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Chaplain to Children

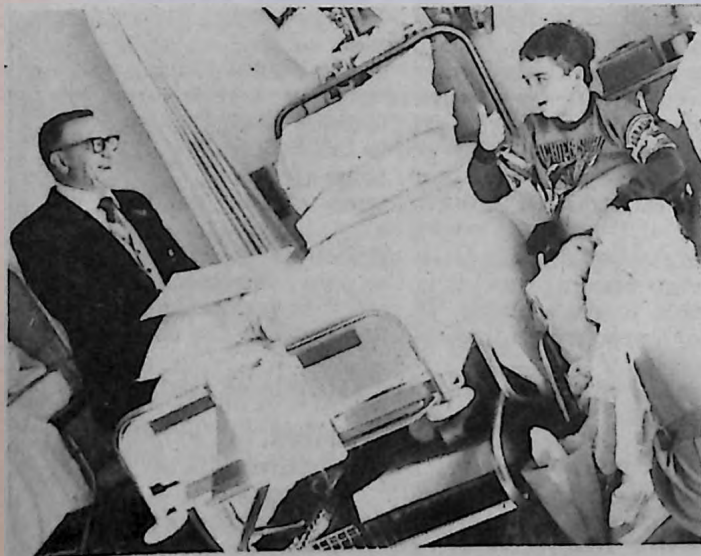
Most of us dread having to visit children's wards. The sight of children suffering is something we try to avoid.

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A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING **Lyllal Wylie**

We invited Lyllal Wylie, minister of The Tweed Heads church, to write the "On My Mind" feature. What he sent us was more of a litany of thanksgiving for the long years of his ministry. We are reluctant to keep it in the "On My Mind" queue because it strikes a note that is always urgent among us. Lyllal has ministered in churches in N.S.W., Victoria and Queensland.

As I come to retiring from full time ministry and in reflecting over the years, the thought on my mind is "THANKFULNESS."

The Scriptures encourages us: "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus."

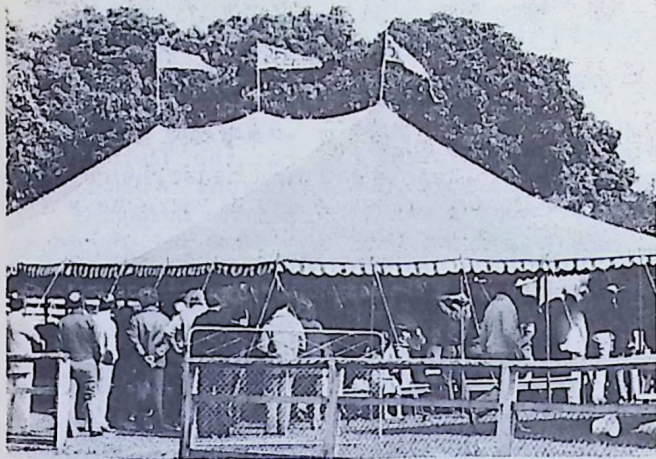
I AM THANKFUL
that God called me from darkness into his marvelous light,
that Jesus revealed Himself to me and saved me,
that God called me and placed me in the ministry of His Dear Son,
for each ministry I have had,
for the enrichment of my life through the fellowship of his Church, for the Office Boards I have worked with, for the people I have known and loved and ministered to and who in turn have ministered to me,
for the enrichment and rewarding experiences I have had with people — the sharing with lovely young folk in Christian marriage — the bringing a ministry of comfort to a husband, wife or family in the loss of a loved one — to see the glow of surrender to Christ in a baptismal service — the enrichment one shares in the visitation of the sick — the untold joy of sharing the confession of faith in the Living Christ by a new convert — a father presiding at the Communion Table while two sons read the Scriptures — a father laying hands on his son as he is ordained to the Christian ministry — joy expressed in the singing of a congregation — the earnest prayer in a situation of deep need. These and a thousand more!

I AM THANKFUL
for the Brotherhood of which I am a part,
for the privilege of attending State, Federal and World Conferences, for the richness of this fellowship as high-lighted for me at the World Convention held in Adelaide. For an American couple who sat next to us at that Communion Service (as I offered to take their small disposable cups for them, they quietly remarked, they wanted to take them home, as a reminder of that great occasion.

If I could single out one class in particular to whom I am thankful in a very special way, it is the poor, the needy, those with little of this world's goods. In every congregation there has been a poor person who has touched my life for time and eternity.

May I encourage you to practice the attitude of gratitude!
I AM THANKFUL
for the partnership my wife and I have shared, in the Lord and in the ministry of His church.
Thanks be unto God.

May I encourage you to practice the attitude of gratitude!



The Marquee

At 8 a.m. on the morning of Saturday June 6, a team of men and boys assembled in the grounds of the Mackay church and within an hour, a marquee resembling the circus "Big Top" was in place. Travellers from afar began arriving, and the Northern Convention was under way.

**From the
U.S.A.**

Representatives attended from Mt Isa, Normanton, Charters Towers, Townsville, Rockhampton and Dysart, together with southern visitors from Nambour, Toowoomba, Brisbane and Bathurst (N.S.W.). A small contingent from the U.S.A. was also made especially welcome: David Woodward, now ministering to the church at Rockhampton, who was Guest Speaker for the Convention; his full-time assistant, Nancy Knesek; and two Ozark Bible College Students who are assisting in the North during their sum-

mer vacation — Mark Tyree (at Mackay) and Steve Sellers (at Townsville).

Music

Len Hearnden (Rockhampton) was the main Song Leader. Alan Cann was pianist, and with his gospel group Doulos (Mackay) provided special music for the weekend. Toowoomba group, the Joytones were guest artists for the Convention, and together, the two groups presented a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Concert in Queen's Park and a Coffee Shop in "61" (next door to the church) after the Sunday evening service. Ministers of the Northern Churches shared in leading the meetings, which featured interviews with various personalities: Fred and Eunice Schneider who, as missionaries from the Mackay church, are helping in the work at Charters Towers; Nancy Knesek of Rockhampton; Bob Eaton from Mt Isa; and Ross

Wissman, who will conclude his ministry with the Charters Towers church shortly, to commence a three-year post graduate course at Emmanuel School of Religion, Tennessee, U.S.A. The theme for the Convention was "Jesus — He's the One".

Brotherhood Emphasis

Saturday afternoon featured a State's News Hour, when five speakers gave 10-minute presentations of particular aspects of the work in Queensland. Ron Sansome, as Queensland Conference President, brought an up-to-the-minute report of the churches in the north, following a month's tour of the area. Don Stewart, Conference Vice-President and Director of the Social Service Department, shared aspects of Social Service work. Representing the work of the Aborigines Mission Board, Lyle Morris gave a report of Normanton and the possibility of a future work at Mareeba. Norm Watson (past Conference President) spoke on behalf of the

Northern Regional Committee, which operates in conjunction with the Queensland Home Missions Department. Finally, Vic Boettcher brought a report of the planning and preparations under way for Queensland's Centenary celebrations (1982/83).

Bible Quiz

An innovation for the Convention was a Bible Quiz, in which five teams competed. Ron Sansome was Quiz Master and the passage studied was the first three chapters of the Revelation. The home team, Mackay, received the award.

A dedicated team of workers operated behind the scenes to make the Convention the success it was. Mackay's minister, Norm Flett, and Board Secretary and Chief Convention Organiser, Doug Sands, were justifiably proud of their church family who worked faithfully till the last cup of tea was served and the marquee dismantled. The North is alive and well, and rejoicing in Jesus — He's the One!



Serving Tea

**Village Strikes for
Priest**

The population of the tiny village of Radoma (Eastern Slovakia) came out on a strike which lasted for three weeks. They protested because the authorities did not allow the local priest to take up his residence in the presbytery, which his parishioners had built for him without official permission.

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Dayspring III

A new era in Bible distribution in the South Pacific has begun with the commissioning of the 74 foot steel ketch "Dayspring III" in Auckland, New Zealand. The new "Dayspring" replaces the "Dayspring II" which was destroyed after striking a reef near Suva in May 1980.

The "Dayspring" ministry began in 1972 with Ron and Aggie Russell, who sailed from New Zealand in the "Dayspring I", built by Mr Russell. During the past decade, through close co-ordination with the Bible Society, thousands of Scriptures have been distributed to people living in the hundreds of remote islands of the South Pacific.

With a new base in Auckland, the "Dayspring" will sail to different groups of islands only in the tradewind season, from April to November. Mr Russell also



Commissioning Ceremony

plans to develop an outreach program in New Zealand with an emphasis on seamanship and navigation training, and daily Bible study.

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EDITORIAL

DR FRASER AND THE THIRD WORLD

In getting his Doctorate of Laws from the University of South Carolina, Malcolm Fraser made a spirited plea to the Western World to take up the burden of the Third World.

Initiative to be Taken

He criticised the passive approach of the West to the Third World and called for initiatives to be taken in dialogue, in marketing, and in support of moderate elements (as opposed to extremists of right or left), for the sake of Third World welfare and development.

He also called for greater economic aid for Third World countries.

To be Commended

Our Prime Minister is to be commended. His speech was timely, especially in the light of Australia's performance in overseas aid. In 1966-67 we gave 0.69% of our Gross National Product. In the Whitlam period we dropped to 0.56%. In 1979-80 it was 0.45% and this year it will be about 0.43%. (Our aid last year to India was \$2.3 million; \$1 for every 300 people there).

The reason for this gradual slump in our generosity to our poor neighbours is of course our preoccupation with lowering inflation. ("God helps those who help themselves first!!").

It is Urgent

But Mr Fraser has stressed the urgency for action. He said, "We must recognise that time is a wasting asset and the longer we delay the more intractable the problem becomes."

A Humanitarian Plea

Dr Fraser did make a humanitarian plea for a better deal for the Third World from the West. But the main reason for his spirited insistence on the

West helping the Third World generously and smartly was that if we do not the Third World Nations will quickly become communist.

While this latter motive for assistance is not as worthy as the humanitarian one, there is no doubt that it is sound. The wonder is that it has taken the West so long to wake up to the fact that poverty and oppression are the breeding grounds for Communism.

The Surest Defence

To follow Mr Fraser's reasoning, it would seem that some of the billions we spend on armaments for defence of our defenceless country would be better spent on making friends of our Third World neighbours, as the surest form of defence.

Christians will commend the Prime Minister and encourage him to raise the level of Australia's overseas aid dramatically, not only as a sure defence against Communism, but because Christians have the spirit of the Master who was "filled with compassion" when he saw the hungry multitudes.

One percent of G.N.P.

Some years ago the churches, including our own, were urging the government of the day to give 1% of our Gross National Product for overseas aid. The churches seem to be largely silent on the matter lately. Now that our Prime Minister is giving a lead perhaps we can take it up again.

What about all of us writing to Mr Fraser congratulating him on his doctorate and his lecture and urging him and his government to work towards Australia giving 1% of our G.N.P. for overseas aid (over and above our commitments to P.N.G. of course)?

VIC.-TAS. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY CARE

(Copy delayed for which we apologise. This will be in the next issue.)

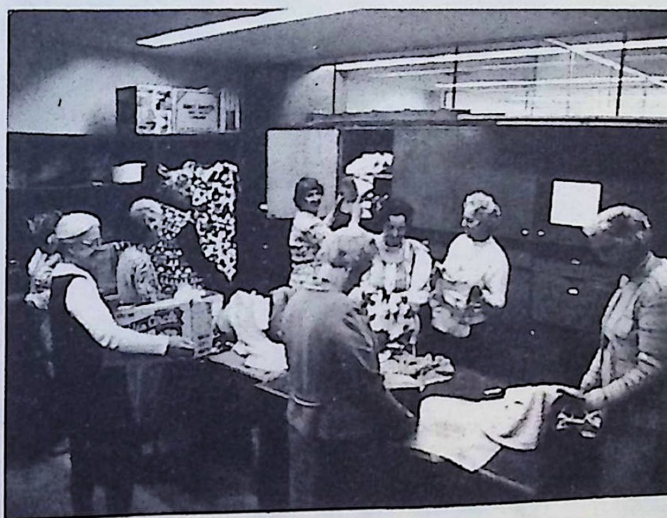
Addition to Staff in Victoria



Glen S. Brown has taken up his appointment as Associate Director of the Department of Community Care, a service of Commissioning was held on Friday, July 10, 1981 and conducted by the Chairman of the Department, Principal Air Chaplain G. J. Crossman. Representatives of the brotherhood were present.

Mr. Brown brings an expertise in counselling and welfare work, he has a great concern for people as was demonstrated in his previous work as chaplain in the Royal Australian Air Force, where he held the rank of Wing Commander. His experience during "Cyclone Tracy" at Darwin attracted commendation for his work with the service and civilian population.

Our Associate Director has ministered in churches in New Zealand, New South Wales and Victoria. We look forward to his visiting churches to share with members our ministry of Community Care.



Sorting for Opportunity Shop



Units at Emmaus Lodge

Community Care in the Hills

Some years ago The Patch church situated in the beautiful Dandenongs established "Tangeil", a block of six independent living units overlooking the Sherbrooke Forest at Kallista.

The Department of Community Care has purchased the shares and as from June 4, 1981, "Tangeil" has become part of our aged care program. Present and future residents are assured of independent living while they are able to care for themselves, but they are assured of on-going care when the need for such is required.

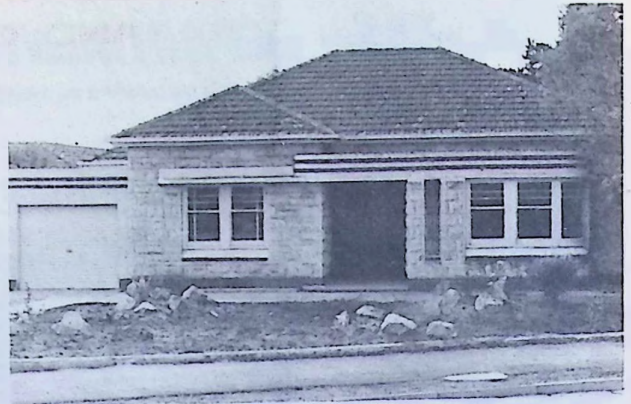
A local support committee is to be appointed by The Patch church. Liaison between the local church and the department is most encouraging and demonstrates the theme "Community Care — the Church in Action".

Quality Living for the Aged

The Gospel speaks about quality for our living and this is especially pertinent to aged care. Those people who receive accommodation within our Homes deserve the best care we can provide.

The pressure to bring better services has found many outlets in South Australia. Better techniques are implemented, new facilities

have been bought or built and plans are in hand for a major new complex providing Hostel and Nursing care. However, more than building and techniques are needed and we are pleased that, behind the care programmes, there is the love and concern shown by a dedicated staff — we are grateful for their ministry.



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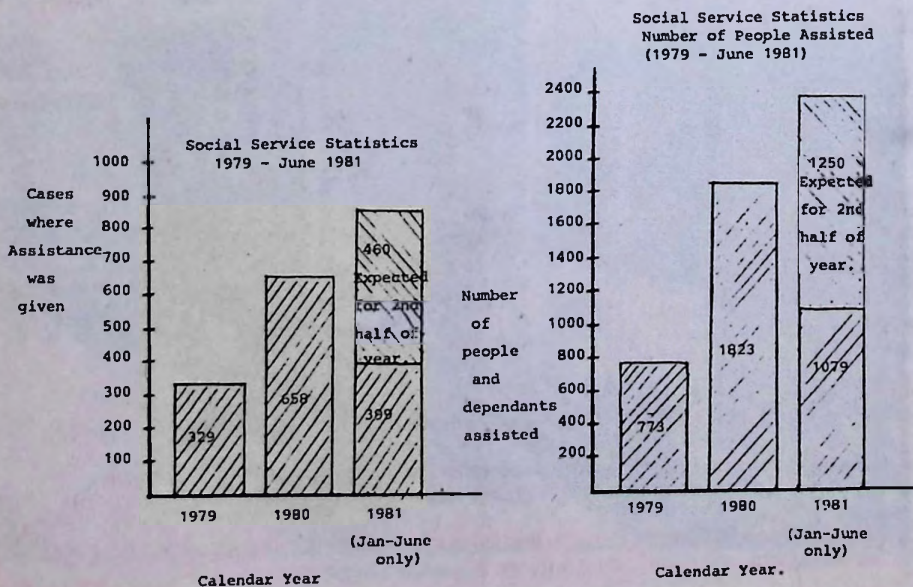


2. A concern for people



3. "Satisfied"

South Australian Welfare Work



In S.A. there is a growing need for our brotherhood to be involved in Welfare. This State has one of the highest rates of unemployment and also a large number of broken families. The increase in numbers requesting assistance is reflected in the statistics of all Welfare Agencies both Government and non-Government. As a Christian church we have a very real ministry to perform in this area as we not only meet the material needs of people but also encourage them to recognise their worth and potential. As Christians we need to be aware and concerned about what is happening in our community. We need to be actively involved in trying to promote Christian values that will decrease materialism and increase family stability. In the meantime we need to show love and support for those who become victims of our present system.

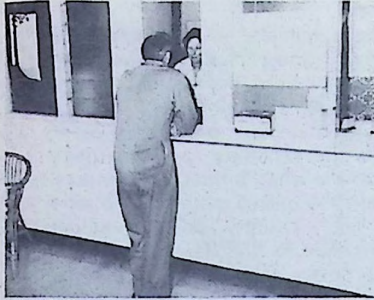
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Training



Group Work

Parent Effectiveness Training — Life Reconstruction University and Institute of Technology Students and staff together with a substantial voluntary staff receive ongoing training.

Training of counsellors to provide off-air counselling for a very successful Radio Programme — Night Line. The work of the Centre is developed through many community programmes some of which have been initiated by the Centre staff.

With the appointment of a Social Worker and Cottage Parents the foundation is laid for the development of a Homeless Youth and Family Support Programme, our latest project.

Waking Up in Darwin



Darwin Church meets temporarily in Malak school hall.

Our family moved to Darwin in April 1978, after having spent two years in Port Moresby, where we seldom attended church. We were enjoying the rather lazy tropical life-style that towns like Darwin and Port Moresby offer.

When we first heard that a Church of Christ had been started in Darwin we felt a little unwilling to be involved as our free time would be threatened, and we were afraid of finding ourselves as busy as we were before leaving Perth. Nevertheless, we felt compelled to go.

Through the fellowship of the other members and a re-awakening to God's grace, we have changed from being reluctant starters, to finding joy and fulfillment in our involvement in the Darwin church.

There is an acute awareness in the church of the need to offer love and support to each other, particularly as most members are away from their extended families. This has meant a lot to us, and we treasure the many meaningful friendships formed.

— Nova and Linton Fariss.

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To the Editor,

Our previous minister always made the announcements. Sometimes he was a bit long winded with them, but he made them lively and sometimes humorous, and we always knew what was on. Our present minister likes the secretary to make them, which of course is what mutual ministry is all about. He certainly makes them short. But he gives them like a country radio announcer listing the funerals for the day.

He isn't a dreary sort of person. It's just that his voice and manner get like that when he's up front. Every Sunday he brings his somnolent recital to an end by chanting gloomily, "The usual services will be held next Sunday."

I suppose that's why most people in our suburb don't go to church. In our church and in all of the others it is always the same as usual. If you've seen one you've seen the lot. Even the charismatics have the usual services, doing and saying the same predictable things in the same routine, except that they do it with a bit more gusto.

No doubt most of us want it to be the same as usual. It is less threatening to know what to expect, that nothing will shock us, and that nothing will happen that we are not used to, and that we will know exactly what to do moment by moment, and just when to wake up and go home.

What I can't understand, when I really think about it, is how a church service can ever be the same as usual, when it deals with the sort of things that a church service is all about. I mean things like an unusual God visiting this planet as a man, and an unusual event like the resurrection when a man came back from the dead to tell us all about it, and the unusual fact in a sceptical age that millions of miracles are taking place in the lives of people, and lots of other unusual things.

Maybe we are so used to the unusual that it has become usual, and we have become so usual ourselves that we have got to like it that way.

O well, I guess I'll be back at church next Sunday, as usual

Yours traditionally,
TERTIUS

OPEN FORUM

50 CENTS A WEEK

To the Editor,

I would like to commend you for your Editorial "Overseas Missions Priorities" (A.C. June 6). It is good to remind us that our primary responsibility as churches at home is to our own overseas missions work, both in our giving and with our volunteers for missionary service.

However, your "hard-hitting facts" may cause this reminder to be rejected

outright. Who can find \$25 to give as a lump sum, let alone \$50 or more if there are 2 or more members in a household? With this in mind it occurred to me that if all members were to set aside 50 cents a week for overseas missions work we would all exceed the figure you suggest. It would be wonderful to see all our people supporting the overseas missions work instead of leaving it to a few to do more than their share.

—John Clapp (Hampton, Vic.)

Christian Conference of Asia

Keith Ludgater and Phil Weber have both returned from Asia where they attended the Seventh Assembly of the Christian Conference of Asia in Bangalore, May 18 — 28, 1981. Phil was elected to the central committee of the C.C.A. as a youth representative. We wish him well in his task which will be one of learning and contributing. Phil completes his studies for the ministry at the College of the Bible.

Keith Ludgater took the opportunity of visiting Churches of Christ workers in Indonesia, as well as our

people at Bombay and Poona, in addition to the 10 day assembly. On his return Keith wrote, "Over and over again it has been brought home to us that a Christian has no choice. It is not a matter of living in Christ or living with people, but a Christian must have a spiritual base for social concern."

There will be an opportunity to hear Keith talk and ask him questions at a public meeting on Friday, August 14. The venue is Ringwood Church of Christ, Bedford Road, Ringwood and the time is 8.00 p.m.

Gerald Rose at Doncaster

Gerald Rose, Director of the South Australian Department of Christian Education, conducted a Seminar workshop on Evangelism for 34 members of the Doncaster Church. The Seminar was built around material produced by the Disciples in the U.S.A. It started with an assessment by the local church of its statistical growth and congregation make-up, and moved through the areas of:

1. Church growth principles.
2. The shepherding process.
3. Relational witnessing to non-Christians.
4. Witness to persons of limited faith, including non-active members.

The Seminar has given the congregation at Doncaster some clear directions for planning its evangelism program in 1982, and was an answer to the question "What are we trying to do, and how do we do it?"

Gerald Rose will commence ministry with the church at Cheltenham at the end of 1981.

Jay Bacik on "Encounter"

Encounter is a religious program from the ABC and is on most of their stations at 8 a.m. on Sundays on their Radio 1 network.

Jay Bacik, (N.S.W.), the first Australian Christian Foundation Scholar, has been invited to prepare and compere one of the programs. It goes to air on Sunday,

August 22. It features "Australian Contemporary Christian Music," and covers the history, development and future of Christian music in this country.

The program will feature well known Christian singers such as Robert Coleman, a group known as Family, Rod Boucher and Chris Foley.

International Poster Contest

The World Council of Churches invites artists to enter a competition to design a poster on: **Jesus Christ — The Life of the World.** This is the theme of the Sixth Assembly of the World Council of Churches (WCC) to be held in Vancouver, Canada, July 24-August 10, 1983.

The competition is being held in preparation for this once in a decade Assembly. The only condition in the competition is that the poster must speak visually across all divisions of language, culture and belief.

A first prize of Sfr. 2,000, and three subsequent prizes of Sfr. 1,000 each will be awarded by a special international jury. Prize winning posters will be reproduced internationally as part of the Assembly preparations, for use as posters, magazine and book covers, article illustrations and art exhibits.

Details on the technical specifications required for an entry are available from the Australian Council of Churches, P.O. Box C199, Clarence St. Sydney, or from State Councils of Churches.

The closing date for entries is October 5, 1981.

● Editorial

SPIRITUAL AND PRACTICAL

Some people seem to have the idea that spiritual people do the praying and Bible reading and soul winning and thus are first class Christians. Practical people on the other hand are not so good at praying and Bible reading and evangelising, but as second class Christians they have the privilege of being involved in the practical ministry of the church in things like social service and welfare and helping the needy. This is not what the Bible says.

The Bible says . . .

In Acts 2 we read of the infant church exploding with the power of the Spirit. The explosion led to worshipping, learning, praying, and sharing their meals, their homes, their money and their goods in a supportive socially conscious fellowship.

Acts 4:31 tells of a prayer meeting that was so powerful that the very house shook where it was happening. The result was not a quest for even greater personal experiences with more shaking of bigger and better houses. They went straight out and got busy working on and paying for a social service program for the needy.

It seems that in the New Testament the measure of their spirituality was their compassion and concern for people.

First Social Service Department

Sometimes "spiritual" people quote Acts 6 where the apostles gave themselves to prayer and preaching and selected seven practical men to set up the first social service department. But the record makes it clear that the men called to the job were not only to be wise and respected, but they were to be spiritual as well. They

were good at preaching and praying and soul winning too, as evidenced in the cases of Stephen and Philip.

If we are spiritual (of the Spirit) we will be compassionate. If we think of spirituality as being somehow above the caring ministry of the church, we are confusing spirituality with a religiosity that effectively keeps the Spirit out.

On the Other Hand

On the other hand there are some who think of themselves as being "practical Christians" who love to help people (whether they want it or not!) but are not keen on getting too close to God. Yet helping people requires a sensitivity and finesse and understanding that usually comes most surely as the Spirit fills us. To help people as part of our own ego-trip, or because we feel guilty if we do not, or because we are flag waving for some social cause, is often the bumble footed, clumsy, unhelpful helping, however well meaning it may be.

No Second Class Christians

The mission of the church is to the whole person in all of his needs. The spiritual person is compassionate and will want to be involved in the total well being of all of the people he and his fellows in the church can reach. There are no first and second class Christians in the Kingdom.

It is because we are spiritual in the biblical sense that we will support the welfare mission of the church. Because we are Spirit filled we will give generously to that work to which we have committed ourselves through our various Social Service and Welfare Departments.

HAPPENINGS

A recent Anglican survey in Australia revealed that ministers read an average of one new book a month.

Ansvar Insurance Company celebrated its 20th anniversary of operations in Australia on July 1.

The Sydney City Mission have released a new film "The Forgotten People" depicting the plight of the mentally handicapped. All the actors were real-life people.

The Metropolitan Community Churches, a denomination that began as a ministry to homosexuals, has voted to apply to the American Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

Fighting in Lebanon in April caused the F.E.B.A. Middle East team to withdraw to another

village taking all their studio equipment with them. Arabic program production has now resumed under makeshift conditions.

According to January public opinion poll 80% of Australians believe in God and 90% of adults claim some sort of church affiliation.

Canon Frank Watts, Anglican minister in Kalgoorlie, recently conducted a "Preachathon" to raise money for drought relief in South India. He preached for eight hours on texts supplied by parishioners and raised over \$2,000.

The F.E.B.A. has recently received its first letter from Afghanistan in response to a Bible reading program. This is the first contact after some years of 'service' broadcasts.

The Church of Ireland (Anglican) is to have legislation before it next year to admit women to the diaconate.

A survey of Victorian Baptist churches during the 1970's revealed that for every person baptised another leaves and doesn't come back. Membership in the 1970's grew by 13% compared with a population growth of about 11%.

Melbourne's Life Line is the second busiest in the world behind New York. It recently celebrated its 10th anniversary and in that time has handled 344,435 genuine calls for help. The main categories for calls were marital problems, alcohol and drug addiction and loneliness.

The first ever Bible congress in East Germany is planned for next March in Karl Marx City. The theme is "Time for the Bible".

To date 11 patients have been accepted into the Melbourne City Mission Hospice Program. Nine are cared for in the home care service and two were accepted directly for care in the Palliative Care Unit.

Rev. Dr. Francis Macnab, executive director of the Cairnmillar Institute and minister of the Collins St., Melbourne Uniting Church has been named President elect of the International Council of Psychologists. He is only the second president to be chosen from outside the U.S.A.

The Summer Institute of Linguistics was ordered to leave Panama on June 30 with only 1 days notice. No official reason has yet been given.

The average Christian has heard 4,000 sermons, listened to 8,000 public prayers, sung 20,000 hymns and led 0 people to Christ.

A school in Rutland, England was fined \$8,000 for breaking copyright law by photocopying Christmas Carol music.

A Minnesota church has a telephone number which differs by one number from the local bank. One day the secretary answered "Good afternoon, Lutheran Church". The response came back "How about that! I called the money changers and I got the temple."

The Catholic church of South Africa has set up a Commission of Justice and Peace. The aim of the new commission is to highlight the needs and rights of the Black African. The commission has approved in principle, a charter of rights for migrant workers. The majority of Black workers in South African mines are drawn from the so-called homelands and from neighbouring states.

INNER SPRINGS NO RESPONSE — NO MIRACLES.

In the midst of a heat wave my husband came inside bearing a partly feathered blackbird in his cupped hand.

"Do you want to do something with it?" he asked. In its weakened condition I doubted there was much anyone could do. It had fallen from the nest and was close to death. However, I placed it in a box beside the fan, gently forcing its beak open to insert drops of water throughout the afternoon.

To our immense delight, by evening it was tumbling about and chirping hungrily! I returned it to the nest where the parents resumed their task of caring for it. Days later we discovered it, fully feathered hopping about the garden, well on the way to joining its companions in flight and adding its song to the riches of the world.

The little bird's response had been its salvation and a joyous experience for us. No less does God rejoice in our response. "Before they call I will answer. While they are yet speaking I will hear," he said.

Before we call he is waiting to respond!

Yet so often all that can be said of us is "that we honour him with our lips while our hearts are far from him".

I think of that little town of Nazareth where his own people questioned his divine authority and would have none of him. They even "took offence at him" we read. And to their everlasting shame it had to be written down for the world to remember. "He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief" (Matt. 13:53-58). No response — no miracles!

Thou has sent the trackless winds
lose upon their way;
Thou hast reared a coloured wall
twixt night and day;
But chief of all thy wondrous works

supreme of all thy plan,
Thou has put an upward reach in the
heart of man.
To respond is to be the recipient of
riches undreamed of.

Matt 13:53-58

Florence Rosier

New Ministers for Regional Team

Two new appointments to Melbourne's newly formed Eastern Suburban Regional Board will bring the full time staff to planned strength in 1982. Ron Hewitt of Telopea, N.S.W. and Jack Edwards of Dandenong, Vic. will join the team of four ministers in 1982. Other appointees are Bruce Clapp, and George Warren who will join the regional team as leader in 1982. The ministers are appointed by the Regional Board and will be located in a sector to serve a grouping of churches. Jack Edwards will work with the Gardiner-Ashburton sector, Ron Hewitt with Camberwell-Surrey Hills-Wattle Park sector, and George Warren with Balwyn-East Kew. Bruce Clapp currently serves Hartwell. Students and part time assistance will supplement the full time staff.

The churches have appointed a Regional Board of Elders and a Regional Board of church representatives. The Board was formally inaugurated on July 1. A special service to mark the commencement will be held at Gardiner on August 2 at 3 p.m.

— D. H. Smith

A MATTER OF EMPHASIS

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"Thou shalt Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind and with all thy strength . . . and thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." (Mark 12:30,31).

How Christians have handled or mishandled these verses depends on where they have placed the emphasis.

Religious Individualism

Some have emphasized the God part of it. Their religion has been individualistic, emphasizing their own relationship with God, their own salvation and their own private soul culture. They were aware of the "love thy neighbour" bit and they obeyed it through charity and alms giving, not so much for the neighbour's sake, but in obedience to God in return for his personal care of them.

Their evangelistic witness was likewise to fulfil the divine requirement rather than in compassion for people whom they classified coldly as "the unsaved."

They had little social conscience and felt uncomfortable when any one mentioned the social implications of the gospel. They believed that the plight of the poor and the disadvantaged was part of the divine plan. "The rich man in his castle, and the poor man at the gate, God made them high and lowly, and ordered their estate." However God would make it up to them later with eternal bliss.

They were the "spiritual" ones, leaving the church's welfare programs to those to whom God had given the second class gift of practical service.

Of course the gospel is an individual gospel, and a personal saving relationship with Jesus Christ is the way to life. But when an individual really enters into such a liberating relationship his attitude to his neighbour is inevitably revolutionized.

Social Religion

Others have emphasized the neighbour. They were content for God to be in his heaven while they saw to it that all was right with the world. With their bare hands they would bring in the Kingdom of God through setting up welfare programs and a just social order.

Others emphasizing the neighbour did so because of problems with belief in God. They could not feel sure of God, but at least they could be sure of their neighbour. They found religious fulfilment in serving the neighbour. They rediscovered the formerly despised Old Testament, especially the prophets of social justice such as Amos, Micah and Isaiah.

Of course they were right in understanding that to serve the neighbour frequently means getting mixed up in matters of welfare and justice out in the community. But they often forgot that whatever service is rendered to the neighbour, his life is still not complete until he is introduced to the living God who can transform his life, often to the extent where he can handle and rise above the bad effects of his environment.

And when God is absent from our helping motivation, helping can easily become a personal ego-trip that sometimes degenerates into helping my neighbour whether he wants me to or not, and in ways that I think are good for him whether he agrees or not.

The Religion of Self Love

A third and unexpected emphasis has been made on part of this passage. It has been used by the apostles of the self-love movement with its quest for self discovery and self authentication and ego-space. They tell us that our Lord told us to love ourselves, when he said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." Actually Jesus was suggesting that we already love ourselves very well, and that the way we look after ourselves should be the measure of the way in which we look after our neighbour. We have well stuffed, well heeled, overweight, affluent, status seeking moderns who have lost their taste for life, being told to love themselves and to affirm themselves, when their greatest need is to forget themselves and to start living, as they find their God and their neighbour, rather than trying to find themselves.

There are of course some people who have a poor or a false self-image. They certainly need the help of God and supportive people to help them to assess and to accept themselves and to see their potential, or "to love themselves."

Getting the Emphasis Right

Surely Jesus made it clear where the emphasis should be. He brought these two "commandments" from different parts of the Old Testament and deliberately put them together so that the emphasis would be on the whole, not on any convenient part that might suit the whim of his followers.

Really Loving God

The passage says clearly that loving God is the total response of the whole person towards God. It is the total commitment to God of my thinking, my feeling, my willing, my energies and strength, my personality, and indeed of my whole being.

God does not soak up my gifts to him of feelings, thinking, willing, energy and life and absorb them into himself so that I lose them. He responds to my surrender by renewing and recreating my feelings, willing, knowing and energies and life. This renewal makes me concerned for and compassionate towards my neighbour. God creates me into a person who naturally cares for the neighbour as much as I care for myself and my family and my kind. That is of course to the extent that I am willing to surrender myself!

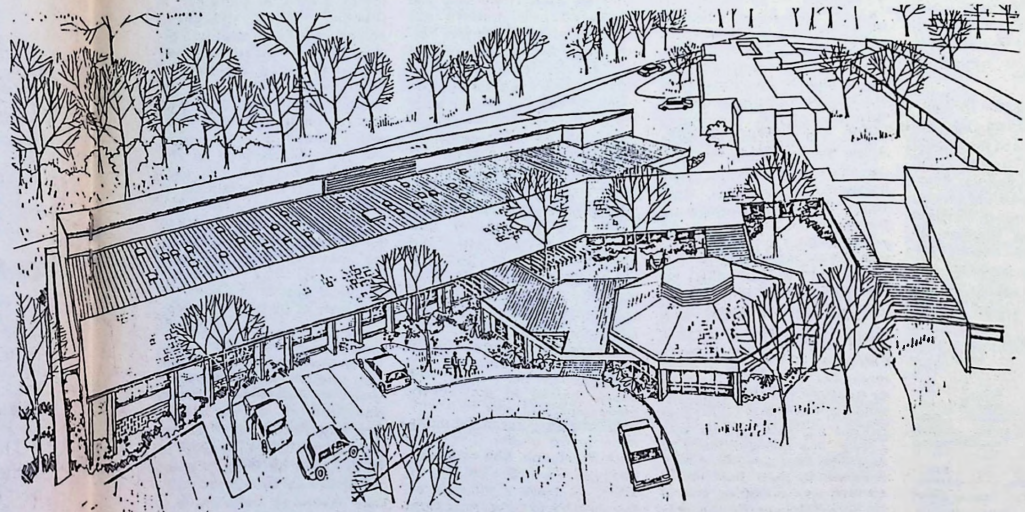
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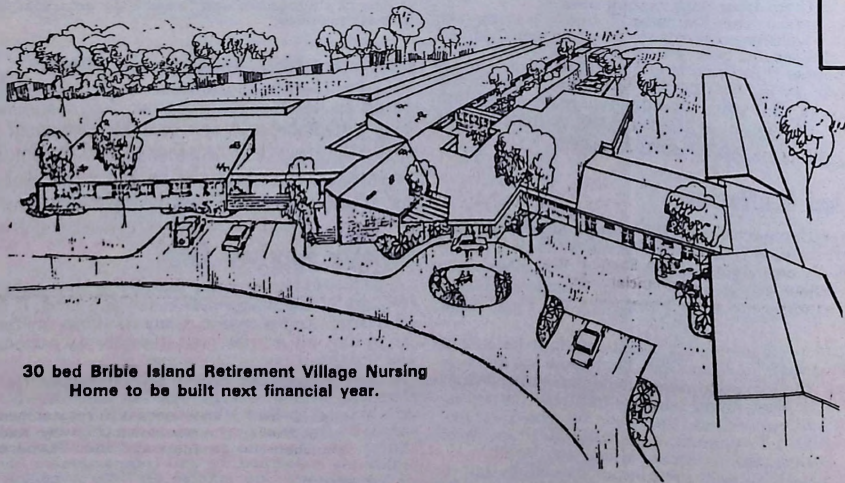
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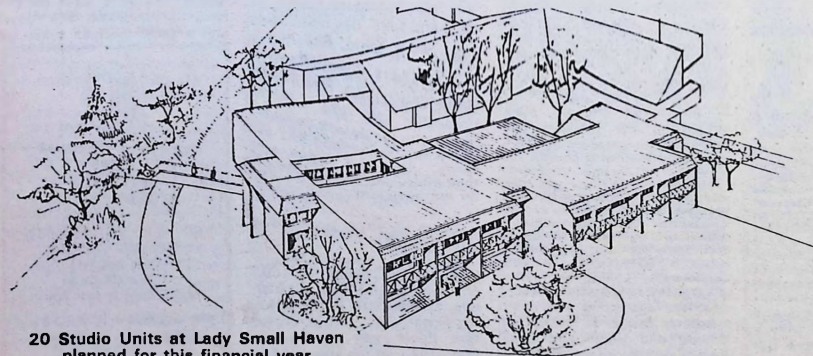


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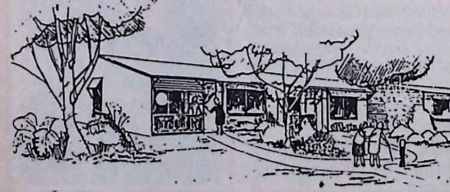


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OBITUARY

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.

CHAMPNESS, Victor George.
(1.6.81) Victor George Champness, prior to his sudden death, spent his 70 years in the Yearlinga and Kaniva area, dedicated to the task of serving others for his Lord. In 1938 he married Glenice Hawker. In 1928 he joined the church from a Methodist background, and was Superintendent of the Yearlinga Bible School for 28 years. At the Kaniva church he was involved in Christian Endeavour, a Deacon (19 years), Elder (27 years), Chairman of the Board, enthusiastic preacher and assisted the Portland church commencement. His Christian service took him into ecumenical fields, into State and High Schools, into service with Gideons, Red Cross, Bible Society, Soil Conservation, Aboriginal Fellowship, Freedom from Hunger, Save the Children Fund, St. John's Ambulance (St. John Medallion in First Aid), Historical Society, F.A.C.S., Fire Brigade, S.E.S., Life Governor Wimmera Ambulance, Leor Football club. On most committees, he was either President, secretary or Convenor. He was the recipient of Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee Medal and the 1981 Shire of Kaniva Australia Day Citizen Award. He had a magnificent mind, enjoyed good discussions, being gentle and thoughtful, an encourager, a wonderful giver to churches and groups, known for his personal visiting, counselling, and letter writing. He was truly a man of God. We extend our love and sympathy to his wife and children, Murray, Ian, Beth, Owen, Harvey, Garry and Evan, and their wives and the seven grandchildren, and to his sister and two brothers. There were 400 who came to the funeral conducted by P. Bowers, to give their thanks to God for this man who lived for others.

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DILLON Walter Henry.
(15.8.81). Wal Dillon died at the Royal Adelaide Hospital following two severe heart attacks, aged 69 years. A.E. Illingworth baptised him at Hindmarsh when he was 14, and he immediately became involved in the sporting activities of the church, being secretary of a number of clubs as well as secretary of the Hindmarsh church. He enlisted very early in the Second World War and served in the 2/6 Fd. Ambulance and the 2/7 Gen. Hosp. After his marriage he transferred to Hawthorn (S.A.) where he gave outstanding service. He served the church continuously in various offices for 20 years, including brief periods as an Elder and Secretary, but most of all as a deacon, being best remembered for his five years as treasurer. His foresight and skills in financial management greatly assisted the local church. For six years he was treasurer of the S.A. Building Extension Mutual Fund, a fund designed to help churches in erecting new buildings, and to assist ministers in the purchase of cars. In 1976 he assisted in the establishment of a Conference Insurance Commission in which 67 of our S.A. churches now participate. Wal Dillon was positive in all he did to encourage younger men, supporting the minister and helping in an unassuming manner many folk who sought his advice. A large number representing his business, civic and church involvement were present at the service at the Centennial Park Crematorium conducted by Harold M. Long, S.A. State Minister, Ed. Roffey paid a tribute from the Conference. Loving sympathy is extended to his wife Barbara, and two daughters and their husbands Margaret and David Whyatt and Helen and Ross Baxter, and a son and his wife Peter and Ruth Dillon, and also to four grandchildren.

— A.A. Glastonbury.

JOHNSTON, Miss Phyllis
(22.6.81). Her end came suddenly and quietly. She had returned to her room in the Christian Rest Home and she collapsed and died in the presence of her sister Mrs Ferris, and the matron of the Home. Phyllis was born in Adelaide and lived here for the whole of her life. In her early life she worked in the business world, first in the Repatriation Department, and later as Secretary to the manager of the Shell Company. In 1927 she left her business career to keep house for her father and brother, Charles. After the death of Charles in 1968, and her father in 1967, she lived alone in the family home in Unley Park. Three years ago she entered the Christian Rest Home at St Georges. During the years she cared for the members of her family she busied herself in the YWCA movement, and was for many years the treasurer of the afternoon group of the C.W.F. at Park St. church. She was baptised at Park St. church in 1907. 74 years a member of the church and 70 years at Park St. As we reflect upon her as a person we think of one who was little in stature but big in mind and spirit. She had a keen and orderly mind. She had a graciousness blended with strong convictions. She valued friendship and was a loyal friend. Her family was so much of her life. To Mr and Mrs W. Ferris, John and Bruce and their wives and children we offer our sympathy.

— I.J.C.

POOLE, Mrs Elizabeth May
(Nee Lewin)
(24.6.81). Born in the Inverell N.S.W. district in 1893 she married Sid Poole in 1920, who predeceased her in 1987. Confessing her faith in Christ, Mrs Poole was baptised in May, 1944 on the last night of E.C. Hinrichsen's Mission in Inverell. Thus began an association of 36 years active

membership with the Inverell church which ended with her shifting to Sydney just a year ago to live with her daughter Nancy Brown, at Carramar. A friendly, smiling, thoughtful person, Mrs Poole kept up correspondence regularly with her family of three children, 9 grandchildren. She had 21 great-grandchildren. She was also a regular correspondent with a number of missionaries, and gave consistently to the support of not only our own missions, but also a number of inter-denominational missionary societies. The service in the Carramar church was led by the minister Ray Eldridge, whilst Richard Powell (Burwood Church of Christ) — previously at Inverell) assisted.

— R.A.P.

WEBB, James E.

For many years one of the well-known and honoured names in Australian churches was that of J. E. Webb. Reaching the ripe age of 88, for quite a time before his death in April, 1981, he lived in quiet retirement in the Community Care Home at Oakleigh, Vic. Even so, his vegetable growing there earned him deserved repute. His early days on the farm in Balaklava, S.A. gave him a good start as a son of



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the soil. However, he left that behind to become a sower of the gospel. An aptitude for sport was in evidence when in 1914 he won the sports championship in the College of the Bible, Glen Iris. After training, his first full time ministry was with the church at Collingwood which flourished during his years there. He continued to serve in Victoria with leading churches of the time — Moreland, Brighton, Prahran and Hartwell. He was a forthright preacher who preached with clarion call. Often his services were in demand for evangelistic missions. In South Australia he served with a similar record at Unley Park, Mile End, Blackwood, Flinders Park, Henley Beach and Clovelly Park and then in various interim ministries when health required less strain. As a pastor he excelled because of his concern for people. He readily responded where there was need. Always a Brotherhood man he served on various Conference Committees and in 1940 was honoured as Conference President in Victoria. He lived as he preached and was characteristically friendly and open, a man of integrity who all confidently trusted. His grace showed up in an ideal emphasised by him that if one could not say something good of another then nothing should be said at all.

E. L. Williams
YARDE, Lionel.

(22.8.81). Born in Devon England, in 1910, Lionel came to Australia two years later with his parents to Swan Hill. He began attending Sunday School and was baptised in the Swan Hill church when he was 13. During the war he married Mary Castles and together they raised three children, Dorothy, John and Margaret. As the children grew up, Lionel had

the thrill of seeing each of them commit their lives to Christ. Later they married, Dorothy to Ernie Morris, John to Elaine Donnelley, and Margaret to Arnold Blades, and Lionel took great delight in his six grandchildren, Yvonne, Brenda, Lorraine (who died three years ago) Helen, Steven and Andrew. Lionel became a Justice of the Peace in 1949, beginning a long involvement in community life. He was made a Life Member of the Justices Association. While still working their vineyard at Swan Hill, Lionel and Mary moved to Hampton with their family in 1955, and since then have been actively involved in the work of the church there. Following an illness that developed over the past few years, Lionel died peacefully in his own home. Through nearly 60 years of membership in our churches, many have come to call Lionel their friend.

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NORTHCOTE (G. J. Crossman, J. Weston). Recent evening speakers from Austcare, Wycliffe B. T., and Leprosy Mission ... Vic Quayle speaker on June 28 ... Church members assisted in Red Cross and Austcare doorknocks ... During June we took services at Fred Cambridge House ... Mrs Hill celebrated 90th birthday ... Progressive dinner held by Share Group. Share Group also picking up elderly members each Sunday ... W. T. Atkin (Elder) assisting.

OAKLEIGH (C. J. Mackenzie). Visit of Vic. Police Christian Fellowship ... C.W.F. raised more than \$200 making pasties ... Married couple baptised ... New Explorer Club organised by John Schmode ... Mr and Mrs Glen Brown, new associate director of Community Care, having taken up residence in Oakleigh were welcome visitors ... Good Companions membership increasing under leadership of Mrs Irene Schmode and Mrs Bev Dobie ... Mrs M. Sharman raised \$119 for World Vision in 40 hour fast.

RED HILL (Ian Cartmel). Ian Cartmel active in Consolidated church and community ... Glenys Cartmel with help of several members has commenced play group two days a week ... Missionary support through "Operation World" to help in N.G., F.E.B.C. (Parker family) and missionaries who have left from Red Hill or are related to members ... S.S. held special tea and welcomed parents ... Y.P. took service with play reading ... A. Pigdon has accepted leadership of Leisure Club.

HORSHAM (Wally Gibney). Gas heating installed in S.S. hall ... Mrs Marshman Snr. celebrated her 93rd birthday ... Board held "Get to know you" dinner and social evening ... Y.P. held Encounter Camp at Rocklands Lodge ... Film "Climb a Tall Mountain" screened ... Ladies coffee morning and Know Your Bible classes held

HURSTBRIDGE (H. Pietzsch). Mr Pietzsch conducts morning devotions at Strathallan Baptist Homes each month and weekly ministry to the men's special accommodation house at St. Andrews ... Senior youth group saw film and Intermediate group hiked to Mrs R. Clarke's property where they held a bonfire and barbecue ... C.W.F. celebrated 20th birthday ... S.S. donate one offering a month to missions ... Family service followed by sausage sizzle held monthly and a film service every second month ... Stephen Leslie song leader for evening services.

WILLIAMSTOWN (C. Wilson). Worship services to be 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. ... Nine members visited Red Cliffs for holiday weekend as guests of church ... Charles Wilson will conclude ministry at end of 1982 ... Four Good Companions attended camp at Banksia as guests of C.W.F. Executive ... Evening Fellowship had Leprosy Mission show new film.

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Bob Smith of the N.S.W. Social Service Department studied overseas earlier this year with a grant from Christian Projects Limited through the A.C.F. Scholarship. Part of his program included working at the Potter's House under the auspices of the Church of the Saviour in Washington.

My feeling when first entering the Potter's House was relief. Jan and I arrived there one winter evening. We were feeling worn out. We had been up since 4.30 a.m. and had flown from California right across to Washington D.C. A taxi ride through downtown D.C. into the seedy, run down Adams Morgan neighbourhood left us feeling rather lonely. However stepping into the Potter's House was like coming home.

The Potter's House

Warm and Inviting

It is a Coffee Shop/Shop/Church/Art Gallery/Christian bookshop all rolled into one. As we stepped in they were preparing for their Wednesday evening worship. The lights were low, there were candles on the tables, beautiful music playing in the background. It just felt so warm and inviting.

Transforming the City

The Potter's House opened its doors to the world in April 1960, hoping to be a witness of the love that exists in a community of believers. The Coffee House vision was nurtured by the members of the Church of the Saviour. Hours of labour by them trans-

formed an old shop into this delightful place.

The smouldering troubles of the city that erupted in violence in 1968 led the Potter's House in a new direction. Potter's House groups became seedbeds for new missions called to transform the city. The Potter's House became the host to all people in the Adams Morgan area. It began to serve a hot breakfast daily to 40 school children. It gave rise to mission groups like Jubilee Housing and the Columbia Rd. Health Centre.

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Walking with Jesus

Through the present mission groups centred at the Potter's House, the Church of the Saviour seeks to create open, hospital space where strangers can become their friends, and friends of one another. They try to be a community that walks with Jesus between the worlds of the rich and the poor, building bridges of love and trust.

BOX HILL (S. Downie). C.W.A.F. speaker Norma Barnett, Chaplain Peter McCallum Hospital and O.A.C. speakers for birthday meeting John Chick and Robert Adams ... Castlemaine members spent weekend at Box Hill. Minister Peter Haylock presided ... Y.P.C.E. heard Ruth Mathews, Christian Service Centre, and on another occasion Bert Eadon ... Good Companions service held also C.E. took evening service ... Film "Word of Fire" screened ... Two decisions recently.

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The Bandamba (Qld.) chapel was gutted by fire on Saturday evening July 4 and again early on Thursday morning July 9. Due to the extent of the damage the building was demolished by church members.

Everything in the rear section of the building was destroyed in the first fire. This included all the Sunday School tables and chairs as

well as the overhead projector. All the seating and platform furniture were salvaged intact (apart from water and smoke stains). The piano and organ have some minor damage but there appears to be no problem in having these repaired.

Barry Rice, the minister, believes that although there will be some disadvantages due to the destruction of the

building good will come out of the situation. This will bring the Bundamba congregation together and also the whole of the church in Ipswich as they work towards the provision of new facilities in Bundamba.

The Principal of the Bundamba Primary School has been very sympathetic and we are able to use the school facilities for two services each Sunday.

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Grappling with the Issues

Policy-making was the issue with which an augmented Churches of Christ Overseas Mission Board grappled when it met in Adelaide on June 19-20.

Indigenisation, promotion, education, forward planning were all tackled. In an increasingly complex world simple answers are impossible. It will take the continuing guidance of the Holy Spirit, our best insights and a large dose of faith, hope and love to determine the exact role that we, as part of the church in Australia, should take in world mission.

Researching Cultural Patterns

Dianne Feeney has given dedicated effort in researching the cultural patterns of the people in "our" area of Papua New Guinea. A short paper on the scope of her work was presented to the Board. After completing her research in August, Dianne will be preparing material which will probably become required reading for those who wish to discover the most adequate way of sharing Christ's love and salvation today.

Theological Training

The theological training of pastors is another key issue. Who should be trained and the form and place of training all need further reflection. One of the responses of the Board is to suggest that selected Ni-Vanuatu could study at the Christian Leaders Training College at Banz in Papua New Guinea.

Partnership with other Churches

The nature of our involvement with other churches and groups is another important matter.



Left to Right:- Ian Allsop, Frank Richards, David Lewis, John Stephens and Barry Grear.

World Vision is willing to assist financially in the agronomy nutrition Community Development Project at Monomup in Papua New Guinea. Our problem is the finding of suitably qualified staff. A Consultant in Agriculture is needed.

In Indonesia we have an excellent working relationship with the Institute Oikumen Indonesia through the providing of funds for Bible reading, promotion and other programs. For some time we have been seeking to obtain two suitably qualified couples to work with the Christian Churches Mission Indonesia (C.C.M.I.). It was decided that initially we send one couple on an experimental basis.

As well as the Adelaide based members of the Board, each of the state Overseas Mission Committee represen-

tatives was present. From W.A. came John Stephens, from S.A. David Lewis, from Vic./Tas. Frank Richards, from N.S.W. David Eagling and from Queensland came Ken Warne. Each of our theological colleges were represented in the persons of Frank Ewers, Keith Farmer and Keith Bowes.

The Federal Board of Christian Education was represented by Ian Allsop

and the Churches of Christ in Vanuatu were ably represented by Kay Williams and Ishmael Bangga.

Did we find all the answers? Not a bit of it. But hopefully we're asking the right questions. Would you please remember the Board in your prayers as it seeks to grapple with what it means to be involved in mission overseas?

— George Mathieson.



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Other activities for the Festival included an exhibition staged in the Exhibition Hall of the Show Grounds. The main feature of the exhibition was a half sized replica of the Sistine chapel displaying a photographic reproduction of Michelangelo's frescos of "The Creation" on the ceiling and "The Last Judgement" on the altar wall. The model measured 68' x 22' x 18'9" high. There were also exhibitions from local churches and church supported groups. The Bible Society display and book stall sold over \$2,000 Bibles and literature. Wycliffe Bible Society's display included a video cassette with an hour long feature. Other groups to exhibit included Scripture Union, Missionary Aviation Fellowship, Church Missionary Society and the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau.

Attendance was estimated at 9,000 including 1,700 from 35 schools. 500 volunteers from 15 churches manned the exhibition with staff changing every three hours.

Other Festival activities included a gospel singing group in concert, the drama "Hosea", the Dobson film series "Focus on the Family", a youth outreach concert and the offering of free Bible correspondence courses with World Home Bible League.



Distributing Luke's Gospel

The Festival was promoted to alert the community to the New Way through Jesus Christ. Support was received from the State Government (who owned the model chapel) and the Ministry of the Arts. The Dandenong City Council, television stations, radio and local churches all gave tremendous support and good advertising.

The conclusion of the Festival was an ecumenical service held in the Dandenong Church of Christ.

—Jack Edwards

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The minister was preaching a sermon on the relationship between "Fact" and "Faith." "That you are sitting in front of me in church is a fact," he said. "That I am speaking to you from the pulpit is fact. But it is only faith that makes me believe that any of you are listening."

BENTLEIGH (Chris MacKenzie). Minister attended seminar at Monbulk . . . Church celebrated 52nd anniversary with family tea after evening service . . . Young man baptised . . . C.W.F. held afternoon with people at Christian Guest Home . . . Winter evening services at 5 p.m.

BORONIA (Harvey Miller, Iris Lawson). Harvey Miller has accepted call to faculty of C.O.B. . . . Adult Day Care Centre commenced in April. 26 names on register. Grant of \$500 from F.A.C.S. received. Ladies assisting with craft activities and cooking of food which is donated.

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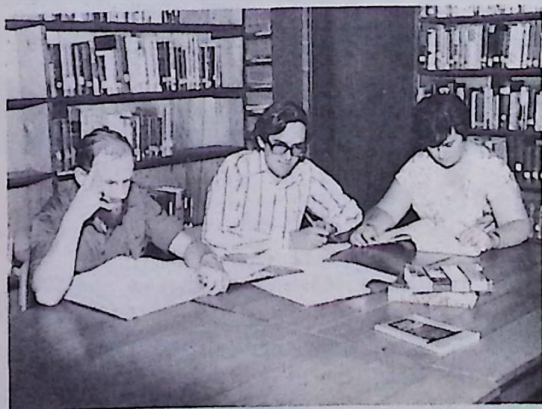
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MARION (Graham Agnew). Combined attendances of 428 at services when Graham and Bev Agnew commenced ministry. Max Thompson, Conf. Pres., led induction service which was followed by luncheon ... Extensive improvements made to kitchen of recently purchased manse ... Speakers during interim month of June were Dr Keith Crowley, George

Mathieson, David Messent and Colin Dredge ... Wednesday night family dinners attendances around 80 weekly. Trevor Griffin, State Attorney General, recent speaker ... 32 participated in weekend youth camp ... George Mathieson farewelled on 12 month study tour of U.S.A. ... Weekly craft classes popular. Electives include bread making ... Graham and Bev Agnew being introduced to church family with a series of seven informal fellowship nights.

NARACOORTE (Ron Holmes). "Art of Living" series held in gospel services ... S.E. District Conf. held at Naracoorte. Ron McLean guest speaker ... Norm Kingston, Mission to Lepers, recent speaker to church, B.S. and C.E. ... Ivern Simons speaker when minister absent opening Keith manse and hall ... Baptismal service held ... C.W.F. held several interesting meetings ... Youth group meetings included a Bible study and a questions night.

ELIZABETH (Wayne Clinton). Program called "Talk and Do" commenced. Community program involving all ages with over 60 attending. Handcrafts taught. \$900 grant from local council received ... Four baptised ... Over \$800 raised for World Vision 40 hour famine ... Visiting speakers were Gerald Rose, Phil Webber and Harold Long.

QLD

KEDRON (David Hamilton). Vic Parker guest speaker at anniversary services. Barbeque and concert on Saturday night raised \$151 towards roof repairs ... Women took

gospel service on "Women of the Bible" and next week men on "Men of the Bible" ... Some participated in School of Prayer ... Third group of Telelinkers were entertained at Storey Bridge Park ... Kedron Family Fellowship had a basket casserole tea at Geoff and Michelle Bensted's and questioned a panel on parent/child relationships ... B.S. barbecue picnic at Bunyarille ... C.W.F. visited Mason's Jam Factory, raised \$350 from a pie drive, and had a speaker from the Spastic Centre.

WA

RIVERVALE (Barry Thygesen). Church decided to hold services at 9.30 a.m. on Sundays and to hold S.S. mid-week ... Church bus used to collect children for S.S. ... Greg and Shelley Bruce in Kalgoorlie for week. Greg song leader for Turning Point Crusade ... Church kitchen renovations commenced ... Members involved in 40 hour famine ... Four baptised.

CHELtenham (A. White, S. Wilson, D. Smith). Missionary Outreach weekend had speakers from Christian Institute for the Blind, Bible Society, Wycliffe Bible Translators, World Literature Crusade and display by C.O.C.O.A. ... Six girls passed netball umpires' examination ... Gideons representative spoke ... Laurie and May Brown conducting daily meetings in North Queensland for Christian Business Men's Committee ... Church in sorrow over deaths of Harry Bennett, ex A.B.C., and Thelma Catt ... "The Open Door" displayed craft work used for charitable giving.

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CARNARVON (B. Yesberg). Missionary Committee has organised a missionary education seminar, 40 hour famine for World Vision, have had visiting speakers from W.E.C. on two occasions and displayed series of posters for Aborigine offering week ... Hugh and Noeline Roose have taken over superintendency of "Ingada Village" while Ron and Kate Roberts are commencing new outreach work within town of Carnarvon.

APPLECROSS (Des Croot). Turning Point crusade with Bill Newman. Many from Applecross involved in choir and counselling. Many first time commitments from whole area of Melville ... Church family camp held ... 32 involved in Explo '81 ... Ministers new home nearly completed ... Mini-crusade in June with Kevin Denton ... Ladies Fellowship spent a day making blankets and clothes for missions.

NSW

INVERELL (Ian Morton). Church farewelled Edna and Bill Boland to Toowoomba, Qld. after many years service. Edna has been Kindergarten Supt. and held every executive position in C.W.F. She also laundered the communion linen and wrote regularly in the church paper. At the time of his retirement Bill was secretary, a position he had held several times during his service as a deacon ... New church secretary is Philip Mackie ... Church saddened by death in Sydney of Mrs Bessie Poole who was an active member until leaving last year to live with her daughter.

CARRINGBAH (B. White, E. Hart). Three blocks purchased opposite church to establish retirement village of 22 one and two bedroom units ... Steve Toomey, Christian lawyer, guest speaker at men's outreach dinner ... Faith promise missionary offering for year reached almost \$9,000 ... Mr and Mrs White conducted a marriage enrichment seminar at Springvale church.

BELROSE (M. McArthur). North Balgowlah building sold. Members now meeting at Belrose ... Activities include Adventure Time for boys and girls, Friday Night Fellowship for sixth classers,

Friendship Group for adults monthly ... Minister speaking on Revelation in morning services and on O.T. prophets at Fellowship at Five.

FAIRFIELD (J. Hawkins). Since minister commenced last year there have been five baptisms and additions to membership ... B.S. has recommenced with 12 on roll.

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The deficit for "The Australian Christian" for 1980-81 was \$2219, in spite of the rise in subscription to \$9, increased subscriber numbers and stringent economies. The budgetted deficit for 1982 as presented to the "A.C." Board of Management Annual Meeting recently was \$7179. Along with the budget the Advisory committee submitted a recommendation to raise the subscription rate to \$11 per year. This would eliminate the deficit.

"RAZOR GANG"

But the Board of Management became its own "Razor Gang." It decided that the "A.C." should be confined to 24 pages per issue (during 1980-81 about half of the issues were 32 pages). It decided on a restricted program for the replacement of obsolete office equipment (mainly addressing machinery), and other economies. This left a projected 1982 deficit of \$2719. So the Board decided to raise the annual subscription to \$10 rather than the recommended \$11, believing that increased subscriptions would cover the deficit.

218 NEW SUBSCRIBERS

It would only require 218 new subscribers to wipe out the deficit.

So "Australian Christian" readers have saved a dollar on the 1982 subscription. It is hoped that they will show their appreciation by continuing to subscribe and by encouraging others to do the same, and by taking out gift subscriptions for members of their families, pensioners, new church families and others.

INCREASED COSTS TO THE "A.C."

The reason for the rise in subscription is of course ever present inflation. A postage rise on newspapers on December 4, 1981, will put despatch costs up by 23 per cent. From July 1, 1981, our printing costs have risen by 22.5 per cent. We have been informed that there will be a 15 per cent increase in July 1982.

STEWARDSHIP

It is inevitable that future "A.C." subscriptions will have to be tied to inflationary pressures, as are most people's incomes. So we expect that subscribers will include the "A.C." in their personal budgets and in their Christian stewardship. It is interesting to note that the subscription to the "A.C." 50 years ago was 0.25 per cent of the average wage. Today it is 0.10 per cent.

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THE LAST WORD

On a church bulletin board: "Life is fragile, handle with prayer."

The dress I thought was just so nice,
For which I paid a hefty price,
Is the one which, without fail,
I'll see again next week, on sale.

—Donna Evleth

Middle age is when your knees
buckle and your belt doesn't.

The only survivor of a wreck was
thrown on an uninhabited island. In
a few days, he managed to build
himself a hut in which he placed the
little that he had saved from the
wreck.

Daily he prayed to God for
deliverance and anxiously scanned
the horizon each day to hail any
passing ship.

One day on returning from a hunt
for food he was horrified to find his
hut in flames. All he had was gone
up in smoke. He decided God had
forsaken him.

Shortly he saw a ship steaming
to his rescue. "We saw your smoke
signal," said the captain, "or we
would never have known there was
anyone here."



"Now let us give in accordance with
what we reported on our Income Tax
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