), June (Mrs. Bright), 18 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren you have assurance that Dad fought the good fight, kept the faith and one day again you will meet him again in glory.

— R. W. Marshall

LEE, William John.

Born into the home of John and Sophia Lee, whose parents had come from Scotland and settled in Doncaster in 1888. Bill Lee spent his life in the Doncaster/Templestowe community. An only son, with three sisters, Jean and Nell (deceased) and a younger sister, Allison. He was involved with his family from childhood in the church at Doncaster. He was baptised at 19 by J. E. Allan and has been in membership right through until his death at 88 years of age. He married Hazel Crouch in 1923 and this couple shared 57 happy years of marriage. They had one son, John who, with his wife, June, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren, formed a very close, caring family. Although not a man to take a prominent or leading part he did serve on the communion plan of the church. He became a Life Governor of the Box Hill Hospital, a Foundation Member and later a Life Member of the Templestowe Bowling Club and a much honoured member of the I.O.R. Bill Lee was the kind of person on whom good churches have been built — loyal, committed, warm and supportive. He was loved by all. He sustained a heart attack less than a week before his death and was admitted to Box Hill Hospital. Right to the very end he was alert, able to talk and dearly loved the visits

he received. The Doncaster church is the poorer for his passing and the richer for his having walked this way. The record of his life will show a man loved, respected, honest, dependable, a loving husband and a good father, a warm friend and an ever helpful neighbour. The Chapel at Doncaster was filled to capacity and the local Bowling Club formed a guard of honour. The service was conducted by the Minister, K. D. Horne.

MORRIS, Dorothy Anna

(6.3.80) Born at Rosewood (West Moraton) Queensland to a pioneer family of Churches of Christ Dorothy was called upon to assume a responsible and helping role to her mother, Annie Bade (Paradine) in the rearing of a young family because of the early death of her father. A lover of books and especially the Bible, Dorothy won a succession of medals around 1914 topping the examinations in scripture which was a feature of our Brotherhood for many years. Dorothy married Victor Bransom Morris in 1923 and they set up home at Silkstone, Queensland. Later she was to give dedicated and selfless service in support of her husband Vic and friend, Ern Hinrichsen in the 20 years in which the Hinrichsen-Morris Mission team toured from State to State and Country to Country. This meant Dorothy was left alone with her young children or that she toured with the team keeping temporary home during the course of a six weeks mission. Vic pre-deceased Dorothy in 1952 and from that time she lived with her daughter and son in law at Albury, New South Wales. Her faith, example and care for others endeared her to many and leaves us with grateful memories of a good life and the assurance that she has entered into the presence of her Lord. Alan and Ivy and family, Betty and Gordon, brother Bert and sisters, Mary and Lily and their families and the many friends who have supported during this time of parting, remember with gratitude to God the one who loved us and whom we love.

WATSON, Mrs. Mignonne

(11.5.80) the funeral service for Mrs. Watson was conducted at Bexley North by the minister. Mrs. Watson had been in membership for 26 years and was affectionately known as Mid. She is greatly missed by her husband, Ron, her son, Kevin and her daughter, Gwenda. Mrs. Watson served the Lord initially in a musical capacity with Ron at the Enmore church and with a number of Missions conducted during the 1930's. Following their marriage in 1939, they moved to Newcastle where they were much involved in the churches there. After 15 years, they returned to Sydney and transferred their membership to Bexley North. Unfortunately, continued ill health plagued Mrs. Watson and prevented any heavy involvement with the church. She always strove to be present around the Lord's Table whenever her health permitted. She continued to encourage her husband in his valuable ministry as song leader with the church and evangelistic missions. Her constant desire was that in sickness or good health she might lead a life that was 'well pleasing to Him'.

WESTMORE, Mrs. Annie

(10.4.80) Annie Westmore was born in the Wantirna district in 1903. She spent her girlhood and early womanhood in that area. She committed her life to Christ and was baptised at the Bayswater church at the age of 14. Annie Martin and Len Westmore had known each other since they were 9 years old. They attended the same school, Sunday School and Christian Endeavour Society. They were married by J. E. Thomas at the Ringwood church 54 years ago. The young couple gave outstanding leadership in Sunday Schools at Croydon and elsewhere. The ministry of supporting inter-denominational missions became the dominant factor in their lives. By the use of slides and films and by travelling countless thousands of miles, large amounts of money were raised for missions in many countries. Annie Westmore also ministered as a cottage mother in a home conducted by the Melbourne City Mission. Many years ago she founded the Croydon Auxiliary of the Mission to Lepers which is active today. The Westmores served in ministries at the Wedderburn and Echuca churches where Annie Westmore was greatly loved because of her leadership in the women's work. She was a dedicated and humble Christian whose strong faith in Christ sustained herself and others. The influence of her Christian love is far reaching. After a battle with an illness which became more severe last December, Annie Westmore died in the Peter MacCallum Hospital, April 10. At the crowded funeral service, tributes from the writer, J. Allison (O.M.S.) and leaders of other groups, revealed the love and esteem in which Annie Westmore was held. Sympathies were expressed to Melva and Ian Douglas, Allan and Gwen Westmore, Fay Dodds and their families and to brothers Ted and Allan Martin and their wives and families.

— L. S. Dewberry.

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KALGOORLIE (L. Gibb). May 31 Thanksgiving dinner held as commencement to weekends activities for the new chapel opening . . . Robert Taylor, former minister, speaker at last official communion service held in old chapel . . . Official opening held on June 1 with Frank Griffiths giving the address. Harold Fitch was the preacher at the first gospel service . . . Mother's Day services well attended. S.S. shared items . . . Terry Butler led a team from Woolwich in a session on prayer . . . Three baptised recently . . . Harvey Tijou and Colin Smout to lead a new group of 13-19 year olds in a youth group . . . Ken Patterson recent guest at a Men's breakfast and church luncheon. SUBIACO (Nigel Merrick). Six Y. P. including pastor attended Explo 80 in Brisbane . . . S.S. picnic held at Perry Lakes . . . 30 Y.P. participated in evening service and tea . . . Day of Prayer has members committed to praying throughout the day each Wednesday . . . George and Wendy Elliott, Wycliffe Bible Translators, spoke at missionary work in Indonesia . . . Seven church commitments, three baptisms and six new

members recently . . . Two Y.P. responded to Christ at Easter camp at Morawa.

CARNARVON (Barrie Yesberg). New minister and wife Barrie and Bev Yesberg arrived after three and a half years without a minister . . . Induction service led by W.A. Conf. Pres. Frank Raymond. Visitors included Bev's parents Mr. and Mrs. Herb Parker missionaries at Roelands . . . Golden wedding celebrated of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Staer recently retired to Carnarvon from Perth.

NORTHAM (M. Randall) Bible Society rally held in hall with Russell Self speaker accompanied by Trevor Booth . . . Church planning for 75th anniversary Oct. 10-12 . . . Sympathy extended to family of Mrs Mary Higgs on her death . . . 40 travelled to Perth for presentation of "Glory" . . . Friendship meeting featured cake decorating.

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NUBEENA (Cec Neville). Anzac Day service at cenotaph conducted by minister . . . Mother's Day evening service taken by C.W.F. . . . Six of oldest Boys' Brigade held overnight camp . . . Seven Y.P. attended state youth camp Anzac weekend . . . Recent speakers have been George Powell, Hobart, and Athol Holton, "Voice of the Andes".

VIC

ORMOND (G. D. Stibbe). C.W.E.F. held 23rd birthday . . . 9.30 a.m. family services held every Sunday now . . . Day of prayer held . . . Minister and wife interviewed by Alf Knee on their life and ministry in evening service . . . C.Y.F. held weekend camp at Taggerty . . . Parcel of baby clothes sent to Marion Lawrie, S.I.M. missionary nurse, in Niger . . . C.W.F. celebrated 55th birthday and were entertained by "Lowanna Singers" . . . Local council have sent more people to Thursday drop-in venture . . . K. Aldred, M.P. at recent morning service. He made presentation to church on behalf of government . . . Don Streader very ill in hospital . . . Mrs Marilyn Swankie obtained a Dip. Ed. . . Peter and Pearl Sumner of Christian Foundation for Blind conducted evening service . . . Evening services in winter at 5 p.m.

GLEN WAVERLEY (R. B. Elbourne). Cell Groups in Theology meeting weekly . . . C.Y.F., Senior G.C., Senior Explorers, Youth 2 and Twenties shared fellowship tea . . . Guest speakers Malcolm Humphries — Cheltenham and Graeme Frecker — Mayor of Waverley and Elder . . . Winter witness "Features at Five" commenced 10th year . . . Concert presented by Graham Ford and guest artists . . . Graeme and Margaret Frecker shared with C.W.F. experiences as Mayor and Mayoress of Waverley . . . Teens G.C. held weekend came at McRae . . .

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AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN SCHOLAR ON SMALL GROUPS

Graham Carslake, Minister of the Warwick church in W.A. is the 1980 Australian Christian Foundation Scholar. His scholarship is provided by Christian Projects Limited. It has enabled him to study at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena California. He writes of his experiences in his first seminar on group work in the life of the church.

"I became a Christian on a University campus through the witness of an I.V.Fer. Within three days I had started my first small group. Within weeks, half the group had become Christian." So shared quietly in testimony our lecturer Roberta Hestenes. That was the dramatic beginning of a 22 year ministry of sharing faith in small groups and now teaching her discoveries. Today Roberta continues to lead groups in her home and local Church. This was the other significant thing. Everything that was taught and shared directly applied to the home church scene with tremendous yet very sensitive insights shared. We were not only well taught, but also caught something of Roberta's love for Christ and the Church.

BUILDING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

"Building Christian Community through Small Groups" was our Seminar description. After two weeks, four hours each day of lectures, plus 12 hours of actual small group experience, I now know why this seminar at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California always has a waiting list.

CHRISTIAN KOINONIA NEEDED.

This was our mandate. In a world where "natural networks" of community like marriage, family and the neighbourhood are experiencing crisis and dissolution, the need is great for the New Testament reality of Christian koinonia. This seminar focuses on the birth, care and feeding of Christian small groups, particularly as they can function in the life of a local congregation. A variety of types of groups are studied including neighbourhood Bible studies, personal support and sharing groups, "serendipity" groups, task-action groups including committees, and accountability

groups. Philosophies of small group ministry are explored along with strategies for beginning groups and maintaining them in a church, training leaders, and the dynamics of small group interaction. A review of resources for group leaders and members is supplied.

SMALL GROUP PROBLEMS

Many honest and practical questions were asked and faced.

For example — the difference between a

- Christian and a counterfeit group,
- the death of a group,
- how to get from committee to community,
- is there a place where I as a pastor can be a person,
- room arrangements, the problem of a three seater lounge,
- getting Bible study groups started,
- the dominant minister difficulty,
- how to cope with conflict,
- "Koinonitis" or over stress on forming small groups.
- "in groups"
- leadership training.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SUNDAY NIGHT

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ple stopped coming and inviting their friends to come. Discouraged and disillusioned ministers could not handle the anomaly of a service that was supposed to be evangelistic, when the only sinners present were the ordinary church kind.

So to save the situation we replaced the sermon with discussion groups which worked well until people tired of pooling their religious ignorance. Then came television with its top rating family shows between 6.30 and 8.30. And even if the faithful could resist the lure of the box, it was too much to expect the less faithful or the potential "strangers" to do so. And

here we are asking, "Whatever happened to Sunday night?"

CAN WE PUT THE CLOCK BACK ON SUNDAY NIGHT?

In most churches there is no way in which we can put back the clock even if we want to. We are not suggesting that the attempt be made. We are asking what Churches of Christ are going to do to replace many of the important aspects of their life and mission that disappeared along with the gospel service. In the next issue Page 13 will look at this question.

— (G.R.S.)

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SMALL GROUPS AND THE RESTORATION MOVEMENT

The challenge for the Restoration Movement is to capture again the spirit and life of our Lord and the early church. We need to recover the "Koinonia" of Acts 2: 42-47 and to note the number of times hospitality was given prominence in Acts, and spoken of as a spiritual gift in 1 Peter 4: 9-10. In Ephesians 4:11-16 we are to "equip" the people of God for ministry. Jesus himself chose the twelve "to be with Him" Mk 3:14. In the N.T. we feel the sense of believing, praying, preaching, teaching, communing together. Small groups in the church assist growth, maturity and evangelism today at depth.

SMALL GROUP DANGERS

It must be recognised frankly that there can be dangers in small groups in the life of a Church. There may develop evidence of spiritual exclusivism, over emotionalism or the pressure of conformity. While recognising this, there is also the tremendous possibility for good in the name of Jesus Christ. Perhaps the definition of a small group would assist — "An intentional face to face gathering of three to twelve meeting together over time with a common purpose of discovering the possibilities of the abundant life in Christ."

SEVEN C's OF GROUP LIFE

The following list of "7 C's" is designed to help a group to think through the most important issues in group life.

1. **Covenant or Contract.** A shared understanding of the group's purpose and the general means that will be used to achieve that purpose.
2. **Commitment.** The disciplines which the group is willing to adopt in order to accomplish its purpose.
3. **Caring.** The quality of life together in which members learn how to love each other and to develop caring in all of life.
4. **Content.** The growing edge of study and reflection, usually centred in the Scriptures, in order to know God and ourselves better.
5. **Communication.** The glue which binds members with each other and with God, through prayer.
6. **Crying, conflict and congruence.** Feelings are an important part of life together and need not be denied, delayed or despised.
7. **Jesus Christ.** The centre of community, without whom good meetings can be held, but life will not be transformed.

TWO HOPES FOR UGANDA

There are two hopes for Uganda, says an official of the W.C.C. The December elections and the Christian Church. Gwen Cashmore, who just visited Uganda says there is still hopelessness and despair throughout the country. Food is in very short supply and there's a real famine in the north.

There is still violence and looting throughout the capital, Kampala. People are hopeful that things might change if the December election eventuates. The Anglican Church is playing a vital role in these times of great uncertainty.

ANOTHER FORCE TEN MILLION

Force Ten's Second million dollars for justice and development projects around the world has been raised in just over three years. The first million dollars took almost 10 years to raise.

REFUGEES SUPPORTED

Force Ten has supported refugees in refugee camps in countries such as Thailand. Force Ten has also supported the Indo-China Refugee Association in Australia in its work at refugee hostels because there is a great risk that hostels may merely become refugee camps in Australia.

ANOTHER STEP

When refugees leave a hostel, they are still in a new country with a different language and a different culture. For Lao people in Sydney, these differences need not be quite so awesome and threatening because of the existence of the Lao Refugees Association in N.S.W.

This month Force Ten is supporting the appointment of a community worker by the Lao Association. She is Khanthong

Xaysana, herself a Lao who originally came to Australia to study under the Colombo plan.

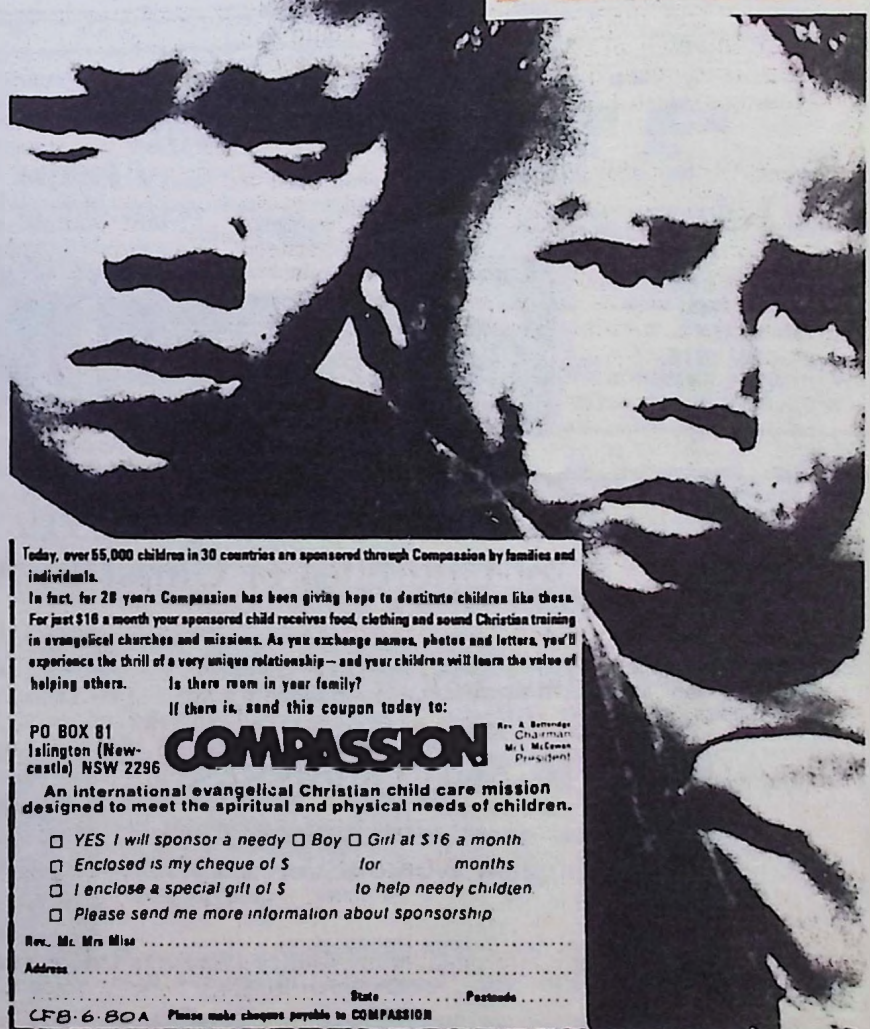
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THE WORK

"With little English and in a very different culture, catching a bus can be a major job", says Khanthong. "My work is helping people however they need help. Sometimes it may be just visiting a hospital, helping to fill in forms, or helping to rent a flat — however they need help. We need to learn to live in the Australian culture and to share our own culture."

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TOWNSVILLE (R. Wall). 50th Anniversary celebrations will be held on August 10. On Saturday August 9 a dinner will be held followed by a slide presentation on Israel plus display of early photographs. The guest speaker for the weekend will be F. A. Ewers, Principal of Kenmore Christian College.

EAST IPSWICH (B. A. Rice, C. O'Dempsey). Seminars held on Death and Bereavement and You and Your Family . . . Bundamba youth group spent weekend as guests of Kingaroy . . . C.W.F. continues on theme "All one Body" . . . Mother's Day service with East Ipswich, Bundamba, Redbank Plains and Leichhardt churches conducted following a fellowship tea provided by the fathers. Myrtle Staines was guest speaker . . . Eight baptised recently . . . Sympathy extended to Hilda Newmann, Sylvia and Allan Bails and Tom Coward and families on deaths in their families.

KEDRON (David Hamilton). Mothers and daughters conducted service on Mother's Day. Family tea held in evening with service around the tea table . . . Rev. Edmund Davis from Jamaica spoke one Sunday morning with the evening service conducted by Stafford Inter-Church Fellowship . . . Donna Notman baptised and her parents were welcomed into fellowship . . . 11 shared in opening of the chapel at Camp Cal for the Caloundra church . . . Girls' Brigade held mother and daughter night. Girls practicing folk and square dancing for an achievement badge . . . Y.A.Y.M. held family B.B.Q. at the house of Colin and Jenny Stafford followed by a favourite slide night . . . C.W.F. held a Rainbow meeting and a progressive supper . . . Boxes sent to Normanton and Eidsvoll . . . Eight travelling to World Convention.

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The churches in New Hebrides are maturing. From externals they may appear to be very similar to those in Australia, but ... I remember when we were younger, an older man we knew scorned and resented one of our young married friends because the young fellow's father supported him and his family financially while he studied at University. He was a great, strong, healthy young man—why couldn't he work and support his own family? I remember also feeling disgusted at the ignorance and lack of vision of that old chap. That young man is now a great man in many ways — not just physically — he was supported in the years which were crucial to his training and development.

There could be times when we could look at the churches in New Hebrides and be guilty of the same lack of vision — ignorance. In some ways the churches may look 'younger and fitter' than those we see in Australia but as they continue to grow in Christ they need help in this time of maturing and learning. Just as our friend was independent in most ways and quite capable of responsibility, so the church in New Hebrides is strong in some ways and should be looking less to Australia for missionaries as their own pastors and people take over.

And yet that maturity may mean a greater need for financial support temporarily. It will certainly be a time when loving support and prayer will be really needed.

You can love and take a deep interest in a young couple you've nurtured in your church who've gone to the mission field. Could you show the same loving interest in care and fervent prayer support for a young New Hebridean pastor who works for the Lord without pay because the church here is not mature enough to support him.

You COULD! But will you? ...

Seek the Lord and search out His will for you personally and for your fellowship in this matter of sharing your abundance with those in need in the family elsewhere.

Please remember, there is much more to being a good father than paying the bills! We need your loving interest, your concern and only then can you truly pray for us.

BARBARA MACKAY AT VIC. TAS. C.W.F.

The Christian Women's Fellowship Conference was held at the Melbourne Pharmacy College on May 1, 1980. Doreen Gordon chaired the conference and her theme "Knock, and it shall be opened to you, Seek, and you shall find." was sustained throughout the day.

Julie Reid and Ian Allsop, members of the Indian Sharing Venture team presented highlights of their recent visit. Allan Niven, minister of the new church at Werribee brought the Conference up to date on progress there. Betty Dow was the soloist.

The "Yukana Singers" sang and sadly paid tribute to their conductor Mrs. Doreen West, who was seriously ill at that time and has since died. Barbara Mackay of Griffith, N.S.W., spoke of coping with life after the loss of her husband Don, and how God has used her life to help many people. Cheques were

presented to the Department of Mission, Education and Development — \$2,710.95, the Overseas Mission Board — \$4,569.50, and the College of the Bible, — \$1,279.00.

The Golden Bag offering was received by Miss Robyn Haskell on behalf of the College of the Bible. The amount of \$3,798.24 was presented for use in a Post-graduate Scholarship fund for overseas students to have one or two semesters at the College for further training. The Golden Bag offering for 1980/81 will go to the Overseas Mission Board for use in the establishment of a Worship Centre at Madang, Papua-New Guinea.

Gladys Mackenzie provided details of the 25th Conference of World C.W.F. to be held in Honolulu in July 1980.

In the evening at the Joint Presidents' Reception, Helen Banks was inducted as President for 1980/81 and Doreen Gordon led the congregation in worship.

— Lois Smith.

HOLY LAND TOUR

Several members of the Southport church are planning to visit the Holy Land in January 1981. A group of 30 Christians will depart on December 26 this year, on a 27-day tour led by Stafford Williams who is one of the Southport elders.

Stafford has been recently doing a teaching series on the nation of Israel and end-time events, at the morning services, on the first Sunday of each month. He is also Director of Gold Coast Youth for Christ.

The tour is being widely advertised and will include visits to Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong, as well as 3 days in Jordan, 6 days in Egypt and 10 days covering all the

significant places in Israel. 14 from the Southport church have so far indicated interest in the tour. Publicity with a full itinerary will be available by the end of June.

Departure by Qantas on December 26 will meet connecting flights from Melbourne, Brisbane and Gold Coast. The costing of the tour is good value, with hotel accommodation, all fares, tours, airport taxes, breakfasts and dinners being included in the price of \$2880 for the four weeks.

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CHELTHENHAM (A. White, S. Wilson, M. Humphries, D. Smith.) C.Y.F. conducted annual luncheon for 60 years and over group . . . Guest preachers and interviewers during overseas trip of Alf and Bev White include Damien Brennan of Carolyn Chisholm Society, Ian Allsop — Federal Board of Christian Education . . . Final amount of \$640 sent to Christmas Bowl Appeal . . . Edna Whytcross in London to see daughter Pam compete at Wimbledon . . . Church saddened by death of Christina Larsen at age 92 . . . Six out of eight net ball teams in four . . . Sporting night for men commenced . . . Focus (S.S.) combining with 9.15 a.m. service for opening segment.

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MAGILL (R. W. Lawton, P. S. Richter). Ministry exchange occurs in July between Richard Lawton and Joe Lindsoe of Rocky Mount, U.S.A. . . . Recent events include C.W.F. Swimathon, Festival concerts featuring Robert Colman and the New Connexions presentation of Bullfrogs and Butterflies . . . Guests in recent services included Judy and Paul Williams, Dr Robert Wight and Dr William Hannah.

EDWARDSTOWN (R. Combridge, C. Cunningham). Church attendances increased for third successive year . . . Nine added by baptism this year . . . Extensions to chapel being considered . . . Church preparing for 40th anniversary . . . R. Combridge conducting series on Revelation churches . . . Support of C. Cunningham in visitation, counselling and guidance appreciated by church and Friendship centre.

MAYLANDS (N. S. Moore). Mr and Mrs Moore and family, leaving for Brighton Gardens, after 10½ years farewelled at social evening joined by Kensington Park church and the district Uniting Church. Moore family shared their last service with Peter Moore as President, Elizabeth and Jonathon readers and Mr Moore preaching . . . Lady made decision . . . Chairman of the board, Ron Pitkin, expressed appreciation and thanks of the church during final service. Evening service had representatives of Brotherhood and district Preachers Fraternal.

NSW

DARETON (B. K. Spencer). Women's World Day of Prayer held at Dareton. Elaine Perry speaker . . . Church grape block picked . . . Church installed rainwater tank at manse . . . Harvest Thanksgiving service held at Culwaa . . . New S.S. building completed . . . Young adults held tennis and bbq night . . . Week of Prayer for Christian Unity held with surrounding churches . . . Minister showed slides of trip to India on Sharing Venture. Donations to go to Overseas Missions.

VIC

WATTLE PARK (D. Prestidge, J. Clapp). C.W.F. led morning service Mother's Day. Mrs Iris Lawson, C.O.B., guest speaker . . . Chain of Prayer commenced . . . Many old boys and ex-leaders joined with Explorers for fancy dress night . . . Explorers celebrate 25th anniversary in 1980 . . . Combined family camp with Surrey Hills at Monbulk. 66

attended . . . 30 youth held tea with Bible Society speaker . . . Arthur Hartvigsen, retired after 25 years as Treasurer. New Treasurer is Bill Thom . . . Winter evening services at 5 p.m. titled "Features at Five" . . . Explorers attended bushcraft day.

TOOTGAROOK (M. Giezendanner) Happy hour recommencing on Mondays . . . Bonsai Society led by Ross Lloyd creating interest . . . Bush nature walk held at Sorrento on Queen's Birthday . . . C.W.F. street stall raised \$202 . . . Mother's Day service arranged by C.W.F. Betty Dow narrated "The Window". Ms Giezendanner and Bertram were duettists . . . Karen Giezendanner sponsored for 40 hour famine . . . Church saddened by death of John Rankin from Red Hill but until recently in membership here . . . Groups from local "Young Life" and St John's (Anglican) Camberwell welcomed visitors to recent evening service . . . Hazel Jellie very ill.


MANIFOLD HEIGHTS (P. A. Pitts, R. Frazer). Jeff Deuble conducted Planned Giving Review resulting in giving of \$810 weekly. L. H. Mountjoy thanked on retiring after 31 years as envelope secretary . . . Mrs McCallum of Legacy spoke on Anzac Day Remembrance service . . . Combined Churches of Christ in Geelong held picnic on Anzac holiday . . . C.W.E.F. held old time Music Hall . . . Non-alcoholic wine tasting raised funds for new building . . . C.W.F. presented evening service on Mother's Day . . . Dale Mountjoy attended Explo 80 . . . 5 p.m. winter services commenced with tea table worship . . . Paul and Karen Hills farewelled to missionary service as garage manager in N.G. . . . Four Y.P. and one adult baptised . . . Tenders accepted for new buildings and renovations . . . Fellowship travel night held at "Leslie Park" . . . Teens rolled 1000 bandages for Leprosy Mission . . . Owen Clark of Lifeline led church family camp at Halls Gap on Queens Birthday weekend.

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BEVERLEY HILLS (Daryl Thorpe). At quarterly family service B.S. scholars and parents shared in morning worship ... New chapel seating to accommodate 165 ... Ron McLean, O.M. Director, guest speaker at annual missionary tea ... Clothing for aboriginal children displayed ... Missionary project this year to assist in new work at Madang, N.G. ... Members participated in Austcare appeal. 21 collected \$350 ... Women raised \$600 from lamington day in a Roselands stall ... 150 C. of C. hymnbooks purchased ... Soccer, basketball and netball teams operating ... Sunshine Singers, B.S. group, under direction of Lynn Gayford featured at Conf. family night ... Daryl Thorpe to terminate four years ministry at the end of 1980.

WHITEBRIDGE, NEWCASTLE Elders Tom Magner and Alec Wright elected. Bill Wright Secretary. Meetings held each Sunday 10.45, gospel services alternate Sundays, prayer meetings, C.W.F., S.S. and Y.P. groups ... 48 members were formerly in membership at Charlestown ... Speakers from Newcastle assisting ... Baptism in Lake Macquarie by Don Craig.



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INVERELL (R. Powell). S.S. picnic held at No. 1 Playground, Copeton Dam. Earth Ball, parachute, age and novelty races held ... R. Powell attended N.S.W. Conf. in Sydney ... Several Y.P. journeyed to Sawtell for the D.C.E. youth camp.

CHATSWOOD (D. Hayman) Church anniversary had missionary theme. Speakers B. Whan (Epping), D. Eagling (Asquith) ... Fellowship tea held. Elizabeth Stynes reported on visit to Rosalie Rofe (Living Link) in N.G. ... 365 Friendship Centre held weekly. Average attendance 74 ... Athol Cust undergone heart surgery. Condition improving. Mrs Ferguson returned to hospital.

QLD

SOUTHPORT (N. Newton, D. Holway, D. Capuano) Over 700 present when Governor of Queensland, Sir James Ramsay, opened 30 bed Eric Franks Nursing Wing at the Golden Age Retirement Village. Of the cost of \$600,000 the church is committed to \$200,000 of which \$180,000 has been raised ... Noel Newton has accepted an extension of his ministry to March 1986 ... \$80,000 extensions to church hall underway to be opened by end

of year ... During April-May 20 new members added 14 by baptism ... 10 Y.P. organised bikeathon over Queen's Birthday weekend and will ride 360 kilometres from Maryborough to Southport to raise \$2000 for World Vision.

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NORTH FITZROY (J. Harmer). May vacation program conducted for primary age children. Bible stories, audio-visuals, craft, games and outings held in minibus, recently purchased with the help of the Good Companions ... Youth group used bus for weekend at Phillip Island ... In co-operation with other churches services conducted at "Cameron House" Day Care Centre ... Three cell groups meeting in homes.

MELTON (J. Midgley). Church combined with Werribee and Gisbourne in Sunday evening program. Clive Ward, Conf. Sec., speaker ... Youth Fellowship being commenced ... Underground Evangelism film screened at Sunday evening fellowship ... Fifth anniversary to be celebrated on July 13. **DONCASTER** (K.D. Horne, K.W. Farmer). Dorothy Wood-Burgess appointed as Church Administrator/Programme Co-Ordinator ... Three Y.P. made decisions ... Keith Farmer returned from U.S.A. ... Small group program increased for term II ... Dr. Bill Tabbernee is basing "School for Christians" on "Understanding Revelation for Today" ... Guests from Emmaus entertained at lunch and afternoon tea and program presented by church ladies ... Singles group established under name "One-up!" ... Y.A.F. group sponsored clothing appeal for Melbourne City Mission ... Sunday morning "Youth Meet" has increased numbers for second term ... Tele-link program planned to commence in July.

BLACK ROCK (Theo, Allison McKaay). Consideration being given by board to possibility of circuit ministry in area ... Service around tea table held ... Spring cleaning of church and property held ... Church attendances improving ... Church shares sadness following sudden death of Keith Payne.

SHEPPARTON (G.S. Deuble). Chapel to be re-opened after restoration ... All age B.S. and Good Companions and youth groups functioning well ... Church host to N.E. & Riverina Conf ... S.S. weekend teaching seminar held with George Warren and E. and L. Hawkins ... Ladies journeyed to Melbourne by bus for C.W.F. Conf ... Recent speakers W. Poole, A. Farrar, P. Kavanagh.

THE PATCH (Tom Frazer). S. S. presented congregation with white flowers on Mother's Day. Robyn Daff brought special message for children ... Vic Berry recent speaker ... Social evening in home of Wes and Eileen Treloar raised \$115 for manse fund ... Adult study group held before morning service ... Nineteen attended first meeting ... Minister on C.O.B. deputation ... Don Smith speaker.

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DEATHS

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LAYTON James Clifton, late of Hartwell (Vic.) and Tweed Heads churches. On May 20 in Brisbane, dearly loved husband of Dorothy (Dolly). Loving father of Richard and Wendy. Fond father-in-law of Barbara and Allan. Beloved grandpa of Jennifer, Megan, Sandra, Robyn, David, Jonathon and Kerrie. "The Lord is my Shepherd".

LEE William John of Templestowe on May 21. Loved husband of Hazel. Loved father of Jack, father-in-law of June, loved grandfather of Barbara and Paul, Ian and Maureen, Lynette and Jeff. Great grandfather of David, Deanne and Craig. Loved brother of Jean (dec.), Nell (dec.) and Alison (aged 86). "Until we meet".

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MAYLANDS (N. S. Moore) Business meeting considered two proposals — Strategy for the Eighties and proposed extensions to property ... Young lady made confession of faith ... Members of Torrens Valley Masonic Lodge participated in recent evening service ... On Pentecost Sunday another young lady made a confession of faith. Combined evening service with Uniting and Anglican churches with speaker Rev. M. Smith ... Baptismal service held for three women from our church and one from Uniting Church ... Church saddened by the death of P. Harrison.

MARION (E. P. C. Hollard). Mother's Day observed with special services. Panel of mothers interviewed on experiences. Cheryl Hemer (minister's granddaughter) made confession of faith ... Friendship club for older people commenced ... Cyril Huthens president ... Church contributing to cost of books for Cynthia Page C.O.B. ... Mrs Jennifer Curtis recovering from a serious operation ... Ecumenical services held for Pentecost Sunday following Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Two made confession of faith at evening service ... First "Features at Five" presented by Petrea and Peter Johnstone ... One girl made confession at service.

HAMPSTEAD GARDENS (G. T. Lawrie, A. R. Jones). Family camp held at Pt. Sturt on Anzac weekend ... 26th anniversary highlighted by visiting soloist and singing group "Emmanuel" ... Junior tennis team in finals. Tennis club raising money for court resurfacing ... Program of painting and maintenance of church buildings in progress ... "Bright Spot" community outreach attendances of 106 ... Church board pursuing replacement minister beginning 1981.

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FRANKSTON (Allan Avery, W.D. Mills). 28 families enjoyed weekend at Shoreham ... Three tennis teams in Winter competition ... Special Easter presentation by choir and special guests ... Allan Avery involved in Strategy for 80s Seminar at Monbulk ... Several members of Peninsula Singles have been baptised ... Bob Hindle, member and local councillor, replaces Col Allen on Greenways' Board of Management ... Mini-fair held for one week in April ... Peninsula Singles held first anniversary dinner ... Mrs Effie Baker retired as choir leader — choir now in recess ... Drama group under direction of Phil Sandford gave Anzac presentation ... Sunny and Fran Wagmode led three morning services with emphasis on India Sharing Venture ... M.E.D. Dept. members shared in tea and evening service ... A. Avery led Frankston Anzac Day service ... 31 travelled by bus to Glen Waverley, Doncaster and Northcote Nursing Home, had tea at Brotherhood Centre and attended combined service in Melb. Town Hall ... Eight weekly Bible study groups operating ... Special prayer for several members who are ill ... Church congratulated Ron Brooker as President elect of Conf. and Mrs Dot Brooker as leader of Good Companions ... New indoor bowls set purchased by C.W.F. ... Many new members welcomed in last few weeks through baptism and transfer.

CROYDON (L. Dewberry) June 1 Doug and Julie Wallage and Keith and Wendy Ridge from C.O.B. visited and led services ... Church supporting Terry and Kate Hayward and family as they prepare for service on Aboriginal Mission field ... Wednesday afternoon sewing group working for Opportunity Shop.

NUNAWADING (E. C. Keating, P. B. Burnham, C. H. J. Wright) Memorial service held as tribute to life and witness of Doreen West ... Tennis clinic held over school holidays by Pat Ots ... Dr Cavanagh interviewed on her strong convictions and actions against smoking ... Unhitched held second anniversary dinner. Film "Solo" screened ... Leanne and Lynne-Maree Johnston 1st in pianoforte duet at Dandenong Festival of Music ... Many car loads attended Conf. Rally. C.Y.F. hired own bus ... Good Companions invited mothers to a chinese meal for Mother's Day ... Visitation Team heard panel on feelings and emotions faced in marriage break-down ... H.S.C. students held dinner and Ross Gurney discussed study programs ... C.Y.F. held bush dance night. Third Gateway Rally held. 250 attended gospel service and "The Grinder" coffee shop following ... 10 netball teams held church parade ... Jim Wright held series of studies on "How to Witness" ... Terry Lane chaired regional rally for Festival of Faith ... Cabaret services popular.

BERWICK (Daryl McLeod, Norval Bunch). Discipleship classes well attended ... Daryl and Norval on study trip to U.S.A. for two weeks ... Vos Kres (Russian musical group) led Celebration ... Two week Sunday p.m. children's program run during school holidays ... Puppet show given by Lyall St. Gang as part of community holiday program ... Laurie Dunn screened own film Butterflies as part of presentation "New Life" ... Music ministry developing. Choir, ladies trio, Sugar and Salt gospel group and individual soloist plus children's choir "Little Lanterns" are operating ... Discoverers youth group doing odd jobs to finance work party to W.A. at Christmas ... Bus load attended Conf. service ... Youth groups camped at Mill Valley Ranch in June ... Keenagers (elderlies group) visited Gumbuya Park, had a day trip to the hills and a film afternoon ... Family day outing on Puffing Billy ... Bible reading plan for 12 months dis-

tributed ... Coffee morning held for 'First 5 years' seminar on 'Child and Home' ... Sugar and Salt guest artists at luncheon organised by Mayoress of Dandenong.

PRESTON, EAST PRESTON (J. Manallack, P. Wells) Peter Wells spent two weeks at South Canberra working alongside Bill Howard in the field of administration and pastoral care ... C.W.F. provided entertainment and afternoon tea at Fred Combridge House ... Group went to Fitzroy Gardens for outing.

SWANSTON STREET (A. L. Webb, B. Morton). May saw record attendances with average communicants of 365 ... Highlight of May was annual Overseas Christian Fellowship camp attended by 250 overseas students of whom 14 made first time commitments. Dr G. D. James, International Director of Asia Evangelistic Fellowship was the speaker ... Mr and Mrs Morton are being sent by church for four week trip to South East Asia to revisit returned overseas students and graduates ... Overseas students formed band and play regularly in evening services ... Film "Noah's Ark" screened.

BENTLEIGH (C. MacKenzie). Brian Morgan, A.I.M., Northern Territory, speaker at evening service ... 51st church anniversary on June 1. Geoff Crossman spoke at the morning service. Soloist was Mrs Iris Beasley. Fellowship afternoon tea followed by 5 p.m. service. Items by Mrs Sue Rickerby and Ian McDonald. Testimony by Glenn Ward ... Church extends sympathy to Mrs Beryl Andersen on the death of her father-in-law.

CAMBERWELL (V. Longthorp, A. Tanner). Church continues to support Emasia Milord in Haiti through Plan ... Aid given to N.G. missionaries in Madang ... C.W.F. visited Mrs Nance Allsop in nursing home ... Two teams entered in higher grade table tennis comp ... Continued support given to I.T.I.M. ... "Hit-a-thon" being organised ... Baptism held.

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WHITHER SUNDAY SCHOOLS?

Two hundred years ago this year Robert Raikes established the forerunner of the current Sunday School movement. The question that arises is what will happen to our Sunday Schools over the next few years. So far this year there has been remarkably little written or discussed in Conferences about the future of the movement. Maybe most people involved in childrens ministry are taking a breather following the fairly hectic year of activities for the International Year of the Child last year.

Why have Sunday Schools? Robert Raikes established his school as a social service to enable the children of the poorer working people in industrial Britain to have an elementary education. Many of these children were working in mines and factories during the week. The philanthropy of Robert Raikes allowed these children the opportunity to learn elementary reading and writing skills. As time progressed people expected governments to undertake this role for all children and thus there are not so many church schools involved in the education of children in "secular" skills.

Many argue that the Sunday School (or its equivalent today) is to teach the child the basics of the Christian faith so that as the person grows they will be able to use this basic knowledge to grow into a personal faith in God. I suspect that in many of our churches our Sunday School (Friday Club, Seekers or whatever) is only educating Christian children and then on a diet of a selected number of biblical stories that are repeated for the children at different levels each year.

Many Christians find it difficult to explain the Bible stories and faith to

their own children and so it is left to the church via the Sunday School to educate our own children. I have to be realistic and acknowledge that this is not just a current disease but has existed in about the same plague proportions throughout the history of the church.

If we happen to have children from outside the family of faith in the church just what are we teaching them? In many cases we have well meaning and dedicated Christians teaching the children but they feel inadequate and have no guidance or training as to how best to use the materials they have.

I am vitally interested in helping children grow in their faith. I am convinced that the Sunday School or its equivalent has a place in our church structure today. We need to be teaching our own children, in the home as well as in church, the joys of a relationship with Christ. Children need to be shown that our faith is a natural part of our life and that our Bibles are important to us. They need to know not only the well-known stories but also those that we ourselves don't find until we stumble across them in our reading of the Bible at some time.

It is also important that we offer these educational opportunities to all people. For children from non-Christian families this time may be the only opportunity that they get to hear the Christian message. The way we present the message must be based on a good Biblical basis and also on the ability of the child to understand what we are trying to teach. Children can make decisions about Jesus in line with their physical and mental development at the time. We as a group of Christians need to be involved more in the discussion of the place of the child in the Christian community and in the eyes of God.

THE LAST WORD

Habit is a cable; we weave a thread for it each day, and it becomes so strong that we cannot break it.

Horace Mann

Prospect

Bermuda vacation for me will pass.
From all current fiscal reports,
I'm losing a fight with Bermuda grass,
Dressed in Bermuda shorts.

PAUL ARMSTRONG

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"I hear they're starting a new campaign
against malaria."

"Dear me! What have the Malarians
done now?"

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Today is yesterday's pupil.

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The lady of the house was showing the
new maid about the premises. As they
walked into the dining room, she said,
"This dining room table goes back to Louis
the Fourteenth." "That's nothin'," said the
maid, "my whole living room set goes
back to the furniture store the fifteenth."

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are in the evening.

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