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ON MY MIND

THE CHURCH AND THE CHILD

Pamela Bowers

Pam Bowers is minister of the Kaniva church. A South Australian, she graduated from the College of the Bible in 1973. Before going to Kaniva she served the Stawell church for six years. For three years she was Field Officer for the Council of Christian Education in Schools. She was a delegate to the 5th General Assembly of the WCC at Nairobi and to a World Conference of Christian Youth in Tanzania, both in 1975. She has served as Chairperson of the Federal Department of Christian Union, as President of the N.W. District Conference and twice as President of the N.W. District C.W.F. Conference.

It has often been quoted, "The youth of today, are tomorrow's church." This calls into question the role of our youth, and their present involvement. From my experience, the greater response is coming from the young marrieds, and older people. Their experience of life is wider, and when family comes, the question is asked, "What have I done with my life? What's it all about? Where am I going?"

But What About the Child?

"Teach a child how he should live, and he will remember it all his life." (Proverbs 22:6). There comes a point when the child is responsible for his own actions. What concerns me, is the training we are giving our children before that point.

Often we have left the training of our children to groups outside the family? The conscience of some parents is eased by sending children to Sunday School and/or church, and they are quite happy to have no further part in their Christian training. These other groups supplement the training, but should not replace parental and family guidance.

The Ideal

From the earliest age, where it has been natural and normal to talk about God, and Christian concepts, with regular Bible reading and prayer together, and open discussion, in a tolerant and loving atmosphere, the children have rarely grown up with a long term negative response to Christ. This concept is emphasized in the book 'Family Life' by Gladys Hunt.

The most common word amongst young people today is 'boring'. Many times it is not the program or service which is at fault, but the lack of involvement by the individual. Society today stresses non-community involvement. How many community and church groups are crying out for leaders? How much have we allowed the education system, which caters for the individual and encourages 'doing your own thing', to affect caring and community involvement. All our emotions are catered for in one night of T.V. — and we have not personally contributed . . . we sat and let it all happen before us.

Give Them Responsibility

Are we allowing our children to take responsibility at an early enough age? Before the child goes to school, adults should be gradually giving responsibility. Then he will become capable of involvement in home, church and community. Are we developing 'loyalty', thought for others rather than self, stickability, self discipline, moral values, skills for decision-making. Have we allowed young people to take responsible leadership within the church?

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Can your Church Afford a \$10,000 Fine?

Recently I attended a series of meetings in a Melbourne church where a song sheet containing about 20 hymns and choruses was provided for the congregation. The sheet had been prepared by taking a printed sheet prepared by another organization, changing the heading on it, copying it onto a stencil with an "electronic scanner" and printing copies with an ink duplicator.

Copyright Act

Changes to the Australian Copyright Act made in 1980 and which came into effect on August 1, 1981, have made many people in the non-commercial area, particularly education, very aware of this area of law, that was previously flaunted with abandon. However I have detected no such interest in the churches at a local level. Unlike other areas of the law, religious organizations have no special dispensations under the Copyright Act. They

cannot even claim rights for Sunday schools under the educational provisions of the Act. One of the main changes to the 1980 Act was the introduction and increase of penalties for breaches of the law. This is in addition to the damages available to holders of copyright.

A Matter of Ethics

The major purpose of copyright is to protect the rights of the producer of a work. A person producing a song, a television program, a poem, an article in a magazine or book, has a right to benefit from his work the same as we all have a right to benefit from our work. When we breach copyright we are stealing. Copyright is as much a matter of ethics as a matter of law.

The song sheet reported previously breaches copyright in at least two ways. Two of the songs were clearly written in the past few years. Copyright continues in a work for 50 years after the death of the author. Some "traditional" hymns were also included, the authors of which would have been clearly dead for more than 50 years. However copyright exists in the setting out and form of the publication. As the songsheet was a direct reproduction of a publication there was a breach of copyright in this second area. If the hymns that were free of copyright had been re-typed and then duplicated there would have been no breach in this area. There is no need for a work to be marked copyright with or without the owner's name for copyright to exist in that work. Australian law is different from American law in this respect.

Overhead Projectors Too

The transfer of words and or music to overhead projection transparencies or 35mm slides for projection is equally a breach of copyright similar to the song sheet. This discussion of the song sheet could equally be applied to the making of multiple copies or projectuals of all or part of articles from magazines, books, poems and publicity brochures.

Many choirs, orchestras, bands and singing groups rely heavily on photocopied music. They buy one copy and make as many copies as needed. This is in breach of the Copyright Act.

A number of churches have installed cassette recorders in their sound system and replay commercial pre-recorded tapes as part of their services. This constitutes a public performance of the recording. When you purchase a recording the right of playing that tape in your home for private and domestic purposes is all you buy. You do not get the rights to copy all or part of that recording nor the right to play that tape to a group outside the home.

Video Recorders

The video recorder is selling well and a number must be in the hands of our members. There is legal doubt about whether or not you can legally record broadcasts from A.B.C. or commercial television for private and domestic purposes. However there is no doubt that you cannot replay those tapes in a church service or even I believe in a study group in private homes, for these are not private and domestic purposes.

On many pieces of music and plays, extra payment beyond the purchase of the book or music must be made to the owner of the copyright before these can be performed. The Australian Performing Rights Association is the body to be contacted regarding ownership. In this area the owner of a building who allows an unauthorized performance to proceed is liable.

Permission Required

If you wish to make a copy of any work unless it specifies on it that copies can be made, the copyright owner must be contacted and permission in writing obtained, with or without the payment of a fee. In the case of radio or television broadcasts there is little point in contacting the broadcasting station, for except in the case of programs they have made themselves, they only purchase the rights to broadcast the program not the right to copy or give permission to copy.

It was reported in this Journal that a Catholic School in England was fined 5,000 pounds for the unauthorized copying of Christmas Carols. So don't believe it cannot happen to you.

— Colin Lawn



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New Ministry at Kwinana, W.A.



Ed and Joy Chandler

Ed Chandler with his wife Joy and family have moved from Queensland to Perth to take up a challenging ministry at Kwinana. Kwinana being an industrial area which also caters for a large oil refinery has a large residential population in nearby suburbs including a large number of Aboriginal and English migrant families. The Kwinana church

approached the Federal Board to see if a joint ministry might be a possibility. After careful study of the Kwinana/Medina area the Federal Board agreed to work with the Kwinana church in a new venture of faith reaching out to the local population of mixed races.

The Kwinana church already had Aboriginal families worshipping but it was considered that the real need lay in a resident ministry with an emphasis on visitation and welfare and to this end Mr and Mrs Chandler were approached and have accepted.

The induction service took place on Sunday, September 26 at the Kwinana church. Ric Maxwell, Federal Board Chairman led the service and many representatives from metropolitan and some country churches attended and brought greetings and their wishes and prayers for a successful ministry. This included a special greeting and welcome from the elder of



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THE SUNBURNT SOUL

Mike Willesee believes Australians look to the media for moral guidance... Harry Butler finds God in his beloved outback... historian Manning Clark says we have created Gods in our own image...

These are some of the prominent Australians who talk frankly about their views on religion Australian style in *The Sunburnt Soul*, a new documentary series beginning on ABC-TV in November.

In four half-hour programs, writer and presenter Dr David Millikan of the Zadok Centre sets out to discover what has gone wrong with Christianity in Australia today.

Dr Millikan is a leading commentator on the role of the Christian churches in contemporary Australia. He brings to the series a down to earth and often provocative approach to issues he sees as vital if Christianity is to survive as a real force in the country.

Concerned that the established churches are becoming increasingly isolated from ordinary Australians, Millikan explores the need for a truly Australian Christianity which would bring the churches back into the mainstream of Australian life.

In *The Sunburnt Soul*, Millikan talks to some of our

leading opinion makers and observers of the Australian scene. But he also goes into the pubs and the streets to find out how Australians feel about religion and the established churches.

The first program in the series screens on ABC-TV on **Sunday, November 22 at 9.30 p.m.**

Part one is "The Christian Dilemma" on November 22 and here David Millikan looks at the isolation of the Christian churches from large numbers of Australians, young and old.

Part two: "Christians and the Australian Spirit" on November 29 and here David Millikan talks with Harry Butler, Mike Willesee, Paul Cronin of "The Sullivans", and Professor Manning Clark to explore how Christian faith reflects Australian values and the spirit of this continent.

Part three: "The New Christians" on December 13 and here David Millikan examines some of the innovative movement among Christians to achieve an Australian expression of their faith.

Part four: "Reaching for an Australian Christianity" on December 20 and here David Millikan presents his personal view of a truly Australian approach to Christian teaching which reflects Australian values and Australian ideas.

A book "The Sunburnt Soul" based on the series, will be released by ANZEA publishers in October and will be available through ABC offices and selected booksellers.

the Kwinana church, Tom Davies. Robert Taylor, W.A. State Committee Conference President, took the induction after which Mr and Mrs Chandler replied.
— D. P. Butler.

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Lord Mountbatten and Nuclear War

In one of his last speeches, delivered to an international gathering at Strasbourg in May 1979, Lord Louis Mountbatten warned of the horrors of nuclear war and made a strong plea for arms limitation.

This speech, called now "The Speech we Ignored", was virtually unobtainable until recently in South Australia. But it has been reprinted and is available from the United Nations Association (S.A. Division) in Freemasons Hall, North Terrace, Adelaide (price 10c.).

Lord Mountbatten made it clear in the speech that he did not regard "limited nuclear war" as a viable concept. He believed any nuclear war would be total catastrophic destruction. His speech ends with the words: "The world now stands on the brink of the final abyss. Let us all resolve to take all practical steps to ensure that we do not, through our own folly, go over the edge".

It is to be hoped that, with this warning in our ears and with the U.N. Special Session on disarmament scheduled for 1982, Christian people will create a groundswell in favour of progressive arms limitation and enlist

strong support for the "Millions for Peace" petition currently being promoted by the United Nations Association.

— Alan Gray (S.A.)

Colin Smith new Home Missions Director

C. A. R. Smith, currently serving in a chaplaincy ministry with the Queensland Social Service Department, has been appointed to the position of **Queensland Home Missions Director**, commencing February 1, 1982.

Col Smith is a Queenslander who grew up in the Gladstone church before attending the **College of the Bible** in 1961. He had student ministries at **Stawell** (three years) and **South Yarra** (one year). His first full-time ministry for three years was at **Balaklava, S.A.**

Col has served in Queensland for the past 14 years. He served five years at **Annerley**, conducted the **Dayspring Renewal Centre** at **Mt Alford, Boonah** for two years and a five year ministry at **Albion**.

Since the beginning of last year Col has been serving the Qld. Social Service Department as **Chaplain to Hospitals, Homes and Prisons**. He is currently Chairman of the Royal Brisbane Hospital Chaplaincy Training Committee and Supervisor with the Queensland Institute of Clinical Pastoral Education.

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Ministry Change — Teloepa

Ron Kallmier, B.A., B.D., Dip.RE., has accepted an invitation to minister with the **Teloepa** church commencing on Sunday, January 24, 1982.

For the past 10 years, Ron has been the Director of the **Department of Christian Education** in New South Wales and prior to that he was the minister at the church at **Copping** in Tasmania.

The church is excited at the possibilities for the future as **Ron** brings additional skills into the work — skills in working with young people and with small groups, as well as different skills in worship.

Ron will be joining a team ministry with **Graham Jones**, and will fill the place vacated by **Ron Hewitt** who will be going into another team ministry with the **Eastern Suburbs Regional Churches** in Melbourne.

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BY ALAN AUSTIN

"The present arms race involves a massive use of human and natural resources — \$500 billion a year, we are told. However, while nations amass huge inventories of arms, untold numbers of people are condemned to spend their lives in hopeless poverty, hunger, sickness and ignorance. No Christian can be indifferent to the plight of these individuals. Even one-hundredth of the money spent for arms could have a significant impact on millions of the world's poor if it was used for human development projects instead of armaments. The mindless diversion of resources to these unnecessary and unproductive armaments is a cruel and unjustified tragedy which indirectly is responsible for condemning hundreds of millions of people to a lifetime of hopelessness and suffering."

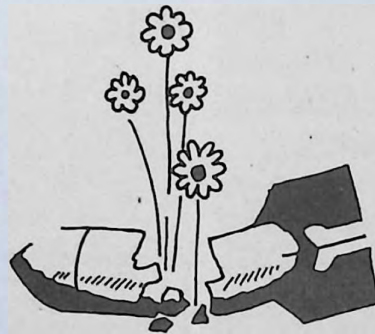
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These are not the words of some radical socialist agitator. The writer is American evangelist Billy Graham. Deeply troubled by the current escalation in the nuclear arms race, Graham agreed recently to the publication of extracts from letters written to Bishop Karoly Toth, president of the Christian Peace Conference, Budapest, Hungary.

"Many Christians have unfortunately given too little attention to world peace and the arms race. Yet these issues are of crucial importance.

I must confess that I myself had not given sufficient attention to these matters until the last few years. It was during my visit to Hungary in 1977 that the Christian's responsibility to work for world peace came to me in a new way.

I have come to see that we must not only talk about peace but we must



work in whatever ways are open to us. The issues, I know, are complex. But that must not keep us from constructive action. Christians must work with all people of good will — believer and non-believer alike — for the common goal of peace. The appalling threat of a nuclear or biochemical holocaust must transcend differences in political or economic background.

God and history will judge us severely if we fail to bring this matter to the attention of all the nations on the earth.

Technology has introduced us to a different world — a world without parallel in the history of the human race. For the first time, humanity has become almost completely interdependent. What affects one nation eventually affects all nations to one degree or another. And so a reckless and unchecked arms race affects not just two great nations. It affects the destiny of every nation and every individual.

It is out of a deepening sense of Christian responsibility, therefore, that I have sought, since my visit to

Hungary in 1977, to make whatever contributions I can towards building bridges of understanding and peace in our world. The issue of peace is not a political issue. It is a moral and spiritual issue. It demands the attention of every Christian."

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Billy Graham is not the only prominent Christian speaking out boldly. The Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury has called for a total ban on nuclear arms, condemning modern weaponry as "evidence of madness."

The conservative international magazine *Christianity Today* in its March issue this year called for a total moratorium on the development, testing and deployment of new nuclear arms.

Right around the world emerging groups of Christians opposed to the building of nuclear weapons are urging fellow-believers to take what is being called the **World Peace Pledge**: "In light of my faith, I am prepared to live without nuclear weapons in my country." Signed copies of the pledge will be presented at the United Nations and at the White House in May next year during the Second U.N. Special Session on Disarmament.

Here in Australia a coalition of Christian and secular groups which believe there is a need to work together urgently in support of nuclear disarmament has just been formed. Called **People for Nuclear Disarmament**, it can be contacted at P.O. Box 31, Carlton South, 3053. (Evangelicals involved in the formation of this movement include Gavin Mountjoy of our own Brotherhood.)

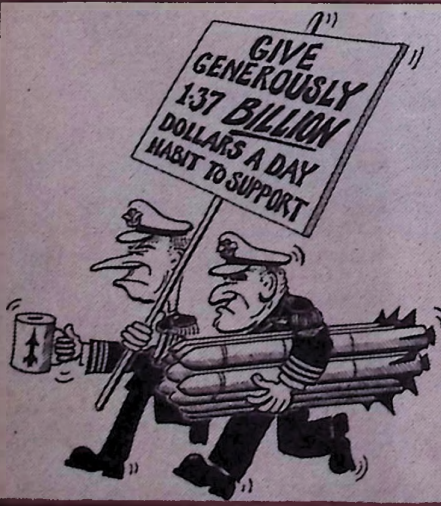
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It has just been reported that three Christians walked quietly into the State Department in Washington on Holy Thursday last Easter, committed to conducting an 'exorcism' in the office of General Alexander Haig. Miraculously, they were waved through every checkpoint. Finding themselves alone in Haig's office, they knelt in prayer asking that the 'god of death' be cast out of the State Department.

A police officer who accidentally walked in on them, immediately attacked them with his billy club, threatening to "beat them to death." The three were Theresa Guisti, 41, from a Christian community in Massachusetts, Macy Morse, 60, a grandmother from New Hampshire, and Tom Reed, 24, a member of Jonah House in Baltimore. All three were arrested and charged with depredation of government property. While they were waiting to be booked, a Secret Service agent approached them and asked, "Okay, how did you get into Haig's office? This is one of the most secure buildings in the capital."

"The Holy Spirit," they replied.

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... IT WILL BE A HAPPY DAY WHEN ALL PARENTS CAN FEED THEIR CHILDREN... AND THE AIRFORCE HOLDS A DOORKNOCK FOR ITS NEWEST WEAPONS SYSTEM.

TODAYS'

WORKING AND WORSHIPPING WITH INTELLECTUALLY HANDICAPPED

WOMEN

THINK ABOUT IT!

John 4:13,14, 32-34. Matt. 11: 28-30.

TIRED?

Sit on the well and REST. Don't wonder if there is any water in the well . . . Believe it . . . there is. REST. Read John 4. 13,14, 32-34. Go to the source of refreshment. Matt 11: 28-30.

PAUSE AND THINK ABOUT IT.

Now go and seek someone who needs your help. Matt:17:14. After Christ has renewed us we go and aid someone, and take our message of Christ with us.

WISDOM OF WOMEN

Proverbs: 14: 1.



How important it is for women to gain all the wisdom we can. It is vital for us to become living examples in Christian conduct and speech to our children. They are watching, following, and copying all that we do and say. This makes me feel responsible, and daily reminds me of my need for more of God's love and grace.

I am convinced that it is the women who influence the state of our nation and its standards. It is woman who holds marriage and the family together and guides and disciplines the children into being responsible and loving citizens. (Prov. 19:18 - 22:6, 15)

It makes me sad to be frequently confronted with the ordinary housewife's low self esteem, thinking that others regard them as "no bodies" because they stay at home shepherding their children. They feel that they are not doing 'exciting' things like women in the workforce. At these times I look at the long term view and remember that we reap what we sow.

Self sacrifice for God and catering to the needs of our family first is exciting and rewarding. I feel like a Queen when I know in my heart that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the nation".

Gillian Moloney. Vic.

I am a supervisor of the hostel where I work with 18 intellectually handicapped young adults whose retardation is borderline. My task is to supervise the training of hostel residents to live in the community as responsible citizens. We teach them how to bank, budget, plan menus, shop wisely, and to be responsible for their own actions. Residents learn how to develop a good quality of life, how to fill leisure time, join clubs, participate in sport, how to move about the city freely, and to get the best out of the city facilities.

REASON FOR TRAINING

The rationale behind the training is normalization of life of people living in the hostel, and they are assisted to develop to their fullest potential. When they are ready and confident suitable accommodation is found. Supportive help is available on a daily basis, with help lessening as confidence grows and the measure of independence achieved in community living.

CHURCH INTEGRATION

During the time I have worked with the intellectually handicapped, I tried many ways of integrating them into church fellowship without much success. In the latter part of 1980 I unexpectedly met 6 other people who had also tried, without success. "God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform." When God moves things happen. The group of seven decided to start a Christian Fellowship for the Intellectually Handicapped. Excellent accommodation in the heart of Perth was offered free. Musicians and leaders volunteered and 40 people attended on the first night. The format of the meeting is a mixture of Christian Endeavour and Sunday School, with as much participation by those who attend as possible. We have developed teaching material to meet the needs of our folk.

In about two weeks time we hold a Christian Fellowship camp with special studies being prepared for the level of the campers.

To worship with the intellectually handicapped is a joyous experience. The simple Gospel of Christ is understood by our handicapped friends, they accept Bible truths and principles, and live their lives by them.

Joy Turnell, W.A.



NON-CHURCH

CONTACT THROUGH A BLACK HEN.

When we moved into the Manse in Canberra, my next door neighbour, not a member of the church, welcomed me. She was shy but friendly and warm-hearted. Not long after we moved into the house, noticing that I had purchased some fowls, she gave me a laying black hen. The black hen provided me with a constant supply of fresh eggs.

That hen was destined to a long life, and eventually died a natural death. Other fowls graced our dinner table, but not the black one.

She became much more than a black hen. She was a symbol of warm-hearted friendship of a kindly neighbour, who had made contact with me. Mrs B. came several times to the church, and enjoyed many a chat in our home and over the fence.

ONE DAY AT A TIME

God give us strength for one day at a time
Why should we ask for more
If that's all that we need
Why do we plead
For God's never-ending store.
We try to organize our God
To fit in with our day
When we should stop and realise
He's not so far away
That every hour of every day
He cannot hear the things we say
And guide us all along the way.
How can we doubt!

B. Butler.

OPEN FORUM

THE MISSION OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

To the Editor,

Thank you for your "Page 13" article on the above subject (A.C., 6/9/81). I fully agree with it. The coming of Christianity was and still is the dawn of a new day for women. Sexism is as foreign to the Biblical concept of the Kingdom of God as is racism. The modern advocacy for more female participation in church leadership, policy-making and public worship is justified. How this is to be effected depends upon at least three factors: 1. **Personal qualifications** (not as being female, but as a person) such as Christian character, conduct within her family, spiritual maturity and wisdom, ability to perform the tasks in mind. 2. **Motive**. This should be the building up of the church by the use of the best that the church possesses. If a woman can meet this test then she should not be prevented from performing any particular ministry. It is right that women should develop skills by training. But no woman should be given a position or task just because of a general ill-defined principle that "we ought to have women taking part". 3. **Acceptability**. Every person appointed to service or ministry must be acceptable to the congregation. They might have to win their way to this. The congregation's acceptance must rest upon careful, honest thought and realistic prayer.

J. K. Robinson (Perth, W.A.)

MIDDLE CLASS?

To the Editor,

I am deeply concerned that in our efforts to reach out as a brotherhood, we have appeared to concentrate our efforts on the wealthier suburbs. Our churches flourish amongst the middle class yet with a very few exceptions are very poorly attended by unskilled labourers, the unemployed and other less wealthy folk in our society.

Is the brotherhood leadership aware of this anomaly in our Christian expression and is it searching out alternative styles of ministry, theology and church organization with a view to being more effective in this area where Jesus cared so greatly?

If we remain a predominantly middle class church, we cannot claim to be faithful to Christ or to the New Testament.

— Bruce Waldron
(Parkdale)

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

To the Editor,

The new covenant God inaugurated through Christ clearly establishes a

Kingdom in which race, sex and economic status are banished. Eph. 4:5 clearly proclaims an equality based on one faith and one baptism. How is it then that some of these equals are barred, by virtue of their gender from certain areas of service and ministry to their same Lord (whether in "the morning worship service" or elsewhere) that are open to others?

We are a people within the Christian church who have proclaimed very strongly the principal of "the priesthood of all believers". Are female believers barred from such priesthood?

The women I know in the church today are just as diligent in seeking God's will for their lives of service and ministry as the men. Women who are led into service as deacons, elders, ministers, missionaries, Sunday School teachers and C.W.F. Presidents, recognise one thing: it is the same Lord who leads them.

—John Clapp (Sandringham, Vic.)

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

To the Editor,

One is constrained to ask those who take the traditional stand on the place of women in the church — what of those women who are not in a position to "ask their husbands at home" simply because they are unmarried or widowed? Must such women remain for ever in ignorance?

And what of the now widely-accepted practice of women attending worship services with heads "uncovered", in contravention, it would seem of Paul's explicit instructions in 1 Cor. 11:5 and 6? The traditionalists have been noticeably silent on this point. (Furthermore, there is also a word for long-haired men in verse 14 of the same chapter!)

Whether traditional or liberal in our interpretation, let us at least strive to be consistent.

—Marjorie Buckingham (Caulfield, Vic.)

CHRIST IN TODAY'S CULTURE

To the Editor,

I find many of the comments made by Christians concerning the relevance of the Bible in today's culture, most disturbing. Is anyone of the opinion the Bible is incomplete? Are we awaiting more up-to-date instructions? Were the teachings of Christ mere expediency, governed by the culture of His day and environment?

If the teachings of Christ and His Apostles concerning the role of women in the church are to be discredited by scholars with agile minds, reading into Scripture ideas that cannot be

substantiated, what will the end be?

The claims made in favour of women being eligible for positions of authority in the church, are an affront to Christ. At no time, nor in relation to any of His teaching on any subject, did Jesus bow to the culture of His day when it was contrary to God's truth and instruction. Whilst Jesus, and His Apostles, showed love, appreciation and respect for all women, there was no suggestion of them placing women in authority over

men, nor did they advocate this should be permitted in the church.

Was Christ ignorant of the real facts, or was He merely afraid to stand up for truth, when He showed no support for the role of woman as one in authority over men? Or was He being truthful when He claimed He always did and said everything exactly as the Father had commanded Him? (John 8:29, 12:42-50).

— O. Wainwright (Sydney, N.S.W.)

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

BRING A FRIEND

To the Editor,

A film trailer came up on our TV. In it an American Cadillac with two people in the front seat came fast around a bend, left the road like a 707 Jet, went straight through a bill board that said, "Bring a Friend to Church", and came down through the roof of a nearby church. I am sure that the sponsors of the bill board did not expect such dramatic results.

But it made me think about bringing a friend to church. I thought immediately of Clem and Frances. Clem doesn't have a suit, let alone a tie. Our people wouldn't mind a bit, but Clem would. Frances would certainly brighten the place up. She is always in technicolour from the soles of her feet to the top of her head, with a personality, and sometimes language, to match. Our people would love her, but Frances would feel that she was an exhibition. I think that they could cope with a church dinner or a small group in the right sort of home, but not church, yet!

Our morning service is great. It suits us lot fine. But Clem and Frances wouldn't have a clue what it is about. Our night service would suit them better because we have folksy sorts of music and they are radio folk fans, and our minister doesn't go on and on, and you can understand what he's talking about. But it would take more than just one night before they would be ready to respond to the invitation, let alone understand what it is about, and I suspect that they might think that they were being got at.

So we have never invited Clem and Frances to church although we've often talked to them about God and the church when they have brought it up. They've got a lot of time for God and they admire the wife and I as the "nicest wowsers" that they know.

If Clem and Frances are going to be committed Christians I don't think that it will be by bringing them to church, not even in a Cadillac. There will have to be another way for them. My wife will find it. She prays for them every day.

See you in church,
TERTIUS

N.S.W. Home Missions Forward Move

The New South Wales Department of Church Development and Education is delighted to announce the appointment of Robert V. Smith as Executive Director. Mr Smith will take up his appointment on October 19, 1981 in the new Department responsible for the work previously carried out by the Department of Home Mission and Evangelism, Department of Christian Education and Men's Work Committee.

Experienced

Mr Smith's past experience more than adequately equips him for this responsibility.

Following his graduation from the Churches of Christ Bible College in New South Wales, he took up a position in association with the Department of Home Mission and Evangelism as minister at Mount Druitt. During the four years he was there, the young church developed from a small congregation of 12 to over 100. He then served as Field Officer with the Department of Home Mission and Evangelism and assisted churches in evangelism and stewardship. Following this he was Associate Director of the Social Service Department responsible for assisting local congregations to develop ministries to meet community needs. He assisted many local churches to establish Creative Living Centres which have proved effective in reaching people for Christ.



Robert Smith

A.C. Foundation Scholar

In 1981 he was awarded the Australian Christian Foundation Scholarship and travelled to the United States to study in the area of Community Pastoral Care related to the church's caring ministry and evangelism. Bob has a wife, Jan, and two daughters Kristen and Melissa.

He will be assisted by two Field Directors yet to be appointed. The new Department's major emphasis will be to assist local congregations in all areas of service so that they are healthy, growing and full of love.

Churches wishing to use the services of the Department are invited to ring 630 7185 or write to P.O. Box 140, Carlingford, 2118.

— A. K. Wilson,
(Chairman).

OPEN FORUM

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(In all of the discussions concerning the ministry of women in the church we have not heard of any one advocating that women should be in authority over men. Ed.)

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

To the Editor

Our preoccupation with Paul's statement that he would not permit a woman to teach amazes me. Paul worked with many women (Romans 16) some of whom held highly responsible positions in the church. Phoebe was a deacon, not a deaconess, and probably carried that very letter to Rome. Priscilla was certainly a teacher (Acts 18:26).

In any case, we live in the twen-

tieth century, not the first, and we belong to the western world, not the Middle East. The life-styles are totally different! On these grounds we have successfully bypassed other statements made by Paul. We no longer encourage celibacy in our ministers. Women no longer cover their heads in church. Yet we lift this one verse out of its historical and geographical context.

The abilities to teach and lead are given to women as well as men, and "Go and teach" is a command to all Christians regardless of sex. How is it then that anyone should dare to deny women the right to their God given talents in his service?

I thank God for the gifts which he has seen fit to bestow on me, and I am grateful to a discerning, supportive local church which enables and encourages me to use them.

—Helen Trudgian (Albion, Qld.)

● Editorial

EARLY RETIREMENT

An old friend (yes, she is in her seventies, but we did not mean old in that way) has written to us about early retirement. She is too shy to have her name mentioned, but she believes that early retirement through war service or for other reasons, gives some people wonderful opportunities for service to the church while they are still fit and active.

Both Ministers and Lay People

She points out that there are smaller churches needing ministries that could get them if their ministers had the pension supplement. And of course there are early retiring lay people with the ability for teaching R.I., visiting, helping with Friendship Centres and Creative Living Groups, caring for little children to give mothers a break, looking after church gardens, and in many ministries of encouragement.

Already Doing It

We can assure our friend that already many retired people are very active in such ministries.

At the Church of Christ near us, retired people and young mothers are involved in a weekly program for seriously disabled elderlies. And a little further away a retired minister is an honorary on the ministry team as a regular visitor. He meets couples he knew in earlier ministries who have drifted, and is able to encourage them back.

Happy Retirement

The Kalamunda (W.A.) church was waiting for two years for a minister. During that time they had a series of three-month interim ministries from retired ministers. It was good both for the ministers and the church.

We hear of a church on the Murray that will give a caravan holiday to retired ministers who will help them for a while. They can share time between fishing for cod and fishing for men.

Our friend suggests that retirement ministries, both for ministers and lay people, are the best years of their lives. She ought to know. She and her husband have had a number of them.

... During the absence of Arthur Tanner, Denise Lord and Jim Luff occupied the pulpit ... Thanksgiving Day resulted in over \$500 being collected in support of the work of the Madang Christian Mission ... C.W.F. street stall raised \$216.

NAILSWORTH (D. Althorpe, K. Wray). Muriel Pickworth from the Sudan United Mission was recent guest speaker at the Wednesday evening prayer and Bible study group ... Day Fellowship have visited St George's Rest Home and provided a musical program. One meeting in September took the form of a visit of ladies from the Williamstown and Kersbrook churches, when they provided the afternoon program ... Ministers in pulpit swap with Enfield, Prospect/Kilburn and Hampstead Gardens.

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DARWIN (Peter DeWildt). We have celebrated 12 baptisms over the past three months making a total of 19 for 1981 ... The building program is progressing in spite of recent strikes and other transport related delays ... Recent torrential rains made it almost impossible to worship in present open area, making it imperative for the new church to be in use before the real wet season sets in ... Sunday School is growing and now has an adult study group incorporated with parent involvement. One parent made commitment recently.

PROSPECT (A. Tanner). A meeting of interested people met at the Prospect church to form a "Friendship Group". It is hoped to contact and help with community welfare

BOOKS TO READ

STAND UNITED IN JOY

by Robert G. Gromacki (Baker) \$7.95

This is a book full of sparkle. The author uses the 13 chapters to teach the Word of God. It is an attempt to make clean the meaning of the English text (A.V.) through organisation of material, good exposition and careful usage of the Greek text.

Dr Gromacki is a Professor of Bible and Greek at Cedarville College. This latest book is another in a popular study series of Paul's N.T. letters. Understandable language is used as he discusses the Philippian Epistle. Key words are explained and complicated passages are competently unravelled.

This book can be used as a basis for Bible study. Each chapter has set questions for discussion. It could also be used as a guide for good expository preaching. The reader is aware that the author knows what he is about. You feel his pulsating heart as he guides you into experiencing Paul's message to the Philippian church.

It is an excellent book to help in our contemporary society.

— C. J. Mackenzie

REACH FOR THE WORLD: The Alan Walker Story

by Harold R. Henderson (Discipleship Resources) \$5.95

A very readable, intriguing and thought provoking biography of Sir Alan Walker. The author is a close personal friend and former associate of Sir Alan at the Wesley Central Mission. He has made great use of personal diaries that Sir Alan kept through the years and these reveal some interesting facts such as approaches to contest a parliamentary seat with the prospect of a Cabinet appointment. The personal conflicts and self evaluation are also given so that this is not just a glowing picture of the man.

The author at the launching stated that a biography needs to have a ministry in its own right. In this case he wanted to show what God can fashion out of unlikely human material. This fascinating story achieves this goal.

The way that Sir Alan held together the personal and social aspects of the gospel are very interesting. Harold Henderson saw Sir Alan Walker as an evangelist (his primary concern), a social activist and a prophet. This comes through clearly in the book, especially his concern for evangelism.

THREE OF CHINA'S MIGHTY MEN

by Leslie Lyall (Hodder and Stoughton) \$4.95

This paper back is interesting in the light of the fact that the lifting of pressure upon Chinese Christians has revealed the continuing existence of a strong and significant church in China. We printed an article by this author giving sound advice concerning wise ways of co-operation between western churches and Chinese churches ("A.C." "On My Mind" June 6). He tells the interesting story of three great Chinese leaders, their life and work and eventual suffering under the Communist regime. They are David Yang, Watchman Nee and Wang Ming-Dao, all of them known to the author who was a missionary in China. The main value of the book is the insight it gives into the life of the Chinese church from 1900 to the present time. It is interesting to see the problem of the stigma upon foreign missions and thus upon the church, arising from the fact that China's "open door to missionaries" was a door opened by western imperialism, mainly in support of the drug trade. In those days the "Mr Asia's" and the "Mr Bigs" were respectable (!) merchants under the protection of their governments who fought China in two wars on their behalf and continued thereafter a form of "gunboat diplomacy".

LISTEN TO THE KING

compiled by Walter E. McAllister (Baker) \$2.75

Selected scriptures under a variety of titles for meditation. These are generally one or two verses compiled under various headings.

YOUR KINGDOM COME: Mission Perspectives

World Council of Churches

This is the official report of the World Conference on Mission and Evangelism held in Melbourne in May 1980. All the papers presented at the Conference as well as the Bible studies texts are included in this volume. The reports of each of the sections as presented to the full plenary sections are also given in full. There is much in the section reports that should be pondered upon. This volume is available from the Australian Council of Churches, G.P.O. Box C199, Clarence St. P.O., Sydney, N.S.W. 2000 or from State Council of Churches offices.

THE JESUS HOPE

by Stephen H. Travis (Inter-Varsity Press) \$4.75

There have been many best sellers recently on the Second Coming. Many of these are fiction dressed up in Christian language and unfortunately many of these are the best sellers. This book has been fairly well accepted and has just been reprinted but Stephen Travis is down to earth and truly biblical.

The author looks at the coming of Jesus with solid hope but always aware that the hope of the Second Coming should produce changes in the lives of people now. Each chapter has a series of questions and suggestions for further reading.

Thankfully at last here is a book on the Second Coming that applies the biblical teaching to living the Christian life today and which is not a form of science fiction.

The two latest Pamphlet Club offerings are very interesting. The first by Lesley Stirling looks at the future of women's work in our churches. This should be essential reading for all women's groups whether they are C.W.F.s or not. Maybe from this pamphlet will come a greater, vital women's work (in many cases today they are still the most active alive groups in our churches).

The second pamphlet is by George Powell on "The Eldership". He is calling for us to look clearly at how the eldership operates in our churches. I found this paper very stimulating and thought provoking.

Both papers should be read by all in positions of authority in our churches. They are obtainable from The Secretary, Federal Literature Department, Mrs E.M. Rankine, 5 Atkins St., Glen Iris, Vic. 3146. Annual subscription is \$3.00.

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



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Sadhus Accept Christ



Pastor Bhonsle (right) holding beads used in chanting and Hindu Scriptures given to him by a Sadhu who at the Pandharpur Hindu festival decided to renounce Hinduism and surrender his life to Jesus Christ. With Pastor Bhonsle is Benjamin Tiwari, Secretary of the Conference of Churches of Christ in Western India.

Pastor Balu Bhonsle, Churches of Christ Pastor in Bombay and Secretary of the Bible Society in Maharashtra, recently took an evangelistic team of 82 volunteers to Pandharpur which is a centre for Hindus in Maharashtra, Western India. The town is situated on the bank of the Bhima River, and throughout the year people flock to Pandharpur to dip into the holy waters of the Bhima believing that by so doing their sins will be washed away.

On returning from Pandharpur, Pastor Bhonsle enthusiastically gave the following report: "Many Sadhus gave their hearts to the Lord. One Sadhu after hearing the Gospel, surrendered his life to Christ. Similarly, he surrendered the beads of chanting and the beads around his neck. He also gave away all the Hindu Scriptures which he possessed and obtained a copy of the New Testament. There were several young people who filled in cards for Bible Correspondence School. One of the Sadhus who accepted Christ, was with Satya Saibaba for 5 years. He was disillusioned because of his stay at Saibaba's Ashram in South India. As he heard the Gospel, he gave his heart to the Lord. Ramdas is his name."

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Family Fruitcake

What do you do when you discover that a quarter of those who attend your church are new and are not known by many of those who attend church with them Sunday after Sunday?

At Stirling we decided that if we are to fulfil our Lord's command to love one another we need to get to know one another. So on Sunday, September 27, a Family Fruitcake luncheon was held after the 11 a.m. service. Each family (or individual with no family) was placed into a group of 5 to 7 families (about 20 people). The groups were randomly selected, but one officer was allotted to each group. We don't expect that he/she will take charge, but feel that this will help people to get to know the officers' board as well.

At the luncheon we enjoyed some fantastic fruitcake made by Jean Cunningham and got together with others in our group. The new edition of our prayer calendar was distributed. Many people were surprised to see the number of new names that were not in the last edition printed in 1978. (We hope that we will be able to print new, updated editions each year from now on.)

During the next 8 weeks, each group is invited to get together in any ways that they wish. At the end of this time we will hold another luncheon to discuss what we have achieved and to make plans for the future.

Already plans have been made by some groups for trips to the zoo and picnics. Shy members are finding it easier to approach new people by saying "I'm in your group". There is a new friendlier spirit in the church.

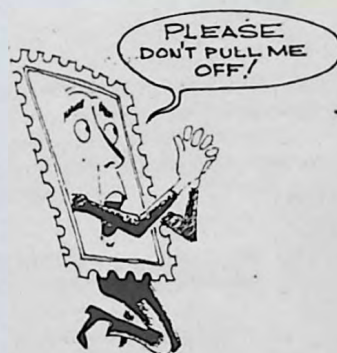
— David McKay

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HAPPENINGS

For the third time in a row Bookhouse Australia has won the Christian Bookselling Association of Australia's award as Distributor of the Year.

Dame Nita Barrow of Barbados and Jan Prink, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development have accepted invitations to visit Australia for the 1981 Christmas Bowl Appeal. Dame Nita Barrow is currently President of the World Y.W.C.A.

The Bible Society in Ireland celebrates its 175th anniversary this year. It is known as the Hibernian Bible Society and has offices in both Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.

Dr Walter McCrone, a Chicago microscopist, claimed that his recent studies of the Shroud of Turin show it contains two paint pigments suggesting that its image is a forgery.

Floods in Kampuchea have devastated nearly 250,000 acres of cultivated land in recent weeks. A dike, one metre high and 11 kilometres long, saved the city of Phnom Penh from the rising waters of the Mekong River. An estimated 10,000 families have lost their homes.

Keston College estimates that there are 10,000 prisoners of conscience in the U.S.S.R. 2,000 of these are religious prisoners including Christians, Jews and Muslims.

The number of churches in Japan has risen by a third in the last 10 years. Eight cities and 90 per cent of the villages still have no church.

Catholic Celebrations of Evangelization will be held in Minneapolis, Los Angeles, and Miami during the late summer and early autumn of next year. Similar functions, held this year in Portland, St. Louis, and Hartford, drew 7000 participants.

The United States was the only country in the United Nations to vote against an international code on the marketing of baby food products in the third world. As a result two top officials of the U.S. Agency for International Development who were involved in the negotiations resigned in protest.

A new organisation to promote church growth in Britain was launched in London in September by representatives from most denominations. The British Church Growth Association will work through regional groups to promote a wider understanding of church growth principles.

An African Enterprise evangelistic team went in October to two cities of troubled Namibia where South African troops and guerrilla insurgents have been engaged in combat. Initiated by the Methodist Church, the crusade now has the support of other denominations, including Anglican, Baptist, Nazarene, Dutch Reformed, Lutheran, Congregational, and several independent African churches.

Buddhists in China have ordained 53 new monks and nuns.

The Baptist Church of Papua New Guinea celebrated its 25th anniversary this year by establishing its own missionary society. Tribal people in the Philippines have been chosen as their first mission field.

A play written 21 years ago by Pope John Paul II is to be made into a film. The play, "The Jeweller's Shop," is a study of marriage.

A free Methodist missionary in Haiti was fatally stabbed by an intruder wielding a kitchen knife.

The World Evangelical Fellowship has issued a call to churches worldwide to make 1983 "A Year of Church Renewal." The call is made in the belief that renewed and revived local churches hold the key to world evangelism.

Graham Agnew for Texas . . .

A close up look at life in the Texan city of Houston is the basic aim behind a Rotary Group Study Exchange which will take place early next year.

Graham Agnew, Minister of the Marion church in S.A., was chosen for the Exchange from among 43 young business and professional men who faced the final interview stage. Nominations were drawn from various parts of S.A. and covered a wide range of vocations. The final selection of five team members includes a solicitor, a high school teacher, a police



sergeant, a farmer and, Graham. These Group Study Exchanges are an educational

activity of the Rotary International Foundation and over the years the scheme has taken many young men to different parts of the world, enabling them to study the institution, industries and general life-style, etc. of the host country. In March of this year a team from Houston visited Adelaide as stage one of this latest Rotary Exchange.

Of course, apart from learning about the city being visited, there is another important dimension to the program and that is in the area of promoting one's own country. Whilst in Texas the team will have many opportunities to serve as ambassadors for Australia,

including media exposure in various forms, visits to schools and colleges, talks with civic and industry leaders, visits to Rotary Clubs, etc. — just to name a few.

A feature of the trip as far as Graham and the Marion church are concerned is that during the last week of the six week Exchange, each team member is given the opportunity to concentrate in a special way on his own particular field of work. For Graham, this will mean gaining an appreciation of the church scene there.

The expected time of departure for the Rotary team is mid February 1982.

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE GRADUATION

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SPEAKER

MR KEVIN HARVEY

A BIBLE PEOPLE

My father felt some trepidation on entering the ministry of Churches of Christ, having left Methodism because of convictions about the subjects and practice of baptism. He would have to watch the way he used the Bible in preaching, because he had heard that these people spoke of themselves as being a **Bible people**. Many years later he confided to his son that he need not have worried.

The Lectionary

Now Churches of Christ have adopted the Lectionary. The word lectionary comes from the same Latin word for reading, as does lectern which is a reading desk. The Lectionary is those scripture readings that have been set for worship, in this case the Sunday worship of all of the major denominations. As a Bible people we must be quite excited about the fact that in almost all of the churches in the nation the same scriptures are being read and expounded each Sunday.

A Problem

Yet we have a problem with the Lectionary in most of our churches. There are four set readings for each Sunday. Yet from our beginnings we have only had two set readings, no more and no less; the Old Testament and the New. After all there is only space on our hymn-reading boards for two readings. And there has to be a verse in the Bible somewhere, if we can only find it, that says that there were only two readings per service in the New Testament church.

So here we are, a people of the Book, embarrassed by the suggestion that we should read it four times instead of two.

But, not to worry. Nearly every one of our churches has set apart some one whose ministry is to choose the two of the four that should be read each Sunday. Much to the consternation of any visiting preacher who decides to expound one of the readings and finds that it is not one of the chosen ones.

There is Not Time

Are we leaving out two readings because of the time factor? After all we do have to fit in a sermon, a communion address, five prayers, four hymns and a children's segment. But on balance we give a lot more time to what we say to God and to one another than we do to what God might be saying to us from his word. Yet we are still a Bible people.

Why Not Use the Four?

Why should we not use the four readings? The selected **Psalm** would be an ideal introduction to worship if read with expression. The **Old Testament** lesson could be read by the person we usually call the first reader. The second reader could then read in succession the selections from the **gospels** and the **epistles**. It would also seem desirable for these readings to be close in time to the exposition of them.

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And sometimes it could be refreshing to have them placed just after the sermon which could be used to introduce them, especially if there are some difficulties in understanding some of their content.

Quality of Reading

There is probably only one good reason for not having four scripture lessons, and that is that Bible reading in our services is so poorly done by so many readers, that the less there is of it the better. It seems that as a Bible people we do not train many Bible readers. And it is quite remarkable that for a people of the Book we have so many readers who do not have a clue what they are reading about, especially with some of the more difficult passages.

The Cure is in our Hands

I would hope that we would use all four readings in our worship services, even cutting down some other items if necessary. I would hope that these readings would be highlights in our services, read by trained readers who know and understand and care deeply about what they are reading. The age and sex of readers does not matter as long as they read well. Probably the greatest honour the church can give one of its members is not the Conference Presidency, but the privilege of reading God's word to the people of God.

Some Points for Readers

We should be able to expect at least four things from our worship readers.

1. That they will study the passage in several versions until they understand it and its setting clearly.
2. That they will try to get inside the circumstances of the passage and to feel all of its emotions; the feelings of the writer, of the people concerned, and of the ideas being expressed.
3. That they will practise aloud many times, with feeling, if possible using a cassette recorder.
4. That they will read it loudly enough to be heard, and slowly enough for hearers to be able to understand it and absorb it as they listen.

A People of The Book

To be a Bible people does not only mean that we carry it under our arms, and read it, and know what is in it, and use it for discussion and argument. It also means that we will hear clearly what God is saying to us in it. One way for this to happen is to hear the Bible read frequently and well in our public worship.

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.

KERMODE, Mrs Clara

Mrs Kermode was born in Ballarat in the year 1878 and was one of 12 children. At the age of 21 she travelled to Kalgoorlie where she married and became associated with the church in Kalgoorlie. Later, with her husband, she moved to Perth where she had an active involvement with the Sherton Park church. Widowed at 37 she went on to make a life for herself and others. Although there were no children she was "mother" to many of the girls from Good Companions groups. Many acts of kindness were carried out by this generous lady. Some 19 years ago she came to Joon-danna Village and for the past 18 years was at Carinya. At the end of August she turned 103 and though her health was impaired by the years she was alert to the end. A service was conducted at Karrakatta on 25.9.81.

RUSSELL, Gwenda Winifred.

(28.9.1981). Gwen Vernon was born at Mont Albert and at the age of 18 years gave her life to Christ at a tent mission at Balwyn, Vic., conducted by E. C. Hinrichsen. She married Jim Russell at Balwyn and the couple moved to Essendon North. Gwen became active in the very strong Women's Evening Fellowship and served as its president. She also led the Good Companions and taught in the Sunday School. She loved flowers and she and

Jim gave the azaleas which added to the beauty of the North Essendon church. She tended the church garden every week for many years even during her long illness. She had hoped to become a nurse, but when illness closed that door, she became a bookkeeper and references from her employers show that she was very good at her profession. Gwen had one of the happiest personalities we have known. With no children of their own Jim and Gwen included in their family a host of nephews and nieces. Gwen and her sister, Beverley Moyes, were very close. We offer our deepest sympathy to her husband, Jim, to Beverley and Gordon Moyes, to her brothers and to Gwen's many friends and relatives who sorrow at the early loss of a rare and special person of faith, generosity, compassion and courage.

— A. E. White.

WATSON, Alex Gordon

(5.9.81) Alex Watson was born in Fremantle over 80 years ago. The small family moved to Melbourne before he was a teenager. His first job was as a saw miller, but he later switched to the tramways where he served for 30 years. At the end of that time, in 1966, Alex received a gratuity, a most unusual gift, which allowed he and Mrs Watson to enjoy a world trip. Mr and Mrs Watson met and later married in 1927 at the Carnegie church. Mrs Watson was Evelyn Maude Fletcher. They had four children Joy, Colin, Neil and Reg. They have 10 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Alex's loss is also mourned by Jim, Marge, Alice and Helen, son-in-law and daughters-in-law. Alex's interests in life were simply summed up in his family, for which he was a good provider,

his work and his loyalty and conscientiousness application to his work. Another of his great interests was his garden. His next great love was his faith and his church. At the age of 14 Alex made his decision, a decision which influenced every other decision in his life. The thing that marks out his life was not only that Alex was prepared to talk about his faith, but that he also lived it out day by day.

— Allan Avery.

WHARTON, Zella May (18.9.81) On September 21 at Unley, and then at Enfield, May Wharton's funeral was conducted by Unley elders. A large number of people gathered to pay tribute to her life and work. Brooklyn Park church began in the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs A. E. Arthur, in 1924, when May was 15. Later the family was at Flinders Park church, and in 1934 May and her mother were received into the Unley fellowship. She leaves a large space in our fellowship. She was for years in charge of the kindergarten, a member of the choir and often was used as a soloist, and held offices in the women's groups. She was constant in attendance at all the services of the church. She always had an open home for church functions, and readily offered hospitality. Before her marriage to Ben, who died in 1973, she worked in the Conference office of our churches, with the then Secretary H. J. Horsall. In 1981 she was President of the Women's Conference in South Australia, and was for many years convener of the Social Service Committee. In the 1950's she became involved in the work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and was State President for two terms, 1967-1970 and 1972-1975. She was National President for

two consecutive terms, 1972-1978. Flowing on from that interest she served on many organisations, and gave herself unstintingly in these public services. At the heart of all this activity was a lively personal devotion to Christ. To her four children: Helen, Robert, Geoffrey and Phillip, and their families we extend our Christian sympathy.

— C. L. Smith.

VIC

RINGWOOD (K. & S. Ludgater). 200 attended Eastern District Churches of Christ square dance at Ringwood High School. \$75 raised towards Darwin appeal ... Teens camp held at Buxton ... Ringwood Inter-church Council sponsored a display at Eastland shopping centre ... Planning underway for October mini mission with Gordon Stirling ... "Focus on the Family" film series being featured ... 400 weekly attending Community Centre programs held in church buildings.

PORTLAND (N. Mitaxa). C.W.F. held successful afternoon to celebrate 40th birthday with local churches well represented. Guest speaker Mrs Lesley Stirling ... Local members conducted services while minister on holidays ... Some of our elderly folk in hospital very sick, some in Alfred Hospital ... Church involved with T.V. program "Turn Around Australia".

Correction

In the October 3 issue in a report on the new Sandringham church on page 20 the name of one of the new Elders reported was Ruby McDowell. This should have been Elizabeth Benjaminson.

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HARTWELL (E. B. Clapp). Great interest created by a unique display of Bibles of all kinds, languages and sizes — from "Tom Thumb" Bibles to large family Bibles ... Friendship Group for senior citizens conducted a P.S.A. and also celebrated its 5th birthday ... The C.W.E.F. arranged an original audio-visual program "Around the World in 80 Minutes" which raised \$200 for Hall's Gap extensions.

KANIVA (Pam Bowers). O.A.C. conducted a variety of meetings throughout one week ... Guest speakers — J. C. Cunningham, Ishmael Bangga, Vanuata Conf. Sec., Rev. Clem Dickinson — audiovisual on Wimmera Family Homes ... Food and fellowship shared in five homes for Hospitality Sunday with 63 participating ... Farewell gift to Lynette, Bob, Nigel and Jarrod Mottram ... Seven attended "Change the World School of Prayer" in Horsham ... Small study groups commenced on Hosea ... Les and Judy Wheaton shared experiences of Fitzroy Crossing.

EASTERN SUBURBS REGIONAL CHURCH packed for combined inaugural service which was held in the Gardiner chapel ... E.S.R.C.C. newsletter distributed every two months ... V. Longthorp accepted part-time ministry ... E.S.R.C.C. congregations joined in the evening gospel service at Gardiner ... W. W. Saunders elected Deputy Chairman of regional Elders.

GARDINER (Allan Clark). Girl's Club raised \$111 for Good Companions Service Project by holding cake stall ... Lady suffering from M.S.

and also blind was baptised ... Speaker at anniversary service was R. Brooker ... Combined evening service held with congregations of other ESRC churches ... Ladies of church holding 'Mini Fete' with proceeds to help support Living Link missionary Dorothy Geyer ... C.O.B. student Sammy Dean preached.

STRATHMORE (Jim Spiker, Stan Bannon). Jim Spiker exchanged pulpits with Mrs Robyn Schaefer, Nth. Essendon ... Mid-week playgroup enjoyed trip to zoo on church bus ... 26 members enjoyed annual W.R.O.C. dinner at Williamstown. Noel Skillicorn, Anthea and Jim Spiker provided musical item ... Guest speakers — Miss Robin Haskell from C.O.B., Ed Ots chaplain from Blackburn High School for focus on school chaplaincy ... Peter Wing Tang speaker at "John Turner" memorial service.

QLD

AVENELL HEIGHTS (B. Francis). In the period June-September 12 were received into membership, three decision and three baptisms ... New building progressing well with voluntary labour ... C.W.F. very active in either outreach with coffee mornings and also fundraising for new piano and carpet for new church ... Pastor and wife involved in car accident at Maryborough. Brian in Bundaberg Base Hospital and has had operation on right leg. Barbara is home with no serious injury ... Fraser Forrest capably taking pulpit at services.

CROWN ST., TOO-WOOMBA (R. Mutzelburg). Through the transfer of a

number of families and the baptism of Michael Giles and Murray, Ian and Craig Rosenberg, active membership has now risen to 44 ... Since Russell and Jeanette Mutzelburg commenced their ministry early in 1981 we have been greatly blessed through their fellowship ... Denise Holt has been appointed as the new Bible School Superintendent.

VIC

RED HILL (Ian Cartmel). Minister acts as chaplain on Pacific cruise, Sept. Elders and Secretary maintain ministry during absence and Don Oakes and Peter Clayton assist church ... Auxiliaries take gospel meetings ... A. Pigdon, appointed third Elder for the church ... Church supporting New Guinea pastor in training and other missionary efforts ... S. School anniversary October 25. Puppets from Berwick church ... Mrs Prosser Snr. in hospital.

PARKDALE (B. Waldron). Parkdale has begun a Christian Youth Fellowship for secondary school students. The club has met three times and is regularly attended by 13 teenagers. It is led by Bob and Wendy Scott and the minister ... Saturday, September 26 was the first meeting of the ¼ Centurians (25-45 age group) attended by 10 adults and numerous children. Big things hoped for the future.

WILLIAMSTOWN (C. Wilson). Manse almost completed ... Youth Club doing well. They had a bike-a-thon and raised \$80 for manse fund, \$80 for Overseas Mission ... Ladies of church catered for successful W.R.O.C. dinner. 140 present

... Day group celebrated their 56th birthday. Keith Skillicorn showed film of Leprosy Society. \$78 offering given to further the work ... Evening Fellowship had their 36th birthday. Presented wedding gown parade.

SA

STIRLING (David McKay). Local Kindergarten Director Liz Andrews is direct descendant of Alexander Campbell (great-great-great granddaughter on one side and great-great-great-great granddaughter on the other) ... Square dance organised by Dungey and Roberts families enjoyed by all ... Family fruitcake program launched, in which 5 to 7 families form a new family group of about 20 people and get together for 8 weeks ... Amateur hour organised by Don Chandler ... Minister participated in seminars by Ministers' Fraternal at Heathfield High School.

WHYALLA (C. R. Perkins). Mission held for one week. Guest speaker Des Kuhl. Theme "Meaning of Life". Good attendances. Great blessing felt by church ... 41st anniversary on Nov. 1. Guest speaker Dean Sander a former minister ... Bible studies on "Journey of Prayer" have commenced.

GILGANDARA. On the weekend October 2-5 the church held a family camp at Balladoran Village. This proved a very happy time together with Shirley and Richard Pearce. Also helping with the singing were Jacqueline and Mark Pearce. The studies being on the life of Paul ... On September 20 the evening church service was held in the country in the home of John and Cheryl Mudford.

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As it becomes known that each Sunday school group is studying, at its own level, material which is being thought about in the rest of the church on the same day, hopefully with links with worship, and the readings of the day, a feeling of being a part of the whole should be strengthened.

Ministers will have plenty of opportunities for involving teachers and students in new ways.

Again and again Dr Merritt stressed the importance of linking worship and teaching communities together if the church is to be vital and effective in the 1980s.

The adults will learn from the children, and children will learn from adults, aspects of the reality of God.

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So much in the past there has been an emphasis on religious knowledge. This plan is for living faith that will effect every day living.

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"Humanly speaking we discover faith when we experience it in Christian fellowship," says Dr Merritt.

"But it's a bit scary when we have to try to express it.

"We're not compelling teachers to do this, but we're giving them many more invitations to make learning more personal, more vital, more open to the spirit working in us now."

The Joint Board hopes that teachers will recapture a sense of purpose and enthusiasm in their work.

Teachers need an enthusiasm for Christ and the mission of the church, the world and what we are doing in it.

"We want ministers and teachers to realise that the teaching ministry is very basic to the work of the church. Hopefully this will develop a new and deep fraternity between teachers and ministers as together they make a real contribution to the church," Dr Merritt said.

"Living Faith" is published by The Joint Board of Christian Education in partnership with the Churches of Christ Federal Board of Christian Education for use in our churches.

"Unwine" for U.S.A.

Nearly half of the wine going to the U.S.A. from Australia in 1981 is "unwine" or wine from which the alcoholic content has been removed. 19 containers with 228,000 bottles have been shipped from Griffith in N.S.W. The San Bernadino Winery has developed a cold vacuum process that enables the alcohol to be removed from various wines leaving the taste and bouquet intact.

The product's trade name is *Billabong Castella*, a quaint mingling of the Murrumbidgee with the Mediterranean. This shipment represents the largest wine order ever to come to Australia from the U.S.A. Its popularity is apparently the result of active marketing by the Australian Government and the desire of Americans for a substitute for wine of high quality that does not wreck their health or impair driving.

Additional Staff for Hervey Bay Family Day Care Scheme

Mrs Pat Jones, a member in long standing with Churches of Christ has been appointed Part-time Co-ordinator in the Hervey Bay Church Family Day Care Scheme. Pat will join Mrs Jeanette Oldfield and Miss Julie Speare to supervise and Co-ordinate Family Day Care in the Hervey Bay — Maryborough areas.

Mrs Jones' appointment and experience in the early childhood area will support this developing scheme and enable more expansive care to be offered by our churches in this area.

The Hervey Bay church, who sponsor this scheme is looking forward with great expectation to sharing the good news with more and more people weekly through their new staff member Mrs Pat Jones.

Another unique opportunity offered to the Hervey Bay church is the weekly playgroup who meet in their building.

Family Day Care is given to in excess of 100 children a week and up to 80 children attend playgroups either at Hervey Bay or Maryborough.

Roman Catholics and Disciples complete Dialogue

Official international theological dialogue between Roman Catholics and Disciples of Christ has completed its final report after five years of meetings.

Paul Crow Jr., ecumenical officer of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) (USA), said the group outlined a consensus on the nature of church unity, church division, baptism, faith and tradition. He estimated dialogue results would take another five years to influence congregational life. "We discovered that Disciples and Roman Catholics have much more in common than we anticipated," Crow said.

Crow projected another round of dialogue to "tackle the difficult questions still before us on the nature of the church, the Lord's Supper and the ministry, especially the papacy."

— EPS

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Justice for Aboriginal Australians

Trevor Banks

I have just finished reading "Justice for Aboriginal Australians" the Report of the World Council of Churches team visit to Aborigines. Churches of Christ work with Aboriginal people in all mainland states, so this report demands our attention. The report encourages us to look at matters which concern the aboriginal people — land rights; mining; the legal system; health; housing; education and employment.

Limitations, But . . .

The team note the "limitations of a small team and a brief schedule of only three weeks." However, they visited aboriginal people in bush areas and cities, talked with community groups and church congregations and leaders. They also talked to politicians and public service people. Out of that contact this team addresses recommendations to churches, to the Federal and State governments and to the world community. The recommendations are ones to which people concerned about justice and righteousness must give attention. The recommen-

dations may well encourage discussion but they should not be ignored.

Deeply Moved

The closing paragraph of the report should challenge all Christ's people in Australia. "We were deeply moved by the welcome given us by the Aboriginal people, who, despite all past history, still looked with great expectations to a team coming from the churches. One Aboriginal woman even claimed that we had come in direct answer to prayers of anguish to God that He would hear the cries of the dispossessed and send to Australia those who would give heed to them. We dare not disappoint such confidence. It is, therefore, with a great sense of humility and urgency that we present this report, praying that thereby the voice of the Aboriginal people of Australia may be heard throughout the world and that the conscience of Christians of all nations may be stirred to respond to it in fervent prayer and effective action." Copies of the report are available from 199 Clarence St., Sydney, 2000, N.S.W.

Eastern Wheatbelt Conference and Camp

The Eastern Wheatbelt Conference of W.A. (incorporating the churches of Bruce Rock, Corrigin, Merredin, Mukinbudin, Naremben) was held in September at Bruce Rock. Robbie Butler was Conference President.

It was the largest attended for some years with up to 175 at the afternoon meetings and during the evening communion gospel service there were 100 communicants.

The afternoon program consisted of elective groups which changed over after afternoon tea: Sonny Graham and David Hammer shared 'Aboriginal Issues' and George Smith shared, 'Grief in the Christian Home.' The young people had sessions with the Como Uniting Church (Perth) musical group 'Lifestream' who also shared in the conference program with their music. The children's program centred around the Bible Society.

Robert Taylor, State Conference President, spoke in the evening service.

The Queen's Birthday holiday weekend in October saw the 7th Family Camp again held on Brian and June Sprigg's farm near Naremben. 125 campers shared in the camp of all ages; Study Leader was Des Croot from Applecross. Campers came from the Eastern Wheatbelt and also from Kalgoorlie and some Perth churches. D. A. Good

Ministry Term Extended

Alan Baker, minister of the Dandenong North, Vic. church, has recently accepted the invitation of the church and the supporting regional committee to accept a further three year term 1982-1984. Dandenong and Oakleigh churches are undergirding this project financially in association with the Dept. of Mission, Education and Development. The church has recently been encouraged by a number of decisions resulting from recent special program activities.

Australian Takeover . . . in the Navigators



Deanne and Franklin Elliott

Franklyn Elliott is the newly appointed Australian Director of the Navigators, taking over from Chuck Strittmatter of the U.S.A. . . . After the "breaking in" period, Chuck and Nancy Strittmatter will return to the U.S.A.

Franklyn Elliott, with his wife Deanne, and children, Stephen, David and Lyndell are no strangers to the work of Navigators. Mr Elliott has been on the staff for 12 years, following his time as the Church of Christ pastor at Caringbah (5 years) and attending the University, as well as Theological College.

For the past six years, Mr Elliott has been in the position of Sydney Director of The Navigators.

This is the first time an Australian has assumed the position of National Director

in Australia and already he is aiming at making the work "grow and consolidate".

Although the work in Australia started primarily on the campuses of universities, including the Military College at Duntroon, it has now expanded into "growing community ministries". The three-fold aims are to "evangelize, establish and equip".

Already a large Asian ministry is being carried out in Melbourne. 50 people have gone overseas, either with The Navigators or other organisations, during the past nine years.

The work commenced in Australia through the efforts of a convert at the 1959 Billy Graham Crusade, Jack Griffin. Today Jack and May Griffin still play an important role in the work.

— Ramon Williams.

Summer Clothing needed

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DEATHS

PAUL Ernest Hamilton. On October 17th at Fred Cambridge House, Northcote. Ern dearly loved husband of Win (dec.), loving and devoted father of Myrt and Colin, Hugh and Olwyn. Much loved Papa to Andrea and Greg, Michael and Lyn, Paul and Lyn, Ross and Pam, Glenda, Lorraine (dec.) and Bruce, Jennifer and Peter, David and their families. Aged 88 years. "The memory of his example and steadfast faith will always remain".

TREACY Mavis Blanche. Hampstead Gardens Church, S.A. On Oct. 5th at Modbury Hospital. Loved wife of Jack, loving mother of John, Helen (Jones), Gwen (Ramsey) and families. Aged 85 years. A patient sufferer at rest with her Lord.

TOLLIT. Clara. On October 22nd. Now in God's care and at peace. Carolyn and Alan, Michael and Belinda; Helen, Norman, Catharine and Emma. Sadly missed.

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Federal Conference Executive looks at Unemployment

To ascertain the extent of unemployment within our Australian Brotherhood, the Sub-Committee preparing the report on Unemployment for Conference Executive, circulated a questionnaire to all churches in Australia. The response has been encouraging and informative. Federal Conference Executive wishes to express its appreciation to the Secretaries, ministers and others who have made the time and effort to supply the statistics, summarised hereunder:

Questionnaires Issued 428
Questionnaires Returned 115

Total membership on Returns 12,042
Unemployed 125

Our Brotherhood must praise God for the initiatives that are evident in a number of churches through the development of programs to make members aware of the problem, and in many cases through church members providing employment to the less fortunate. The ratio of unemployed to church membership in the returns submitted (1.04%) is markedly lower than the national average. The following table summarises the situation within the Australian Brotherhood.

	A	B	C	D	E
Qld	61	13	1,626	9	0.55
N.S.W.	84	12	981	8	0.81
Vic.	150	53	5,168	51	0.98
S.A.	74	24	3,118	45	1.44
W.A.	55	11	857	9	1.05
Tas.	—	1	222	3	1.35
A.C.T.	3	1	70	—	—
Darwin	1	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	428	115	12,042	125	1.038

- A NUMBER OF CHURCHES
- B RETURNS
- C NUMBER
- D UNEMPLOYED MEMBERS
- E % UNEMPLOYED

Contact has been made with other Christian organisations such as the Brotherhood of St. Laurence, who have been most helpful in sharing results of their studies into unemployment.

Our prayers and concern are registered for those who are unemployed and that the outcome of the report will be of assistance.

Christian Medical Commission

Lyn Baxter will be attending the C.M.C. Conference in Madang over the period October 23-29.

The Commission's task is to engage in a study/enquiry into the Christian understanding of health, healing and wholeness.

There will be five members from Australia attending of whom two are Aboriginal. The total attending the Commission will be 60.

Lyn Baxter has been on the Healing Commission of the W.A. Council of Churches for four years and has appreciated the opportunity to look at how other denominations and movements look at and are

beginning to "tackle" the whole subject (in some cases). He has also been Chairman of the Executive for the past 18 months.



Lyn Baxter

Dry Dock

Dry Dock was founded in Warrnambool in 1980 by three couples, including two general practitioners, who saw a need to promote the wider use and acceptability of non-alcoholic drinks as a positive means of tackling the enormous problems that the abuse of alcohol creates in our society.

Dry Dock has gained public support in Warrnambool. As a measure of that support the Warrnambool City Council co-funded a local label "Flagstaff Muscatel", which was launched by the Prime Minister in August 1980. The label promotes one of Warrnambool's tourist attractions Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village. In the first 12 months since its release nearly 360 dozen bottles have been sold.

Dry Dock has been involved in three educational initiatives in the local community in 1981.

1. **Alcohol Awareness Programs** have been launched for school and community groups. These are designed to entertain and educate. They revolve round a fun quiz, 'The Grape Temptation Quiz', a non-alcoholic wine tasting, an illustrated talk on the medical aspects of alcohol, and a film, 'Danger Level' from Ansvar Insurance.
2. A 12 month review of alcohol related offences was prepared and subsequently published in the Warrnambool Standard.



3. "Your Quay to Safer Drinking". This pamphlet encourages the greater use of non-alcoholic beverages for social occasions and for medical reasons. In this way it seeks to change the present attitude, all too prevalent in our society, which overstates the pleasures associated with the use of alcohol.

Dry Dock, operates retail outlets in Warrnambool and Melbourne — Dry Dock Cellars which sell and distribute only non-alcoholic drinks. Dry Dock Cellars has just released an exclusive label Champelle ('The drink without the pagné') which is a medium dry sparkling grape juice elegantly bottled and labelled. It is hoped that this drink will prove popular as an attractively presented alternative drink for special occasions — with the added bonus of a personalised photo appearing on the label. (111 Fairy St., Warrnambool — (055) 62 8926).

Newcastle Crusade Preparations

Three main phases of the preparations for the Luis Palau Newcastle (N.S.W.) 1982 Crusade are about to be launched. Counselling Classes commenced on October 12 and run for four weeks at three separate locations around the city. Chairman of the Counselling Committee, Rev. Graham Gibbins has announced that topics to be covered will include "The Spiritual Life of the Counsellor"; "The Authority of the Scriptures"; "The Art of Listening"; "Counsellor's Responsibilities" and the use of the booklet "Knowing Christ".

Operation Andrew

Bill Vincent of the Lay Involvement For Evangelism will conduct a special seminar to present the concept of Operation Andrew on October

18. Mr. Vincent will be remembered for his outstanding leadership of the OA Committee of the 1979 Sydney Billy Graham Crusade.

Follow Up

A Christian Growth Workshop incorporating follow-up and nurture group training will be led by John Mallison on November 7. This workshop will provide fresh in-sights and help develop skills for sound spiritual development.

As part of the vital spiritual preparation for this 17 day outreach, Crusade Director, Gary Forbes indicated that nearly 1000 Christians have already completed the studies "In the Spirit of Love"; an exciting Leighton Ford series presenting the principles of first century christianity.

S.A. Child Sexual Abuse Report

The number of cases of child sexual abuse reported to authorities in South Australia is likely to increase in the next decade, according to a report released by the Minister of Community Welfare, John Burdett.

The report says it is essential that professionals, such as police, health and social workers, supervise the treatment of sexually abused children.

The report also recommends:

★ Employers of people who must notify cases of child abuse should be required to inform those people of their legal obligation. (People who must by law notify child sexual abuse cases include teachers, nurses, doctors, chemists, social workers and dentists).

★ Court cases must be scheduled for hearing quickly in the interests of the children.

★ More information and education be made available for parents, teachers, and professionals who deal with child abuse.

The report is the work of a committee of health, welfare and police professionals which was established to examine the best ways to help sexually abused children and their families. Chairman of the committee is the medical superintendent of the Adelaide Children's Hospital, Dr Brian Fotheringham.

The report contains 43 wide ranging recommendations on how to deal with this highly emotive issue in a practical, professional and caring way.

Generally, the report indicates that although some improvements are necessary, the way in which sexual abuse cases are dealt with in South Australia is satisfactory.

It must be stressed that the sexual abuse of children is not necessarily on the increase. It does mean that as more people become aware, more cases are being reported to authorities.

The report says there were 48 cases of sexual child abuse reported in 1980 but this was a "considerable understatement" of the problem and it was "unlikely that the true incidence or prevalence of sexual abuse of children will ever be known in our society."

Sri Lankan Visitor

The Reverend Basil Rajasingham, a converted Hindu, who is currently Secretary of the Ceylon Bible Society is currently visiting Australia.

He will be addressing an ecumenical meeting at the Uniting Church, Summerhill Rd., Burwood, Vic. on Sunday November 8 at 3 p.m.

Before working with the Bible Society Rev. Rajasingham worked for the World Council of Churches through the National Christian Council and has been actively involved with World Vision.

The Ceylon Bible Society is responsible for the translation, publishing and distribution of the scriptures in at least 18 languages. This year special efforts are being made to produce scripture for the disabled of Sri Lanka via cassettees, tapes, records, large type and Braille Bibles in the 18 languages.

Christian Stewardship

One interesting concept to keep in mind as we look at our giving as Christians has been suggested by Ronald Sider in various of his writings. He calls for Christians to give a "graduated tithe". This concept involves the fact that each income gain is matched with an increase in the proportion given to the Lord's work: first 10%, then 2% more each time the person gets a raise.

This enables the responsible Christian to give a large proportion, not just a constant fraction, to worthy causes. It also checks the tendency we all have to live at the limit of our incomes, whatever they may be, rather than conserving resources.

Individuals could consider this more fully when looking at their budgets.

Relationships Barriers

As part of its outreach program the Keilor East church held a seminar entitled "Barriers to Meaningful Human Relationships". The seminar was run by Rev. David Wilson, who is director of the Pacific Care and Counselling Centre.

Over the two days of the seminar participants were challenged to think about and face such issues as anger, depression, self esteem and relationships of concern.

In many ways Christians and non-Christians alike are saddled by their inability to cope with reactions of anger, to isolate the reasons for their anger and to deal with that anger in a constructive way. During the seminar we were helped to see that anger is normal, not necessarily sinful and should be balanced with love in our relationships.

Often when anger is not dealt with properly it leads to depression. Depression is more than just one of those bad days which we all experience, it occurs when those bad days persist. As we sink deeper into depression we experience unhappiness, inefficiency, withdrawal, and in some even suicide. In looking at Biblical examples of depression we were helped to see the ways in which we can help combat depression. The same principles can be used by us today in coping with depression.

While looking at self esteem those attending the seminar were helped to see the importance of developing an appropriate image of ourselves and thus accepting ourselves. The importance of helping children gain a positive image of themselves



David Wilson

was stressed. Many children are brought up with criticism and negative responses from parents and teachers. The image thus formed by the child is often an inhibiting factor in the child realizing his full potential. In bringing the various elements of the seminar together Rev Wilson stressed the importance of the Christian being all that he can be. Individuals can be crippled by a number of forces but Christ has set us free from such forces. As the perfect love of God enters our life we are freed to be all that we can be. Our relationships with others have an enormous influence on partners in that relationship. If we as Christians can understand ourselves and our relationships we can be more effective in communication of the Gospel. Those who attended the seminar have gained that better understanding necessary as a basis of meaningful human relationships.

THE CHURCH AND THE CHILD

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At what point do people retire from positions, to enable others to share and be involved? Whilst 20-30 years in one position, is fine service, it may prevent others from sharing and being involved. I believe it would be wiser to have a change of personnel every 5-6 years — in leadership roles and even within the Board.

— Have we trained our children to think too much of themselves?

— Are they too pressured by our expectation for discipleship?

— Are there too many activities, too many choices?

Christ came to serve and to give His life to redeem many people. (Mark 10:45).

We are grateful for adults and youth who are prepared to 'take up the cross and follow Christ'.

Y.F.C.

"Youth Guidance" Program Expands

Since 1975, personnel from the Youth Guidance department of Melbourne Youth For Christ have operated an outreach program at Winlaton Girls Youth Training Centre.

A team of 20 committed Christian volunteers visits the institution in Nunawading each Wednesday evening. Youth Guidance staff assist with various rehabilitation programs. They also seek to find accommodation for girls amongst caring Christian families.

Youth Guidance Director, Vic Campbell, comments: "There are five sections within Winlaton. Our team makes regular, weekly visits to three of those sections. We have just initiated a program in Goonyah section, a high-security area which houses girls aged 15 — 18, many of whom have been involved in prostitution and the drug scene. Another recent addition to our efforts at Winlaton is a special monthly event. Our first "special event" was held inside Winlaton when our volunteer team played sports with the girls before preparing and serving up the evening meal. Other activities are planned such as weekend camps and picnics away from the institution. Opportunities exist to further expand our program but we are limited by a lack of capable volunteers.

It is not easy to build firm, trusting relationships with young people who have been damaged emotionally. However, we believe that it is possible to demonstrate Christ's love and concern inside an institution such as Winlaton. We are keen to recruit more volunteer helpers."

Anyone interested in the Youth Guidance program should contact Vic Campbell at 433 Camberwell Rd., Camberwell 3124. Phone (03) 29 3696.

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"Seeing Christ in your neighbour" is a widely accepted tenet of Christian teaching. Neighbours are not hard to find — the poor, the disabled, the sick and the lonely. In recent years many of the 'neighbours' in Australia have come from overseas in the form of refugees/migrants from South-east Asia and elsewhere. They present as great a challenge to the generosity of Australians as the wave of migration from Europe in the immediate post-War years.

When the refugees/migrants reach the Hostels to which they have been assigned — Wiltona, Midway, Enterprise and Eastbridge in Victoria — staff of the Department of Immigration attend to their wants, supplying clothes, allotting flats, arranging English lessons and the like. These workers cannot possibly meet many of the migrants' needs, in spite of their best efforts, because of the lack of time and manpower.

Voluntary organisations often have to fill in the gaps, meeting the migrants at the Hostels, helping them with English conversation, explaining how

to get a driver's licence, rent a house and do the countless daily things that we take for granted.

One such organisation is the Settlement and Friendship Scheme (Outer Eastern Region) which operates at the Eastbridge Centre in Nunawading. Formed in 1979 from a group of local residents and financed almost entirely by donations from Councils, Churches and individual citizens, the Scheme employs a part-time Co-ordinator, Mrs Jeanette Ryan, who meets the incoming migrants/refugees (families or single people) and arranges, at the request of the newcomers, their 'hosting' by Australian families who have registered with the Scheme and indicated their willingness to participate.

An Executive Committee of the S.F.S. meets monthly, its major task being the raising of finance to keep the Scheme in existence. Appeals to the Federal and State Governments for assistance with funding have so far yielded a grant of \$750 from the Victorian Immigration Department to assist with office expenses — very welcome but a drop in the

ocean when average monthly running costs stand at \$650. Just as urgent as the need for funds, however, is the call for people prepared to be contact families. Those who have taken part in the Scheme speak about the tremendous pleasure to be gained from helping the newcomers understand the ways of their adopted country, and even more rewarding is the sound of the newcomers mastering the English language.

If you would like to help some of these new neighbours, please ring Mrs Ryan on (03) 874 6735 on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Ethiopian Aid

According to a World Vision official, aid is getting through to the hungry in Ethiopia and it is making a difference. Because of the Marxist government, World Vision and other agencies must work closely with the authorities. The system is so strictly supervised that it is difficult for any corruption to take place. Because the government is Marxist, it gets little international humanitarian support despite the fact that Ethiopia is one of the poorest nations in Africa.

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HAMILTON (W. Flett). We were favoured in a recent morning service with an outstanding, challenging address by a missionary Brian Powell who represents the Middle East Christian Outreach ... We celebrated our 58th church anniversary over a recent weekend and the occasion was a great success. A church family outing on the Saturday in the church bus to Kilaben Bay. Services were well attended. Guest speaker was Dr Keith Farmer, Principal of N.S.W. Bible College.

INVERELL (Ian Morton). A very successful family camp was held over the long weekend in October. Families from Inverell and Tamworth met at Keera Station for a time of study, fellowship and fun. Ian Schnieder from the church at South Tamworth led the studies on confession, communication and commitment ... The 76th church anniversary was celebrated recently with an anniversary tea and guest speaker Frank Johnson from Aboriginal church at Tamworth.

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KALGOORLIE (Larry Gibb). Annual General Business Meeting held August 5. G. Hook re-elected Secretary with D. Favas, P. Basic and D. Tonkin elected as deacons ... Members of the Red Cross shared in the morning service on August 16 ... Child dedication service for Victoria Jane, the daughter of Robyn and John Clout, held ... C.W.F. had as guest speaker, Lorna Mitchell, who spoke on Year of Disabled at recent meeting.

KALAMUNDA (T. Hanna). Minister attended Bethel Clinic, Adelaide. Church commencing studies, 1982 ... Gearing up for crusade next March, John Bond, evangelist ... Several families welcomed into fellowship ... Services led by C.O.B. deputation team ... "Teen's Scene" S.S. class ... Quarterly ladies' friendship luncheons successful ... Three baptisms ... Praising God for sick members recovering ... Church fellowship at Peacock's farm.

CARNARVON (B. Yesberg). Meeting at Carnarvon for Northern Districts Conference — Geraldton,

Morawa and newly established Looma church. Guest speaker Graeme Carslake of Warwick. Women's Conference speaker, Mrs Helen Solomon ... An elder of Looma church, Tommy Pindan, sang to his boomerang accompaniment at communion service and shared a favorite verse ... Well attended women's outreach meeting demonstrated ceramics and woodwork and Mrs Jane Manning brought challenging message.

NORTHAM (M. Randell). Choir practicing for missionary challenge November 11-15 with Alan Webb, speaker ... Good number attending presentation of "Blood of the Lamb" in Perth ... Three brothers baptised ... Cindy Williamson leader new girls' club for grades 3-7 ... June Roediger chosen K.Y.B. area supervisor ... Mr and Mrs Max Randell visiting from America ... Fellowship picnic after service on October 18 at Herbert's farm.

NOLLAMARA (A. J. Anderson, J. Hicks). 64 at men's prayer breakfast — Peter Stannard, building contractor, speaker ... Bible School anniversary. Kindergarten led by Jeanette

Shorto. Theme "God made Everything." Speaker J. Hicks. Primary school sang and gave instrumental items at evening service. Allan Anderson spoke on "Creation" using Bethel Bible pictures ... Young people took folk from "Carinya" and "Joondanna" for a drive to Mullaloo and served afternoon tea.

APPLECROSS (Des Croot). 21st anniversary of chapel opening Sept. 27. Many of those present at opening were back to celebrate ... Men are continuing to help at Medina with presiding and music to help encourage the work there ... Local church concert — lots of talent amongst members ... Pastor away for Oct. long weekend at Eastern Wheatbelt family camp as speaker ... Three cell groups and two K.Y.B. groups functioning during the week.

HAMILTON (R. W. Wesley). Baptismal service held recently ... Successful Holiday Club held ... Covenant Players led service of Christian drama ... Coffee Shop seeking community grant for new sound equipment ... Minister to join Box Hill ministry team January, 1982.

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Ambrosia by Chris Ambrose

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Generally Mary and I see one film a year at the theatre. Last week we went to see "Gallipoli" and we found this a very interesting film. If you want light entertainment then this is not a film to go and see.

As a further thought we may see two films this year. Currently the film "Chariots of Fire" is screening in town and according to reviews this is an excellent film. Several Christian friends have also seen this film and have said that it gives the most realistic picture of the faith of a Christian of any film they know Christian or secular. It is on our must see list (depending on baby sitters).

Coming back to "Gallipoli" we realised that this film was not true history. We knew that not all the characters were true people and that events may not have occurred just as they were depicted. And yet they were chillingly close to other accounts of the disaster that Gallipoli was to make the stupidity and uselessness of war all the more apparent. I don't know if the director of "Gallipoli" set out to make an anti-war statement with this film but he certainly had that effect on me after viewing the film.

Current world events do not make me hopeful that armed conflict can be avoided. I am reminded of the warning of scripture that we will constantly be plagued by wars and rumours of war until the triumphant return of Christ. I like all Christians yearn for the days depicted by Isaiah when weapons of war will be remade into instruments of benefit to all and the land will be so peaceful that little children can play with wild animals. Yet I am enough of

a realist to know that while we are still in our present state and while people put themselves first instead of God and others then we will continue to have war and violence.

At the moment we have the Australian government considering sending troops to join what appears to me to be a dubious peace force in the Middle East. Both sides of the Western nations/Communist countries appear to be building up for an escalation of the cold war. The Russians and the Americans appear to be all set to vastly increase their respective weapons stockpile and to develop even better weapons systems (and at present they have enough nuclear weapons to kill every person on earth many times over).

I have never been in favour of war and I am becoming increasingly worried about where we are headed. What really worries me is that Christians are tugged by both sides to condone what they are doing. Nationalism becomes equated with Christianity where as the Bible all through teaches that we should be more concerned with God's Kingdom than the Kingdom's of this world. Various economic systems (be they capitalistic, socialistic or Marxist) are said to be that which God favours in the Bible. As a trained economist I do not see any blueprint in the Bible for one economic system in the Bible. What I do see is God calling each of us to place Him first in our lives and to use what we then have to care for the visitors (sojourner) and for the widowed and the orphaned. God calls us to worship Him not an economic system, not a country, not a style of living but God.

THE LAST WORD

Endeavour to be always patient of the faults and imperfections of others, for thou hast many faults and imperfections of thy own that require a reciprocation of forbearance. If thou art not able to make thyself that which thou wishest to be, how canst thou expect to mould another in conformity to thy will?

—Thomas a Kempis

Sign in front of a church:
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"Yes, I've moved out into the country. It certainly has its inconveniences."

"What do you miss most?"
"The last train home at night."

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Two taxis crashed together.

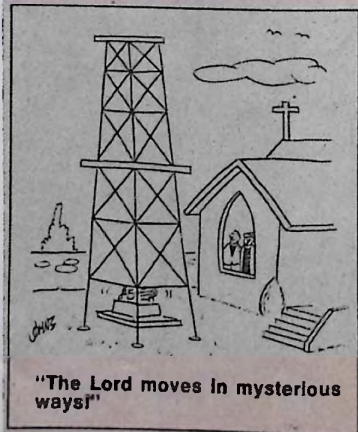
"Whatzamatter?" the one driver hollered to the other.
"Ya blind?"

"Blind!" the other countered. "I hit ya, didn't I?"

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Tenderfoot: "How can I tell mushrooms from toadstools?"

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