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ON MY MIND

YEAR OF NATIONAL EVANGELISM!

Arnold Caldicott

Arnold Caldicott is a graduate of the N.S.W. Bible College, presently ministering at the Grote Street City Church of Christ, Adelaide, and the author of several books.

Scanning the 1981 Conference Handbook statistics, and I guess this goes for most States, a question arises, "Where have all the Evangelists gone?" A great number of baptistries are seemingly dry for much of the year. A year ago our Conference joined forces to launch the Adelaide Uniting Church World Evangelism program headed by Dr Allan Walker. The audience was 75% our people, and Dr Walker dynamically presented evangelism, but it would seem the program went with him — nothing happened on the Uniting front. And now we are in the middle of our year of National Evangelism! For years Church Growth has been the in-thing, expensive seminars, terrific promotion, at best giving a temporary shot in the arm — but the fire-brand evangelists seem to be missing. Dialogue and no action won't win souls!

Danger of Losing our Identity

Even as the First Century New Testament Church grew powerfully because the teachers and the preachers were also evangelists, so did our Restoration Movement in the day of the Campbells. Also our own beginnings precipitated to great heights with Gore, Ewers, Surber, Stephen Cheek and hundreds of others. "Evangelize or fossilize" thundered E. C. Hinrichsen baptizing 30,000 in his tent campaigns. There were no church growth seminars in those days. It was part of the College curriculum. Students took to the streets with their lecturers and the fire of evangelism became part of the blood stream. Churches of Christ with their clarion call "to evangelize" stirred the towns and the cities to search the Scriptures. Seldom, if ever, does this happen today — instead we seem to have surrendered to the sophisticated elements which compromise at inter-denominational level to the exclusion of the whole truth and what the New Testament Church is all about. To say "our day is a different generation" is nonsense. The respectable sinner is carnal as of any generation and needs the Gospel to be "born again."

Credits Due

A great cattle breeder once said, "Anything unproductive we eliminate." The aesthetic build up of a church with all the discovery groups in the world, no matter how many hundreds pass through the church property in a week, defeats the mission and purpose of the church ("to seek and save that which is lost") if people are not won to Christ. G. R. Stirling once preached at Conference in Brisbane "we need a resurgence of our faith in all that we claim to be" and that means eliminating the unproductive and unprofitable.

I salute men like Bill Newman, inter-denominational Evangelist, with his 1000 seater tent winning scores to Christ. But Hinrichsen showed us how years ago. John Timms is true to form of our past great H. M. Directors, crusading everywhere, and the Bonds are getting great results. But the question remains, "Where have all the Evangelists gone?" There are no shortcuts; endless visitation, endless prayer, and endless crusading; preaching the Gospel until the lost are saved!

96th Annual Conference in N.S.W.

The theme of our 96th Annual Conference was "Jesus Christ is Lord." The Lordship of Christ was evidenced in the various segments of Conference.

Ministers' Refresher.

This preceded Conference and was held at Stanwell Tops.

Main speakers were as follows: **Dr. Leon Morris** — Expositions on John 17. Romans 8. 1 Corinthians 13. **Dianne Feeney** — 'Image of Church in Australia' and 'Understanding and Teaching Australian Society for Christ.' **Gordon Moyes** — 'Planning, Communicating and Motivating,' and **Albert Mewett** — Work of Bible Society.

Brian White was appointed President and **Dennis Nutt**, Secretary. **Rallies.**

The missionary rally was held on Wednesday evening

featuring **Frank Johnson**, Pastor Tamworth Aboriginal Church of Christ, **K. Williams** from Vanuatu, **Max Hall (Mayfield)** as President Elect presented a challenging message.

C.W.F. Rally for the Family.

The rally held on Thursday evening again proved to be a highlight of Conference featuring singing group "Harvest" and **Gordon Moyes** as speaker.

Service of Fellowship and Challenge.

680 members gathered in the Civic Centre, Ryde, as a conclusion to Conference. The program featured the **Epping Singers** and **Ed Brooke** with **Dr. Keith Farmer** bringing an address.

Christian Women's Fellowship.

The 87th Conference of the **Christian Women's Fellowship** was held on Thursday and in a major break with tradition the speaker was a man — **Ron Hewitt of Telopea**. **Marilyn McDougall** concluded a very fine year of leadership and **Mrs. Peggy Cameron (Lane Cove)** became C.W.F. President for this year.

Reports from Committees.

Reports were all adopted and give a good summary of what the committees have achieved in the past year and plan for the future. This year several committees made what amount to a final report as the number of committees will be reduced to four to enable a more efficient use of the resources.

Business Sessions.

These were held on Friday night and all day Saturday and were marked by a spirit of open discussion and clear thinking. The following decisions were taken —

1. To receive the Maitland Church into Conference.

2. To extend the term of the Healing Ministry Subcommittee for a further two years.

3. To accept the concept of "Double in a Decade" as a realistic and desirable goal for the State.

4. To establish a Brotherhood Centre to house administrative offices in the building now known as the Chapel Building at 216 Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford.

5. To appoint a special subcommittee to consider the report entitled "Religion in education in New South Wales Government Schools."

6. The College board was given permission to explore the possibilities for teaching the Bachelor of Theology degree to be awarded by the Sydney College of Divinity, and if we are unable to gain member status as a single institution the Board has power to negotiate the entry into a cluster of institutions arrangement with the Baptist Theological College if it thinks that it is our best option, giving special and careful regard to the preservation of the specific emphasis of our movement of Churches of Christ.

Focus on Mayfield/ Maitland and Canberra Churches.

A feature was the presentation to Conference on the work being done at **Mayfield/Maitland** by **M. Hall** and at **Canberra** by **B. Leach**, President of A.C.T. Conference. This provided delegates with an insight into the exciting developments in these two areas.

Conference Executive.

President: **Fred Stephenson (Chatswood)**, President Elect — **M. A. Hall (Mayfield)**, Vice-President — **A. Bourne (Epping)**, Assoc. Secretary — **K. Baker (Epping)**, Treasurer — **I. Torode (Port Macquarie)**, Secretary — **Kevin Crawford (Epping)**.

Kevin Crawford

New Logo for "A.C."

"The Australian Christian" has a new Logo or Banner Heading for its front page.

The designer is graphic artist, **Paul Andrews** of the **Ivanhoe (Vic.) church**. Paul is studying for a degree in Graphic Art and Design.



Paul Andrews

He is the grandson of **Gordon Andrews** one of our retired ministers who served churches in Queensland, N.S.W. and Vic., and the Bible Society.

Paul has also done the layout for the front page of the "Special Outreach Number" of the "A.C." (July 18), as well as a Vital Publications advertisement promoting the pamphlet "Churches of Christ, Who Are They?" in the "Special".

The Board of Management of "The Christian" is grateful to Paul for making his gifts available to the national journal.

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WEMBLEY DOWNS (John Somerville). Church working with other Christian groups in community. Open House continues as united outreach ... Anglican, Uniting and C. of C. churches in Wembley Downs joined together for 9.30 a.m. service at Anglican Worship Centre on May 31. Over 300 attended. Loaves were baked by members of various churches and all present broke bread together.

NORTHAM (M. Randell). "Focus on the Family" film series used as a teaching series with good attendances ... Minister assisting monthly at Corrigin and Cunderdin ... Large group travelled through storms to see "Joni" ... June Hearhtenders held tupperware party and purchased over \$200 worth of goods for missionaries in Vanuatu. Sewing aids also sent ... B.S. attendances encouraging. 15-20 in adult class ... Truck load of furniture and articles sent to Welfare Centre, Perth.

SCARBOROUGH (Leroy Randall, Fred Hay). Fred Hay inducted as associate minister ... John Redman, Overseas Program Manager of F.E.B.C., speaker at missionary emphasis service ... Church involved in "Turning Point Crusade" with evangelist Allen Bartlam ... Lionel Fitch elected Elder and Jim Sharp and Murray Carter deacons ... Several attended meetings addressed by John Stott ... C.W.F. visited Alcoa mining site at Pinjarra. Leading Psychiatrist, Dr Blackmore, recent speaker.

VIC

SWAN HILL (J. A. Caporn) Sharing partners scheme now in operation ... Y.P. took part in 40-hour famine appeal ... Ladies Wednesday morning study group continues to grow ... C.W.F. has carpeted chapel foyer and cry room area ... Baptismal services held during May.

NUNAWADING (E. C. Keating, C. H. Wright, P. B. Burnham). Y.P. held Bush Dance ... American singing group The Continentals held family gospel concert ... Sunday Forum held on Human Relations Courses in Schools ... Young Wives held luncheon with Chief Superintendent Alan Coysh

speaking on Educating your Children about the Police Force, drugs etc ... 22 seat bus purchased ... "Unhitched" held family camp ... men's choir featured for first time on Pentecost Sunday. Ladies led service ... New playgroup commenced at Springfield Road booked out ... Master Singers (Salvation Army) special guests ... Families met in homes for tea and fellowship before attending family gospel service.

YORK STREET, BALLARAT (Roger Risson) Family fair held. \$900 raised for building fund ... Opening of church alterations by Norm Marshall, followed by church dinner ... Communion taken to elderly and sick on a regular basis ... Recent speaker Paul Popov (Evangelism to Communist Lands) ... Concert by Ken Medema in Memorial Theatre ... Religious Instruction in local Primary School taken by lay people from the church.

PORTLAND (N. Mitaxa) Church planning mission for town with Truth and Liberation and Scripture Union. Minister conducting counselling classes with about 50 people from different churches in the town taking part ... Church involved in T.V. program "Turn Around Australia" with other churches in viewing area ... Local members conducting services while minister on holidays ... Two young men baptised ... C.W.F. held casserole luncheon with younger married women and remedial teacher as guest speaker.

CROYDON (L. S. Pewberry) Two Y.P. made decisions ...

Church praying for the Life Enrichment Crusade with Geoff Fletcher of the Lay Institute for Evangelism ... Opportunity Shop had record month ... Units in Retirement Village almost all sold. Tree in neighbouring property uprooted causing damage to one of the units.

NSW

THORNLEIGH (Paul Cameron). Dedication service conducted for recently appointed Deacons and Deaconesses ... Church supported Pennant Hills-Thornleigh Minister's Fraternal Combined Churches service at St Luke's Anglican Church Thornleigh ... At State Conf. Mrs Bartholomew was re-elected C.W.F. Conf. Treasurer and Mrs O'Donnell to the Ladies Bible College Committee. R. F. Bartholomew and Paul Cameron were elected to serve on the Dept. of Church Development C'tee.

SA

BLACKWOOD (Trevor Giles, Jeff May). A.G.M. adopted new constitution ... Elders and deacons commissioned at a special service and 12 people welcomed into membership ... 100 Y.P. and leaders at Longwood Camp ... C.W.F. Mothers' Day biscuit and posy stall raised \$200 for social services and Bible Society ... Special series of talks by Lyall Williams held on "Living Responsibly".

GOOLWA (R. Sercombe). Churches of Goolwa celebrated birthday of the Christian Church by joining

in a march of witness through Goolwa, followed by a special Pentecost day combined service held in the Anglican Church. Banners were held by the marchers proclaiming "One Spirit, Many Gifts, One Body." Fellowship tea followed.

GLENELG (D. Thorpe) C.E. groups formed. Morning prayer sessions held twice weekly for several months ... Two ladies made decisions at

recent service ... Harvest Thanksgiving produce and preserves given to Rest Home ... Mr Thorpe attended Ex-plot '81. Speakers during his absence included Dr Bowes and George Mathieson ... Members have pledged increased support for work of Bible translators, John and Margaret Beaumont, P.N.G.

BLACK FOREST (B. V. Coventry) B.S. has new scholars as result of Adventure Time with Alan Bailey during school holidays, letter box drops, door knock to 800 homes and large advertisements in local paper ... Service at Everard Park Rest Home held every Sunday morning. V. V. Coventry takes a regular weekly devotional period after evening meal time. Many guests also taken by car to services at Black Forest chapel ... C.W.F. continues with new format-business attended to during special day meeting — leaving evening meets free for other activities as arranged.

SALISBURY EAST (S. Curkpatrick). Membership continues to grow, six new transfers ... Noel Beumont made and donated wooden cross ... Dinner and social evening held ... Board member published book on presiding.



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DANDENONG (W. J. Edwards). Four made decisions ... Festival of Witness conducted by Ministers' Fraternal ... Members and youth group helped give out 20,000 gospels of Luke ... Combined service held at church ... Y.P. attended Sunrise youth rally ... S.S. Children prepared flowers for Mother's Day ... Minister attended seminar at Monbulk ... Several participated in 40 hour famine ... C.W.F. conducted meeting with prayer and evangelism committee.

RINGWOOD (S. & K. Ludgater). Members involved in Austcare doorknock ... C.W.F. made gifts for hospital patients ... Combined Pentecost service held in Cultural Centre ... Queen's birthday car rally barbecue held ... theatre night to view "Joni" ... Keith Ludgater returned from Asian Christian Conf ... Teens group led evening service ... Recent speakers Ian Webber, Brian Powell and Mark Emerson.

NOBLE PARK (K. Clinton, L. Mayes). Church membership increased by 12 this year ... Baptismal service held ... Men's Breakfast held ... Group attended film "Joni".

CAULFIELD (M. Stevens). Chapel open for 24 hours of prayer ... Dawn service on seashore on resurrection morning ... Gordon Lees visiting speaker for both services recently ... Many travelled to Town Hall for Conf. evangelistic rally ... Don Quilliam speaker at 61st anniversary. Russell Ritchie (Carnegie) entertained ... 5 p.m. services replacing 7 p.m. services during winter ... Church saddened by death of Marion Gray.

SOUTH YARRA (Peter Nelson). South Yarra Gospel Singers have outreach to elderly people of the district and entertain three times a year at South Yarra. They have now recorded a tape of their singing.

THE PATCH (Len Martin). Church farewelled Authur and May Reed ... Some attended evening service at Montrose ... C.W.F. held 25th birthday meeting. Yukana Singers were guest artists.

HAMILTON (Russell Wesley). Goals set at half yearly meeting: 20% growth goal over 12 months, provision of adequate follow up for newly converted ... Young adult group held street stall raising \$130 for outreach work ... C.W.A.F. led evening service with a play ... Food boxes distributed to needy families ... Church commencing coffee shop.

RESERVOIR (P. Stevens). Evening services May-Sept. at 5 p.m. include family times ... Mother and son baptised ... Church saddened by death of Mrs Doris Crossfield ... C.W.F. annual luncheon held. Mrs Daphne Ashlin guest speaker ... Neville and Gwen Thomas, Wycliffe Bible Translators, home on furlough from Philippines ... Mid-week prayer meetings well attended ... Jean Grayden appointed Secretary.

STRATHMORE (Jim Spiker, Stan Bannon). Play group commenced ... Y.P.'s house church at manse well attended ... W.R.O.C. planning and fellowship tea held at home of Pearl and Bruce Alcorn ... Six attended Pastoral Care seminar at Essendon ... Kevin Blake new treasurer ... Mrs Alice Milligan thanked after retirement from board after many years service ... Anthea Spiker and Noel Skillicorn conducted service at Emmaus ... Cabaret held as fund raiser for manse.

TAS

LAUNCESTON (M. D. Hamilton, R. J. Allison). Five Y.P. baptised at combined service on June 21 ... Girls Brigade celebrated International Day of Prayer ... Third "Little Church" commenced in North Launceston area ... B. S. presented musical "Noah" ... Miss Doreen Riches spoke at evening service on work with W.E.C. in Ivory Coast.

QLD

ANN ST. David Eagling, currently ministering at Asquith, N.S.W., accepted call to ministry for three years from Feb. 1982 ... Church appreciating preaching of L.G. Armstrong, F.L. Ewers, R.V. Holt, A.C. Male and D.E. Stewart ... Morning worship on August 9 is to be recorded for broadcast on

A.B.C. Preacher will be A.C. Male ... Elder Dick Proud led gospel service. Film "Distant Thunder" screened ... C.W.F. meetings with a difference held with speaker from Flying Saucer Research Bureau. Also spent morning at New Farm Park, Brisbane. Goods for Aborigine Missions at Normanton and Eidsvold being prepared.

ACACIA RIDGE (V. G. Boettcher M.B.E., M. G. Gibson, Julie Smith). Youth group conduct evening service first Sunday each month ... Youth exchange weekend held with Kingaroy ... Mother's Day tea provided by men and Y. P. Jack Price baked special cake. Mrs Win Beale guest speaker at service following tea ... M. Gibson, S. Friend, M. Brown and C. F. Robinson from M.A.F. conducted service and screened film when Vic Boettcher speaker at Harlaxton anniversary ... Kingswood Park used chapel for baptism service ... Mid-week prayer and Bible study being held in homes during colder months ... Church saddened by deaths of Mr and Mrs S. Yar-

row within 2½ weeks of each other ... S. S. picnic held at Sherwood Forest organised by Mr and Mrs Ken Webb ... Youth cutting grass on vacant church property in Salisbury for Brotherhood ... Second quarterly tea and rally held at Acacia Ridge on June 24. Best attended to date. Noel Williams, Leichhardt, Ipswich, guest speaker.

VIC

SURREY HILLS (Rod Foster). Church activities planned to cater for families within community ... 80 attended first family service and enjoyed children's singing and drama. Infant dedication service included ... Youth group held barbecue and saw film "Joni".

GARDINER (A. B. Clark). Friendship Club held every Monday afternoon at 1.30 p.m. Well attended ... Number of Asian Y.P. attending morning services ... three Indonesian young men received into membership.

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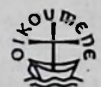
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HE UTTERED NOT A WORD

Recently, a Committee to which I belong, found themselves inundated with criticisms and accusations. We came together to PRAY about the situation and to consider the criticisms and accusations. As a result, we determined that in no way did we believe any of the criticisms.

What should we do? Tell the accusers how wrong they were in the same strain they had expressed? Make replies through the media, the place where it all began? Fight the situation with counter accusations for the sake of the good name of the Movement?

Through the Easter period, I was again reminded vividly of Jesus before His accusers, chief priests and the high priest. We read in the scriptures how He was asked question after question ... yet He made no reply. Even though His life was at stake, HE UTTERED NOT A WORD.

He spoke no words of hate at the crucifixion. He knew another way ... the way of peace ... acceptance in FAITH that God had a purpose and plan for Him.

How wonderfully we proved Jesus way to be the right way in our Committees dilemma. We played it "low key," speaking only where it was necessary.

What could have been a catastrophe was averted, instead, a sad experience of misunderstanding and misinterpretation resulted, but because we love God, we believed ALL WILL WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD.

Dorothy Armstrong Qld.

South-Eastern, S.A., C.W.F. Conference

At 21st C.W.F. Conference held at Bordertown, Mrs M. Pollard Federal C.W.F. President, received a cheque for \$1000.14 — S.E. project money for Roelands Mission. Mrs L. Maddern President, was also the first conference president. Mrs R. Brown read the first conference minutes.

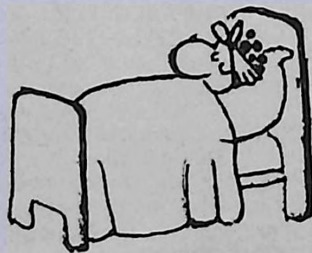
Office-bearers for 1982 were dedicated by Mrs S. Holmes, who was first vice-president. Surplus conference funds are to be sent to Mrs C. Verco for College of the Bible needs.

A huge 21st birthday cake was made by past president Mrs B. Fimmell, and was iced in the form of a cathedral by Mrs P. McKinlev.

Miss Sue Maddern S.R.N.) L.Th. who is doing voluntary chaplaincy at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Adelaide, told of the vital need of the Chaplain to work within the hospital, especially with terminally ill patients, who cannot accept death. Chaplain is able to reassure them of God's love and in some cases lead them to a belief in God. The Medical profession now believes in team nursing, treating the patient as a whole person, with the Chaplain as part of the team.

Mrs M. Milne, President elect, thanked Sue and gave her a cheque on behalf of the conference.

B. Macdonald S.A.



HOSPITAL VISITOR'S SEMINAR.

How does it feel to be a hospital patient? How does it feel to be a hospital visitor? What is the patient thinking? How can I best help him or her? What will I say if he or she blames God for the illness? These are some of the questions considered at the Victorian C.W.F. Hospital Visitors Seminar. Epworth Hospital Chaplain is arranging a 8-10 week training course. Contact Lois Smith — 848 1872.

Lois Smith. Vic.

THINK ABOUT IT.

What difference does it make to our faith to be able to KNOW God through 'Jesus?' Hebrew 1:1.2; see chapters 11-13.

ABORIGINAL MISSION CHANGES

Forty years among the Aboriginal people have seen many changes including differences in Mission accommodation — from tents to substantial dwellings.

TENTS

In 1936, Misses Edie and Bentley began work among Aborigines at Norseman in a tent. The growing work at Norseman was moved in 1945 from the Aboriginal Reserve to the present site 9 miles from town, where the Superintendent is Pastor Sonny Graham.

In 1945 Dr and Mrs Hammer went to Carnarvon where the need of the people was great. 1946, the Hammers took their family of four children and the neglected sick children and moved to the present site of the mission. They lived in Army tents until sheds could be built. Opposition and antagonism of townspeople was encountered, but gradually disappeared as the Mission proved itself.

DORMITORY HOMES

These were built on both properties housing over 30 girls or boys. Central kitchen and dining rooms were added for children's meals.

FAMILY HOMES

Dormitory accommodation has changed to Family Homes. Missionaries take up to 10 children and meals are shared. This loving, caring environment for smaller groups is a happier situation.

EDUCATION

Changes from segregated schools to public schools has resulted in many children going on to the secondary level — thus opening up positions as Nursing, Nursing-Aid, Hairdressing, and Shop Assistants. Fairhaven Esperance Home provides training and spiritual help for girls in the Goldfields. Esperance training scheme for boys has proved commendable for Motor Mechanics and Welders.

TODAY'S WOMEN

CLOTHING

Changes from second-hand mission boxes, to individual clothing parcels provided by C.W.F.'s throughout Australia has improved clothing of children and adults. Esperance Aboriginal Ladies Fellowship provided clothing for a Roelands child last year. Aboriginal ladies from our Centres conduct womens' groups, Bible studies, and clothing sales.

OUTREACH

A wide practical ministry has gone hand in hand with the Gospel. Patterns changed with the conversion of Bob Williams, and with the outreach of the Fishers into North of Carnarvon — coming back to Norseman, with A. Pallett, R. Schmitt, and Aboriginal Christian leaders.

GROWTH

Movement is the essence of success and development, so came the growth of new fields, Onslow, Port Hedland, Looma, Roelands and in Queensland, Eidsvold, Normanton, Brisbane.

Changing patterns emerged with greater sharing by Aboriginal Christians and Aboriginal Churches with evangelistic ministry in centres in S.A., Vic., N.S.W. Canberra, all led by Aboriginal Pastors.

God is still working in the lives of His people.

V. Pallot W.A.

W.A. News

Mrs D. Isaac, President, invited all Presidents and Secretaries of C.W.F. groups in Perth to an informal Morning Tea three weeks after Conference. Only three groups were not represented.

Mrs Betty Fabry spoke on the importance of working and gathering together, in order to grow in knowledge of each other, and of work done around the State, Australia, and the World. Joyce Bolton, returned missionary from New Guinea, spoke on the support given by the Auxiliary, and the love and concern expressed in the letters she had received.

Theme of the President is "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice". As she left, each sister rejoiced in the warmth of the fellowship shared with each other and the Lord.

Norma Ellement. W.A.

Pentecost Celebrations

Pentecost Sunday at Goolwa, S.A., dawned bright and sunny following heavy rain during the preceding week. The glorious sunshine set the atmosphere for a happy celebration of Pentecost by all the churches in town. Preceded by an amplifier van playing hymn tunes, the march swung around Hay Street into Cadell Street, the main street of Goolwa and marched through the shopping centre to the Anglican Church. Attractive banners proclaiming the Christian Gospel had been specially made and were displayed to advantage during the march and afterwards.

The marchers filled the Anglican Church for a special united service which was conducted by representatives from all the churches — Anglican, Catholic, Uniting

Church and Church of Christ. Balloons with messages on them, such as, "Smile, God Loves You" plus a smiling face were waved by the children and distributed to watching children during the march. Lollies and chocolates were also distributed to help the children celebrate the Christian churches birthday.

After the service most adjourned to the Goolwa Town Hall where a fellowship tea was held. Presentations were made to the makers of the best banners. The Goolwa Church of Christ youth group won first prize.

We praise God that a united witness was given to Goolwa on Pentecost day and many are looking forward to next year's march.

— Richard Sercombe.

MUSTARD SEEDS

LUKE 9:51-62



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Youth Response High at Glasgow Crusade

Latin American evangelist Luis Palau has concluded his five-week Glasgow evangelistic crusade. About 200,000 people attended the meetings which were supported by 600 congregations.

The evangelist was particularly pleased at the response of young people. Over 75% of those recording first time Christian decisions were 18 years of age or under. More than 5,000 responded to the public invitation to register spiritual decisions during the crusade.

Palau stressed that the crusade impact was not limited to the public professions during the five weeks of meetings. "Hundreds of Christians have

been trained to communicate their faith, local ministers have expressed a real awakening in their own hearts, and many young people are going to be bolder in speaking up for their Christian convictions."

The evangelist added that he hoped that the crusade contributed to resolving Scotland's number one problem which he contended was "a loss of confidence in the Bible as the authoritative word of God."

Although Palau conducts most of his crusades in Latin America, he has been well received in recent years in the United Kingdom where he has preached evangelistic meetings.

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OPEN FORUM

W.A. AND W.C.C.

To the Editor,

The decision of Western Australian Churches of Christ to withdraw from the World Council causes controversy. It is reasonable to assume that my letter in the "Western Christian" had some influence. I am sure that it was our gracious Lord's will that the letter should be printed so that it should be clear that there is a "middle of the road" position.

I take this position for three reasons.

1. In 50 years service with Churches of Christ I have learned that defeat is often the price that must be paid for victory. This is the lesson of Calvary.

2. Division in the body of Christ is too big a price to pay for any union outside.

3. In controversy men are unable to listen. This is particularly true of those who have come to see themselves as 'informed'. God grant us breathing time to stand back, see the situation as it is and seek the mind of Christ. —

Frank Griffiths (Perth, W.A.)

Award to Allan Male

In the recent Queen's Birthday Honors Awards Allan C. Male was awarded an M.B.E. Allan whose home church was Margaret St., Toowoomba is currently honorary Executive Director of Queensland Department of Youth and Christian Education. He has been very involved in the Shaftesbury Project.

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The Australian Council of Churches has launched an appeal for funds for the Aboriginal and Islander Development Fund (AIDF), a unique fund operated by and for Aborigines and Islander people in Australia.

The fund aims to enable Aborigines and Islanders to develop their communities and the participation in the total Australian community by encouraging, sponsoring or funding community organizations, programs to foster the development of culture and other projects of communities.

Over the past year, grants have been made to the Geraldton Aboriginal Medical Service (\$2000), the NSW North Coast Aboriginal Co-operative (\$300), the North Queensland Black Publishing Company (\$1000) and the National Aboriginal and Islander Health Organization (\$5000) among others.

VIC

WARRACKNABEAL, DIMBOOLA, BRIM (R. W. Marshall). Church saddened by death of Mrs Stubbs . . . Several took part in inter-church Lenten studies held in Uniting Church Hall . . . Mrs Marshall guest speaker at Women's World Day of Prayer held in Anglican Church . . . Brim men entertained ladies for breakfast for Mother's Day . . . Decision at Warracknabeal . . . Death of Mrs Parson's Snr . . . Trash and Treasure held for circuit funds by ladies of Brim and W'beal . . . Brim CWF held meeting and luncheon at manse.

HARTWELL (E. B. Clapp). Church voted in favour of being part of Eastern Suburban Regional Church . . . Christian unity theme during special week of prayer. Church open for prayer and meditation . . . C.W.A.F. had Principal Emeritus E. L. Williams as speaker on history of Churches of Christ. Mrs Williams showed slides of historic churches . . . C.W.E.F. held night on jewels of the Bible. Gifts received for Hospital Visitation . . . Underground. Evangelism screened film at evening service.

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

SO TERRIBLY IMPERSONAL!

To the Editor,

I'm not knocking the idea of giving an invitation to people to come down to the front to make a commitment to Christ (whatever that hackneyed phrase means!). But sometimes in some circumstances it seems totally inappropriate.

For the last three Sunday nights our minister has given the invitation, asking people if they would like to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour, and if so would they come down to the front. In his eagerness he has even been interrupting the singing to plead further for possible responses.

On each of these three Sundays there have been the same six people present who are not church members. Four are teenagers and the other two are husbands of wives who are members. Our minister knows this, and these are the six he is pleading for, and they probably know it too. So my question is, why does he ask them impersonally from the platform? Why doesn't he call round at their homes or get them to come to his, and ask them face to face what they are thinking of doing with their lives.

He knows these six people well and they like him. If they are his friends why does he give them a general invitation when he can talk to each one personally, friend to friend, about how their thinking is going about such things as making a decision and baptism and church membership?

They don't even get a chance for a reasonable reply to his question, "Will you accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour?" They don't get the opportunity to say Yes or No, or I'm not ready yet, or Yes I've been thinking about it, or I'm not sure what you mean, or I'd like to but I'm dead scared about going down to the front. They only have two choices . . . to come down to the front or to stay embarrassed in their seats. It doesn't look like the way to treat friends, in my way of thinking.

Yours bewilderedly,
TERTIUS

Phi Beta Pi Re-union

Months of planning by a Committee led by two past chaplains **Olive Drummy** and **Irene Poulton** culminated in a service at the **Balwyn** church on a recent Sunday evening.

Margaret Flett led the Song Service. **W. W. Saunders** who was State Chaplain of the Pi Fraternal Order for many years brought a

greeting to the packed church of 250 people. **Jean Fowler**, **Norma Russell** and **Joan Smith** talked about the Phi Beta Pi and its activities. The **Balwyn Clubs** were commenced in 1938 by **H. J. Patterson** and continued into the early 1950s.

Olive Drummy led the Pi Prayer Pause with special thoughts of Phi Betas who are

now in Higher Service. **Pam Mentiplay** brought the reading from 1 Cor. 13 and **Helen Banks** spoke on "Faith Hope and Love" taking us through the steps of initiation as "Friends of the King". **Elva Livett** and **Dorothy Bell** sang a duet."

Christine Trickey and **Dorothy Bell** led the enthusiastic singing on piano and organ and **Wilma Patterson**, as leader of the service, invited everyone to

stay for fellowship and supper. **Irene Poulton** cut the cake which had been made by her and decorated with the Phi Beta Pi badge.

Phi Beta Pi ("Friends of the King") and Kappa Sigma Pi ("Knights of St. Paul") helped lead many young people to know their Saviour, to grow in Christian fellowship, to train for leadership, and in personal relationships, as was evident at this great service.

• Editorial

The WCC Delegation on Aborigines

The visit of the World Council of Churches team to enquire into the Aboriginal problem has received a mixed reception. Church opinions on the visit usually reflect attitudes for or against the ecumenical movement. But outside the church there are divisions of opinion. Sir Charles Court and Mr Bjelke-Petersen have refused to talk with the team. Douglas Wilkie in "The Sun" asks if the team is "a representative, multi-racial delegation equipped to report on how much or how little Australia is doing to improve the lot of its Aborigines" or if it is "a mixed bag of do-gooders, taking their cue from dupes of leftist propoganda mongers whose prime aim is to muddy Australia's image in the eyes of third world countries." Wilkie seems to go along with the second view.

What Right Have They?

We may well ask what right has such a group to come here to tell us what to do about the Aboriginal problem, especially when the six countries from which they come do not have clean noses in human rights matters? And we might well ask how much in 17 days can a team of outsiders really assess and pass judgements upon one of the most complex questions in the world?

Program to Combat Racism

Actually the six do not come representing their countries but representing the WCC Program to Combat Racism. They have been outspoken concerning human rights in their own countries, one of them being imprisoned five times for doing so. And they have not taken the initiative in coming to Australia but have come at the invitation of the Australian Council of Churches.

ACC Naive?

Some might judge the ACC as being quite naive in its invitation. After all six people in 17 days cannot add much to the present diagnosis of the problem. Nor can they tell the world at large any more than they know already. The matter has been before the United Nations several times. Nor can they do very much about devising a cure for such a complex problem.

However, it is important to recall that members of the Program to Combat Racism have already done a lot of homework on the Aboriginal question and indeed in the last 10 years it has contributed \$181,000 to various Tribal and Land Councils and Aboriginal Development Funds and Schools.

Not Band-Wagoning

Whatever we believe about the WCC and the ACC, in all honesty we must give both bodies credit for a genuine

interest in the well being of the Aboriginal community. However impractical and idealistic the visit of this team might be, its motivation is of a high order. To believe otherwise would be cynical.

There is no doubt there are pressure groups in Australia that jump on the Aboriginal bandwagon for their own political and economic gain. But the WCC and the ACC can gain no advantage from such bandwagoning.

The Two Premiers

It is a pity the two premiers have refused to talk with the delegation. If it is to do its work thoroughly it should be aware of the whole cross section of feelings and convictions there are in Australia, and especially those of the Governments of W.A. and Queensland, both of which believe they have highly enlightened Aboriginal policies.

It is to be hoped the ACC leaders will make a point of exposing the visitors to the wide variety of attitudes and complexities of opinion in both the black and white communities.

Shocking Plight

With or without the visits of such delegations, most Australians are aware of the shocking plight of the people who were disinherited by our ancestors and whose descendants are largely treated with indifference by our ancestors' descendants.

Aboriginal life expectancy is 20 years less than that of whites. Infant mortality is three times as high. Incidence of trachoma is 15 times higher. 32% of Aborigines in cities are unemployed. Housing on the reserves is badly sub-standard and often worse off the reserves. Alcohol, malnutrition and disease are destroying a race.

Over against all of this of course a great deal has been done by churches, governments and community agencies and the above figures do represent an improvement!

Biblical Justice

The WCC delegation may not show us anything new in either diagnosis or cure. But it will provide one more incentive to politicians, churches and helping agencies and the whole Australian community to work towards greater justice for Aborigines, using the word justice in its broad biblical sense (which incidentally includes salvation!).

Findings

We propose to print the findings of the delegation if they are made available to us. Even if for some the findings are suspect, because of their source, none of us can "duck" our responsibility to discuss the Aboriginal question and to act towards it as responsible citizens and Christians. The findings of the delegation may well provide some guidelines discussion and action.

BOOKS TO READ

THE CHURCH GROWING UP AND GROWING OUT by Robert J. Hillman (Unichurch Books) \$5.00

Robert Hillman has written a book which focuses on one of the greatest contemporary needs of the Australian churches. The language is free from obscure jargon and the form of discussion is such that parish councils, elders' meetings and house groups will find here just what they need to get onto the road of real growth. The format and style is distinctively Australian and the drawings by Rick Ball are a delight.

The church growth movement has not always been served well by some of its enthusiasts. This book gets back to Biblical roots and returns to today's scene with some sound guidelines for growth.

We must continue to struggle to be the church in the world and the church for the underprivileged. But who is going to be the church in the world unless we learn again to make disciples and form up congregations who have the strength and vigour to bear witness to Christ by word and deed? Hillman shows us the way.

— Peter Davis

TRIUMPHS OF THE IMAGINATION: Literature in Christian Perspective

by Leland Ryken (Intervarsity Press)

Professor Leland Ryken is a master of the sweepingly positivistic and general statement. This mastery accords him a firmness of intent and a tightness of scope. Professor Ryken's goal is to "clarify the world of imaginative literature for anyone who loves to read it", particularly for the Christian reader.

A part of this intention is fulfilled in Professor Ryken's display of his broad knowledge, in the surveys and summaries of literary opinion, from antiquity to the modern period. Obscurity

is defeated, in this book at least, by an orderly subjection of thought to a program of hearty Christian positivism.

To be fair, Professor Ryken's approach does intimate a darker, more brooding aspect of some literature. His main pre-occupation however, is in equipping the Christian literary critic with a firmer footing in a slippery world. The final chapter is a survey of Christian critics, many of whom slip into dangerous semi-Christian positions because they "ignore the Bible..." Sweeping aside the theological outcrops, which only get in the way, Professor Ryken ascends to a central question of his book: "Who cares about an approach to literature based on the theology of Aquinas or Barth or Tillich... it has to be based on the only common denominator that all forms of Christianity have in various ways shared, the Bible itself."

For some, Professor Ryken's sure-footedness will be a comforting guide to reading literature; for others, the footholds of a specifically Christian literary criticism are still slippery.

— Lyn McCredden.

PREACHING IS DIALOGUE by Henry J. Eggold (Baker)

This book is written to stress the importance of the sermon being a meaningful dialogue between the preacher and the listener. Henry Eggold shows how to achieve this style of preaching in the belief that this style will generate a lasting response from the listeners. He believes that the sermon can become the Word of God — himself addressing the individual and calling for a response.

Unless otherwise stated books reviewed on this page may be obtained from: **Keswick-Scripture Union Bookshop, 1st floor, Port Phillip Arcade, 232 Flinders St., Melbourne 3000; N.S.W. Churches of Christ Book Shop, 9 Endeavour Arcade, The Kingsway, Caringbah, 2229; Scripture Union Bookshop, 121 Bathurst St., Hobart, 7000; Associated Church Bookshops, 38A St. George's Terrace, Perth, 6000; Scripture Union Bookshop, 6 Sherwood Court, Perth, 6000.**

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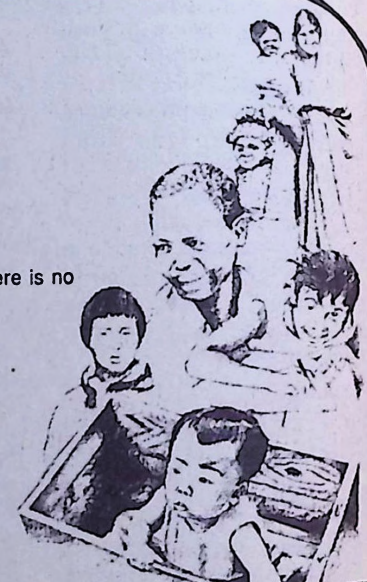
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New Learning Opportunities

Bernard Long

Even the Second World War didn't make much difference to the basic shape of Sunday schools. They gradually swung from meeting on Sunday afternoon to Sunday morning.

The basic objects remained: to impart knowledge of the Bible and Christian doctrine to the children who were to be the church of tomorrow, and, sooner or later, to get them to become communicant members.

For a bright child, Sunday school was a way of getting three good books a year — an attendance prize, a memory work prize, and a prize for a scripture examination.

But the trouble was that for most children not much of the crammed information stuck. Neither did most of the scholars. They passed out at 14. The survivors were given a Bible and started teaching other children.

But in the fifties, from across the seas news of "Christian Education" began to trickle through.

Church assemblies started to become aware that in spite of the teaching many of the young people were Biblically illiterate — some didn't think it mattered very much.

The old handbooks with their lessons, read verbatim by the teacher, disappeared. Now teachers had to do a lot more preparation — and many weren't prepared to.

Emphasis moved away from Bible knowledge. The Bible was still there — but sometimes it was harder to find.

The Bible became a source book. Now was the time for helpful hints for living, and stories. The new scheme was a valiant effort to turn and adapt to the effects of secularism which was sweeping Australia.

In the mid seventies the learning programs returned to a strong emphasis on the Bible. Every lesson was based on a Bible passage.

But the Sunday schools kept withering.

In the last couple of years the mood has changed. The obituaries of the Sunday schools have turned out to be premature.

And the Joint Board of Christian Education has responded to the new mood.



For the past two years consultations have been held. Next year the fruits of these will be seen in a new approach to Christian education — a blend of the lasting elements of previous systems — and with new lively distinctive elements — "Living Faith".

The old idea of year long segregation and separation between classes and the rest of the worshipping community is gone.

There is a new understanding of how people come to understand and deepen a faith that makes a difference to their lives.

The basic question had to be faced "Does it matter if the church in the eighties has a substantial learning segment — or can it drop it?"

People need help in working out how the gospel of Jesus Christ really does and should make a difference in their lives. This doesn't just happen in a classroom atmosphere — it takes place in many ways.

But the church is going to be not as well equipped to carry out its mission in the world if its members aren't helped to deepen their understanding of their faith — and a start must be made with the Gospel and with basic faith and discipleship issues.

It had become very clear that there must be a much closer link between learning and worship.

The recent widespread adoption of the lectionary and the observance of the Christian year now provided a useful basis for following through the great themes of the faith.

The Joint Board's learning programs will reflect the high

points of the Christian year, and will often be geared to the lectionary.

There may be physical separation during classes, but on many occasions the whole family will be working through the same basic themes at the same time.

Four times a year the learning programs are designed so that the whole church will meet together to learn from and with each other.

There had been increased pressure put on the Board to provide programs concerned with the life changing aspects of the gospel — the evangelistic aspects. If Christian education is not evangelistic and an aid to evangelism — helping people share the faith — the churches will be weak as they have been, Dr Merritt said.

The ministers have an absolutely crucial role in the new approach to Christian education. It will require a renewal of one of their traditional tasks — teaching.

The relating of education studies to the worship themes for the day will provide new opportunities for ministers to exercise a very powerful education ministry.

The "Living Faith" program was basically aimed at helping people discover and deepen faith in a living Lord.

Each year's learning program will have its own name: Year 1: Hearing God's word; Year 2: The way of Christ; Year 3: People of the Spirit.

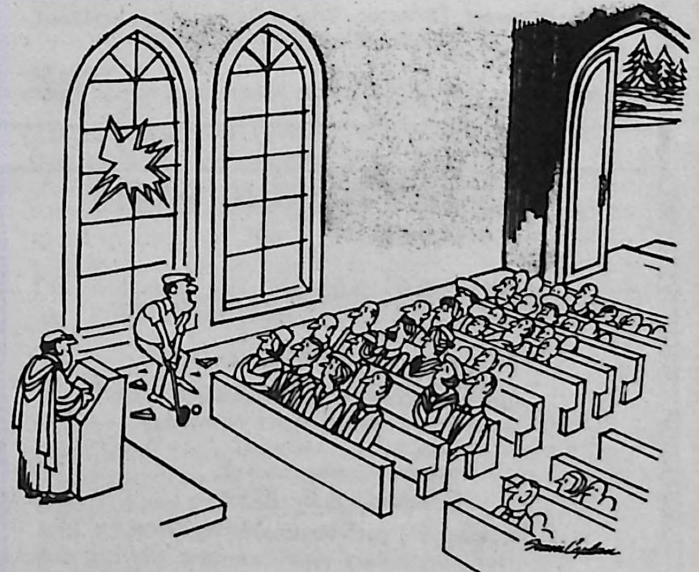
Extensions at "Kumba Ba Yah"

The last remaining weatherboard and asbestos building from the days of the old "J. Rhodes Campsite" (Watermans Bay, W.A.) was demolished in March 1981. In its place a brick and tile complex is beginning to take shape. The new building will be similar in colour and style to the motel units and conference facilities erected in 1977 and will be more in keeping with the two-storey 'mansions' across the street.

The new complex at Kum Ba Yah will include one self-contained motel unit (accommodating 2 or 3) as well as accommodation for 32 "campers" in double-decker beds in four rooms. Each room will have an adjoining shower, toilet and washbasin.

When the new complex is completed Kum Ba Yah Christian Conference and Recreation Centre will have sleeping accommodation for 62 and the conference meeting hall/dining room/kitchen will service 62+. One or two caravans can also be accommodated on the site.

Kum Ba Yah is on land owned by Churches of Christ in W.A. Inc. but the conference and holiday facilities, under a lease agreement, are owned and managed by Miss Merle Peacock, the Administrative Secretary for Churches of Christ in W.A. Enquiries regarding bookings should be addressed to Miss Peacock, 12-14 Lennard Street, Marmion, 6020.



"FORE!"

HAPPENINGS

The A.C.C. has agreed to an exchange visit with the Christian community in China. A team from Australia will visit China in 1982 with a proposed return visit in 1983.

Seen on a church notice board: "This is a segregated church — for sinners only. All welcome".

A Jews for Jesus team from U.S.A. under the leadership of Rev. Mitch Glasser will visit Australia during June and July. The Liberated Wailing Wall, a six member team, present a unique and exciting program of Jewish gospel music and drama.

100,000 copies of the Atheist's Pocket Dictionary, published last year by the Russian

Government, were sold out immediately. The 280 page paperback calls God "an idea used to justify and protect the social order of exploiters".

Another World Vision worker has been assassinated in El Salvador. Nelly Montesino was a member of a World Vision childcare project at Chapeltique. The assassins broke into her home late one night recently and murdered her. World Vision is now caring for her two children. She is the third worker from that agency murdered in the current conflict.

There are now 11,000 women in the U.S.A ordained to the ministry.

For the vast majority of the world's disabled people the main agent of rehabilitation is a strong, well-advised and well-supported family.

Community Aid Abroad is to press the Australian government for a resumption of aid to Vietnam following a visit there by national director Harry Martin.

The Vatican has reaffirmed its ban on Catholic membership in the Freemasons.

Workers have unearthed 2000 year old paving stones on the Via Dolarosa, the traditional path Jesus Christ took on his way to the Crucifixion, a Jerusalem city official has claimed.

Americans have more leisure today than 10 years ago and they spend most of it watching TV. Television takes 46% of all leisure hours whilst reading takes 14% of those leisure hours.

To save African nations from starvation, the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization says it needs 1,000,000 tonnes of cereal grains. FAO reports that cereal grain in Africa is down by 12% from 1978, while imports are up by 50%. The three most desperate countries are Ethiopia, Uganda and Somalia, however another 25 African nations are in serious need.

Jimmy Carter and his family have changed churches. They are now

members of the Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia. This congregation split from his previous church when it would not let a black person attend services.

1981 is the 1600th anniversary of the Council of Constantinople which adopted the creed known as the Nicene Creed.

A third church belonging to evangelicals has been burnt down in Lyon, France.

The Aetherius Society, a cult group, claims to be able to store up power prayer in a unique filing system and produce it on demand. They claim they released 2500 hours of prayer in three months last year to ease tension in the Middle East and to help Algerian and Italian earthquake victims.

HOUSE PARENTS REQUIRED

Applications are called for the position of House Parents for "Irwin Blowers House" a home for the care of up to 8 young people on the Gold Coast to commence in November.

ALSO

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Stop Bible Smuggling

The China Christian Council was reformed in October 1980 becoming the first protestant congress in China for 20 years. It was attended by 176 delegates from throughout China and Bishop K. S. Ting was elected President.

In 1980, 50,000 New Testaments and 85,000 Bibles were printed in China. Many more people are requesting Bibles, and although the demand will not be met until at least next year, the Chinese Christian leaders have ruled out accepting aid from sources outside China.

"The Chinese Church will uphold its principles (self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating) to solve their own problems... It's a matter of principle" Bishop Ting, President of the China Christian Council, told a group of religious leaders in Hong Kong.

The Rev. Tan Ma-Tai, a pastor of Dongshan Church in Canton and one of the vice-presidents of the CCC, added that the smuggling of anything, including Bibles, is illegal. "And I don't want to hear the term 'smuggled' to be added to the 'Bible' since the Bible is a holy treasure to all of us here." said Tan.

Staff Wanted Urgently for Aborigines Mission

The Federal Aborigines Board requires urgently dedicated and committed staff. Six married couples are needed at Roelands, Norseman and Carnarvon. Duties consist primarily of staffing a family group home of eight to ten children of varying ages. Other areas of activity include farming, mechanical work, maintenance building, church clubs, Sunday school outreach, Bible studies, preaching. Our main concern is that Aborigines who come to the mission should hear and understand the gospel and so commit their lives to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Qualifications include a deep personal commitment to Jesus Christ and a strong sense of His call. This includes love for the Aboriginal people of Australia and willingness to work in a cross cultural situation. Some formal Bible College training is an advantage.

We are also looking for single women with the above qualifications to assist in the work.

Further information is available from: The Secretary, Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Board, 26 Federal Aborigines Board St., Mt Lawley, Marradong 6050.

THE STORY OF THE "SPECIAL OUTREACH ISSUE"

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We had something modest in mind when we set out with Christian Projects Limited to print a "Special Outreach Issue of The Australian Christian." We anticipated 10,000 copies to be used by a few keen churches which would distribute them in their neighbourhoods along with visitation programs.

Orders

After announcing "The Special" in the February issue orders began to trickle in. But soon it was a flood. We will be **printing 45,000**.

This means contacts with 45,000 families either on the fringe of the church or in our neighbourhoods.

Material

We planned a normal 24 page issue. We wrote round Australia asking for pictures and stories that would tell our neighbours what sort of people we are. We have been overwhelmed. We have enough material for three issues. We cannot use it all in the "Special". But we will use it in the future, and indeed have used some of it in the June and July issues. **And we may have to go to 40 pages.**

Our Basis of Selection

Our basis of selection of material for the "Special" was: 1. interest to outsiders, 2. quality of photos, 3. fair representation amongst the States, 4. priority of arrival of material (some was too late). Where we received several stories from a single source we selected one.

Photos

Photos varied from excellent to poor. There were 12 pictures of ministers, all handsome, but probably of little interest to outsiders!

We received 28 pictures of church buildings. Traditionally Churches of Christ have emphasised that the church is people, not buildings. Yet when we want to tell the story of the Body of Christ we tend to show the overcoats it wears.

People sent us dozens of colour prints only a few of which could be used (where the contrasts were clear). They told us that they had unused colour film in their cameras. But colour films are free these days and can be economically taken out and processed even if there have only been a few exposures. Similarly black and white film is cheap. The high cost is in the developing. The idea is that when black and white photos are requested, to get a film, and take only the few exposures required. It is not economical to "finish the film".

People ask us to return photos for which they obviously have negatives. By the time we cut and paste they are not worth returning. But we will return irreplaceable ones.

Length and Language

Most material was far too long. Many contributions would have filled a page. (One church sent us an excellent four-page layout.) So we had to take the liberty of rewriting.

A lot of the language was not so much Australian as the language of Zion as spoken in the court of James 1. Beautiful phrases that are our stock in trade, such as "precious saviour" and "his wonderful name" and "waiting upon the Lord" are unintelligible to most Australians.

Distribution

To distribute 45,000 copies is going to be a big job. Some of us with a few volunteers expect to be wrapping and despatching for several days. Church offices in capital cities are acting as pick-up depots for suburban churches. We hope that all will reach their destinations in time for August-September distribution.

No Formal Doctrinal Statement

We have not made a formal statement of doctrine. However, in many ways we have hinted at some of the truths that we hold to be vital. Mainly we have let pictures and stories reveal the sort of people we are.

It is a very impressive story. It may mean that some churches will need to "pull their socks up" in order to look like the kind of people and churches whose story is told in the "Special".

Cost

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A New Form of Reporting

The "Special" has led us to the conclusion that significant things are happening in our churches that often come to us as an insignificant line in a church report. If we can get plenty of material and good black and white pictures of such events we can handle the journalism and write readable stories. We welcome churches to this new form of reporting.

OBITUARY

Typed statements of not more than 200 words, recognising the work and witness of God's faithful servants are welcomed. They should be submitted promptly.

CARTER, Iris Myrtle

While the physical presence of Iris Carter has been removed from the Footscray church through her death, her influence will remain for many years. Iris Carter (née Cordy) was part of the church for 63 years, and of the community for 78 years. She was born in Footscray, confessed her faith in Christ and was baptised in Footscray, married Joseph Carter, who lived in Footscray, and served her Lord in the church at Footscray. Yet her influence extended beyond this area. She was often the first to speak to visitors to the service, and delighted to share the hospitality of her home. Her faith was intensely practical. During those 63 years she shared in almost every part of the church's activities. Music was probably her first love, and she played the organ for over 50 years, and shared in the choir. She was very much involved in the local women's activities, and the state C.W.F. Council. She was an active hospital visitor at the Western General Hospital. She was both a Sunday School teacher, and a

deaconess of the church. There would not have been a church home that she did not visit or contact by phone, yet her faith was not just being active. Through it she found the strength to face her husband's death in 1946, her son Ian's death 4 years ago, and the death of three brothers. To her son, Max, and Stella, and their family, Anne and Milton Oliver, Susan, Loris and Helen; and to her daughter-in-law Sylvia, and her children Janine and Steven, we offer our love and sympathy. — M.D.K.

CHILVERS (Bennell), Mrs Beryl Margaret

(29.5.1981). Mrs Chilvers was born in Sydney in 1903. Soon after her family moved to Maryborough, Vic. Here she grew up and trained as a nursing sister at the Maryborough Hospital, graduating in 1923. In 1925 while working in Melbourne she met Marcus Chilvers. They were married in 1930 in the Swanston St. church by the late H. J. Patterson. Around 1935 they settled in East Kew and became associated with the church there during the ministry of A.W.C. Candy. Here their daughter Noelle and son Clive grew up. In 1970 Mr and Mrs Chilvers moved to Box Hill. About five years ago Mrs Chilvers suffered a severe illness from which she never recovered fully. Three years ago Steve Downie, minister at Box Hill baptised her at a private service at home. Poor health restricted worship attendance but regular visitation was maintained especially during the last 10 months which she spent in nursing homes. Beryl Chilvers died peacefully at the Bodalla Uniting Church home. A thanksgiving and memorial service was held at the Box Hill church followed by a brief committal service at the Springvale Crematorium.

— Don A. V. Thomas.

CROSSFIELD, Mrs Doris Holbrook.

(2/6/81). Three years ago, Mrs Crossfield underwent surgery for cancer. There was a slight improvement for a time, but at the age of 79, she died in St Vincent's Hospital, Victoria. Mr Crossfield was baptised in her teens and spend her early church life in the North Melbourne church. She was also involved with the church at Drumcondra in its early days. After the death of her husband, Mrs Crossfield moved to Melbourne where she became actively involved with the church at Reservoir. She will be greatly missed by the members

of that church, and also by the members of the local W.C.T.U. with whom she was involved. Sympathy is extended to her sons, Len and Clarrie and her daughter Merle, (Mrs Tillack) and their families. The writer conducted the service from the chapel at Reservoir. — P. Stevens.

MCDONALD, Geoffrey Wayne (23.5.81). The fellowship at Warragul has been deeply shocked and saddened at the sudden death of Geoff McDonald age 20 years; his death coming as a result of a car accident. Geoff, the second son of Hugh and Val McDonald, was a young man of quiet qualities who made association with people very quickly and as a result made many friendships. Within his work Geoff was greatly admired by staff and clientele alike. As a part of a family he was greatly loved and relations between he and his parents, and his three brothers was always open and honest. It was in his earlier teen years that Geoff came in closer touch with the church, through the youth work, where he made many friends. Geoff shared in many peoples lives and so it is that many people have been saddened by his sudden death.

MORFEW, Edith C.F.

(20.5.81). Edith Sumpter, born at Carlton, Vic., in 1893, was married to Albert Morffew in 1920. They had two children Elva (Orr) and Ray. They lived in Preston until 1944, then Burwood until health necessitated residence in the Christian Guest Home, Oakleigh. There quite unexpectedly Mr Morffew died. Mrs Morffew continued in residence until her death in her 89th year. At a thanksgiving service at the Hartwell church Bruce Clapp assisted the writer in the service. Mrs Morffew's

grandson, Doug, a C.O.B. student, read selections from Proverbs 31 which beautifully described the character of Mrs Morffew. She was a faithful wife and devoted mother. Mrs Morffew supported her husband fully in his church involvements. Mrs Morffew exercised a godly influence in home and neighbourhood. Brought up a Presbyterian, she and her husband attended North Fitzroy where she was baptised. She was a regular attendant and a deaconess. She did not hold auxiliary office but supported all activities most practically. We joy with her children, Elva and Allan Orr, Gwen and Ray Morffew, her grandchildren and great grandchildren, and all other loved ones, in the consummation of faith, hope and life that is now hers.

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New Life Mission

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In its programming this year, the New Life Mission committee decided to conduct a "Preparation for Pentecost" series leading up to Whitsunday, using the four local ministers and four locations. The event proved to be worthwhile and concluded with people clamouring for more.

The subjects and speakers were: "The Promise of the Holy Spirit" — Bill Parrish of the Glen Osmond Baptist Church; "The Purpose of the Holy Spirit" — Will Philp of the Fullarton Church of Christ; "The Power of the Holy Spirit" — Richard Jenner of the Uniting Church and "The Product of the Holy Spirit" — Barry Manuel of the Parkside Baptist Church.

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— Will Philp

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Who would attend a School of Prayer for 10 hours, Friday night and all day Saturday, is a question often asked. The current series of city wide Change The World Schools Of Prayer have just commenced and already crowds are attending.

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Queensland Building Boom as Centenary Approaches

During the past two and a half years there has been a dramatic surge forward among the Queensland churches in terms of the acquisition of land and the construction or acquisition of buildings.

Land

For land alone \$334,000 has been expended to purchase land for the churches at Caloundra, Redcliffe, Arana Hills, Pine Rivers, Nambour, Springwood, Burleigh Heads, Alexandra Hills, Warwick, Roma and Redbank Plains

In case of buildings \$529,000 has been spent by the Youth Department and the churches at Mt. Isa, Maryborough, Avenell Heights Bundaberg, Albion, Springwood, Southport, Acacia Ridge and Toowoomba.

It is anticipated that a further \$370,000 will be spent during the rest of 1981 on buildings and land.

Inter-Church Aid

All the above are paid for in cash utilizing I.C.A. (Inter-Church Aid). This will mean that over a three year span \$1,233,000 will have been ploughed into the land and building development of the Queensland churches. One of the interesting facts of all these developments is that no bank borrowings have been involved and no interest to be paid.

The Social Service Department in Queensland has on top of this spent \$3,149,000 of which \$580,000 has been received in Government subsidy and \$2,229,000 in resident funding of aged accommodation.

Centenary

The above is illustrative of the dynamic 4000 strong Queensland church membership which are to celebrate their centenary in 1982-3. People are therefore invited to begin planning now to visit and share with Queensland in their Centenary Year. The Centenary Conference will be held in Brisbane in October, 1983.

— Don E. Stewart.

How One Church Did It The Croydon (S.A.) Church

Celebrated Pentecost Observations Breakfast

The church met for breakfast of cereals and toast, with tea, coffee, cordial, and fruit. People sat in groups of 8 to 10 around tables and served themselves.

Interlude

Once the meal was finished, in a "Dramatic Interlude", four speakers gave short comments about the Holy Spirit with a reading of the free translation by J.B. Phillips of the sermon of Peter. Table leaders then led group discussions on the Holy Spirit in the context of what had just happened.

Kindergarten children then presented items and a time of choruses specially selected to fit the theme introduced communion. Helpers for the distribution of the emblems were complete family (Mum, Dad and teenage children). Prayer followed. The offering was received by four children.

The celebration climaxed with a short summary by the minister, selections from Acts 2, an invitation hymn, and the benediction.

1. People were personally invited to come, and they did. 110 people were at breakfast and worship, which is more than usual.

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WEST LAKES (John Watt). Seminars on Christian Education in the Home held June with John Watt and Owen Roberts ... Elder David Dent assisted Royal Park Uniting to plan contemporary worship services ... Church offset printer used to aid new churches with free printing ... Student minister Bill Reddin focusing on pastoral care ... "Searchers", after-school Wednesday activity group, attracting 20 each week ... Planning group meeting to form long-range proposals.

MAYLANDS (Lloyd Cooke). Ross Bourdon, C.O.B., guest speaker ... Members joined

in doorknock for Red Cross and Austcare ... Evening services at 6 p.m. June-Aug. ... Discussion held at manse on Pentecost ... Church has team of indoor bowlers in competition ... Working bee held on building extensions ... Thank offering for extensions yielded \$2590.

BROOKLYN PARK (Graham Agnew). Graham and Bev Agnew farewelled June 28 after 4½ year ministry. Dean Hamilton, Launceston, will commence at beginning of 1982. In meantime Charles Dow, Reg Brand and Colin Dredge will serve as interim ministers ... Four Y. P. baptised ... 55 members of S.A.M.M.Y. group attended annual dinner at Paxton's Restaurant ...

Family day for Playgroup parents and children held in grounds of Friendship Centre ... Youth 1 S. S. class visited funeral parlour as part of study on death ... Jake Jacobs elected as an Elder ... Church saddened by the death of Vic. Dunk ... Afternoon concert conducted during school holidays featuring 85 year old Harold Raymond, a blind violinist. He has been raising money for work among blind children for over 50 years.

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CHATSWOOD (D. Hayman). Four baptisms during past month ... Church saddened by death of Mrs E. Lawson ... Luncheon held to celebrate C.W.F. birthday. Speaker Mrs Peg Cameron, State C.W.F. Pres. ... Fred Stephenson Conference President 1981/82. Four other members elected to Conference committees.

YARRAWONGA (K.H. Pitt). Easter sunrise communion service in lakeside garden followed by barbecue breakfast ... "Bullfrog and Butterflies" presented at B.S. anniversary ... One decision recently ... Ladies attended C.W.C.I. Conv. at Shepparton ... South Korean orphan supported by church ... Film "The Last Generation" shown by Dirk Evenhuis, David House Fellowship ... Y.P. participated in I.S.C.F. doorknock for Austcare ... Recent guest speaker Pat Kavanagh.

QLD

MARGARET ST., TOOWOOMBA. (B. Armstrong, I. Alves). Films "A Distant Thunder" and "Deceived" featured at evening services ... Fund-raising for Mylo Home for the Aged includes pie drives, street stalls and tupperware party ... Boys' Brigade held Friday night church parade ... E.W.F. preparing flip charts for Aileen Draney ... Cecil Dunn sharing home communion for 30 years mainly to shut-ins ... 80 heard Trevor Meares (Dalby) speak at C.M.S. on Broken Hill where Trevor had an 11 year ministry ... Church supporting Josés Sali, a student from Vanuatu at Kenmore, with \$240 a month.

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The Outward Journey

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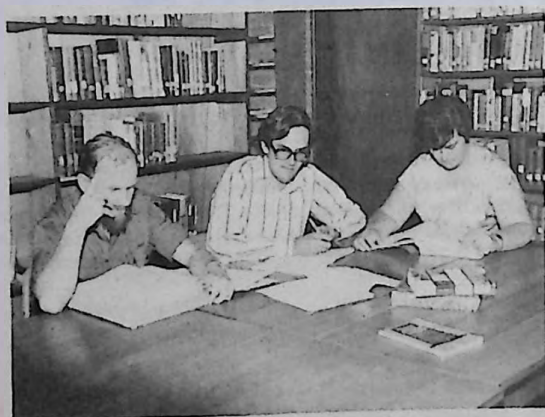
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ENGAGEMENT

ARGENT-MANSELL Sue and Chris together with their parents Lorelle Argent and Shirley and David Mansell happily announce their engagement.

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MARRIAGE

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GOLDEN WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

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DEATHS

DILLON Walter Henry. On June 15, suddenly in Adelaide, dearly beloved husband of Barbara, loving father and father-in-law of Margaret and David, Helen and Ross, Peter and Ruth, loving grandpa of Simon, Becky, Tim and Sarah.

YARDE Lionel of 11 May St., Hampton on the 22nd June, 1981. Dearly loved husband of Mary. Loving father of Dorothy, John and Margaret. Father-in-law of Ern, Elaine and Arnold. Grandfather of Yvonne and Brenda, Lorraine (dec.), Helen, Stephen and Andrew. Forever with the Lord.

THANK YOU

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- Cathy Cunningham to Graham West, Margaret St., Toowoomba, Qld.

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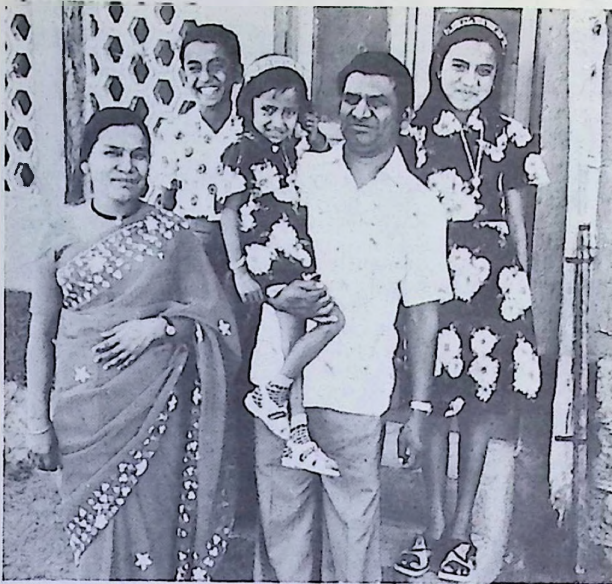
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Jonathon Mitre, holding Sonali with his wife and children

The excitement was with us right from the moment we landed back in Bombay. Dorothy and I had taken long-service leave to visit the boys we had known and cared for during our many years at the Church of Christ Boy's Home at Baramati.

Jonathon Mitre

It was 19 years since we had left and everyone had grown up. We headed by train to Baramati. One of the first to help with our bags was "Natya", now Jonathon Mitre, municipal school teacher in what was the old Mission School. He was pleased that we recognised and remembered him and could still speak Marathi.

Empress Gardens

After preaching at the service and eating a church love-feast, we went to Poona.

Standing in the Empress Gardens we met many more of our old boys. They came to greet us with much affection. Their wives were dressed in silks and saris and their children greeted us in English. While we had expected large families, each had 3 or 4 children. The government's birth-control program had been effective. Many of the men themselves were college graduates, some "double graduates". They were in good jobs; headmasters, civil servants and officers in industry.

Sharp Contrast

We thought, what a contrast between themselves as children and their own children. For the boys we had brought in 30 years ago came often from the homes of illiterate, poverty-stricken Christian parents in the

depressed, outcast sections of the villages. Now they have moved to the cities and there is a sharp contrast between their own deprived childhood and that of their children.

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Bishop Hearn

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The Board of Management of the College of the Bible is pleased to announce the appointment of **Harvey Miller** as a full-time member of Faculty, as from January 1, 1982. Mr Miller replaces **Dr Keith Farmer** who left C.O.B. at the end of last year to become Principal of the N.S.W. Theological College at Carlingford.

Approximately half of Mr Miller's time will be devoted

Faculty Changes at College of the Bible



Harvey Miller

to lecturing in practical ministry subjects such as Church Administration, Preaching and Pastoral Care. For the rest of the time, Mr Miller will be the College's new **Business Manager**.

In his capacity of Business Manager, Mr Miller will take over some administrative duties currently carried out by **Miss Robin Haskell**, freeing Miss Haskell to take up the half-time position of **Director of Field Education**. An increased emphasis on practical training for pastoral ministry has led to the creation of this new position. Miss

Haskell will continue to be **Registrar** of the College, but, as **Director of Field Education** will work with selected churches to establish a number of carefully supervised student-ministries. These will enable students to receive more adequate "on-the-job training" from experienced ministers.

Mr Miller is eminently qualified for his new role as **Business Manager and Lecturer**. Before coming to College as a student, he was a fully qualified accountant (A.A.S.A. Senior) working as the administrator of a \$25,000,000 a year turn-over electrical services organisation. During his pre-College days, Mr Miller gained a great deal of experience in church administration, as well as in business. He served the **Bayswater church** as treasurer and as secretary for a number of years.

Harvey and his wife Lyn with three children, **Craig, Scott and Kylie**, entered the College of the Bible in 1975 to train for pastoral ministry. The Millers had a very significant student ministry at **Ashburton** during their four years at College. **Dean** was



Robin Haskell

born during this time. At the end of 1978 Harvey graduated as the first C.O.B. student to complete the Bachelor of Theology. He is commencing work on a Master of Theology degree in Pastoral Studies.

Since leaving College, Mr Miller has had a very successful ministry at **Boronia (Vic.)**. His leadership has enabled the church not only to grow numerically, but to develop spiritually. The Board of Management of the College of the Bible gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the Elders, Board and Members of the **Boronia Church** in releasing Mr Miller from his responsibilities to take up his new position.

Dr Keith Bowes has informed the Board of Management that he does not wish his one-year appointment as a member of faculty to be extended beyond the end of 1981. He has indicated that he needs time without the kind of pressure of work that is inevitable at College, to renew his health and to re-establish himself as a person. The Board accepts his decision with great regret but with understanding.

PRESTON, EAST PRESTON (J. Manallack, C. Jones). Church saddened by the death of **Hazel Wilingham** . . . Recent morning speakers have been **Don Rees**, **Leprosy Mission** and **Kathy Gilmore** and youth group . . . **C.W.F.** Afternoon group speakers from Fellowship of the Least Coin and Travellers Aid . . . Evening **C.W.F.** had **Brian Tudor** from **Heidelberg Paraplegic Club** . . . **G. C.** took part in zone sports at **Northcote** . . . Youth group participated in **World Vision 40 hour famine**.

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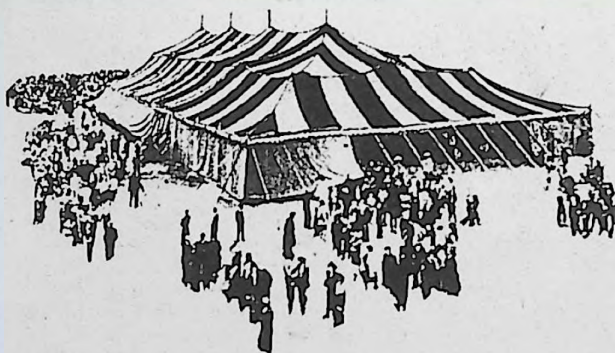
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during six months prior to a crusade. At Warragul some of the committees were Prayer, Personal Evangelism, Finance, Publicity, Music, Counselling, Follow Up, Women, Youth, Security and Ushering, and Arrangements. One of the local ministers was Crusade Manager.

Publicity included a "phone blitz" and contacts with schools.

The Finance Committee prepares a budget and organizes the raising of the necessary funds. The Warragul Committee had 60% of the \$10,000 budget in hand before the mission started. No offerings were taken during the meetings but the rest came in during the crusade, plus a further \$2,000 donated to the ongoing work of Bill Newman Crusades.

Results

Those with memories of the Hinrichsen tent mission era with its six solid weeks of six nights a week preaching will be interested in the fact that Newman Crusades cover 10 days. Over that period in Warragul 7,000 people attended. Attendances each night varied from 450 to 950. 500 women attended a daytime women's rally, with 45 responses. 313 personal public commitments were made, just over half being first decisions. Most of the primary decisions were below 40 years of age.

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Ambrosia

by Chris Ambrose

SPORTSMANSHIP

As a keen sportsman (not this year however due to commitments) and a keen Norm watching sport on the tele I have observed that the enjoyment of either participating or watching can be spoiled by bad sportsmanship. To some extent the tremendous win of John McEnroe over Bjorn Borg at Wimbledon was spoiled by his antics during the tournament.

I am one who feels that we should be concerned about our physical fitness. If we truly believe that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit then we ought to be keeping the temple in at least good repair. This does not mean that I expect Christians to suddenly become fitness fanatics who jog everywhere and exist on the latest fad health food diet, which I generally find indigestible. I would just argue that we provide opportunities for Christians to get some exercise. This exercise may just be gardening or walking to the local shops occasionally or it may be involvement in top line sport and the time and effort that commitment entails.

In a recent interview I did with Joe Lindsoe, who was on a ministry exchange in South Australia from the U.S.A., I found that he had not come across the use of church sports teams. He found this an exciting idea that he could take back to America to develop fellowship within the church and as a means of outreach.

Whilst seeing the potentials Joe had in mind my experience in various sports with Christians makes me a little hesitant. In sport that I have been involved in (e.g. hockey, basketball, cricket, table tennis, golf...) I play hard but fairly. I play to win and yet I also play to enjoy myself so if the team is

going to be beaten or I am playing terribly I still enjoy the game.

Unfortunately many times Christians forget their new nature when they step on to a sports field. Many cannot control their exasperation either with themselves or the umpire and they become an embarrassment. Others are excessively rough and play with a win at all costs attitude which makes for problems. Others resort to language that many would never use normally. Others cannot control a temper and can be violent and certainly spoil the enjoyment of many. This is not arguing for the loss of body contact in sports where this is an intergral part or even unintentional body contact in sports such as basketball where no malice is meant.

Often in games I have seen the so called professional fouls incurred to prevent the other team from scoring. Occasionally this leads to injury and certainly it leads to ill feeling.

I must say that I have played with Christian teams in ordinary competitions or in a Christian competition and had tremendous times. The games were played in a very competitive atmosphere and yet there was a sharing and a chance to get to know fellow Christians that I would otherwise not had.

Another area of sportsmanship in Christians that worries me at times is that of the expectations and coaching of children by parents. I am just about to enter into this time myself so maybe just the concern should be expressed now.

As you as a Christian play sport maybe you should remember who is now in control of all of your life — Jesus Christ — and what would his attitude and behaviour be?

THE LAST WORD

When we cannot find contentment in ourselves, it is useless to seek it elsewhere.

— Francois de la Rochefoucauld

Although I find it quite a strain
To catch a subway, bus or plane,
One thing's a sin to grip and hold,
I have no trouble catching cold.

- Donna Evleth



A friend tells of an old gentleman he met on a train.

"Have you any grandchildren?" the old fellow asked.

"Yes," my friend said.

Then the fellow went to another passenger and said, "Have you any grandchildren?"

"Yes," was the reply.

So he went to another. "Have you any grandchildren?"

"No."

"Move over," said the old gentleman happily. "I want to tell you about my grandchildren."



Judy: I want a man who is good, handsome, intelligent, and wealthy.

Trudy: You don't want a husband. You want a committee.



John was out with the boys one evening and before he realized it the morning of the next day had dawned. He hesitated to call home but finally hit upon an idea.

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