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Seven Days a Week

As far as looks are concerned the church building at Elizabeth (S.A.) is nothing to write home about. (They are going to do something about it.) But it is central and it is a good utility building and suitable for its seven day a week outreach program. It takes the whole back page of their weekly "Evangel" to list their activities.

Bible Enjoyment

There are five Bible study groups, one at the church during the day for women, three in homes at night and one called a Bible Enjoyment Group in a home, meeting at the same time as Sunday School. Three of the groups are led by Alice Grey, a widow. She lives with her 93-

year-old mother who has her own ministry amongst elderly people. The church rosters drivers to take her round on her listening and supporting ministry.

Spare Tyre Club

The church is conscious that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and has a weekly keep fit class for all ages. As well as that there is a version of weight watchers known as "The Spare Tyre Club" which is dedicated to losing its members as they lose their spare tyres.

Once a fortnight on Fridays there is Coffee Club in people's homes. This is for lonely people and people who find it hard for various reasons



Copper Work



Talk and Do

to get to other things. The church majors on fellowship and once a month there is after-church fellowship in the homes of members.

We also discovered from private conversations that many homes are open for meals to other church people, to folk "on the fringe" and for socialising with a view to evangelism.

Morning Choir Practice

The choir does not function every Sunday, but it consists of a group of people who like to sing and do so every Monday at 11.30 a.m. It gives busy

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ON MY MIND

Manses and Ministers

Allan Male

Allan Male, M.B.E., has been Director of the Youth and Christian Education Department in Queensland since 1965. He is now Honorary Executive Director and amongst numerous brotherhood and community commitments, he is the Secretary of the Advisory Board.

Over 50 per cent of Queensland ministers have their own homes. Either they are living in them or have homes elsewhere in this or another state.

That figure surprised us at a recent Advisory Board meeting when we were discussing security for our ministers. It is a figure that would have been much less than that 10 years ago.

"The Lord Will Provide"

Some people may say, that the only real estate and assets ministers should be interested in, are those in heavenly places. Meanwhile, those same people are busily engaged in providing for their own welfare and retirement.

Once upon a time I would have replied to anyone concerned enough to ask about my family's future housing situation, "The Lord will provide!" Nowadays, I realise that he has already PROVIDED me with brains that I should have been using years ago.

"We Haven't Got a Manse"

At a recent annual meeting, one lady said, "We can't call a full-time minister, we haven't got a manse." The reply was, "We're doing him a favor by not providing one." The explanation was this —

- (A) The minister buying his own home has an asset that increases in value with inflation. (Compare that to a farewell fellowship tea and \$30 painting, after six year's service!)
- (B) He can more realistically identify with the other struggling couples who, that week, had the rates, electricity and insurance accounts arrive in their letterboxes just when they were set to purchase a new livingroom carpet.
- (C) The church is not faced with outlaying a large amount of capital, that could be better employed.

Churches Can Look After Ministers

The particular church above used its influence, "Leaning on the bank manager a little," to persuade the bank to finance the minister's FIRST home. (third ministry, mind you!) The Home Savings Grant is also available for savings made to the date of purchase of first homes.

My advice to ministers is to move next door and let the church rent the manse and pay-an allowance to assist him in the purchase of a property.

Isolated Situations

The only exceptions I can see to a minister purchasing a house as he moves from place to place is in isolated situations, where re-sale may be difficult. Even then, I think there is a possibility of the church really engaging in a mutual ministry to benefit all concerned.

My experience has been that there is a confidence and an increased awareness of the difficulties faced by other home buyers that is not possible when the church supplies the manse. At least he can't complain about threadbare carpets, because the answer is,

"It's yours — replace it!"

Lyall Wylie



Bess and Lyall Wylie

Lyall Ewing Wylie was called suddenly to be with Christ, through a car accident, at the age of 64 years on Wednesday, September 16, 1981. His wife, Bess, who shared almost 40 years of faithful ministry with him was involved in the accident but is now making a good recovery.

Having committed his life to Christ in his youth Lyall heard the call of God to ministry. His first ministry

was at Georgetown, N.S.W. He married Bess Talbot at the Hamilton church, N.S.W., on October 25, 1941. He served in ministries at Crafton, N.S.W., Roma, Qld., Inverell, Carramar, Lidcombe, Mosman, N.S.W., Gardiner, Vic., Taree, Rockdale, Tweed Heads-Collangatta, N.S.W. He had ministered with the latter church for four and a half years. He and Bess were due to retire from full-time ministry in 1982.

Over 200 gathered in the Tweed Heads chapel on Saturday, September 19, for a service of tribute and victory conducted by Maurie Pieper of the Taree church. Syd. Creek paid tribute on behalf of the Tweed Heads fellowship. Max Hall, minister of Mayfield church, represented the N.S.W. Brotherhood in his capacity as President Elect of the N.S.W. Conference.

Special reference was made to the fact that Romans 8:28 is engraved on Bess' wedding ring and that this is the promise of God by which both Lyall and Bess lived. Attention was drawn to the fact that Lyall had served as N.S.W. Conference President in 1962-63, was Chairman of the Dunmore Boys Home and also actively involved in the work of Christian Endeavour at a State level. He was a Brotherhood man sharing in the N.S.W. Ministers' Fraternal as well as in State, Federal and World Conferences.

Lyall left behind him a legacy of loving and faithful ministry to people in every circumstance of life, a ministry beautifully complemented by his wife.

The Litany of Thanksgiving, written by Lyall, which appeared as a personal reflection on his ministry in the "Australian Christian" on July 25 was shared during the service.

The message of tribute and challenge was concluded with reference to the words of Jesus in Matthew 16:25. "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." A commentary on this verse in the words of another is that, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep in order to gain what he cannot lose."

Maurie Pieper



New Aboriginal Field at Kwinana

To many people the name Kwinana is associated with oil refineries and petroleum products. Here just 30 kms south of Perth the oil companies have erected their great refineries. But there are other things at Kwinana. To some of our church people in W.A. the word Kwinana, and its associated suburbs of Medina and Calista, has meant a Christian witness to needy souls. For a number of years dedicated Christians have travelled long distances to maintain a witness in this area. Some of the stronger Perth churches have provided assistance.

Today there is still a witness in Kwinana but things have changed a little. Today Kwinana is starting a new era as a combined witness of the church at Kwinana and the Federal Aborigines Mission Board.

Several months ago the Board was approached with the idea of helping the church because of some families having shifted and others unable to continue very far into the future. There is a large Aboriginal population in the area and faithful Aboriginal Christians have supported the church. It was felt that the Board would perhaps be able to provide a worker who could work among the Aboriginal folk and also minister to the community at large.

Accordingly the Kwinana church and the Federal Aborigines Mission Board approached Mr and Mrs Ed Chandler with a view to their accepting a call to minister in the area of Kwinana. Ed and Joy were previously missionaries at Carnarvon and after working there for some time they felt the need for further training and Ed entered the Bible College at Woolwich (now Carlingford). He graduated last year and spent some time at Cairns and Mareeba in Northern Queensland. They were happy to accept the call and have started their ministry in the Kwinana area.

The Board is confident of a great work done in this area, not only among the Aboriginal folk but also among the migrant community.

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A New Approach to Student Ministries

The Principal of the College of the Bible approached me in January of this year to take part in a two-term course at Ormond College for ministers in "teaching parishes". I am glad I said yes to Dr Bill Tabbernee's invitation.

Less than satisfactory

Dr Doug Fullarton, a man of considerable experience, heads up the Field Training Department of the College. The course was designed for ministers in churches where a theological student is working. For years the Uniting Churches, not unlike our own, have had less than satisfactory College / Student / Local Church relationships. Some churches have seen students as "cheap labour", others have accepted a student ministry because they felt they ought to have one, or they could not find or afford any other ministry. Others, of course, have done better than that. But all together, the system has not been the most effective use of either the churches, or the student's time and skills.

Twenty Weeks

The course was for 20 weeks. Every Tuesday afternoon for three hours we engaged in a sharing experience, an in-put lecture

and a practical session where case studies and other presentations were discussed and assessed by the group. A wide variety of reading material was fed into the group. Quite apart from the benefits my church and our student have gained, I was personally enriched by both the fellowship with other ministers and the content of the course.

Commitment to the Student

At Doncaster, where John Gilmore is our student minister, it has meant that we now take our commitment to our student seriously. Each Monday morning John and myself have had one and a half hours of discussion, support, and sharing, built around the agenda of his ministry to this congregation. Four members of the church, independent of myself, have been his support group. They have met with him regularly and quite apart from encouragement and support, they have reflected on his ministry as only people "on that side of the pulpit" are able to do. At the very start, the "Job Description" for John became a "Covenant of Learning" that could not be broken, or set aside, unless there were very good reasons.

Further involvement

It is the intention of the College of the Bible to try to involve a number of our larger churches in the program next year. Some of these churches have not had a student minister, and yet they have so much that they can give as "congregations" in terms of minister support and experience. The College will be bringing the ministers together in a sharing experience and Robin Haskell will be co-ordinating this

Keith Horne

aspect of College training. A committee of four or five has been established to support her. Some ministers will be invited to enrol for the course at Ormond in 1982.

The Ormond training course helps supervisors and churches to develop ways in which students can

1. discover and develop a model of ministry that takes into account the special gifts God has given them,
2. think theologically, and reflect theologically, about all aspects of ministry,
3. develop the practical and professional skills needed in ministry,
4. integrate everything that goes on in a student's life, i.e., his personal heritage, theology, personality, inner conflicts, academic achievements, devotional life and attitudes so that the student will be truly equipped for ministry.

This can only be good for church and College, student and minister, and ultimately our whole Brotherhood.

The Lonely Time of the Year

For singles, Christmas is the lonely time of the year. This is why "The Fellowship of Christian Singles" has planned a tour of Tasmania from December 26, 1981 to January 4, 1982. The aim of the tour is "Shared Companionship Amongst Christians". While it is providing for singles, there are some berths for couples with a concern for sharing friendship with singles. The cost is \$466. Details available from Joy Waugh, 11 Bowman St., Mt Waverley, 3149. (03) 277 5192.

Seven Days a Week

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people time to get their washing done and to have a sing before lunch.

Young people are cared for in Girls and Boys Brigades, Junior Teens, Teens and Youth Group as well as in a growing Sunday School.

Talk and Do

Perhaps the busiest and most effective outreach program is "Talk and Do." It is another Friendship Centre. But one of its enthusiastic supporters, a lively Irish woman, felt that Friendship Centre was a bit non-descriptive. She suggested calling it what it is Talk and Do. Some say that it is more talk than do, which must be quite therapeutic for a lot of people.

Talk and Do is a 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekly program to which people bring their own lunch but are provided with drinks. Covering all age groups and both sexes it is a program of craft electives led by amateur, honorary "experts", under the guidance of genial Claire Lewis. People are encouraged to get skills in various crafts with a view to teaching others. Some come to Talk and Do simply for the friendship, a little Scrabble or other games and to talk and listen. One woman has a permanent ministry caring each morning for all of the children. The children wear name tags, not so that parents do not collect the wrong children, but because to know the name of a child is to be accepted by the child.

Over 100 attend Talk and Do which was initially advertised in the area by an attractive folder, including a neat map of how to get there.

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Congratulations to the Fraser Government

In these days of face-saving intransigence the Fraser Government is to be congratulated on its admission of a mistake in

closing down CYSS (Community Youth Support Scheme), and on its decision to keep the Scheme going at least until February. It ap-



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pears that back benchers argued strongly for this more enlightened move, supported by the Prime Minister himself.

However we are told that the major influence upon the Government in this matter was from the churches, especially through the Ecumenical Unemployment Task Group. Our own Alan Austin had a part in this as he supplied the cartoon (pictured) which came out as a postcard. On the reverse side was a brief factual message to M.P.'s, and the card was for posting to them. 12,000 were used.

CYSS provides creative activity in congenial surroundings for 60,000 unemployed teenagers, many of whom will never be able to be employed in the present economic and technological climate. It is estimated that 20,000 of these live away from home on \$36 per week.

Family Films Recommended

We previewed the first two of seven films of the series "Focus on the Family". They were "The Strong Willed Child" and "Shaping the Will without Breaking the Spirit." If the other five are as good as these, and we are told that they are, it is a fine series. They are "Christian Fathering", "Preparing for Adolescence" (2) and "What Wives Wished their Husbands Knew about Women" (2).

sort to cover costs, or accept registrations with fees for courses that included the films.

Although the films are set in a Christian context, they would be of great interest to outsiders who are wrestling with problems of family and life and could easily be shown as part of a community program on the family. They will certainly provoke a lot of discussion.

Dr James Dobson, Pediatrician

Each film is a lecture by Dr James Dobson, a Professor of Pediatrics at the University of California. He is a licensed psychologist of the State of California. He is a Christian layman.

We were horrified at the thought of a 40 minute film consisting of a lecture at a desk and at a blackboard. But Dobson does it with humour and a skill in communication that is outstanding. And he talks about how family people feel and what they are experiencing with a great deal of warmth and empathy. He is practical.

During our preview we were on hard, uncomfortable seats with only a two minute stand up between, but we were held by both films to the point of ignoring our posterial numbness.

From the Gospel Film Ministry

The hire for the set of films is about \$400 from the Gospel Film Ministry, so inevitably churches using them would need to take offerings of some

Casinos and Poker Machines and the Premier

The Social Questions Sub-Committee of the Vic-Tas. Conference recently wrote to the new Premier of Victoria Lindsay Thompson on his attitude to the introduction of casinos and poker machines into Victoria.

We include some of his reply.

The Premier has asked me to acknowledge your letter requesting details on the Government's policy towards the introduction of casinos and/or poker machines into Victoria.

The position is still the same as you were previously advised by Mr Thompson's predecessor. Mr Thompson is aware of the issues surrounding the introduction of casinos and/or poker machines and is committed to the Government's decisions on these issues. In addition, he has publicly stated that no further consideration will be given to legalising casinos before the next election.

— K. D. Green for the Premier

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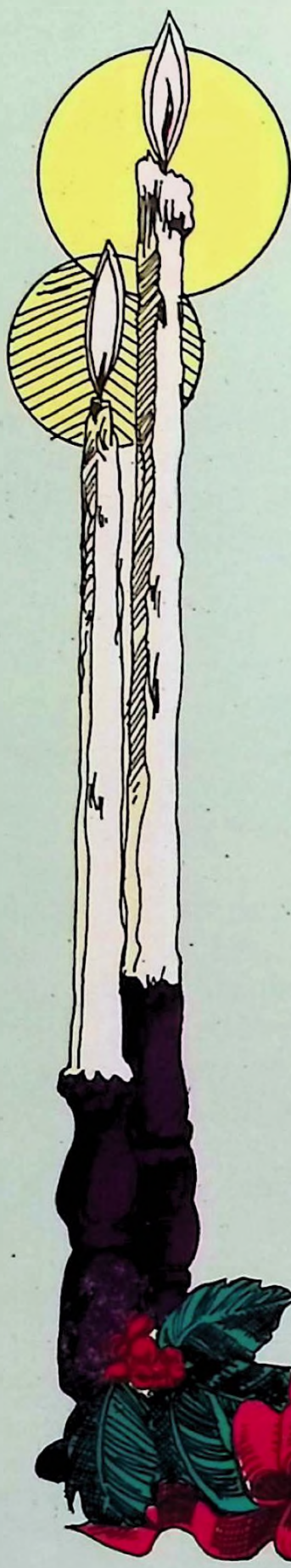


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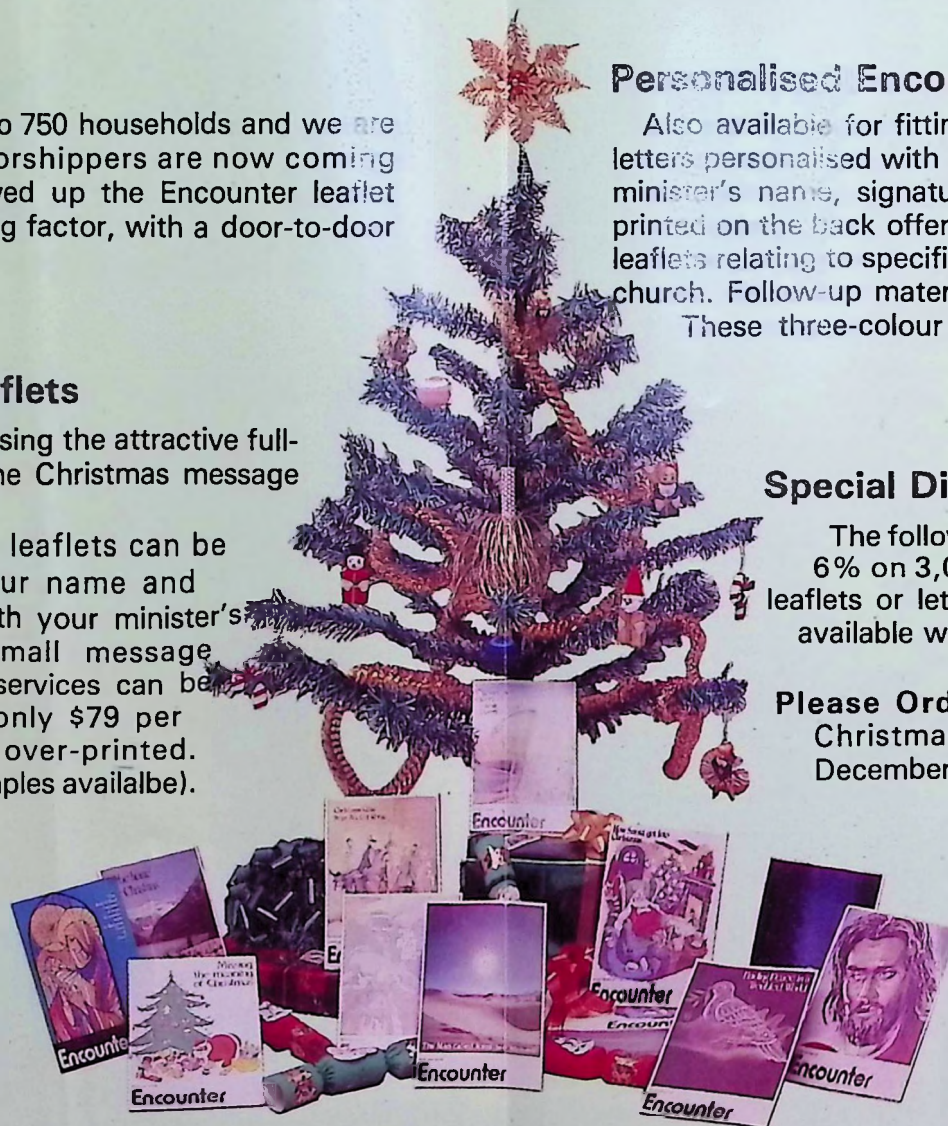
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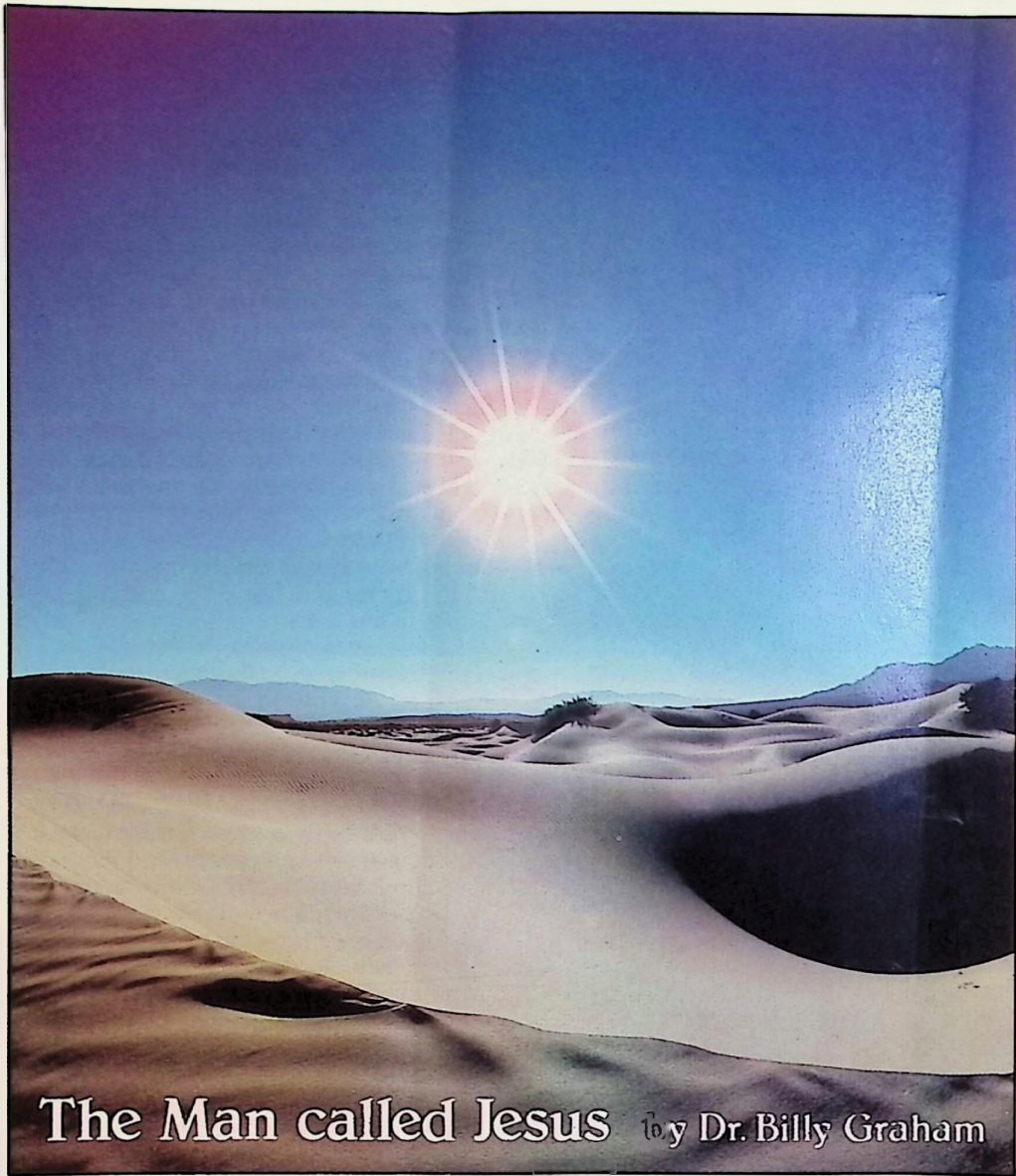
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More than 300 years before Jesus was born at Bethlehem, Diogenes, the Greek philosopher, walked the Athenian market place at high noon carrying a lantern. He told enquirers that he was "searching for an honest man" — whom he never found. Like Diogenes, people of our day are "searching for an honest man" — but they are finding him, in the God-man, Jesus Christ.

It seems that every so often we need to be called back to the God-man on whom our faith rests. To stress Jesus' humanity is not to detract from his deity. Indeed, it is only as we appreciate his humanity that we can fully appreciate his deity and relate him to our lives.

His favourite term for himself was "Son of Man", which is used more than 70 times in the Gospels. Born and reared in that crossroads of the world that touches Africa, Asia and Europe, he belongs to the whole world.

The Bible makes it plain that Jesus' physical needs and limitations were no different from ours. He was born of woman, went through the quest of youth into adulthood as we do. He grew hungry and thirsty, and experienced fatigue. He knew intimately the agony of pain and, finally, death.

In physical appearance, it is certain that history's supreme personality was strong and dynamic — far from the frail, sad-faced weakling with the soft, almost feminine figure and face that most painters and poets and even many hymn-writers have



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depicted over the ages. Of his early youth, the Bible says, "He waxed strong"; long labours in Joseph's carpentry shop must have given him hard muscles. Furthermore, throughout his active ministry he lived almost constantly outdoors, walking from town to town, sleeping under the stars. Such Spartan living could only have made him lean and weathered — with a colour neither white nor black, but bronzed like that of the sons of the desert with whom he lived.

The common people heard him gladly

Surely the magnetism that drew the crowds was in part physical as well as spiritual. Only a strong, commanding figure could appear out of nowhere to order home-loving men to leave everything and follow him — and have them instantly obey. Only such a man could win followers by the promise of nothing but hardship and sacrifice. "I am sending you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves", he told them. And only such a man, undergoing crucifixion's horrors, could elicit from the Roman centurion the exclamation, "Truly, this was the Son of God!"

One of Jesus' most appealing traits was his universal love of people. He was gregarious and companionable, accessible to all kinds of people — fishermen and scholars, lepers and lawyers, beggars and rulers. Even those Pharisees, whose sterile religiosity he rebuked with stinging phrase, found his talk stimulating, his company engaging.

Yet "the common people heard him gladly". He spoke their language — simple, forthright, familiar — not the lofty rhetoric of the rabbis and the intellectuals. His thought came across in illustrations drawn from everyday life: the sower who went forth to sow, the shepherd who left the ninety-nine safe ones of his flock to bring back into the fold the one gone astray, the way a grain of mustard seed became a great tree, the manner in which God fed the ravens and made the lilies of the field blossom into a glory of colour.

The Gospels picture Jesus supremely as a Man of Joy. "These things have I spoken unto you", he told his disciples, "that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full". To all he explained his mission: "I am come that you might have life, and have it more abundantly". Everywhere he went, children clamoured to get near him, to climb on his knee, to make him their own. And when the disciples tried to drive the children away, Jesus rebuked them. "Forbid them not", he said, "for of such is the kingdom of God".

Jesus dared to meet women on an equal basis

Although Oriental concepts of woman's subordination to man prevailed in that day, yet Jesus dared to meet women on an equal basis, treating them exactly as he treated men; never condescendingly but with deference. He was the first to blast the double sex standard when he invited any "without sin" to cast the first stone at the condemned adulteress.

His emotional responses were what ours would be under similar circumstances. Dotted through the Gospels are references to his response to the ill and forlorn: "And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and healed their sick". There is something very human about his obvious disappointment when, after the healing of ten lepers, only one returned to thank him. "Were there not ten cleansed?" he asked in surprise. Worst of all were the let-downs from those he counted on most. "Could you not watch with me one hour?" he plaintively asked Peter when his disciples fell asleep as he prayed in Gethsemane.

Like us, Jesus' strongest defence against human weakness was constant communion with the Heavenly Father. We fail to understand the depths of his humanity if we fail to reflect on the implications involved in the fact that he was "in all points tempted like as we are . . ." It was from the perspective of his own battles with temptation of all sorts that he admonished his disciples to "watch and pray, that you enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak".

Yet the human Jesus revealed far more than heroism. He showed us God Himself — His love, His tenderness, His compassion, His hunger to restore the father-son relationship which sin had broken. Of all the comments I know concerning the mystery of the Incarnation, I like best that by the late S.D. Gordon: "Jesus is God spelling

Himself out in language that man can understand".

I shall never forget the glow on the face of a man who came to see me some time ago. "All my life", he said, "I'd felt that God was high and holy — and unreachable. It's hard to understand a God like that, let alone love Him. But then you showed me Jesus, quoted his words: 'He that has seen me has seen the Father'. And like a flash it came to me that if God is like Jesus who walked the common ways of man, loved and served the weakest of his creatures, and whose great heart burst on the cross to redeem us from our sins, then He can have my life, my soul, my all. I made that gift to God, and I've never taken it back."

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25 Years in Radio

Although records are a little sketchy, this year it would seem is the 25th year of the radio program, 'Where the Book Speaks' broadcast over 6MD in the Western Australian Eastern Wheatbelt.

A motion in a minute book from December 16, 1955 reads, 'That Mr H. Fitch be empowered to institute a broadcast service through 6MD.' Possibly the broadcast began in early 1956.

Harold Fitch at first presented the program on his own each week. A tape recorder was purchased and the program was made in the manse and then sent to 6IX in Perth to be relayed over the local station 6MD as there was only a transmitter in those days.

It was almost like pioneering days in radio. The manse was near the highway, but the biggest problem were the railway yards in front of the manse. Mr Fitch recalls 'it was the time of the new diesel engines and they would stand for long periods with thumping engines. Then there was the crashing and ear splitting sounds as trucks were shunted. Probably most disturbing of all was after the sale of pigs in nearby yards. Trucks of squealing pigs would be standing for hours waiting to be moved to Perth.

Eventually we fixed on the hour between 12 midnight and 1.00 a.m. to do the recording.'

In later years the program was conducted live during Friday lunch hour; but at the moment it is pre-recorded to be presented on Sunday mornings.

Don Tonkin followed Mr Fitch and continued the program and then after a time it was shared between the ministers in the area. Those who conducted the program over the years were G. Hughes; D. Willis; J. Somerville; J. Holliday; B. Wells; A. Johnston; R. Taylor; E. Evans; J. Ismail; I. Moyses; T. Morrison; W. Hoffman; R. Chewter; on occasions lay members helped out; Gary Hamilton (Mukinbudin) and Doug Good (Merredin/Bruce Rock) continue the program.

Different ministers have had different ways of presenting the program and this has brought variety for the listeners and has meant they have found in one program or another something of the Christian faith to help them; to encourage them; to challenge them as they think about their relationship with God. We thank God for the program over the years and go forward in faith.

— D. Good

New Mission Headquarters

The Leprosy Mission (Australia) and BMMF International (Australia) have announced that, in a joint venture, the property at 7 Ellingworth Parade, Box Hill, is being purchased as the Australian Headquarters for both Missions.

The Leprosy Mission has been at Central House, 174 Collins Street, Melbourne ever since 1930. But in recent years, as the work has grown,

these offices on the sixth floor have become too cramped.

Earlier this year an ideal place was discovered to be on the market but after some discussion the vendor raised the price above what was considered reasonable for a single Christian organisation. Then a few weeks ago The Leprosy Mission was led into discussions with BMMF who were also looking for new offices, and the outcome is the joint purchase of this property at the original asking price.

The Leprosy Mission and BMMF (which was previously called the Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship) are independent missions who have similar aims. In several countries of Asia members of The Leprosy Mission and BMMF work together.

Both organisations plan to move to the new premises towards the end of October.

Want to Learn about God

A Religious Survey conducted at Koonung (Vic.) High School by Steve Downie, minister of the Box Hill church indicates the importance of the religious component in education. 81% of students want to learn about God and faith and the faith of others.

Examining Reality of God

The majority of students do not favour learning about denominationalism but want to examine the reality of faith and God. The Survey destroys the myth that young people see the church is full of hypocrites. It showed that youth of today have few fears of comparative religion, and nowhere near the fear that the older generation has for such education. There was little evidence of students becoming Mormons, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists, Spiritualists, if they were faced with a fair and frank presentation of these.

More Mature View

The Survey also showed a shift from the old cliches that a Christian is someone who does not drink or smoke or swear. Students had a much more mature view and a more accurate view of what a Christian was supposed to be.

How many students believe in God? 75% said yes, 6% said No, 10% said they were uncertain and 3% said they were agnostic. This compares with the Australian Census. The survey strongly suggests that a student be a Christian whatever his parents or friends thought. If they really believed in God, that's it. No one would hinder them.

The Survey gives conclusive evidence to church and school of the need for a full-time Chaplain on the Staff.



Those interested in greater detail of the survey findings can write to Steve at 12 Court St., Box Hill, 3128.

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Speaker Bill Gaunson

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MUSTARD SEEDS

BY ALAN AUSTIN

"This is what we always wanted. God has answered our wish. The Act is going to be removed!"

This was the response of Aboriginal Christian elder Mrs Annie Mamoose at Weipa South to the Queensland Government's announcement earlier this year that the Queensland Aborigines Act would be repealed. Her joy was soon shattered, however, when it became apparent that the Government was proposing to replace the notorious Act with a 50-year lease arrangement.

Undoubtedly the firmest finding of last month's visit (see last issue) to the remote Qld. communities was that a deeply-felt outrage at the lease proposal pervades much of the North. "How can they lease land that isn't theirs?" was the frequent retort. "This is Aboriginal land. The white man never bought it and we never gave it away."

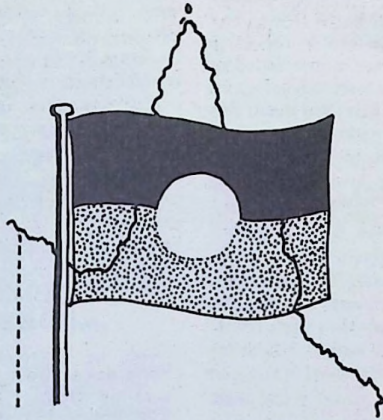
"We been wanting a meeting like this," said Mr Colin Lawrence at Kowanyama, "so people can listen to what we're saying. And what we're saying is we want our land back. We want it for our children and for our children's children."

Having listened to the elected community spokesmen from over ten communities, the message is clear: we want our land back.

"We want our land and we want it forever. We've been asking for so many years for our land, but they keep taking more and more. Now we got nothing," said Mrs Rose Ahlers at Coen.

"We're not satisfied with this 50-year lease," declared Mr Francis Yunkaporta at a large meeting under the mango tree at Aurukun. "What is fifty years? It's nothing. We want our land for all time."

For those committed to the proclamation of the gospel of Christ there may well be an urgent implicit challenge in the present land rights struggle. Along with the spoken words



'We want our land' is there also another unspoken message: 'and until we regain the stability of secure tenure of our land, then you have nothing else to offer us except perhaps the analgesics of gambling and alcohol?'

These are obviously not the words of an Aborigine. They are not mine either. They encapsule the feelings of many people, white and black, Christian and non-Christian, working within the remote communities: that the Christian message will not be listened to whilst those presenting it are seen to be allied to the powers at work alienating the people from their land.

Obviously God's grace is unlimited. His message will bring the response of personal salvation in all situations. Is it a valid observation, however, that where the Christian messengers are supporting the legitimate land claims of a dispossessed and disoriented community, the response to the Gospel is significantly greater?

This column tentatively posed this question about a year ago after a disturbing visit to the Kimberley region of Western Australia. Alan Pallett from Norseman in A.C. March 7 this year offered a moving answer. He

wrote of his experiences travelling to areas of special significance with tribal elders of the Victoria Desert region of W.A. For Aborigines who have strong traditional beliefs to be reached for Christ, Mr Pallett wrote, the message "must be presented on familiar ground, not destroying a culture but inculcating into it a sense of well-being and freedom from fear."

A great deal of the testimonies recorded and the observations made during your correspondent's latest trip affirms this strongly.

In the light of this, perhaps the most encouraging finding of the trip was that amongst the supporters of the Aborigines' struggle for land rights and self-determination are a significant and growing number of committed Christians.

Traditionally the role of Christian workers in Aboriginal communities appears to have been to 'preach the Gospel' in a fairly narrow sense — omitting such aspects as God's outrage at social injustice (such as the theft of traditional land — 1 Kings 21:19) and the call to repentance addressed to the intruding materialistic white society for the damage it has done (along with the good) to Aboriginal Australia. (This is an unfair generalization, I know. But many people see it that way.)

Our first evening — at Normanton — was spent with Anglican archdeacon Tony Hall-Matthews whose understanding of the complexities of Aboriginal culture is probably unparalleled amongst whites in northern Qld. Day two saw the opportunity to talk at length with Churches of Christ workers Hazel and Lyle Morris and Anne Schuster. Day three saw us at Mornington Island where Uniting Church folk Joy and Scottie Maxwell opened their home to us and talked late into the night. Formerly a mission employee, Scottie is now employed as a community worker by the Aboriginal Council.

These people — and a number of other Christians met along the way — strongly support the Aboriginal struggle for greater self-determination and the recovery of their traditional culture. It would be fair to say all these encounters made a strong impression on my four non-Christian Aboriginal companions and significantly enhanced their view of Christian workers — and by implication the Gospel and Christ Himself.

There is a struggle going on. It will be going on for a long time. Many difficult questions must be faced. Many challenging Scripture passages must be confronted, such as the many dozen that relate to land tenure in the Old Testament and those in the New Testament relating to respect for other cultures.

One urgent question is this: In this particular struggle, whose side are we on? And on whose side is Jesus?

JASON'S HOUSE

WHAT'S NEW?

ANOTHER ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY HAS JUST BEEN PUSHED OFF ITS LAND.

WHAT'S NEW?



OPEN FORUM

THE MISSION OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

To the Editor,

There comes sweet consolation each time I've reason to recall I didn't promise my allegiance to Peter, John or Paul.

Jesus Christ has all my love, His disciple I would be, His was the winsome invitation, "Come, follow, learn of me".

"Get priorities right, seek the Kingdom", he said, and "path that I walk 'whosoever' may tread!" Thus does he teach, serve, love Samaritan, woman, or slave, releasing to new-found freedoms the 'fettered' ones to save.

No discrimination

—sex, social status or race — singles out an 'elite':

all are souls saved by grace, saved to live and to serve, to minister in love, through unaccustomed new ways His promises to prove, ready at his prompting another 'role' to fill, when challenged by his Spirit to say, "in your strength, I will".

The rock of bold confession is the sure foundation stone — the base for the church he'd build that rock and it alone, supports all those who follow, and presents them now as one to the Father who planned through a much beloved Son. (This letter-poem is by a Queensland person whose name is withheld for a private reason. We are not establishing a precedent in this. Ed.)

CHANGING MOODS THANK YOU

To the Editor,

We write to thank readers of The Australian Christian for their support

at our recent concert at Box Hill High School.

The night went extremely well, and feedback to date has been very encouraging. Members of the group are now waiting to see and hear sound and video tapes recorded during the evening, to gain some idea of how you all would have seen the event.

For those who missed the earlier article, the concert was divided into two distinct "halves". The first "half" comprised many individual items, including vocal and instrumental items as well as comedy items and two musical comedy medleys. The second "half" was the group's current gospel musical entitled "Celebrate Life". Those who missed the concert can still see the musical at one of the group's appearances listed elsewhere in this issue.

Readers will be pleased to hear that a cheque for \$750 was presented to the Multiple Sclerosis Society during the concert.

Ian A. Ferris

LEAGUE OF RIGHTS

To the Editor,

It distresses me that the League of Rights is on the warpath in Australia. Their object is to expose Communism, but in doing so they apparently find it necessary to attack the United Nations and the "North-South" Movement as being part of a 'Communist plot'.

Questioned in Adelaide about the origins of the Brandt Commission, their spokesman said that it was composed of such people as Edward Heath and 'half were international bankers' — scarcely, one would have thought, left-wing extremists. Yet he stoutly maintained that the whole program was Communist-inspired!

The sad thing is that the leaders of the League claim to be, staunch "Bible-loving" Christians, and yet

they denounce millions of equally sincere fellow-Christians.

They are currently orchestrating attacks on the W.C.C. team which visited Australia recently to investigate the conditions of our own Aborigines — again as being 'Communist-inspired'. Literature and tapes are being freely circulated which purport to substantiate these charges.

We know that Communists do infiltrate other movements, but to adopt the same methods of misrepresentation and vilification scarcely seems a very 'Christian' attitude.

— Alan Gray (Adelaide S.A.).

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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Prison for Converted Spy

A former KGB official has been imprisoned twice, beaten up, refused emigration papers, and is currently being given forced drug treatment all because he is a Christian.

Recruited in 1956 Vladimir Titov's work gave him the chance to read Solzhenitsyn's "The Gulag Archipelago" and listen to foreign broadcasts. Forced to spy on Christians and coming from a Baptist family he realised that they had no political motives and led pure lives.

Recently he was offered money and a flat if he would co-operate in writing a book denouncing dissidents he got to know in prison. He refused, was re-arrested and is now in another psychiatric hospital.

Keston College.

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

LIVING IN THE AFTERGLOW

To the Editor,

Polly is the wife's friend from their school days together. I've never known quite what to make of Polly. From the look of her and her good works you'd say that she was a fine Christian. But she doesn't say so. In fact she says that she is not. She's got nothing against God, but she's managing quite well, thank you. And of course she doesn't go to church ... because her parents made her go when she was a kid. But she's proud enough to tell you that her grandparents on both sides were top leaders of the church.

Polly helps everybody. She's on every improvement committee in town. Her heart is as big as she is and that's saying something. And her moral standards are the highest. She is a living example of the ten commandments and thinks that the Festival of Light is the hope of the world.

Her sadness is her children. They follow neither her open handedness nor her open heartedness nor her moral rectitude. She suspects that one is sleeping around. One has a drinking problem. Her eldest, to use her term, is a bit of a con man. She says that they live for nothing but themselves and money and having a good time.

I couldn't understand the Polly phenomenon ... Godly ancestors, her own Christian qualities outside the church, and her lapsed family. That is until I read a line in our church paper. It talked about people living in the afterglow of their parents' Christianity.

So Polly, bless her, is living in the afterglow and there is not enough of it to light the way for her children.

Yours regretfully,
TERTIUS

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE BEEN BORN INTO THE THIRD WORLD?

- 75 per cent of the world's people have been.
- They consume 30 per cent of the world's grain foods.
- They are responsible for 15 per cent of the world's energy consumption.
- They have 17 per cent of the world's gross national product.
- They account for 11 per cent of the money spent on education in the world.
- They have 6 per cent of the world's health services.

HOW DOES A SPIRIT-FILLED CHRISTIAN FEEL ABOUT THIS?

LOTTERY FOR THE STARVING

Christians in S.A. are jumping up and down because Austcare has decided to run a lottery there, hoping to net from it a cool \$250,000 for food, shelter and medical care for refugees and other disadvantaged people of the world. Austcare is the umbrella relief agency that works on behalf of the other Australian world relief agencies, including those of the churches.

Uniting Churches Protest

The Uniting Churches in S.A. have protested. They have pointed to the incongruity of encouraging people to help the have-nots of the world by appealing to the "what's in it for me?" motive. They have drawn attention to the fact that the Australian materialism that such a lottery appeals to is the very thing that is helping to create conditions in poorer countries that make charitable aid to them necessary.

Mixed Motivations

Bill Scetrine, the go-getter Director of Austcare in S.A. has replied to the concern of the churches. He is happy for them to continue to give to world relief from the highest Christian motivation. But he believes that Austcare is not attracting money from 70% of the population who do not usually go to church. He wants to reach

these through the less worthy motivation of lottery prizes. He says, "Our function is to feed the starving, and to provide for them medical assistance, shelter and clothing. The alternative is to leave them to starve. Their problem will not be solved by high minded principle. The starving refugee is not going to ask where the money for his bowl of food came from."

The Problem

The problem faced by Austcare and other relief agencies is that support for them is declining while increasing inflation is slenderising the dollars that they get.

Relief agencies are no longer the recipients of large bequests from wealthy estates.

Big business is more likely to support sporting organisations which give them wider advertising opportunities than do gifts for charities.

Most charitable giving now comes from the pockets of the over 45s.

And there is no doubt that the modern secular spirit is breeding a generation of people who want something for their money, and prefer their charitable giving, if any, to provide the possibility of some gain for themselves.

The Christian Dilemma

So the Christian dilemma is whether to insist on keeping Austcare giving

clean and thus be able to help fewer starving people, or whether to let it get a bit dirty and thus be able to help more hungry people. It is clear that the churches by themselves are too small to handle the whole burden of Austcare and other world relief. Other Australians must pick up part of the tab. Should the churches then run their own clean agencies and encourage the rest of the community to develop other agencies that appeal to baser motives for support?

Another Way

Some believe that there is another way for Christians. Present world relief is, in a sense, "band aid" help, albeit essential help, and needing the support of the churches. But it does not get to the bottom of the problem, that is the distribution of God's provision for mankind more fairly. Nor does more relief enable poorer nations to increase agricultural, industrial and commercial skills to enable them to raise their standards of living. So some of us as Christians believe that increasingly we should be encouraging our Government to raise Australian Overseas Aid which is directed towards the self-development of poor countries, to 1% of our Gross National Product.

At home, we believe that healing the sick and

helping the poor and disadvantaged should be depending less and less upon charitable organisations and lotteries and art unions, and more and more upon giving from the community according to ability to pay, through the taxation system. This follows the Christian principle of spreading the burden of the few across the broad shoulders of the many, and thus "bearing one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ."

Book Survey

A survey of buying, reading and using Christian books in Australia was conducted by the Rev. Kevin Engel for the Australian Christian Literature Society.

Some of the facts that came out of the survey include:—

★ Turnover of religious books in Australia in 1980 totalled \$12 million.

★ Reading books ranks fourth after watching television, reading newspapers and listening to radio.

★ 52% of Christian book-buyers are regular customers.

★ 43% of books are bought for particular needs such as a study, 24% are bought to be gifts and 7% are bought because of a recommendation in church, at a camp or a review.

★ The majority of customers live within 10 kilometers of the Christian bookshop.

Several issues and concerns were raised. These included:—

★ The unhappy pattern of high pricing which results from the placements of wholesalers and agents between publishers and bookshops (coupled with the zoning which puts Australia in Britain's publishers' hand);

★ the need to correct the imbalance by which women comprise two-thirds of all customers (men, clergy, churches and Sunday Schools buy the balance) and

★ the need for a centralised information system to improve buyer knowledge of what books are available.



CARE FOR THE CHURCHES . . .

Long ago, Paul spoke about his care for all the churches. Ian Tippett, the Department Field Director in Evangelism and programme services, shares this concern as he moves among the churches. The care is the same, the ideas are for the '80s. Call him now.

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BOOKS TO READ

SIMPLE THINKS

by Lyn Ashlin (Vital Publications) \$2.50

A series of devotions about everyday things of life. These were originally weekly contributions to the local church paper at Footscray. Because they were appreciated so much the Federal Literature Dept. was approached about printing them. This book, illustrated by Bob Schurmann, is the result.

These are excellent thought provokers, well illustrated, that could be used for personal devotions or as devotions for a group.

The book is available from The Secretary, Federal Literature Department, Mrs E.M. Rankine, 5 Atkins Ave., Glen Iris, Vic. 3146.

IN UNION WITH CHRIST JESUS, by Bruce Armstrong (National Guide publications).

This is not so much a book as a booklet prepared by the minister of the Toowoomba church.

Its sketches follow the theme of the vine and the branches as in John 15:5. Its letterpress consists of a selection of Bible verses under a number of headings. The headings cover the various "steps" in the "plan of salvation". The booklet is useful as a guide to those who in personal witness are leading their friends to Christ and the church. It is also a useful piece of literature for counselling after public confession of faith. Its 16 pages are attractively set out. Quantities are available from the author at 13 Marcia St., Toowoomba, 4350. Phone (076) 32 4891.

JUSTICE FOR ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIANS (A.C.C. Box C199, Clarence St., Sydney, 2000) \$3.50.

This review is part of one written for "Forward" by its editor, Paul Lynch.

It is a book of scholarship, honesty and Christian compassion. Its words make nonsense of claims that its authors could not hope to understand the problems of our Aborigines in so short a time. It is clear from the bibliography — which contains many official works published by Australian federal and state governments — that the authors arrived having done their homework beforehand. It is clear from the quotations it includes, that the authors listened closely and heard clearly, the voices of many Aborigines they met during their visit. It is a book that makes nonsense of the claims that its authors came here to stir up trouble, perhaps even a revolution. It offers clear and sensible remedies to many of the ills our society suffers because of its treatment of Aborigines. It calls for no days of rage, no punch-ups with police or other government officials. It gives a clear biblical basis for its findings, and speaks movingly of methods of bringing together white Christian and tradition Aboriginal spirituality. It makes no outrageous requests, and it speaks in terms of moderation, reconciliation.

I BELIEVE HERE AND NOW

by Rita Snowden (Fontana) \$4.50.

Books are the forte of Rita Snowden. "I think of my books," she writes, "as an investment in people. They have a need books can meet. Can anything undertaken in this world be a more exciting investment or more rewarding?"

So we find every chapter of this new book exciting, prodding, stimulating, encouraging your faith until you are saying "That's for me." Rita Snowden succeeds to inspire the reader because of her confident faith in the ableness of God. As always she draws from a wide experience of travel, reading and real life living to present a ringing assurance of victory. Every Christian wants this.

I am glad "I Believe Here and Now" came my way. It's a beauty.

— C. J. Mackenzie.

PROGRAMS AND PARTIES FOR CHRISTMAS

by Helen and Larry Eisenberg (Baker) \$5.50.

It is time to start planning now all those special church services and socials that are held over the Christmas period. This book is a source book for ideas and suggestions of what to do over this period. There are also explanations of many customs. Material could easily be adapted in many instances although designed for American tastes. In the introduction some of the suggestions for activities that the whole church or families could do especially for others are worthy of very serious consideration.

KNOW AND TELL THE GOSPEL

by John C. Chapman (Hodder and Stoughton) \$4.95.

This little paperback with a funny cartoon cover is the first of a Hodder and Stoughton series by Australian authors entitled "Christian Beliefs." John Chapman is Director of Evangelism for the Diocese of Sydney. He commences his book with a study of evangelism in the New Testament and insists that biblical evangelism involves bringing people to the acceptance of Jesus Christ, not only as Saviour but as Lord; and that no Christian can duck his responsibility for personal evangelism by claiming not to be "gifted." He writes about training for evangelism and methods of evangelism as one in the field, knowing full well what works and what does not work. His comments on weekly evangelistic services are interesting to those of us from the Churches of Christ tradition. He is very helpful concerning evangelism as part of one to one personal conversation. He believes that the best way to learn evangelism is by doing it. On the negative side our comment is that Chapman tends to give the impression that salvation is a theological condition that is mainly after the cemetery and that it is received by intellectual assent to certain theological propositions. But we still recommend the book.

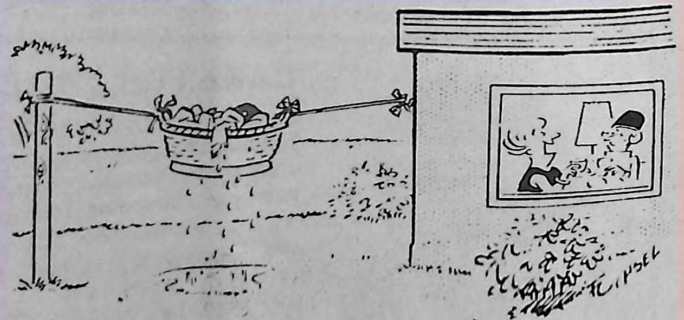
WORSHIP THE LORD

by Jock Anderson (I.V.P.) \$4.50.

An examination of the Biblical understanding of worship given the vast revolution in forms and practices of worship that have occurred recently. The author, who is a missionary doctor in Afghanistan, was really asked to answer the question 'What is worship, anyway?'

This book, in a readable style shows that worship applies not only to church services but also to the everyday lives of Christians. Worship is a way of life for the Christian. In the light of that understanding of worship as Jock Anderson found it in the Bible he then looks at the practicality of worship as centred in specific acts.

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.



"So I said, 'You're not going out until you've hung out the washing . . . !'"

News Concerning People

Returning from **PAPUA NEW GUINEA**: **Barbara and Ralph Bennett** returned for furlough from Papua New Guinea on September 25. They will visit their elderly parents in U.S.A. from October 3-December 7. On returning to Australia they will be available for deputation work as follows: Queensland, January 31-February 21, Western Australia, February 28-March 28 and South Australia, March 31-April 5.

Returning from **VANUATU**: **Lyn and Bruce Pederson** and **Cathy and Jack Murphy** returned from Vanuatu on October 2. As neither couple will be returning to Vanuatu appreciation is expressed for their valuable ministry over the last three years. The Pedersons return to South Australia and Bruce will return to his former occupation of teaching and apprentice instruction early next year.

The Murphys after several weeks holiday in N.S.W. will come to Adelaide on November 16. Jack will assist in the administrative work of the Federal Board Office in Unley until **George Mathieson** returns from study leave overseas.

Rosalie Rofe after spending six months on furlough in Australia returns to Papua New Guinea on October 27. After a holiday in N.S.W. Rosalie came to South Australia and since August 10 has been assisting in the Overseas Mission Board Office and doing deputation work. Her ministry has been most effective and deeply appreciated.

Ron McLean — Executive Director of the Overseas

Mission Board has been actively involved in a preaching ministry at the Vietnamese church throughout August following his return from India. He will be involved in further preaching ministries among the Vietnamese people in October and throughout December. With the approval of the Overseas Mission Board Ron has accepted an invitation to a part-time ministry at **Cowandilla** church commencing February 1982.

Peter Jessup from the **Glenelg** church in South Australia leaves for **Vanuatu** mid October to assist as a voluntary worker at the **Ranwadi High School**. Peter will be involved in outside activities, relieving the staff of these duties during the last weeks of the third term.

Colin and Irene Henry from the **Boronia** church have arrived in **Vanuatu** and as voluntary workers will be responsible for the management of the business office of the Conference of Churches of Christ in **Vanuatu** for the next six months.

Norm Cornwall from the **Cheltenham** church in **Victoria** has returned from **Vanuatu** after giving several months voluntary service as a technical worker. Sincere appreciation is expressed to **Norm** for his ministry.

Ishmael Bangga, Secretary of the Conference of Churches of Christ in **Vanuatu**, after spending eight months in **Australia** doing further studies and gaining administrative experience at the **College of the Bible** and the **Overseas Mission Board Office** returned to **Vanuatu** on September 17.

Missionaries for Indonesia

The Overseas Mission Board has agreed to appoint **Russell and Jeanette Mutzelburg** as missionaries to **Indonesia** but feels that it is essential that another experienced married couple goes with them as co-workers to pioneer a new work of pastor training on behalf of the Australian Churches of Christ. The **Mutzelburgs** went to **Vanuatu** last year to obtain cross-cultural experience and since their return have been gaining further experience in the ministry at the **Crown St., Church, Toowoomba**.

Federal Conference, **Melbourne**, 1978 decided that providing finance is available over and above that which is required for our existing work and suitable personnel are available that we co-operate with the **Christian Churches of Christ (U.S.A.)** in a program of pastor training with **Indonesian churches**, with which they are in partnership.

For several months now the Board has felt that this decision could be implemented and has been appealing for **Bible College graduates** with initiative and leadership qualities and a gift for **Bible teaching** to minister in **Indonesia**. We praise the Lord for the willingness and enthusiasm the **Mutzelburgs** have expressed for this ministry and prayer is requested that the needed co-workers will be available to minister with them.

The Overseas Mission Board would be pleased to receive enquiries from personnel interested in becoming a part of our first team to serve in **Indonesia**. Kindly address

enquiries to — **Ron McLean**, Executive Director, Australian Churches of Christ Overseas Mission Board, P.O. Box 320, **Unley, S.A. 5061**.

Please continue in prayer, "the harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest". **Matthew 9:38**.

Money for Missions

Members of the **Margaret Street, Launceston** church have become avid stamp collectors — all in the interests of **Overseas Missions**. In addition to the **Bible School** children, members have their scouts in a number of commercial enterprises, and a continuous supply of used envelopes flows through the home of philatelist **Jim Harrison**, who sorts and cuts off the stamps for sale in bulk. A recent windfall was 38,000 envelopes from a competition conducted by a local news paper. So far this year \$412 has been raised for orphan support.



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HAPPENINGS

Some Pacific churches are becoming worried about a brain drain to Australia of their best ministers.

The United States Navy has named its 77th nuclear powered submarine "Corpus Christi" (Latin for Body of Christ) which has raised strong protests from around the world.

The Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace will hold a Summer School January 28 — February 1, 1982 on the theme "Social Action — Strategies that Work". The Summer School will be held in Sydney.

One of the worst ratios of doctor - to - population is in East Africa. The World Health Organization says that in

its latest survey there was one doctor for every 17,480 people. This compares with the most favourable ratio of one doctor for every 528 people in western Europe.

The Methodist church in England gained more new members in 1980 than it lost by death — for the first time in years.

According to a recent survey in America 56 per cent of American-Irish are Protestant. The main Protestant denominations are Baptist and Methodist rather than Presbyterian.

The world division of the United Methodist Church's Board of Global Ministries has issued a policy resolution declaring that the agency will not pay ransom for any missionaries kidnapped.

One third of Czechoslovakia's Roman Catholic churches are without priests but 43 new priests were ordained in June.

For nine years Christians of the Koho tribe in Vietnam have met for prayer each morning. 20,000 tribe members have been converted even though 90 per cent of the churches are closed and many leaders of the church are in prison.

People who attend church most often are the happiest, according to the findings of a survey of residents in Minneapolis — St Paul in America.

The number of refugees in the world now exceeds 12,600,000, according to a statement just issued by the US Committee for Refugees. Of this total, about 6,300,000 refugees are in Africa, 3,500,000 are in the Middle East and 2,100,000 are in Asia.

A government minister in Ghana has warned church leaders to beware of materialism. The Central Regional Minister, says that some church leaders are becoming too money-conscious and lean on the rich for monetary gain. He claims that society expects more from the Christian. The church should lash out at such habits and attempt to change these offenders.

According to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, over 12,000 boat-people arrived in various Asian ports during June. This was 4000 fewer than for May. At the same time, 1300 refugees from Laos arrived in Thailand.

The headquarters of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in Belfast were severely damaged by a bomb blast. Damage was estimated at more than £200,000.

A Protestant theologian claims that Christians are under rigid oppression in Czechoslovakia. Clergymen do not compromise to the whim of the state are imprisoned or severely reprimanded and told not to be so conspicuous.

World Vision is setting up a new community development project in Ethiopia to assist a group of people who have recovered from leprosy. The community of 200 will be assisted to breed cattle and to market them. They will be taught food processing trades and be helped to set up two shops. The project will initially employ 30 families.

An estimated one African in eight is Roman Catholic according to figures from the Roman Catholic information agency. Its report of population in 54 African countries counts 56.7 million Roman Catholics in a population of about 456 million.

Indonesian Mission

John and Shirley Truscott are Australians working with an American Christian Mission in Bandung, Indonesia.

They report 33 recent baptisms. The Truscott's involvement is in neighbourhood evangelism. They make friends with people living in their area, they transport neighbours to medical clinics and hospitals, they attend community celebrations, and they take neighbours on picnic outings. Thus they build bridges for evangelism.

Their address is P.O. Box 3 Cimahi, West Java, Indonesia.

Wesley for Box Hill

Box Hill church in conjunction with the Victorian Advisory Board are happy to announce that Russell and Eugenie Wesley will join the ministry team at Box Hill in 1982.

Russell is a graduate of the College of the Bible and has been minister at Hamilton church for three years.

Russell will bring many gifts to the ministry team. In 1982 he will be studying at the Peter MacCallum Hospital and will minister at Box Hill on a part-time basis, and in 1983 will be full-time.

INNER SPRINGS

MY STRONG HABITATION

Having lived in some odd and precarious dwelling places in days gone by, I am deeply grateful for a home that withstands the elements; one which I can call my strong habitation. But I value even more this same claim for my spiritual welfare. Within most of us there is a deep longing for security. For safety in a world that offers no safety. Where then, can sinful suffering humanity go when in need? The answer is so simple it is often overlooked. "Be Thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort;" cried the Psalmist, "for Thou art my rock and my fortress". "That word continually is a great comfort," wrote Amy Carmichael, missionary to India. "God knows that for most of us life is no picnic, but a hard battle, sometimes a fierce battle, and not once or twice but very often we need a strong habitation, a rock and a fortress to which we can fly in moments of danger; and so we have this word which assures us of something we desperately need and cannot do without".

When one said to me, "Why should I run to God when I am in trouble?" my reply was this "If neither beauty, nor joy, nor love sends you to him, then let it be sorrow. Jesus is never concerned for the 'how' of our coming, only whether we come". And his response to all is the same. "Whosoever cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out. It is inconsistent with a loving God to place us in this world without the resources for living in it. He is those resources. Faith in him enables us to feel secure when all about us is insecure. He is my strong habitation. He wants to be yours.

The joy of the Lord is my health and strength.
It is the secret power,
That makes me strong when I am weak

And in the evil hour
Gives me courage to perform the thing that I must do,
The heart to start the daily task,
The will to see it through.

We thank you, O God, that you are our strong habitation. That in your presence we can be strengthened, comforted and made whole to pursue our daily activities with our untroubled mind. Amen.

Florence Rosier

SHIRLEY AND DAVID

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David and Shirley came from England 16 years ago. David is a public servant and Shirley a doctor's receptionist. In England they were part-time Christians, worshipping mainly when it was convenient. In Australia, first when at the migrant hostel and later when they settled, they "kept in touch" with the church . . . more than the church kept in touch with them.

Keeping in Touch

They were busy building a family and a home. Occasionally when they felt the urge they drove into the city for a service. They liked the building and the choir. But architecture and choir were not strong competitors for all of the many things that cropped up to keep them at home. But throughout their lives and their marriage they had a deep faith in God. They accepted without question the great teachings of the Bible.

The Church of Christ

Three or four years ago David and Shirley moved. Shirley was desperately lonely and began to look for something to do. She found Meals on Wheels and for the first time heard about the Church of Christ. Some of her "customers" were members, and apparently good advertisements for the church. She also looked for a part-time job and got it in a neighbouring clinic. One of the doctors, she heard, belonged to the local Church of Christ. Apparently he also was a good advertisement for the church.

Betty at the Bus Stop

On day Shirley, still a bit lonely, met Betty at the bus stop. They began talking and Shirley was attracted by Betty, and it turned out that Betty also belonged to the Church of Christ. About this time the doctor who had just returned from voluntary service in Africa invited David and Shirley to his slide show . . . at the Church of Christ! Shirley wondered why, having never heard of the Church of Christ previously, she should almost be bombarded with references to it now.

Bad News from Home

Shirley's phone rang one day. It was bad news from England. Her mother was dead. Shirley felt the pain of grief and helplessness from being so far away. She said to David, "I want to go to church tomorrow." They did. There was nothing that spoke to them in the service and no-one seemed to care. Shirley said, "Next Sunday I want to go to the Church of Christ." They did. And in their words, "We've been going ever since."

Baptism means Commitment

It was some time before they were baptised. David says "Baptism obviously means commitment and I wanted to be sure." Before their baptism, Wayne, the minister asked Shirley what it meant to her. She said, "It is in the words of my favourite hymn, 'Amazing Grace'. 'I was lost and now am found.' "So they sang it during the baptismal service.

The anticipation of baptism for Shirley was not unmixed joy. From childhood she had a "water phobia". She said, "I must go through with it though because I want to do it so much." She prayed about it and was terrified until she entered the water. Then she felt within her a very deep peace.

On their baptismal night David and Shirley had 30 of their new Church of Christ friends home to supper.

A Bond that You can Feel

Within weeks of their baptism David was in hospital for tests and eventually major surgery. His new found friends from the church surrounded them with prayer and love and visits and phone calls. David said, "There was a bond that you could feel."

Shirley and David are impressed by the church's seven day a week caring program, by the dynamic services, the down to earth preaching, by the family feeling and the certainty that "if ever we needed to confide in any one there are plenty at the Church of Christ to whom we could turn."

Two Facts

Without wanting to point a moral, the story of Shirley and David points to two very important facts.

The first is that there are large numbers of believing people who are not worshipping regularly because so many local churches are simply not on their wave length. Possibly there are Churches of Christ whose services might have been just as meaningless and lifeless and friendless in their need as was the congregation that David and Shirley tried.

The second is that hardly ever does one person win another to Christ and the church. It is usually the touch upon their lives by many attractive people who belong to a congregation that is a warm, caring, accepting community with a concern for outreach. The Meals on Wheels recipients, Betty at the bus stop, and the doctor were probably unaware of how the Holy Spirit was using them to witness to Shirley, as he may well be using some one who at this moment is reading these words, even if the reader is unaware of it.

OBITUARY

Typed statements of not more than 150 words, recognising the work and witness of God's faithful servants are welcomed. They should be submitted promptly.

BRIGGS, Hilda Florence (17.8.81). Bendigo church was saddened in the passing of its most senior member at the age of 92 years. Born to the late Alfred and Helen Streader in 1889, into a family already well known within the Brotherhood. She commenced a life that proved to be of great benefit to the Bendigo church. She gave her life to the Lord at an early age and was actively associated with most aspects of church life, B.S. teacher, choir member, leader in Dorcas, C.E. and Girls Club work, Hospital visitor. Many organizations benefitted because of her skill in sewing and needlework, some items are still in evidence in the Bendigo chapel. Together with her husband, George McLeod Briggs their home was constantly open to hospitality and their garden dedicated to church floral decorations. Her husband predeceased her 25 years ago. In 1966 Mrs Briggs became a foundation resident at Golden Oaks Village and continued there until recent

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hospitalisation. Loving sympathy is expressed to her sister, Ida (Mrs Ingham S.A.) and brother, Edgar (Boort) and all family members.

GIRVAN, Thomas William (1.9.81) Born at Myrtle Creek in 1899 he lived in country Victoria until the age of 16 when he boarded with the Davis family in Coburg. When younger Tom helped bring up his younger brothers and sisters. He is survived by Jack, Ted, Jess Davis and Kit Wignall. Whilst with the Davis family he met and later married Vene Davis at the Coburg church in 1934. Vene predeceased Tom as did their adopted son Allan. Tom worked for seven years with the Tramways Board and then joined the Prisons Department. He worked for 40 years within prisons and before his retirement had been Governor of the Bendigo Prison for two years and at his retirement was Deputy (and Acting) Governor of Pentridge. Tom was converted at the Hinrichsen-Brooker mission at Coburg in 1921 and was baptised at Moreland. Tom was appointed a deacon in 1937, and elder in 1963 and Chairman of the Coburg L.M.C. in 1970 and was still serving in these positions at the time of his sudden death. Tom was an integral part of the life of the Coburg Church and will be greatly missed. He was also very involved in the Masonic and Orange Lodge movements and was a founding member of Lodge Antioch. Tom was a true Christian gentleman who was a great encourager to all young Christians.

— C.R.A.

LAURENCE-ROGERS James. (25/8/81) The Church at Bexley North was saddened by the passing of James Laurence-Rogers. Although in his 80th year, he was very active in church life. He had faithfully served as an Elder for the past six years and on his last Sunday with us, had attended both services as well as the Bible School where he organised the audio visuals and sound equipment for the school. He had opened the Girls' Brigade gospel service in which looking back he seemed to sense his imminent passing to be with his Lord. He was an active Board member and also an encourager of the prayer and bible study groups. Being able to drive his own car, he regularly visited two local nursing homes and brought comfort and spiritual blessing to the aged folk. He was always in the

Lord's House with a cheerful welcome to all arrivals and his presence with us will be sadly missed. A private funeral was conducted at the graveside at Wioniora Cemetery and later a Memorial service was held at the church, both being led by our minister — Fred Davis.

MARTIN, Miss Hilda MAY (13.9.81) Miss Hilda May Martin passed suddenly and quietly from this life, aged 75 years. Born in York, W.A., she was the youngest of seven in a Christian family which was integrated with the church. Baptised in her early teens she grew up in Bible School, Christian Endeavour and Phi Beta Pi, and was active in many branches of Christian work. For years she was occupied with domestic service in Northam and later with doctors in Midland, while she cared for her aging parents. After the death of her parents she joined the ministry of the Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Mission Board in the hardship conditions of the developing Carnarvon Mission, where she continued for 17½ years and became "mum" to a large family of Aboriginal children who remember her with affection. After Carnarvon she lived at Midland Cloverdale and was often in service as church organist. She retired into the care of the Churches of Christ Homes at Carinya, Mount Lawley. She leaves to all who knew her a sense of the qualities and value of a life of faith, love and service for Christ.

SPRAKE, Ivy

Mrs Ivy Sprake was a valued member of the North Essendon church. She was a lady in the true sense of the word and had many qualities many of which are hard to put into words. She had a great love of people and always had a kind and encouraging word and smile. Even in the face of her own suffering she was slow to complain and inspired others to rely on God as she did for strength and courage. In years gone by she worked voluntarily for the Children's Hospital and also in the local church kindergarten. Mrs Sprake was a dedicated family person. A loving wife of David, mother of Valerie and Ken, mother-in-law of Jan and Noel and grandmother of Leanne, David, Christopher and Beth.

— R.S.

TURNELL Albert (Bill) William. 18.8.81. Bill was born in New South Wales in 1924. He saw service with the RAAF during World War 2. He

married Joy (Roffey) at Newcastle, N.S.W. in 1947. Bill then trained at the Bible College, Woolwich, N.S.W. On graduation he served with the church at Paddington and then followed ministries at Canley Vale, N.S.W., York (W.A.), Geraldton (W.A.), Kwinanala (W.A.), Latterly Bill was employed at the Sir Charles Gairdner hospital. His membership was with the Dalkeith Road church, Nedlands and assisted in ministry there with the writer. Bill had been troubled with illness for some time and this developed into serious chest trouble and on entering into hospital the decline in his health was rapid. He passed away peacefully in the presence of members of his family and knew the triumph of his faith in the Lord.

Bill leaves a loving family and to Joy his wife, Jennifer, Stephen and family, Christopher, Claire and family, Andrew and Jennifer we offer our sympathy in the sure and certain hope of triumph over death.

— A. W. Morris.

BENDIGO (Glen Wegner, Leigh Melberg). Miss R. Haskell was recent speaker and Mrs R. Sloan soloist... The church extends sympathy to Mr and Mrs Hanger, Mr and Mrs M. Anderson and Mr and Mrs Stevens in recent bereavements... The church was saddened by the death of Mrs H. Briggs aged 92 years. She has been an active member for many years... Mrs E. Monkhouse is doing well after surgery... Covenant Players were guests at recent services... Church has extended Leigh Melberg's appointment for another year.



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GAWLER (R. L. Oke). Following the rescinding of previous motion Ralph Oke was offered a further term of three years as from January 1982 ... A few new faces are appearing regularly including past members ... Visiting speakers have been Norm Kingston, Leprosy Mission; Collin Stock, David House Fellowship ... C.W.F. annual luncheon had 70 present when Collin Stock presented slides of Israel ... S.S. anniversary well attended. Scholars produced audio-visual on life and ministry of Paul.

TAIS

NUBEENA (Cec Neville). Combined meetings of all denominations held each month ... Series of special evening services involving many members — subjects: prayer, testimony in song, study notes of growing Christian, praise and sacred songs ... Minister attended leader's conference at Bicheno ... Special Father's Day service with men taking part followed by fellowship supper ... Mr Reeve representing the Gideon movement spoke on their work ... Baptismal service held.

LAUNCESTON (M. D. Hamilton, R. J. Allison). Training classes for presidents and readers begun ... C.W.E.F. had speaker on Christian literature in the home on Sept. 28 and presented the dramatised story of Esther at afternoon service on October 4.

NSW

THORNLEIGH (Paul Cameron). Quarterly evening family service was held on Sunday Sept. 27. A group from North Turramurra presented the musical "Kids Praise" ... Over the October long weekend a number from the church attended the young people's camp at Stanwell Tops ... Andrew Flannery, at the City of Sydney Eisteddford was the winner of the 14 years and under prepared speech.

QLD

MACKAY (Norm Flett). Crusade with John Timms brought many blessings. Church rejoicing at 30 Baptisms in last two months. Music group Doulos performed nightly at Crusade, also at local Shoppingtown, Pioneer Valley Harvest Thanksgiving and Rockhampton Crusade ... Doulos leader and Worship Director, Alan Cann, will observe Christian music scene while in U.K. ... Family group home "dad", Alan Weedon, named church's "Father of the Year".

CAIRNS (V. G. Boettcher). Vic. Boettcher commenced interim ministry. Membership approximately 12, but 23 attended induction and visitors are present most Sundays ... Evening services have recommenced at casserole fellowship tea ... Visitation of all members and contacts continues and investigation of possible expansion being undertaken.

CHELTENHAM (A. White; S. Wilson, D. Smith). Ray

McKenzie, Chaplain I.T.I.M., spoke at services ... College for Christians and Crossways attracted good attendances and participation ... Spring service with 320 attending with flute choir from St Leonard's playing ... Youth 1 helping church raise \$2000 for pump for Asian village ... Ministry at Kingston Geriatric Centre continued by ministers and members ... Good Companions efforts towards outboard motor for Papua New Guinea.

BOX HILL (S. Downie). Mini-mission held. O.A.C. reps. Bryan Greenwood and Merv Jensen ... C.W.E.F. visited Fred Combridge House ... C.W.F. combined for thanksgiving ... Film by K. Skillicorn, Leprosy Mission ... Overseas Christian Fellowship group took evening service recently ... Y.P.C.E. speaker, Dianne Spink, speech therapist ... Artists, R. Buckmaster, Richie Gunston, Trish Winterbottom, Garry and Yvonne Bradley, Aust. Children's Choir ... Six decisions made during mini-mission.

MARYBOROUGH (K. Haythorpe). Half-yearly business meeting well attended ... A lunch time prayer meeting is being conducted ... Also Elders have a meeting each week to pray for church ... Women hold a Know Your Bible session each week ... A Couples Group is challenging ... Ladies meetings held in private homes during winter months ... Barry Shepherd Sunday School Superintendent ... Peter Fergus on study mission in America.

GLEN WAVERLEY (Ron Elbourne, Keith Milne). Diaconate held full-day planning conference ... Great time of fellowship when N.Z. touring party of 45 billeted with church families during 4 day stay in Melbourne ... Wed. Care Group invited public to Open House for birthday and screened "Women, Who Is Me?" ... 19 Y.P. attended Dept. camps. One member Deputy Camp Chief at Monbulk ... Pharmacist with Health Commission spoke to C.W.E.F.

SURREY HILLS (Rod Foster). 91st anniversary celebrations had past members leading worship. 80 enjoyed lunch with musical items by Graham Funder and Brighton Brass Ensemble ... Temple Day offering \$585 to Darwin and Madang building funds ... Good contacts made through "A.C." distribution and follow-up visiting ... New children enrolled for Adventure Time and Explorers.

WA

RIVERVALE (Barry Thygsen). Father and son weekend fishing trip to Moore River very successful, but not fish wise ... Men's tea held ... Family camp at Point Peron, Bruce Eagles bringing studies on Ecclesiastes ... King's Kids Club commenced on Tuesday Sept. 29. 51 children attending ... Morning church service now at 9.30 ... Mrs Iris Jones and Shelley Bruce held luncheon for ladies which raised \$116 towards bus fund.

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 apparently breezing through their work.
 Success crowns their labours
 in spite of opposition and difficulties.
 Their zeal, spirit and wisdom seem to make them over-
 comers.

Lord, I see them and praise you for them
 but feel so inadequate standing with them.
 For my efforts are not crowned with outward garlands.
 My work seems to ebb and flow, but more often
 stagnates, and I know not what to do.

Being a one talent man makes me a prey
 to envy, depression and introspection.
 Lord, I seek not the fickle favour of folk;
 but to see men and women surrendering
 their lives to you would be a thrill beyond compare.

Satan is stirring the pot
 and I seem to be in it
 and it's boiling.
 He leers and jeers at my tears
 and the fabric I've woven is coming unthreaded.

Lord, I've no where to look
 except to you.
 O Saviour, rescue me for I am inclined
 to dig a hole and hide
 from my failure to grasp your power and providence.

Touch my eyes, arouse my heart.
 Through your word speak to me.
 Lord, wipe self pity from my eyes
 so that I may see you in your glory
 being expressed in spite of the weakness of weariness.

Beloved Lord, I may be humbled
 for often your will is different from how I want it.
 But give me grace to trust you
 although it seems
 my work is destined for the archives of the tried and un-
 successful.

So, dear God
 I'm only a one talent man.
 But by your grace I can wear that title, and know
 your love remains the same.
 And one day your faith in me may make me a two talent
 man.

Ray Hawkins

Melbourne Christian Radio Membership

Melbourne Christian Radio Ltd. reports that company membership continues to grow. The Board of Directors, at their September meeting, processed another batch of applications to take the membership to 1039 persons.

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A Church is Born

Approximately 30 kilometres from Mayfield, Newcastle on the road to Nelsons Bay lies the small village of Salt Ash. It has a population at present of 1500 people and is growing. On Sunday August 16, the Church of Christ at Salt Ash was born.

At the morning service greetings were received from the Newcastle Churches and myself as Representative of the N.S.W. Conference Executive.

Owen Wainwright of the Department of Church Development and Education spoke in the morning and myself at night, attendances being approx. 75 and 38 respectively. A beautiful luncheon was provided by the Salt Ash people.

The history of the church is as follows:

A Church of Christ fel-

lowship began at Salt Ash in 1969. In 1970 a Sunday School began with six pupils and has now grown to an average attendance of 65 pupils which includes 19 teenagers.

On August 17, 1977 a fellowship was formed being named Salt Ash Christian Fellowship. After three years, realising the needs of the fellowship an approach was made to Mayfield Church of Christ to oversee the work. We give praise to God for the way He has led and directed this group over the last two years. Let us as a Brotherhood pray that this church will continue to grow and his blessing be upon the work at Mayfield for their vision and acceptance of this challenge.

Last year the Mayfield church also launched out into the Maitland area.

A. Bourne

World C.E. "Festival of Hope"

The World Centenary of Christian Endeavour was held in the birthplace of the movement, Portland, Maine, U.S.A. August 12 - 16.

From Australia a delegation of 55 people together with people of 30 nations gathered to share their faith.

Each evening session was opened with stirring singing conducted by the Rev. Bernie Smith, a freelance youth worker from Calgary, Canada. Most nations were given opportunity to share in the evening programs either by giving musical items, a bible reading or leading in prayer and of course the speakers were from various countries.

Every day began with Bible studies, then a breaking up into smaller discussion groups. After the Bible studies a daily session of 'World Wide Fellowship' was held. Most afternoons were times when tours were held, but at 3.30 p.m. a Christian Endeavour meeting was held in the Williston-West Church. These were taken by various societies and showed clearly the strength and relevance of C.E. today. The themes for the various days were: 'Hope through Jesus Christ', 'Commitment', 'Service', 'Loyalty' and 'Fellowship.' Dr Luis Palau from the Argentine was the speaker on the last two occasions.

What contribution is C.E. making today? Let me share some of the facts given by leaders from other countries:

— Jamaica has 40 societies with a membership of 1000, Tonga 240 societies, Japan's figures not to hand but it is strong, Egypt 750 societies, India up to 3 million members, work in Syria, Lebanon, Sudan, Iraq, Kuwait and Bahrain, Korea in excess of 500,000 members, Nigeria 27,000 members.

One of the highlights was to visit the church in which Christian Endeavors began and in which the founder Francis Clark ministered. We gathered in the church on the closing day for a service of Holy Communion.

— Murray Chambers.

Meeting on Arms Race

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VIC

WARRAGUL (P. Broadbent). Music in Worship seminar involving Norval Bunch, Sugar and Salt and a team from Berwick was a real blessing. Other churches from town involved ... "People Care" program led by Louis van Laar from Montrose now drawing to conclusion. The six week services has been a tremendous help to those who have attended ... "Simplicity" singing group made up of young people of the church visited "Fairview", local elderly folks village.

CASTLEMAINE (Peter Haylock). Hilltop prayer meeting concludes 100 Days of Love ... Scenic tour by C.W.F. ladies group ... Young people visit Hall's Gap camp ... B.S. family service successful ... Minister and several others attended Central and Northern District Conf. at Swan Hill ... Visitation from Max Wright from C. of C. Aborigines Dept., Mooroopna ... Many continue to commit their lives to Christ. Minister's outreach is very fruitful for Christ.

MELTON (Martin Rees, Glynthea Finger). Jim and Anthea Spiker accepted invitation to minister part-time with church beginning 1982 ... Colin Glare appointed church secretary ... Sue and Brian Duffy transferred in to membership ... Families attended and enjoyed annual W.R.O.C. combined churches dinner at Williamstown church ... Members voted at A.G.M. for affiliation with Vic.-Tas. Conference. Service held at Sunshine Church to witness the baptism of Mary Harford.

TOOTGAROOK (M. Giezendanner). Church saddened by recent deaths of Agnes Kempster and Jim Tipping ... C.W.F. 26th birthday with "Trading Partners", 88 in attendance ... Family services held once a month, speaker Sept. Cyril Minns ... Fund raising for 1981 to be 60% to building fund and 40% "Dollars for Darwin". This helped with successful progressive dinner and C.W.F. street stall ... Presentations to Frank and Edna Webster on leaving district.

SA

SALISBURY EAST (S. Curkpatrick). "Adventure in Evangelism" program recently conducted in the church by Gerald Rose ... Gordon Stirling to conduct "Good News '81" program November 27-29. Guest celebrities and artists will include Des Feary, Keith Chessell, Graham Nicholls, Robin Millhouse, "Prism", Lynne Roberts.

COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS (R. Clymer). Y.P. camp at Easter. Girl made decision ... Friendship Centre for Y.P. meets every second Friday night ... "Every Member Present" Sunday held and flexible giving program introduced ... Study groups have met Sunday mornings and during week ... "Operation Paperback" packing 232,000 books for local printing company to raise funds ... Blind member, Mick Ziersch, runs toyshop with wife Marlene and help from members.

HENLEY BEACH (Don Sonsee). 90th anniversary celebrations were held on Sept. 20. The communion service began at 10 a.m. and former ministers, Neville

Moore, Albert Jones and Sid Matthews assisted and Lyn Hook was guest soloist. A recorded greeting was received from Hazel Sukec and Don Sonsee gave the sermon. 230 attended the service and the luncheon which followed. The evening celebrations service included an historic slide presentation. Speaker was Graham Agnew, Marion.

NT

DARWIN (P. DeWildt). Church building has the steel frame up and slab poured. Bricklayers starting work ... Annual Sunday School picnic held at Howard Springs enjoyed by all. Over 70 attended ... The church rejoiced in sharing in five baptisms this month ... Outreach in new Malak area continuing.

VIC

ECHUCA (A. V. Symes). John Manyard speaker at Men's Fellowship tea ... Gospel Sound Singers presented items at Bible Society concert ... C.W.F. meeting held at home of Joan White ... Church board

accepted resignation of Secretary F. Rosenow with regret ... Youth group held film night and barbecue.

THE PATCH (Len Martin). Representatives of Gideons International were speakers at morning service Aug. 30. An offering of \$31 was received for this organisation ... Stall at Kallista market realised \$90 towards the manse study ... At C.W.F. meeting Jan Gluyas gave a demonstration of gift wrapping.

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DEATHS

RUSSELL (VERNON). On September 28th, Gwenda Winifred of 40 Carrington Road, Niddrie, Vic., loved wife of Jim, loving sister and sister-in-law of Beverley and Gordon Moyes of Sydney, very dearly loved Auntie Gwen of Jenny, Peter, David and Andrew. "Come unto me all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

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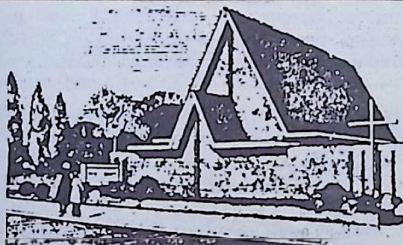
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DEATHS

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Baptisms

Team evangelism by South Indian Churches of Christ has resulted in over 10,000 baptisms since 1974. Home base is a city called Madarapakam. From here the teams go

out for 26 days each month taking with them food, utensils and musical instruments. There are children's meetings after school and great crowds of adults at night who come to hear the singing in TV-free villages. Baptisms take place on the spot when commitments are made. Inquirers are given literature and followed up a week later.

Not Always Easy

Converts are added to the nearest Church of Christ. Where there is no nearby Church of Christ one is formed, and elders appointed to care for it.

The coming of Christianity is resented in some places and there is some persecution. Threats have been made on the lives of leaders, some have been stoned, team members have been denied rooms in guest houses and seats on buses.

Around the Churches

John Samuel has been visiting Sydney churches and meeting Australians who support the work. His visit has been sponsored by Doug Willis, minister of the Auburn Church of Christ, who has worked with the evangelistic teams in India. Further particulars of the work may be had from him at 51 Park Rd., Auburn 2144.



Baptisms

CARNEGIE (R. Ritchie). Two baptized and three people received into membership by transfer during past month... Sunday School proving successful at 11 a.m. timeslot... Boys and Girls Clubs are growing and Young Adults Fellowship is also growing... Visitation has been organised via responsibility cards each month... Church fair raised sum of \$1,022... C.W.F. Afternoon Fellowship celebrated 66th birthday... M.P. Dr Gerard Vaughan spoke at C.I.A. Program.

Christian Growth in Africa

There are 20,000 converts to Christianity each day on the African continent according to research specialist, David Barrett, of Nairobi. About 4,000 of these converts come from animism.

Mr Barrett estimates there were 203 million African Christians in 1980 and by 1990 the number will have grown to 284 million.

This remarkable expansion of Christianity has created an

Australians for Amnesty International Conference

The beautiful French Canadian city of Montreal was the venue for the recent conference of Amnesty International. This human rights organisation which works for the release of prisoners who are known not to have used or proposed violence is now 20 years old. In those years it has worked for and achieved the release of 20,000 political prisoners.

This was its 14th international conference meeting and brought delegations from 40 countries with National Sections and also observers from those countries like Nepal which have only a few Amnesty International members.

Australia sent three delegates including Dr Roger Gurr the National President, and Ted Heard of the South Australian Conference Staff, who is S.A. Branch President and was the first representative from South Australia to attend an A.I. international conference.

The Conference made progress in the area of planning for the development of the regions of Africa, Asia (which includes Australia) and South America. It also highlighted the need for efforts to fund-raising to increase the research staff of the London office.

Some 5,000 adoption groups around the world are working for the release of 5,000 prisoners of conscience, but these are only 1% of the probable number of such prisoners. The Australian membership has doubled in the past 2 years. As the apostle Paul says, "Remember those in prison." Contact your local A.I. Branch for further information.

unprecedented demand for the Bible throughout Africa, according to the United Bible Societies (UBS). There are currently 442 Scripture translation projects taking place in Africa. Between 1600 and 2000 different languages exist in Africa, of which approximately 6% have a full Bible and during this decade, 75 new Bible translations in African languages would be completed.

2nd Youth Conference in S.A.

Youth Conference held September 4-6 at the Longwood Campsite was attended by 70 young adults representing suburban and rural churches.

John Roffey from C.O.B., Glen Iris, led their thinking with interesting comments about important issues for today's youth. He based his comments on the book of Job, The Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7) and four chapters from Revelation. The participants decided that as the present structure for the State Youth Ministry Committee, which calls for representatives from various churches, is not working well, they would elect a committee of 20 with half to retire each year. The Conference elected 10 members and another 10 are to be appointed by the committee to make up the 20 for the first year. Those elected were: Lynne Roberts, Sue Wehr, Neil Page, Rob Walker, Steve Rose, Peter Solly, Lynda Caudle, Daryl Pollard, John Shepherd, Mike LeCornu.

In addition, five rural districts will appoint a representative. The Youth Ministry Committee meets every six weeks.

BORONIA (Harvey Miller, Iris Lawson). G. R. Stirling to conduct part-time interim ministry in 1982... Col and Irene Henry have gone to Vanuata for six months work on mission field... Three local councillors at evening service on local politics as they effect Christians and Christians' effect on local politics... Church represented at youth leaders training seminar at Monbulk... Visit, including meal, from Indonesian Christian Fellowship... Adult Day Care Centre market raised \$175.

ORMOND (G. O. Stibbe). Basket tea preceded a special evening service when members of the "Drop In" conducted their own program... Day of prayer was held on Sunday Sept. 20 broken up into ¼ hour slots... \$235 was the result of a progressive dinner run by E.W.F. Follow-up visiting has now been concluded after special Aust. Christian issued... Mr Hartnett guest speaker at Sept. meeting of E.W.F.

The Northside Story

Tent Mission With a Difference



The huge tent (pictured), holding 6000 people will be used from Feb. 21 to March 7, 1982, at the St Ives Show-ground, Sydney, as part of an evangelistic program in connection with Northside Reachout.

With a Difference

While the tent mission with Leighton Ford is to reach and win people for Christ, that is only part of it. Northside Reachout under the leadership of Norman Pell is already involved in an evangelistic thrust with churches of all denominations participating. The tent program will be a celebration of two years of evangelism at local church and community level already taking place, and a celebration of continuing evangelism through small groups, socialising, telephoning and faith sharing in the future.

"In The Spirit of Love"

In 1980 congregations set up small Bible study groups with the study book "In the Spirit of Love," with over

10,000 participating. These small group experiences got large numbers of people ready for the next step of learning how to share their faith in non-threatening ways, using Leighton Ford's book, "Good News Is For Sharing". This is being followed up by a current series of inter-church seminars on the subject.

Northside Reachout

Principles

All participating congregations have accepted five principles of action.

1. Establishing specific goals (discovering what they are in the Lord's business for).
2. Identifying people's needs (and bridge building at the level of needs).
3. Equipping the people of God (as well as the local leadership).
4. Reaching out and discipling (especially by socialising in homes).
5. Celebrating and evaluating (in the big tent in worship and thanksgiving and continuing evangelism).

Family Day Care - Hervey Bay

Three years ago the young Hervey Bay congregation, led by their minister commenced the Hervey Bay-Maryborough Family Day Care Scheme. This development followed establishing the community need and submitting same to the Federal Government, Department of Social Security.

Three Employees

Today the scheme, housed in modern, well appointed office space in the local church, has three employees and communicates a very effective caring ministry to the Hervey Bay-Maryborough communities.

Child Care

Family Day Care is a support scheme for families needing the highest quality child care from 1 hour to 168 hours per week for every circumstance ranging from the parent being free to do the weekly shopping through to a household emergency.

Neglect

Frequent referrals come from the Department of Children's Services, who are the body responsible for neglected children of the community.

Private Homes

The realisation that Child Care Centres, can very easily become a "prison within four walls" for some children was a catalyst to find good substitute mothers in the community who, for a fee, care for the children of other people forced to work or who needed hospitalisation, etc. So Family Day Care was born. Registered mothers care for up to four pre-school age children in their own homes for up to \$35.00 per week for 40 hours care.

Playgroups

The Hervey Bay-Maryborough scheme has many excellent minding mothers caring for in excess of 100 children each week and the scheme is expanding. Hence we are simply a referral and support agency! There are four playgroups currently associated with the scheme and some additional 50-60 children congregate each week for these "fun times".

Family Day Care offers our Hervey Bay and Maryborough churches a unique opportunity to meet and help young families.

Swan Hill Concert

The Swan Hill Church Concert, held recently, drew an appreciative audience which comfortably filled the hall. Every church auxiliary was represented with everyone from 7-70 (and beyond) taking part.

Although professionalism was not in evidence, some hidden talent was unearthed. The C.W.F. ladies presented their 1981 version of the Sullivans with the script written by one of the members, while our church secretary emerged as a competent lyric writer and guitarist.

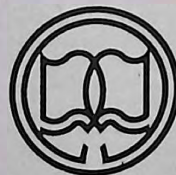
The ladies' Study Group performed a rendition of "Up There Cazaly" complete with football gear and umpire.

Joint compere Gordon Owers and Warwick Dahl kept the program moving, filling in the spare time between items with their own humour.

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WA

NOLLAMARA (A. J. Anderson, J. Hicks). Special speaker for Faith Promise Sunday Leroy Randell from Scarborough. \$22,700 promised for 81/82... Young people raised \$2106 for Freedom from Hunger... 40 folk involved in leadership commitments met for time of prayer and renewal... C.W.F. had interesting evening on home decoration watching wool spun from fleece... Neale Fong accepted by S.I.M. to work alongside specialist surgeon in Niger, Western Africa during summer vacation.

SA

GLENELG Temple Day a wonderful success with offering near \$6,000. Social gathering celebrated occasion and prayer of thanksgiving given... Working bees now planned to complete painting of chapel interior... Church 89th anniversary on July 19 well attended. Past members took part in evening service... Church saddened by death of Mrs Marion Pirie after long illness... Morning prayer groups twice weekly have proved helpful... Group commenced Bethel studies under Syd Beck.
MURRAY BRIDGE (D. Kuhl, B. Wills, P. Bobrige). Netball teams held progressive tea for trophy presentation... Church has cassette library... Lee-Anne Prior welcomed back... Jack Deed life member indoor bowls... Aborigines Missions slides shown Women's evening meeting... School leavers group meets Sat. nights... David and Sharon Gast, Radio HCJB, visited church... Barrie and Judy Wills, on leave, to Norseman.

OLD

BAROLIN ST., BUNDABERG (B. M. Nowitzke). Bible Society speaker addressed church on Bible Sunday... Recent family night service featured singing by Sunday School scholars and a puppet show... Successful Father's Day tea held. Presentations made to oldest father present and father of youngest baby... Local men continue to assist with preaching during minister's illness and holidays.

NORTH DANDENONG (A. Baker). A most successful week of meetings was held during Aug. based on "Adventures into Relationships" with Bruce Leslie, Vic. Pres. Campaigners for Christ. Much interest shown by non-church members of community resulting in three decisions and one re-dedication... A young people's camp was held at Yarra Junction with 42 attending... Thanksgiving Day service with G. R. Stirling guest speaker. Produce and groceries displayed distributed to C.O.B. and needy families.

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Ambrosia by Chris Ambrose

The Law

Christians generally are very law abiding. They are supportive of the police in their often thankless task today. Yet in many cases we willingly break the law because it suits us.

Concern has been expressed from many groups recently about recent changes in the copyright law in Australia. For many years churches and Christian groups have been producing their own chorus and song sheets for local use. No thought was made at all about copyright. With the large increases in fines and damages flowing from court cases we are waking up to the fact that we may have been breaking the law. There will be a very interesting article on the changes in the next issue of the Australian Christian.

Maybe there should be a good look at the way the law effects churches and other groups and presentations made to the government about the law in this area. Some changes would make things easier and yet there is a need not to open up the area too wide or the situation could be abused. Creative people should be allowed to benefit from their creativity hence the copyright laws.

One other area of the law that many Christians are not too good at is in relation to the road laws. If we are to survive on the roads then there needs to be basic rules so that there are no accidents. Many Christians are disgusted to see people get away with drink driving offences and yet they casually break speeding and parking restrictions.

I heard a story once about members of a C.S.S.M. Beach Mission team travelling up the road. They were stopped for speeding and seeking to 'witness' they asked the policeman if he knew that their C.S.S.M. sticker on the car meant. He said yes he did since it was the sixth car like that he had stopped that morning. That was really a great witness. (I don't know if the story is true or not.)

I know that at times I break speed limits. We all do it and yet we don't realise that this shows some of our attitude to the law.

One attitude that really worries me is the desire by church people to tighten up on the law in various areas of morals. I am against abortion, drugs and the breakdown of marriage. I worry where we are going as a society. Yet when I see fellow Christians attempting to have the laws of the land based on the Christian standard of living I am a little concerned. The reason is that I know that I fail to live up to Christ's standards at times and I have the assistance of the Holy Spirit to help me overcome the temptations that I face. And still I fail. How successful will people who are not Christians and do not have God's power in their lives live up to these standards of perfection.

I am not for loose standards in these moral areas of the law for Australia. What we need to do is think and act with other groups in our society to have reasonable standards of laws. We as Christians need to live within the law wherever possible and to encourage fellow Christians to do likewise.

THE LAST WORD

Jesus is God spelling himself out in language that man can understand.

—S. D. Gordon

Questions

"Would Jesus ride in a spaceship?"

"Is electricity on the moon?"

"Does God have a heaven for animals?"

"What's to eat this noon?"

My son, I thought you'd never walk;

Then I thought you'd never talk;

It took so very long —

But, oh, boy, was I wrong!

JESSIE HULL

★ ★ ★

There are two schools of thought on God's creation of man on the sixth day. Some think he should have created humans on the first day. Think of all the good advice he could have had on the rest of the job! Then there are those who think it would have been better if God had been working just a five-day week.

—Harold L. Kelly

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Many a fellow is praying for rain with his tub the wrong side up.

—Sam Jones

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"See? I'm not the only one who caught you skipping the collection plate, Mr. Hinkly!"

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