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MARYBOROUGH QLD.

SINGLES CONFERENCE GIVES VALUES FOR LIVING

Singles from three States met together on Anzac weekend for the first National Singles' "Conference in the Country" held at Tallangatta on the shores of Lake Hume. A total of 75 people who were either unmarried, separated, widowed or divorced, gave the speakers, Dr Clair Isbister, O.B.E., and Father Vincent Kiss, loud acclaim for their addresses on the theme "Values for Living".

Dr Isbister traced the historical and legal developments that have led to the increasing number of marriage breakdowns. She explained the effects of law changes, especially in the area of the Family Law Act, on single parents and their children. She urged the Conference to look at ways of easing the financial burden suffered by single parent families. She advocated less welfare and more part-time employment opportunities.

Father Kiss, Catholic Priest, Behavioural Scientist and Executive Director of the Victorian Youth Council encouraged singles to come to terms with their fears and work on removing their masks that alienate them from others. He presented a five point programme for becoming a fully alive person.

PRACTICAL LIVING SEMINARS

Seminar groups run on a mutual help basis enabled the participants to tackle the day by day problems of living alone. Elective seminars were held on True Friendship, Creative Leisure, Making Ends Meet and Keeping Priorities in Balance.

COUNTRY CAPERS

In the crisp country air it was invigorating to join in throwing horseshoes, hurling rolling pins, bouncing along in the sack race and enjoying the fun of the hay ride at the Hootenany afternoon. A tour of the country took in a trout farm, inspected and watched the milking of 460 cows on the mechanised milking roundabout and took in the beautiful scenery of the Mitta Valley. At night it was yarns and laughs around the campfire and dancing to the local country band.

A GALILEE EXPERIENCE

With the mists still lying in the valley and the sun shining on the mountain tops



Dr. Clair Isbister

in the early morning the days commenced with thankfulness to God. On Sunday morning the Conference shared together in Communion around the Lord's Table.

JUST A BEGINNING

Bob Aldred, President of the National Singles Association and Minister of the Albury Church of Christ, which hosted the Conference, said that the weekend was successful beyond all expectations. The Conference is just a beginning and plans are already underway for the next Conference to be held at Easter. A camp for the children of single parents would be held concurrently at a nearby centre.

TENNIS AT BARHAM

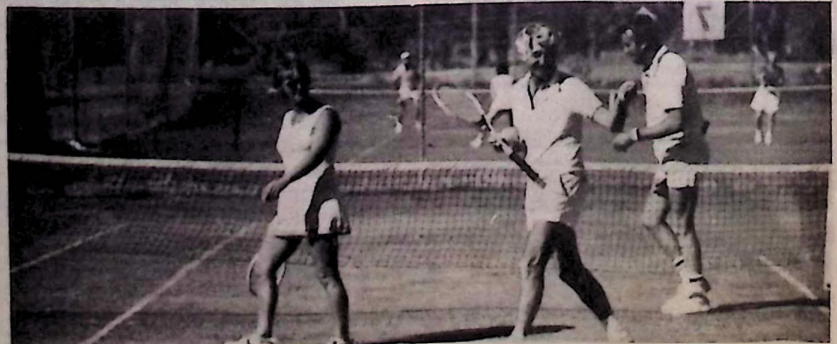
The Victorian Baptist and Churches of Christ Tennis Association is in its 42nd year. It began in 1938 when six clubs and eight teams competed and now, in 1980, 52 clubs and 168 teams are involved in weekly competition.

One of the more recent advancements of the Association has been an Easter tournament. For the second successive year this tournament was held at the twin towns of Koondrook-Barham on the Murray River.

With approximately 150 people from 18 clubs participating, accommodation and organisation at both ends was an extensive task with Bill Parker (Association President) and Ken Merry (Vice-President) from Melbourne and Jeff Emmerson (Barham Baptist Minister) and Horace Hahns at Barham being in complete control of the whole tour. The congregation at Koondrook-Barham were so keen to have us return this year that they made extra accommodation available on nearby properties.

Apart from the two days of tennis the highlights of the tour were the welcome dinner at the Barham Country Club, the Saturday night social and the Easter Sunday morning Communion Service led by Bill Parker, Pastor Philip Hughes (Ivanhoe Baptist) and Jeff Emmerson, where over 230 locals and "tourists" worshipped in the Koondrook Hall.

The round-robin type, self-handicapping tournament was again a tremendous success with 105 players playing on both days. After the 18 winners were presented with their prizes it was unanimously agreed to return to Koondrook-Barham over the Easter period in 1981.



Jean Trevarthen (Past Secretary), Bill Parker (President) and Ken Merry (Vice-Pres.)

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ON MY MIND

FLEXITIME FOR THE LORD

Barry Grear

Barry Grear is an elder at Elizabeth (S.A.) where in 20 years he has held most offices in the church and its auxiliaries. He is a graduate in engineering (B.Tech.) and business administration (Grad.Dip. Bus. Admin.) and is Director — Resource Management in the South Australian Department of Agriculture. Barry was chairman of the S.A. Home Missions Department and recently completed his year as President of the S.A. Conference. Barry has been nominated as the next Federal Conference President.

“Lost, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they are gone forever” — Horace Mann.

The advent of varied working hours schemes throughout the public and private sectors has widespread implications for Christians and our churches.

The different working patterns include four-day weeks, long weekends, working reduced hours on some days and longer hours on others.

In reviewing many schemes I realized that in the community, social patterns were changing to such a degree that traditional working days are increasingly inappropriate for many workers. The changes are tending to interfere with traditional church programming. However, I believe, with thought, encouragement and education we will have new opportunities for witnessing for Jesus Christ in our communities. In the name of Christ we will be able to help people to come to grips with life in all its fullness, in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and with each other.

THE PROBLEMS

The greatest problem is the absence of members at weekends. We all know the reduced attendance on long weekends as members go away to holiday resorts or visit families. This exodus is occurring more frequently as flexitime allows a “long weekend” every other week or an “Easter” once a month.

Another problem is that the opportunity for individuals to satisfy their own desires when considering their working patterns results in them taking up other interests, sport, education, hobbies. Flexitime can make it worthwhile owning a holiday house or hobby farm. These are all good in themselves but they creep into the time traditionally given to Christian fellowship and service. Have you tried to arrange a meeting of eight or ten key people lately?

THE OPPORTUNITIES

I have had limited flexibility in my working hours for many years and believe that with planning and encouragement many new possibilities for service can be realized. I have been able to work in a daytime community “drop in” centre and have been able to use an extended lunchtime to meet weekly with minister, church secretary and treasurer to ensure that the programme of the church is properly planned and that decisions made at Board meetings are being carried out. I have been able to meet with other Christians in the office for Bible study and sharing. I have been able to spend half and sometimes full days on Home Mission activities that can only be done effectively between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on a working day. On another occasion I was

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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE 1980

W.A.'s 83rd Annual Conference was held in the Christian Centre from April 15-20. The theme chosen by the Conference President, **Des Croot**, was "Growth Through the Gifts and Fruit of the Holy Spirit."

Visiting speakers **Dr D. G. Hammer** of **Kenmore Christian College** and **Dr W. Tabbernee** of the **College of the Bible** used this very appropriate and timely theme. Attendances on the whole were good and enthusiastic, although the number present on Youth Night was a little disappointing.

The large dining hall was crowded for the President's Reception on the Tuesday night. The **Warwick** and **Mukinbudin** churches brought segments informing us of what is happening in their local work. **Mukinbudin** opened its new chapel during the year and **Warwick** is rejoicing in large meetings and growing membership. **Dr Tabbernee** spoke on "The Church, God's Community."

During Conference week a ministers' "in service" seminar was held and on the Wednesday evening a helpful discussion session (part of the seminar but open to all active church leaders) enabled our two visiting "doctors" to do some diagnosing and prescribing.

The Women's Auxiliary Conference on the Thursday was presided over by **Mrs Dolores Wells** and concluded with a fine evening rally at which **Dr Hammer** was the guest speaker.

The first business session of Conference, on the Friday evening, consisted of an examination of the committee's reports by 15 deliberative groups. The number and variety of questions and

comments indicated a healthy interest in the year's activities. By the time the plenary session commenced on the following morning, committee representatives and the secretariat had prepared typed summaries of the questions and answers for distribution to the delegates. This facilitated the day's business, allowing time for **Diana Catts** and **Fay Christensen**, on furlough from **New Guinea**, to bring us some information and a greeting.

As the first item of business it was a pleasure to formally admit the new church at **Rockingham** to our Conference of Churches in W.A.

The Constitution was amended to amalgamate the Youth & Christian Education Committee and the Training Committee. Over the years the Training Committee has served the churches well with many training programs and assistance of various kinds; its activities will now be incorporated into the work of the Youth & Christian Education Committee.

The Youth Night program deserved a larger attendance. The **C.E. Choir**, led by **Ian Johnston**, presented a splendid musical program followed by an apposite message from **Dr Tabbernee** on "The Coca-Cola Philosophy."

On the Sunday afternoon Conference came to a fitting climax with the Conference Sermon presented by **Dr Hammer** on "For the Work of the Ministry." The incoming Conference President, **F. J. Raymond** was introduced and challenged the Brotherhood with his theme for the year on the "Ministry of Reconciliation" referred to in **II Corinthians 5:18**.

QUEENSLAND WOMEN CAMPING AT CALOUNDRA

On the weekend of April 18-20, 167 women converged on "Camp Cal", Caloundra (Qld) to take part in the Q.C.W.F. annual Women's Camp. They came from as far north as **Bundaberg**, as far south as **Tweed Heads** and as far west as **Roma**.

On Friday evening we had bright singing followed by "getting to know one another" games, followed by devotions and supper.

The Saturday morning "Quiet Time" which was held in the tranquil setting of the open air chapel brought us all very close to God. The studies were taken by **Mrs Ivy Holloway** from **Southport's Golden Age Village** church. Her subject was the "Lord's Prayer". She shared with us her experiences of many years as she learnt to pray more effectively.

After dinner on Saturday night, Q.C.W.F. president, **Mrs Connie Roberts**, held a "President's Hour" where the presidents and secretaries from all fellowships represented met together to share ideas. This was followed by a concert.

A beautiful and inspiring sunrise service which included Communion was held on the terrace at 6.30 a.m. on Sunday. The day was overcast as we looked towards the east, the rising sun, appearing above the bank of cloud, tipped the edges of the cloud with gold and reminded us of the majesty of God.

Studies followed breakfast. The camp meals were prepared by a cheerful group of men.

— Esme Schulz

GIRLS' CLUB LEADERS TO RETIRE

At the Vic/Tas Conference **Don Smith** of the Department of Mission, Education and Development announced that **Miss Rita Roberts, M.B.E.**, leader of the Good Companions work, and **Miss Dot Reynolds**, her deputy, would retire at the end of 1980. **Miss Roberts** will complete over 40 years of leadership of Good Companions work in Victoria. During this time she has become known to generations of leaders and girls. **Dot Reynolds** has worked with her for much of this time, and has been an enthusiastic and able member of executive. A recognition and farewell will be held later in 1980.

Successors

The Department in consultation with the Good Companions executive has appointed **Mrs Dot Brooker** as leader and **Mrs Elva Livett** as deputy leader from 1981. **Mrs Brooker** will assume leadership responsibility at a time when her husband will shortly commence his term of President of Conference.

THE THIRD WORLD WAR

A Development Action Program

The poverty existing in the world is now such that the casualty rate through illness and starvation is equivalent to that of another World War. For this reason **Community Aid Abroad** is planning a novel program designed to involve thousands of people around Australia in a four week study/action course on international development. The informal study program is designed to analyse the causes of poverty at home and abroad and to look at appropriate action.

The Third World War program is timed to coincide with the beginning of the United Nation's Third Development Decade.

In a significant departure from its traditional role as an overseas aid organisation, **CAA** will, through this programme, seek to assess the links between poverty and development in Australia and that in the Third World. Issues such as unemployment, trade and

even food costs will come under scrutiny during the study.

Community Aid Abroad regards the confrontation of these issues as the challenge of the 80s for all those concerned about their future. The Third World War Program will therefore seek to involve people from every sphere of life. This program will commence in July and will consist of a series of weekly discussion evenings held by groups of people in their own homes over a period of four weeks.

Each week the discussion groups will confront questions such as why two-thirds of the world's population must struggle to obtain sufficient food to live, why unemployment is a world-wide problem and why Australia gives military and economic aid to countries such as **Indonesia**. At the end of the program people will be encouraged to consider strategies and actions for the 80s, both for themselves as individuals and for the nation as a whole.

People wishing to register for the program should contact: **Community Aid Abroad**, 75 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy, 3065. Phone (03) 419 7055.

REGISTER NOW FOR 38th FEDERAL CONFERENCE

Members are encouraged to register now for our 38th FEDERAL CONFERENCE. 204 registrations have been received up to the end of April. Although registrations will be received after July 31, it is planned to allocate immediately after July 31, all accommodation in order of receipt of registrations. Late registrations will then need to accept available space.

Excellent Panel of Speakers

Participants in Federal Conference can look forward to some very fine messages.

Speakers for the evening rallies are as follows:

Friday, 7.30 p.m. — President's Night. Speaker: G. K. Moyes.

Saturday, 7.30 p.m. — Launching Rally — National Strategy on Evangelism — B. McMurtrie.

Sunday, 7.30 p.m. — Musical Presentation — W. Newton.

Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. — Panel.

Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. — Final Rally — G. Agnew.

Tours

We strongly recommend that you consider the Snowy Mountains and Canberra tour following Federal Conference. While several tours are offered, this one is the best because of the co-operation of the Canberra churches and their accommodation scheme. This tour will visit Canberra and the Snowy Mountains and participants will be able to share in Sunday services at Canberra on Sunday, October 12, 1980, before returning to your home State.

Christian Fellowship

One of the advantages of holding the Conference at Stanwell Tops Christian Conference Centre is that during free time and at meals, members from all over Australia will have the opportunity of getting to know members from other States and participating in Christian fellowship together. Apart from those electing to eat in their own caravans all those attending the Conference will eat in the main dining room. One of the unique features of the Christian faith is the value of fellowship and there will be ample opportunity for this during our forthcoming Federal Conference.

— KEVIN E. CRAWFORD



Boronia Park

INSIDE THE WORD

BY GORDON MOYES

No. 2

Mark 5:1-20

1. THEN AND THERE

After the teachings of the parables, Mark now recalls the miracles of healing. There are other accounts of demon possession being healed (1:26, 1:32, 3:15). This man had long been under treatment as was the woman with the haemorrhage (5:25-34).

Attempts to treat this maniac were typical of the styles of treatment used in mental hospitals in the Victorian era: isolation, rejection, chains, outer restraint to curb inner aggression.

Driven out of his community, this mentally ill man lived in the local cemetery. Like the lepers (Luke 8:29), he was forced to isolate himself from society. His mental illness exploded into acts of self abuse (v. 5).

The authority of Jesus is clear. He believes in reality therapy and enquires into the nature of the inhabiting evil and illness.

The external sign (the destruction of nearby pigs) convinces the possessed man of his inner healing by divine power.

Note the paradox: the fearful pig herders begged Jesus to leave him, and He granted their request. The healed man wanted to travel with Jesus but He refused that request, insisting that the man was to witness to his healing in his home town. Sometimes, to get what we pray for would be the worst thing God could grant. God knows best and may actually answer our deepest need by denying our immediate prayer.

2. HERE AND NOW

As part of my work I have the oversight of Waddell House Private Hospital. This is the only Christian psychiatric hospital in Australia. Our ten psychiatrists, psychologists, and other medical specialists join with our ministers and chaplains, and Christian staff, in the healing of disturbed people. (One of our psychiatrists is a leading Churches of Christ practitioner.)

HOW FAITH IN JESUS MAKES YOU WHOLE

Those specialists work together for the healing of body, mind and spirit.

The healing of the possessed man outlines the methods by which Jesus still makes some people whole today:

1. Jesus confronts you (v. 1-5). Jesus comes to this man. He always comes seeking to save the lost. Possessed people live their lives bound with broken chains, living among the dead. Only those who know the effect of mental illness realise how apt is this description of being bound with broken chains, living among the dead. But even to the most possessed person Jesus comes.
2. Jesus disturbs you (v. 6-7). "Do not torment me, Jesus, Son of the most high God." Frequently Jesus disturbs people (Luke 5:8, Acts 26:14-16, Luke 4:29, Mark 5:17). He disturbs people's comfort and complacency and confronts them with themselves, their needs, their guilt, their sin and their brokenness.
3. Jesus provokes you (v. 9-10). Jesus calls for a response: "What is your name?" and thereby touches the centre of our need. The confession of our inner need starts the healing process.
4. Jesus restores you (v. 11-16). Jesus restores this man to wholeness — "Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless may we be." He restored the man from bondage and to wholeness of mind. The man was sitting there clothed and in his right mind. Once more, as with the woman with the haemorrhage, faith had made him whole.
5. Jesus commissions you (v. 17-20). The healed man now wanted to become a disciple of Jesus and an overseas missionary immediately, but Jesus sent him back to his family, friends and community, to witness to how much the Lord in His mercy had done for him. Those who know us at our worst must see the salvation of the Lord within us first. Faith in Jesus is still today making people whole.

THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY

Ron Elbourne is the new President of the Victorian-Tasmanian Conference. At the recent Conference he made a stirring policy speech. We print it here because of its relevance to all Conference leadership, to the leaders of our Australian churches, and to the rest of us.

"LET THERE BE LIFE"

The Church has a clear-cut and specific task, given to her by our Lord himself. "Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

If the Church fails here, she fails her Lord at the very core of her being. It does not matter what else the Church does well, if we are not effective in evangelism we are disobedient to a primary command of Christ.

CHURCH GROWTH

This is why I am convinced that church growth is of paramount importance as we face the 1980s. When I use the term "church growth" I mean evangelism which is effective.

I am convinced that the time has come for our brotherhood to set "faith goals". Is a 10% growth rate per annum beyond us? If this goal is realistic we would witness a growth from approximately 11,000 members at this present time to 27,000 members in 1990.

Some churches have been able to maintain a 10% growth over the past couple of years. I believe this is not beyond us as a brotherhood.

ADMINISTRATION

The God who by his Spirit distributes the gifts to his people which are necessary to exercise total ministry, included the gifts of administration and organization.

This is to achieve what the apostle Paul had in mind when he declared: "Everything must be done in a proper and orderly way." (1 Cor. 14:40)

In our modern speech we would say: "Let the Church have management by objectives and not management by crisis."

Conference Executive must become a policy-making and planning group. Looking at the next decade, long-term, medium term, and short-term goals must be set.

Jesus said we must be as wise as serpents and harmless as doves. I believe that he means we are to have cool heads and warm hearts. This is a call for rational planning and compassionate caring. Each President should contribute to the overall planning of Conference Executive and not vice-versa.

If we aim at the moon, at least we may arrive on the top of the haystack!



FINANCE

The next few years will see increasing financial pressure on our brotherhood. Inflationary trends are already putting a "full-time" ministry beyond even some of our medium-sized churches.

It is my intention to encourage Conference Executive to establish a Foundation or Trust for the benefit of our churches. If we could form a Trust of 1 million dollars, the interest from investment could provide \$2,000 weekly for effective ministry in our brotherhood. We need to do some long-term planning in this area.

I also want to stimulate Conference Executive to think through some effective methods of pastoral care. This would help to alleviate our current problem of losing from membership as many as we gain each year.

A day of special prayer will be promoted in which we repent of our negligence in evangelism and re-dedicate ourselves to the task our Lord committed to us.

As a basis for effective evangelism a coordinated, State-wide Bible-study programme will be considered. The Bethel or Kerygma series would give a helpful overview of the Scriptures. This would become the motivation for church growth.

I am challenging our churches to this kind of comprehensive, far-reaching programme. My theme is "Let There Be Life." We need to experience the life of God's Spirit as individuals, as churches and as a brotherhood.

Some may say the vision is too ambitious and beyond the scope of churches zealous for their local autonomy. I would respond with the words spoken by Robert Kennedy in his candidacy for the U.S. Presidency.

"Some men see things as they are and ask 'Why'? I see things that never were and ask 'Why not'?"

DRAMATIC CLIMAX TO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The South Eastern District Conference (S.A.) was held at Mount Gambier on May 3. Delegates and members from Bordertown, Wamponny, Tarpeena, Naracoorte, Mundulla, Keith and Mount Gambier gathered under President Trafford Paternoster and Secretary Doug Fimmel.

Ed Roffey reported on Brotherhood activities and explained implications of the commission of inquiry received at State Conference. Colin Dredge, Rest Home administrator, outlined new projects including the real possibility of a 30 bed hostel complex sited at Mount Gambier. Ted Heard, Home Missions Director, proposed a regional conference at Naracoorte in July to develop local initiatives for the national strategy of evangelism. Statistics recorded an overall growth in membership in the S.E. of S.A.

A feature of Conference was the inspirational sessions. Guest speaker Will Philp of Fullarton preached on "Christ, the Church and Spiritual Resources". Kaye Bails from Geelong and Jeff Nicholls, Naracoorte, sang.

A local timber feller, attracted by an advertisement in the local paper sat through the sessions and spoke at length with the singers and the preacher during meal breaks. He was recently released after several years imprisonment. In the closing service he made a confession of faith to the minister Roger Brown.

This made a joyful conclusion to the annual conference and members returned to their churches rejoicing.

— Roger Brown.

CHRISTIANS IN MANCHURIA

Word has recently been received from F.E.B.C.'s Korean station HIDA, that they have received their first response from Korean Christians in Manchuria. There are about three million Koreans living in Manchuria who moved there when Korea was under Japanese rule; this group originally included 50,000 Christians.

When China became more open this year, Koreans in Manchuria began writing to HLAZ. It was learned that there are many, many Korean Christians in Manchuria worshipping secretly and without Bibles.

Letters indicate that the programs have been their "radio missionary". Many have accepted the Lord through listening to the broadcasts. One 15-year-old boy wrote that he had obtained his Bible in the only available way . . . He had finished copying the entire New Testament as it was dictated on the air for five minutes a day!

THE WARWICKS IN AFRICA AT LAST

Val and Steve Warwick are now at Elwa Church Diko, P.A. Diko, P.O. Box 17, Suleja, Niger State, Nigeria.

Steve is teaching Christian Knowledge and English in the Government secondary school and Val is conducting Bible study groups for girls and women.

PSALM 57:7-11

"My heart is fixed" does not mean that my brain is petrified. A "fixed heart" is one which trusts supremely in God. "Thou shalt love God with thy mind." (365 Windows — Luccock)



WOMEN AT WORK FOR CHRISTIAN WELFARE CENTRE

S. Walkington, W.A.

Over the past twenty years, women in the Western Australian Brotherhood have demonstrated love and concern for many of their fellows and no estimation could be given of lives touched and made aware of God's love.

A few of our women have been and are on the full-time or part-time staff, and they make a valuable and unmistakable witness to their Christian faith in the day to day running of what is now a large organisation. Many women with other skills give one or two days a week in voluntary work, such as: receptionist for the day is from Wembley Downs church, lady in charge of the welfare section office from Dianella church, workroom supervised by president of the Scarborough Fellowship, the sorting area is in the capable hands of a 78-year young lady from South Perth, the Budget Shop in the care of people from North Beach, Dalkeith Rd., Inglewood, lunches made by someone from Rivervale, the office counselling area is manned by a member from Bullcreek, and almost every day a new team is drawn from other churches and from interested friends.

All of this would be meaningless without the invisible army of women "out there" in the churches who combine their time, talents, and finances to make the Centre a going concern. "Out there" someone is gathering boxes of groceries, washing, mending, and sending in boxes of clothes suitable to be given, or sold in the Budget Shop. Ladies are knitting baby clothes, recycling wool for children's jumpers and knitting beautiful garments, taking home cut out pyjamas, shirts and other children's clothes to make up. They save panty hose (cut up for cushions in the therapy section), save large paper and plastic bags, and margarine containers. People ring in to donate furniture. Women cut up squares for rugs, make patchwork rugs and crochet blankets. They tell their friends and neighbours of the centre's needs and pray for all the counsellors and interviewers.

God bless the women in our churches.

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

TODAY'S WOMEN



S.A. CAMPING "COMING OF AGE"

To celebrate 21st Camp — Decorate platform of rustic hall with bright curtain backdrop, white trellis and large potplants.

Write on balloons for "getting to know you" game opening night, and use for decorations.

Invite a former Federal President-C.W.F. who will use film strip, dramatisation, posters, questionnaire, and talking book to lead into 12 small groups.

Have a 'slap-up' party dinner on Saturday night with tables decorated with thick paper cloths, candle, and paper sunflower centre pieces, and chicken and pavlovas to eat.

Make sure you invite members of original planning committee, and get them to bring reminiscences — sure to be hilarious as well as serious.

Have a country lady of many camps offer to provide decorated cake.

Arrange items by visiting artists.

Close with devotions by first Camp Leader (in our case Pauline Crosby).

Guaranteed — lots of fun and friends with thankfulness to God who makes it all possible. (Guess who had a terrific camp! Ed.)

A. Saunders, S.A.



W.C.W.F. CONVENTION

A Highlight of the World Convention, to be held in Honolulu next July, will be the 25th anniversary celebration of the World Christian Women's Fellowship. Women from many countries will meet to "GO SHARE THE WORD" — the chosen theme.

This historic meeting, which will begin with breakfast at 8.30 a.m. on July 19th, will be attended by 2,600 women including many from Australia. Miss Jessie Trout, founder of W.C.W.F. will relate its history. It is interesting to recall that the first move toward formation of a world organisation, came from Australia in 1951. It was discussed at the World Convention in Melbourne 1952, and W.C.W.F. came into being in 1959, at the World Convention in Toronto, Canada.

One representative from Thailand, Puerto Rico and Australia will share what 'it has meant to belong to W.C.W.F.' Mrs Gloria Santos, President — Asian Church Women's Conference, will bring the main address.

Prior to World Convention, a C.W.F. three day Retreat will be held at Chaminade University of Honolulu. Mrs Shanti Solomon, founder of Fellowship of the Least Coin, will conduct Bible Studies. Women from 13 countries will attend — three delegates are from Australia. Mrs Marjorie Baker of N.S.W., Federal President, Mrs Alice Saunders, S.A., incoming Australian member of the W.C.W.F. executive, and Mrs Gladys Mackenzie, Victoria, retiring world executive member, are the three delegates.

Pray that the challenge and inspiration of "SHARING THE WORD" will find a response in C.W.F. everywhere. Glad Mackenzie.

MT GAMBIER S.A.

South-Eastern District Women's Conference was held at Mount Gambier S.A. 8th May, when 51 ladies were present from Keith, Bordertown, Naracoorte, Mundalla, Wamponny, and Tarpeena churches. Guest speaker Lesley Stirling led morning worship on "Love — total selfgiving — Complete Love".

1979-80 Project Offering for Overseas mission amounted to \$656.50 and was received by Mr McLean, to be used for a gas stove and household use in Mission home. 1980-81 Project will aid Roelands Mission. Ladies from other Mt. Gambier churches joined us in the afternoon to hear a message "Love under Pressure" from Lesley Stirling.

Pam McKinlay, Mt Gambier. S.A.

TASMANIA

The 58th Conference of C.W.F. in Tasmania was held at Ulverstone. President June Younger presided over the gathering of representatives from as far south as Nubeena. Special greetings were brought from Bombay Women's Fellowship through Kym Heier, a member of India Sharing Venture. Helen Banks, Vic.-Tas. C.W.F. Pres.-Elec, led Devotions on the theme, "The Fruit of the Spirit". Ulverstone ladies rendered a musical item. Last Women's Camp was held at our own Conference Centre at Bicheno for first time, and further development of the site is envisaged. Appreciation of many years of service on Executive of Gwen Swinton and Pat Sice was placed on record.

Officers for 1980-81: President, L. Birtwistle; vice-presidents, J. Younger and G. Hamilton; secretary, L. Armstrong; treasurer, E. Green.

P. Harrison, Tas.



Tasmanian C.W.F. Executive

Back Row: P. Harrison, J. Younger, E. Green, G. Hamilton, L. Arnot, N. Gibson.

Front Row: L. Armstrong, J. Porter, P. Cleaver, L. Birtwistle, T. Daniel.

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.

THOSE GIFTS TO COMBAT RACISM!

To the Editor,

It is often difficult to discover real truth when it relates to world issues. The World Council of Churches' gifts to combat racism, which created such a stir last year, is one of these issues.

It was predicted that when Mr Robert Mugabe came to power in Zimbabwe there would be a "blood bath" and the country would be communist. The interesting thing is that in an election declared to be fair by the world, he won Government by something like a three to one majority. He appointed a non-party member (Methodist minister) as the President. Most countries were represented at the Independence celebrations, including Australia, by the Prime Minister, who flew there for the occasion. The Soviet and East Germany did not attend. Members of his opposition have been included in his cabinet. It is now known that Mr Mugabe has never been a communist. He was educated in a Roman Catholic School. He did spend 10 years of his life in Rhodesian jails and on coming to power, seems to have been able to "turn the other cheek".

Perhaps the gift of help for medical and food supplies made by the Council was right after all. What a pity our papers have never admitted an error of judgment.

— Keith Horne, Doncaster, Vic.

IN PRAISE OF "MUSTARD SEEDS"

To the Editor,

I feel compelled to write a word of encouragement to the Australian Christian and Alan Austin for Mustard Seeds, for surely the issues which Alan raises have a place in a Christian Magazine. As for political bias, how about Matt. 7:3. Keep up the good work.

Roy Minahan (Surrey Hills, Vic.)

HOW CAN WE KEEP OUR KIDS HAPPY IN THE CHURCH?

How can we keep our children happy in the church now? How can we be sure of them becoming happy adults in the church? How can we be certain that they will continue to be happy to serve Christ and the church?

David McKay of Kenmore Christian College has chosen these questions as the basis of a thesis he is writing as a final year student. He would like to correspond with anyone interested or experienced in these matters. This does not exclude the worried, the inexperienced, the deluded. It includes those with theories about children in the church, but who do not have children themselves. It includes those with children, but no theories.

David would like to send you one of his questionnaires. If you are interested in his findings they will be available at a price to cover his costs. His address is 9 Princeton St., Kenmore, 4069.

PLEASE RESPOND QUICKLY AS FIRST TERM HAS ALREADY PASSED.

MUSTARD SEEDS

To the Editor,

Because Alan Austin and "Mustard Seeds" appear to come in for more than their share of criticism I ask to be allowed to say a word of commendation. I continue to be disturbed when my fellow members get upset by his attacks on what he sees as specific instances of

injustice, exploitation, or insincerity in our society. When did it become unacceptable for one Christian to sometimes make another Christian upset? When did it become unacceptable for one Christian to tell his brother he has something against him? On the question of taxation I find myself in full agreement with the concept that the present total taxation package is in practice grossly biased in favour of the rich at the expense of the poor and the politically vulnerable — and I trust that our Brotherhood journal will remain open enough to allow this to be said. All around the world today there are growing numbers of regimes where dissent is stamped out. The right and opportunity to dissent must be guarded by us all — especially by the Church.

— Alan Cant. (W.A.)

TAX AVOIDANCE

To the Editor,

I read Chris Ambrose with respect. This no doubt increased my surprise and disappointment with his view on the Christian attitude to payment of taxation (A.C. 19.4.80).

As a Fellow of the Australian Society of Accountants and a former State President of the Taxpayers Association, I think tax avoidance schemes, which take advantage of loopholes in the law, are also reprehensible and many accountants (unfortunately not all) share this view and will not advise on such schemes. As Christians we should set the highest standards and I must disagree strongly with the statement that "tax avoidance is a legitimate action for a Christian". In my view tax evasion and tax avoidance are, morally, equally wrong — both actions deliberately cheat our Government and hence our fellow man, whose taxes

must remain higher because of the hundreds of millions avoided by the selfish and unscrupulous.

Is there not a parallel principle in Matt 5:27-28? To commit adultery was legally wrong. Jesus says it is equally wrong to wish to do so. To evade taxation is legally wrong; to avoid by using loopholes is equally wrong. By either method we fail to render to Caesar what is due to him. As Christians we should have no doubts.

— H. J. Payne (Brisbane, Qld.)

(I think that Chris was saying that while some forms of tax avoidance may be legal, Christians should carefully consider the extent to which they can morally be involved in any avoidance. — Ed.)

EVANGELISM THROUGH FOOD

"The way to a man's faith is through his stomach," said Louis van Laar as he pronounced grace at the Montrose church dinner recently. The dinner was part of an outreach week based on the theme "A Faith for Life" and centred around different eating events. Members of the church were encouraged to invite their neighbours to come with them to a men's breakfast, a ladies' supper evening, afternoon tea, lunch and dinner. Attendances varied greatly from a few sharing in a home for afternoon tea to over 90 people sharing for an evening meal. At each session Ian Tippett, Field Director Dept. Mission, Education & Development, spoke on an element of the theme and of how to make faith a worthwhile experience in life. A number of new positive contacts were made by the church and the week was a worthwhile experience for fellowship and bridge-building.

— Ian Tippett

"LET'S SHAKE ON IT!"

To the Editor,

I thought that "giving the right hand of fellowship" was the way that they welcomed people into the membership of the church in New Testament times. After all, haven't we been doing it in our churches every time some one is baptized, and we always follow New Testament practice.

What was my surprise then when they read Galatians 2:9 in church on Sunday. "The right hand of fellowship" wasn't the way that they received people into the church. Rather it was the way in which Peter and Paul "shook hands on" an agreement that they made when there was a bit of a conflict about whether the church's mission should be to the Jews first, or to Jews and Gentiles as well.

It reminded me of the shock I got when I discovered that the Christian Endeavour Benediction, "May the Lord watch between thee and me whilst we are absent from one another", was not a benediction at all. Rather it was a sort of "let's shake hands on it" between Jacob and his Uncle Laban because neither could trust the other. So they shook hands and prayed that the Lord would keep an eye on both of them.

I must confess that I like the idea of "the right hand of fellowship" as it was used in the New Testament. A lot of us in the church don't see eye to eye on a lot of things. So it is good to give each other "the right hand of fellowship" and shake on the fact that while we believe and behave differently, nevertheless we accept one another just the same.

— TERTIUS

The "Australian Christian" goes to
MARYBOROUGH, QLD.

On a recent visit to Queensland the "A.C." talked to **Jim Deutchmann** who is full-time as the Elder/Administrator for the church. Jim grew up in the Maryborough church and was a deacon at the age of 15. He has been involved full-time at the church for the past four years after being a salesman and then spending a period of 18 months as the Community Welfare Officer in the area.

Jim talked about the role that his position was meant to fulfill in the church. Firstly he has the responsibility to look after the office, e.g. print the church newspaper, correspondence, minutes, etc. He is responsible to keep the internal structures of the church open and operating. There is also the role of relating to all the leaders in the church and co-ordinating the work of the church.



Jim Deutchmann

Alongside these responsibilities Jim is involved heavily in the counselling area. This related to visitation work and particularly to those who call to the church office. Jim has a natural leaning towards this caring-sharing role and finds that he could spend all his time in this work if he were not aware of other responsibilities.

Jim also acts as a link between the ministry team and the social welfare work of the area and also between the church and the community. Because of his involvement in such areas as a community after school care project this is seen by the community as being offered by the Church of Christ.

The ministry at Maryborough work as a team. **Don Herbert** is the senior minister who has responsibilities in the areas of preaching, the Bible School and visitation; **Reg Charles** is a faith missionary working in the local church. His areas of primary responsibility is in Christian education. He is involved with an all-age Sunday school as well as work with teenagers. Here they are attempting to build a core group of people involved as the previous large group of teenagers failed because there was no core group of committed Christians on which to build.



Reg Charles, Ruth Coultis, Don Herbert

The other full-time worker is **Ruth Coultis**. I find in my notes that I have no "job description" for Ruth.

One of the keys that Jim sees to a team ministry is a sharing and an adaptability. This can be seen in the way all the team members share in the chaplaincy of the Fairhaven Home for the Aged. Each spends four hours a week in the pastoral care of residents. They would each take a service a month and ideally each one of the team would see each guest at least once a month.

When talking about team ministries Jim commented that this team had taken 12 months to develop. Advantages seen were the ability to talk out the matters facing the church and using various expertise that each team member has. There is a need to complement each other. They have dreams of being able in the future at Maryborough to train other ministers in team ministries in a type on internship. One hazard of team ministries that was mentioned was the sense that the church could feel of sitting back and letting the ministers do the work. Some support could well be lost because of a team. Adaptability is a key to team ministries.

Finally Jim saw his role as an administrator as a way of freeing people from unproductive work so they can work in the areas of their talents and also to give them a greater satisfaction in their ministry. His type of role should enable others to be able to spend more time out in the field.

R.C. REPORT SHOCKS

A shock report has revealed that the majority of Roman Catholics in England and Wales are in favour of birth control, married priests, divorce and euthanasia — all banned by their church.

The independent report, based on a Gallup Poll survey of more than 10,000 Roman Catholics, is the most comprehensive ever carried out on the attitudes and views of RCs. It took two years to complete.

Almost two-thirds of Catholics believe that members of their church should be allowed to be divorced and three-quarters

"On My Mind"

THE BARREL IS FULL . . . AND RUNNING OVER

Since we wrote in "On My Mind" that we had reached the bottom of the barrel of contributions, the result has been amazing.

People who had recently been invited to contribute got their papers in smartly. Others took compassion on us and sent in unsolicited articles.

ON THEIR MINDS

Some wrote telling us that they had had things on their minds for a long time, and took the opportunity to show us what they were. So the barrel is full. That is why some contributions will not appear for some time. But they will appear in due course unless we communicate privately to the writers otherwise.

THE FUTURE

We still propose to invite writers for "On My Mind". We still propose to give sympathetic consideration to unsolicited offerings. Some of the latter are very helpful to us and let us off the hook by making it clear that they will not be offended if we do not publish their work. They usually say that the writing down of what was on their minds has done them good in any case. In most cases we will publish . . . in time. The queue is long. Please be patient with us. But do not stop writing what is on your mind.

IF THE MATTER IS URGENT

If what is on your mind is urgent, condense it to 150 words and send it to "Open Forum". (EDITOR).

approve of artificial birth control. And just over half accept the idea of married priests and euthanasia.

But when it comes to doctrine, most Catholics continue to hold strongly orthodox views. Almost without exception they believe in God (99%); in the humanity and divinity of Jesus (98%); in his resurrection (97%); and in his call to Peter and the Popes to be the leaders of the Church (97%).

Statistics showed an increasing number of Catholics were in marriages considered by the church to be 'invalid' because they weren't celebrated before a priest.

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL RALLY



Bombay Christian Centre — Indian Sharing Venture.

At the Christian Centre on January 20, the Bombay church once again played host to a Rally for the English Course students of the Way of Truth living in the Chembur area.

A month earlier, pamphlets and invitations were posted to the students informing them of the Rally and asking them to come and bring a friend with them. The week of the Rally a reminder was sent to them, just in case they had forgotten. Not only was the postman busy delivering the letters, but the Bombay Youth Group was also busy contacting the students.

I had estimated that we would have at least 100 present, but the Bombay people expected about 250 people to be present and they proved right.

The sharing team, which was in Bombay at that time, took an active part in the program with singing, puppet show, and Ian Allsop giving the message. The young people's singing group from the Basel Mission Church delighted us all.

After the Rally was over the ladies served tea and biscuits and it was then that we were able to move amongst the young people and learn their names. There were Roman Catholics, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and Christians present. Names, that for months had just been writing on a card and on lessons, now came alive as we were able to put faces to the names. It was the same with the students; up until then I had only been a signature at the end of a letter or on a Diploma, but now I had become a friend to them.

A number of those present, those who had come as a friend of a student, have now become students themselves.

On my table at present there is a letter from Santosh, a teenager. He is a Christian young man, but he was not one of our students; he had come along to the Rally invited by his Hindu friend. This is what he had written: "The Colony where I live is a Hindu Colony. They are not aware of the Christianity and I want now to spread God's Word and Love. I request you to send me about 100-200 tracts and some Way of Truth cards. I am organising some of my friends to come visiting with me in the Colony". This young teenager, until he came to the Rally with his Hindu friend, did not know about the Way of Truth Bible Courses, but now he has already completed the course on the Gospel of John and is beginning Bible Studies on the Christian Life. Now he is eager to go out and tell others about Christ and bring in other young people to do the Bible Studies.

When we know that there are young people like Santosh in the church here in India who are prepared to go out and witness, we know that the Indian church is very much alive. Pray for Santosh and other students who comprise Hindus, Muslims, R.C., Buddhists and others, as well as Christians, that their hearts will be open to receive God's Word and to know the full and saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

— Hazel Skuce.

THE CHURCH IN KAMPUCHEA

A small group of Christians from the West recently visited Kampuchea. They were surprised at the number of Kampuchean who privately identified themselves as believers once they discovered the foreigners were Christians. A number declared their faith in Christ in English, obvious survivors of the purge of all intellectuals in the nation. Believers were discovered in every area of the

Country the team visited.

The visitors heard of three Christian groups meeting in secret in Phnom Penh, but later word states that one group had been discovered, told to disband and not to meet again.

Believers in Kampuchea expressed great need of Bibles which are entering the country in small numbers.

("Open Doors Asia")

GROWING FAITH — SEMINAR WITH WORLD LEADERS

The Joint Board of Christian Education is co-sponsoring with a South Australian based organisation LEARN (Leadership Education and Research Network) in a series of two day seminars throughout Australia on the subject 'Growing Faith in a Community of Faith'.

John H. Westerhoff, author of "Will our Children have Faith?", has stirred a deep and hopeful rethinking of what Christians can do about education in faith. In his Australian seminars John Westerhoff will speak on The Church as the Community of Faith, and Learning through Liturgy, and also conduct workshops on Our Faith Pilgrimage and on Planning and Deepening Education in the Parish. A highlight of the seminar will be an evening meeting open to the public on Bringing Up our Children in the Christian Faith. Ministers, elders and parents will all find stimulation and enrichment from these sessions.

Donald and Patricia Griggs are Christian education professionals with a practical approach to the needs of the local church. Donald is Director of Continuing Education and Associate Professor of Christian Education at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, Virginia, U.S.A. He specialises in practical help for ministers and leaders. His special topics in the Australian seminars include The Minister/Priest as Educator and The Place of Creativity in Teaching and Learning. He will also lead workshops on Teaching Theology Experientially and on Developing Leadership for Christian Education. Patricia Griggs has wide experience in conducting workshops for teachers to encourage creative teaching activities. In the Australian seminars she will lead two workshops on Creative Bible Teaching.

Ministers, elders and teachers as well as parents in the local church will want to take time to gain personal enrichment and support as well as practical ideas to stimulate the life of their community of faith.

The seminars will be held on the following dates (evening public meeting on the first night of each seminar):

- * Sydney, 20-21 June at The Highway Uniting Church, 383 Hume Highway, Bankstown. Enquiries: Ms. B. Fowler (02) 23-3 6399.
- * Brisbane, 25-26 June at Indooroopilly Uniting Church, 74 Station Street (daytime) and The Boys' Grammar School, Centenary Hall, Gregory Tce (evening, 25th). Enquiries: Mr. Bob Warrick (07) 2-21 2888.
- * Melbourne, 7-8 July at The Uniting Church Centre, 130 Little Collins Street. Enquiries: Mrs. Margaret Parry (03) 654 4988.
- * Adelaide, 9-10 July at Way Hall, Central Mission, Franklin Street. Enquiries: Rev. David Scott, P.O. Box 155, Magill. Phone (08) 332 5713.



TAKE IT EASY by Chuck Girard (Good News GNR 8108)

This is Chuck's fourth solo effort since the celebrated "Love Song" disbanded. In this L.P. Chuck has returned to a more simple approach. The themes are familiar — "take a hand/hold it tight/let us feel your love tonight" (Take a Hand), "love is alive/and is ours for the taking" (Love is Alive) and "without your love/life wouldn't mean a thing" (Without Your Love). Songs like Little People however continue to explore the paths Chuck first looked at in Plain Ol' Joe. How important it is remember that Jesus died for the little people, the ordinary people as well as the more successful or important.

Full Immersion Ocean Water Baptism By The Sea expresses brilliantly the joy and new life that man's response to God through baptism is designed to symbolize. Included is the now almost obligatory Christian wedding song, this one however is a little different because it is the one Chuck sang to his wife Karen on their wedding day in 1971. The standout track for me is Wings of Mercy — "oh wings of mercy/there if you could see/blood of our salvation/there to set you free . . ."

As always the musicianship is excellent. The fact that Chuck has been involved in the music industry for over 15 years (remember Little Honda by the Hondells? Chuck was a member of this and other studio groups in the early '60s.) really shows on this very professional recording. The usual array of top class Christian muso's is used, as well as top secular sessionmen like drummer Jim Keltner. The album is a fine mixture of uptempo songs and slower ballads that could be utilized in informal worship experiences. However this album isn't just music and fun — it is also a member of the body ministering to the rest of the body. — P. Cameron.

DANCE CHILDREN DANCE

by Leon Patillo (Maranatham 0049A)

For me the highlight of last year's Newsong Christian Music festival was the introduction to this man's music and ministry. Leon is former member of the rock band Santana. For the past five years however he has been involved in ministry, particularly at Calvary Chapel in the U.S. and through concerts. This is his first solo Christian album.

The sight of thousands dancing before the Lord at Newsong lingers long in one's memory, and thus the title track is a stand-out one. Nothing like starting an album at full speed!! The whole of the first side keeps up the same pace, except for the slightly easier These Signs that picks up the concepts raised in Mark 16:17-18.

In the U.S. Leon ministers mainly to the black population and this shows through his very soul-oriented style. The words are very simple, even quite repetitive on side one, and yet this isn't off-putting in any way at all. Side two is a little slower and more reflective, showing off his vocal range a little more.

All of the songs are written and produced by Leon, and he plays all the instruments except the horns and strings. His major instrument is the piano and it features strongly in each of the songs. Although the album isn't necessarily one you would give

grandma for her birthday, it is an excellent example of the state of the art of contemporary Christian music. My only problem is the shortness of the album—there is only 28 minutes of music, which isn't good enough. Otherwise though it is a worthy album to have, particularly if you saw Leon in concert last year at New-song, this year in the major cities or at Explo '80.

— Paul Cameron

BOOKS TO READ

THE GOSPEL FOR CHILDREN

by Kardd J. Uhl (Augsburg Press)

This book has 60 object lessons based on readings from Mark. The author takes what he believes to be the main thrust of the reading and builds an object lesson around it e.g. Mark 4:1-20. He takes the message to be that "God is showing us all the time that he loves us and saves us . . . but so often we are not turned on to listen". The object lesson is of course the transistor radio. Some ideas come across better than others, but even if you reject half, it is still half a years supply of Sunday childrens talks if your responsible for that. It also forces us to struggle with the whole gospel taking us through Mark as it does. The children receive a balanced diet. I suspect that grades three and upward of primary school would cope best with the contents.

— L.v.L.

WHY DO YOU NOT BELIEVE

by Andrew Murray (Baker) \$2.25

Another classic by this wonderful writer of last century. A series of articles on why we should believe and what believing really involves. After 100 years naturally some of the language is outdated but the depth of understanding more than makes up for this. Definitely recommended.

— J. Urquhart

TOPICAL INDEX AND DIGEST OF THE BIBLE

Edited by Harold E. Monser (Baker).

An inexpensive topical index of the Bible based on the King James Version. The first 140 pages contain a very short summary of the contents of each book of the Bible plus some other information such as the use of the Old Testament in the New Testament. There are over 500 pages devoted to an index of biblical subjects and names. The main complaint I had was the extremely small print which would be impossible to read for anyone with bad eyesight.

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.



"IT'S A CONTRIBUTION FOR OUR NEW CHURCH."

HAPPENINGS

On the basis of data showing there are 25 million Americans 65 years or older the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is launching what it hopes will become a Disciples and inter-faith National Center on Ministry with the Ageing. The purpose will be to face the challenge of an ageing society and an ageing church.

The rise of the Muslim theocracy and the taking of American hostages in Iran was chosen by Religious News Service as the top religion story of 1979. Pope John Paul II's whirlwind tour of the United States and the response of the religious community to the starvation in Indochina placed two and three, respectively, in the rankings.

Three Coptic churches in Alexandria, Egypt, were fire bombed. Members of a fundamentalist segment of the Muslim Brotherhood were responsible, said Shawky F. Karas, presi-

dent of the American Coptic Association. The bombings all occurred on January 6, the Orthodox observance of Christmas, and there were injuries, "some severe."

Ten members of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan were arrested recently. The arrests appeared to be part of a quiet roundup of critics of the Republic of China government, following December anti-government riots. The governing Kuomintang regime is largely composed of mainlanders who evacuated to Taiwan in 1949, while the island's largest Protestant denomination, the Presbyterian, are mostly native Taiwanese.

World Vision is negotiating with Cambodia's government about re-opening its hospital in Phnom Penh, which had been completed in 1975 just weeks before the Khmer Rouge overran the capital. World Vision

has asked to renovate and re-equip the building as a 150-bed general care facility; it was designated originally as a pediatric hospital.

The all-male choir at St Columba's Church in Newquay, England, sang "When Stars Begin to Fall" and then disappeared as the church floor gave way under them. After five minutes the choir scrambled out unhurt and sang the next number on their programme, "My Anchor Holds".

The Bible is something nearly every home in the U.S. has, but very few teenagers regularly pick up to read, says the latest Gallup Youth Survey. Only one teen in 10 reads the Bible daily while one quarter of them had never even opened it.

Missionaries are returning to the Islamic Republic of Comoros after a two-year absence. The Africa Inland Mission entered the Comoros, a group of islands in the Indian Ocean off the coast of Africa, in 1976. But the

ready response to the gospel soon became "an embarrassment" to the government then in power. After two AIM missionaries were arrested and expelled in late 1977, the mission withdrew its entire staff of 18. Now a new government has expressed regrets over the expulsion, and two AIM missionaries have returned.

Restrictions against Christians in Burma, which 14 years ago expelled most missionaries and curtailed travel for religious purposes, are reported to be easing. Observers say the new move could be part of a government attempt to encourage freedom of religion in order to stave-off Communist infiltration from neighbouring China.

Algerian Christians in the capital city, Algiers, organized a church late last year. The North Africa Mission reckons that the congregational election of elders and deacons makes this church the first in the mission's project of establishing 25 churches across North Africa.

DIARY

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 July
 6 Annual Offering — Overseas Missions
 15-20 World Convention
QUEENSLAND
 June
 7 Opening of Eric Franks Nursing Home
 6-8 Annual State Camp for Missions
 13-16 Northern Convention
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 27-29 Social Service Committee Camp
 July
 18-20 Marriage Enrichment Seminar
NEW SOUTH WALES
 June
 4-8 State Conference
VICTORIA
 June
 6-8 Youth Leadership Training Weekend
 12 Tertiary Students Tea
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 July
 10 C.W.F. Welfare Day

GROWING IN THE 80'S

FEDERAL CONFERENCE STANWELL TOPS

OCTOBER 3-9



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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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THE IMPLICATIONS OF ALL OF THIS

For a biblical people we are quite unbiblical in the way we use such phrases as church members, active and inactive members, open and closed membership, being received into membership and membership rolls. The New Testament understands no such categories.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

The New Testament uses the word member or members, but not in the exclusive sense that we and other denominations use it. The New Testament never uses it to describe the status of one on whom membership is conferred by being received into a local congregation or into a denomination.

Romans 12:4, 5 talks of membership as being part of the Body of Christ. It is our relationship with Jesus Christ that makes us a living part (member) of himself. We are also members of one another in the sense of being part of each other because we are first "partakers in Christ." In no way can these uses of the word member be related to membership as a formal acceptance onto a local roll, and the various rights and duties pertaining to that acceptance.

1 Corinthians 12: 12-14 repeats the concept of Christians being members of Christ's Body, being made such by God himself (verses 18, 24). Verse 13 refers to the Holy Spirit bringing us into the Body in our baptism. The New Testament concept of membership is a dynamic, growing relationship with Christ the head and with each other (Ephesians 4:25) and is quite dissimilar from the usage wherein membership is the bestowal of certain rights and duties conferred by man upon the acceptance of certain conditions; and the exclusion by man from these rights and duties of those not accepting such conditions.

WHO CONFERS MEMBERSHIP

Any congregation may dispense such rights and insist upon such conditions and duties and confer such "membership", provided it does not believe that it has biblical authority for what it is doing, and provided it knows that it is involved in a human expediency.

It is the Lord who adds to the church those whom he is saving (Acts 2:47). It is God who makes us alive as a living part of his Body (Ephesians 2:1, 5). It is God who creates us or gives us our life in the Body of Christ (Ephesians 2:10, 2 Corinthians 5:17). It is Christ who brings us into the Body through the cross (Ephesians 2:16.)

We have no authority to receive people into the church. We may welcome them into the family or fellowship of a local congregation, but only the Lord receives them into the church. It could well be that he is not receiving into the Body some of those whom we say we are "receiving into the church." And it could be that he is receiving some to whom we are denying "membership."

We tend to be obsessed with membership rolls and with who is a member and who is not a member, and with members as opposed to "Christians in fellowship." And there are Conference "poll taxes" on membership numbers and the purging from membership rolls of those members not worth paying for, but the cheerful receiving of offerings and support and work from some about whom we will not use the word member.

Probably what we are doing is in order, providing we realise that for convenience and expediency we are involved in the devices of man and not of the Lord, and provided we do not try to dignify what we are doing from the Scriptures.

SOME SUGGESTIONS

I would like to suggest that we consign our membership rolls to the archives as interesting relics of an age when we confused membership of the Body of Christ as created by God with membership on a register as conferred by man. The two may or may not be related.

The Lord sent us into the world to preach the gospel and to baptize those responding to it. It would seem legitimate then to keep a baptismal register listing all of those who have been baptized by a local church and of those coming into that fellowship who have been baptized elsewhere, as long as we do not call it a membership roll. It would seem convenient to keep this with a card system, with names never removed, but only re-classified for death and removal. This record would be kept by the secretary, but would not be the church's working document.

AN ALL-INCLUSIVE WORKING RECORD

I would like to recommend the compiling in all churches of a working pastoral list. It would include the names and addresses and telephone numbers of all who are in the pastoral care of the congregation and who are touched in any way by its life. Our pre-occupation with keeping and marking membership rolls and thus "looking after the membership" has often blinded us to the enormous pastoral and evangelistic opportunities we have with those people and their families who are represented in our auxiliaries and groups, and with those who for one reason or another think of their affiliation as being with "Churches of Christ."

USING THE PASTORAL CARE LIST

The pastoral care list is not a list of "contacts" to be rounded up into the corral at branding time. It is a list of people who are part of the extended family based loosely upon a local meeting place. They should all know that they are part of a caring fellowship. It expresses its "koinonia" in homes, in groups, in out-reaching auxiliaries, as well as in services for worship and evangelism. Within this extended family there is

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OBITUARY

BILLINGHAM, Ruth Lillian

Ruth Lillian Billingham, wife of the secretary and elder of the church in Taree, Arthur Billingham, died in the Manning River District Hospital, Taree, on April 11, 1980. She was born Ruth Lillian Rice at St. John's, London, England, in 1896. She migrated to Australia with her family at the age of six and first lived in Fremantle, W.A. The family later moved to Subiaco, Perth, where they became associated with a Church of Christ family and it was there that she was first introduced to the Church of Christ through Sunday School attendance. When she was in her early twenties she came to live in Sydney. It was at the Church of Christ in Paddington that she made her commitment to Christ on the same night as Madge Harris (Mrs Carter) and the two became life-long friends. It was here also that she met and married Arthur Billingham. They were married in 1922. Immediately after her marriage she came with her husband to Taree and shared faithfully and actively in the life of the church, as well as in the business community by the loving support she gave her husband. An overflow congregation gathered in the Taree chapel to pay respect and tribute to this Christian lady. The service was conducted by Maurie Pieper and Graham Warne and her eldest grandson, Geoff. Bowser, shared by reading Psalm 23. Her home was always the home of the open door and she was ever ready to stretch out her hand to the poor and needy. She was a real Dorcas over many years. She knew her share of sorrow in the loss of an infant son, Norman, at 5½ months and that of her first daughter, Ruth, at 5½ years, yet her victory was demonstrated in her unwavering faithfulness to Christ. She maintained her attendance in the house of God at both services each Sunday and at the mid-week prayer and Bible study. This she did despite advancing years, the physical affliction of arthritis and the handicap of poor hearing. She brought all that she had to the feet of her Lord and Master whom she loved and who she served. We join with her husband, Arthur Billingham, and her surviving daughter, Elma, and sons Alwyn and Desmond and their families in saluting this life which is now with Christ.

— M.H.A.P.

BLYTH, Mrs Rose Jane

(2.5.80). Mrs Rose Blyth, wife of Urban Blyth of "Hillside", Tarcutta, died at Wagga at the age of 84. Mrs Blyth was born at Marrar and lived most of her life at Tarcutta. Mrs Blyth was the second daughter of the late Mrs A. Mowsar who was one of the five original members of the church when meetings commenced in Wagga Wagga in 1885. As a daughter and wife of the land, she worked hard in her early life. She loved to entertain visitors and church groups would visit the property at Tarcutta for fellowship and times of prayer. Her confession of faith was made during a visit by the late Thomas Hagger when he conducted a mission in June. For almost four years she was in Calvary Hospital and tribute was paid to the care given by the staff and Sister at the hospital. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, two sons, one son-in-law, two daughters-in-law, nine grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Pastor Taylor officiated at the funeral.

— W.J.C.

CHAMIER, Jean Winnifred

(18.4.80). Win. Chamier, born in Alexandra to James and Jean Hosken, died at the age of 87 years. She had survived her husband Harry by six years. She was a staunch and faithful Christian, and a loyal member of the church wherever she lived. Her great talent was music — organist, pianist, singer — which she used both professionally and in the service of the church.

She was organist for several churches in Ballarat and in Melbourne, and as organist for the Baptist Women's Choir she was one of the first women organists to play the organ in the Melbourne Town Hall. For the past three and a half years she had been pianist for the monthly meetings of the Hartwell Church of Christ Friendship Group, which meant that she had become an active pianist again at the age of 84. Win. Chamier had a strong influence on many people by her warm friendship, kindly advice and sympathetic encouragement. During her final illness in hospital she was a constant inspiration to relatives, visitors and hospital staff through the strength and certainty of her Christian faith. The service at the Hartwell church was conducted by K. W. Barton, assisted by student minister I. Lawson.

— K. W. Barton

HASKELL, FLORA

(28.4.80) On 28th April, the Nth Williamstown church and many others were shocked by the death of Flora Haskell. Flora, who was born in Williamstown 67 years ago, attended the Nth Williamstown church all her life and at the age of 13 she committed her life to the Lord under the ministry of the late Lynall Johnston. In 1940 she married Arthur Haskell and together they had 4 children, Lois, Bev, Ken and Lyn who were brought up and baptised into the church at Nth Williamstown. Flora was very active in the church at Nth Williamstown, serving as a Sunday School teacher and

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able to take a Sunday School class on a day visit during school holidays. These are quoted only to demonstrate the possibilities. Other flexitime use may be visitation, counselling, organisation, property maintenance or worship preparation.

THE URGENCY

As more and more of our members work flexible hours, shorter hours, and retire younger and for some, sadly, have longer periods between jobs, I believe Ministers, elders and deacons must encourage each other and our members to give more of that time to Christian service. I suggest that the key people in each church could catalogue the activities which could be undertaken by Christians using their flexitime for the Lord. Then as part of Christian growth, we need to help people to plan the use of time as good stewards of all of our resources.

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teaching and preaching and prayer and group life and evangelism and baptizing and growing, going on all of the time. There are no ins and outs and blacks and whites and members and non-members. Within the total mutually caring fellowship the Holy Spirit is at work, and because of the ministry of God's people with the Spirit, the Lord is adding warmed and loved and liberated people to his church.

BUT WHAT ABOUT CONFERENCE STATISTICS?

If we forget membership rolls and work only with all-inclusive pastoral care lists, how can we send in our membership statistics to Conference?

In recording those whom we have called members, Conference is not necessarily recording the names of those "written in the Lamb's book of life". So the statistics do not have a lot of meaning. Perhaps we could encourage our Conference to keep the more realistic records of those on our pastoral care lists, those who attend our communions services, and those who are involved in the multiplicity of other activities which enable us to keep adding names to our working pastoral lists.

In any case, the non-biblical keeping of Conference statistics, however useful they are, should not preclude us from refusing to continue to be confused about the New Testament meaning of church membership.

pianist for many years. She was secretary of the Woman's Mission Band (CWF), she was one of the organists of the church for over 40 years and she served as a deaconess. Flora was also well-known and loved in Brotherhood circles. Her husband Arthur was involved in various brotherhood activities such as serving as Conference President in 1964, serving on the Properties Corporation, lay preaching and Flora was always behind him offering support, encouragement and sharing her faith with people as they travelled around together. Only this year as a team they shared a ministry for a couple of weeks with the Kaniva church. With unflinching loyalty Flora remained committed to Christ and the church and impressed all with her sincerity, geniality and strong faith. Over 300 packed the Williamstown chapel in a thanksgiving service for Flora's life. C. Wilson conducted the service and the Conference President, G. Foot, led those present in a thanksgiving prayer. Flora will be remembered always very dearly by so many who knew her and we give thanks for her life of splendid witness.

J.C.W.

WATKINS, Mary

Born in Ringwood in 1896 she moved, with her family (the Grahams) to the Richmond area where she went to Sunday School at the North Richmond church. In 1909 she committed her life to Christ in a mission conducted by F. M. Ludbrook and was baptised by H. A. Proctor. She became so deeply involved in the Sunday School and other youth work that one person has recalled, "It would be hard to think of the North Richmond church in those days without thinking of Mary Graham." Marriage to Harold Watkins at North Richmond in 1920

(J. E. Allen officiating) commenced a wonderful partnership of Christian service. Mary shared with Harold the organizing of Hinrichsen-Brooker missions; the establishment of Sunday Schools after missions and the extensive youth work at North Richmond. In 1929 they came into membership with the Gardiner church. Mary supported 30 years of leadership by Harold in the Kappa Clubs, followed by 12 years as organiser-leader of the Friendship Club. The strength of Mary's love, understanding, co-operation and care, made a tremendous contribution to these ministries. Many years of service were given to the C.W.F. and the W.C.T.U. She was a sweet and gracious Christian lady who possessed a strong faith and a deep love for Christ and the church. She lived in the reality of the nearness and friendship of Christ and was an inspiration to ministers and fellow church members. Sympathies were expressed to Harold and Betty Watkins, Lorna and Ray Taylor, Jean and Bill Ward, Dorothy and Barry Taylor and Gordon and Margaret Watkins.

— L. S. Dewberry



SOUTH PERTH (K. Denton, L. Cox). Come Alive Crusade during May met with good community response . . . Attendances of 230 at each Sunday service . . . Over 100 decisions including 65 first commitments this year . . . Counselling classes conducted by L. Cox for follow-up . . . Ladies handed out brochures at shopping centres . . . Mid-week meeting restruct-

tured with prayer and study groups after teaching session . . . Kevin Denton at Toowoomba and Kenmore College during brief mission in April . . . Officers board held retreat . . . Social Aid Project in operation to bring food assistance to low income families . . . Mother and daughter night with fashion parade held . . . Y.P. held camp at Cherry Tree Pool with Denny and Elenor Atkinson leading . . . Singing group Carpenter's Disciples formed . . . Friday night youth club led by young marrieds conducting outreach . . . Wednesday afternoon Happy Hour session led by Geraldine Cox and other young teachers attracting 40 children . . . 10 members have had surgery but all recovering including Gordon Birch home 14 days after heart surgery . . . Conf. Pres. Frank Raymond guest preacher.

KALGOORLIE (L. Gibb). Three baptised recently . . . C.W.F. had Mrs Anne Tero as guest speaker . . . Mrs Lola Francis spoke at recent women's meeting. Discussion followed with Jeff Clark from the C.E.S. Ladies invited to visit the careers room of the C.E.S. . . . Forthcoming official opening of our new chapel by Frank Griffiths, former minister, on June 1.

CARNARVON. Many Carnarvon people attended Easter Convention at Onslow. Alan Anderson, minister of Nollamara, was the speaker . . . Neil and Anne Ewart have recently begun a ministry in Onslow and are currently living in the caravan park . . . Two Y.P. made decisions . . . As outreach to town a film and fellowship evening was held . . . Barry and Bev Yesburg inducted into ministry on May 22. This is the first ministry for 3½ years.

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BEXLEY NORTH (F. J. Davis). Plans underway for B.S. 50th Anniversary . . . Young men of Christian Board Riders took evening service . . . Special night of prayer held . . . Ron Watson making steady recovery after series of major operations . . . Girl's Brigade held camp in church hall . . . Soccer team formed to compete in inter-church competition . . . Church saddened by sudden death of Mrs Watson affectionately known as Mid.

ENGADINE (E.S. Thomas). Church theme for year "Equipping the Saints" . . . Following successful 9.30 a.m. family services during January Elders are looking at a permanent arrangement. Miss Judy Gordon, here during March and April, has made further suggestions . . . Church voted overwhelmingly to extend Steve and Glenys Thomas's ministry for three years . . . Ladies held Mother's Day banquet . . . Men's Breakfast speaker Dr. John Whitehall on "Communism and the Christian Church".

GILGANDRA. Church continues without minister with local members preaching. Home Missions helping with a minister once a month . . . Conf. Pres. and his wife visitors . . . Baptismal service held . . . C.E. held camp on a farm May 2-4 . . . Church Secretary — Miss D. Butler, Treasurer — J.J. Farr.

IVERELL (R. A. Powell). Missionaries at recent annual convention included Dr James of Asia Evangelistic Fellowship, Dianne Feeny (C. of C. Overseas Mission Board) and Ray and Evelyn Cunningham, Borneo Evangelical Fellowship . . . Final "Day at Lyn's" raised \$866 for C.W.F. For 17 years this day at "Kawongla", Delungra, has been an annual function. \$5400 has been raised for special C.W.F. projects. Joyce and Margaret Lowrey and Lyn Hamilton thanked and presented with gift at close of final program.

WAGGA WAGGA (W. Taylor, T. Grant). Roy and Sylvia Aitken now worship with church. Roy is army chaplain at Kapooka . . . 10 Y.P. attended Exlo 80 . . . Lucy Scott visiting Britain prior to attending W.E.C. College, Tasmania . . . Mrs Malsbury made good recovery after her operation.

EPPING (Bob Whan, Paul Cameron). During past term co-ordinated Bible studies and sermons have been on first letter of John. This term Nehemiah will be featured . . . 30 Y.P. attended Easter camp at Stanwell Tops . . . Several Y.P. attended Exlo 80 in Brisbane . . . Annual S.S. and family picnic held.

NORTHAM (M. Randell). Miss Helen Maiden guest speaker at May Friendship meeting on "Coping with Grief" . . . Homiletics teaching sessions proving helpful . . . Preparations underway for the 75th anniversary of the church in October . . . Choir practising for Art Festival in Northam.

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DEATHS

BANNAM Graeme George. Suddenly at West Melbourne on April 11 or 12. Dearly and fond loving son of Edgar Hansel (Tim) of Hamilton and Marion (DEC) Loving brother of Harold — Kerang, Lorraine (Mrs P. Brideson) — Moorabbin, Lynette (Mrs R. Huxhagen) — Newcomb, Geelong. Brother-in-law of Betty, Prescott and Rainu. Uncle of Wayne and Andrew. Loved step-son of Gladys. Treasured memories of one who studied and thought deeply of our Lord. At rest with the Lord till He come.

WEST (KEATS) Doreen Phyllis, loved wife of Alan, loved mother of Stephen, Paula, Roslyn and Philip, and devoted leader of Yukana Singers, died on 11th May.

WEST On May 11 Doreen loved and valued friend of Joan. Safe at home.

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Women's Fellowship — Our fellowship of women comes together on 2nd and 4th Sunday. They support spiritual centres financially. They look for the need of the Church also.

Attending Campaigns — Along with the Bible Society work, I have good opportunities to attend campaigns for Gospel distribution. If it is local, then many members from the Church take part.

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KEDRON (David Hamilton). Worship committee has organised fellowship tea and film, speakers from the Bible Society and Explo 80, and a family picnic ... Lady Mayoress Charity Fund gave \$200 to be used in Telelink work ... Men's Fellowship saw film ... Young adults had family camp, also discussion night with Bob and Margaret Herbert ... Girls Brigade had lamington drive; also shared in divisional march ... C.W.F. had Easter bonnet day ... E.W.F. visited Chinese temple, had night on advanced driving, made curtains for manse, raised \$200 at street stall, sent box of supplies to Normanton ... Phillip Vonhien to Malaya as delegate to Asian Conf. of I.F.E.S. ... Beryl Allen recovering slowly.

of two gospel singers. **Rev. Winston Gauder**, Evangelist, Reformed Churches of Victoria, has recorded three morning devotions. **Rev. Dr. J. Ridgway**, Principal, Kingsley College (Wesleyan) has recorded three evening devotions. **S. Phillips** of the Uniting Church Heidelberg and **R. Brown** of the Anglican Church McKinnon have recorded scripture readings.

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KADINA (I. R. Adams). Junior and senior youth held fair and raised over \$400 . . . Family camp held at Melrose over Anzac weekend. Open air communion service held with Ross Britton presiding . . . at Easter Sunday gospel service own amateur drama group presented passion play "Victory of the Cross" . . . Drama group to perform in an Adelaide church during June.

BLACKWOOD (L. Cooke, T. Giles). Two new groups popular — Fun and Fitness meeting early Sat. mornings and Friendship Centre for all ages looking for fellowship and relaxation . . . Guild entertained guests from Glen Osmond Home for lunch and C.W.F. invited ladies from Goolwa for picnic lunch in local park . . . 40 Y.P. held "rough it" camp over Anzac weekend . . . Board held planning weekend . . . Biscuit, posy stall by C.W.F. prior to Mother's Day raised \$200 for C.T.A.

FORESTVILLE (B. Coventry). After weeks of planning the Italian Evangelical Fellowship held first service in our building at 4 p.m. on May 11. Over 100 present. Services will continue weekly in Italian . . . On Mother's Day men organised and provided after church fellowship supper. Peter Tillett guest organist. 1500 invitations to Mother's Day service placed in nearby homes . . . Paul and Judy Williams showed slides of work in N.G. . . . Jeanette Mutselburg new Living Link . . . Chapel painted outside, amplification installed.

TUMBY BAY (M.D. Williams). Men's camp at Redcliffs with guest speaker I.J. Chivell . . . Eyre Peninsula Women's Conference held at Ungarra. President for next year is Maureen Nankivell from Tumby Bay. Guest speaker Margaret Battersby past state Womens Pres . . . At church A.G.M. A.W. Pugsley elected secretary . . . S.S. Promotion Day and Teachers Dedication held. New Material "Faith and Life" being used. Robert Lawrie to superintend with Barbara Lawrie as secretary . . . S.S. held special tea with films, sleep in and hike with Dawn Benjamin of Dept. of C.E. . . . Rod and Brenda Nankivell spoke of their experiences on Sharing Venture to India.

MAYLANDS (N. S. Moore). Overseas Mission "Living Link" Paul and Judy Williams visited church. Luncheon held to gain more information on work in N.G. . . . C.W.F. held "Wedding Celebration and Reception". \$163 raised for Overseas Missions . . . Helen Scown awarded Bachelor of Education . . . Ross Atwel honoured by D.C.E. who named a new hut at Longwood after him . . . Gifts through Leprosy Mission boxes amounted to \$73.

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CHelsea (P. Bradley, M. Stevens). "Let your Light Shine" theme of recently launched program of communicating gospel . . . Members met to practice personal witnessing and then given goal of inviting one non-Christian friend or contact to their homes for a meal . . . Mini bus hired for Conference Town Hall Rally . . . Explorer Boys' Club now has enrolment of 40 . . . S.S. combining with parents and members for 9.30 service as outreach. Two new families attending.

OAKLEIGH (Dr. C. J. Mackenzie). Mature age lady made her decision . . . Bible study continues each Wednesday p.m. in various homes . . . Minister progressing after car accident . . . Visiting speakers have been Reg Hillbrick, Alan Baker and Gordon Stirling . . . Andy Brown resigned as secretary after 24 years. Presentation made. Alison Walpol currently filling position . . . Evening service again at 5 p.m. for winter months . . . C.W.F. held luncheon to honour Betty Dow . . . Frank Hodges and Mr. and Mrs. Cummings at worship after long absences due to illness.

HORSHAM (W. Gibney). N.W.D. Conf. saw 70 attend fun day at Mt Arapiles on Anzac Day . . . Discipleship classes begun . . . Jewish Evangelical Witness screened "The Last Generation" in Town Hall supper room . . . Mrs Kerr celebrated 90th birthday . . . C.W.E.F. making towelling feeders for Old Peoples homes.

HARCOURT (Sandra Wilson). Birthday fiesta held by C.W.F. 45 visitors attended. Collection sent to Normanton Mission towards seats . . . Bible studies held on "Thy Kingdom Come" . . . Dennis Rimui from Kenya, attending W.C.C. Conf. on World Mission and Evangelism, spent weekend with church.

DANDENONG (W. J. Edwards). Another 3 tonnes of paper sold for mission target . . . Couple baptised . . . Keep fit classes and children's dancing classes being conducted in church halls . . . Marion Jones showing slow recovery . . . Members of India Venture shared experiences . . . C.W.F. A.F. held stall and raised \$112 . . . Planned giving program held in May . . . E.W.F. held square dance . . . R. Brough, P. Edwards and R. Christianson have been in hospital . . . One confession of faith . . . Minister exchanged pulpit with Alan Baker from North Dandenong . . . S. Hurren participated in Walk Against Want . . . Five Y.P. attended Explo 80 . . . C.W.F. equal second in March Effort . . . Jack and Barbara Edwards conducted live-in camp at Easter Convention . . . Four mid-week prayer and Bible studies held . . . Explorer Club held father and son camp at Officer.

MALVERN (P. Nelson, R. Harrison). Church board spent Anzac Day in retreat at Frankston church . . . Mrs Sue Wilson spoke of experiences in Kampuchean refugee camps in Thailand. \$40 offering received . . . Delegate to World Conf. on Mission and Evangelism, Rev. P. Wahlstrom, Sec. of Swedish Missionary Council had fellowship with church. He was guest speaker on Pentecost Sunday. Service followed by luncheon . . . Evening services June — August to commence at 5 p.m.

MT. EVELYN (B. J. O'Grady). Series of meetings held with Bob and Jenny Kuipers and four young women from P.N.G. . . . Five baptised recently . . . 56 attended Marriage Enrichment Seminar taken by Lyell Potts (Canberra New Life Centre) . . . Y.P. and others ministered to during series of meetings with Francis Butler.

THE PATCH (Tom Frazer). Maundy Thursday service held . . . Harvest Thanksgiving produce given to C.O.B. Vic Berry soloist at service in which Mrs Verco from the College was interviewed . . . 20 attended Conf. Evangelistic rally.

THORNBURY (W. Clinton, C. Jones). Church gladdened by recent baptism . . . At recent church picnic 50 travelled by train to Kyneton . . . Church project this year is support of World Vision in India . . . Outreach church tea to be held in July . . . 2500 Encounter leaflets dropped in letter boxes surrounding church brought several responses . . . Keith Skillicorn and Paul Burnham recent speakers.

STRATHMORE (Stan Bannon, Jim Spiker). Film night held for Chaplaincy Fund . . . Working bee painted church . . . Craft day commenced . . . Bus used for Festival of Faith. American Lutheran pastor hosted during Festival . . . Puppets gave cookies and flowers to mothers on Mothers Day at both morning services.

COBURG (Keith Milne). Church celebrated 60th anniversary. Names of foundation members honoured in booklet to commemorate the situation. Those present included Mrs Rose Howell (nee Parker) who attended first meeting, Mrs. Dorothy Grenfell (nee Evenden) and Tom Girvan who joined church after Henrickson-Brooker Mission in 1921. Social evening commenced celebrations led by Alf White. Guest preacher for weekend was former minister Charles Dow. Visitors included former minister Alan Matheson now working with the W.C.C. in Geneva . . . Past members helped as leaders and soloists. Special presentation made to Miss Val Williams, Sec., for her work in organising the celebrations.

FOOTSCRAY (A. B. Withers). Evening Fellowship supplied tea for Ward 1 at Mount Royal, also entertained mothers at lunch on Mother's Day. . . . Livett family sang and Michelle Livett reported on the Indian Sharing Venture . . . Mini fair raised \$412. . . Mrs. Daphne Ashlin is President — elect of C.W.F. . . . Judy and Paul Williams and children farewelled to return to P.N.G.

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Ambrosia

by Chris Ambrose

COMMITMENT

We recently had the pleasure of hosting one of the delegates to the W.C.C. Conference on Missions for several days prior to the start of the Conference. This particular delegate was from an Eastern European country. What we found out from that person was interesting. The amount of subtle persecution of the recognised church and its members is great. There are also the pressures of the hardship that the believers' children could face in such things as discrimination in educational and vocational opportunities.

This made me realise the tremendous commitment that many of these people give. I would have to admit that among those who attended from Eastern Europe there would be several who were agents of the Communist governments. This person was not one of these and they told us in simple detail about their life and Christian witness in that country. (Details are not to be published for a real fear of reprisal.)

Their faith was real and alive. Their commitment was very real. I also had the opportunity in a small group to hear an address by an American Baptist Theology Professor who challenged us as to our commitment and the witness that we are having in our community. He asked how much we are a light in the whole of our actions and attitudes to the community in which we live. He also challenged us as to the amount of friendship we show to people outside the church, the social group in which we are active. They as a family have deliberately set out to help others without actively trying to push them into the church. Those they have had contact with in this way have included a battered family (both the wife and the children) and a lonely older couple.

Having looked at these people and heard what they have said to me, the question comes to me as to what is the depth of my

commitment to my Christian faith. Here in Australia it is relatively easy to live as a Christian. We have many in our churches whose Christian faith and understanding is only skin deep and yet they are not challenged to grow in that faith.

How do I face up to the demands of Christ on my life? Am I able in my normal conversation with people to be frank and realistic about what Christ means to me or do I leave my witnessing to special times in the church calendar and then only by using a technique or words that are learnt by rote as a machine?

Are we as Christians willing and able to reach across the various social strata in society and form real and lasting friendships with other people without being patronising in what we do. Much of what we now try and achieve is as a foray out of our nice comfortable surroundings and is very patronising to those whom we may accidentally contact.

I am aware that there are Christians in Australia who are doing that now. I thank God for such people. However most Christians are more like me in that they are happy to live their lives in the church with some contact with workmates and no other contact with non-Christians than can be avoided.

Is my faith strong enough to withstand persecutions? What would I do if my stand about my faith meant that I lost my job and could only find manual work with little pay? What would I do if my Christian commitment meant that my children for whom I care would be deprived of an education and a chance to select their own lives?

We as Christians in Australia need to look again at our commitment to our faith in God. We need to be aware of our Bibles and what God is saying to us through the scriptures. We need to grow in the depth of our relationship with Christ. This is all easy to type but hard to do in practice. To do more, ask your minister or others for help.

THE LAST WORD

Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men.

— Martin Luther King

Maybe . . . Maybe Not!

Mind your manners all the while,
Some day they may come back in style!

— Catherine Zelms

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Two young bachelors returned from an exciting vacation and the first thing one did was telephone his steady girl. Moments later he staggered out of the telephone booth.

"I can't believe it," he said ashen-faced, "she's going to get married."

"Don't worry," his friend consoled, "I can introduce you to other girls."

"You don't understand," the first young man said, "she says she's going to marry me!"

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"That's right," answered the boss, "please do."

"May I ask why?"

"We file one under each letter of the alphabet, then we are sure of finding them," replied the harried man.

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Teacher: "Which is more important to us — the moon or the sun?"

Johnny: "The moon."

Teacher: "Why?"

Johnny: "The moon gives us light at night when we need it. The sun gives us light only in the daytime when we don't need it."

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"Yes," said the personnel manager to the job applicant, "what we're after is a man of vision; a man with drive, determination, fire; a man who can inspire others; a man who can pull our bowling team out of last place!"

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One lightning bug to another: "Give me a push. My battery's dead."

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A woman never admits she has lost an argument. She just thinks she has failed to make her position clear.

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