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| <b>Wednesday</b><br>October 8 | 7.30 p.m.               | "FORWARD IN FAITH"<br>Speaker — Graham Agnew<br>Music — Tom Newberry  |

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During the afternoon, just as enthusiasm was beginning to wane, a representative from The Leprosy Mission came and screened a film called "Twenty-six in a Thousand" which showed something of the work at a modern leprosy hospital in Southern India.

The end result was that The Leprosy Mission benefited by several thousand bandages and over \$200 raised from various sponsors.



Ripping & Rolling at the Nunawading youth group.

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# ON MY MIND

## SPECIAL ISSUES!

### DON STEWART

Don Stewart is the creative Director of the Queensland Churches of Christ Social Service Department. A graduate of Kenmore Christian College and the University of Queensland, he has served the churches at Traralgon and Hobart. It was while at Hobart that he and the church had the vision of the possibilities of the now well established Howrah development. We are interested in his suggestion of special issues, as Christian Projects Limited has made it possible for us to produce one in 1981 as an experiment in outreach.

The editor's contribution to "On My Mind" has set me off. I am not really surprised that so many that were invited did not turn up with their thoughts — I seem to remember a parable the Lord told about people who did not answer an invitation.

However, what is on my mind is those special editions of the "Australian Christian". You know the ones about Christian Education, Home Missions, Aborigines work, Social Service and on goes the list — there almost seems to be one every second issue.

These compilations of stale news and propaganda which attempt to justify their departments very existence with poor apologetics and little imagination do positive harm to the "Australian Christian".

If they do harm to the "A.C." they also do little for the departments they seek to promote. Actually I can't recall one letter of interest received from last year's Social Service extravaganza in the "A.C."

A readership grown used to the instantaneous news of T.V. and immune to coercive advertising is not convinced.

It would be far better if these special editions were discontinued and instead more scope was given to develop a range of Christian journalists who can write items of interest on these matters when they are news.

Special editions we do need. Ones printed on good quality paper with well written articles about our faith, about Churches of Christ and what we stand for, and about the exciting things that are being done within Churches of Christ.

Such special editions need to be well interspersed with colour, photos and space. The kind of magazine that we would be proud to use to introduce someone to our Church and our faith. We are a busy, active, believing people doing exciting things among Aborigines, in foreign fields, at home among the Churches, through Christian Education and Youth and in Social Service. Why not make it known as widely as we can?

An annual special magazine issue could be distributed by Churches to their neighbourhood, or sold by newsagents. With a wide distribution advertising could be attracted to pay for the special work.

However, what we need are capable Christian journalists and we need to grow our own. What about some logies for the best news story of the year, the best articles on our faith, the church, the most interesting article on a department — you would then have some good articles for the special magazine edition as well as improving the quality of the "A.C."

Actually, Mr Editor, I think the "A.C." is pretty good now; but those special editions . . .!

# "HIS HOLDING POWER"

## Churches of Christ in N.S.W. 95th Annual Conference

"Pulpit Challenge — Mr Bob Brown" was the way the program put it, and although "challenge" has perhaps become trite in Christian usage, there could be no other word that would adequately describe the message delivered at the opening session — the Missions Rally — of the 95th Annual Conference of N.S.W. churches. Bob Brown told how God is at work among the aboriginal people — and then . . . "What are you doing about the 20,000 aboriginal people in Sydney?"

Earlier in the program Ron McLean had brought those present up to date on the happenings in the New Hebrides and called for prayer support for all those involved in the dramatic developments taking place there.

Thursday was C.W.F. day and this was again followed by the Family Rally. A delightful program featured something for every member of the family — there were the Sunshine Singers, children and their older brothers and sisters from Beverley Hills; the C.W.F. choir; and "Harvest", a group led by Percy Mallard of Penrith. Barry McMurtrie spoke of the relationships of each to the other and the responsibility each has in the home and the church and the community.

### NEW CHURCHES

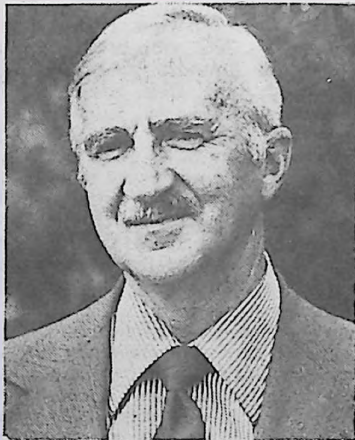
It was a delight to receive into the fellowship of Conference the following churches — Berkeley Vale, North Haven, South Tamworth and Whitebridge.

The innovation of 1979 — getting the reports out early so that churches could discuss them and present notices of motion about them was again followed. Each committee or department of Conference had the opportunity to "update" its report while delegates were encouraged to ask questions on developments. The College gave the latest news on its impending move; of its being involved in the Sydney College of Divinity; of staff changes; while questioners sought information on standards of entry and study. D.C.E. reported on its enforced staff reduction and its involvement in the various specialised programs among young people. The "one time" Scripture Examination came under discussion again when a suggestion was made that it be received because of the encouragement it gave to Scripture memorisation.

Social Service told of the development of the Men's Club being set up at City Temple while the Dunmore House Committee reported on the time spent in counselling not only young people, but also in family situations.

### COMMISSIONS

Much of the time during the business sessions was spent in considering the reports of the investigative commissions set up at previous conferences: — to Review Salaries — to Investigate Divine Healing — to Evaluate the Restoration Movement in the Church today.



J. Henderson — 1980-81  
President

As a result of the discussion there will be no special Committee of Conference to deal with Divine Healing, but the sub-committee will continue its work. A Preaching Convention will be planned for a long week-end at which the theme will be the Restoration Movement. Conference accepted the recommendation on salaries and the Conference Committee/Department arrangements will be so changed that there will be the Department of Church Development which will be responsible for Evangelism; sponsoring, promoting and assisting new churches; supporting needy churches; the promoting of church programs generally, the offering of pastoral counselling; promotion of Christian Education among children, young people and adults; the work among young people generally, promoting Christian activity among men; the Bookroom and distribution of Christian literature and co-operation with the N.S.W. Christian Women's Fellowship.

The second committee will be the Churches of Christ Bible College in N.S.W. The Mission Department responsible in association with the Churches of Christ Overseas Mission Board Incorporated and the Federal Aborigines Mission Board held a promotion of missions and for the evangelisation and social betterment for the Australian Aborigines in New South Wales.

The Social Service Department responsible for welfare work including caring for aged, young and needy people; combatting social evils; counselling; the provision of self-contained units, hostels and nursing homes for the care of the aged, disabled and needy; youth and child care home including Dunmore House.

Conference Executive will also be changed. It will consist of six members elected by Conference together with the Conference Officers and the Directors or Secretaries of the four departments and the President of the C.W.F.

These new arrangements will not take

effect during this year — the current committee set-up will continue and those elected to serve are: — President: Jim Henderson; President Elect: Fred Stephenson; Vice-President: Max Hall; Associate Secretary: Ken Baker and Treasurer: Ira Torode.

Conference also ratified the appointments of Rex Ellis as Principal of the N.S.W. Bible College to December 1985; Charles Cole as Social Service Director to December 1983 and Kevin Crawford as Conference Secretary to June 1983.

### FELLOWSHIP AND CHALLENGE

Sunday saw the Service of Fellowship and Challenge in the hall of the Trinity Grammar School. Again the College Choir opened the program under the leadership of Mrs Pat Aylott. Richard and Shirley Pearce, now serving at the Paddington Church, together with their two young children, were also featured and were greatly appreciated. Jim Henderson, the incoming President in thanking Dr Millar for his year of leadership commented upon his consultation, his diagnosis and his prescription both during the Conference sessions and throughout the year. He himself delivered the occasional address, encouraging all present to rely on "His Holding Power" in the year ahead.

Jack Cooke

### STUDENT BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

The initial discussions regarding a distribution of student Bibles to university students in Australia were held with the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students in Sydney. The distribution was planned as part of the student witness on the university campus. All the Universities and Colleges of Advanced Education were listed and a quantity of Student Bibles were allocated to each centre. This was a Good News Bible, with the special silver cover marked "Student Bible".

An order was received from the Students' Fellowship for 7500 Bibles. These were supplied at a special price so that the Bible could be sold on the campus at \$2 each. The Bible Society despatched the Bibles in the predetermined quantities to the various universities and colleges throughout Australia.

Special promotional material was also supplied and this was used as a point of sale unit by the students. Sales would only be made on the campus so that normal trading relationships would not be affected. Individual results depended on the enthusiasm of the students in their own area.

Lionel Sheehan, National Distribution Consultant for the Bible Society in Australia, recently said "Many repeat orders have been received, so that we have now supplied over 9500 Student Bibles in all and these have been sold on university and college campuses in Australia".

## DARWIN IS TWO

Sunday, June 22, saw Darwin celebrating its second church anniversary with the Sunday School choir at the morning service, a church picnic and a film evening.

### TWELVE COMMITMENTS

During the year there were 12 people who committed their lives to Christ together with a number of baptisms. The first ministry student, **Ken Barrett**, with wife **Christine**, entered the **College of the Bible**. The highest attendance for the year was 70 at the Christmas service. The only disappointment was the removal from Darwin of a number of brand new Christians who were bringing the joy of their new life in Christ to the little church. But the Darwin people see this as their contribution to churches in the rest of Australia.

### PROBLEMS

Any new work has its problems. Darwin's is not having a meeting place it can call its own. They are now meeting in a hall at **Nungalinga** where tenancy is tentative, needing to be renewed every half year. The shift to the new place lost them the **Good Companions**, but the **Explorers** are still booming. It also halved the Sunday School.

### TIED UP IN RED TAPE!

After having lost the first block of land that was supposed to have been granted to the church, negotiations are under way for a new site in **Malak**. The Darwin Town Planning Authority has approved the site, but the church is now awaiting the pleasure of the Minister of Housing, a process that could take some weeks.

### URGENT NEED FOR A BUILDING

The Darwin church desperately needs its own building as the Churches of Christ North Australian missionary outpost. Australian churches are reminded that the Darwin Building Appeal has been launched. The A.C.T. churches are the first in on the Appeal with \$1440 of their \$1500 promise already in hand. They no doubt remember the excellent responses to the Canberra Appeals of the Fifties. The giving of the A.C.T. churches represents an average of \$500 per congregation. If our 50 large Australian churches gave \$1000 each, and our 150 medium sized churches gave \$500 each and our 100 small churches gave \$200 each we could have a splendid building in the Northern Capital as a witness to the North and to the World of Churches of Christ and their message and life style.

### A WORD TO READERS

Our readers can give practical help to the Darwin church by reminding the leaders in their churches about the Appeal and by asking them what they intend to do about it. 5,250 readers could make quite an impact!

## COUNTRY WORK PROSPERS

Two recent weekend visits to Victorian country churches have highlighted both the stability and the progress of our country work. **Swan Hill church** celebrated its 70th anniversary on June 14-15. **Allan Emmett** of the Properties Corporation and **Don Smith** of the Department of Mission, Education and Development shared in the dedication service of a fine new hall complex. Guest speaker at the anniversary services was **Allan Avery**, a previous minister of the church. Under the leadership of **John Caporn** the church is making fine progress. The new facilities will expand the opportunities in the church's programme.

**Shepparton**. On the following weekend of June 21-22 visits were made to Shepparton and Wangaratta to share in special events with the churches. At Shepparton a service was held to dedicate the newly restored chapel. **Pat Kavanagh**, the immediate past minister, was the guest speaker. **Allan Emmett** and **Don Smith** shared in the dedication service. The church is currently making very significant progress under the leadership of recently appointed minister, **Greg Deuble**. A strong evangelistic thrust by the minister and a wide range of study groups are contributing factors to growth.

**Wangaratta**. Manse extensions consisting of three new rooms were dedicated on June 22. **Carl Clayden** began his ministry this year. The church is experiencing a time of advance and is optimistically planning for growth in the 1980's. Each of these projects was financed by the Properties Corporation. The ready availability of loan finance and the relatively low interest rates make a positive contribution to the overall growth task of the Brotherhood.

Each of the churches is located in a city with a positive projection of itself and its facilities. The growth thrust of the churches is in keeping with the spirit of these expanding municipalities. Two new projects to be completed shortly are at **Albury** (July 26), and **Wodonga**. Both churches have embarked on major building developments and are contributing to the overall Brotherhood growth pattern.

— Don Smith.

## KIDS FROM A BATTLESHIP ... THAT NEVER PUT TO SEA

### H.M.A.S. CERBERUS

H.M.A.S. Cerberus is a shore based training establishment for naval recruits at Crib Point in Victoria. Like all naval shore stations it is a "ship" with a "quarter deck", and sailors going on leave "go ashore" on the "leave boat" (a Navy bus).

### 40 UNDER 17½

In each intake of recruits there are 40 boys and girls under the age of 17½, many of them from interstate and Victorian country. They have three months on Cerberus. They have no leave in the first month. In the second and third months they get weekend leave, only if they are sponsored by a trustworthy family willing to give them hospitality for the eight weekends. No sponsors, no leave.

### THE COMMANDANT APPEALS

The Commandant has asked the **Friends of the Forces Association** to find regular sponsors for these young people. The Honorary Director of F.F.A. is our friend **Jock Scott** of the **Brighton church**. He is at 3 Hardy Court, Bentleigh, 3204 (Telephone (03) 557 5117). Jock believes that he can get 40 sponsors from Churches of Christ.

### BAYSIDE AND PENINSULA

Obviously people from the Bayside and Peninsula churches would be best able to help. But others could be in on it too. The only qualifications are a willing heart, a lot of love, a warm welcome and a well stocked pantry.

### WHAT IF IT WERE YOUR KID?

How would you feel if your young teenager was away from home in a training camp with nowhere to go for all of the weekends of three months? Your heart would be torn out by it. Some concerned parents are going to be very grateful for the 40 families that ring Jock Scott and tell him that they will be in it. He will give the necessary particulars.

\*\*\* CALLING YOUNG PEOPLE \*\*\*

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## BOYCOTT THE BI-CENTENARY? — NONSENSE!

Gordon Moyes

In 1988 Australia will celebrate the bi-Centenary of European settlement in Australia.

At a recent conference of Australian churches on racial discrimination, there was a focus on discrimination against aborigines and migrant ethnic groups.

### THOUGHTLESS NEGATIVISM

It was decided that, to attract attention to the aboriginal land rights issues, the churches should consider boycotting the Bi-Centenary of European settlement. What nonsense! That decision is typical of many thoughtless negative reactions by the church. Negative reactionary attitudes like this isolate the church from the rest of society and instead of discouraging discussion and decision on the issues take them right out of the public arena.

On the contrary, the churches should be involved in the Bi-Centenary in the fullest possible way, seeking a positive program by raising the issues within the context of the total Bi-Centenary celebration.

### SOME SUGGESTIONS

The following are suggestions for further discussion:

1. The churches should be involved with the Bi-Centenary to the limit of their creative contribution. It is true that Christianity did not come to Australia except in the hearts of believing convicts and wardens. We should indicate now that the church is part of the fabric of the Australian society and that it has a positive contribution to make. It should create sensitivity among Australians on the issues involving aboriginal and ethnic minorities in the community, using the celebrations as a forum for creating concern.
2. The churches should develop, in conjunction with the aboriginal Christian leaders, a new awareness of the Christian mission with aborigines, especially the suburban aboriginal. There are over 20,000 urban blacks in Sydney, for example, and while most of the churches have moved from the old paternalism in mission, and have presented to the black community the leadership of any Christian movement, in effect this has meant that the churches have abrogated their responsibilities to the urban black altogether.
3. The churches should push for special Bi-Centenary projects in conjunction with aboriginal health services. It is unacceptable that the aborigine suffers the highest rate of blindness of any people in the world, that trachoma, dental problems, alcoholism, and other illnesses receive such little attention. The infant mortality rate among black children is eleven times higher than among white babies. The churches can no longer allow this situation to continue unchallenged.
4. During the years of preparation to the Bi-Centenary the churches should be providing leadership, support and en-

couragement for the production of aboriginal histories and literary and media presentations of ethnic culture and language studies.

5. Now is the time for churches to agitate for an increased program of aboriginal child care. In New South Wales there are 1,600 children in care, 14% of whom are black, totally disproportionate to the aboriginal community which makes up 1% only of the population. The numbers of aboriginal children in care are increasing and the causes of this problem should be confronted head-on.
6. In the years of preparation towards the Bi-Centenary, strong political pressure should be brought to bear on the government on matters of land rights and the preservation of sacred lands and relics. The Australian people have not yet understood the spiritual connection between the people and the land. Instead, tourism, white vandalism, mining and pastoral interests have been allowed to walk over the aboriginal rights. We should use 1988 as an end target time for finalising a solution on these questions.
7. On other issues the church should use the Bi-Centenary as well. For example, the churches should plan a strategy of evangelism and outreach to the whole Australian community. Planning should be underway now for a seven-year program of outreach and effective ministry to the total Australian community including aboriginal and ethnic groups.
8. The churches should be encouraging writers to produce a definitive history of Christianity in Australia, paralleling and associated with the major re-writing of Australian history already

underway for the Bi-Centenary. The theological colleges should establish a project immediately for the discussion and production of major works on the inculturalisation of theology into the Australian ethos.

9. The churches should plan now to fund and produce a penetration of the mass media with national Australian religious radio and television programs. We are seeing currently the Americanisation of religion and the churches should use the Bi-Centenary as a goal date to establish their own public image reflecting our Australian ethos.

### PULLING OUR HEADS OUT

Church leaders who talk about boycotting the Bi-Centenary should pull their heads out of the sand and use the occasion for creative purposes in the fulfilment of the church's mission in this country.

### FIELD OFFICER APPOINTMENT

The V.C.C. recognising the need to foster mission and renewal of the local congregation has appointed the Rev. Hamish Christie-Johnston to work among local congregations. Mr Christie-Johnston has recently relinquished his work as Australian liaison officer for the W.C.C. Conference. He will travel through the state for the remainder of 1980 encouraging an ecumenical sharing in mission projects. The Maryborough Conference is seen as a focus for this work to allow the widest possible sharing. Mr Christie-Johnston said that he was anxious to contact local churches engaged in innovative activities, and encourage their participation at Maryborough.

## FEDERAL CONFERENCE

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**THINK ABOUT IT!**  
**"WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR"?**  
 Luke 10: 25, 37. Matthew 5:43-48.  
 Who is my neighbour? Luke 10:29.  
 Pause after each question and think —  
 how to love your neighbour.  
 The Person next door?  
 Members of my own family?  
 Political leaders?  
 Asians, Russians, etc.?  
 People who deliberately set out to rile me?  
 Is to "Love them as I love myself" too simplistic? What does it mean?  
**PRAYER:** Think of LOVE as Active, deliberate goodwill. Think of your relationship to these people — what it is and what it should be.



**MARJORIE BAKER**



**RITA DICKSON**

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**FAMILY TOGETHER SHARING**

In these days, family life is being destroyed by chasing after material possessions. Look back over your own childhood, memories which stand out are NOT material gains, but times shared with your family. We believe that we should try to give our children a happy family life. Who knows, these years may be the only really happy times they will know.

We have tried to achieve this in various ways. We believe that parents themselves must be truly happy as husband and wife, before this can be extended to include the children. We let the children see that we love each other, and make sure we have some time alone together. The use of television and the car is limited. ONLY suitable programs on television are watched. We NEVER have it on before school. This valuable time when children are fresh is used for talk. Why waste the best part of the day? We walk to do the shopping, go to church and short distance outings. Many fruitful conversations have been carried on while walking.

We have built up family traditions for memories, (for example, we always make and photograph birthday cakes), go on cheap camping holidays and outings. All of these are photographed to help the children remember happy events. Mum and Dad MUST feature in these photos too. We limit outside activities. After all, we do not want to be remembered by the children as mere chauffeurs.

Family situations are discussed between parents. We do NOT rely on the "experts", who do not even know our children. This brings us closer together, and allows us to raise our children according to our personalities and standards. We hope we can give our children loving, happy, secure years to look back on. Children are sponges, who at length slowly but surely absorb all your strength. Leaving you listless, limp as a sack. But just squeeze them tightly to get it all back.

Lorraine Gray, Vic.

**A.C.W.F. CONFERENCE**

Rita Dickson, Sec.

"Growing in Christ Jesus" is the Theme for the Australian C.W.F. Conference to be held on Monday 6th October at Stanwell Tops N.S.W. Mrs Marjorie Baker, Australian President will lead us in the following program ...

Morning Session — 10 a.m.  
 Worship Time — Choral Meditation.  
 Reports — Discussion and Comments.  
 Notices of Motion.  
 General Business.

Luncheon 12.30 p.m.-2 p.m.  
 Outdoor meal-Barbecue.  
 Combined Family Fellowship.

Afternoon Session — 2 p.m.-3.30 p.m.  
 Interview.  
 Dramatised Focus on missions.  
 Challenging message.

Program includes —  
 Singalongs, Specialist Items, N.S.W. Choir.

Mrs Glad McKenzie Australian Representative to World C.W.F. Golden Jubilee Convention will be one of the speakers.

Sunday October 5th — 9.45 a.m. is C.W.F. ELECTIVE Subject is "C.W.F. — Where to from here?" A panel of 3 women will speak on three different points of view, then there will be a discussion. We want to hear your view on the subject, therefore we need your presence at the elective. It is important that women of all differing ideas contribute to the discussion. Leader Lesley Stirling.

**ABORIGINES C.W.F. COMMITTEE — QUEENSLAND**

Jan Christensen.

Did you know that more Aborigines live in Queensland than in any other State?

Eidsvold, 400km from Brisbane was the first work amongst the Aboriginal people commenced by the Churches of Christ in Queensland. It is presently staffed by Ern and Pam Paddick, Arnold and Ruth Bails, Muriel Holt and Leeanne Wheaton. Aspects of the Centre work include two family group homes, the office for C.E.S., and church work — youth clubs... women's work, counselling. You very seldom hear a staff member complaining he has nothing to do!

Last year, Lyle and Hazel Morris moved to Normanton to work among the people. It is a needy and isolated town in the Gulf country. The small core of Aboriginal Christians already there has welcomed the Morris' help, and a number of other folk have since been baptized. Meetings are held under the house, and contact with the people is growing.

Aboriginal people from all over Queensland come to Brisbane temporarily or permanently, and this year, Robert and Joscelyn Clancy have started a visiting program amongst them. Originally from Eidsvold, Robert will also be continuing with his studies at Kenmore Christian College.

The women in our churches are making a major contribution to the work in Queensland. Good second-hand clothing is sent regularly to our Centre, where monthly clothing sales are greatly appreciated by the local women. Children in our family group homes receive an annual clothing parcel from some of the Fellowships, and are sponsored by others. Donations by individuals and groups have helped in the erection of buildings, the furnishing of homes, and the outfitting of Sunday Schools. The prayer support of women all over the country must continue to be our work's greatest asset. Thanks ladies!

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

# MUSTARD SEEDS

BY ALAN AUSTIN

In a recent article in *Christian Century*, Dorothy Solle tells of a Presbyterian minister from the south of Chile who was arrested for distributing food to the poor. Because of the seriousness of his "crime," he was placed in the prison of Los Alamos in Santiago.

He found himself in a small room with about 150 other men. Most were socialists and many were people that the U.S.-sponsored government had been claiming no knowledge of, people who had supposedly just "disappeared." Though the minister had never had such a congregation before, he took on the role of chaplain and held daily prayer and Bible study sessions.

When he was released he managed to get out without a body search. He went immediately to the Committee for Peace, a church-based human rights centre.

Just before leaving prison, his fellow prisoners had written their names on his back. When he arrived at the human rights centre, most of the names were still readable. They had been penned with burning matches.

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**Thanks, But No Thanks Department:** An advertisement in the Fort Myers (Florida) *News-Press* offered the "Collector's Handkerchief." Importer Barbara B. Lathan explains in the ad that each handkerchief was made in China "by young girls whose eyesight was permanently impaired by the fineness of the work. An exquisite gift for a baby girl, a bride-to-be, or a very special lady." The price is thirty dollars. (From *The Other Side*).

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The wheels of ecclesiastical justice — sometimes they grind mighty slowly.

Three hundred and sixty-four years ago, in 1616, Galileo Galilei, the Italian philosopher, inventor and astronomer, was condemned as a heretic and later sentenced by the church for teaching that the earth revolved around the sun.

Twelve years ago, in 1968, Pope Paul VI announced that a special vatican commission would be established to re-examine the Galileo case and to consider exonerating the astronomer of all heresy charges.

Now Pope John Paul II has urged the commission to get on with its work saying he feels that Galileo was "wrongly" condemned by the church and has "suffered greatly." (From *Sojourners*).

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The Bible. The Word of God.  
Providing answers to life's difficult questions.  
Comfort in a time of need.  
Hope in a time of despair.  
Tax shelter in a time of taxing.  
Tax shelter?

Yes indeed. Californian tax consultant Parker Dale has devised a tax

avoidance scheme that not only provides a \$3 tax deduction for every \$1 donated, but distributes Bibles at the same time. Here's how it works.

Suppose you have \$10,000 lying around which you decide to donate to a charitable cause. Now normally you would receive a \$10,000 deduction, a dollar for every dollar donated. But Parker Dale and Sons know the Bible well. Psalm 63 clearly states, "For thou has been a shelter for me and a strong tower from the enemy."

Taking this Biblical teaching seriously, Parker Dale and Sons has devised a shelter from the enemy entitled "A Charitable Gift: The Holy Bible. Current Year Deduction and Donation." They have found a way for oppressed high-income taxpayers to purchase Bibles at wholesale-sort-of (they only make a little over \$1 per Bible), keep them for one year, then donate them to a charity and receive tax credit for the full retail price, which is three times the wholesale purchase price. A tax deduction of \$30,000.

Parker Dale estimate they will have helped sell over 400,000 Bibles in 1980, which in the original Greek means they will gross over \$400,000 in the process.

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It seems not all American born-again Christians share Jim Wallis's analysis of the Iranian situation. (See M.S. last A.C.)

Dr Jess C. Moody, senior pastor at the First Baptist Church of Van Nuys, California, recently wrote the following moving and compassionate editorial for *Lifestyle*, the church's newsletter: **The Contrast Is Obvious**

The whiny, petulant, self pitying ignorance called Iran has shaken its mini-fist in the face of an unblinking Uncle Sam.

This overaged child, parched by a slain ego, marches before the world's cameras — and the quiet yawn of our patient president shows not weakness on the part of our leader but maturity enduring a retarded religion, a mental midget, a nauseating neurotic.

They know no more about decency than a pig does about Sunday. The Iranian mentality could drive St Francis of Assisi to valium.

I suggest all Polish jokes cease and the Iranian jokes begin. Oil has made them rich which leads them to think that oil is a substitute for character, allowing them to think slavery.

So the Shah is a murderer and Khomeini is a kidnapper. Double their intelligence and you have an IQ just below plant life. They are a bunch of local mice for Fat Cats.

Jesus Christ makes men loving and considerate.

Muslims make men murderers.

At last, the contrast is obvious. This is the best witness Jesus has had in years.

— Jess Moody

## JASON'S HOUSE

... ALL THOSE OIL-RICH MUSLIM COUNTRIES!! ... BUYING UP PRIME LAND ALL OVER THE WORLD... SPECULATING ON INTERNATIONAL MARKETS... BANKROLLING CORRUPT REGIMES...



... THEY'RE SPENDING BILLIONS TO SPREAD THEIR RELIGION... AND NOW THEY'RE BUILDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS! THEY THINK THEIR WEALTH GIVES THEM SOME KIND OF MORAL SUPERIORITY...



THEY'RE BEHAVING LIKE... LIKE...

AMERICA?

# 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.

## BEING BIBLICAL

To the Editor,

Thank you for Page 13 in the "A.C." May 31. It is encouraging when those who "be not powers" have their point of view supported by those who are the "powers that be". I wonder if there are not other, "unbiblical ways" in which these "biblical people" plan and organise their activities. Tertius was also very helpful in that issue.

— E. A. Barton Pt. Lincoln, S.A.

## "PRAY FOR JIMMY CARTER"

To the Editor,

Geoff Fairley may be happy with Jimmy Carter; but if he is a Christian then make room for me among the Agnostics. As for Carter's consistency! He came on the scene with an olive branch and stayed to wield a sword. Never has the mood in America been so militant, rarely has a recent president been so bellicose. This may sound anathema to many who subscribe to the 'A.C.' but give me Edward Kennedy. I read an interesting comment attributed to former Senator Gene McCarthy (remember "Clean Gene"?). He said, "The difference between Carter and Kennedy is that Carter has a vague religion he believes in strongly and Kennedy has a strong religion he believes in vaguely."

— Don Jeffries (Brisbane, Q.)

Pray for us all Ed.

## SMALL? NOT SO BEAUTIFUL!

To the Editor,

Was page 13 "Small is Beautiful" an attempt to justify the smallness of the movement? Did Jesus call us to be small? "We have to work, think, pray and plan harder to keep the show on the road." Why not leave it to Him with the best resources for all that effort? "A viable alternative to the big three" smacks of a campaign to boost falling sales! May the Lord's intercessory prayer (John 17) "that they may become perfectly one" become a living reality. Christian first of all — hoping you are the same.

— Wayne Lodge (Rostrevor, S.A.)

## PORT FAIRY

To the Editor,

Following your report last year, of the encouraging growth that has taken place in the Port Fairy Church, it is pleasing to inform you that the church continues enthusiastically in its work and witness.

However, we would be greatly assisted in the work by the acquisition of an electronic organ. It occurred to us that one of your Victorian readers may be able to assist us, by gift or sale, of a good, second-hand instrument for use in our church services. If anyone could help us in this way, we would be glad if they would contact our secretary, Mr E. Houston, P.O. Dennington, 3280.

H. A. L. Clark (Warrnambool, Vic.)

## EDITOR'S GOBBLEDEGOOK

To the Editor,

When first reading Alan Austin's article on Taxation in "Mustard Seeds", I was surprised that a Christian magazine would print it. Being a Christian I decided to check Mr Austin's sources before being "swayed". I found that each main point and all his statistics were accurate. After discussion with Chris-

tian friends, I wrote to Mr Adermann and subsequently received a courteous reply enclosing a copy of his personal reply to Mr Austin's article.

I carefully studied Mr Adermann's reply and found, not "a point by point refutation" but avoidance of the main points and a series of largely irrelevant comments. I consoled myself that at least our Christian social consciousness had been aroused by the debate.

However, I was extremely angry to read the editor's statement in June 14 issue that Mr Adermann had issued a point by point refutation but declined to publish it.

While commending the Australian Christian for its courage in placing the issue before the Christian public, I deplore the apparent attempt to discredit Mr Austin and anaesthetise your readers with statements that are manifest gobbledegook.

— John McLaren, (Vic.)

## NEW BOOK

To the Editor

Congratulations Vital Publications on the new book "Churches of Christ — an interpretation". All the books published so far have enriched us. This new book is the best of the lot!

E. Lyall Williams is currently our Minister at Knoxfield and I can assure the Brotherhood that he is 74,

years young. His mind is as alert, and his attitudes more modern than when I first heard him a "mere" 17 years ago.

At Knoxfield we're aiming to have a copy on the bookshelves of every church family.

I can hardly wait to read what Alan writes about this book in Mustard Seeds!

Malcolm Gray (Vic.)

## BIBLE READING

To the Editor.

The Queensland Home Missions Committee would be most interested to hear from any church which has developed a Bible reading program. Such a program covering the whole Bible over a period of two to five years with Sunday readings for Church services that relate to the members weekly reading programme.

Please forward details of such programme to: Churches of Christ in Queensland Home Missions Committee, 428 Ann Street, Brisbane, Qld. 4000.

— Bruce Roberts (Chairman Home Missions, Q.)

**HORSHAM** (W. Gibney). Youth Encounter Camp held at Hall's Gap. Five Y.P. made commitments and one re-dedication . . . At weekly Encounter meeting three further confessions and one re-dedication . . . Teacher Training sessions sponsored by Evangelisation Society of Australia being held in Civic Centre . . . First of series of youth leadership training weekends held at Hall's Gap, June 27-29 . . . Horsham East Rotary Singers participated in worship service . . . Mrs E. Marshman celebrated 92nd birthday.

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### ON BEING SPIRITUAL

To the Editor,

There seems to be some sort of competition amongst some of the people at our church to see who can be the most spiritual.

I don't think that I can be very spiritual because the people in the competition look on me as a sort of spiritual also-ran. I've always wanted to be spiritual, but I've had difficulty finding out what it means. No one seems to be able to tell me in as many words. It appears that spirituality is recognised in certain things that you do, such as singing hymns, and reading the Bible and praying, all of which I do, but admittedly not nearly as well as a lot of other people.

For some you are really spiritual if you clap for choruses or raise your hands in the air, and you are not if you don't. Others think that it is very spiritual to talk about the Holy Spirit, a little less spiritual to talk about Jesus, and not very spiritual at all to talk about God. But at our church the super-spiritual ones talk about "the Lord". They compete to see who can use the expression the most times in an ordinary conversation. They use the expression "Lord" almost frantically before every sentence in their prayers, and half way through a sentence if they can fit it in. I am sure that they are all very spiritual, but surely being spiritual must mean more than these things.

Well, I was so confused that I decided to look up my Webster. It says that spiritual, as well as being a negro song, means "of the Spirit". Then I remembered a verse that the wife has ringed round in her Bible. It says that you can always know people who are "of the Spirit" because they are loving, joyous, peaceful, patient, kind, good, loyal, gentle and self controlled.

That makes being spiritual a whole lot harder doesn't it! But I suppose that being "of the Spirit" means that the Spirit helps us to be loving and joyous and all those other things. That I can handle, but I don't know about clapping for choruses at my age!

Yours as spiritually as can be expected under the circumstances.

TERTIUS.

## SUCCESSFUL NORTHERN CONVENTION

The first Northern Convention since the early 1950's was held with great success at Charters Towers June 14-16.

Many were apprehensive as to the outcome however 90 registered for the Convention. Every church in North Queensland (except Normanton) were represented as well as delegates from Brisbane (Annerley and Ann St.), two from N.S.W. (Doonside) and one from N.Z. (Annesbrook). Some of the Northern people had to travel 500 miles each way to attend.

Convention theme was "Share in the Victory". The emphasis in the day sessions was inspirational and the evening rallies were evangelistic.

Speakers included Roger Wall (Townsville), Vic Parker (Cairns) at the Sunday morning worship service and Norm Flett (Mackay). The special speaker was State Evangelist, John Timms, who presented four messages from the life of Elijah.

Other highlights included three people making confessions of faith on the Sunday evening. All three came from Charters Towers and one has subsequently been baptised.

Two workshops were held to look at ways to get isolated, despondent churches to grow and to examine the questions posed by the Commission on Northern and Isolated Churches.

During the Convention a coffee shop was run by the Charters Towers young people with assistance from Garry Hinspeter (Townsville). Also a Childrens' Convention was run concurrent with the adult program. This was organised by Mr and Mrs Fred Schneider (Charters Towers).

During the Convention the bells at the church were rung. These are not normally rung as they are needing repair.

A tour of the historic sites of Charters Towers co-ordinated by St Mary's College was appreciated.

The success of the Convention was due to the work of many people. Among these were Mrs A. E. Weston (Charters Towers) and the ladies who arranged all the catering and Fred Schneider who was Convention Secretary.

Planning his commenced for next year's Northern Convention to be held at Mackay, June 13-15, 1981.

— Ross Wissmann

## SHANGHAI PRIEST SENT BACK TO LABOUR CAMP

Father Stanislaus Shen was released from a labour camp in Anhwei Province, north-west of Shanghai, two years ago. Now he is back in the same camp.

Father Shen was accused of hampering production and modernization when he 'encouraged' a pilgrimage of some 3,000 Catholics to a sanctuary dedicated to the Virgin Mary on a hill in Zose, near Shanghai.

Father Shen is 78. It is reported that he was warmly welcomed back by the camp's detainees.

— CCAN

# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS A FUTURE

Ian Allsop

People often ask me what future I see for the Sunday school. My affirmation is very positive. The Sunday school has a future.

Australian society has undergone considerable change in recent years and these changes have affected the viability of Sunday schools in many churches. At a recent planning conference these changes were articulated.

1. Australian families are getting smaller. This means that there are less children to take part in the life of our Sunday schools.

2. There has been a dramatic increase in the number of women working. This is having a serious effect on voluntarism, especially the recruiting of Sunday school teachers.

3. With both parents working the family has less time to give to church activities. Sunday is increasingly being seen as a family day.

4. New churches situated in the outer suburbs where there is the high children's population cannot afford to build, staff and resource the educational complexes which are common in some of the established congregations.

What then can we do? Why can I affirm that the Sunday school has a future in the light of these changes?

The crucial factor is to help people see new possibilities for the educational ministry in the local church. To again become enthusiasts for sharing and growing in the Christian faith through biblical study and reflection on life. To

achieve this will mean mobilizing people to new levels of faith and understanding.

New directions for the Sunday school will emerge and have already done so in many churches. The Sunday school is based on a plan to help children learn and discover the Christian faith in appropriate ways. It uses methods and biblical understandings appropriate to the age and development of the person.

In the future the Sunday school will be based on the local church as a community or family of people who hold and share a vital faith.

— It will have times when all-ages will learn and worship together.

— It will be related more closely to the worship and total educational life of the church.

— It will enable people to share their faith as they tell of their Christian experience in the light of the biblical story.

While our communities see the validity of educational structures such as schools to enable learning to take place, I am convinced that the churches need appropriate educational structures so that Christian faith learning can happen.

The Sunday school has a future. I look forward to its contribution to our churches and applaud all those who are currently making it work effectively in their local church.

## TRADE UNIONIST CELEBRATES GOLDEN WEDDING

A golden wedding of trans-Tasman interest is that of George and Vera Delaney who were married by Randall Pittman and Keith Jones 50 years ago, at the Hampton Church (Vic.). Towards the end of the depression George left Australia to find work in New Zealand, and was later joined there by his family. They became actively involved in the South Wellington church.

Until he retired in 1970 George served for a record 30 years as a trade union secretary, with the Hosiery Workers' Union. In his travels for the Union he used the opportunity to visit and encourage the churches, especially the smaller ones.

The Delaneys retired to the beach resort of Otaki where they are in fellowship with the historic Selwyn church which was founded for the Maoris by the pioneer missionary bishop of that name. George assists with lay preaching and Vera serves on the vestry.

Australians wanting news of the family will be interested to know that Brian is Area Secretary for the Mission to Lepers, Jean who served for 12 years as a nursing sister with our New Hebrides Mission is studying at Massey University, and Lois is being cared for at Kimberley Hospital.

Alan Bush of the Briar Hill (Vic.) church who was at their wedding and their silver wedding visited N.Z. with his wife Val to attend the celebration.



George and Vera Delaney

## CHURCH AID TO CHADIAN REFUGEES

Food, shelter and medical care are among the services now being provided to Chadian refugees in the Cameroon following an appeal to the churches. This support is to some 200,000 people who have sought asylum in the Northern Province of Cameroon from the recent fighting in Chad, particularly in the city of N'Djamena. The WCC Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service (CICARWS) appealed on June 13 for \$100,000 to help meet the needs of these refugees who are living under extremely precarious conditions.

— EPS

## OVERSEAS MISSION BOARD FACES FINANCIAL CRUNCH!

Budgets have had to be cut. Expenditure has been delayed. Things are tough for the churches and the missionaries overseas.

The 1979-80 financial year ended with a deficit of \$16,000. Giving over the previous year for the Gospel Outreach fund from all sources only increased by \$5000 to \$389,700 — it didn't even keep pace with inflation. Costs on the other hand soared to \$406,000.

The cost of travel and salaries and allowances are steadily rising. Fuel is sky-rocketing in price. Since the budget was framed in Papua New Guinea, the cost has risen by 80%.

To keep pace with the possibilities for sharing the gospel overseas, we need help. Your decision is vital!

Giving from the Churches to our Gospel Outreach fund for the 1979-80 financial year was as follows:

|                   | Budget<br>12 months to<br>30/6/80 | Given<br>12 months to<br>30/6/80 | Variation<br>on budget |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Victoria/Tasmania | \$94,000                          | \$84,334                         | -\$9,666               |
| South Australia   | 90,000                            | 93,303                           | + 3,303                |
| New South Wales   | 75,000                            | 69,997                           | - 5,003                |
| Queensland        | 42,000                            | 47,878                           | + 5,878                |
| West. Australia   | 55,000                            | 50,674                           | - 4,326                |
| Canberra          | 1,000                             | 1,620                            | + 620                  |
|                   | <b>357,000</b>                    | <b>347,806</b>                   | <b>- 9,194</b>         |

## MINISTER'S DAUGHTER BEST COOK IN AUSTRALIA



Elizabeth Love, an isolated member of the Telopea (N.S.W.) church won the Women's Weekly prize for the best cook in Australia. She has had no special training, but flew to Adelaide from Jabiru (N.T.) for the South Australian-Northern Territory finals which she won, after a hasty round of the supermarkets to get the ingredients that she wanted. This entitled her to compete in the Australian finals which she won.

### AMONGST THE ALLIGATORS

Elizabeth and her husband and family live 256 kilometres east of Darwin on the East Alligator River where Arthur is the best fed civil engineer in Australia. Elizabeth has commenced a Bible study group for women in this very isolated area where church is held by an itinerant pastor just once a month.

### DISTINGUISHED ANCESTRY

Elizabeth Love is the daughter of the late Ern McIlhagger who was a respected minister among us, and of Margaret Goninon of the Coventry missionary family. Elizabeth is in the process of writing and editing a cook book.

## BIBLE SOCIETY LEADER RETIRES

At the Australian Council meeting of the Bible Society held in May Geoffrey J. Foot retired after 23 years service. He attended his first meeting as the Tasmanian representative in 1957. The following year he was elected National Honorary Treasurer and, apart from the period that he served as Australian Chairman (1968-70), held the post continuously until this year.

In 1979-80 Geoff was the Vic.-Tas. Conference President. He is the first Tasmanian to hold this position. He is also the Tasmanian Board member of "The Australian Christian".

Geoff has not fully retired from the Bible Society. He is continuing as a member of the Tasmanian State Committee and as a trustee of the national Trustees Deposit Fund.

## FAITH CHANGES ANGER INTO LOVE

In Nepal it is against the law to convert a Nepali citizen to Christianity and distribution of the Scriptures can only be done through churches and friends.

A young girl received a small Scripture Selection, but her father demanded that she destroy it. The young girl refused to give up the Selection and kept the precious paper under the pillow when she went to bed.

While the girl was sleeping, her father carefully took the Scripture Selection and read the message it contained. His heart was strangely warmed by the words in the Selection and he awoke his daughter and asked her forgiveness for the way he had acted.

Today, that whole family is part of a small Christian group who have experienced the love of God through the faith and obedience of one young girl.

## DENIS COLLINS WINS SEAT IN N.T. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY



Denis Collins has been elected Member for Alice Springs. He was baptised at Victor Harbour (S.A.). After gaining his B.Sc. he went teaching, for the past 10 years at Alice Springs, where he is in fellowship with the Uniting Church. His wife was Margaret Agg of the Bamera church. Denis is a member of the Country Party. Denis aims to do what he can to improve race relations in the Territory.

## NEW HEBRIDEAN NEWS

Never in the history of the New Hebrides has it had so much publicity. In the midst of this the question has been asked, "Why leave Santo?"

There are good reasons. The safety of staff and families heads the list and the second is the impossibility of maintaining supplies to the islands of Aoba and Pentecost. In addition, all bank accounts on Santo have been frozen.

Jack and Cathy Murphy and Nathan are now living in the transit house above the Friendship Centre at Sarabetu a suburb of Vila. It is cramped conditions for a family. If they need to stay for an extended period, other accommodation will need to be found.

George Wong, a businessman from the Vila Church of Christ has been of great assistance in getting supplies for the mission at short notice. Pat and Ron Wilson have again come to the rescue by taking a full load of fuel and supplies in their ship the 'Makila' from Vila to Pentecost and Aoba. This will provide sufficient supplies for at least a month.

August and Maeline Ben and family left Santo in the recently acquired fibre-glass boat. Their children are now in school while August has returned alone to Santo to continue his ministry.

Having to re-locate the business management, costs money. A transceiver is now being constructed and it should soon be on its way. Greater costs of goods and transport put further pressures upon the work.

As you pray for the peaceful resolution to the political problems in the New Hebrides, pray too that sufficient resources will be found for the continuation of the overseas Mission work.

# BOOKS TO READ

## THREE TO GET READY

**A Christian Premarital Counselling Manual**  
by Howard Eyrich (Baker)

"Premarital counselling should focus upon establishing a thoroughly Christian home that glorifies God and produces maximum enjoyment for the couple." This sums up Eyrich's aim in his "handbook." He presents a plan of seven weekly sessions with weekly homework. As he presents it the program would only be suitable for committed Christian couples. He questions whether pastors should marry others. Using 2 Corinthians 6:14 out of context he condemns pastors who will marry a believer to a non-believer. His program is highly systematised and includes personality testing. It would seem to be a more effective scheme for courses for engaged couples. A lot of it would be too late for use when couples come starry eyed to the minister with all of the arrangements made, especially the "most important one", booking a reception house. Many feel that post-marital counselling is more of a "must" than premarital, taking place when couples are hard up against unsuspected realities. Eyrich does suggest one post-marital session. Any minister adapting the book to his own situation would find a wealth of material for both sorts of counselling. It covers a wide field including insurance, investments, budgeting, sex, birth control, in-laws, children and role concepts. Eyrich believes that the husband is the head of the house in the sense of responsible leadership. He suggests that good leadership will sometimes mean a husband delegating financial matters to his wife if he is a bad manager.

## TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE LOOK FOR JESUS

by Norman Geisler (Baker Book House) \$2.95

The author sets out to show that the theme of the Bible from beginning to end is the Lord Jesus the Christ. Bible reference after Bible reference is given and I believe that this is so overdone that it is more of a hindrance than a help. Overall the book is both well written and simply written and whilst very little original thought is given the book is a reasonable introduction for the new Bible student.

Many other books on this topic have been written and a potential Bible student would be better off approaching his pastor as to the most suitable.

— J. Urquhart

## HOW TO READ SLOWLY

by James W. Sire (I.V.P.)

Subtitles "A Christian Guide to Reading with the Mind" the author attempts to help Christians to read intelligently. His argument is that no matter what type of literature that you are reading it is essential to understand the authors world view, and the way this affects his writing. He examines principles in reading different types of literature e.g. non-fiction, poetry, and fiction. James Sire argues for a wide reading pattern to help us as Christians develop our minds and also enable us to communicate with non-Christians. He also argues for slow reading. Excellent advise for any student or person with a love of reading and literature in any form.

## THE DRAMA OF JESUS

by Paul White and Clifford Warne (Hodder & Stoughton)  
\$3.50

Dr Paul White is the Jungle Doctor and Clifford Warne is a television producer in Sydney. Both men are excellent story tellers with an eye for drama. In this book they used their gifts to retell incidents in the life of Jesus with dramatic flare. This book is excellent for anyone who tells Bible stories in any situation to see how two experts in the field operate. The book is excellent to give to anyone with a little knowledge as it really brings to life the impact that the message of Jesus made as well as calling the reader to also look at their relationship with this man Jesus.

## CULTS AND THE OCCULT IN THE AGE OF AQUARIUS

by Edmond G. Gruss (Baker) \$1.50

The author commences by describing what is a cult and then goes on to describe the major cults of today. A very good and informative book for those who are trying to understand the other groups competing for the souls of our young people. The author avoids the trap of sensationalism but instead explains in a simple manner the teachings of the cult and how they conflict with the teachings of our Lord Jesus.

— J. Urquhart

## THE BIBLE AND THE FUTURE

by A. A. Hoekema (Paternoster Press).

A scholarly study of the Biblical teaching in referring to the end times and the effects this will have on the individual. This study of eschatology is based on the authors thesis that eschatology is a reality involving both the present and the future. To do this the author divides the book into two sections. The first called "Inaugurated Eschatology" looks at the present fulfilment of the kingdom of God and the ongoing experience of this fulfilment in the redeemed community.

The second section titled "Future Eschatology" examines those topics traditionally associated with the "last things" e.g. death, immortality, the second coming, the millenium, the resurrection of the body and the new earth. The arguments in this section are closely related back to Scripture and is not speculative. The various interpretations of the millenium are examined and their good points and their faults are outlined.

The appendix setting out the view of eschatology of many of the well known 20th century theologians is very interesting. Overall this is a very good book and is recommended to anyone wishing to do serious study in this area.

## STAND FAST IN LIBERTY

by Robert G. Gromacki (Baker)

An exposition of Galatians by an American which follows through on a verse by verse discussion of the letter to the Galatians. There is a short introduction which is followed by the exposition divided into 13 sections that the author sees in the letter. Each chapter has a series of questions for discussion that follows making the book suitable for a Bible study or discussion group.

The current issue of the Pamphlet Club is a double issue written by Eliza and Lois Hawkins, currently lecturing at the College of the Bible. The two sections were titled "You can't go to Church" and "You can't be Christians Alone". The pamphlet club costs \$3.00 for the 10 issues a year and is obtained from The Secretary, Federal Literature Department, Mrs E. M. Rankine, 5 Atkins St., Glen Iris, Vic. 3146.

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.



"Besides mission aid, memorial gifts, and all-out stewardship, does anyone know how we can raise a few bucks?"

# HAPPENINGS

Melbourne Christian Radio is conducting its first test transmissions from 1 p.m. July 13 to 1 p.m. July 16. This station can be found on the FM Band at a frequency of 106.5 Mhz.

Bill Edgar, the Australian Secretary of the Leprosy Mission is to be the new International Editorial and Promotion Secretary of the mission in London, upon the retirement of the Rev. A. Morgan Derham. Under Mr Edgar's leadership, the Australian branch expanded significantly, becoming the third largest supporter country after England and Switzerland.

Doreen Potter, wife of the General Secretary of the W.C.C., Dr Philip Potter, died in Geneva on June 24 after a year long illness. She was 55.

American Catholic charismatic leader and faith healer, the Rev. Francis MacNutt, has asked to be released from the priesthood to get married.

Bingo is on the way out in the overwhelmingly Roman Catholic province of Quebec. Cardinal Maurice Roy, archbishop of Quebec City, issued a directive that churches

must end their sponsorship of bingo games by December 1981. Since bingo is a form of gambling, it has no place in the churches. Churches may employ other money-raising schemes such as bazaars, banquets and the like.

India has honored Mother Teresa by giving her its highest civilian award, the "Bharat Ratna," or "Star of India." A citizen of India, Mother Teresa is the second Indian woman to receive the award and the 17th recipient since the honor was created in 1954.

All missionary societies working in Bangladesh must now register with the Ministry of Social Welfare in accordance with new government orders. Each mission must produce audited financial statements, lists of projects and details of future plans.

Sixteen and a half million children aged 5-14 form the world's largest child labour force in India, says an Anti-Slavery Society report out recently. They work in match factories and mines, frequently in unhealthy conditions.

A Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) minister is the new head of the Latin

American operations of the W.C.C. Angel V. Peiro is from Argentina and has been on right wing death lists there. Dr Peiro will hold the highest staff position of any member of the Disciples in the W.C.C.

The Bible House of the Bible Society of Ethiopia has been taken over by the Ethiopian government for official use. The headquarters was located in the center of Addis Ababa where there is an acute shortage of commercial building space. The society has had to relocate its operation in three separate locations.

Increasing numbers of Soviet believers are being jailed, according to Keston College. Figures just published show that, since May 1979, 22 Baptists, 10 Orthodox believers, six Catholics, six Pentecostals, an Armenian Christian and a Seventh-Day Adventist, have been arrested. The increase brings the total number of jailed believers to 232, which may just be the tip of the iceberg.

■ An American Catholic nun has offered to change places with a prisoner in Siberia. Sister Ann Gillen has asked the Soviet government to allow her to serve the rest of a four-year sentence imposed on her Russian friend Ida Nudel. Nudel was sentenced to internal exile for "malicious

hooliganism" after she displayed a banner on the balcony of her flat demanding permission to emigrate to Israel. She is known across the Soviet Union as the "Angel of Mercy" for her support of Jews harassed or jailed by Soviet authorities.

The Ayatollah Khomeini has ousted Hitler from top spot as the most hated and feared person in the world, according to a poll organised annually among visitors to Madame Tussaud's waxworks in London.

The Roman Catholic Church in Brazil has decided to model an agrarian reform program affecting its own properties. The intention is to break up a number of its largest landholdings. Brazil, colonized in the sixteenth century, is the only major Latin American nation not to have had agrarian reform. The majority of its land is in large ancestral estates and, in the Amazon basin, in holdings of transnational corporations.

Scientology has been recognized as a religion in France. Reuters wire service reports that there are some 10,000 Scientology adherents in France.

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**NATIONAL**  
July  
15-20 World Convention  
August  
17 Annual Offering — Social Service  
**VICTORIA**  
July  
26 Family & Children's Ministry Resources Day  
August  
2 Central & Northern District Conf.  
2 C.M.F. Interchurch Men's Breakfast  
2.9 Explorer Indoor Sports  
13 C.W.F. Missionary Rally  
16 Seminar on Youth Ministry  
23 — Sept. 7 Vacation camps  
**QUEENSLAND**  
July  
18-20 Marriage Enrichment Seminar  
26 Annual Sports Day  
August  
17-22 Midgets/Juniors Camp

The Coptic Church of Egypt cancelled its traditional Easter celebrations this year to protest the alleged mistreatment of Coptic Christians by Muslim extremists.

## THE CHURCH IN LAOS

The Laos Evangelical Church had at one time over 5,000 members.

It was a member of the CCA fellowship. It still is. But today its membership, in the city of Vientiane, is fewer than 100. Outside Vientiane, in Savannakhet, Pakse, Luang Prabang and Saiyabouri, there are small churches. The church in Savannakhet, according to recent reports, is growing.

The Rev. Sally Khounthapanya, the only remaining ordained minister in the country, is the chairman of the Laos Evangelical Church. He was detained in a re-education camp for two years. He was among the first group to be released.

According to the Rev. Sally Khounthapanya, the church in Vientiane is attended by some 35 people every Sunday. These include a few Vietnamese and five Chinese members. The service is conducted in the Laotian language, but also translated into Vietnamese.

The Government has now adopted a more tolerant policy towards religious adherents. This, it is hoped, will give greater visibility to the church.

— (CCAN)

# 25 Years Ago

W. R. Hibburt wrote:

The mind had been so steeped in the idea of "thou shalt not" that good people had come to conceive of the fulfilment of God's will in a series of negatives. Jesus found it necessary to interpret God's will in positive terms — loving, forgiving, serving, doing, obeying . . . Not doing wrong is purely negative; it is the positive doing of right that is well pleasing to God."

Notes on the Aborigines Missions work were supplied by J. K. Robinson (Federal Secretary). These included a note of the marriage of two of the missionaries at that time Mr Hudson and Mrs Milham at Norseman. The report also noted that the school building at the mission had been turned into a chapel now that all the children attend the state school. Initiative of the ladies at Northcote pastored by Doug Nicholls was reported.

A report on youth work across Australia reported on the work of Miss B. Bates as a field worker among Victorian Bible schools. F. T. Morgan had been appointed as full-time chaplain to the Footscray Technical School. The guest speakers for the Youth Workers Convention in Queensland were Mr and Mrs G. R. Stirling of Canberra A.C.T.

The Hindmarsh S.A. church celebrated its centenary. I. A. Paternoster was the guest speaker. Others who spoke or took part included M. A. K. Crosby (Conf. Pres.), R. Coventry, E. P. C. Hollard, W. W. Saunders and A. Brooke.

## WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SUNDAY NIGHT? (2)

In the last issue we looked at two facts. One was the way in which almost all evangelism in Churches of Christ used to be done on Sunday nights, or in relation to Sunday night services. One minister said, "Everything I do all the week is directed towards the appeal on Sunday nights."

The other fact was that in many places the Sunday night gospel service has all but disappeared, and our use of Sunday nights is not very imaginative, and in some cases is downright depressing.

We suggested that there is probably no way in which we can restore the gospel service to what it was in its hey day. But we also suggested that essential aspects of our life and mission disappeared with the gospel service, and that they do need restoring.

### NO NEW TESTAMENT PRECEDENT FOR GOSPEL SERVICES

While there is no New Testament precedent for the gospel service as such, there is very strong precedent for evangelism. In fact evangelism was the primary enterprise of the first century church. Just over 100 years ago, our fathers, keen on evangelism, discovered the gospel service from the Baptists, complete with invitation hymn and appeal. It worked. The pity is that eventually it became our sole method of evangelism. So when it disappeared we were left without strategy, methodology or motivation for evangelism.

We can do what we like about Sunday nights, but we cannot escape our responsibility for evangelism. The dedicated church person who is supporting the Sunday night service out of sheer loyalty cannot let this support be a substitute for his own involvement in real evangelism. And his brother watching Sunday night TV because there is no point in attending a gospel service that isn't, should switch off the set long enough to ask the question, what has the church substituted for Sunday night evangelism?

### CONFRONTATION WITH THE GOSPEL

There was a time when young people growing up in the church and others associated with its life ("strangers", "outsiders", "fringe people") were confronted with the gospel and given the opportunity to respond to it every Sunday night. Now that most gospel services are not, who now does the confronting, and when and where and how? No church board is fulfilling its responsibility unless it is answering these questions. If confrontation with the gospel is no longer happening on Sunday nights we have to find other ways of doing it. I am amazed that many leaders and ministers do not take the initiative in personal confrontation of people, in inoffensive and caring ways, about the possibility of commitment to Christ, but rather wait until people ask about it.

### PARTICIPATION EVANGELISM

In the hey day of the gospel service the lay people participated. They supported, they prayed and they brought people to the services. While they seldom confronted people with the gospel themselves, they at

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least got them to a place where confrontation could take place. They participated in evangelism.

In today's run-down night service we often have the best Christians present, but certainly not participating in evangelism. They would invite their friends but are too ashamed because it is so poor.

One wonders if sometimes Sunday night might be better spent by these faithful people visiting the rest of the membership for discussion about what they and the church might do about effective evangelism.

### EVANGELISM THROUGH HOSPITALITY

Our fathers (and mothers) knew all about hospitality evangelism. The Sunday night tea table was for mustering friends, neighbours, relations and fringe people to take them to church. Perhaps that does not work any more. But hospitality evangelism does. It is only in our homes that acquaintances become friends and thus are open and ready for us to communicate the faith to them. And if Sunday night is not the appropriate time, there are six other nights in the week. And if we are too busy with church work to do hospitality evangelism, we may have to ask ourselves if the church work is more fruitful for evangelism than having people in our homes.

### THE NEED FOR DYNAMIC FELLOWSHIP

Churches that no longer have an effective gospel service seldom involve their people in the lively, expectant, enthusiastic fellowship that the old Sunday night service provided. It is good for everybody to feel that they belong to something that moves, that excites, that uplifts and challenges, and is dynamic in its fellowship. The Sunday morning service and the small group do a lot for our feelings and our sense of corporateness. But there is something about the packed house, the lively crowd, and the "wholesale experience" of the Spirit that is unique. If we cannot get it every Sunday night in most churches, perhaps we could manage it about a dozen times a year.

### HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AT SUNDAY NIGHT

Before we surrender Sunday night as a potential asset in the church's mission, perhaps we should have another look at it. Can it be used for outreach either in the church buildings or in people's homes, or both? Or has it become such a night for the family-at-home that we need to marshall our resources and imagination to find and use other times when people are more get-at-able?

There is nothing sacrosanct about Sunday night and there is no precedent in scripture for its use. But we are still responsible for doing the things that we once did quite successfully on Sunday nights. They are confronting people with the gospel and giving the opportunity for their response to it, using our homes for outreach, providing opportunity for lively and purposeful fellowship, and a passionate concern for people who have lost the way and the expectation that they can be found. (G.R.S.)

# OBITUARY

**BRUCE, James William.**

(20.5.80) A link with the pioneer days of the Churches of Christ in Queensland was severed with the death of James William Bruce of the church at Zillmere on May 20. Jim was the son of James and Ellen Bruce who had been married by Karl Fischer in 1894 but James Bruce Sr had been won to the Restoration Movement through the preaching of Stephen Cheek and linked with the Zillmere church from the beginning. Jim Bruce continued in his father's footsteps in membership at Zillmere and in 1917 married Elsie Standfast who was associated with the Ann St. church. Of quiet disposition Jim Bruce demonstrated his loyalty by only knowing one employer all his working days, working along side his father at the Hutton Bacon Factory. On his retirement he developed a "ministry" in the collection of scrap metal and empty bottles, the proceeds of the sale of which, was channelled into charitable work with the United Protestant Association and later with the Family Group Homes for children through our own Social Service Department. When the Zillmere church was preparing to build its first manse Jim Bruce made it possible by donating land adjacent to his own home. His second marriage to Mrs Doris Clayton proved a happy one for them both and our sympathy and Christian love is directed to her and Jim's two sons, Ernest and Ken. Neighbours and friends were quick to express their sympathy and many warm tributes have been received demonstrating the worth of his quiet and yet effective Christian witness.

— E.T.H.

**SEATH, Laurence Leslie.**

(14.5.80) Laurie Seath died suddenly and unexpectedly at the age of 63. His family has suffered the premature loss of a loved one; his many friends have been deprived of his cheerful companionship; the church at Hartwell has lost a loyal, faithful and talented member. A tool-maker by trade, he rose to the position of production manager before he left industry to enter the field of education as teacher and lecturer. As a lecturer in business studies and management at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology he became the respected Head of his Department. Laurie had a special skill in working with wood, and in recent years made this his hobby. The chalice and paten which now stand on the Communion Table at Hartwell are the handiwork and gift of Laurie Seath. He was baptised as a teenager in the Carnegie Church of Christ and finally came to the Hartwell church which he served so splendidly for nearly 40 years. He has been Sunday School Superintendent, a specialist M.C. for church socials for which he was able to indulge his distinctive brand of humour, Chairman of the Board of Officers for 10 years and, more recently, a conscientious elder. He was a most acceptable lay preacher. Laurie was a great lover of the Psalms, and in presidential talks and prayers often quoted from them. How well he served the Lord and Master. A crowded chapel for the funeral service, conducted by K. W. Barton, was a fully-deserved tribute to a life well-lived for Christ and the church. In the bereavement to his family, we assure his wife, Joyce, and his daughters Judith and Carolyn and their families of our Christian love and sympathy.

## SMALL GROUPS AND EVANGELISM

"A church will grow in direct proportion to the number of small groups it has meeting". Win Arn.

Small groups are a most effective means of giving and receiving Christian fellowship. In the large congregational events we do not have opportunity to draw close to each other. But as members of small groups we can learn to laugh and cry together, to feel that we belong and know that we are important to one another and to God.

Rev. John Mallison, author of a number of valuable books on small group programming, and the leader of counselor training for the last Sydney Billy Graham Crusade will conduct a one-day seminar on leading small groups. There could be more than 300 people attending this seminar which will be held on Saturday, November 8, at Blackburn High School Auditorium.

Group Dynamics. Church leaders will benefit greatly from this event, which will give both practical experience and theoretical understanding of small group dynamics. The material covered will assist participants to become more aware of the whole process of communication, of various Bible study methods, of leadership styles and ways of using small groups as a tool for outreach.

Further details and registration forms will soon be available from the Department of Mission, Education and Development.

— G. Warren.

## 25 AND OVER

Because we have become aware of the "aloneness" of many Christian singles (25 and over) who are in the maze of Melbourne, we have a group meeting for fellowship and Christian friendship each Saturday. On the first Saturday of each month — there is a tea at 6 p.m. and Bible study and music later, also there are social activities indoor and outdoor on a Christian basis.

There are also Houseparties (weekend camps away) and Safaris when the Christian singles can spend their holiday times in company with others of a similar age group and affinity. These times have included mountaineering, cave exploring, water skiing and golf. Singles are welcome to come and join in the times of happiness and fellowship.

Country people can be accommodated in the home of Arthur and Joy Waugh or the homes of other young people in the city if we know there is a need.

The next adventure safari is during the school holidays August 27-Sept. 5 to Alice Springs, Ayers Rock, via Adelaide (Air/Coach).

Details are in an advertisement in this issue of the "Australian Christian".

Details of the club can be obtained from Arthur and Joy Waugh, 11 Bowman Avenue, Mount Waverley, 3149 (03) 277 5192.

## EVANGELICALS TARGET WORLD PEOPLE GROUPS

Leaders from around the world gathered in Thailand for a Consultation on World Evangelization (COWE) to consider ways to get the Christian message to the 2.5 billion who have not heard it. The 650 participants have targeted specific "people groups". These are the estimated 30,000 tribes, religious, vocational and language groups with which people identify.

In his book "The Real War", former President Richard Nixon observed that among the world's eight hundred million Moslems, there are more non Arabs than Arabs: that Moslems form a majority or a sizeable minority in 70 countries; that the world's most populous Moslem country is Indonesia; and that there are more Moslems in India, Nigeria, the Soviet Union and even China than in most countries of the Middle East.

Several Mini-Consultations at COWE where 87 countries were represented during the June 16-27 meetings are focusing on a number of specific groups such as Moslems and on the strategy which should be used to encourage them to become Christians.

While the emphasis is on the Third World, some of the Mini-Consultations are concentrating on such universal topics as city dwellers, nominal Christians and Secularists.

## GRASS ROOTS LEARNING

by Colleen Ison

A four-week course in Literacy and appropriate technology conducted by the Summer Institute of Linguistics was recently completed in the Buang area of Papua New Guinea. 21 students from three language groups attended the course, which aimed to train people to teach reading and writing to fellow villagers, and to gain skills which would help village people set up businesses or get jobs.

Supplementary literacy training lessons were given in oven making, baking, care of livestock and fish ponds, sewing machine maintenance, typing and instruction in nutrition. Students who were all men, made their own shirts, blackboards and silk screen printing units.

At the end of the four weeks an open day was held, attended by several leaders from the students' villages. For this day a newspaper in Pidgin and books in the local language were produced. The newspaper featured an article by every student. The books contained traditional stories, songs and articles relating to what had been learnt. The men have taken these books, as well as other reading materials back to their villages to assist them with the classes they are teaching.



# REPEAT OF THE BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE BROADCASTS TO RUSSIA

3rd AUG.-16th NOV., '80

During the Sydney Crusade, the Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church and the Radio Mission Studio were connected by landline. After the Crusade a special effort was made to make an effective translation, the result being is if Dr. Graham and the interpreter are standing together at the same microphone.

The Billy Graham broadcasts were of major significance to the people of the Soviet Union. The Moscow Olympic Games confusion has resulted in an even tighter ban on all outgoing mail, so much so that even relatives in Russia are afraid to write letters to the West. However, other sources have revealed the effective penetration of the broadcasts. Reports have also been received of renewed persecutions to the dissident Christians, and it is predicted that after the Olympic Games conditions for Christians will worsen. The Billy Graham broadcasts will therefore be of major importance during that period of time, and especially to the unsaved millions that are searching for God.

We ask all Christians in Australia pray earnestly for this Crusade to Russia. Please cut out this advertisement and display it in your home and Church.

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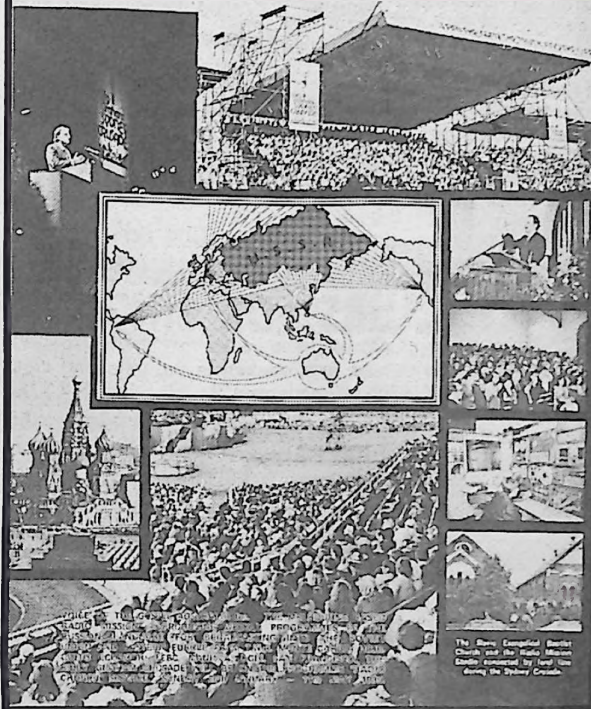
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**MANDURAH (M. Suter).** Night meetings increasing . . . C.W.F. had talk from local health centre . . . Four people baptised . . . C.W.F. entertained local churches to afternoon tea and items. Speaker was Betty Sewell.

**ARMADALE-KELMSCOTT (D. Nelson).** Church now meeting at Lesser Hall, Armadale, preparatory to building program . . . Average attendances a.m. 105, p.m. 90 . . . S.S. reopened, Super. W. Horner . . . New groups being developed since arrival of D. Nelson . . . Group of 15 in training sessions by pastor to become effective counsellors . . . New converts class held at manse Sunday a.m. . . Fri. night Youth Life Savers has 30 youths up to 17 . . . Young Marrieds meet monthly . . . Dr G. Hall spoke to ladies evening group on cancer in women . . . Ladies day group meet for prayer and Bible study at Sylvia Ford's home . . . Pastor and Stan Deyo gave lectures on prophecy at Collie Baptist Church.

**KALAMUNDA (Gene Howell)** Guest speakers Mr and Mrs Boreham (W.E.C.), Covenant Players, Graham Mabury (Jesus People) . . . Margaret Kirby, Christian Welfare Centre, addressed C.W.F. . . . Sewing bees held in June . . . Food parcels and clothing being collected . . . Street stall raised \$170 for building fund . . . Regular support for missionaries — Pendants in N.H., Fyffes at Carnarvon . . . Six B.S. scholars attended brotherhood holiday camp at Parkerville . . . 12 senior Y.P. shared weekend camp at Mandurah. G. Mabury leading . . . Fellowship at Peacock's farm "Sausage Sizzle".

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**BAROLIN STREET, BUNDABERG.** (B.M. Nowitzke). S.S. picnic held . . . C.W.F. presented program at Pioneer Home . . . Arthur Wissman and Mrs Elizabeth Voss, both foundation members, died. They were members of C. of C. for 65 and 84½ years respectively . . . Men of church entertained ladies at Mother's Day tea . . . S.S. children present an item at gospel service each month on fellowship tea night.

**HARLAXTON (R. K. Sansome, G. R. Charles).** Mother's Day tea and service presented by S.S. Slides by Fay Christensen, talk by R. Sansome. Farewell given to Fay prior to returning to Chugribu, P.N.G. . . . Church supporting Harold Finger again serving in mission work in P.N.G. Screened slides of pioneering days 22 years ago before departing . . . Minister, Ron Sansome, travelled to Adelaide for the funeral of his mother . . . Talent social conducted for 58th Church Anniversary Talent and Thank Offering Project. Speaker at special service was

Randy Edwards, Lecturer Kenmore. Musical items by "Retrospect" and the "Joytones" . . . Three Y.P. from B.S. made decisions . . . Don Stewart, Social Service Director, recent speaker . . . Mrs Gillian Lowe and Miss Jillian Sansome commissioned as Officers in the Girls' Brigade . . . Ron McLean screened slides and told of Overseas Mission work . . . Harold Earle still in St Andrews Hospital.

**BOONDALL (J. Bennett).** J. and C. Bennett, now in student ministry, accepted invitation to commence full-time ministry in 1981. This will be first full-time ministry for the church outside a circuit . . . Church activities have included barbecue, S.S. picnic, Living link, Bible Society and Leprosy Mission . . . C.W.F. held functions for remodelling of kitchen . . . Girls' Brigade won Queensland State Drill Comp. for squad of seven, having won Divisional squad section in 1979 . . . Boys' Club under leadership of S. Kemp, A. Chapman and S. England (student minister) . . . Church sharing first gospel service each month with Zillmere alternating the service. Zillmere Youth Choir supplied item at Boondall on June 1 . . . Church saddened by death of Jim Bruce of Zillmere . . . Faith Promise Scheme to be introduced with special weekend.

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**NORTH ESSENDON (Robyn Schaefer).** Minister resumed duties after leave . . . 9.30 service functioning in conjunction with S.S. . . . Mrs Schaefer visited from Germany . . . Lady from East Germany interviewed on church life in that country. She was visiting for World Conf. on Missions and Evangelism . . . Harold Reardon in Eye and Ear Hospital for eye operation . . . Sympathy to June Hurwood on the death of her brother . . . A.W.F. took service on June 8. Marj. Conning spoke on her trip to the Holy Land.

**HAMPTON (T. Hanna, D. Morffew).** Two girls spoke of their experiences at Exple '80 . . . Student ministers on College deputation. Warren Talbot speaker during their absence . . . Baptist Church shared evening service . . . Three decisions recently . . . India Venture team visited and spoke . . . Progressive dinner well attended . . . Ladies held mini fete and raised over \$200 . . . "Solo" screened . . . Boy's Club recommenced.

**SERVICETON (Pam Bowers).** Church welcomed Miss Pam Bowers as minister on June 1 . . . D. Welsh celebrated 80th birthday. Presentation of large print Bible made. Mr Welsh presided over first meeting of the church on April 12, 1931 . . . K.J. Maddern thanked for his service of 14 years as Secretary. New Secretary is D.L. Wallis.

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**ENGAGEMENT**

**CAUDWELL — TOY.** Ley and Audrey Caudwell of Highett, Vic. have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their younger daughter Wendy to Ross, younger son of Alma and Errol Toy of Pymble, N.S.W.

**RUBY WEDDING**

**SMITH — HINRICHSN.** The family of Frank and Mona have much pleasure in greeting their parents on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of their wedding celebrated at East Ipswich Church of Christ on 20 July, 1940. We praise God for such loving and caring parents. Love from Noel, Jan, Stephen and Kaye.

**GOLDEN WEDDING**

**ALLEN — QUENAULT** Doug and Gert were married at the Hampton Church of Christ by the late Randall Pittman on 19th July, 1930. Their family have much pleasure in congratulating them and happily join with them in celebrating their 50th. Wedding Anniversary. Love and best wishes from Pat and Graham, Joan, and grandchildren Kerrie and Ian, Peter, David; Sandra, Rodney, Jenny and Ainslie, 10/19 Wickham Road, Moorabbin, 3189.

**KRUGER — HINRICHSN.** The family of David and Lucy have much pleasure in greeting their parents on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary celebrated at the East Ipswich Church of Christ "Thanks be to God". Present address 72 Devitt Ave., Payneham Sth. S.A. 5070.

**DEATHS**

**THURGOOD.** On 13th June (suddenly) at his home, 46 Murrumbena Road, Murrumbena, Victoria. Alister George. Beloved husband of Thelma, loving father of Max and Maria, father-in-law of Ian and Miki, devoted Pa of Tah, John, Maureen and Elizabeth, loving brother of Keith and Elsie (Mrs Grif-fiths).

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 ● Julie Ryan, Michael Nissi, Kim Cundill, Jennifer Gray, Boronia, Vic. ● Elizabeth Fordyce, Micharl Fordyce, Engadine, N.S.W.

### MARRIAGES

● Arlene Edwards to Barry Parker, Maryborough, Vic. ● Anthea Woodward to Ian Parker, Boronia, Vic.

### DEATHS

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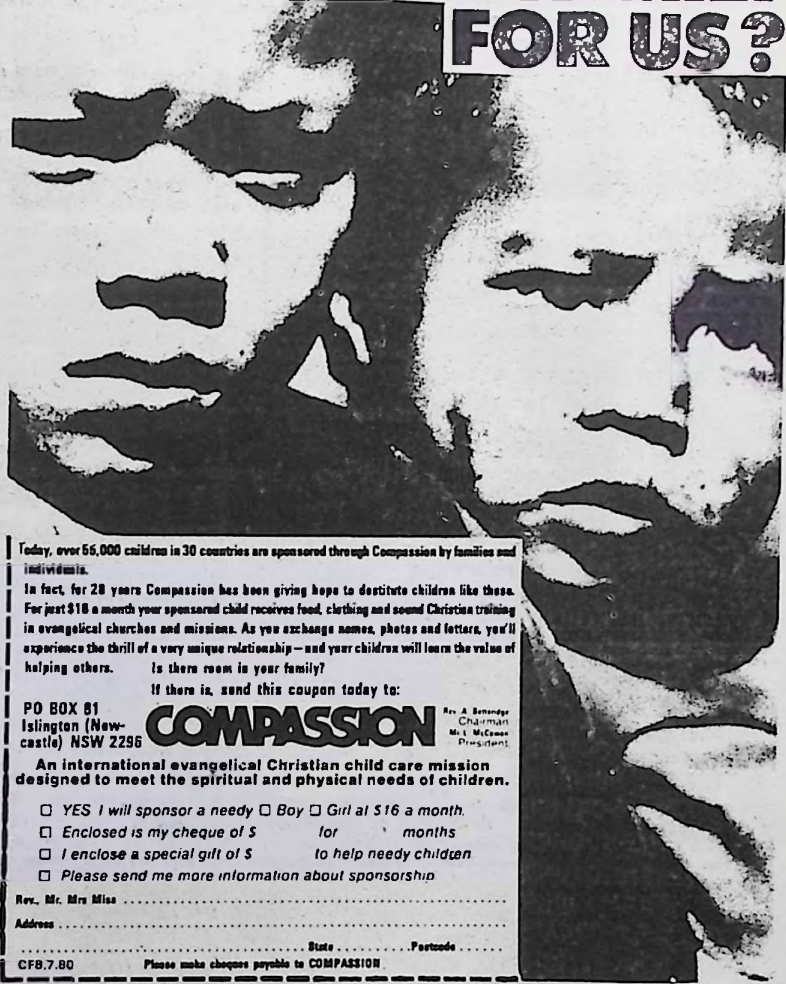
**ENGADINE** (E. S. Thomas). Junior Church children supporting boy from Compassion . . . Ladies' held "Winter Warmth" night at Olive Bagley's home with Phyllis Marley as chief cook . . . Mrs May Law moving to C. of C. units at Thirroul . . . Church anniversary held July 6 . . . JETS (Jesus early teens) group started for 12 and 13 year old girls under leadership of Judith Dow, Judith Hodgekiss and Chris Allen (American exchange student) . . . Sympathy to John Foskett on the death of his father.

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**BORONIA** (Harvey Miller). Several members attended W.C.C. Conf. on Mission and Evangelism. Rev. Alwyn McConachie, Church of Ireland, guest at church . . . Iris Lawson accepted call to joint ministry commencing 1981 . . . Barbecue lunch followed by football match against Croydon church held on Queen's Birthday holiday . . . Regular combined evening service held with Baptist church . . . Young adults group reformed . . . Song group assisting in services . . . F. L. Van Laar, Croydon, Dr Trevor Banks, Dept. of Christian Union recent speakers . . . Evening services for July — August commence 5 p.m.

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**BLACKWOOD** (L. Cooke, T. Giles). Nola Giles in hospital . . . 115 leaders and y.p. in camp at Longwood. Eight decisions climaxed camp . . . Local advertisements for Friendship Centre has brought response . . . Men's, boys' and women's football teams challenged local Uniting Church.

**MARION** (E.P.C. Hollard). Features at Five commenced on June 1 for the winter months. Preachers have been Dr John Court — Flinders Uni. and Father John Fleming — Anglican media personality . . . Dr Keith Bowes speaker at recent morning service. Robin Frost soloist . . . Several attending World Convention in Honolulu including minister and wife . . . Three confessions of faith recently. Husband and wife made confession and rededication . . . Elva McGuire, Mrs Jennifer Curtis and Mrs Barbara Page all in hospital.

# TAS

**LAUNCESTON** (M. D. Hamilton, R. J. Allison.) C.W.F. listened to tapes of Women's Conf. for Victoria/Tasmania and reports from L. Birtwistle (Tas. Pres.) . . . "New Gene" members shared long weekend activities with Hobart Y.P. . . . Winter 4.30 p.m. service commenced.

# VIC

**HARTWELL** (K.W. Barton). Bruce Clapp from Albany, W.A., to commence ministry at Hartwell . . . Prayer group meeting each Monday in members' homes . . . C.W.E.F. had audio-visual "Upstairs and Downstairs in Pioneer Australia". Photographic display depicted early Australia as told by children. Members showed items from pioneer days in their families . . . C.W.A.F. held day rolling bandages for Leprosy Mission . . . C.W.A.F. Gardiner and Hartwell groups shared meeting . . . Musical items, missionary focus and character portrayals of women from The Bible and modern times held.

# VIC

**WARRACKNABEAL, BRIM, DIMBOOLA** (R. W. Marshall). Harvest Thanksgiving held at Brim and Dimboola ... Mrs Parsons celebrated her 96th birthday ... Wes Harmer had surgery in Ballarat ... Mrs Baum suffered broken arm ... Brim held special Mother's Day breakfast and service afterwards ... Minister and wife and secretary attended State Conf ... Dimboola saddened by death of two faithful members, Mr Catermole and Harry Holland ... David Harmer and Dr Gray speakers at Warracknabeal ... \$214 raised at Trash and Treasure held at W'beal.

**HORSHAM** (W. Gibney). Married lady from Quantong baptised ... Chapel available for Prayer for Unity day sponsored by A.E.A. ... Tea and evening held as "Get to Know You" ... Emergency home service commenced ... C.W.E.F. invited husbands and officers and wives to "Fishing Night" ... Kylie Wills suffered broken pelvis in car accident.

**WARRAGUL** (B. Crowden). Sympathy expressed to Mrs Pearl Sherwood and family on the death of Jim Sherwood ... Ted Gray shared in both services and showed film of work in N.G. ... B. Crowden conducting training sessions for presidents, readers and helpers ... Dr G. Whiting recent guest speaker at both services. Evening address taped.

**CASTLEMAINE** (Peter Haylock). B.S. open day held ... Nine week course held for second group of ladies on Philosophy of Christian Womanhood — a practical application of Scripture to a woman's daily life ... Y.P. share in gospel services ... Sharing groups held.

**SPRINGVALE**. (Reg Combridge). C.W.A.F. and C.W.E.F. held combined birthday. Mrs Gaye Brown, Wycliffe Translators, speaker ... Myrtle Mackinnon and Harry Millard home from hospital ... Reg Combridge tendered resignation after five years ... Mens fellowship tea held. Reg Combridge spoke on missionary and political scene in New Hebrides ... Ichthus Club held youth tea, church parade with film ... Ichthus lamington drive made \$160 profit to subsidise cost of camp at Mill Valley Ranch.

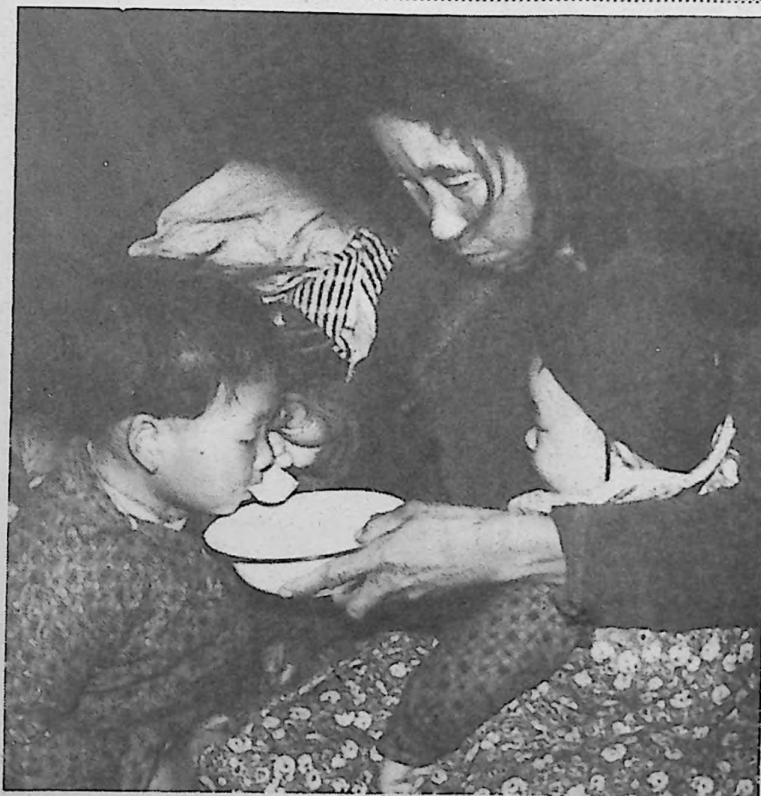
**SWAN HILL** (J.A. Caporn). Joint hall opening and 70th anniversary on Queen's Birthday weekend. Don Smith (Dept. M.E.D.), Allan Avery (Frankston) speakers ... Morning service attendance record. Overflow in hall shared in service via closed circuit T.V. ... Youth Group held "Sit-upon" to assist N.G. air charter project.

**MARYBOROUGH** (K. Haythorpe). Nunawading church led worship for church anniversary. Paul Burnham speaker. Meals held Saturday and Sunday ... E.W.F. celebrated birthday with casserole luncheon. Trio contributed items. Tape of Mrs Barbara McKay played ... Church sympathises with Mary Weir on the death of her father in America ... Bargain Centre closed after a number of years.

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According to a spokesperson on their movement they currently have about 100 members of whom 60 are full-time and who live in four communities (Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Canberra.)

Rev. Moon was formerly a member of the Korean Presbyterian Church but he was ousted from that church. The current movement was organised about 1959 but the core of his teaching as set out in "Divine Principle" were given to Sun Myung Moon in a vision during the 1930's.

The Unification Church accepts the Bible as being God's revelation. The official statement about the "Divine Principle" is that it has been God's special revelation. In practice the members of this group interpret the Bible by the key as provided in "Divine Principle". Probably if pushed they would say that the interpretation takes precedence over the Bible and thus this writing becomes the Bible for the Unification Church.

Much of what they say in their description of their beliefs has a very biblical ring to it. They claim that God created the world and man especially as perfect but because of the Fall man is no longer in that relationship with God. Jesus Christ is the second Adam sent to re-establish the perfect marriage state under the fatherhood of God. This was his primary aim and only because of the Jewish leaders not wishing to listen to his message was he crucified. Through his sacrificial death and his spiritual resurrection people can be

saved at a spiritual level but this was only a secondary mission not what God originally intended for Christ.

Jesus failed because he did not marry and restore the family which was lost in the Garden of Eden. Thus the Unification Church is looking for the return of the Messiah (the Third Adam) who will be Christ in the fact that his spiritual nature will be in perfect union with the resurrected spiritual Jesus. This Third Adam will fulfill God's plan by blessing the perfected Adam and Eve in heavenly matrimony thus laying the foundation of the Kingdom on Earth. By reading the "Divine Principle" it would appear that Christ would come around 1920 (after the great war) and it would be in the nation of Korea. This seems to fit in with the birth of Sun Myung Moon. However, the Unification Church does not officially claim that Sun Myung Moon is the Messiah. The present position is that he is the one preparing for the Lord (a John the Baptist type.) The Messiah will have to be received by mankind before he has fulfilled his mission and then we will know he is the Messiah by his success. Privately many of the Unification Church believe that Sun Myung Moon is the Third Adam.

From my reading and discussions it would appear that for the Unification Church the resurrection of Jesus was not a bodily resurrection.

They place a large emphasis on marriage and this has led to large marriage ceremonies with over 1000 being married at the one time. The emphasis on the sanctity of marriage and the need for each marriage to be dedicated to God and to be a part of the achievement of God's Kingdom is something that we need in the church today.

This sect has enough of the truth in their teaching to make them attractive and yet they do not follow the Bible.

# THE LAST WORD

The greatest pleasure I know is to do a good action by stealth and to have it found out by accident.

— Charles Lamb

### Perplexed

We fertilize and lime and sow  
Just to get some grass to grow ...  
Then why is it we always moan  
When we must mow what we  
have sown?

GEORGE L. EHRMAN

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The wife was trying to get her husband to purchase a new car, but he didn't seem to like the idea.

"What," he roared, "me buy a new car? Do you think they grow on trees?"

"Of course not, silly," replied his wife calmly. "Everyone knows they come from plants."

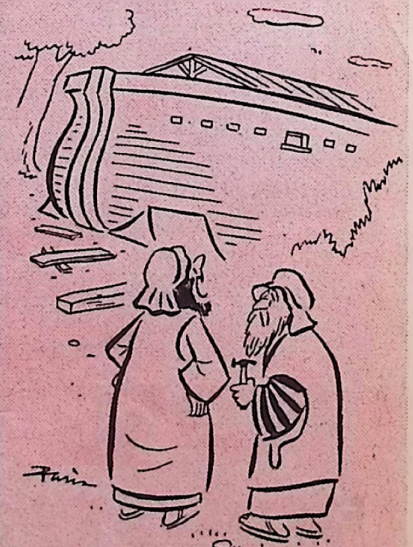
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Teacher: "If you had six candy bars and Tom asked you for three of them, how many would you have left?"

Johnny: "Six."

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Conscience won't keep you from doing wrong, but it may keep you from enjoying it.



"That's a pretty good job, Noah. Have you ever thought of building a small one for the leisure market?"

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